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The Unveiling and Dedication of the Memorial Plaque at the State War Memorial, in memory of those that have paid the supreme sacrifice in all Wars since 1945, was fittingly conducted on Sunday, November 7, 1976.

The ceremony was one phase of a plan to honour our commitment to those who suffered and died for their Nation; the second phase will be the recording, on suitable bronze plaques, the names of those who fell. This will be done when funds permit.

It is my sincere hope, that all members share our feelings of pride and satisfaction in the knowledge that honour has now been done to those to whom the greatest honour is due.

"They gave their lives. For that public gift they received a praise which never ages, and a tomb most glorious; not so much the tomb in which they lie, but that in which their fame survives, to be remembered forever when occasion comes for word or deed".

PROUD DUTY

In 1921, the WA Branch of the Returned Services League, accepted the proud responsibility of the care and custody of the State War Memorial on behalf of the people of Western Australia.

Since that time, the Memorial has been maintained by the League as a sacred trust; a Memorial from which, for this and succeeding generations, will flow a message of pride of country, of loyalty and of sacrifice, enriching the lives of those privileged to live here.

And so it is with shame and sadness that we recall the appalling acts of vandalism and desecration that have occurred on the Memorial site over the past few years and in particular during the past few months.

Apart from the sorrow and grief it brings to the bereaved and those who mourn, such acts are costly in terms of money and time; money which the League can ill afford and yet must find on behalf of the people of Western Australia.

The State War Memorial is sadly in need of repair and maintenance, and there is an urgent need for a permanent State War Memorial Fund to ensure for all time the preservation and maintenance of this beautiful shrine.

I was pleased and proud, therefore, to launch the RSL State War Memorial Restoration Appeal on Sunday, November 7 immediately following the Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony.

This is a statewide public appeal for $30,000 to provide for necessary capital works and maintenance required at the Memorial.

REAL CHALLENGE

This is a real challenge and I seek the support of every member and every Sub-Branch.

Please accept this as your own personal responsibility, and work within your district to ensure its complete success. We can, and must accept this challenge for the sake of those with whom we served; for those who did not return, and for the parents and loved ones in the homes from which they came.

The League acknowledges, with grateful thanks, the generous gesture of the State Government, which has indicated that it will meet half the future cost of maintaining the State War Memorial.

The Government proposes to make regular contributions to ensure that future maintenance will be carried out as it becomes necessary.

This would not in any way reduce the existing Government commitment to capital works associated with the Memorial. Neither would it infringe upon the RSL’s traditional responsibility for the Memorial.

At the Unveiling ceremony of the World War 2 extensions to the State Memorial, the then Premier, Mr. R.G. Hawke, commenting upon the appeal that was launched to make those extensions possible (an appeal that raised more than $40,000) said: “It was a good thing that the people of WA had been given the opportunity to assist in the erection of their Memorial”.

The RSL is firmly of the opinion that it is a good thing that the people of WA have been given — through this appeal — the opportunity to ensure the preservation and maintenance of their Memorial for all time.

I commend the appeal to you; Please forward your donation to the “RSL State War Memorial Restoration Appeal” Box C128, GPO, Perth, 6001.
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FUTURE OF THE RSL

The National Executive of the RSL in 1975 formed a committee known as “The Committee on the Future Planning and Development of the RSL”.

Every State was requested to form similar committees with a view to preparing both National and State Plans in this regard. NSW has formed such a committee which presented reports to State Council and to National Executive.

An important decision made in NSW was to the effect that symposiums on the future of the RSL be held early in 1977 on the basis of covering two District Council areas with each symposium held and it was envisaged that these gatherings would include, not only interested RSL members, but also Women’s Auxiliary members and representatives of Youth Clubs.

The 61st National Congress, just completed, adopted a report from the National Committee which included the following recommendations:

* Endorse the principle that in considering the future of the RSL there are two fundamental issues—
  (a) The need to widen the scope of service which the RSL can offer as to embrace a wider range of activities within the Australian Community.
  As a consequence thereof
  (b) The need to increase membership in various forms.
  * That all State Branches endeavour that within the next twelve months they embrace Service Membership of the RSL as defined by article 5 (A).
  (Note this refers to the National Article not the State Constitution. In this regard see the above article.
  * Acknowledge the need to constantly review the criteria for ordinary membership with a view to widening eligibility as seemed appropriate.
  * Consider the acceptance in appropriate form of membership of sons and daughters of both Ordinary and Service Members of the RSL.
  * Consider the introduction in the long term of such classes of membership as Associate and/or fraternal affiliates.
  * Take immediate and vigorous steps to promote a widened knowledge of RSL activities not only to all our own members (this includes those within each State and also between States), but also to the public of Australia as a whole.

You may or may not, as an individual, agree with these recommendations.

POSITION IN W.A.

We in WA have been requested by the 61st National Congress to distribute the relevant questionnaire as widely as possible, with the aim of providing a consolidated response to all members of the League.

This is most urgent and important. The RSL is your organisation, and it has been effective for over 60 years. It is, therefore, up to us and every member to consider the future.

Please complete the attached survey as soon as possible.
Delete the words with which you disagree.

1. I agree with the broadening of eligibility for membership.
disagree with the broadening of eligibility for membership.
(a) The need to widen the scope of service which the RSL can offer as to embrace a wider range of activities within the Australian Community.
As a consequence thereof
(b) The need to increase membership in various forms.
2. I am in favour of a greater family participation in League affairs through a form of associate membership.
not in favour of a greater family participation in League affairs through a form of associate membership.
3. In the event of eligibility for membership of the League being broadened under these terms and by popular vote I support reject a change in name of the Organisation to Royal Services League (R.S.L.).
4. I believe that the League has a continuing role in the community in such matters as the preservation of the system of Law and Order and moral standards.
do not believe that the League has a continuing role in the community in such matters as the preservation of the system of Law and Order and moral standards.
5. I am satisfied that the League’s public image and not satisfied work in the community is acknowledged and understood by the society generally.
6. I support a more active League participation in do not support a system of youth training and leadership.
7. I am in accord with a furtherance of International not in accord with a furtherance of International relationships through the medium of ex-service Organisations throughout the world, e.g. World Assembly of War Veterans.
8. The R.S.L. at present undertakes an extensive International Aid programme financed through membership subscriptions to benefit less fortunate ex-service people of South East Asian countries.
I am in favour of an extension of the existing not in favour programme.
9. I am interested in the publication of a regular not interested National Newsletter to Sub-Branches for the information of members.
10. I hold the view that the League should involve itself in general matters of Defence and Foreign Affairs.

NOTE: You are invited to enlarge on your answers should you desire to express a particular point of view.

(Name not necessarily required)

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ACT NOW
NEW MEMBER APPOINTED

A senior Australian public servant, Keith Medbury, of Deakin, ACT, has been appointed a member of the Repatriation Commission, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator Peter Durack, announced recently.

Mr. Medbury, 56, at present First Assistant Director-General, Rehabilitation Policy and Services in the Department of Social Security will take the place of Mr. C.H. Costello, who retired recently as the Ex-service representative on the Commission.

The other members of the Commission are Mr. Richard Kingsland (chairman), who is also secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and Mr. Ron Kelly (deputy chairman).

Mr. Medbury who was nominated by the Returned Services League of Australia served in the A.I.F. from 1939 to 1946 and saw service in the Middle East.

WIDE RANGE

Senator Durack said that nominations for the Commission vacancy had been received from a range of ex-service organisations and the Government had selected Mr. Medbury because of his wide administrative and policy experience and also his knowledge of areas of particular interest to the Commission.

Before his appointment to Social Security, Mr. Medbury was First Assistant Secretary, Insurance Division with the then Department of Repatriation and Compensation. Prior to that appointment he held the position of Director of Defence Service Homes. During his tenure as Director of Defence Service Homes Mr. Medbury was responsible for the expenditure of approximately $1.1 billion of Commonwealth Government funds on the provision of 182,830 homes for eligible persons under the Defence Service Homes Scheme.

He joined the Commonwealth Public Service as a Telegraph Messenger in 1935. He is an Associate of the Australian Society of Accountants and a graduate from the University of W.A. where he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Laws with first class honours.

He was awarded the OBE for public service in 1968.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS FOR 1976

Life Membership has been awarded to the following members during 1976, and they are to be congratulated for their outstanding services and dedication to their fellow man, and to the League. G.D. Shaw (P.S & Press), R.A. Magee and R. Charlton (Northampton), A.F. West (Rockingham), R.A. Nicholas, M.B.E. (Highgate), A. Ericson and E.S.J. Rawlings (Mt. Hawthorn), N.H. Coombs (Nollamara - Nth Perth), A.E. Johnson (City of Perth), F.H. Meyers (Kalgoorlie).

SERVICE AWARDS
(50 Years Continuous Financial Membership)

M.S. Gorman (Mt. Barker), G.R. Gilmore (Esperance), A. Baird (Rockingham), F.T. Cahill (Boulder) deceased, J.W. Garbett (Wembley-Floreat), F.W. Main and Dr. O.R. Corr (Nedlands).

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

F.W. Gomm (Albany & Country Vice President).

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Mrs. C. Snooke (Cunderdin).

This is the highest award granted by the League to one who is not eligible for membership with the RSL. We thank Mrs. Snooke for her dedication to the League and the community of Cunderdin.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK AND MAUDE AXFORD

TELEGRAM

Jack Axford, V.C., M.M.
26th November.

Heartiest congratulations to you and Maude on reaching the golden era of 50 wonderful years. State executive and all members of the RSL in WA wish you both many more happy years together.
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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

We are ending 1976 with about 1,500 members fewer than at the end of last year. This is a sad state of affairs and one for which there can be little justification or reason.

What it indicates is a blatant apathy among much of the ex-service population and furthermore, in many cases, apathy among sub-branch officers.

Ex-service personnel must remember that the majority of those now in Parliament have never served in the Forces and do not have the same regard for Repatriation needs as those who have served.

This situation becomes progressively worse with each election. The year of 1977 is upon us, and it is absolutely essential that we do three things and get started on them right away:

1. Halt the rot of resignations.
2. Seek out those eligible for ordinary membership.
3. Recruit Service members.

If we do NOT actively — one and all — take this on, then there is no future for the RSL in Western Australia.

POTENTIAL MEMBERS

We have often heard it said that we have about 35,000 potential members in Western Australia. This is how those figures are arrived at:-

Great War: 331,000 went overseas.
In 1976 there are 3,100 survivors in W.A.

World War 2: 396,661 went overseas.
In 1976 there are 30,000 survivors in W.A.

After 1945: 10,000 served in Korea, 7,000 in Malaya, 3,500 in Indonesia, 29,000 in Vietnam, a grand total of 49,000.
Based on previous figures, about 10 percent could be in WA., say 5,000.

We thus have in WA, approximately:

Great War survivors, 3,100;
World War 2 survivors, 30,000;
After 1945 survivors, 5,000 — a total of 38,100

These figures do not include ex-British and Allied servicemen of whom it is estimated there are between five and seven thousand in WA.

SERVICE MEMBERSHIP

Now is the time for us all to start recruiting Service Members for our own Sub-Branch.

The whole Service Membership exercise is of the greatest importance to the League for three reasons:

(a) To keep our voice on ex-Service matters.
(b) To ensure the continuation of the League and our work into the future.
(c) To ensure the financial stability of the WA Branch.

It is not going to be easy — nothing worthwhile IS easy. It needs planning and discussion at Sub-Branch level so that you have a plan for your area.

The State Executive had done the groundwork — opened the doors and it is now over to us for action. If we sit back and wait nothing will happen — or, at most, very little.

Everyone knows someone who has been in the Navy or Army or Air Force since the War or who is still serving. Each one of us must go out and tackle the person they know has been a member of the Forces and apply for Service Membership and see if he knows his Sub-Branch to which he should belong;

WHO IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP OFFICER?

The 1975 State Congress authorised the introduction of a membership officer into the list of Sub-Branch officials. This is an important position and all Sub-Branches should make this appointment without delay.

THE RSL BADGE

SIGNIFICANT IN FIVE DIFFERENT WAYS

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?

It’s in three colours — red, white and blue; in the centre, sailor, soldier and airman march together; and round the rim can be seen the rose, the leek, the thistle and the shamrock.

Not wealth, not 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.

The red, white and blue are the colours also of our own Australian flag.

Never take your badge for granted.

By: Christopher Briggs.
TOMORROW, Mt. Newman Mining will mine 100,000 tonnes of high-grade iron ore for a steel-consuming world ... and help feed these two pelicans!

Mining, of course, is for people. It makes life easier with those wonderful products of metal you’re using today ... and hope to buy tomorrow.

But when it’s carried out with careful thought for the environment, mining is also for the birds ... and the animals and native life that all true Australians cherish.

Tomorrow, each of these two pelicans, for example, will eat 15 per cent of its own weight in fish ... and they’ll do it at Port Hedland, Mt. Newman Mining’s iron ore exporting port.

Dredging a channel and setting up beacons and wharves capable of handling the world’s giant iron ore carriers has created new food sources for fish breeding around these man-made structures. According to marine biologists called in by Mt. Newman Mining to research the impact of its Port Hedland operations, there is now a greater variety of fish in the harbour. This marine life is thriving and the pelicans and gulls are thriving along with it.

Mt. Newman Mining believes an active environmental programme, like iron ore mining itself, is a job for professionals.

So, it has appointed an Environmental Superintendent. It has employed aerial infra-red photograpy to produce plant life maps. This will assist in the revegetation of areas that might be mined or disturbed by future mining operations.

The company has engaged Western Australian Department of Agriculture botanists and professional naturalists to record the flora and fauna of its areas. It has even commissioned the Western Australian Museum to investigate orebody locations that might be developed to ensure that Aboriginal sites and artefacts are not damaged or accidentally destroyed.

On the other side of the continent, Mt. Newman Mining has carried out wind tunnel tests at the University of Sydney to minimise wind-activated dust during mining operations.

Other studies are continuing ... all aimed at preserving and fostering natural marine and land life.

Operating the world’s largest single open-pit iron ore mine at Newman in Western Australia’s mineral-rich Pilbara, Mt Newman Mining has shipped more than 165 million tonnes of high-grade iron ore since the start of its operations.

As a major Australian iron ore producer, it is providing jobs and homes for thousands of people and making a massive contribution to the nation’s economy.

But, while developing these great mineral resources to make life better for people, Mt Newman is ensuring that the animals and birds—like these two pelicans—don’t find things too hard to swallow!
THANKS FROM THE NAVY

USS SNOOK PAYS US A TRIBUTE

Though, as Lieut-Commander W.H. Taylor points out, few of the visiting American sailors were able to visit Anzac House, they nevertheless greatly appreciated our visit and other West Australian offers of hospitality.

Here is the letter of thanks:

On behalf of the officers and men of USS Snook, I would like to express my appreciation for your kindness during our visit to the Perth/Fremantle area.

Due to the overwhelming hospitality of the people of Western Australia, few of our small number of men were available to take advantage of your hospitality at Anzac House.

However, your invitation stands as representative of your beautiful country and magnanimous people.

The men and I were honoured to have been invited to participate in the "Victory Pacific" Memorial Service sponsored by the Australian Legion Sunday, August 15.

The service vividly displayed the close comradeship our two countries have enjoyed for many years, and we were impressed by the eloquent manner in which it was conducted.

The gift of your own Life Member lapel pin was deeply appreciated. I know how much it meant to you and will continue to wear it with great pride.

You asked for the names of the SNOOK crewmembers who attended the memorial service. They are:

- Wade H. Taylor,
- Frank G. Osborn,
- Guy Minor,
- Daniel J. Driesenga,
- Randall L. Owens and
- Danny E. Caldwell.

Their address is:

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Your participation in our visit significantly contributed to making our visit to WA the highlight of our deployment.

Sincerely,

W.H. TAYLOR
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy
Executive Officer
USS SNOOK (SSN592).

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SERVICE MEMBERSHIP

RECRUITING BECOMES ACTIVE

Service Membership of the RSL in WA is now confirmed, and we are actively recruiting for this class of membership which is open to ex-servicemen and women who have been members of the Armed Forces of Australia, or our Allies.

The State Executive have approved that as a special concession, any service members who join after October 1, 1976, will be a financial member till the end of 1977.

Please recruit a service member now!!!

You are asked to complete the form below:

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THE RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

W.A. Branch (Incorporated)

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE MEMBERSHIP

I hereby apply to become a Service Member of the Returned Services League of Australia and submit the following particulars in support of my application:

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Address: ___________________________ Post Code: ___________________________

Service No. ___________________________ Rank: ___________________________ Unit: ___________________________

Total period of service in Armed Forces: ___________________________ years ___________________________ days

I certify that an inspection of relevant documents reveals eligibility for membership.

Date: ___________________________ Sub-Branch Secretary ___________________________

Introduction by ___________________________

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 ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

NOTE: Service credentials and British Naturalisation Certificate, where applicable, must accompany all nominations for membership submitted by other than Australian Ex-Servicemen.

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State Governor Performs Ceremony

More than 1,000 people, representing not only Australia but countries near and far from our island continent, attended the State War Memorial on Sunday, November 7, to witness the unveiling of a memorial plaque by the State Governor, Sir Wallace Kyle.

When the history of the years between 1945 and the present day is written, it will be recorded that there was no major war and that the world was technically, if not actually, at peace.

But there WERE wars, and young men and innocent civilians lost their lives, and people in Korea, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam were maimed and killed while the rest of the world remained untouched by the horrors of a global conflict.

Among those who died were young Australians, many of them in the flower of their manhood; and it was in honour of their sacrifice that the Memorial Plaque was dedicated and unveiled.

In the words of the Requiem:

"On this day, we recall those who did not return with us to receive the welcome of their nations: those who still sleep where we left them, in Korea, the rich jungles of Malaya, Vietnam and other South East Asian regions. We think of those of our Women's Services who gave their lives and particularly of those who proved, in so much more than name, the sisters of our fighting men.

"We recall those staunch friends who fought beside us, our brothers from The Commonwealth Brigade, from New Zealand, Canada, India and the United Kingdom. We recall all those who have since fallen fighting shoulder to shoulder with us, who gave their lives in the British and Dominion forces and Merchant Navy, and the ranks of the American allies.

"We think of every man, woman and child who in those crucial hours died so that the lights of freedom and humanity might continue to shine.

"May they rest in the knowledge of their achievement, and may we and our successors in that heritage prove worthy of their sacrifice".

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

After distinguished guests had been met by F.A. Yeates, Warden of the State War Memorial, and introduced to president Len Phenna, the Governor was greeted by a Royal Salute.

He then inspected the Guard of Honour and the Band.

The wording on the plaque reads: "In Memory of those who gave their lives in Korea, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam. Lest we forget".

After Sir Wallace had unveiled the Plaque, it was dedicated in the following manner:

Rt Rev T.B. MacDonald (CE): "In the name of God, Amen. To the honour and glory of God the Father, in whom is our humble hope of a joyful resurrection and re-union; in the name of God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; and in memory of those departed this life in His faith and fear; we dedicate and set apart this Plaque".

Most Rev Bishop R. Healy (RC):

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Rev A. MacLiver (PD):
“In the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, we dedicate this plaque to the Glory of God, and in remembrance of those who laid down their lives in our defence, whom God has gathered into the peace of His Presence: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”.

LAYING OF WREATHS
The dedication was followed by the laying of wreaths by distinguished citizens, church leaders and members of the consult corps.

Among them were Sir Wallace Kyle, Premier Sir Charles Court, Mr. Phenna, R. Bertram MLA, Brig WD. Jamieson, Air-Comm D.W. Hitchins, Comm N.A. Boase, Perth Lord Mayor Ernest Lee Steere, Rev A.E. King, Very Rev. E. Kefalas, J. Krasnostein, E. Silbert, US Consul Tom Mayfield, Mrs. A. Rowe (President, Women’s Auxiliary) and representatives of many ex-service organisations.

Michelle Regan and Colin Pendlebury, representing the youth of Western Australia, also laid wreaths, as later in the day did many private citizens.

An address by Mr. Phenna, the recital of the ode (“They shall not grow 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”), prayer, the last post, a two-minute silence, the reveille, and finally the National Anthem brought a solemn and sincere ceremony to a fitting end.

UNVEILED: The official party with Sir Wallace and Lady Kyle in the centre, stand to attention as the Memorial Plaque is dedicated.

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CROWNING GLORY QUEST

Title goes to Robin Hemley

The Joint Committee of Torchbearers for Legacy and the RSL, who are organisers of the Crowning Glory Quest, which is conducted to raise funds for Legacy and the War Veterans’ Home, are very pleased to be able to report a most successful Quest.

The contribution to be made to Legacy and the War Veterans’ Home is better than ever before, and the 18 young ladies who faced the judges as candidates, and their committees and sponsors, deserve heartiest of congratulations for the result they achieved through extremely hard work.

It is a pity that a prize was not available for each one of the contestants, as they all certainly deserved one.

The title of Miss Crowning Glory was awarded to Robin Hemley, who was sponsored by the Legacy Ladies Auxiliary. She won this title from a very fine group of opponents, and the judges’ task was not easy. Robin is a bank officer with the Bank of NSW.

The Army-sponsored candidate, Corporal Rachel Miller, was awarded the “Charity Princess” title. The contribution received from this nomination was $6,739.95, which was a magnificent effort. Rachel is an Army nurse.

Sherri Treloar was awarded the title of “Girl of the Golden West”. She was sponsored by Boan’s of Bunbury and Torchbearers for Legacy, Bunbury Branch. Sherri manages a record and music department.

The special award of merit was awarded to Ruth Alexander, who was sponsored by Diamond Poultry Farm and the Wanneroo RSL Ladies Auxiliary. Ruth is studying for her BA, and is a laboratory assistant.

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The prizes won by these successful candidates were:

MISS CROWNING GLORY (Personality girl with a fine head of hair):
- An Air-India Jumbo Jet return trip for two to India, 
  $1,388.20
- and spending money, 
  $250.00
- a fashion wardrobe from Boan’s, 
  $1,348.20
- a new savings account with the Commonwealth Banking Corporation, 
  $200.00
- an open order for jewellery from J.R. Wallace and Co., Jewellers of Piccadilly Arcade, 
  $100.00
- a Silhouette (Figure Form International) 
  $39.50
- six months membership, 
  $50.00
- hairdressing by Mercia Alvia Salon, 
  $90.00
- a Kindness K20 Hairsetter by Clairiol, 
  $100.00
  
  total of $2,277.70

MISS CHARITY PRINCESS (Quest’s top fund-raiser):
- An Air-India Jumbo Jet return trip for two to London, with a stopover for up to six months, 
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- and spending money, 
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- a Silhouette (Figure Form International) 
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- six months membership, 
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  a total of $2,711.50

GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST (Quest’s top fund-raiser living outside the metropolitan area):
- a first class return flight for two to Melbourne, flying Ansett Airlines of Australia, 
  $768.40
- unlimited sight-seeing with Ansett Pioneer, 
  $148.00
- accommodation for two for one week at the Old Melbourne Hotel, 
  $200.00
- spending money, 
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- a Hoover fully automatic washing machine 
  (Model 601), 
  $400.00
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  $39.50
- Lazy Lad lounge by Supa Furn, 
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  a total of $1,942.90

SPECIAL AWARD OF MERIT (awarded to the Quest’s highest fund-raiser living within the metropolitan area):
- an MMA return trip for two, with the right to stop-off en-route to Darwin, 
  $846.00
- a Key Personnel full secretarial course, 
  $960.00
- spending money, 
  $150.00
- a Department and Modelling course with Joyce Spiers Modelling School and Agency, 
  $95.00
- hairdressing by Mercia Alvia Salon, 
  $50.00

  a total of $2,101.80

- It is very pleasing to be able to report that all the girls received a David Freemorn Memorial watch.

PLANNING GOES ON

While the successful candidates are working out their plans to enjoy air trips to India and Europe with Air India, to Melbourne with Ansett Airlines of Australia and to Darwin with MacRobertson Miller Airline Services, the Joint Committee has already been busy planning for the 1977 Crowning Glory Quest.

It is pleasing to report that once again our good friends, the Sunday Times, STW Channel 9, and Radio 6KY have agreed to sponsor the forthcoming Quest, on similar lines to those which we have previously enjoyed.

On the strength of the knowledge that this sponsorship is being given, the Committee has already booked the Government House Ballroom for a Presentation Ball to be held in September, 1977.

The Joint Committee asks Sub-Branches to please encourage girls to enter the Quest, and if at all possible, either singly, or in partnership with other Sub-Branches, to sponsor a candidate in her endeavours in the forthcoming Quest.

In the near future, brochures of the new Quest will be available. Meanwhile, prospective candidates or sponsors may obtain information about the 1977 Quest from Torchbearers for Legacy, GPO Box N1087, Perth, or by ringing 21.8322.

All associated with the RSL benevolent work and Legacy are most grateful to all who made the 1976 Quest possible, in particular, through generous donations which we used as prizes for competition by candidates.

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Close to Christmas — busy as usual

With Christmas just around the corner, we will be busy within the next few weeks packing and delivering our Christmas Cheer parcels to the ex-servicemen and women in hospitals and homes.

Thanks to the generous donations from our Auxiliaries, we are able to bring a little joy to these folk.

Mrs. Symington is in the Pinjarra Hospital after suffering a stroke. We hope it won’t be long before we have her with us again.

Since my last report we have been kept busy attending the following:

Nollamara — North Perth Auxiliary held a social evening on August 14 and Mrs. Rowe presented Certificates of Service to Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Cooper. Mr. and Mrs. Jolley were also among the guests.

Mrs. Rowe and I attended the Housewives “At Home” on August 17. It was bowls trophy night at the War Veterans’ Home on August 20 and Veanie had much pleasure in presenting the Auxiliary trophies. We both enjoyed the pleasant evening with the winners and guests.

A small reception was held by the League for our Executive Members on August 30. It was an opportunity for our ladies and their husbands to meet the League Executives Members and their wives.

ENJOYABLE

Mrs. Ryniker and I were guests at the Laurel Club’s Annual Party on September 9. This is always a very enjoyable evening.

On September 29, members of the Executive attended the Belmont Auxiliary Birthday Party, always a happy occasion, and I was sorry I was unable to be there, but my husband and I were on holiday in Kalgoorlie.

While there, we had the pleasure of meeting the members of the Boulder Auxiliary, and though we didn’t win a prize we enjoyed playing cards at their card afternoon.

After spending a few days seeing the sights of Kalgoorlie, we went down to Esperance, where we were unfortunate to find the weather quite cold and wet, and that stopped us from seeing very much of the town and scenery around the coast.

I was able to attend a lovely buffet tea at the home of the Esperance Auxiliary president Mrs. Dixon and to meet the members of the Auxiliary.

I was so pleased to have the opportunity to thank the ladies of both Auxiliaries for the continuing support of our funds and their work for the League. Thank you both for your hospitality and good wishes.

QUEST FINALE

The Miss Crowning Glory Quest was finalised with a Ball this year, held in Government House Ballroom with the Governor and Lady Kyle attending.

Congratulations to the entrants for raising more than $42,000. All the girls worked so hard, it was a shame they could not all be winners. Veanie, as chairman of the Miss Crowning Glory committee, was hostess for the evening.

Madge, Veanie and I were guests of the Millen Auxiliary at their Birthday Party on October 13, when a very surprised Mrs. Turner, their hardworking secretary, received a Certificate of Service.

The City of Perth Sub-Branch and Auxiliary held a social evening in Anzac House on October 19. The many guests from other Auxiliaries and Sub-Branches all had memories of many happy similar functions held there over the years by our hosts.

Mrs. Rowe and I attended the Remembrance Service at the State War Memorial on November 7.

It was a beautiful afternoon and the surroundings were perfect for the ceremony. The many floral wreaths made a bright splash of colour against the grey of the stone. Mrs. Rowe laid a wreath for the Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Rowe and I attended the Remembrance Service at the State War Memorial on November 11, placing a wreath on the Memorial on behalf of Auxiliaries.

INTERSTATE VISITORS

We have welcomed two interstate visitors recently. Mrs. Sheil had time to attend our Executive meeting, but Mrs. Mulcahy could stay only for lunch with us in Anzac House.

Our State President and Mrs. Chilcott, with Mrs. Mortimer as chauffeur, drove down to Kojonup for their Sub-Branch Auxiliary Annual Dinner on November 12.

A large number of visitors from the surrounding Sub-Branch were there and a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Rowe presented a Life Membership to Mrs. King, foundation president of the Kojonup Auxiliary, and a Certificate of Service to Mrs. Crook, who has been president or secretary of the Branch for many years.

On Thursday, November 18, seven Executive members attended a Christmas Luncheon at Cunderdin. A beautiful luncheon was provided by the Auxiliary members.

There were visitors from Quairading and Northam Auxiliaries, and it was a very worthwhile visit as questions were asked about Auxiliary business that interested everyone.

Mrs. Rowe explained about hospital visiting done by Executive members on behalf of all Auxiliaries. Mrs. Fullwood, Cunderdin President, gave the Executive some parcels for War Veterans’ Home guests and a cheque.

Mr. Holder and Mr. Jolley were the drivers for the Executive ladies.

A reminder — please don’t forget donations for:

- Christmas Cheer,
- hospital visiting,
- State War Memorial,
- War Veterans’ Home and
- Torchbearers for Legacy.

Nomination forms, agenda items and Cup competition forms must be returned by February 6, 1977. Conference will open on Monday, May 2, 1977 at 8 p.m.

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CUNDERDIN RSL AUXILIARY

The Cunderdin Branch of the RSL Women's Auxiliary and friends held their Annual Xmas Party on the 18th November, in the RSL Hall. We were very honoured to have our State President, Mrs. Rowe, Hon. State Secretary Mrs. Ford present along with the State Executive Members. Mesdames Angel, Jolley, Rolfe, Holder and Taylor. Members from the Northam and Quairading Auxiliaries also attended.

The President, Mrs. Fulwood, welcomed our guests and introduced Mr. Stan Armitage, President of the Sub-Branch who thanked the Auxiliary for its wonderful support of the Sub-Branch and their work for the League.

Mr. Jack Lundy, Shire President also welcomed our guests and wished them a very happy day in Cunderdin and hoped we would have a very successful Jubilee next year. A delightful lunch was served and enjoyed by all, afterwards visitors and members mingled for a chit chat. Our State President, Mrs. Rowe, spoke on the different funds supported by the Auxiliaries, also an explanation on the Cup Competition form, its completing and judging. Questions were asked and answered.

Mrs. Fulwood presented Mrs. Rowe with a cheque -- a donation to Funds and also a box of small Xmas gifts for the Howes Wing.

E.M. TREASURER, Secretary Cunderdin RSL Auxiliary.

DEPARTMENT of VETERANS' AFFAIRS

NEWSLETTER

Corporation to be Reconstituted

The Australian Housing Corporation is to be reconstituted as the Defence Service Homes Corporation, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator Peter Durack, announced recently.

He had introduced into the Senate a Bill to change the name, nature and function of the Corporation so that its sole responsibility would be the administration of the Defence Service Homes Scheme.

He said that, following a critical examination of the Australian Housing Corporation's activities, the Prime Minister had announced on 2 February, 1976, that it should be abolished. The Government felt that the AHC represented an unnecessary and undesirable duplication of services already available, particularly those services provided by the State Governments.

On the other hand, the Minister said, the Government was wholeheartedly committed to the preservation of the Defence Service Homes Scheme, a scheme of historical and social importance for a great many Australians.

The affairs of the reconstituted body would be conducted by the Secretary to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Mr. R. Kingsland, within the Departmental framework.

FURTHER EVIDENCE

Senator Durack said that the recent establishment of the Department, which replaces the former Department of Repatriation, was further evidence of the Government's interest in the welfare of those who had served this country in the armed forces.

When the AHC was established, he said, the assets and liabilities of the Defence Service Homes Scheme had been taken over by the Corporation. The Bill would repeal those provisions of the Australian Housing Corporation Act concerned with the functions of the Act other than those related to the provision of assistance under the Scheme.

He emphasised that administrative arrangements for the Scheme remained unchanged. The Scheme itself was not in any way altered in its day-to-day operations or responsibilities. All the rights, assets, liabilities and obligations of the old Corporation would be assumed by the new one.

All persons who had lodged applications for loans with the AHC would not need to reapply to the new Corporation, as their applications would continue to be dealt with in the normal way. The new Corporation would have the same State offices and staff as at present.
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NEWS FROM OUR STATE PRESIDENT

Though we (at time of writing) do not know where we will be having our 50th Conference in 1977, we know the date.

Monday, May 2, the Official Opening, and the Executive have started organising what they hope will be a "Conference to Remember".

Mrs. Margaret Taylor has been appointed "Organiser of Entertainment" and is tackling the job with so much enthusiasm that I am sure we are going to have a very busy week that will be talked about for years.

At the same time, we would appreciate any suggestions and ideas from Branches, things YOU would like to do, particularly country Branches.

We also hope all Auxiliaries will be sending a delegate to Conference and that a large number of Observers will be able to attend to add interest.

On October 4, 13 Executive members went to Brookton for a very happy "Luncheon and Chat". Beverley, Pingelly and Narrogin Auxiliaries were also invited and we are happy to say were all represented.

About 40 members enjoyed Brookton's hospitality. Everyone talked too much, ate too much (as usual in the country, as they will cater as though it will be everybody's last meal — no good for waistslines!) but we are sure that this type of function is worth a lot more to those who attend than the more formal type, though these also are most enjoyable.

Mandurah Auxiliary always invite surrounding Auxiliaries to their Birthday Party and the Executive feel that with this "getting together" we create a more friendly atmosphere and it helps to stir interest in smaller Branches when they talk about their problems and hear what others are doing.

— Veanie Rowe.

Birthday Party at Millen

To celebrate their sixth anniversary, members of the Millen Auxiliary gathered at the RSL Hall, East Victoria Park on Wednesday, October 13, for a birthday dinner.

Special guests, who were welcomed by Millen president Mrs. Margaret Taylor were Mrs. Veanie Rowe (State President), Mrs. Joy Ford (State Secretary) and Mrs. Madge Lowe (State Treasurer).

While the dinner was in progress, Mrs. Taylor announced the winner of the Margaret Taylor Perpetual Trophy for the most significant contribution to the Auxiliary for the year.

This was won by Mrs. Audrey Morris, with Mrs. Maureen Ettridge runner-up. The judge awarded a special prize to Mrs. Billie Gunthorpe.

Mrs. Norma Turner, secretary of the Millen branch, was presented with a certificate of service by Mrs. Rowe.

On behalf of members of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Taylor presented a cheque for $450.00 to Mrs. Rowe to be allotted to various welfare projects.

Mrs. Rowe thanked everyone for the hard work put in on fund-raising ventures, which resulted in such a wonderful donation.

To end a very happy and enjoyable evening, a beautiful birthday cake was cut to the singing of "Happy Birthday".

BY AN IDLE SHOT

When Caledonia stern and wild Was still a poor unkilted child, Two humble shepherds clad in skins With leather thongs about their shins Finding that dullness day by day Grew irksome, felt a wish to play. But where the game in those dark ages? They could not toss-they had no wages. Till one, the brighter of the two, Hit on something he could do.

He struck a pebble with his crook And sent the stone across the brook. The other, tempted then to strike, With equal ardour played the like; And on they went, with heart and soul, Towards a distant quarry hole, With new success contented.

'Twas thus the prehistoric Scot, Did wonders by an idle shot, AND GOLF was first invented.

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THERE ARE NO BARGAINS

There are no bargains on the counter of success, The price is always work, Something for nothing is a disappointing dream. What is worth having is worth working for And sooner or later, in some form or another, We must pay the price of all that we receive.

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Of tasks however humble, Scorn not a single one, The daisy by the shadow that it casts Protects the lingering dew-drop from the sun.

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To each is given a bag of tools, A shapeless mass and a book of rules, And each must fashion, ere life is flown, A stumbling-block or stepping-stone. Isn't it strange that princes and kings, And clowns that caper in sawdust rings, And common folk, like you and me, Are builders of eternity.

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WHAT CAN I EARN?

By John Nolan.

Many times one hears the question — What can I earn if I am receiving a Service Pension?

There is not one fixed answer, because some people are talking about how much they can earn before they have to pay tax, some want to know how much they can earn and still get the full pension, and others are interested in how much they can earn before losing the veteran’s entitlement to “fringe benefits”.

Perhaps the following table will be of assistance:—

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The income will be from any source, for example, superannuation, interest and dividends received etc.

The income received by way of compensation for a disability pension is counted as half when assessing the amount of pension to be paid but is taken at its full value when assessing eligibility for “fringe benefits”.

For the first time, a service pensioner will be able to determine quickly whether he is eligible for “fringe benefits”.

In the case of a married couple, if their income from any source adds to a combined figure of more than $57.50, gross per week, the service pensioner will cease to be entitled to “fringe benefits”.

For a single service pensioner, the important amount is $33.00 per week.

Veterans who do qualify should note that medical treatment and hospitalisation is available whether the disabilities, illnesses or injuries are war related or not.

However, it is important to understand that the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (previously the Department of Repatriation) is not responsible for medical treatment for the dependants of a Service Pensioner.

The League is very conscious of the low disqualifying sum when assessing eligibility for “fringe benefits” and is continu­ously pressing successive Governments for a more realistic figure.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

By Jim Hall

Presidents and secretaries of Como, Manning, South Perth and Kensington Sub-Branches met at the South Perth RSL Hall on September 1 to discuss the possibility of a four-way amalgamation.

More than 30 members attended, and considerable discussion in regard to the proposal took place.

The matter will now be brought up at each Sub-Branch meeting, and another combined meeting is planned for March, 1977.

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FAREWELL TO FOUR

Henry Newman dies, aged 100 years

It is sadly in the nature of things that death strikes at our oldest members, and among the many who have passed on in recent months are four great stalwarts of the RSL, including centenarian Henry Newman, born in 1876.

In addition to Henry, we also have to record the passing of Bill Devine, Vern Stockmin and Dick Hummerston.

Henry, who was a member of A Unit of the 11th Battalion, died on August 8, 1976, at the age of 100 years and two months.

He was already a comparatively middle-aged man when he enlisted in the Great War. He was nearing his forties and was one of the oldest men to enlist.

Henry came from an old pioneering family of the Williams district, and was born on the old family property of Glendale in 1876.

Originally a member of the 44th Battalion, he transferred to the 11th Battalion in which he served in France with distinction, receiving a Mention in Despatches, the DCM and the Military Medal.

He was severely wounded in the chest, arms and legs, a total of 28 wounds, was invalided home, and finally discharged on March 31, 1919.

For a number of years, Henry was a member of the Mundaring Sub-Branch of the RSL before transferring to Mt. Hawthorn.

Owing to physical handicap, Henry could not take as much active participation in the League’s activities as he would have wished. A regular attendant at meetings, his support and loyalty was admired by all.

The Sub-branch have fond memories of him, in particular, the celebration by the Sub-Branch of his 100th birthday at his residence, 110 Fairfield Street, Mt. Hawthorn.

You always gave your best, Henry. May you rest in peace.


After seeing service in Egypt and France during the Great War, Bill Devine gave more than 50 years of loyal and hardworking service to the League and Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch.

A foundation member, Bill, besides holding office as committee member and trustee for a number of years, took over as secretary, a position which he held for two sequences, each of 14 years, 28 years in all, a record of devotion to the cause.

He was elected a Life Member of the RSL by a grateful Branch in 1955.

Unanimously elected as a delegate to Congress, Bill was, on only one occasion – owing to ill-health – forced to decline this duty.

A regular hospital visitor, Bill also made a special duty of visiting, at their homes, members who were in ill-health or frail condition.

A member of the 11th Battalion Association, and various other League Associate Branches as their Liaison Officer, he never refused an appeal for his services.

A grateful Sub-Branch cannot express in words their thanks or appreciation. Rest in peace.

Stockmin, S.V. – Reg. No. 100. Unit 11th Battalion. Died 7.2.76, aged 77 years.

Vern Stockmin, one of the youngest to enlist in the Great War of 1914-1918, celebrated his 17th birthday in Gallipoli.

After discharge, Vern devoted himself unselfishly to all aspects of the League’s activities.

Originally a member of the Claremont Sub-Branch, Vern transferred to Mt. Hawthorn, where he first devoted his activities to the formation of the Sons of Soldiers, of which he became president.

During his association with the Sub-Branch, he held continuous office, first on committee, then as vice-president, president, trustee, and hospital and sickness steward.

Vern was made a Life Member in 1966. Vern was also an office bearer and active worker for the following Associations: 11th Battalion, Maimed and Limbless, Blind Soldiers, Legacy and Gallipoli Legion.

A TPI, Vern was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him. No appeal for his services was ever in vain. He was a member of the highest ideals.

May God rest his soul.

FAREWELL

Quite recently the 10th Light Horse Association buried one of its great stalwarts in Dick Hummerston.

In the early days, Dick did a great job in designing a set of crosses in memory of all the 10th men killed in action or who died overseas, and had them erected in front of the 10th Light Horse Memorial on every Anzac Eve.

These crosses were guarded overnight by members of the Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts.

Dick and Fergie McLeod also produced “The Galloper” a very popular little magazine which was read and enjoyed by hundreds of our mates now long gone over the great divide.

No-one perhaps is more entitled to pay tribute than Ebbie Bain, as he and Dick were wounded on the same day and spent the best part of a year in hospital.

He will also be remembered by many people at the old-time dances at Anzac House where he was MC and helped to organise these dances.

The records of Messrs. Newman, Devine and Stockmin were supplied by F.G. Neal (Secretary, Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch).

Capt. Rex Walker

Where is Capt. Rex Y. Walker, ex-2 Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment?

Harry Haywood, of 11 Lee Brigg, Normanton WF 6-2JJ West Yorkshire, England, is anxious to communicate with the abovenamed gentleman with whom he served in Burma and Penang whilst in the same Battalion during 1946-47.

Capt. Walker is thought to have come from the Sydney area and was possibly in the insurance field prior to joining the Forces.

Any information on him would be greatly appreciated.
THE GOLDFIELDS MEDICAL FUND (INC.)

NOTICE TO MEMBERS AND INTENDING MEMBERS

HEALTH INSURANCE AS FROM 1ST OCTOBER 1976

The health insurance programme has been revised by the Government, and as from 1st October, 1976 you have three alternatives in regard to Medical and Hospital Insurance:

(1) Standard Medibank:
85% of doctors' schedule fee and standard ward accommodation in a public hospital.

(2) Standard Medibank Plus:
Cover for private treatment in a public or private hospital.

(3) Private Medical & Hospital Insurance:
Available from Goldfields Medical Fund (Inc.) or other registered private funds.

Supplementary Hospital Tables:
An additional $10.00 per day may be obtained, if you choose to contribute to Table 1. This will entitle you to fund benefit of $50.00 per day, plus government subsidy of $16.00 per day, making a total benefit of $66.00 per day.

By contributing to Table 2 you will be entitled to fund benefit of $50.00 per day, plus government subsidy of $16.00 per day, making a total benefit of $76.00 per day.

Medical Gap: (15% of Schedule Fees)
This table enables you to recover the balance between basic medical and the schedule fee for medical services.

Ancillary Benefits:
This table covers you for items which are not covered in any of the basic tables. Included are such items as chiropractor, physiotherapy, dental, spectacles (for dependent children only), trained nurses, artificial limbs and most other items such as psychology. Benefits applicable are as follows:

Physiotherapist and Chiropractor:
$4.00 per visit with a maximum of $80.00 for family contributors and $40.00 for single contributors over any 12 months period. This period to commence as from the first day of service.

Dental:
(Including Orthodontist) 80% of claim with a maximum of $100.00 for family contributors and $50.00 for single contributors over any 12 monthly period. This period to commence from the first day of service. Existing members will receive immediate benefits—new members and members transferring from another fund will serve a 9 months waiting period.

Spectacles:
$20.00 per pair (for dependent children only) with a maximum of two pairs per year.

Trained Nurses:
80% of account with a maximum of $100.00 per year.

Artificial Limbs and other Prothesis:
For accounts up to $100.00 a benefit of 80% is applicable.

Psychology:
80% of account with a maximum of $100.00 over any 12 monthly period.

The Goldfields Medical Fund is an agent for Medibank.

Special Offerings:
Inducting Orthodontist 80% of claim with a maximum of $100.00 for family contributors and $50.00 for single contributors over any 12 monthly period.

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**HOSPITAL — MEDICAL — SUPPLEMENTARY — GAP AND ANCILLARY TABLES**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL
22  –  School Childrens Anzac Eve Service, 2.30 p.m. War Memorial, Kings Park.
25  –  Anzac Day.

MAY
8   –  Annual State Congress Opening. Continuing 21st and 22nd.
20  –  Victory Europe (mn).

JULY

AUGUST
12  –  RSL Ball of the Year.
15  –  Victory Pacific.

SEPTEMBER
4   –  Operation 'Stand In'.

NOVEMBER
11  –  Remembrance Day and Poppy Day Appeal.

DECEMBER

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Sat, 1st Jan  –  New Year's Day
Mon, 31st Jan  –  Australia Day
Mon, 7th Mar  –  Labour Day (WA)
Fri, 8th Apr  –  Good Friday
Sat, 9th Apr  –  Easter Saturday
Sun, 10th Apr  –  Easter Sunday
Mon, 11th Apr  –  Easter Monday
Mon, 25th Apr  –  Anzac Day
Mon, 6th Jun  –  Foundation Day (WA)
Mon, 10th Oct  –  Queen's Birthday (WA)
Sun, 25th Dec  –  Christmas Day
Mon, 26th Dec  –  Boxing Day

SUB-BRANCH SECRETARIES' NOTES

1976 Annual Financial Statements to State Branch by 31st January or immediately after A.G.M.
Capitation Returns to State Branch by 7th of each month.
February 28  –  Nominations for Certificates of Merit.
March 25  –  Nominations for State Executive.
April 8  –  Annual Congress motions.
State Executive meets on first Wednesday of each month, at Anzac House at 7.30 p.m.
Please keep State Branch informed of changes of Sub-Branch and Unit Association Office Bearers.
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Pharmaceutical Benefits

By John Nolan

Though many members have been concerned about reports on the new National Health Scheme, the truth of the matter is that there is no need for concern. All persons entitled to repatriation benefits will be very well catered for.

In essence, the new policy for prescriptions will be that Repatriation Local Medical Officers and specialists will prescribe for eligible Repatriation patients only those items available on the list used by the National Health Scheme.

However, if a doctor wishes to prescribe a non-NHS item for which, in his opinion, there is no therapeutic alternative within the National Health list he may do so without reference to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

Therefore, providing your doctor is of the opinion that the NHS list does not cover your requirement and that a particular drug or medicine is necessary to assist your specific disability or disabilities, he may prescribe it and you will receive it from the chemist without having to pay the $2.00 per benefit contribution which most other patients under the National Health Scheme have to pay.

A further benefit to eligible Repatriation beneficiaries is that the “life” of prescriptions will increase from two months to six months.

RESTRICTIONS
The only restrictions which will apply are the same as the restrictions currently in practice. These are:

(a) no more than one month’s supply and two repeats may be prescribed for each item; and

(b) prior approval should continue to be obtained before prescribing items such as vitamised nutritional supplements, food-stuffs, toilet lines, etc.

Repeat authorisations will be the same as for those people coming under the NHS.

We believe this is very fair treatment and we agree with the Minister of Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Durack) when he stated recently:

“The new arrangements have been designed to ensure that the full therapeutic needs of eligible Repatriation patients will remain available to them and that their medical treatment will not be prejudiced”.

We have been advised by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs that Repatriation Local Medical Officers, specialists and pharmacists have been informed of the new arrangements for eligible Repatriation beneficiaries.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

A highlight of the annual reunion of the Northampton Sub-Branch on November 13 was the presentation of two League Life Membership awards.

State President Len Phenna, presented the Certificates to Reg Magee and Rowley Chariton.

Mr. Magee has served as president, secretary, treasurer and committee man, and Mr. Chariton is the present secretary, after having previously served in that position and also as president, treasurer and committee man.

The were also presented with Life Membership badges by two other Life Members — Bruss Fagg of Northampton, and Merv Williams, of Coorow-Waddi Forest, who is State Country Vice-President as well as Northern Vice-President.

In addition, Mr. Phenna presented a Certificate of Service to Graham Till of Geraldton, who was Northampton’s secretary for four years before becoming Geraldton’s secretary this year.

The State President praised the efforts of the Northampton Sub-Branch in winning the Geraldton Shield for the third consecutive year as the most meritorious small country sub-branch.

Mr. Phenna also visited the Regional War Veterans’ Home at Geraldton the next day and chatted with the residents over a cup of morning tea.

Z SPECIAL FORCE


INQUIRY TO BE HELD

R.N. Bonnett, MP, Member for Herbert, Queensland, had been appointed by the Prime Minister to hold an Inquiry into the Defence Forces Retirement Benefit Act, with the following terms of reference:

- To establish, first, whether there are any anomalies, inequities or injustices suffered by beneficiaries under the Defence Forces Retirement Benefit Act of 1948-1973 who retired prior to 1st October, 1972.
- And, secondly, what measures should be taken to correct the anomalies, inequities or injustices if any revealed by such Inquiry.

National Congress has agreed that Mr. Bonnett may approach each of the State Branches of the League to seek their assistance in his inquiry.

Any member who feels that he has a grievance within the above terms of reference is requested to write direct to Mr. Bonnett at Parliament House, Canberra.

Submissions will also be accepted by the State Secretary of the RSL, Perth.

Because of a possible move early in the New Year, you are requested to address all correspondence to RSL, Box C128, GPO, Perth, WA. 6001.

Mr. Bonnett will be visiting Perth from January 10-12, 1977. Anyone wishing to contact him please phone RSL Headquarters after January 1.
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It Pays to Advertise

Members of the King's Park Honour Avenue Committee are pleased with the interest which was aroused by the article "Keeping an Avenue in Order", which appeared in the September issue of "Listening Post".

In that article, details were given of the current programme arranged by the Committee — for placing all the plaques in both Lovekin and May Drives on white posts which are placed at the foot of each tree dedicated in memory of fallen comrades.

Mention was also made in the article that the cost of the new programme had to be borne from the limited funds available in the Honour Avenue Account administered by the Committee.

Chairman Vern Fyfe and members of the Committee are grateful for the interest shown in the Avenues since the article was published and would especially like to thank the State Secretary for promoting our cause, whereby three Sub-Branches — Harvey, Murray and Waroona-Hamel arranged for the Waroona Sawmill to supply the three-foot dressed jarrah posts at no cost to the Committee.

At the time of going to press, 200 posts have already been supplied and another batch is ready for delivery.

The acceptance by the above mentioned sub-branches to finance this project is an indication of the co-operation which still exists between ex-servicemen, and the Honour Avenue Committee is indeed grateful for the interest shown by these three sub-branches.

In conclusion it is pleasing to report that vandalism to the plaques continues to decline and the Committee is certain that the placing of the plaques on posts which are then placed about two feet in the ground is mainly responsible.

— Max Brice.

WHERE TO GO... WHAT TO DO...

It seems that many West Australians sometimes do not know where to go or what steps to take when they need information in their day-to-day living.

Thousands of them are now making use of the State Government Information and Inquiry Centre.

Since it opened in July the centre has handled an average of 100 calls a day.

The range of questions has surprised the manager, Mr. Arnold Hendry. "The range seems limitless", he said. "Every day brings more types of questions that we haven't already tackled".

The centre can usually give an answer off the cuff or direct a caller to the expert on a particular subject. Sometimes an inquiry needs more complex action.

The aim of the centre is to make the many facets of State government better known and the multitude of services and facilities better used by the public.

State government has an interest in almost every activity on a community, local, regional, State and national level.

If you have a query of a non-political nature and you don't know for sure who can give you the answer, the new information centre can assist you.

The centre's telephone number is not yet in the directory. It is 255 244 (direct line) or 250 231. The address is Ground Floor, Superannuation Building, 32 St. George's Tce., Perth.

NORTHAMPTON REUNION

State President Len Phenna visited Northampton and was guest of honour at the annual reunion of the Northampton Sub-Branch on Saturday, November 13.

A party of members of the Geraldton Sub-Branch and their women-folk also attended, including president Stan Moore secretary Graham Till and North-West State vice-president John Spendlove.

The reunion was of special interest to Mr. Till, because he was northampton secretary for four years before moving to Geraldton.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

A brass plaque is to be added to the War Memorial at Birdwood House, the headquarters of the Geraldton Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League.

It honours those who paid the supreme sacrifice in four campaigns after World War 2 — Korea, 1950 to 1953; Malaya, 1948 to 1960; Borneo, 1962 to 1966; and Vietnam, 1962 to 1972.

Meanwhile, the Sub-Branch has decided to investigate the provisions of "Cadet-of-the-year" trophies for St. Patrick's College army cadets and for the Naval Reserve cadets.

Sub-Branch president Stan Moore was reviewing officer for the recent trooping of the colours parade of the College cadets.

College Principal, Brother Gibbons, expressed appreciation of the help given by the Sub-Branch towards the re-establishment of the Cadet movement throughout Australia.

The Sub-Branch also invited nominations for the Christmas Tree for members' children and grandchildren on December 11.

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 THEY WERE REMEMBERED

Servicemen who were killed or died in the Geraldton area during World War 2 were remembered on November 14 when members of the Geraldton Sub-Branch made their annual pilgrimage to the War Cemetery at Utakarra.

The pilgrimage is made on the nearest Sunday to Remembrance Day.

Fresh flowers and artificial remembrance poppies were placed on the 83 graves and a wreath was laid at the Memorial, where Sub-Branch president Stan Moore led the gathering in the recitation of “Lest We Forget”.

Forty-two of the graves are of RAAF personnel, including six killed on the one day when Geraldton was a big Air Force training centre.

Others honoured by the pilgrimage included 16 army men from NSW, 15 from WA, nine from Victoria, and one from Queensland.

RSL members also placed remembrance poppies on the graves of ex-servicemen in the adjoining general cemetery — including those of the two RSL Life Members, Hubert Mountain and Jim Russell, and also on the grave of Murray Clarke, who paid the supreme sacrifice in Vietnam.

After the pilgrimage, 15 veterans of the Great War whose ages total 1,211 years, and average more than 80 years, were entertained by the Women’s Auxiliary, at the Annual Diggers’ Dinner at Birdwood House.

The oldest members of the party were Bobby Brown, of Northampton, and Arthur Clark and E. Stokes, of Geraldton, all aged 87; and Bert Lock and Jock McAuslan of Geraldton, both 86.

CHEQUE FOR $300.

A highlight of the function was the presentation of a cheque for $300 from the Women’s Auxiliary, towards a multi-purpose drinking fountain at the Regional War Veterans’ Home at Geraldton.

The Auxiliary president, Mrs. Trythena Ashplant, who is also secretary of the War Veterans’ Home Committee, presented the cheque to Mr. Moore, who is also chairman of the War Veterans’ Home Committee.

CAPEL TO THE FORE

The Capel Sub-Branch has taken the initiative and made and erected their own sign which is proudly situated at each end of the town.

Sub-Branches were requested to do something about this same time age.

A pattern of the badge is available at Anzac House for any Sub-Branch to copy and have made up.

“We must advertise ourselves”.

U. HEAVY BATTERY ASSOCIATION

The President, A. Roffe, called at Anzac House recently whilst on a visit to Perth. The association would like to hear

AUXILIARY DONATION

A highlight of the October meeting of the Geraldton Sub-Branch of the RSL was the presentation of a cheque for $500.

The President of the Women’s Auxiliary, Mrs. Trythena Ashplant, presented the cheque on behalf of her organisation, towards the Sub-Branch building fund.

Sub-Branch president Stan Moore expressed appreciation of the kind gesture.

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Unexpected Reunion

There was an unexpected reunion between two ex-service men at the November meeting of the Geraldton Sub-Branch.

A brewery worker from Perth, Tom Ramsay, attended the meeting with his son-in-law, Lance Campbell, who has joined the Sub-Branch after serving in the army in Malaya.

President Stan Moore was welcoming new members and visitors when Mr. Ramsay realised there was something familiar about the President’s face.

It transpired that they were seeing each other for the first time in 35 years — they had served together in the army on the Owen Stanley Ranges in New Guinea during World War 2.

Though he now lives in Perth, Mr. Ramsay has retained his membership of the Mt. Barker Sub-Branch.

Information Wanted

Would those who were posted to No. 3 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps (1918), should those who have been posted to this squadron or relatives who could provide information please contact P.J. Carisella, 215 Nahant Street, Wakefield, Mass, USA. He is writing a story on the history of this squadron.

LEADERSHIP PRIZE

Members will be interested to know that a local boy won the RSL prize for leadership at the 96 Pilots’ Course, Pearce graduation parade on September 16, 1976.

He is midshipman C. Alviani, RAN, of Dianella.

The League wishes him every success for a successful naval career.

CONGRATULATIONS

At the November meeting of the Geraldton Sub-Branch, three members were congratulated on their work for the newly-formed Achilles Athletic Club.

Those to receive the verbal bouquet included former State champion sprinter John Troode, Bill Playle and Smith Jennings, whose efforts resulted in several girls performing with distinction at the State Schools championships in Perth.

A Sub-Branch member said these efforts were in keeping with one of the RSL’s aims —- the promotion of youth welfare.

He recalled that some years ago the Sub-Branch sponsored the formation of a Geraldton Athletics Club and the staging of Geraldton meetings which featured world champion runner Herb Elliott and other Commonwealth Games stars.

MISSING PERSON

Where is Pte. Ernest C. Hampton 9/Bn., AIF, MDI, or his next-of-kin?

Mr. J.W.E. Hampton of 64, Durham Street, Heidelberg, Victoria 3084, has recently come into possession of a World War 1 medal, which belonged to Pte. Hampton, a long-lost uncle, believed to have died in 1920.

Any information would be greatly appreciated by Mr. J. Hampton, who is anxious to trace members of the family.

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On September 4, 1964, the Company was separated from the Royal Australian Regiment and the Special Air Service Regiment was inaugurated.

This date was chosen because it was the 21st Anniversary of the 1943 Lae Nadzab operation in New Guinea, the first Australian combined land, sea and airborne operation.

The Regiment, at this stage, was comprised of SAS Base Sqn and elements of 2 SAS Sqn.

Since then establishments have been increased progressively and the Special Air Service Regiment now consists of: HQ SASR, 1 SAS Sqn, 3 SAS Sqn, SAS Spt Sqn and SAS Base Sqn.

Before 1965, the unit had not been committed to operations. However, as a company it had undertaken a number of major exercises in the Eastern States, Thailand, New Guinea and the Phillipines.

Since January 1965, the following operational commitments have been undertaken:

b. February – July 1965, 2 SAS Sqn – East Malaysia, Border Area

   1967/1968 1 SAS Sqn – Vietnam
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OPERATIONAL SCOPE

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d. Able to provide such liaison officers and communications as may be required at forward infantry bases, and on other HQs when co-ordination of operations by SAS patrols and other units is necessary.

e. Able to undertake and control operations involving these capabilities over a frontage of the order of 500 – 1000 miles.

APPROVED DRESS

The approved beret is sand-coloured, identical to that worn by the Special Air Service Regiments of the British Army. The regimental badge is also that of the British SAS, the Flaming Sword, Excalibur.

All ranks who are qualified wear Special Air Service Regiment paratroop wings. The wings are extended as distinct from the drooping wings of the normal parachutist's badge.

Blue lanyards are worn on the left shoulder, knot to the rear.

COLOURS

The Special Air Service Regiment has no colours, as it is classified as a Rifle Regiment. Historically, rifle regiments were reconnaissance troops often involved in skirmishes, and since they usually operated in small groups, security for the colours was minimal.

Due to this factor, colours were never awarded to rifle regiments.

The motto of the Regiment is “Who Dares Wins”.

REGIMENTAL ALLIANCE

The SASR is affiliated with the British 22nd Special Air Service Regiment, with whom we have both operated and exercised.

The SASR has unofficial bonds of friendship with the New Zealand Ranger Squadron, the British Royal Marines, the United States Navy Seal Teams and the Malaysian Special Service Regiment.

The Regimental Birthday is celebrated on September 4 each year.

The Regimental Marches are: The Happy Wanderer — quick time and Lili Marlene — slow time.

A chrome-plated airborne helmet is always kept on the desk in the office of the CO. The helmet records the names of all the OC of 1 SAS Coy, and the names of all COs of the SASR.

Replicas of this helmet have been presented to:
(a) CO of 22 SAS Regiment, during a visit to the unit in 1964.
(b) OC 2 Ranger Sqn NZ SAS after exchange training with them of one troop in October-November 1966.

A Regimental Pace Stick was presented by RAAF Williamtown to the unit in 1958, and is used by successive RSMs for the period of their appointment.

A ceremonial handover is conducted by the outgoing RSM in the Sergeant's Mess, and names of all past RSMs are recorded on the pace stick.

The Regimental Spoon is of the large wooden stirring type and is awarded to the most deserving member each year, usually on the parade for the Regimental Birthday.

ARMY RESERVE EXHIBITIONS

WO2 J.H. Reynolds is compiling a collection of military memorabilia for display by the Army Reserve during 1977.

The first exhibition will be at the “Open Day”, to be held at the Causeway on February 26 and 27.

This is an annual presentation and will be followed by displays in March on the occasion of the Queen’s visit; also at Albany as part of that town’s 150th anniversary celebrations.

The normal programme will follow with presentations in the metropolitan area and at Geraldton, Kambalda, Kalgoorlie, Bunbury and Katanning to assist in publicising the Army Reserve and to bolster recruiting.

Because of the Queen’s visit, an endeavour is being made to mount a spectacular exhibit. An approach has been made to the Imperial Museum in London, to the National War Museum in Canberra, to Buckingham Palace and to many famous soldiers who have served in the Australian army.

The organisers have been assured of strong support.

Any member who can assist in any way with items which could be included in the display – in particular, badges, medals, flags, uniforms, weapons or similar items which could form an illustrated history of campaigns of the Australian Forces, also captured articles, will you please contact WO2 J.H. Reynolds on 22-1155 – Extn. 273 or 61-9521.

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After the last war, when hostilities ceased, many Polish soldiers of the Free Forces, emigrated from Gt. Britain, to different parts of the free world; and now in 22 countries, there are Polish Ex-Servicemen's Associations with its H.Q. in London.

In Perth, the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association Sub-Branch No. 9, was organized on the 8th July 1956, with an initial membership of 44.

Mr. G. Redziejowski M.C., was elected foundation President and since then he has held this position for 13 years.

The objects of the Association are:
- to uphold the Christian ideals in every sphere of life,
- to maintain the bonds of comradeship among members and with Australian ex-servicemen,
- to promote the knowledge, understanding of forms of life of Australia,
- to co-operate in bringing assistance to its members.

During the past 20 years:
The Sub Branch No. 9 has kept friendly relations with the RSL, Air Force Association, Rats of Tobruk Association, British Ex-Services Association, Jugoslav Ex-Servicemen's Association, Draza Michajlovich.

With their own banner they take part in the ANZAC DAY celebration.

The representative of the Association is also present at the Rats of Tobruk Memorial Service in King's Park. Mr. G. Redziejowski M.C. was the guest speaker during the memorial service in 1975, devoted to the Polish Carpathian Bde fighting in Tobruk.

Sub-Branch No. 9 participated in the purchasing of 15 acres of land in Chidlow near Lake Leschenault for a youth camp called "Pole Kopernika".

The Welfare Fund was commenced shortly after the foundation of the Sub-Branch No. 9. Socials, Dances, Raffles helped to build up this Fund.

The Polish Community in W.A., presented Sub-Branch, with a beautiful banner, which was blessed by Archbishop Gawline from Rome on 25th May, 1958.

In 1966 — the celebration of the 1000 years of Christianity of Poland (Millenium) was spontaneously received by members and their Australian friends.

The Periodical bulletin of the name "Combatant in Western Australia" — informed members about world affairs and ex-servicemen's activities in different countries.

Sub-Branch No. 9 financial affairs are sound. Continuity of the Committees (changes every year) are a guarantee that Sub-Branch No. 9 is still "on the move". Present membership is 97.

Current President is Mr. P. Szydlowski, and Hon. Secretary is Mr. E. Wawrykiewicz.

RSL BOWLS SECTION NEWS

Having been President of the Bowls Section for two years, Wal Cloutman did not stand for re-election at the August meeting. Mr. Len Preedy was elected President for the ensuing year, Doug Piggott Hon. Secretary and Ern Newton will continue as Treasurer.

The annual RSL Bowls Interstate Carnival will be held in Adelaide at the end of December and it is expected that at least 30 bowlers will attend from Perth.

After a two year trial of conducting the Morrie Crewe Trophy in October it has been decided, in future, to conduct the event at the end of the Pennant season. The tentative date for 1977 is 16th and 17th April — so mark your Bowling Calendar for this popular event and watch for further details.

KOJONUP CARNIVAL:
The Sam Crook RSL Shield will be contested on Thursday 20th January — four games of 12 ends starting at 9 a.m. For further information contact Sam at 18 Elverd St, Kojonup — phone Kojonup 337.

ALBANY CARNIVAL:
The Annual Frank Gomm Trophy will be conducted at the Albany Bowling Club on Wednesday 9th March 1977. Play commences at 9 a.m. Entries to Albany Bowling Club Secretary or Frank Gomm P.O. Box 455 Albany.

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Asks Capt. E.L. Plunkett.

Since Britain entered the Common Market all British Ex-Servicemen of the 1914-18 and 1939-45 Wars are entitled to some, of all of the FIVE medals mentioned in this article, provided they can produce evidence that they took part in the various campaigns for which the medals were struck.

They will be worn immediately below those issued by Her Majesty’s Government following the two World Wars — or alternatively, on the right breast.

The Commemorative Medal of the Battle of Dunkirk (1940) was instituted in September, 1948, by the Association Des Anciens Combattants De Flandres-Dunkerque 1940 under the patronage of the Town of Dunkirk, having the purpose of keeping alive the memory of the engagements of 1940 and to affirm their great significance.

In 1970, the Constitution governing the award was amended to permit British personnel to receive the Medal. Members of the Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, and Auxiliary Services who served in the Dunkirk sector from May 10 — June 1940 are eligible to receive the Medal; as are merchant seamen and civilian volunteers who took part in the sea evacuation of Dunkirk.

The rank, unit (at the time of Dunkirk) and the name of each recipient of the Medal will be entered in the Book of Gold kept in Paris.

Application forms for the above Medal should be obtained from H. Robinson, Hon. Secretary, Dunkirk Veterans’ Association, 6 Derwentwater Terrace, Leeds, 6, UK.

The Medaille Commemorative des Batailles de la Somme (1914-1918 and 1940) — a bronze Medal — covers service on the Somme front in both wars in and around Abbeville, Mametz, Amiens, Fricourt, Albert, Thiepval, Beaumont Hamel etc., up to an including Bailleul.

Application for the Somme Medal should be made to the British Representatives of the “Ceux De La Somme” Association, Capt. A.W.F. Gibbons C de M, C de R, 57 Frant Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, UK.

The King Albert I “Fidelity” Cross, and King Albert I “Veteran” Cross is an award that covers service in the 1914-18 War and is now eligible to those who served there in 1940. Great War veterans should apply for the “Veteran” Cross and their 1940 counterparts should apply for the “Fidelity” Cross.

Application forms may be obtained from the British representative of the Royal Federation of the Veterans of King Albert 1, J. Maitre-Jean, President United Kingdom FRNVRA, 82 Williamson Terrace, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland SR6 OBG, County Durham.

All members who hold these crosses will be entitled to the award of a bronze palm after holding same for two years, a silver palm after four years, followed by a gold palm after seven years.

A bar to the crosses is also granted after 12 years. This is a bronze medal.

ENAMELLED CROSS

La Croix Du Combattant de L’Europe (The European Cross) is a finely enamelled cross issued by the Confederation Européenne des Anciens Combattants, with Headquarters in Paris, is eligible to all member who fought in the 1914-18 or 1939-45 wars for the liberation of Europe.

Applications for the necessary forms should be made to the U.K. Representative, J Maitre-Jean, at the address shown above.

The Aisne and Chemin des Dames Medal is a bronze medal issued by Les Escapes de l’Aisne et du Chemin des Dames, granted to all servicemen who fought in the rearguard action between Champagne and the Somme, including Soissons and Rheims during the period June 1 to 5, 1940, or for service on the Somme in the 1914-18 war.

Application forms are available from A.R.G. Richards, 15 Newark Place, Brighton BNE 2NT, Sussex, UK.

These medals are accompanied by a diploma certifying ownership by the President or a high ranking officer of the respective Authority authorised to issue them.

INVESTITURE

If the occasion permits, these awards can be made the subject of an investiture by the local foreign consul or some high-ranking dignitary of the Services of which the recipient is a member.

An administration charge (fee) is required when your application form has been received and eligibility has been authorised by the appropriate authority.

In some cases it may be necessary to become members of the respective Associations issuing these medals, but it is understood this is not strictly necessary provided your service record covers the requirements for each medal.

Correspondence will be effected through the above mentioned British or UK representatives, to whom all requests for application forms should be made. It is customary that an SAE be enclosed with each request.

Please note that this information is contained in the May, 1976, issue of the magazine “Battle” and therefore will need to be made direct, as indicated above. We do not have any other information at Anzac House.
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Important Information for Sub-Branches

By Doug Bruce, State Secretary.

1977 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEES
You are reminded that the annual subscription fees for 1977 is $10 and can be received from members from November. The 1977 clips will be forwarded to Sub-Branches by the end of November.

ANZAC DAY – 1977, MONDAY 25TH APRIL:
The Traditional Dawn Service will be held at the State War Memorial and the Commemoration Service on the Esplanade at 11.00 a.m.

All Sub-Branches are requested to ‘inspect’ their local Memorial and should any work be required to seek co-operation from the Shire or Council also the members of the Sub-Branch to ensure the Memorial is kept to standard.

The School Childrens Anzac Eve Commemoration will be held at the State War Memorial on Friday 22nd April at 2.30 p.m.

STATE CONGRESS OPENING
night – Friday 20th May. Congress continues on Saturday and Sunday 21st and 22nd May.

NOMINATIONS
for the position of President, Vice Presidents and Committee shall be made by Sub-Branches at a properly constituted meeting and shall be writing and close with the State Secretary on 25th MARCH 1977.

All nominees MUST be financial members of the WA Branch and must signify their willingness to accept office.

A nominee for the position of State President, having signified willingness to accept office at the time of nomination, shall not subsequently withdraw from any ballot conducted for the position.

All, candidates for office in the League, whether paid or honorary shall when nominated, declare themselves in full accord with the principles of the League.

AGENDA ITEMS:
All resolutions for State Congress, submitted by Sub-Branches, MUST be in the hands of State Secretary by 8th APRIL, 1977.

RSL BALL
A new committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of Jack Wagland – The RSL Ball of the Year will be held at Subiaco Civic Centre on 12th August – limit of 350 people.

OPERATION ‘STAND IN’
Sunday 4th September. Details of requirements will be advised later.

REMEMBRANCE DAY & POPPY DAY: Friday 11th November
As both will be on the same day in 1977 arrangements for the Remembrance Service and sale of poppies should be made no later than your October Sub-Branch meeting. This should be an excellent day for sale of poppies and Sub-Branches are advised to obtain the services of as many collectors as possible and make this the best year ever.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:
At the recently conducted National Congress it was resolved that the number to be awarded per year to be 1 (one) per 750 financial members. Previously it was 1 for every 1000.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT:
Decision of National Congress gives this State Branch authority to award 8 Certificates of Merit.

This is the highest award granted by the League to a person who is not eligible for membership of the RSL, but has given outstanding service to the RSL and community.

Recommendations should reach the State Secretary no later than 28th February for submission to State Executive and National Executive in May.

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The 1976 National Congress revealed that all States agree that the League cannot stand still, that it cannot be allowed to fade away, and that it has done too little for too long in the way of pointing the way to a worthwhile future in the community.

In a few short years we will nearly all be in need of assistance with no one to assist us and delegates from all States are very concerned that our immensely valuable properties all over Australia cannot just be dispersed and the money representing their sale allowed to disappear and that our magnificent organisation must not be disbanded, but that something must carry on in its place for the over all good of the community.

All States have accepted Service Membership which is very pleasing and a forward step in this organisation — some are concerned the name ‘Returned Services League’ would not be acceptable to all but consideration is being given to apply to our Patron, The Queen, for the use of the prefix ‘Royal’ which would then replace the word ‘Returned’ and we would then be known as The Royal Services League and still retain the short title of RSL.

The Canadian Legion has doubled its membership in 5 years but with the introduction of Service Membership, Wives and Sons and daughters as associate members.

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WHO CAN JOIN?

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