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Within the membership of the RSL are men and women from every trade and vocation, of every racial and social background, and of every religious and political persuasion.

The League is in itself a little Australia, and its voice reflects the feelings and anxieties, the hopes and aspirations of every Australian whose principal concern is the safety and progress of this great country.

It is my belief that Australia is in danger, both from abroad and from within.

We are in danger from moral and intellectual apathy, and unless these dangers are withstood we shall lack moral strength and unity sufficient to save our country and maintain our present liberties.

As I see it, our present dangers are a challenge to each and everyone of us.

Community of thought and purpose are demanded of all Australians. The moral order from which alone true social order can derive must be restored.

We are members of the total community, dependent even for our daily bread, on the work of many. From this community, we can gain our livelihood, our culture, our protection; and to our society we owe a just return of loyalty and service.

DUTY

I believe each of us has a duty to defend the community against evil designs and aggression; that each of us has a duty to deal fairly with our fellowmen in the transactions of life; that the development of a true community amongst ourselves and with all peoples of goodwill, is the one way to peace at home and abroad.

The consideration of the defence of Australia was conspicuous by its absence in the policy speeches of the major political parties in the recent election.

If Australia is to survive in the future our Government must wake up and be prepared to develop this nation as a more self-reliant military power.

It is pointless rebuilding our economy only to lose our country to a stronger military power.

The Federal Government’s low-key approach to defence is criminally negligent in view of the tremendous changes that have transformed the nature of international situations.

Europe and Japan rose from the rubble of war to become great economic powers.

WIDESPREAD

Communist parties and governments become more widespread and more varied. Newly independent nations have emerged into what has become known as the third world and their role in world affairs is becoming increasingly significant.

It is well to remember that the technological genius of mankind has given us not only the means of bringing the world’s peoples closer together; it has also given us the ways and means of producing more sophisticated and prolific weapons of destruction.

There are many countries which envy our natural resources. These resources are extremely vital to our economy and to theirs and of course have significant military value.

Not to embark upon our own nuclear capability for the future is foolish in the extreme.

It is a costly and long-term project, and the longer we put it off, the more expensive it becomes.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY - A MEMORABLE CEREMONY

The official Remembrance Day observance at the State War Memorial was a most memorable occasion, when Prince Charles, visiting Western Australia, added charm and dignity to the ceremony.

Wreaths were laid by His Royal Highness, the State President, Government and civic leaders, chiefs of the Armed Services, representatives of kindred and Unit Associations, and private members of the community.

The custom of the changing over of the Warden of the State War Memorial was observed, and the retiring Warden Mr H.D. Dargie handed over the keys of the crypt and gates of the Memorial to the incoming Warden, The Hon. John T. Tonkin, A.C.

After the official ceremony the Prince was introduced to the subwardens of the Memorial and spoke to veteran Mr S. (Stan) Clegg about his war medals. He also spoke to a number of visitors to the Ceremony and had a special greeting for Graeme Dargie (13), son of the retiring Warden.

Remembrance Day Ceremony - "Two minutes silence"
11 a.m. Friday, 11th November.
(Foreground) R. H. Stone (Deputy Warden),
H. D. Dargie (Retiring State Warden), H.R.H. Prince Charles,
L. Phenna, M.B.E., J.P. (State President),
The Hon. J. T. Tonkin, A.C. (Incoming State Warden)

ESTABLISHMENT OF ARMY MUSEUM IN WA

Members are advised of the establishment of an Army Museum to be known as the "Army Museum of Western Australia" and will be located in the old Victorian residence known as "Dilhorn", on the corner of Lord and Bulwer Streets, East Perth.

The official opening will take place on Sunday 18th December at 2.30 p.m.

The objectives of the Museum are:

(a) To establish and maintain a permanent museum for the display and conservation of historical Army items in Western Australia;
(b) To foster public interest in the history of the Army and Armed Forces in Western Australia;
(c) To collect and accept items of military historical interest from all available sources and ensure their preservation, cataloguing and display to the public;
(d) To encourage the preservation and maintenance of items of historical military value held or in possession of other organisations.

Anyone wishing to donate suitable articles or make available on permanent loan are to contact the Secretary, Major R. Hinde at 16 RWAR, Drill Hall, Canning Highway, Victoria Park. Telephone 361 1643.
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Today we look back on ten years thronged with people of many nationalities and from many walks of life. Their enthusiasm and goodwill has turned Hamersley into four thriving communities – Dampier, Karratha, Tom Price and Paraburdo.

Their ability and hard work have made many millions of dollars for Australia. Most of the export revenues earned by Hamersley have gone to the thousands of people and companies, suppliers and contractors associated with our industry – and to the Government of Western Australia and the Australian economy.

In ten short years the people of Hamersley have achieved a great deal. We still have a long way to go. We're working at it.

Hamersley Iron.
What's new on the Pension Scene?
By Jim Giblett, War Compensation Officer.

T.B. Pensions

The changes foreshadowed in the budget speech by the Treasurer were not made as proposed, during the last session of the National Parliament. The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Mr R.V. Garland, announced on October 19, that following representation by the Federated T.B. Sailor, Soldiers and Airmens Association, there would be a delay in introducing the amending legislation.

Pension Increases

These took effect on 3.11.77. There is insufficient space to list them all. For example—

- T.P.I. from $90.15 per week to $94.40
- Intermediate from $62.10 per week to $65.00
- 10% from $3.41 per week to $3.57
- 50% from $17.03 per week to $17.83
- 100% from $34.05 per week to $35.65

Service Pensions

- Single Veteran from $47.10 per week to $49.30
- Married from $39.25 per week to $41.10 each

Confusion between Disability Pension and Service Pension

From the number of enquiries received at the League Office it is apparent that there is confusion in the minds of many veterans concerning these two types of pensions.

The disability pension is a form of compensation, granted for a service-related condition.

The service pension is nothing more than the old age pension, except that it is made available five years earlier to veterans, than is the case for non-service citizens. The major advantages of the service pension are the fringe benefits, particularly in the area of medical facilities.

A veteran who is already receiving a disability pension is eligible for the service pension when he/she reaches the required age.

Enquiries regarding pensions should be made direct to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, 11 William Street, Perth. Telephone 321-0131.

Phasing out of Medical Sustenance

Private Pensions reports on the Government's decision to phase out medical sustenance for Repatriation patients and to replace it with a Loss of Earnings Allowance.

The change inspired by the report of the Independent Enquiry into the Repatriation System, which was conducted by Justice Paul Toose, CBE, is not in accordance with the Judge's recommendations to the Government.

The Report concluded that the sustenance allowance should be replaced by a treatment allowance comprising two elements namely

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In respect to the initial flat rate provision Toose said:

"The allowance should be established at an appropriately high level and that in so far as a member in hospital is concerned payment should be made to all members, without examination as to means or actual loss, except to those in receipt of the Special Rate (TPI) or who are aged 65 years or more."

The Government should look at this matter again and act to provide a treatment allowance as recommended by the Enquiry which met with approval of the RSL.

More about the Reserve Army

By Lt-Col H.G. MAWSON

I read with interest the article written by Lt-Col N. Anderson on Infantry Reserve Units in Western Australia which appeared in a recent edition of your magazine. While I should like to congratulate the author on the excellence of his presentation, may I also point out that the article omitted another infantry reserve unit operating in WA and enjoying considerable success.

The unit to which I refer is the Western Australian University Regiment which claims to be the second largest reserve unit in this State.

WAUR was raised in 1949 with the principal role of producing officers for the Army Reserve then the Citizen Military Forces.

First parades were conducted in an old flying-boat hangar at Crawley on University property.

Enrolment at first was slow and the strength of the unit grew gradually until the introduction of National Service, when enrolment increased sharply.

AFFILIATED

In 1955 the unit was affiliated with the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry Regiment – now known as the Royal Green Jackets. Three years later Colours were presented to the unit.

WAUR was one of only two WA units to parade Colours in the recent Jubilee Parade through Perth early in September. During recent years the emphasis has been placed on providing military training for students of tertiary education institutions rather than only on producing officers.

The unit comprises a Regimental Headquarters and two companies. Training Company is responsible for the conducting of recruit courses and all courses for promotion. Support Company concentrates on specialist training such as infantry support weapons.

Recently, several members of Support company qualified in a Basic Repelling Course conducted by the Special Air Services Regiment.

Training areas are located at Collie, Bindoon, Muchea and Rottnest. Four camps of continuous training are conducted each year during the vacation periods of the tertiary education institutes.

This enables students to complete their military training with no interference to their vocational studies.

The majority of members of the Unit are students from the University of WA or WA Institute of Technology, there are many non-students who come from all walks of life. Most of the professions such as accountancy, law, medicine, engineering, school teaching, etc. are represented, as are many of the recognised trades.

Esprit de corps within the Unit is of high standard and members are proud of the role they are playing in the Army Reserve in this State.

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Approval has been given for the conduct of a National RSL Convention in Sydney in November, 1978, and the theme for the convention is “The RSL and the Future”.

The aim of the convention is to gather together a wide national cross section of rank and file members of the League, to generate a sense of purpose for the future of the RSL in Australia.

The convention will act as a pilot study to assess the feasibility of conducting future bi-annual RSL conventions in different capital cities.

As host branch, NSW is responsible for planning, financing and conducting all aspects of the convention. The National Secretary is a member of the convention steering committee. Ansett Airlines is appointed the official carrier, and is responsible for all transport and accommodation requirements for the delegates.

NSW State branch will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by the delegates. Delegates will be required to pay a registration fee in advance to help defray convention expenses.

Overseas delegates are invited to attend, at their own expense, in an observer capacity.

PROGRAMME

The general programme (to be called “RSL Week”) will be:

Friday, November 10: Poppy Day Dinner to be organised by the RSL Clubs Association.
Saturday, November 11: Morning Displays by youth clubs in Martin Place; Armistice Day Service at the Cenotaph.
Sunday, November 12: Church services in morning: 8 pm joint services concert in the Opera House and official opening of the RSL National Convention.
Monday, November 13: First working session, am; pm, association national reunions to be arranged.
Tuesday, November 14: Second working session.
Wednesday, November 15: Third working session.
Thursday, November 16: Tourist and social activities in Sydney and the surrounding countryside.
Sunday, November 19: The convention will be opened by a member of the Royal Family or by the Governor General.

WORKING SESSIONS: The aim of the League working session is to make recommendations on specific subjects that could assist National Congress to frame RSL policies for the future.

A “Call for Papers” in now issued to each State branch to enable selection and co-ordination of a suitable agenda for the working sessions.

The initial requirement will be submission of written digests of proposed topics from each State branch for presentation and discussion at the convention, together with proposed recommendations. These should reach National HQ by December 1, 1977.

Suitable digests will be selected by the agenda committee and the author will be asked to submit his written paper prior to the convention.

All selected papers will be printed in a book form and will be available for sale at the end of the convention. The proposed recommendations will be included in an agenda for the conference.

In the working sessions, each author will present his paper and proposed recommendations to the convention. This will be followed by debate and voting on the recommendations. It is preferred that selected authors should not hold senior office in the League.

It is not proposed that the convention committee should nominate the agenda at this stage. It is desirable that the topics be selected from submissions to the agenda committee from grass-root levels in each State branch.

Some possible suggestions for agenda topics could be:
(a) How can the RSL meet the growing welfare needs in the years ahead?
(b) Membership alternatives in the years ahead.
(c) A call to the nation on defence and security.
(d) Youth involvement.
(e) Clubs.
(f) The RSL should ensure that our ethnic groups receive more acceptance and assistance from the Australian population. What ethnic policies should the RSL adopt to pursue these objectives?
(g) Communications.

TRADE EXHIBITION

A trade exhibition will be conducted in conjunction with the convention to enable commercial distributors of club equipment, fittings, etc. to display their products.

The programme for the Trade Exhibition will be:
Monday, November 13: Stands and equipment installed for trade display.
Tuesday, November 14: Trade exhibition open from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, November 16: Trade exhibition dismantled.

WOMEN'S PROGRAMMES

Wives of RSL delegates are invited to visit Sydney during Convention Week, and appropriate tours, entertainment etc. will be arranged for them.

The Women’s Auxiliary is invited to conduct a National Convention and, if required, the Paddington Town Hall will be booked for this occasion on Thursday, November 16, 1978.

The selected venue for the convention is the Paddington Town Hall.

The Trade Exhibition will be held in the Paddington/Woollahra RSL Club.
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DEFENCE ITEMS

The Geraldton sub-branch will write to State Headquarters, concerning the manufacture of defence items. It will urge that as many of these items as possible— including spare parts and machinery— be manufactured in WA.

The sub-branch decided to take this action at its October meeting after it had been reported that several patrol vessels to be used in WA waters were to be built in the Eastern States.

Stressing the need for more patrol vessels on the WA coast, Mr Burns referred to instances of breaking and entering at fishermen's huts at the Abrolhos Islands. He said said fishermen were not responsible.

For planning purposes members who are considering attending the Convention are requested to complete the following form. A convention brochure will be forwarded as soon as all details have been finalised.

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- Single: $29.00; Twin: $37.00; Triple: $43.00.

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Tick if appropriate without obligation at this stage.

The Geraldton sub-branch also decided at a recent meeting to write to State Headquarters, supporting the appeal made by National President Sir William Hall, for a greater defence allocation by the Federal Government.

Geraldton sub-branch will support State Headquarters in its opposition to the Federal Government's decision to dispose of home sites for veterans' housing at market prices.

The sub-branch agreed with State Headquarters that the decision to sell blocks at market prices instead of cost was morally wrong and an erosion of existing benefits.

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R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliaries
By JOY FORD,
State President.

The time of the year has arrived again, when we on Execu-
tive start thinking of the packing and delivery of our Christ-
mas Cheer parcels. Thanks to the donations from the Auxili-
aries we are able to bring a little joy to the Ex-Servicemen and
Women in the Hospitals and Homes. The last few months have
given us the opportunity to finally get ourselves straightened
out in our room at 4 Sherwood Court, at last we know where
everything is.

On Sunday, August 14, Mrs Lowe, Mrs Sullivan and I
attended the Pacific Remembrance Service in Trinity Church
and on August 19 we attended the Miss Crowning Glory
Cocktail Party. Members of Executive joined other guests to
help Belmont celebrate at their Birthday Party on September
7 and I presented Mrs Soulsby and Mrs Brindley with Certifi-
cates of Service. Mrs Lowe and Mrs Taylor attended the
Legacy Lauree Club Dinner on September 8.

Mr Ford and I went to the War Veterans’ Home on Sept-
ember 18 for the presentation of the Bowling Trophies.

Fremantle City Auxiliary held a 50th Anniversary Lun-
cheon at the home of their Secretary, Mrs Proctor. Mrs Lowe,
Mrs Sullivan and I together with representatives from Cock-
burn and N.E. Fremantle Auxiliaries helped the members to
celebrate.

It was a very happy gathering and we congratulate them on
their 50 years service to the League. I had pleasure in present-
ing to them a framed Letter of Appreciation from the League.

Mr Ford and I were guests of the Yanchep-Two Rocks Sub-
Branch at their Charter Dinner on September 20. They are
hopeful of forming an Auxiliary and we look forward to wel-
coming it in the near future.

It seems to be the year for 50th Anniversaries as Victoria
Park Auxiliary held their Anniversary Party on September 22
and Mrs Rowe presented Mrs Windsor with Life Membership
and Mrs Rolfe presented a Certificate of Service to Mrs Hock-
ley. Twelve members of Executive and representatives from
the Cunderdin and Brookton Auxiliaries drove to Northam for
the Auxiliary Luncheon. This was a happy informal gathering
which gave us the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas for
fund raising and to iron out any problems. It would be nice to
have more of these gatherings in different districts to let us
get to know each other and to be able to discuss things in a
friendly atmosphere. It was pleasing to hear from an Eastern
States visitor of the work done by her Auxiliary in New South
Wales. I was happy to give Mrs Heal of the Northam Auxil-
ary her Life Membership. The Millen Auxiliary invited Mrs Sulli-
van, Mrs Lowe and I to their Birthday Dinner on October 19,
where I surprised Mrs Taylor in giving her a Certificate of
Service. A happy evening was spent by all attending the Cock-
burn Sub-Branch and Auxiliary Dinner on October 22 and Mrs
Leece was surprised when receiving her Life Membership.

In closing may I wish you all a Happy Christmas with your
loved ones and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Until next time

VICTORIA PARK AUXILIARY
50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Victoria Park Auxiliary held their 50th Anniversary
Party in the Victoria Park Town Hall on September 22. Among
the many guests welcomed by the President, Mrs Ford,
were the State President of the League, Mr Phenna and Mrs
Phenna, the Sub-Branch Patron, Mr Ron Davies and Mrs
Davies, Mrs Rowe Immediate Past State President and Mrs
Stockmin State Patronee, also the Hon. State Secretary Mrs
Sullivan, the Hon. State Treasurer Mrs Lowe, the State Vice
Presidents Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Holder. There were representa-
tives from Auxiliaries and Kindred Associations from the
district. A special welcome was given to Mrs Prue, Mrs Barnett,
Mrs Pilts, Mrs Clues, past members of the Auxiliary. It was
really lovely to see them there and to chat about old times.

In welcoming the guests, Mrs Ford gave a short resume of
the work done by the Auxiliary during the 50 years, and dis-
played on a table was the first minute book available, the
first receipt book, and other data of the history of the Sub-
Branch and Auxiliary together with their Cups and Shields.

During the evening Mr Phenna presented the Auxiliary with
a framed Letter of Appreciation from the League and the
President of the Sub-Branch gave Mrs Ford a lovely floral
arrangement in appreciation of the Auxiliaries work for the
Sub-Branch over the years. Mrs Rowe presented Mrs Windsor
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ethe evening closing with supper.

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The Chairman of the Western Australian committee is Mr Peter Firkins. Mr Len Turner, Senior Vice President of the League is the R.S.L. representative.

More will be heard of this through the media in the near future.

CROWNING GLORY QUEST 1977

About 400 people enjoyed the Presentation Ball at Government House Ballroom on Friday, September 30, when former Premier John Tonkin was guest of honour and officiated at the crowning of this year's winner, Miss Sally-Anne Fox. Sally-Anne was sponsored by Rivervale-Carlisle Sub Branch.

The Charity Princess Award went to Miss Toni Hankinson, of Tom Price, who was sponsored by Torchbearers for Legacy. Unfortunately, Toni was unable to be present at the Ball to receive her prize. She raised $4,774.00.

“Girl of the Golden West” title went to Miss Faye Smith, also of Tom Price. Faye was sponsored by Hamersley Iron Pistol and Rifle Club. Since the Ball, Faye has married and is now Mrs Glover. The couple will live in Tom Price when they return from their honeymoon trip with Ansett Airlines of Australia.

An Award of Merit went to Mrs Elizabeth Patchett, of Port Hedland, who was sponsored by Torchbearers for Legacy and the Hedland RSL sub-branch; and another was awarded to Miss Lynette Mooncy, who was sponsored by the Bayswater-Meltham sub-branch.

FINE EFFORT

The 20 finalists between them raised $33,500 and deserve our congratulations for a very fine effort. The standard of competitor was very high and the judges’ task was not an easy one.

The 1978 Crownings Glory Quest is already in the planning stage and it is hoped that it will commence in December this year. Already several young women have indicated that they will be candidates, so let us hope that sub-branches will be ready to help by sponsoring some of them, and also to encourage as many candidates as possible to take a part in the contest.

It must never be forgotten that if it were not for the Sunday Times, STW Channel 9 and Radio 6SKY, this Quest would not be possible.

Their support and encouragement is most important to Legacy and the War Veterans’ Home in WA and to them and all the other sponsors, we express our grateful thanks.

A.E. MARTIN,
(Hon. Secretary,
Crowning Glory Quest Joint Committee).

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

from
Mr C.J. Williams, AM, ED,
Deputy Commissioner, Department of Veterans’ Affairs

All members of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs join with me in wishing all veterans and their families a very Happy Christmas and a bright, healthy and prosperous New Year.

We are proud to be a Department with such a significant new name, and assure you all that it will remain our earnest endeavour to help every veteran within the provisions of the Repatriation law.

I personally wish to thank the State President; Executive; the State Secretary and staff of the League, for their continued co-operation with the Department, and for bringing to notice instances where ex-service people or dependants have been troubled.

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It is essential that the leader of a touring Party like this should be somebody who has been prominently identified with the Australian participation in the Philippine campaigns and who can personally attract a number of members to join the group.

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RSL NATIONAL NEWS DIGEST

RSL Assists Open Cadet Unit

In October 1976, the Federal Government announced the introduction of a revised form of Cadet training.

The principle of the new scheme was that Cadet Units would not be under the total sponsorship of the Department of Army but would rely instead on groups of interested people and voluntary organisations. The intention was that these groups would, in the main, be schools or colleges.

In the South West Metropolitan area of Adelaide, attempts were made to form a unit at the Marion High School. However, the required number of 70 cadets could not be obtained, and also there was the limitation that cadets belonging to a Unit sponsored by a High School must be students at that particular school.

It was then decided to form an Open Unit in the district. A meeting was called and attended by representatives of certain schools and colleges in the area, RSL members and other interested individuals. 10 potential cadets and 45 people who were prepared to support the concept attended the first meeting.

It was resolved that an Open Unit should be formed and would be called "Warradale 27th Cadet Unit". Support was promised from RSL Sub-branches and Clubs in the area, and from the 27th Battalion Association.

A Committee of Management was formed and held its first meeting on Wednesday, 27th June. 62 lads attended the first Parade and at the second Parade on Wednesday, 13th July, a total of 106 potential cadets were present, and others were known to be interested in joining.

The kitting out of the cadets was carried out on July 16, and in August, the unit attended the annual camp at El Alamein in Port Augusta.

It is unfortunate that the Government has found it necessary to restrict the amount of financial support it can give to these activities. The success of this Open Unit and hopefully others will help in persuading the Government to increase its support some time in the not too distant future. The RSL Sub-branches involved in the formation of this Cadet Unit are to be congratulated. It is hoped that others will follow their example.

Canadian seeks Information on Australian Fighter Pilots

Mr Gerry Beauchamp, a journalist of 33 Dubhe Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, KIK OL4, is seeking information on Australians who might have flown Curtiss Mohawk Fighters in the Burma campaign. He is seeking this information for the publication of a story he is in the process of writing. No. 5 and No 155 Squadrons flew this type of fighter, and many of the personnel were Australians.

If you can help, please contact Gerry at the above address.

Defence — Key Issue at 62nd Congress


The RSL is hoping that there will be a very much more active community debate on Defence issues. It is felt that only in this way can there be the necessary pressure on both Government and Opposition to improve Australia's very inadequate defence programme.

Defence Minister Jim Killen addressed the working session of Congress and was questioned closely on Defence issues arising out of this 1977 Federal Budget. Shadow Defence Minister Bill Hayden also addressed Congress during the week.

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ORIGIN OF THE MIDDLE EAST V.A.D. ASSOCIATION

By JOAN DOWSON

In 1941 the Commonwealth Government called for volunteers for overseas service amongst the members of the Voluntary Aid Detachments of Australia. Known as V.A.D's the young women were to be detailed for duty in Australian Military Hospitals in the Middle East.

Owing to Japan's subsequent entry into the War, the first contingent of the V.A.D's was the only one to leave Australia for the Middle East. The main body of this contingent left Sydney in the Queen Mary in November 1941, calling at Fremantle to embark the 25 Western Australian V.A.D's and after service in Palestine, Syria and Egypt, the Contingent returned to Australia with the 9th Division A.I.F. in February 1943.

After the war was over, those young women formed themselves into an Association in order to continue their interest in one another socially, to foster companionship and to aid one another in adversity.

Owing to these unforeseen circumstances, the Association is unique in Australia, and has had reunions in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia, Queensland and Tasmania will be the venue for 1981.

JIM BEHAN RETIRES

On the 30th September, Jim Behan retired from the War Graves Commission.

Jim has been with the Commission for nineteen years, the last 15½ years as supervisor based at Perth. With a small staff he has maintained the Perth War Cemetery, Garden of Remembrance and war graves throughout the state with complete dedication and in a manner befitting the memory of those who gave their lives.

Jim is also a prominent member of the Rats of Tobruk and a past president of the Association.

On behalf of all members of the League in Western Australia we wish Jim and Mrs Behan a happy and healthy retirement.

MIDDLE EAST

V.A.D. REUNION - BRISBANE OCTOBER, 1977

By: JOAN DOWSON

A gathering of over 77 members of the original 200 V.A.D's who left on the Queen Mary in 1941 for service overseas with the A.I.F., attended a reunion in Brisbane. Members and husbands journeyed from the United Kingdom, New Zealand and all Australian States, to attend the formal dinner, Church Service and sight seeing trips.

During the formal dinner Lady Ramsay, wife of the Governor of Queensland (and a V.A.D. in England during the war) made a brief visit to say "Hello" as she was attending a function in the adjoining hall. Sir James and Lady Ramsay attended the reunion of the Middle East V.A.D's in Perth in 1974.

A Victorian Member, Mrs Sheila Shelldrake, has been on the State Executive for 15 years and plans to visit W.A. for National Congress in 1979. Mrs Alice Penman, the New South Wales representative of the Women's Services on the N.S.S. Executive was also at the reunion.

FORMER STATE PRESIDENT DIES

A former state president, Mr. W.J. (Bill) Hunt, MBE, died on the 5th November, 1977.

He served as a Captain in the AIF in the Great War and saw service in France and Belgium.

He was a Major in World War 11 serving in the Middle East and as a Staff Officer in WA.

He was a member of the State Lotteries Commission from 1933 to 1949, president of the RSL from 1947 to 1950, and president of the Licensing Court from 1959 to 1962.

The passing of Bill Hunt is deeply regretted by the many friends he formed within the RSL movement.

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Sir Albert Coates, a distinguished Melbourne surgeon who won fame as “Coates of Thailand” during the World War died in October at the age of 82.

Sir Albert was a doctor in wartime jungle camps and performed heroic surgery among prisoners of war.

He was senior surgeon to the second AIF in Malaya in 1942, and was captured by the Japanese at the fall of Singapore.

He became senior doctor with POWs working down the MouleÌ¬-Bangkok railway, where thousands died.

A book about his life will be published shortly.

Sir Albert left a wife, two sons and three daughters.

The above information was given in a news report. The book will tell of Sir Albert’s heroism in far greater detail.

“The Albert Coates Story”, written by Sir Albert Coates and Newman Rosenthal is one of heroism, of courage, endurance and service.

All who served with Albert Coates or came into contact with him know that. For others, who know only the legend of Albert Coates it is time his story was told.

During those years as a POW, Albert Coates kept a journal, written on anything that came to hand, any old scraps of paper, recording what happened.

FALL OF SINGAPORE

Sir Albert personally tells of the events immediately preceding the fall of Singapore and of his orders to leave with a small band of British and Australians for Java where the Allied forces were regrouping.

However, the seas around Singapore were, by then, at the mercy of Japanese aircraft and his ship, with so many others was bombed and sunk almost hours after they had sailed.

Many of the soldiers lost their lives whilst others managed to struggle ashore on the eastern coast of Sumatra.

On his initiative, a casualty clearing station was established at the mouth of the Inderagiri River up which survivors were ferried and ultimately transported overland to Padang on the western coast.

From there they were picked up by Allies ships and taken to Australia or India. Whilst many were rescued in this way, many others were left in Padang to await the arrival of the Japanese army.

Coates had defied orders from headquarters to leave, which would have saved him from the long years of captivity, insisting it was his responsibility to stay with his men, and look after the many wounded and sick and escapees from sunken ships who were left with no option but to surrender.

From Padang to Medan, from Sumatra to Burma and Thailand, Sir Albert’s simple, moving story tells of more than three and a half years of misery and suffering which he shared with his fellow Australians, British and Dutch POWs, and of the inspiring comradeship that helped so many of them endure and survive.

These experiences, these personal involvements and case-histories, were noted and recorded on makeshift materials of all kinds, at the times and in the circumstances in which they happened; the methods and improvisations to produce instruments and equipment when nothing was provided, the substitutes for drugs and medicines when none were available.

In themselves, these experiences represent, in sober truth, history in the making.

CONTINUITY

The first and last sections of the book have been written by Newman Rosenthal who also edited the prisoner of war section and so there is continuity of narrative.

We learn of Coates’ boyhood as a member of a large Ballarat family of limited means. We learn how, though he was apprenticed to a butcher and then to a bookbinder, his determination, his stubborn refusal to be defeated, which later on made him such a formidable opponent of the Japanese and of death, drove him on to realise his ambition; and through part-time study and night-time jobs he became a doctor and a surgeon.

He became an Anzac, was a medical orderly at Gallipoli and in France a member of the Australian Intelligence Corps; according to his sister’s memory leaving Australia as a boy and returning an adult. Truly “the child is father of the man”.

DEDICATION

The last section recounts Coates’s return from captivity, his evidence at the Japanese War Trials Tribunal, his work in rehabilitating POWs and his dedication to the profession of medicine and to his patients.

Deservedly, Sir Albert Coates has been honoured in his lifetime and has been happy in his home, proving in his life that “to be of service is a solid foundation for contentment.”

Many will read this book to remember with gratitude the man who saved their lives and perhaps their sanity, to remember times of hardship and pain lightened by friendship.

Others will read to find out how their fathers suffered before they were born; and yet again others who have no knowledge of war will be captivated by such a story of heroism and nobility.

It is a contribution to history, but, above all, it is a contribution to our knowledge of humanity, the human capacity to endure against all odds. It is a book to lift up our spirits.

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State Branch has received enquiries about a statement by the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs contained in his Department’s Newsletter dated June 23, 1977. The Minister said the Government was formalising the current practice of using medical impairment guides in the Repatriation System.

To understand what the Government means it is necessary to recall that war pensions are assessed according to the degree of incapacity deemed to be present from time to time from service related disabilities.

The earliest definition of incapacity (1915) is “Bodily or mental infirmity which wholly, or in part, prevents the earning of a livelihood”. This definition was repeated in the 1920 and 1925 regulations. Incapacity received a new definition in 1934 when it was stated to mean “any degree of physical or mental disablement of a member of the Forces”.

This change was significant. Incapacity no longer related to the concept of earning a livelihood but as meaning physical or mental disablement or injury. There is no definition in the Repatriation Act, which still refers to payment of war pensions for incapacity.

In practice by July 1945 the Repatriation Commission, as at present, was making assessments in respect of the degree of disablement, regardless of the incapacitated member’s economic position.

Disablement includes such factors as physical or mental incapacity, pain and discomfort, a lower standard of health and inability to participate in normal recreations. It may be said that the incapacitated member is compared from the physical standpoint, with a normal person of the same age and sex.

ASSESSMENT

In 1973, the Commission’s guide to assessment of incapacity – basically a medical measure of recommending a rate of war pension for a wide range of disabilities, became an unofficial guide for authorities required to assess war pension rates.

This guide, not generally known to persons outside the Department, mentioned that a pension compensates for the impairment of either physical or mental powers, or both, as follows: “The assessment should be based on the loss of physical and mental functions and on the restriction of ability to engage in employment.

The assessment is made by reference to the physical and mental capacity for the exercise of the necessary functions of a normally occupied life which would be expected in a healthy person of the same age and sex, and represents the extent by which the disablement has reduced that capacity.

It should indicate the difference between the member as he presents at medical examination, and as he would have been but for his war service related disabilities.

Discomfort, pain, disfigurement, loss of enjoyment of life and restricted normal recreations should all be taken into account in the assessment, but the use of surgical, artificial and other aids should be disregarded.

The assessment has regard to a member’s ability to engage in employment or to evidence that he loses time from work. The availability of employment should not be taken into account, nor the member’s economic position, education, trade or professional skills.

INDEPENDENT

Against the background as described, it emerges that the Government is acting on the recommendations of the Independent Enquiry into the Repatriation System (Toose Report).

Toose recommended that the pensioning of incapacity is no longer valid or in other words war pensions should not relate solely to a person, being prevented from earning a livelihood.

His recommendation was that disablement be the factor which is pensioned and that the basic ingredient of disablement be the degree of impairment arising from war disabilities and in addition disablement should also take into account the following:

(a) pain and suffering;
(b) loss of amenities and expectation of life; and
(c) economic loss.

To give effect to the level of impairment, Toose recommended the preparation of a single assessment guide by a high level medical committee incorporating the best features of the American Medical Association publication “Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment” and such other modern guides as are considered suitable.

It is in line with the recommendations that now comes the statement the Government is formalising the use of medical impairment guides in the Repatriation System.

The RSL National Executive in May, 1976, endorsed the Toose recommendations and accepted the conclusion of the Enquiry that the principles governing the assessment of incapacity for war pensions are no longer valid and should be restructured.

The League has also agreed that assessment of disablement from service related disabilities should be based on the total effects of those disabilities rather than the sum of the individual assessments.

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THE POLISH EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

— LATEST NEWS

Mr. S. Soboniewski, President World Federation of the Polish Ex—Combatants Assn. from London, visited West Australia, in September 1977.

Mr Soboniewski is a lawyer by profession. He is popular among Polish Ex-Servicemen as he shared their sorrows and joys during the last war serving in the Middle East and Italy with the 2nd Polish Corps with the 8th British Army.

He is also well known as the organizer of the Polish Ex-Combatants movement all over the free world.

There are Branches of the Polish Ex-Combatant's Assn. in the following countries; Africa (South Africa, Kenya, Rhodesia), South America (Argentina, Peru, Brazil, Uruguay), North America (Canada, Mexico, U.S.A.), Australia (sub branches in every State), Europe (Belgium, Denmark, France, Spain, West Germany, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, Gt. Britain, Italy), New Zealand.

During the Get Together at General Sikorski Memorial Hall in Bellevue on 9th September 1977, Mr Soboniewski had an opportunity to meet the representatives of Australian and British Ex-Services Assn.

Mr L. Turner, Senior Vice President of the R.S.L. and his wife attended this function.

Mr Soboniewski was impressed by the good relations between Polish and Australian ex-servicemen; he learned about Anzac Day Trust and War Veterans' Home, where one of our members is happily accommodated.

On September 17, 1977, Mr. Soboniewski took part in the great celebration in Adelaide (S.A.) attended by 5000 of his countrymen from every State of Australia.

He unveiled there the monument in memory of Polish soldiers who fell during the last war and also those who were murdered at Katyn Forest. The monument has been erected in front of Dom Polski Centre in Angas Street, Adelaide. This beautiful monument was designed by Mr S. Ostojakotkowski, who is a well known artist in Australia.

The following inscription on this monument informs of the various aspects of the last war:

"Katyn 1940. For your freedom and ours. In memory of Polish Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen who gave their lives during the Second World War 1939—1945. The conscience of the world cries for truth to be witnessed in remembrance of 14,500 Polish Prisoners of War who disappeared in 1940 from camps at Kozielsk, Starobielsk and Ostaszkow of whom 4,500 were later identified in mass graves at Katyn near Smolensk."

Mr. George Redziejowski MC, represented ex-servicemen from W.A. at the unveiling ceremony in Adelaide.

APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

THE RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA
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NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I HEREBY APPLY to become an ordinary member of the Returned Services League of Australia and submit the following particulars in support of my application:—

Name of SUB-BRANCH ................................................................. Christian Names .................................................................

Surname ................................................................. Address .................................................................

Reg. No ................................ Rank ................................ Unit .................................................................

Campaign, Star or Medal Entitlement: .................................................................

Return from Active Service Badge No .................................................................

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To .................................................................

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

(Doubtful cases should be referred to H.Q.'s.) ................................................................. S/B. Secretary.

Date ................................................................. Introduced 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 Returned Ex-Servicemen.

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RETURN VISIT TO
THE RIVER KWAI

By M. WOOD
(Mt Hawthorn Sub-Branch)

A recent visit to the ancient country of Thailand formerly Siam was made by my wife and myself, and while in the city of Bangkok, I took a trip to the now legendary “Bridge on the River Kwai”.

That was the name used in the motion picture, but all of our men who were prisoners of war there know that the real name of the river is Kweie.

On the way up and just before getting to the bridge, our guide took us to a war museum, housing weapons, charcoal drawings and paintings of some of the scenes during the Japanese occupation, and their prisoners of war.

The newer paintings are being done by a former commercial artist who was a prisoner of war in the old camp.

The old monastery has not been restored to serve as a memento. A new monastery, however, has been erected and the monks have now established this as a museum.

The ex prisoner, now retired, has taken on the job of painting some of the old scenes for posterity, not excluding any details.

It is a labour of love for the monastery to care for and build the museum, and any old weapons that were used there are US$1.00.

CEMETERY

After leaving the museum, we were taken to the largest of the war cemeteries, in which there are about 6,700 graves. The other has 2000.

Should any ex-servicemen or relatives of servicemen buried there ever wish to see a grave, they have only to ask the attendants and they will get the record book and within a few minutes, they will be shown the grave.

I feel that we in Australia should pay our respects to the Thai Government and the War Graves Commission for their dedication in keeping this cemetery in such a lovely condition, and also to the Thai workmen who maintain the cemetery with respect and ever-loving care.

As I took snaps of the rows of headstones, and the particular grave that I wanted to photograph, my mind went flooding back to those weeks at the end of the war.

When on the island of Labuan, I had seen some of the living skeletons who were flown into Labaun to be built up in health at the 9th AGH on the hill at Labuan alongside the War Cemetery.

Though many years have passed, I stood among those men sleeping on what must be one of the loveliest and best-kept cemeteries in earth, and my mind again went flooding back to those weeks at the end of the war and the many men who didn’t make it back to health, and who now at Labuan forever rest in peace.

SHATTERED

After leaving the cemetery, at which my composure was slightly shattered, we went to the site of the new rail bridge and village, and the guide pointed out to me the last few stumps of the old Bridge, which are just discernible above water downstream as the river is running quite high.

On part of the old track is a museum, of old rail and road engines and flat cars, also a more modern steam loco, used when the line was in use.

The old road, rail loco could be used on the road or rail by changing the axle sets in a matter of few minutes conversion.

The railway only goes a few kilometers past the Kwai village now, as the Thai Government, to prevent any possible misuse by surprise attack, have removed the last 160km of track and let the road bed return to the jungle. The road still goes to Burma.

To the many returned men of the war camp on the “Kwai”, I wish you many years yet of good health and happiness — and eternal peace to those now gone.
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MEMBERSHIP RISES TO 272 MALE MEMBERS

By ERN NEWTON

The election of office-bearers for the new season resulted in the main positions being held as follows:—
Morrie Crewe (patron), Len Preedy (president), Jack Allen, Tom McIntyre (vice-president), Ern Newton (secretary-treasurer) and Tyson Scanlon (assistant-secretary).

Committeemen are Ralph Stegall, Ron Needham, Ken McLeod, Ken Marshall, Harry Millar and Harry Oldfield. The trustees are Messrs Crewe and Scanlon.

At present we have 272 men members from 43 bowling clubs, including Albany, Kojonup, Wagin, Katanning, Goomalling, Eaton, Augusta, Denmark, and Mullewa. Our associate (lady) membership has increased to 37 really enthusiastic workers and fund-raisers.

The 11th National RSL bowls carnival will be held in NSW in December and January.

COMING EVENTS:
January 15 — RSL bowls carnival at Kojonup. Please send entries to Kojonup Bowling Club.
February 15 — Great Southern RSL Bowls Carnival at Albany, Entries to that club.

No date has been fixed for the Morrie Crewe Perpetual Fours, but it is mentioned here to remove any confusion.

Though WA RSL bowls section organises this event, it is open to all financial members of the League who are full members of an affiliated bowling club.

They need not be members of the RSL bowls section (but of course we would like them to be).

NEW MEMBERS: If you wish to join, cut out the following nomination form and forward to the Secretary with your $2.00.

KITCHENER PARK:

OSBORNE PARK:
Peter Coussens, Harry Millar, John Serventy, Doug Sheehan, Fred Guelfi, Chris Pratt.

PERTH:
Ralph Stegall, Jim Ames, Geoff Graham, Ron Needham.

YOKINE:
Gordon Critchley, Nev Reynolds, Vin Zani, Jerry Boyd.

KINGS PARK/CELTIC:
Tom McIntyre, Dick Moller.

MT LAWLEY:
Ken Marshall, Roy Gray.

GOSNELL:
Irvine Thompson, Bert Boundy, Jim Groves.

FREMANTLE:
Cliff Wynn, Harry King.

LEEDERVILLE:
Jack Dusting.

MELVILLE:
Tyson Scanlon, Max Nairn.

ALBANY:
Frank Gomm.

In addition 21 associate members (wives) will be in the party.

Last year WA won the interstate series and two fours won their sections in the national fours.

Naturally, great hopes are being held that this year’s contingent will do as well or even better.

The party will be farewelled at a social function to be held at Kitchener Park Bowling Club on December 14.

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NOMINATION FORM

I apply for membership of the WA RSL Bowls Section.

I am a member of the ........... Sub-Branch RSL.
I am a member of the ........... Bowling Club.
I agree to abide by and conform to the rules and constitution adopted by the Section.

Surname ........... Christian Names ...........
Address ........... Post Code ...........
Position usually played ........... Fee $2.00 enclosed.

Please forward to Ernest Newton, 42 Raymond Street, Tuart Hill, WA. 6060. Phone: 349 2791.

Date ...........

Melbourne Cup Raffle:

The Section wishes to thank all those RSL sub-branches, bowling clubs, members and friends who helped to make this an outstanding success showing a profit of well over $2,300.

First prize of $500 was won by Gordon Phillips, of Albany, second prize of $200 went to R. Beck, of Balga, and third prize of $100 went to T.P. Smith, of Morley. Drawers of all other starters have had a $1 Lottery ticket sent to them.

Our thanks also to Ron Needham for all his hard work.
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| Personal Accident Death Weekly Insured Person Name |
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| $5,000                          | $65                             | $65                             |
| $30                             | $500                            | $500                            |
| $60                             | $100                            | $100                            |
| Name                            |                                 |                                 |

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### Workers' Compensation:

| $10.30                          | $                                 |

**TOTAL 1-5 $**

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**IMPORTANT** – Please supply your name, address and other particulars

- Name: ........................................
- Home Address: ................................
- Postcode: ....................................
- Date: ........................................
- Signature: ...................................

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I am making this application to our RSL State secretary Doug Bruce, hoping that we can contact the people whom we had the pleasure of meeting in Sutton Veney.

In returning to Sutton Veney, the whole business is that in December, 1917 and January 1918, when I was there in the "Bull Ring" with the 28th battalion, we route marched all round that territory and became au fait with the whole of the area.

Now, having had my photo taken there in 1917, I had the pleasure of being in company with Capt H.B. Notley, CBE, RN, an old friend of mine in the Navy, and myself. We went looking for the cemetery and the church in 1977.

Seeking directions, we made inquiries at the hotel, 'The Woolpack Inn' which I knew was there, and were referred to a little old lady just living round the corner.

We had the pleasure of meeting her and she gave us quite a lot of early history, related by parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. She told us of the good memories they still had for the Australians of the first AIF from the 1914-18 war.

We found both the church and the old cemetery. Five of my mates from Kalgoorlie are buried there. It was very very moving for both of us to see this old spot, and I tried to take two photos, in the rain, of the grave headstones and the big column.

The rain fell just as we decided to leave. The little old lady came along in the rain and took us into the church and told us the whole story, and showed us the Australian Memorial Chapel on the right of the church.

It was a very very touching reception. Approaching the altar and in the background was a beautiful big Australian badge, and on the right side was the roll of honour of the men buried there.

On the left of the altar, a big board with many photos of AIF soldiers in groups and other camp life pictures that were very revealing of the 1917 era when I was there during the worst winter in England for over 40 years in the midst of mud, slush, ice and snow, and the 'bull ring' before going to France.

The photos on the board are in the care of John Elliot who had many photos, and could explain the photos in the memorial chapel. He also had full details of the history of the AIF there in the Great War.

The very helpful old lady's name was Mrs Barnett. Mr Elliot lives at a little farm known as "Home Farm".

I would like Mr Bruce to contact them at Sutton Veney with a letter of appreciation for helping me to acquire the knowledge that I have brought back personally — not what somebody told me, or something read in a book.

My visit there was very, very revealing and very touching, both to Capt Notley and myself, two old war dogs who are not too easily upset, if I may be pardoned for putting it that way.

The Memorial Chapel was grand to see. It's nice to think now that the grand-children and great grand-children, who never even saw the Aussies, will cherish the story carried down from their great grand-parents and grand-parents to the present day.

We were also able to see the result of their care and attention to the graves some of which have plaques "visited by his mother" or "erected by his mother" in honour of the boys who were only in their early 20s.

Mrs Barnett told us that the little children tend the graves after Sunday school each Sunday, and place posies of fresh flowers on the graves.

I offer my heartfelt thanks that I am able to bring back a message of the love and affection shown by children, who never even saw the Australians, but knew only what they had been told and carried down all these years, 1916-17 to 1977.

I would be remiss if I did not express my deep appreciation to Capt Notley, who made it possible for me to re-visit Sutton Veney and who extended to me the hospitality of his home whilst in that part of the country, in appreciation of his visit to Fremantle and Perth in H.M.S. 'Bulwark', July 1970, and in gratitude for the wonderful hospitality of the citizens of Western Australia to the ship's company.

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During my recent sojourn in R.G.H. I met Charlie Chopping from Albany, who has a very interesting supplement from the "Daily News" of 1940—titled "W.A. A.I.F. 1940 Daily News Souvenir" in which there are over 9,000 names of W.A. men who joined the A.I.F. by the end of December. Many famous names are among them, too numerous to mention.

One part I thought interesting was the name Jolley from Victoria Park—WX 1377, WX 1378 and WX 1379—all brothers. Could this be a record? If anyone can supply me with similar information, it would certainly be published in the Listening Post.

GERALDTON
CADET TROPHIES

Students from as far away as Broome, Bunjil, Meekatharra and Shark Bay were among the army cadets of St Patrick's College at Geraldton who received awards at the annual marching-out parade in September.

Sgt Trevor Burke (Meekatharra) was the most efficient senior cadet; Peter Duplex (Geraldton) the most efficient junior cadet; Francis Amess (Shark Bay) the best dressed senior cadet; and Kevin Fong (Broome) the best-dressed junior cadet.

The baton trophy donated by the OC of the Unit, Capt Peter Sherwood, for the senior cadet under-officer went to Under-officer Ken Marshall (Bunjil).

In reviewing the 110 cadets, the CO of Five Cadet Brigade, Maj Tony White, described the cadet unit of the college as one of the best in Australia.

In recognition of the cadets' good performance at the parade and throughout the year, Maj White made an unusual gesture—he put on his brown gloves and saluted the parade.

A new unit banner presented to Under-officer Mark Cain (Derby) by the acting-president of the Geraldton sub-branch, Ernie Gleed, was blessed by the senior Chaplain of the brigade, Maj John O'Reilly, before being ceremoniously casued and marched to the College Chapel.

Mr Gleed said the Unit had set a shining example by continuing to operate at its own expense when other cadet units closed down at the end of 1975 as a result of a Government decision.

He said the Unit's 30 years of achievement could be summed up in the College motto "Certa a Bonum Certamen"—"Fight the Good Fight"—which emphasised the ideals to struggle to achieve the College objectives in moral, academic and other spheres.

In reply, Capt Sherwood thanked the sub-branch for its support over the years, including the banner presentation, and also thanked the RSL National Executive for its efforts which resulted in the resumption of cadet activities throughout Australia.
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POPPIES SOLD IN RECORD NUMBERS

There was a record number of poppy sales at Geraldton on Remembrance Day, November 11, and sub-branch secretary Graham Till said more than $444 was contributed to help ex-servicemen and their dependents in need.

Working on a basis of 20c a poppy, this represented about 2,200 poppies. The $444 raised on Friday was $200 more than last year and about $74 up on the previous figure of $370 recorded a few years ago.

Servicemen who were killed or died in the Geraldton area during World War II were remembered on the Sunday when RSL members made their annual Pilgrimage to the War Cemetery at Utakarra.

Fresh flowers and remembrance poppies were placed on the 83 graves, and wreaths were laid at the War Cemetery Memorial by State president Len Phenna, sub-branch acting president Ernie Gleed and State president of the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs Joy Ford.

The Ode was recited by Mr Phenna.

Forty-two of the graves are of RAAF personnel, including six killed in one day when Geraldton was an air training centre. Others honoured included 16 army men from NSW, 15 from WA, 9 from Victoria and one from Queensland.

RSL members also placed fresh flowers and poppies on the graves of ex-servicemen in the adjoining cemetery — including two RSL life members, Hubert Mountain and Jim Russell, also Murray Clarke who paid the supreme sacrifice in Vietnam.

DIGGER'S LUNCHEON

The Women's Auxiliary held a Diggers' Luncheon for 15 ex-servicemen whose average ages were 80.

The oldest of the group was Tom Sellers, of Northampton, and the youngest Bob Carruthers, 61, of Geraldton.

Mr Phenna, accompanied by Mrs Ford, attended the luncheon and congratulated the Auxiliary on its gesture and its work generally for ex-servicemen and their dependents and the community generally.

Auxiliary president Mrs Ashplant presented a cheque for $200 towards the purchase of garden furniture for the RSL Regional War Veterans' Home.

A ceremony was conducted at the flagpole of the Geraldton War Veterans' Home by cadets from St Patrick's College, and the sub-branch, on November 11.

Cadet bugler Les Siewwright sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille", and the flag was lowered by Cadet bandsman Joe Armstrong.

This was in addition to the Town Band members Les Backshall, John Cartwright and drummers Kerry Thomson and Bert Gummery, who officiated for the sounding of the "Last Post" and "Reveille".

AUXILIARY DONATION

The Geraldton branch of the Women's Auxiliary has again "opened its purse".

Mrs Ashplant presented a cheque for $300 to the sub-branch of the RSL towards improvements at Birdwood House.

A further donation of $100 to the War Veterans' Home was also made to augment the $200 donated at the dinner.

NUCLEAR PROTECTION

Clem Burns, a former president of the Geraldton sub-branch, considers that Australia's coastline should be protected by nuclear weapons.

He says this should be done, as a matter of priority, to establish what he called a real defence capacity, because defence is one of the best weapons of security.

Mr Burns, who served with the RAN during World War II, submitted a notice of motion on the subject at the November meeting.

The sub-branch has decided to make a perpetual shield available for the most improved cadet of the year in the Naval Reserve cadet unit of training ship Morrow.

It has already presented a Unit banner to the Army cadets of St Patrick's College, whose Commanding Officer, Capt Peter Sherwood, attended the sub-branch meeting to express appreciation for the support given over the years.

WATER AND COAL

The Minister for Industrial Development, Mr Mensaros, advised that information obtained from Country Water Supplies Division of the PWD has established that the Geraldton's water resources are more than adequate for the likely demands of the area in the foreseeable future.

In these circumstances, it is unlikely that a desalination plant or process will be needed.

Mr Mensaros was replying to a request from the Geraldton sub-branch for a desalination plant to augment what has been described as Geraldton's fast-diminishing water supply.

He also stated there seemed to be little justification for the allocation of State funds for the Eradu and the other coal deposits.
REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS

By A.G.W. KEYS, OBE, MC. Chairman of League, Leisure and Travel Pty. Ltd.

This report summarises the activities to June 30, 1977. During the year, interim reports have been submitted to the National Executive and it is not intended to cover the same ground in the same amount of detail, but rather to summarise the position, and to seek active support by all levels of the RSL throughout Australia for the ensuing 12 months.

The Company was formed last year with the objective of promoting tours and providing other benefits for RSL members and with the additional objective of giving a financial return to the RSL for its various welfare operations.

To date, the results of the Company must be considered as basically unsatisfactory, though there is evidence of most encouraging prospects for the future.

1. Trading Results:

The trading result which will be shown by audited accounts which will be available in the next two or three weeks, is a loss of $33,226 and to date this loss has been funded by Hunts of the Pacific (Australia) Pty. Ltd. the operator for the Company.

The loss results from a very considerable effort that has been made in the first year of operations to promote the activities of the Company, but unfortunately, this has not yet resulted in a tangible return.

As indicated earlier, a strong foundation has been made which can produce results if the sort of help that is required is available from RSL members, sub-branches and clubs.

2. Discontinued activities:

Initially, the Company attempted to provide a comprehensive portfolio of discounted goods and services for the benefit of RSL members.

As has been previously reported, negotiations in these areas were difficult to conclude and operate successfully. Accordingly, this activity has been suspended for the time being.

3. Tour Product:

The Company arranged for its travel operator, Hunts, to produce and market three major League Leisure Travel programmes - “Leisure Europe”, “Leisure Asia” “Leisure America”.

These programmes cost our tour operator a considerable amount of money and effort, and met with limited success due mainly to the following reasons:

(a) No active support from the RSL as an organisation;
(b) Travel agents resistance to a new product range in its establishment period;
(c) Lack of sufficient funds to enable extensive consumer advertising and point of sale advertising support to RSL sub-branches, clubs and travel agents generally.

Accordingly, these programmes have now been withdrawn from the market.

4. RSL TOURS:

Our tour operators are now concentrating upon producing veterans’ special interest tours on behalf of RSL members.

The following tours in this category are being organised currently:-

a) “Revisit Europe 1978”

This tour, which will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Armistice at the end of the First World War and Remembrance Day November 11, is expected to be most successful, and the objective is at least 120 bookings.

I would ask all State branches for the maximum possible effort to ensure that the result is an outstanding one, from a commemorative point of view, from a diplomatic point of view, and from a financial point of view, as far as the League is concerned.

Tour leader, Maj - General Sir William Refshauge, has recently returned from an overseas trip, at which time he took the opportunity to do what amounted to a reconnaissance of the route the tour will take next year.

He will be speaking to Congress on this matter but has informed the headquarters that the whole project is most exciting and one which can be outstandingly successful.

This tour is similar in its significance to the tours commemorating various anniversaries of the Landings on Gallipoli, and I ask that we get the wholehearted and enthusiastic support of all State branches.

b) “Reunion for Peace” in the Philippines:

This programme has been launched by the Philippines Government and is a proposal containing a most attractive air fare arrangement under which a return air fare can be obtained for the cost of a single fare.

Negotiations are proceeding with the Philippines Government to enable this tour to take place and it is expected that arrangements will be finalised within the next six weeks.

Basically, it is hoped to organise a group to be in the Philippines over ten days in early April next year, and to be in the area of Corregidor and Bataan on Thursday, April 6, to commemorate the Battle of Bataan on that date.

It is essential that the leader of a party like this be somebody who has been prominently identified with the Australian participation in the Philippines campaigns and who can personally attract a number of members to join the group.

Sir Asher Joel, who has been prominently associated with the RSL over many years, is strongly recommended for this position and it would be hoped that there would be another position for an additional RSL member. This, of course, would depend on the numbers in the group.
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- This will not involve League Leisure and Travel in any direct financial or organisational involvement but rather sponsorship.
- From this, we will get a percentage return on an agreed basis, so I ask that when the representatives of Paladin World Travel contact State branches that they be given every possible assistance in marketing this tour which will include visits to Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Bougainville and Honiara.

d) Other tours likely to interest veterans are now being considered for 1978 and 1979.
e) We are also examining assistance we can provide to groups who want to visit Australia.

Over the last few months we have been having discussions with the Memorable Order of Tin Hats of South Africa and have submitted to them a proposed itinerary for April next year.

This is very much in an exploratory stage at this time, but in due course, a firm programme will be developed.

In this connection, I will be reporting to the National Executive at intervals and would ask that all State branches give the utmost support when groups such as this visit the State Capitals.

5. Insurance—Domestic:

A special RSL “Personal Pak” home insurance scheme has been organised in conjunction with the Commercial Union Group of Companies.

The scheme was launched about three months ago and has been backed by considerable advertising in RSL publications.

This scheme is extremely competitive and should produce continuing income in the future.

This type of activity is, by its very nature, slow to get off the ground but will gather its own momentum as more and more members become aware of its benefits and take advantage of the offer.

This scheme becomes more attractive when considered as an alternative to the Defence Service Homes Insurance Scheme, which is progressively becoming less attractive in its terms and conditions.

6. Insurance — Commercial:

We are proposing to develop a commercial scheme to cover RSL branch, sub-branch and club properties throughout Australia. This scheme is being investigated in-depth through the Company’s insurance brokers, Willis Faber, Johnson and Higgins.

A questionnaire to all sub-branches in Victoria and Queensland has been sent out and to date the response has been extremely encouraging. The replies are being evaluated by our advisers.

We expect to distribute a similar questionnaire in NSW and other States within the next three or four weeks.

We believe that we will be able to come up with extremely competitive rates and covers and provide a scheme which will benefit the sub-branches directly as well as providing income for the Company.

Our success will be directly proportionate to the assistance we get, as obviously more significant benefits will accrue directly consistent to the buying power generated.

CONCLUSION:

We have had an experimental year with the new Company, and we have, I believe, determined those things that will succeed and those that will not gain the support of our members.

Let me emphasise however, that we have a good operation in League Leisure and Travel Pty. Ltd.

It can be very successful, but the extent of its success is directly related to the support we get from State branches, from sub-branches, from clubs, from auxiliaries, and most importantly, from members.

This support can only be obtained if the whole scheme is actively promoted and publicised by all those League officials who have the opportunity to speak to sub-branches in the course of the year.

I appeal for your active support for this national RSL undertaking.

We can succeed brilliantly, or we can fail to remain economically viable. The concept is right; the planning, I believe, is satisfactory; the final result depends entirely on the degree of assistance we can get from our own organisation.

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NURSES MEMORIAL SERVICES

By ANNE LEACH

The president of the Returned Sisters’ Sub-Branch, Miss E. Harler, vice-president Mrs A. Leach, and Misses K. Barnes and N. Fullarton travelled to Albany for the annual Nurses’ Memorial Service arranged by the Albany RSL Women’s Auxiliary, and held on Saturday, October 29 at 2.30 p.m. in the Rose Garden.

Miss Harler and Mrs Leach laid a wreath on behalf of our Sub-Branch and Miss Harler gave the address Mrs J. Thompson (nee J. Harvey) said the prayer and the Bible reading was given by Mrs Leach.

The Salvation Army Band provided the music, and at the conclusion of the service, Mrs J. Pope invited all the ladies to her home for afternoon tea.

In the evening, we were the guests of the Albany Sub-Branch at a dinner held at the Esplanade Hotel. State president Len Phenna and Mrs Phenna, country vice-president S. Crook and Mrs Crook, and 18 World War 1 veterans from Perth were present, together with representatives from a number of sub-branches in the area.

Due to inclement weather on Sunday afternoon, it was not possible to hold the annual memorial service on Mt Clarence, and the venue was changed to the RSL Hall.

At 4 p.m., we were the guests of the Mayor of Albany at a civic reception.

We are most appreciative of the wonderful hospitality extended to us during our stay in Albany, and very grateful to the president and members of the women’s auxiliary for again arranging the Service.

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Bad weather on Sunday ruled out the annual pilgrimage to the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial on Mt Clarence by Returned Services League members visiting Albany over the weekend.

However the ANZAC spirit showed through when Mr Frank Gomm, a former country vice-president of the RSL, led a small force to lay wreaths at the memorial on behalf of the WA 10th Light Horse Regiment and the Gallipoli Legion of ANZACS.

The men returned in time to attend the pilgrimage's commemoration service, transferred because of the weather to the RSL and Scout Hall on the corner of Sanford and North Roads.

Wreaths in honour of the fallen were laid at the foot of Australian and New Zealand flags in the hall by country vice-president of the RSL, Mr Sam Crooks, representing the league's State executive, and by Albany Shire Clerk, Mr Frank Jago and Cr Ralph Minchin on behalf of the shire and town councils.

After the service, the president of the Gnowangerup sub-branch, Dr A.R. Winrow and a few sub-branch members took the wreaths up to the memorial to place them with the others.

More than 120 people attended a dinner on Saturday night at the Esplanade Hotel to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Albany sub-branch.

Albany sub-branch president, Mr Bill Cake said yesterday that it was the most successful dinner the sub-branch had held.

It was attended by RSL members from towns throughout the Lower Great Southern including Mt Barker, Denmark, Gnowangerup, Kojonup and Rocky Gully.

A prominent visitor to the anniversary dinner and pilgrimage was the senior vice-president of the Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs, Mr Arthur Wilson of New Zealand.

Albany shire president, Mr Hadn Hood and Cr Minchin represented the town and shire at the dinner, and Albany MLA, Mr Leon Watt and Stirling MLA, Mr Matt Stephens attended on behalf of their electorates.

The State president of the RSL, Mr Len Phenna was the guest speaker at the dinner and he called on members to help increase membership in the league's sub-branches.

Albany sub-branch president, Mr Cake told the guests that the aims and objectives of the RSL had not changed over the years.

They were to help veterans, their wives and their families to lead comfortable and secure lives in the community.

The sub-branch had helped to achieve these aims by being a virile and active organisation which had no hesitation in placing problems before the RSL State Executive.

A service for the Returned Nursing Sisters was held on Saturday afternoon at the Rose Garden near the railway station and wreaths were laid by Mrs Jan Hood representing the shire and Cr June Hodgson for the town.

After the commemoration service on Sunday, league members were entertained in the town council's reception room by the Mayor of Albany, Mr Harold Smith and a number of councillors.

Albany sub-branch president, Mr Cake said that the success of the services on Sunday, despite the bad weather, was due to the chief organisers, Mr Ken Daniels and his wife Molly.

Mr Cake said that the Albany branch of the Salvation Army had been a great help by providing music for the services on Sunday at the Rose Garden and the RSL and Scout Hall.

Delegation of Anzacs and visitors from Perth at the Albany service.

Mr J. Syme (Centre, standing) president of Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs and Secretary, 10th Light Horse, recited the 'Ode' and responded to toasts at the dinner and Mayor's reception. He expressed deep appreciation to the Albany sub-branch of the RSL, the mayor of Albany and councillors for their hospitality on behalf of the visitors from Perth.
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Recently the Minister for Defence, Mr D.J. Killen, announced that the Government would move this year to investigate modern aircraft carrier types which might be acquired to replace HMAS MELBOURNE.

The Minister also said that studies were continuing into alternative capabilities which might possibly meet Australia’s requirements. In this interview the Director of the Aircraft Carrier Project team in Navy Office, Capt. Ian Richards, explains to “Navy News” how the study is being carried out.

**NEW AIRCRAFT CARRIER PROJECT**

The first milestone in the replacement aircraft carrier project was passed in early October when advertisements appeared in Australia and overseas inviting companies to register interest in producing sketch designs of an aircraft carrier.

Capt. Richards said that this was a significant step forward for the RAN but the final decision on whether there was to be a replacement, and if so, the type of aircraft carrier to be purchased, were still a long way off.

“There is no Government commitment to proceed at this stage, but Navy is convinced of the need for tactical naval air power for a country like Australia,” he said.

“Our long coastlines, wide ocean approaches and the need for mobility and flexibility in our forces seem to make carrier air power ideal for a country like Australia.”

“The Invitation to Register Interest in producing Sketch designs of Aircraft Carriers has been issued in Australia, Europe and North America, and asks ship designers to indicate whether they are interested in taking part in the project.

‘Depending on the responses and investigations going on in the Department of Defence, the Government could decide to place a contract with one or more companies to produce a sketch design or designs of a carrier for the RAN.’

Capt. Richards said the investigations would produce important information on the likely cost and capabilities of various different types of ships.

To give the designers some idea of what the RAN was looking for, the Invitation included general characteristics and capabilities required, as well as a list of five Illustrative Ship Options to show the range of possible ships being covered.

At the low end of the scale was a helicopter only ship, capable of operating about 12 Sea King Mk 50 aircraft.

This ship would be designed specially for operating helicopters only and would not have any equipment or design features to improve her capability to operate aircraft other than helicopters.

The largest of the Illustrative Ship Options was a ship capable of operating about 24 VSTOL aircraft or an equivalent mix of VSTOL aircraft and helicopters.

None of the Illustrative Options was required to be able to operate conventional (i.e. non-VSTOL) aircraft.

**CONCEPT**

“The concept and the design of the ship is very much open to investigation at this stage, and it will be up to the organisations responding to the Invitation to put forward their own ideas,” Capt. Richards said.

“The Illustrative Ship Options are representative ships within the range of options for a ship which could be as small as 10,000 tonnes or as large as 25,000 tonnes deep displacement or more if that were appropriate.

“The ship which the designers are asked to consider would normally carry the Task Group Commander of a group of Australian warships, plus a small supporting staff.

“It is most likely that she would be home ported in Sydney and operate in peacetime rather as “MELBOURNE” does now, and with similar capabilities, though the emphasis on each capability could be different to that found in “MELBOURNE” at the moment.

“Whatever the type of ship, emphasis is placed on endurance by seeking a range of about 10,000 nautical miles at a cruising speed of about 18 knots — though again, these attributes remain to be investigated and the cost of achieving them determined.

**SPEED**

A ship speed of over 28 knots is not required, but an ability to achieve around 26 knots on a continuing basis is desired.

“Armament is also still being considered, but designers have been informed that the design should include “close-in weapons” arranged to permit at least two weapons to engage a potential attacker”.

Close-in weapons are the very high rate-of-fire, automatically controlled weapons of the Phalanx type, which recently have been designed in USA, and will be fitted in the USN’s FFGs.

“Responses to the Invitation are expected from within Australia, from the United States, United Kingdom, Italy and possibly France and Spain — there may yet be others.

“From UK we expect a reply to the invitation from Vickers, who have built the “INVINCIBLE” — a ship of about 20,000 tonnes with considerable armament and capable of operating VSTOL aircraft and helicopters.

From Vosper Thornycroft there could be a version of the “Harrier Carrier”, a smaller ship specially designed to operate VSTOL aircraft.

Y-ARD, another wellknown UK company, has developed a design based on a merchant type hull with some sections of the ship’s systems containerised.

**PROTEAN**

They have called this the PROTEAN concept, and a version may be suggested.

“France has designed a nuclear powered helicopter carrier, Italy is about to build a small conventionally powered helicopter carrier and Spain has shown interest in building a ver-
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VARIANT
Another possibility was a variant of the AV8B aircraft presently being developed in USA. This aircraft was an improved version of the AV8A.

"In the longer term, there are many ideas in the mill," he said.

"The Grumman 698 is a new concept which, if it eventuates, could provide a common airframe for ASW and other missions where long endurance and load carrying rather than high speed are called for.

"The advent of VSTOL at Sea has opened up a new era in naval aviation, and there are many possible ways ahead for the RAN.

"The remainder of this decade will be one of intense interest and debate as the decision on the future of Australian naval aviation is approached and finally made." "

By Courtesy of "Navy News"

During the recent deployment to the UK, two RAN pilots LCDR Barry Diamond and Lt. Jack Mayfield carried out a series of vertical take-offs and short take-offs in a Royal Navy Harrier aircraft from the flight deck of HMAS MELBOURNE. The Harrier, a two-seater trainer version of the VSTOL, and different to the AVB US Marine version which made such an impact on RAN and Fleet Air Arm officers during its display onboard MELBOURNE during KIl last year. The above picture shows the Royal Navy HARRIER going through its "ups and downs" onboard MELBOURNE in the English Channel on June 30. Prior to the flight by the RAN pilots, LCDR Diamond and Lt. Mayfield undertook a conversion course at the Hawker deHavilland Works airfield Dunsfold, UK.

SALE OF VICTORIA CROSS

Both NSW and Victorian branches, supported in the main by other States, expressed concern at the sale and purchase of Victoria Crosses, and in particular referred to procedures involved in the recent purchase by the RSL.

A resolution from Victoria was amended and after much discussion was carried as follows:

"That the National Executive approach the British Government with the aid of the Royal British Legion and possibly the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League to prevent, by straight-out prohibitive legislation, sales of the Victoria Cross."

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1978 RSL VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND

The following tentative itinerary for the RSL group visit to New Zealand in 1978 for Anzac period has been approved in principle by the National Executive.

The Executive expressed the hope that there might be a full party of 130 making the trip, so it would be appreciated if Sub-branches would do their best to promote the tour.

RSL League Leisure and Travel, through Hunts of the Pacific, will be co-ordinating the arrangements.

The early action of Sub-branches in promoting the tour and advising RSL League Leisure and Travel of those who wish to participate, would be appreciated. All correspondence advising of those members who wish to participate in visit should be mailed direct to: RSL, Box C 128 G.P.O. Perth.

The New Zealand Returned Services Association has cordially invited a party of RSL members and wives to visit New Zealand, to take part in the 1978 Anzac Commemorations.

DURATION OF VISIT

Official Section – 20–27 April,
Private Section – 28 April - 5 May or later as you decide.

The Composition of parties and coverage is as follows:

- Auckland Party – 50 persons
  covering Northland, Auckland, Waikato, King Country, Bay of Plenty;
- Wellington Party – 50 persons
  covering Taranaki, Wellington, East Coast, Nelson, Marl-

Canberra based wholesaler, Tourplan has released advance information relating to their Return to Kokoda Tour in April 1978. The tour is in conjunction with the April 20 sailing of P & O's ARCADIA which will arrive at Port Moresby on Anzac Day.

The Sea-Land and Air tour package is directed towards ex-servicemen who participated in the 1939–45 war in the New Guinea area and several of the tour features will appeal to them.

These include the invitation to participate in the Anzac Day March from the Port Moresby Returned Service League and followed by dinner and a reception at the Ex-Servicemen's Club.

Mr. Norman Osborn, State President of the Papua New Guinea Branch of the Returned Services League, has indicated a warm welcome will await passengers travelling on the tour on arrival in Port Moresby and throughout their itinerary in Papua New Guinea.

EXCURSION

A full-day excursion to visit the Kokoda trail area and the Bomana War Cemetery will be another highlight of the tour.

Then a tour by air to Lae, Finnschafen and Rabaul to rejoin Arcadia will take tour passengers to a number of areas where actions took place during World War II.

Optional tours also available are tours to the Wewak and Aitipi areas as well as a four-day tour to the Mt Hagen and New Guinea Highlands.

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NEW RED CROSS DIRECTOR

Mrs C.W. Duncan, of Clydesdale Street, Como, has been appointed to the position of executive director of Red Cross in W.A.

Mrs Duncan (Jess) has been with the Society for about 17 years and served as director of branches from 1960 to 1974. During those years she became well known and highly respected by Red Cross members around the State.

Her involvement with emergency relief activities on a local and national level brought her into close contact with the State Emergency Service and its operations.

She holds the Society’s Medal for Meritorious Service and Bar to that medal for her services after the Dwellingup fires and with evacuees after the destruction of Darwin by Cyclone Tracy.

In 1974, Mrs Duncan became administrative assistant to the executive director, and last year represented Australian Red Cross at the South-east Asian Conference in India.

The previous director, Mr V.G. Rowe, died in Darwin Hospital on September 16.

Mr. Rowe (56) was in Darwin to conduct emergency training courses in registration and inquiry.

He joined the W.A. division of the society in 1960 and quickly became involved with its disaster relief commitments. He was awarded the Australian Red Cross Society’s medal for meritorious service in 1972 and a bar to that medal in the next year. He was awarded the MBE in 1974 for community service for his work in the disaster relief field.

The chairman of the Red Cross in W.A., Glen Dunstan, said that the division was deeply shocked by Mr Rowe’s death. His untiring devotion was well recognised by the executive officers, staff and members of the Red Cross around the state.

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“Z” SPECIAL FORCE ASSOCIATION OF WA
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1940 DUNKIRK VETERANS ASSOCIATION
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PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, WA BRANCH INC
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2/32ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION (WA)

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