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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Len Phenna, M.B.E., J.P.

The activities of the RSL during the year under review have been many and varied and are contained in my annual report which will be distributed to delegates, sub-branches, and other interested authorities.

It is not my intention to deal with those particular activities at this time, but rather, with certain important matters which I believe are currently of interest and concern to our organisation.

In my view, our main responsibilities continue to be in the areas of:

- the housing of our homeless, the care and welfare of the aged and the frail;
- the care and character development of our youth;
- the continued custodianship and maintenance of the state war memorial, and all other memorials under our jurisdiction;
- the future defence and security of our nation;
- the welfare of our veterans who suffer as a result of war caused disabilities;
- the welfare of the dependants of our veterans' and their widows.

I have said it before and will reiterate — to carry out these objectives requires a great deal of money — particularly in the areas of welfare, the War Veterans' Homes and the State War Memorial.

I therefore appeal to all members and sub-branches to vigorously support our fund-raising efforts; to share the duty to provide assistance to an ever increasing number of people who are, and who will be, seeking our assistance in the years ahead.

And in speaking of sharing this responsibility, I would like to pay a special tribute to our women's auxiliaries, who this year have contributed more than $9,500 towards the League's endeavours; apart from the tremendous amount of work they have done in other areas such as hospital visiting, Christmas cheer, the Crowning Glory Quest and Legacy ward adoptions.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

I am pleased to report to you that our representations to the Federal Government since last we met as a Congress in 1979 have seen the restoration of the twice-yearly indexation of pensions, among other things:

We must not, however, become complacent, but must, as always remain ever vigilant to ensure that these benefits are not eroded in the future.

HOLLYWOOD HOSPITAL

Last year, I expressed our concern regarding the Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood. That concern, in the main, was the re-development of patient accommodation, operating theatres and associated facilities.

I am pleased therefore to report, that since we last met, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Evan Adermann, has announced that the Commonwealth Government has agreed in principle to the partial re-development of Hollywood Hospital.

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The re-development proposed is to replace existing outdated facilities, and there will be no expansion of the hospital’s services as a result.

The proposed re-development and replacement facilities will ensure that Hollywood continues as a modern hospital, providing a high level of care well into the future.

I believe this is a firm indication of the Government’s commitment to meet the treatment needs of the veteran population in Western Australia.

I am sure you were as delighted and proud as I was to learn that Hollywood has become the first hospital in WA to be awarded full accreditation status, following a visit last year by a survey team from the Australian Council on Hospital Standards.

The accreditation programme has the objective of ensuring that the highest standards of patient care are maintained in Australian hospitals, given the limited resources available.

The twin goals of quality control and utilisation review are thus intrinsic to the program.

Accreditation status is awarded for a three-year period.

On your behalf, I would like to congratulate the Deputy Commissioner, Department of Veterans’ Affairs, C.J. Williams, the administrative team and all members of the hospital staff for their dedication and service on behalf of the veterans of this state and for their assistance and courtesy at all times.

ANZAC AWARDS

You will recall that two years ago, in an effort to add a new dimension to Anzac Day, the RSL, with the support and consent of the Federal Government, established the Anzac Awards.

You will already know that the winner of the Anzac Peace Award was Professor Frank John Fenner, the distinguished Australian-born scientist of Canberra.

Of the seven winners of the Anzac of the Year Award, one is again a West Australian — Burns Robert Stewart, better-known as “Barney” Stewart, who served with the 2/16th Bn during the World War.

On your behalf, I extend our congratulations to all winners of the awards and in particular to Mr Stewart.

In promoting these awards, the RSL saw a need to acknowledge deeds of service for the community and nation and the need to encourage research to prevent future wars.

DEFENCE

Recent events in various parts of the world suggest that the decade of the 80s is potentially the most unstable and dangerous since the end of the World War, and in these circumstances Australia must be prepared to defend her national interests — alone if necessary.

As a nation we must realise that we have more to defend than any other race of people on earth. It is possible for us to do it, alone if necessary, providing we co-ordinate our resources and act as a responsible community.

The Government must produce an all-embracing plan for Australia’s defence.

There must be a greater efficiency in industry and an increase in productivity.

There must be co-operation in the community and an end to self-seeking and confrontation.

There must be an increase in defence expenditure — apart from the $81 million already promised to increase the defence infrastructure on our western seaboard.

There must be a rapid development of an industrial infrastructure and the creation of an adequate manpower reserve and the regular replacement of sophisticated equipment — my recent visit to Israel has more than convinced me of this.

But perhaps most importantly of all, there must be a greater recognition in the community of the need for adequate defence and a willingness to pay the price for it.

The recent defence seminar sponsored by the defence department was an excellent example in reaching out to the public to make them more aware of our defence needs.

The Minister for Defence is to be congratulated on his initiative in sponsoring these seminars throughout the nation.

CHEMICAL HERBICIDES — VIETNAM

The League welcomes the study to be undertaken into the effects of herbicides and other chemicals on the health of Australian veterans who served in Vietnam, and their families.

The League had requested such an investigation last December when it became apparent that the problem of the possible effects of herbicides was a much larger one than had originally been suspected.

We have not only sought ex-servicemen representation on the panel conducting the survey, but also, we have requested that any deformities in the children of veterans who served in Vietnam, which could in any way be related to the use of herbicides or chemicals, should be covered for compensation under the Repatriation Act.

One of the unfortunate side effects of the chemical herbicides issue has been the deep anxiety it has caused to many young wives and mothers and their fears about unborn children or problems emerging in growing children.

In our view, this anxiety MUST be relieved at the earliest possible time — speed, therefore, is an essential part of the proposed study.

The WA branch of the League has its own solicitor in contact with lawyers in the United States, and he has, in fact, just returned from the USA, where he joined some of our Vietnam veterans in the “class” action being taken against American-chemical companies, seeking compensation on behalf of veterans of the Vietnam War.

This is a most complex question and the rights of our Australian veterans need to be resolved expeditiously. Discussions have already been held with the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs on this vital matter.

FIRST IN AUSTRALIA

At the request of Vietnam veterans in this State, a Vietnam Veterans’ Sub-Branch of the League has been formed — the first in Australia, and we, as an organisation, are providing assistance to that sub-branch to enable the members to be adequately represented by their own solicitor and to be advised by our national solicitor.

This matter will be the subject of close investigation to ensure that the rights and liabilities as to any possible costs to members of our sub-branch are adequately protected. We have, in fact, already requested the Federal Government to meet the legal expenses involved in the “class” action.

The League believes that the Government has taken the correct course of action to resolve the issues involved. We sincerely trust that the whole matter can be settled in the shortest possible time.

This should not only include the study and the survey that have been authorised, but also moves to ensure that the interests of Australian veterans are fully protected in all legal actions.

On your behalf, I welcome the Vietnam veterans into our midst, congratulate them on the formation of their sub-branch, and their ladies on the formation of their auxiliary and wish them every success in the years ahead.
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IN CONCLUSION
In conclusion, 1 would like to thank all sub-branches, women's auxiliaries, unit associations, kindred organisations and private individuals who have provided my wife, myself and our daughter with gracious hospitality over the past year, and to say how grateful we are.

I desire to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to the vice-presidents and their ladies for their valued support and encouragement, without which it would be difficult to function.

To the country vice-presidents, regional vice-presidents and their ladies: thank you for your continued loyalty and support and for the hospitality you have afforded my wife and me on so many occasions.

A very special “thank you” to country vice-president Merv Williams, who has not sought re-nomination again this year after serving 19 years in that capacity. We will miss you, Merv and Lesley, but are grateful for the years of service you both have given.

A sincere “thank you” to regional vice-president Bill Brown, who has decided to stand down after four years representing the South-west coast area of the state.

The dedication and loyalty of these gentlemen have been of tremendous significance to the League.

To State Secretary Doug Bruce, Mrs Stuart and all members of Anzac House staff, all of whom have given so much of their time and energy on behalf of the league, I say “thank you” on behalf of the membership of the League in WA.

To the chairman of committees, the trustees; all members of the State Executive, the superintendent of the War Veterans' Home and to the committee of the Regional War Veterans' Home in Geraldton and all others for their time and energy spent in the service of others, I extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

To National President Sir William Keys for his guidance and encouragement, I am extremely grateful and last, but by no means least, my grateful and sincere thanks to a more than understanding wife and family, for their forbearance, support and encouragement, without which, it would be impossible to continue.

I look forward to the future with a great deal of confidence, and I thank you for the trust you have reposed in me by allowing me to serve you in the very important year that is ahead of us.

Thank you —

L. PHENNA (State President).

MAGNIFICENT GESTURE
Mrs. Joy Ford, state president, Women's Auxiliary presented the state president, Mr. Len Phenna, with a cheque for $3,000 towards the restoration of the State War Memorial, at the annual state congress.

This is magnificent of all auxiliaries and, together with previous donations, makes a total in excess of $12,000, for the year.

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Chaney, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.
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In the interim between the writing of these notes and their publication, our Conference will be over and I am sure it will have been a successful one. We hoped to have Mrs Kath Ross, State President of the Tasmanian Auxiliaries as our guest.

On March 5, Mrs Rowe and I attended a meeting at the Darling Range RSL Hall, and I asked to re-form the Darling Range Auxiliary, and on March 26 the Vietnam Veterans' Sub-Branch Auxiliary was formed.

We are very pleased to welcome these new Auxiliaries and wish them every success in the future.

The disbanding of the Brookton and Northampton Auxiliaries is most disappointing as our Auxiliaries are most important to us in enabling us to help the League in looking after the welfare of ex-servicemen and women.

In March I visited the Kojonup Auxiliary to bring them up-to-date on Auxiliary affairs and renew interest in our work. This has succeeded, I'm told, and I look forward to seeing their Delegates at Conference.

GROUP CONFERENCE

On April 11, I went with members of the League to attend their Group Conference at Three Springs. We stayed overnight at Carnamah as the League had a meeting with the sub-branch.

Up early the next morning to drive to Three Springs, after going a short distance it was found that the left back tyre was rather deflated and as that was my side, I naturally got the blame for the delay. It could have been that extra piece of bacon I had for breakfast, too much weight.

However we arrived at our destination safe and sound, though they didn't take any chances with me again — and a lift was found for me in another vehicle.

It was a well-attended conference, and I was pleased to meet the Three Springs girls again, their catering for the Conference was excellent, so many lovely dishes to choose from.

It was an opportunity to meet some of the members of the Geraldton Auxiliary and to meet Mrs Monks from Morawa and talk to some of the ladies from Coorow, who had accompanied their husbands. It would be nice to have an Auxiliary there some day.

On April 16, I was a guest at the Gallipoli Legion Luncheon and enjoyed meeting old friends again.

Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Lowe have been very busy getting things ready for our Conference, so much to do, to think of, all the necessary paper work to be typed, collated and sent for printing.

Without the staff at Anzac House I don't know what we would do; they are so helpful, even though they have so much work preparing for the League's Congress. We thank them most sincerely.

I was saddened to read of the recent death of Mrs Elsie Lacey, one of our long-standing and loyal members. Her dedication to her Auxiliary and the League was outstanding, and we will all miss her, especially her fellow-members of the Pingelly Auxiliary. I hope they will keep the Auxiliary functioning in her memory.

Though the recent rains were most welcome, it was fine for the Anzac Services. Kings Park can be very bleak, especially at dawn on a rainy day.

Will report on Conference in our next issue; until then "take care".

Joy Ford (State President)

STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the 53rd Annual State Conference of the Women's Auxiliaries

Mr Phenna, Distinguished Guests, Delegates and Friends:

I have much pleasure in welcoming you all to the Opening of our 53rd Annual State Conference. It seems like only yesterday that we met together for our last Conference, yet a whole year has passed. A year in which the Auxiliaries have worked hard and given such generous donations to our Funds. Continued support has been given to the War Veterans' Home, State War Memorial, Christmas Cheer Fund, Torchbearers for Legacy and Adopt a Legacy Ward, to the amount of $7,768.35.

Since our last Conference, Executive has added another 10 Hospitals to our visiting list, making 29 in all. This keeps the Executive members busy, but they enjoy their visiting. The donations to our Hospital Visit Fund by the Auxiliaries enables us to take amenities to these Hospitals and Homes, allows us to keep in touch with Ex-Servicemen or women who have now, because of declining health, to spend the rest of their lives in these Hospitals. It can be seen by the increase, that the number of Ex-servicemen and women needing our help is growing, thus showing that the support of the Auxiliaries in this sphere is an important part of the League.

There is so much to do and work for, that we must try all we can to encourage our members to keep their interest. It is so easy to feel you have given and, enough to it all, but so many need you.

I have visited a number of Country Auxiliaries this year, I thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality, I find this most rewarding as I am able to meet all the Auxiliary members to bring them up-to-date with Auxiliary affairs. The League has again invited me to attend their Group Conferences where I am able to speak on Auxiliary and Executive work, enabling the Sub-Branches to know just how we are supporting the League in its welfare of Ex-Servicemen and women. We are appreciative of this invitation.

I had the pleasure, this year of re-forming the Darling Range Auxiliary, also of forming the Vietnam Veterans' Sub-Branch Auxiliary, this is indeed a great thing, for we look to these young women to carry our work into the future. May the Auxiliaries enjoy a long and successful life.

The past year has been a busy but rewarding year, made so by the help and co-operation of so many people. My sincere thanks to our State Secretary, Mrs Sullivan who carries out her duties so admirably, also to Mrs Lowe, our State Treasurer, thank you Madge for your years work. All members of Executive have carried out their duties cheerfully and willingly, thank you all. My thanks to your, Mr Phenna, for your help and advice, Mr Bruce and your staff at Anzac House, thank you for your co-operation and courtesy to us all. A thank to everyone who has helped us all to continue the work so dear to us all.

"If I have risen to a bright new day, received a small child's hug and kiss, spoken to a loving friend, brought cheer to a lonely soul, given and received a happy smile, spent a quiet hour with a loved one, then I have lived a full and happy day."

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As a resident of 54 years in the Kojonup area he will be well remembered for his devotion to the community and the ex-servicemen and women and dependants. He occupied the position of president of the sub-branch for some years. Sam served with the 43 LC during World War II and on his return joined the R.S.L. in 1946 with which he served with distinction and in 1969 was awarded life membership of the league and then appointed as country regional vice president. A position he held until the time of his passing. Sam travelled thousands of miles visiting sub-branches, attending meetings and group conferences. Also various meetings and conferences in Perth.

Whilst Sam concentrated on his farming activities he also found the time to serve the community over a period of 17 years as a Shire Councillor.

He was a member of Lions, and a wonderful worker for legacy in the district. He was also worshipful master of the Freemasons.

Sam will be sadly missed by his many friends.

Sympathy of all members is extended to his wife, Kath, and family.

HONOUR AVENUE NEWS

The Chairman of our Committee recently retired and many things could be said of Vern Fyfe, but perhaps his last report will do it better.

"In my report of the 12th December 1979, I outlined the progress that had been made in changing the system of having the plaques on the trees, to placing them on posts in front of the trees, and I now have pleasure in reporting that the transition has been completed. There are 1104 plaques in Honour Avenue, 686 being in May Drive, and 418 in Loucker Drive. In addition to the maintenance continually carried out to keep pace with the impact of vandalism, and the general effects of time, the Committee has repainted nearly all the plaques and firmly placed them on strong posts, well aligned and of even heights.

In the period of nearly seven years that I have been Chairman, it has been a great pleasure to work with the Honorary Secretary, Mr Max Brice, and with members of the Committee. The ready co-operation of the King's Park Board and Staff, and the various Departments and authorities and so many others, who were always ready to assist, has been keenly appreciated; and to those on the Committee, whose splendid efforts in maintaining the Honour Avenue over a very long period in the past, we are all indebted. It is felt that this work of maintenance and improvement is important, not only from a National and Community point of view, but also because it helps us to remember those, in whose honour these Avenues were established.

I regret that, mainly owing to hearing difficulties, this will be my last report as Chairman, as I will be retiring from the Committee on April 7th, 1980 — my 86th Birthday."

W. Vernon Fyfe
Chairman

On behalf of the Committee of the Honour Avenue, we simply say, "Thank you Vern, for work so very well done".

Z. Kwiecinski

National Greek Day, Wreath Laying Ceremony, 25th March 1980. Rev FTR. Stylianos of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Constantine and Helen, with FTR Antonios of Evangelismos Orthodox Church of Perth.

Youth was out in force at Kings Park yesterday when David Hughes (12) and Debbie Edgar (14), representing Legacy, were flanked by Dr Haydn Williams (left) warden of the State war memorials, and his deputy, Mr Ron Stone, as they prepared to lay a wreath.
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TOUGHER LINE ON REPATRIATION PENSIONS

by Jim Giblett

The above heading which appeared in the daily paper on May 16th, alarmed a lot of veterans who are receiving pensions and benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs, plus superannuation.

For the information of members, we are printing the relevant portion of the Repatriation Act, Section 91, which has been on the statute books for some years, but not always enforced.

91* *(1) If, in the opinion of the Commission, an applicant for a service pension or a service pensioner has directly or indirectly deprived himself of income in order to qualify for or obtain a pension or in order to obtain a pension at a higher rate than that for which he would otherwise have been eligible, the amount of the income of which the Commission considers the applicant or service pensioner has so deprived himself shall be deemed to be the income of the applicant or service pensioner.

(2) If, in the opinion of the Commission, the spouse of an applicant for a service pension or of a service pensioner has directly or indirectly deprived himself of income in order that the applicant or service pensioner might qualify for or obtain a pension, or in order that the applicant or service pensioner might obtain a pension at a higher rate than the rate for which the applicant or service pensioner would otherwise have been eligible, the amount of the income of which the Commission considers the spouse has so deprived himself shall be deemed to be income of the spouse.

CONSTABLE'S COURAGE

On Anzac Day, as the parade, led by the Police horses, approached the junction of St George's Terrace and Victoria Avenue, the band of the RAN began to play and immediately one of the police horses, ridden by Constable Collin Townsend, took fright, reared up and charged across Victoria Avenue towards the median strip where an Australian veteran was making his way to his regimental position.

I thought he would have no chance of avoiding the horse, but with little or no regard for his own safety, Constable Townsend pulled the horse's head around and back onto the roadway, so saving the veteran from severe injuries or probably the loss of his life.

The horse then careened to the footpath in front of the Taxation Department. He stopped alongside a parking notice on top of a 2in thick pole, took an instant dislike to it and lashed out, snapping it off at the base.

The garden was next on his list and he trampled it flat and then went up the Terrace.

On making inquiries from the Police Stables the following day, I learned that the horse had later rejoined the police troop, took part in the Governor's escort, and also went to the races at Belmont Park on Anzac Day and gave no further trouble after his initial outbreak.

I give full marks and congratulations to Constable Townsend for his courageous and unenviable ride on this young horse. He is a credit to the Police Force, and I am sure the Mounted Troop and the Commissioner are proud to have such a person serving on the force.

M.C. (Mike) Hall
Chairman, Public Relations-Publicity Committee

JNR VICE PRESIDENT, ALBANY SUB-BRANCH, ALAN KIDDIE WITH CAPT. DON HOPPER (RAN) OF QUEENSLAND AND FRANK GOMM LAYING THE WREATH OF REMEMBRANCE AT ALBANY.

(Photo Courtesy: Albany Advertiser)

The spirit of Anzac lives on

The 65th anniversary commemoration of the landing at Gallipoli attracted the largest Anzac crowds ever seen in Albany, and large crowds also attended the commemoration service at Mt. Barker.

In Albany, more than 1,000 marchers assembled and marched down York Street to the war memorial. It was the largest number of marchers on record.

The marchers included a contingent from the training ship "Perth", No: 15 Flight of the Air Training Corps in Belmont, local armed service groups, clubs, brownies, girl guides, scouts and members of the RSL.

The service at the war memorial, attended by a crowd estimated at more than 2,000, was conducted by the Albany Sub-Branch. The address was given by ABC regional manager Fred Mead, who called on all Australians to take up the spirit of the Anzacs in peace time as well as in war.

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Later in his address Mr Mead called on all Australians to show the selfsame sacrifices in peace time that the Anzacs made during war.

Earlier in the day, more than 130 people attended the dawn service at the Anzac memorial on Mt. Clarence.

**MT. BARKER SERVICE**

At Mt. Barker, more than 300 people attended the Anzac service conducted by the local sub-branch. After marching from the Civic Centre to the obelisk, wreaths were laid by the League, Plantagenet Shire Council, Red Cross, schools and several other organisations.

The march was led by the Albany Caledonian Pipe Band, and the address was given by the Rev. David Murray, who said that, despite the sacrifices of so many, the world was still broken today.

“We must turn back to Christianity and Christ if we are to find peace,” he said.

The school band played several items during the service.

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**Harvey active on all fronts**

During the year the Harvey District Sub-branch has been active on all fronts, and all our duties and obligations have received attention. Attendance at the monthly meetings has averaged about 12 members, which is good.

The Annual Re-union was held in the Shire Hall on May 5. State President Len Phenna was in attendance and he presented a Certificate of Merit to our Secretary, Richard O’Grady. Also present at the reunion were two members of the NZ Anzac Delegation, George Keating and Ray Worner.

Donations for the year were $50 to Legacy Adopt-a-Ward Scheme, $10 to Harvey Sub-centre of St. John Ambulance, $77.50 to the Mountbatten Appeal and a trophy to the Yarloop Rifle Club.

At the Dawn Service on Anzac Day, wreaths were laid on behalf of the sub-branch and the women’s auxiliary. At 10.45 a.m., ex-servicemen marched from the centre of the town to the War Memorial Library.

After the wreath-laying ceremony was completed, the Commemoration Service was held in the Shire Hall. A fine Anzac address was delivered by the Padre of the sub-branch, Archdeacon Hart.

We are greatly encouraged by the continuing excellent public support at the Anzac Service and I should like to say how very grateful we are to those who assisted with the Service — the Ministers of Religion, the Primary School Choral Group, the Pianist, those who decorated the hall, the Apex Club for manning the door, and the Shire Council for the hospitality extended to us after the Service.

**POPPY DAY**

The very excellent sum of $215.04 was raised on Poppy Day, and our thanks go to our secretary, who organised the collection, and to those persons who sold poppies in Harvey, Brunswick and Yarloop.

**RED SHIELD APPEAL:**

A sum in excess of $750 was raised in Harvey and Yarloop. This would be the highest amount we have handled and the part played by sub-branch members in this exercise is something of which we can be proud.

**MISS CROWNING GLORY QUEST:** The support our members gave to the candidacy of Miss Peta Chambers was to prove very rewarding. Miss Chambers raised more than $6,600 and was crowned Miss Charity Queen.

During the State 150th Anniversary Celebrations, we arranged for the 10th Light Horse Regt Mounted Display Team to visit Harvey in March an to take part in the Celebration Parade as the RSL contribution to the local celebration activities. I felt the attendance of the team added considerably to the occasion.

The RSL Code of Citizenship has been purchased and is to be exhibited in a prominent place. It is a statement of RSL principles.

**WAR MEMORIALS:** During the year a great deal of thought and attention has been given to the restoration of the damaged War Memorial Arch and Gates at Brunswick.

Invitations were received to a number of functions and we were represented at many — in particular, sub-branch reunions at Busselton, Bunbury and Waroona, also at the League’s Poppy Day Dinner at Claremont Showground; at which the special guest was Sir Douglas Bader, and, more recently, at the Yarloop Rifle Club Dinner.

Several members were in attendance at a special Church
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We were also represented at the Anzac Services of the High School, Primary School and Benger School.

LOST BOY
We offered help when volunteers were called for to search for a lost boy at Burekup.
We interested ourselves in the proposal to provide a Permanent Care wing for the Harvey Hospital and have been supporting those pressing for the provision of Permanent Care for the aged in Harvey.
I hope we can continue our active support of this cause. There is, from our experience, a very real need for Harvey people requiring permanent care to be located in their home area.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: As always, the ladies of the Auxiliary have been most active in their support of the sub-branch. During the year a donation of $50 was received from them. For their support during the year, I should like to say 'thank you' to someone who has worked hard in our interests. Thank you, Richard, for another year of good service to the sub-branch and the League.

My thanks to our two vice-presidents, to treasurer Len and auditor Eric. Also to David for watching out for sick ones in hospital and to all members for your continued loyalty to the League.

Early next year, on March 8, there is to be a Deb's Ball in Harvey organised by my wife, Jill, and a committee including Mrs Robbin Chambers. The proceeds will be directed to the War Veteran's Home and Hocart Lodge.

The State Governor has been invited to receive the debutantes and should he accept, I shall be looking to all members to be on parade on the occasion.

I. Manning — President

RECORD CROWD AT SERVICE

More than 1,000 people attended the Anzac Day parade and service last Friday organised by the Canning Districts RSL.

The parade began from the old City of Canning Offices and moved down Albany Highway, led by the Canning Civic Band, to take part in a service conducted by the Rev. Reg Miley and Jack Wilson. Marchers included ex-servicemen and women from the Canning Districts and Riverton Sub-Branches and the Fleet Air Arm.

The Australian Armed Forces were represented by Naval Cadets from the Training Ships “Canning” and “Perth”, under Lieut. Richard Bridge. The Armadale Army Cadet Unit, led by Capt M. Van Bourle and the Thornlie Cadet Unit, led by Cap. J. Fragomeni, also participated in the march.

Members of the 13th Flight of the Air Training Corps, under Flight Lt. J. Millar, were also present. Following Legacy in the parade were the Girl Guides led by Guide Commissioner, Mrs M. Bagley and the Boy Scouts, led by Commissioner G. Ahern.

The address was given by the President of the Canning Districts RSL, Bert Neil.

At a later meeting of the Council, Mayor of Canning Ern Clark said the attendance at the service had been "remarkable". He said it had been a difficult job to accommodate all the people on the small War Memorial site on the Highway.
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COOL DRINKS — MILK — STATIONERY
The Mt Lawley RSL home’s oldest resident, Mr Thomas Percival Doyle (93)—his medals gleaming in the sun—lays a wreath in an Anzac eve service at the home.

(Photo courtesy West Australian)

Mr Diggins chats with Mr John McCleery of Railway Road, Shenton Park, who was the oldest resident marching at the Subiaco service. Mr McCleery, a veteran of Gallipoli, had a double reason for remembering Anzac Day—it was the day he turned 93.

(Photos courtesy Subiaco & Claremont/ Nedlands Post)

ANZAC SERVICE
SHENTON PARK SUB-BRANCH

The RSL Shenton Park Sub-Branch Anzac Day Service commenced at 7.30 a.m. outside the Scouts’ Hall in Murchison Street, Shenton Park.

In attendance were Sir Charles Court the Hon. Premier of W.A., Sir Paul Hasluck, the Mayor and various Councillors from the City of Subiaco, representatives from numerous clubs and associations in the district. Contingents from Scout groups including the Sea Scouts, a representative from the Boys’ Brigade, many members of the public and of course Doctor Dadour, MLA for Subiaco. The “Last Post” and “Reveille” were rendered on the bugle by Vic Court and prayers and the address were delivered by Father Holmes of St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Keightley Road, Shenton Park.

It was very noticeable at this year’s Anzac Service that a great number of young children accompanied their parents at this memorable event. This of course boosted the attendance figures in access of 110.

At the conclusion of the Ceremony breakfast was served in the Hall. Tea, coffee and hot buttered scones were on the menu. The Sub-Branch would like to record its sincere thanks to the RAOB Ladies’ Auxiliary and the Scout Groups and other helpers in this respect.

Reg Anderson (85), of Coolbellup, maintained, his perfect Anzac Day parade attendance with the aid of a crutch. He served at Gallipoli.

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Anzac Day services sponsored by the Bellevue Sub-Branch were well received by the community. Attendances showed an overall increase on previous years and without doubt the Anzac Day March was the best supported for some time.

In all, the sub-branch was involved in four separate services. The school childrens service and Sunset Service on Anzac Eve, followed by the Dawn Service and March next day, showed that the efforts of the sub-branch in the community are certainly active.

Perfect weather conditions prevailed for the traditional school children's service, which was, once again organised by Greenmount Primary School and conducted on Blackboy Hill.

The site held particular significance, as it was from Blackboy that many soldiers trained prior to embarkation to the battlefields of the Great War.

Jim Naylor, school principal, assisted by Father Laurence, parish priest of St. Anthony's, Bellevue, conducted an impressive service, which involved active student participation. Student leaders, school choirs from St. Anthony's School, and the Greenmount Band ensured that the service was for children to show their respect.

Ean McDonald, who has been involved with the development of Blackboy Hill commemorative site, gave a very sincere address to the children. The theme of youth and the spirit of Anzac was chosen and presented in a most able manner to the estimated 500 children who attended.

Miss L. Harvey, music teacher from Greenmount, played the Last Post and Reveille, which was followed by an Anzac Tribute delivered by Stan Williams, a Gallipoli veteran.

Wreaths were placed in position at the Memorial by visiting schools, Greenmount School, members of the community and the Bellevue Sub-Branch.

Following the Ceremony visitors were served afternoon tea by the children and the Ladies Auxiliary.

SUNSET SERVICE

Scout groups at Darlington, Dianella, Cloverdale, Mundaring and North Perth provided more than 80 scouts, venturers and guides for the Sunset and Dawn Services held at Blackboy Hill. This number represents a great increase not only in children but in actual Scout and Guide groups.

The impressive Service was held as the sun set over the City of Perth. With a clear sky above, bugler Stephen Gaynor of Greenmount sounded Last Post and played Reveille, which was followed by wreath laying.

At the conclusion of the short service, the Scouts took post for the night roll.

Mr McDonald took the opportunity to participate in a Scout campfire chat with scouts on stand-down. He explained the significance of the commemorative site and memorial which he designed and expressed appreciation to the group for taking continued interest.

DAWN SERVICE

More than 100 persons, including Scouts and Guides, formed quietly into position for the Dawn Service. With Scouts in the vigil position, the calm morning was heralded by the Last Post and Reveille.

In silence, wreaths were laid at the foot of the ellipses, to rest beside the vast number that were there from previous services.

After the brief service all retired to prepare for the Morning March and Service at Bellevue.

The Bellevue Anzac Day March and Service were conducted at the local Infant Health Centre, which is the district's memorial to fallen soldiers.

More than 130 men and women were called on parade by Mr. C. Lamont. The marchers included returned service women and men, serving personnel and, for the first time, a contingent of Polish ex-servicemen.

The parade, led by an RTA escort, piper George Horne and flag-bearers, marched from the Bellevue RSL Club through Bellevue to the Centre.

The Service was conducted by Harold Klopper and Rev. Alan Matthews, of Swan View Uniting Church.

Once again active youth participation was a feature with Amanda Bell, head girl from Greenmount Primary School delivering the Address to a crowd of about 250.

In her address mention was made of the hopes that youth have for enjoying life in Australia. In conclusion, she read Dorothy Mckellar's poem "My Country", which amply illustrated the theme of her address.

Sub-Branch president Harry Read, as a token of appreciation, presented Amanda, Leanne Harvey and Stephen Gaynor with small gifts. All had served the occasion well and he hoped their continued support would lead them to be better citizens in the community.

The parade, upon being reformed, marched past with Capt Ken Campbell taking the Salute. A memorable occasion was completed with the usual social function where no doubt many tales were exchanged.

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Corey won his medals from May, 1917, to September, 1918, including two in one month, while serving as a stretcher bearer in France with the 55th Battalion.

The Military Medal was founded by King George V in 1916 for NCOs and other ranks for bravery in the field. From 1914 to 1920 the list of MM awards is: 115,577 Medals, 5,796 (with one bar); 180 (including 15 Australians, with two bars; and one with three bars.)

Born in 1891 at Numeralla in the Southern Alps, NSW, Mr Corey worked in Cooma till 1916 when he joined the "Men from Snowy River" during their "snowball" recruiting march. After infantry training at Goulburn, he arrived in France in 1917.

On May 15 during the massive final counterattack by the Germans near Bullcourt, Pte Corey and 30 others volunteered to help the stretcher bearers. They worked for 17 hours under heavy fire, rescuing wounded right up to the German wire and carrying them about 3km to safety.

Corey and four others were granted immediate awards of the Military Medal.

Corey then became a regular stretcher-bearer and at the Battle of Polygon Wood on September 26 won his first Bar to the MM. A year later, in early September, 1918, at Peronne, he won a second Bar, again working under heavy fire and saving many lives with his first-aid knowledge.

Promoted to corporal, Corey won his third Bar on September 30, north of Bullecourt — and received his first and only wound. The official citation said:

"...enemy machine gun and shell fire intense ...directed bearers with utmost skill and bravery regardless of personal danger. Although the enemy were firing upon him and other bearer parties, he kept on attending to the wounded, carrying them from most exposed positions ... his efforts untried, a splendid example."

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In one incident, two German stretcher-bearers, who had bandaged a wounded Australian, passed him to Cpl Corey, who carried the man in his arms to a shell-hole nearer their own lines where he could be collected. Cpl Corey then continued tending the wounded until he was hit in the groin and thigh by shrapnel from a high-explosive shell. He applied a tourniquet and crawled 300 yards before being rescued.

Corey was a very strong man, and though he carried a stretcher, if possible he preferred to pick up a wounded man and carry him under one arm.

After hospital treatment, he returned to Australia in 1919 and was discharged medically unfit. He returned to Cooma, but moved to Canberra in 1922 as a camp caretaker. From 1927 to 1940 he was employed by the Department of the Interior.

In the World War, Corey served in the medical section of the 13th Garrison Battalion at Port Kembla. He worked in Canberra and interstate before settling in Yarralumla, Canberra. He was a member of the RSL in Canberra for many years.

BLACKBOY — PART OF OUR HERITAGE

Mundaring Shire Council, in a recent press release, advised that an approach was to be made to the WA Heritage Committee for funds to preserve and enhance the Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site.

The Committees' report will go with a recommendation to the Federal Government and, if successful, funding may be available from the 1980-81 Budget.

This news is most welcome, as an appeal has recently been launched to raise funds to develop facilities at the site. These funds are certainly needed to continue existing works, programmes and it is hoped that groups will support the Blackboy appeal.

The appeal had reached a total of $430 on May 1, with the following donors:

Upper Swan RSL $100; Shire of Swan $200; Mr C. Lee $10; Mr G. Squires $2; Mr R. Hynes $3; Mr N. Catchpole $10; Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch $25; Mr H. Klopper $50; 11th and 2/11th Bn Assoc $20.
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The medals were handed over at 10am on Thursday, April 24, at the Australian War Memorial. They were accepted by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Daly, KBE, CB, DSO. — BOB WRIGHT.

YOUNG EX-SERVICEMEN

A highlight of the April meeting of the Geraldton Sub-Bran ch was the attendance of a group of young ex-servicemen — most of them from the Vietnam and Malaysian campaigns.

The group included brothers Mike and Gary Driscoll, Nicky Waldon, Frank Reid, Gary Wheat and Derek Andrews.

The meeting was told that there were now 121 financial members for 1980, which is nearly double the number at the same time last year.

However, with a view to encouraging renewed and new subscriptions, Mike Driscoll successfully moved that an Entertainment Committee be formed. The committee includes Mike Driscoll, Derek Andrews, John Troode, Ron Rake and secretary Pam Burgess.

President Graham Till extended best wishes to Jock McAuslan on his 90th birthday. This nonagenarian has set a splendid example to many younger ex-servicemen by his regular attendance at sub-branch meetings.

The meeting elected Bill Cunningham and Reg Warratt as sub-branch auditors for 1980. — B.J.B.

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There are no special application forms for this Scholarship, and applications should be sent direct to the Secretary of the Council of War Relief Fund, Mrs G.M. James, c/o 2nd Floor, Cecil Building, 6 Sherwood Court, Perth (phone: 325-0291).

Applicants should state age, school attended and results in the Leaving Certificate examination, together with any other relevant information to support their application.

VICTORIA PARK CALLING!

Calling on Sub-Branch members to attend their sub-branch meetings! The operative word is “their” — not mine, not the secretary’s, not the president’s but “their” sub-branch.

The stage has been reached where we badly need more members to attend meetings and take their share of the responsibilities entailed in the successful running of a sub-branch, to air their viewpoint on RSL affairs and to give the present office-bearers a moral-boosting lift.

Don’t say you are too old. We have one 85-year-old member still attending and still active. Others, including the writer, are 70 or older, so age is no excuse.

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We ask you to make a sincere effort to attend meetings, which are held at 8pm on the first Thursday of every month at 69 Hubert Street, East Victoria Park.

The secretary’s name is Bert Squire and his telephone number is 361 6422, early mornings, evenings and weekends only, or if personal contact is desired, he lives on the sub-branch premises!

See you soon, we hope. — G.R. FORD

FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Plea for raise in allowances

At the meeting of the National Veterans’ Affairs Committee at National Headquarters on January 15, it was decided that the following item:

“That the allowance to students under the Soldiers Children’s Education Scheme be raised to a more-realistic level” should be a matter of a separate submission to the Government.

The Minister, Evan Aderman, replied: “I refer to your letter of January 30, conveying to me the National Executive’s recent resolution.

“It is true that education allowances for beneficiaries of the Soldier’s Children Education Scheme undertaking secondary studies have not been increased since January 1975, and tertiary students under the Soldier’s Children Education Scheme last received an increase in January, 1978.”

“The comments you have made in regard to increases in education allowance rates for these beneficiaries will be considered in the context of the next Budget.”

ANZAC DAY — NATIONAL DAY

Item No. 178 of the 64th National Congress:

“That the Federal Government be approached to declare Anzac Day as Australia’s National Day of Remembrance to be held on April 25 each year” was referred to Minister for Home Affairs Ian MacPhee, who replied: “Whilst there would seem to be no legal impediment to such a declaration being made I am not sure as to what would be achieved by action of this kind.

“The significance of Anzac Day is widely recognised in the community and, as you would be aware, it is the common practice of many public and private organizations throughout Australia to arrange parades and memorial ceremonies in honour not only of the troops who took part in the Gallipoli action of 25 April 1915, but also the efforts and sacrifices of Australian men and women in subsequent conflicts.”

“The Commonwealth’s contribution to the commemorative activities on Anzac Day would be well known to the League.

“You have raised in your letter the possible introduction of Commonwealth legislation which would give special status to Anzac Day as Australia’s National Day of Remembrance.

“While the League has not given an indication as to the scope of such legislation, I am advised that this could give rise to questions concerning the constitutional powers of the Commonwealth to legislate in this area.”
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IMMIGRATION

The following resolutions of the 64th National Congress Minutes were referred to the Minister, comments are attached.
1. "That National RSL again request the Federal Government to continue an immigration policy which maintains and protects our way of life and so avoid the socially destructive calamities that have occurred in other countries".
2. "That the League make the necessary approaches to the Australian Government to ensure that Vietnamese refugees who served alongside the Australian Forces in that area of conflict, be granted preferential treatment over other Vietnamese, should they desire to settle in Australia".
3. "That this Congress calls upon the Federal Government to maintain their efforts to take all necessary steps to reduce the practice of illegal entry of refugees to this country".
4. "That Congress inform the Commonwealth Government that it should discourage ethnic groups and encourage complete integration of immigrants into the Australian community".
5. "That a more stringent survey be compiled and maintained of all people entering or returning to Australia using every modern means of recording".

Mr MacPhee replied:
"In my letter of February 21, I promised to reply in detail to your letter concerning the recommendations made at the 64th National Congress of the Returned Services League of Australia. I am now able to reply to the recommendations in the order listed by you in your letter.
1. "The selection methods of the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs ensure, as far as practicable, that only persons who possess the capacity to successfully integrate with the rest of the community are admitted as settlers.

NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

"To protect national sovereignty the Australian Government alone determines who will be admitted for settlement in Australia. The size and composition of the settler intake is developed on the basis that it would benefit the Australian community's social and economic requirements and would not jeopardise the existing social cohesion and harmony.
2. "Australia's refugee resettlement program gives high priority to applicants having special associations with Australia. Vietnamese refugees who had served alongside the Australian Forces fall into this category and benefit from the program.
3. "The Government is concerned about attempts at illegal entry of refugees into Australia. Steps have been taken at discouraging the unauthorised arrival of refugee boats in Australian ports. These steps include:
(a) the stationing of migration teams in Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia to interview Indo-Chinese refugees wishing to settle in Australia.
(b) approaches to regional governments in South East Asia to hold the refugees until they can be resettled; and
(c) efforts to internationalise the resettlement of Indo-Chinese refugees.

"These measures have been highly successful as the flow of refugee boats appears to have stopped.
"Strict and thorough procedures are applied to people who arrive in Australia without prior authority and claim refugee status. Such people are given stringent health, quarantine and immigration checks and if they complete them satisfactorily are then granted temporary entry permits until the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs decides whether they are entitled to refugee status and permanent residence.

"Decisions take account of the recommendations of the Determination of the Refugee Status Committee which examines each case.
4. "Since the World War, about 3½ million people from more than 100 different countries have settled in Australia. The United Kingdom has been the largest source of settlers with just over 40% of the total. The other 60% have come from other countries with large components from Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Germany and the Netherlands.

In more recent years we have received significant numbers of migrants from the Americas, the Middle East and South East Asia. New Zealand and South Africa are at present important sources of migrants.

VITAL ROLE

"The contributions made by these settlers have played a vital role in the economic development of Australia and the country has been enriched by the cultural heritage they brought with them. The Government sees no conflict between supporting the wish of migrants to maintain and foster their cultural traditions and the need to promote and secure a cohesive Australian Society.

"As a multicultural society, our goal is to ensure the cultural and personal freedom of the individual consistent with the obligations of the Australian society and its institutions. The Government believes that cultural diversity is consistent with the maintenance of a cohesive Australia in which the dignity, and freedom of all Australians are revered, protected and incorporated.
5. "The Migration Act Regulations require all persons entering or departing Australia to complete a passenger card. Details from the cards are recorded on microfilm and both documents are retained permanently.

In addition, computer printouts are available for ready reference only, daily basis which show details taken from passports (or passenger cards for those exempted from holding passports) of all entries and departures.

"Enclosed is a copy of the booklet "Multiculturalism and its Implications for Australian Society," which has been prepared by the Australian Population Immigration Council and the Australian Ethnic Affairs Council, which advise me on these issues.

"In September, 1979, the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs forwarded to you copies of a Ministerial Statement on Immigration Policies and Australia's population, made in June, 1979.

"I hope that this information will assist in clarifying some of the points raised at the Congress."

Success at Pinjarra

The Anzac Day Commemorative Service at Pinjarra (Murray Sub-Branch) was an outstanding success. Approximately 50 troops took part in the parade with many others in attendance.

They marched to the inspiring music of the Perth Highland Pipe Band, followed by a large section of Scouts' organisations.

Mr McNeil MLA took the salute.

After the parade and service the ex-servicemen and women, families and friends enjoyed entertainment and refreshments in the RSL Hall.
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**Inspire the children, says President**

Giving the address at the main Anzac Day observance at Geraldton, Sub-Branch president Graham Till told a huge gathering that they must live as the sacrifices of the Anzacs demanded and inspire their children to do likewise.

He said that with this in mind, the Geraldton sub-branch had provided local schools with the Code of Citizenship originally sponsored by the WA State Branch and adopted nationally by the League.

Mr Till said that by fostering the Code of Citizenship, the RSL was aiming to improve the quality of life in Australia and to make it worthy of those men and women who built this country and of those who gave their lives to preserve it.

Mr Till also said that freedom for a nation meant having the insurance cover of an adequate defence system. Recent events had dramatically underlined the instability and unpredictability of the international situation, especially in Australia's area of strategic interest.

He added that we lived in an uncertain world and must have the capacity to cope with any contingency that may arise. Unfortunately, Australia did not have that ability at the present time and he therefore posed the question: "What good, after all, is Social Security without National Security?"

About 60 ex-service personnel marched to Birdwood House for the main Anzac Day observance, including three women — Mrs Stella Gleed, Mrs Pam Burgess and Mrs Pearl Hodgson.

The marchers included a big contingent of army cadets from Geraldton and Girrawheen, as well as other youth groups.

On parade also were three, 90-year-old army veterans — Bert Lock, Jock McAuslen and Joe Plaskett.

Mr Lock said he was impressed by the large number of young people who took part in the Anzac Day observance — which clearly indicated that its future was assured.

A record number of 68 wreaths were laid at the Birdwood House Memorial, where a guard-of-honour was provided by the Army Reserve.

The Town Band provided music for the main March and also supplied buglers for the "Last Post" and "Reveille" at both Parades; the Caledonian Band also took part in the main march.

About 30 ex-service personnel marched in the Dawn Parade, in addition to 53 cadets and five officers from the Unit of St. Patrick's College which now includes cadets from Geraldton Senior High School; and 15 cadets and three officers from the Girrawheen Senior High School in Perth.

B.J.B.

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**Minister replies to Congress items**

The Minister's comments on the 64th National Congress items Nos 159, 161, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168 and 169 are attached below. (all relating to Defence Service Homes) are as follows.

**RESOLUTION 159**: That, as so many ex-servicemen are having to change their areas of employment and because of the uncertainty of employment or ill health that the Minister for Veterans' Affairs be requested to permit them to sell their existing Defence Service Home and transfer the mortgage to another approved property at the expense of the applicant.

**COMMENT**: The basic purpose of the Defence Service Homes Scheme is to assist eligible persons who, through war or defence service, have been placed at a disadvantage compared with the rest of the community in acquiring a permanent home. Successive Governments have taken the view that the disadvantage is removed when an eligible person has been assisted to acquire a home.

Under the existing arrangements, there is provision for the transfer of an outstanding loan balance to a second property in special circumstances where an applicant is compelled to move from his Defence Service home for reasons beyond his control, such as a compulsory transfer in his employment or for medical reasons.

The Defence Service Homes Corporation's lending operations are funded mainly from repayments of principal by existing borrowers including amounts paid to discharge loans prematurely.

If, all eligible persons, on selling their homes, were permitted to transfer their outstanding loan balance to another property instead of repaying it to the Corporation the funds available for refinancing would be substantially reduced. This reduction of loanable funds would necessitate either an extension in the existing waiting period arrangements or a further call on the Budget.

**RESOLUTION 161**: That the RSL again request preference in Defence Service Home Loan allocations to those who qualify because of their war service.

**COMMENT**: The majority of Defence Service Homes applicants seek assistance on the basis of service in the 1939-45 or subsequent warlike operations. The Government announced in August, 1977, that a measure of preference would be granted to those applicants who qualified for a loan because of war service, but it subsequently decided not to proceed with this action.

In the absence of additional funds for the Scheme, it was found that preference could have been introduced only through a substantial increase in the waiting period applying to applicants without war service.

It is hoped that it may be possible at some future date to give preference to those applicants with war service without imposing a penalty on other applicants. The Defence Service Homes Act was amended in November, 1978, to permit preference of this kind.

**RESOLUTION 164**: That the revenue from sale of Defence Service Homes Estates be reverted to the Defence Service Homes Account.

**COMMENT**: Following the announcement of the Corporation's withdrawal from land development and home construction in August, 1977, the Government decided that the proceeds from sale of the Corporation's land holdings should be paid into the Consolidated Revenue fund.
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RESOLUTION 165: That the Defence Service Homes Act be amended so as to permit that on legal separation/divorce of a husband and wife in whose joint names the loan is granted and registered the person to whom the Defence Service Home is legally granted by a Court becomes solely responsible for the payment of the loan.

COMMENT: It has been the long-standing policy in the circumstances referred to in the Resolution not to release the transferor from the personal covenant in the mortgage on the Defence Service home. The reason for the policy has been to protect the interest of the Commonwealth in the event of any default.

The question of a possible relaxation of the policy was under review at the time the Resolution of the Congress was received.

I am now pleased to advise that, in all the circumstances, I have agreed to the present policy being relaxed so that, where consent is given by the Defence Service Homes Corporation to the transfer of an interest in a home pursuant to a Court Order, the transferor will be released from the obligations under the personal covenants in the mortgage.

RESOLUTION 166: That necessary changes in the Family Law Act be effected in order to protect the interest of the resident partner in the Defence Service home which is jointly owned and the other partner ceases to reside in the house and brings action to effect a sale of the property.

COMMENT: Where a successful action is brought before the Court for a division of property, the marital home is valued and the Court determines the amount due, if any, to each party.

A veteran wishing to retain the home can do so by purchasing the interest of the other party and the Corporation would normally approve the raising of a second mortgage over the property for this purpose.

Any proposal to amend the Family Law Act would be a matter for the Attorney-General and I have therefore referred the text of the resolution to him for consideration and reply direct.

RESOLUTION 167: That the Defence Service Homes Corporation be advised that returned servicemen are being badly inconvenienced both as buyers and sellers of existing property through the unavailability of building inspectors and/or valuers especially in country areas.

COMMENT: The Defence Service Homes Corporation has a statutory obligation to ensure that every home, in respect of which a loan is sought, represents a suitable security for advance of monies under the Act. This necessitates an inspection and valuation of each home.

Inspections for valuation purposes are carried out by the Corporation's technical staff in each capital city and in the larger provincial centres in some State.

In several States, valuations in country areas are carried out for the Corporation by valuers employed by the Taxation Office.

In other instances, the Corporation will authorise an applicant to obtain a valuation through a local registered valuer or other competent person, such as an architect or certain local government officers.

The Corporation is aware of the need at all times to ensure that property valuations are obtained quickly. Accordingly, where there is likely to be a delay in obtaining a valuation report through normal channels, or where circumstances demand a more urgent valuation, technical officers in the Corporation may be required to travel specially to the area concerned or, alternatively, the applicant is invited to obtain a valuation privately.

I would add that no evidence has been brought to the attention of the Defence Service Homes Corporation that suggests that these arrangements are causing general inconvenience to veterans in the buying and selling of their houses, as suggested by the Resolution.

Any specific examples of significant inconvenience that you bring to my attention will be examined with a view to seeking a satisfactory solution.

RESOLUTION 168: That persons eligible by reasons of service but who own another home be given the same privilege and opportunity of insuring with the Defence Service Homes Insurance as those who have a Defence Service Home.

COMMENT: This is a matter of Government policy which involves the major issue of involvement of Government agencies in services normally provided by private enterprise.

At this time no change in the existing arrangements is contemplated.

RESOLUTION 169: That the Defence Service Homes Corporation be advised that long delays are being experienced by members requiring the services of an Assessor when damage to properties insured under the Defence Service Homes Scheme occur.

COMMENT: In all capital cities and in the larger country centres in some State, inspections for assessing damage to properties insured under the Defence Service Homes Scheme are carried out by the Corporation's technical officers.

Where the size of the State permits, these officers are also used in many country areas. In other cases the services of the Taxation Office, competent local government officers or private loss assessors are employed.

As with valuation inspections, the Corporation recognises the need for early inspection of damaged properties under the Defence Service Homes Insurance Scheme.

Every endearment is made to ensure that prompt inspection is made, generally, within 48 hours of the report of major damage, and within 4 to 5 days in other cases.

Nevertheless, it is acknowledged that delays can occur where the property concerned is located in a remote area.

Every effort is made to keep the time taken in such cases to a minimum and, if necessary, the Corporation will engage the services of a private loss assessor if other means are not readily available.

It will be appreciated, of course, that where many properties are damaged following a natural disaster or other catastrophe it is necessary for the Corporation to make special arrangements for the assessment of the damage incurred, in such a situation, and it is not always possible to keep delays within normal acceptable limits.

The league may be assured, however, that the service provided to persons insured under the Scheme is kept under constant review by the Corporation. — EVAN ADERMANN (Minister for Veterans' Affairs).
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“Emotional, Inaccurate, Unbalanced”

By SIR WILLIAM KEYS

I am deeply concerned at the highly emotional, often inaccurate and unbalanced reporting of the Agent Orange controversy that is appearing in sections of the media.

I am equally concerned at what appears to be the intention of certain spokesmen for the Vietnam Veterans’ Action Association to gain cheap publicity for themselves on the basis of repeated attacks on the RSL. They are well aware that this is always good for a certain amount of media coverage.

For this reason, I am re-stating the history of recent events connected with the Agent Orange controversy, the RSL’s role in it, and our present position.

Towards the end of last year it became apparent that the Agent Orange issue had reached a dimension that was beyond the normal facilities of the appeal system of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. Subsequently in December the RSL asked the Government to institute an inquiry.

This inquiry was launched by the Government and has been undertaken by the Commonwealth Institute of Health, Sydney University. The enquiry produced an interim report which recommended a survey of all Vietnam Veterans and a comparison between their health and the health of their families with a control group of servicemen who had not been in Vietnam.

THE ONLY WAY

This epidemiological study was deemed to be the only way in which certain facts could be produced.

The inquiry rejected the idea of a medical, scientific or judicial inquiry, on the ground that this had been carried out in other places and had not produced definitive results.

Equally, similar inquiries along these lines were still proceeding in the United States and other countries.

The interim report also recommended that there should be a control group of three or four experts in the field of science and medicine to overlook the survey.

The League then made three recommendations to the Government:

* the survey should proceed with all possible speed and if possible, progress reports should be made on the basis of a sampling of the total number rather than wait for the completion of the survey
* that the RSL should have a nominee on the committee that would oversee the survey to ensure that justice was not done but was seen to be done.
* that the Repatriation Act should be changed to provide compensation for deformities amongst children should these in any way be connected with service.

In supporting the survey, the League is mindful of the fact that a sizeable number of world-famous scientists and medical researchers had indicated that this was the only way that reliable facts could be produced.

The League also asked that interim reports be published so that trends could be reported as they emerged.

In the League’s view, one of the tragic side effects of the whole controversy is the anxiety it is creating in the minds of young wives and mothers in relation to having children or in relation to the future health of their existing families. In the league’s view, it is necessary to allay these fears as quickly as possible.

This, then, is the situation as it relates to action within Australia.

“CLASS ACTION”

At the same time, the RSL was aware of the fact that a group of veterans in the United States had launched a “Class Action” against the eight companies that had supplied chemicals for the Vietnam war.

It is important, in the League’s view, that consideration should be given to joining Australian servicemen with this action.

To this end, the National Solicitor has had lengthy discussions with lawyers in the United States and finally it was decided that a West Australian lawyer, Ross Lonnie, who had been enquiring into cases in that State, should go to the United States as liaison officer for the League to have consultations with the American lawyers.

He is doing this in close consultation with the National Solicitor, who has requested the WA State President to warn him of the possible situation as to liability of Veterans for costs.

On April 24, the Federal Court in the United States will determine whether a “Class Action” can proceed. At that time, or shortly thereafter, the RSL must then decide what should be done in the interests of Australian veterans.

Already, a submission has been made to the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs asking that the legal costs of joining Australian veterans with the “Class Action” should be borne by the Commonwealth. This is where we believe the responsibility most properly lies. That submission will be prosecuted with every possible energy.

In the meantime, the League stands ready to meet limited costs of establishing what the facts are. Already this has amounted to about $6,000. Further decisions will be made as events develop.

Attached to this covering letter is a copy of a Press Release issued from the National Headquarters on April 1, together with a Press clipping from “The Canberra Times” which reported details of that Press release and the subsequent Press conference.

I finish this circular letter on one note.

The RSL is charged with looking after the needs and safeguarding the interests of all ex-servicemen and women. Our concern is just as great for those who served in Vietnam as for those who served in any other conflict.

We will take every step that is necessary to protect their interests and we will not be deterred from that course by highly colourful and distorted reporting in the media, or by the action of so-called spokesmen for the Vietnam veterans who seem more concerned about personal publicity than establishing the facts.

It is essential that all sub-branches and all our members know precisely what the situation is and this especially applies to Vietnam veterans who are either members of the RSL or who are potential members.

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Study on herbicides welcomed by RSL

By FRANK CRANSTON
Defence & Aviation Correspondent

Australia's 41,000 Vietnam veterans could be bound by the findings of a United States court in an action to which 40 Australians had asked to be joined, unless every one of them notified the court that he did not wish to be considered party to the action, the national president of the RSL, Sir William Keys, warned yesterday.

Sir William was speaking at a press conference in Canberra yesterday at which he said the RSL welcomed the major study into the alleged effects by herbicides and other chemicals on Australian servicemen who served in Vietnam. The study was announced by the Government on Monday.

If Australian veterans who did not wish to be joined to the action did not signify this to the court they would forego any other claims they might want to make against the US Government or private companies in America.

The prohibition against future legal actions in the event that the current US moves failed would also be binding on the dependants of Australian veterans of the war including their wives and future children.

Congratulating the Government on its approval of a medical study not only of all Australians who served in Vietnam but of a control group of servicemen who did not go there, Sir William said the RSL had requested, such a study some time ago.

However, because of the length of time the study would take — an estimated two years — the RSL would ask the Government to issue interim reports if any trends could be established during the course of the investigations.

He hoped that such interim reports could be issued to help ease the anxieties of many veterans and their families who had become concerned by the emotionalism which had crept into allegations about possible harmful affects from the use of defoliants and other chemicals during the war.

Rejecting suggestions of a judicial inquiry into the alleged effects of the chemicals, Sir William said there had been a number of such investigations into similar matters, but they had been unable to provide any clear evidence. The logical method of proceeding was the full-scale medical examination ordered by the Government.

Sir William denied suggestions that the RSL had acted on the issue only after pressure had been applied by other groups.

He said the dimensions of the matter had become obvious only about last September and the RSL had been actively involved since then.

A representative of the Vietnam sub-branch of the RSL in Western Australia had been sent to the US to study developments in the inquiries.

'Struggling the need for quick action on the investigations, Sir William said legal actions of the type now being sought in the US could easily take five or 10 years.'

Asked if he believed Australia had any moral obligation to Vietnamese who might have been affected by chemical spraying, Sir William said he believed not.

The defoliants had been used to help save lives in a war in which the enemy had worn civilian clothes when attacking uniformed Australians. He did not believe Australia was obligated to consider paying reparations of any sort to the Government of Vietnam. By courtesy of The Canberra Times.

Townsend Shield finale

The finale and presentation night of the Ted Townsend Memorial Shield Games were held in the Glen Forrest Hall on Friday, March 28.

The night was well attended, with mums and dads and youngsters in abundance. As this was the end of the 26th year it gave us all a kick to see so many in attendance, and all with full teams and plenty to spare.

We also had two members of the State Executive with us, Mike Hall, Liaison Officer for Childlow-Mount Helena, and Mr Z. Kwiecinski, who is no stranger to the members, as he has attended quite a number of times, and is Liaison Officer, I believe, for one of the competing Sub-Branches.

The Games were played with the goodwill that has characterised these Games from the first Games night.

Horrie Hardy was with us and as he has been very sick we were all doubtful as to the effect the Bugle Calls, that he has been sounding for us at 9 o'clock for a number of years, would have — and when the lights went out and the bugle sound range out loud and clear, we knew Horrie was up to standard. Thank you, Horrie, for your fine effort.

During the night, Mr Hall made a presentation to Mrs Mason, who is the youngest daughter of Dick Stone, who turned 100 years of age in October last year.

It was a Birthday Card signed by members of the State Executive, and though the gesture was appreciated by Mrs Mason I thought perhaps the State Executive could have done just a little better, as Dick, as he is known by all, had his 100th birthday and his 50 years service with the League in the 150th Year of the State.

Though I am not a statistician, I venture to state that there would not have been too many more in the League throughout Australia with the same qualifications.

However, a good night was brought to a close when Mr Clements, Organiser, announced that Childlow-Mt. Helena had won the Shield and Mr Kwiecinski made the presentation, congratulating the winners and losers alike, and also put in a word of thanks to the host sub-branch, which was Glen Forrest, along with a word for the ladies who put on a delicious supper.

In closing, a word of thanks from all who took part to Mr and Mrs Alby Wells, who worked tirelessly to make the night a success that it undoubtedly was, and our two Executive Officers who must have gone out of their way to attend and join us. — Jack Thompson. Secretary, Childlow-Mt. Helena Sub-Branch.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dorothy and Mike Hall who recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. As many members will know, Mike is on the State Executive of the R.S.L. and also President of the City of Perth Sub-Branch, while Dorothy is a member of the City of Perth Women's Auxiliary and also on the State Executive of the Ladies Auxiliary. Both have worked very hard over a long period for the benefit of members of the league in Western Australia. All members wish them well for the future.
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WA's ANZAC OF THE YEAR

Burns Robert Barney Stewart is an ex-serviceman who served in the World War with the WA 2/16th Battalion in the Middle East and New Guinea.

Ever since settling back into civilian life, Barney has given unselfish assistance and joy to many people.

During his early married years he lived at Newdegate, where he became president of the Newdegate Parents and Citizens and Football Club, and trainer and first aid supervisor for the Newdegate Senior Football Club. In 1952 he began his career as Father Christmas to local children and surrounding districts.

He lived in several country areas — wherever his work with the Railways took him and his family.

In 1957 he moved to Katanning. Here, he became a member of most local organisations. He soon became trainer and first aid man for the Austral Football Club. During this time, he held walkathons for charity.

In 1964 he organised an elephant race in the main street, borrowing the animals from a passing circus. He dislocated his shoulder dismounting an elephant, but his efforts gained $114 for the Police and Citizens’ Club. Numerous general collections were also held.

He lived at Mullewa from 1970 to 1974 before returning to Perth. He still trains the Football Club and acts as Father Christmas to all within 150km. He is also training the Mullewa Police Boys’ boxing troupe.

Now in Perth, he is Father Christmas to many underprivileged children, believing they have rights to normal Christmas and should receive gifts as other more fortunate children do.

HELP FOR DEAF

In 1975, the Mosman Park School for the Deaf required low stretchers for the younger handicapped children. Barney soon obtained and modified these to suit the children’s needs. He has also provided them with many articles for raffling or selling at school fetes. This organisation is just one example of the many he has and is assisting.

As a 68-year-old pensioner, he displays all the community-mindedness of his younger years.

Since his retirement in 1976, he has spent his time collecting broken toys, bicycle parts, etc. and used his own garage to make and repair toys for underprivileged children. Between Christmas in 1977 and 1978, he saw 4,160 such children. This year he will speak personally to between 1,500 and 1,800 children.

He also gathers second-hand clothes for these children.

Some of the organisations he assists are: the Mary Smith Home (Night Shelter for alcoholics), Sister Kate’s Home for Aboriginal Children, Ngala Home, Mofflin Home, Acro Rehabilitation Centre, Twin Club of Australia, Mosman School for the Deaf, Cottesloe Partially Hearing School, Arthritis Foundation of WA.

Kindergartens he has also helped are Shelley, Cannington, Rossmyne, Belmont, Lynwood, Gosnells, Koolinda, Thornlie and Beckenham.

He does not limit his aid to children. He helps fellow pensioners with gardening chores and, gives unmarried mothers prams; cots etc.

Barney does not carry out all these activities under congenial conditions; his only income is a Social Security pension and he is paying for his sick wife to stay in a “C” class hospital as well as his own living expenses.

Last year, he had to sell some of his products to buy parts needed for his toymaking and personal expenses.

He has six children and 18 grandchildren, and resides at 145 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park.

Anzac of the Year

Professor Frank John Fenner, the distinguished Australian-born scientist of Canberra, has been awarded the 1980 Anzac Peace Prize.

National President of the RSL, Sir William Keys, in announcing the award, said that Dr Fenner had been a Professor at the Australian National University since 1949. He was Director of the John Curtin School of Medical Research from 1967-1973 and has been Director of the Centre of Resource and Environmental Studies since 1973.

He is a Fellow of three national academies of science, the Australian Academy of Science, the Royal Society of London and the National Academy of Science of the United States.

Professor Fenner played an important role in the campaign to control rabbit infestation by the use of myxomatosis.

He was awarded the Anzac Peace Prize for his great contribution to international understanding and contact through preventative medicine and environmental science.

SEVEN AWARDS

Sir William also announced the names of the seven Anzac of the Year Awards.

A Victorian winner was Sister Sabine Maloney, of the Mercy Convent in North Melbourne, for tireless and devoted help to the underprivileged people of her community.

In WA, it was Burns Roberts (Barney) Stewart, of Victoria Park, for his work for young people in the community, especially for under-privileged children.

Keith Ashton, of Brisbane, was the Queensland winner, for outstanding community effort in establishing the Helping Hand Society to assist young people and his general support of youth in the community.

Mrs Mary Bennett Bell, of Marrickville, NSW, was honoured for community work, hospital visitation, support for Meals on Wheels and tireless devotion to the assistance of others.

Another NSW recipient was Joseph Henry Pankhurst, of Bingara, for community work over a lifetime of service and for his support for those in need.

Mrs Maida Kathleen Denehey, of Kingston, Tasmania, earnt recognition for many years of caring for the elderly and the infirm without recompense and, subsequently, for her work as a Bush Nurse which went beyond the call of duty.

A second Victorian honoured was Ronald McNeiU Decker, of Kew, for his support for the Diabetes Foundation over many years and his encouragement to others working in this field.

Sir William said that the 1980 winners of the Peace Prize and Anzac of the Year Award were a small group of Australians who had distinguished themselves by their deep concern for others, their selflessness and their dedication which in every way exemplified the great human qualities of the men of Anzac.

The awards, which consist of medallions and lapel badges, will be presented later in the year.
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The guard was the brain child of Capt Essington Day, the adjutant of the 4th Brigade Training Battalion AIF at No. 2 Camp, Codford, Wiltshire, England.

Instructions from the Australian Government in January, 1917, laid it down that no man under the age of 19 was to be drafted to serve in the units in the forward area of any war zone.

All “under-19s” in the reinforcements of the 13th (NSW), 14th (Vic), 15th (Qld), and 16th (WA) battalions at the Camp in that category were called out and formed into one group under Captain Koch and Sargeant Stuckey.

There were 40 of us, and of that number 17 were from the 22nd reinforcement of the 16th battalion. We were formed into two guard reliefs and were responsible for all guard duties in the Camp.

The period of duty for each guard, relief was 24 hours, which meant that we had 24 hours on and 24 off. During the off period, we did four hours of squad drill and rifle exercises.

We soon became very proficient and attracted quite a number of onlookers during the changing of the guard ceremony. It became routine when any top brass visited the Camp, that we were put through our paces, invariably, we were complimented on our performances.

ORDEAL IN WINTER

Guard duty during the winter was an ordeal that we never looked forward to. It was bitterly cold, and a biting wind swept unceasingly across the bare downs.

Two of the sentry postings were on an ammunition store and a high explosive cache on opposite sides of the Camp perimeter.

The only shelter was a small sentry-box which had just enough room to stand up in. The rifle and bayonet would be leant against the wall, so that the mitten-covered hands could be held under the armpits or in the crook in an effort to keep them warm; the feet would be stamped incessantly, periodically the box would be vacated to jog up and down the beat, the rifle gripped in cold, unfeeling hands.

After a couple of months, a rumour was circulated that we were to be issued with new uniforms with red piping and were to be attached to AIF Headquarters at Horseferry Road in London as a permanent guard. This did not appeal to us, so we asked to be paraded before Captain Koch to ask him to have us put on draft to join our battalions in France.

We were eventually paraded and were told to form single rank in alphabetical order. As we filed through the orderly room, we had to place a hand on the Bible which was on the table in front of the Captain and swear that we were 19 years old. Half of us reneged and were re-formed into one guard relief. The others were returned to their unit lines.

Of those who swore falsely on oath about their age, some were only a month or two from reaching it; others said that, by basing it from the time of conception, they thought they qualified. The two who were Jews said it did not worry them, as it was a Christian Bible.

All the “19-year-olds” were soon on draft to join their battalions in France and within days of their arrival were in the offensive in Ypres. Of the seven who joined the 16th Battalion, three were killed and two were wounded.

Our guard continued for about a month and were relieved at 24-hour intervals by new arrivals from Australia. However, as no more underage troops were arriving and our number decreased through sickness and other causes, we were disbanded as a guard. By the end of the year we had joined our battalions in France.

NO SEMBLANCE OF COMFORT

Life hadn’t been easy living with a body of men of that age group in the cramped conditions of one hut that lacked any semblance of comfort or room for movement. The one small pot-bellied stove and the meagre ration of coal was incapable of competing with the biting cold.

The only amenities were in the combined YMCA and Salvo hut where one could write, drink unsweetened and milkless cocoa and watch an occasional concert. It was a cold cheerless place. The rule was: lights out at 9.30.

Arguments would start without much provocation and usually ended with a punch-up. The main offenders were the Sydneysiders and the Melburnians over the merits and disadvantages of the two cities and of course which was football, Rugby or Aussie Rules.

The only time that we came in contact with Captain Koch was on pay parades or when we were paraded before him for committing a misdemeanor. The punishment handed out could be admonishment, packdrill, or so many days confined to lines doing menial work after the usual parades and duties were finished.

Being a member of the Guard was a great thing, because we learnt to cope with situations that would not have occurred had each guard relief been isolated and housed with older men, who would have a restraining influence over the youthful exuberance.

I can recall the names of those who were members of the 22nd reinforcements of the famous 16th battalion. They were: Charles Burns and his brother; Jules Bromberg; Alex Cohen; Les Dutton; Syd Chester; “Chook” Fowles; King; Charles Mumme; Ern Palmer; Riley; Webb; Woods; Wilkins; Penter and “Skeeter” Jenkins.

The 78th birthday

The anniversary of the founding of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps on July 1, 1902, will be celebrated at a reunion of Service and Ex-Service Sisters on Saturday, July 5, 1980 at the Nurses’ Memorial Centre, 34 King’s Park Road, from 2.30 to 5pm.

The function, which is arranged by the Returned Sisters’ Sub-Branch, RSL, is an annual event with the traditional cutting of the Birthday Cake and the serving of afternoon tea.

For further details, please contact either Miss M. Lindsay, Hon Sec. Returned Sisters’ Sub-Branch, 122 Petra Street, Bicton (phone 339 5526) or Miss V. Hobbs, convenor; 13 Gardner Street, Como (phone 367 2498).

Any “Moths” in WA?

To the Editor: As a relatively new member of the RSL, having arrived from South Africa only 18 months ago, I wonder if you would be so kind as to insert an item in the next issue of The Listening Post enquiring if there are any “Moths” in WA.

I have been a member of the Anti-Tank Shellhole of the “MOTH” organisation in South Africa for the past 20 years and have held office as “Old Bill.” I am a present member of the Nedlands Sub-Branch of the RSL.

If there are any former “Moths” in WA, I shall be pleased if they would contact me at 159 Calais Rd; Wembley Downs, 6019, or phone 341 1939 after office hours — Dr. John McKechnie.
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These conditions also apply to those wishing to purchase a home being rented from the State Housing Commission.

If it is your desire to build a home, then there is no waiting period for finance and you may complete the construction utilising progress payments made by the Defence Service Homes Corporation or by bridging finance which will be paid out by the Corporation (up to $15,000) on completion of construction.

For further information or clarification of any of the above matters, contact the Defence Service Homes Corporation on (09) 321 0131.

Country members are also advised to watch the local Press for details of forthcoming visits by Defence Service Homes officers who will be available to discuss any matters concerning the housing scheme. Centres to be visited are Albany, Bunbury, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie, and notices will be posted in the district Social Security offices re dates and venues.

NOTE: When assessing the cost of temporary bridging finance, a discount should be made for rental payments which are not applicable to you as a home owner during this period. Also the ensuing benefits of low-cost finance over periods of up to 32 years far outweigh the inconvenience of bridging finance:

AIF VETERANS HONORED

Lake Grace Sub-Branch and other citizens gathered at the Sportsmen Club on Monday, April 21 at a buffet dinner and presentation to Jack Lay and Jack Coad to mark 50 years of continued service to the local sub-branch.

One hundred and 25 residents enjoyed a sumptuous meal and evening, chaired by Lindsay Kennedy, president of the Sub-Branch.

An executive of Headquarters, Roy Bell, presented the Certificates and to the delight of those present, both gentlemen responded in a strong note.

The families of both gentlemen, 87-year-old Mr Lay and 83-year-old Mr Coad, were in attendance and had photos taken of this momentous occasion.

Neighbouring Sub-Branches were loud in their praise of Lake Grace in the manner in which the evening was presented.

The entertainment to follow was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance, N. Dunham on the piano, R. Dewson and A. Duckworth singing, with a sprinkling of stories by other members.

The evening continued with congratulations and lots of reminiscing of long ago.

Having only short notice of the event, the ladies rose magnificently to the occasion and were acclaimed by the mover of the toast.

Mr Bell, in his opening address, outlined the activities of the League in Australia and particularly in WA of the Homes for the Ages, Poppy Day, Anzac Day and the many things to help ex-service personnel. He gave the RSL Shop quite a wrap-up.

One member thanked the locals who used the "Listening Post" as the medium for advertising.

Jack Duckworth gave a summary of the esteem in which the residents of the district have for the guests of the evening, L. Elliott, vice-chairman of the Shire Council, also a member, highly praised Messrs Lay and Coad as members of the community for 133 years service between them.

Russel Eggers, senior vice-president, has given 20 years consecutive service to the Branch as president.

John Waddell, of Newdegate, responded to the toast of visiting sub-branches in a very capable manner.

The evening drew to a close with a toast to the newly-appointed Chairman. Congratulations to all concerned for a well-conducted show.

Gun Barrel from HMAS Australia

An 8in gun barrel, 35ft long and weighing 17 tons, from the HMAS Australia, has been received at the Australian War Memorial. The barrel is believed to be one of only two still in existence.

It was transferred from the Ordnance Factory, Bendigo, and will go on display outside the War Memorial, near the Japanese midget submarine.

The HMAS Australia and her sister ship, HMAS Canberra, were built in Britain and completed in 1928. They both had eight 8in guns.

The Australia had one of the most notable fighting records of any Australian warship. In 1935-36 she was on exchange duty with the Royal Navy in the Mediterranean during the Italian attack on Abyssinia.

Back in Australia, HMAS Australia and HMAS Canberra patrolled in WA waters because of the threat of German raiders.

In late 1940, Australia sailed with a Royal Navy force to West Africa, fighting twice at Dakar and suffering damage.

She went to Scapa Flow and served in the North Atlantic before returning to Australia to become Flagship of the Australian Squadron in December, 1941.

In the Battle of the Coral Sea, the HMAS Australia was attacked by Japanese bombers. In 1942 she was at the attack on Guadalcanal. In 1943 and 1944 she covered landings in New Guinea and the islands.

At the Battle of Leyte Gulf in 1944 she lost 30 killed and 52 wounded when she was hit by a Japanese kamikaze plane. In 1945 she was severely damaged by five kamikaze planes at Lingayen Gulf.

Re-fitted in England in 1945, HMAS Australia was recommissioned in 1947 and served in Far East and home waters till she was decommissioned in 1954. She was towed to England in 1955 and broken up.

The barrel that is being donated to the War Memorial was removed to the Ordnance Factory at Bendigo in 1943 for relining. It was proof fired at Port Wakefield in 1944. In 1948 it was approved to be scrapped and was brought by the Ordnance Factory at Bendigo as education equipment.
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By John Chappell

To the Editor: I congratulate R.L. Davies on his thoughtful letter which appeared in the Autumn 1980 issue of the Journal, and his comments on Laurence Binyon's "Ode to the Fallen."

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; "Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn."

The words were most appropriate at the burial services during the wars and for some time afterwards. To use them now at an aged ex-serviceman's funeral does not seem to me appropriate.

Those of our comrades who served in the world wars and are still alive have already long since grown old; age has already wearied many of them, and unfortunately, in some instances, the years have also condemned.

Whilst discussing the lines of the famous poem, I recently have heard on two separate occasions the word "condemn" being rendered as "contemn". The dictionary definition of "contemn" is "to scornfully regard" — a term that is not so appropriate as "condemn," which means to "censure or blame," and which the poet used.

Here is a reproduction of Binyon's poem, in his own handwriting:

The enclosed facsimile of the stanza in which the words occur, in Binyon's own handwriting, should dispel all doubt.

One more comment. The opening words of the Stanza are frequently reversed and quoted as "they shall not grow old." The misplacement of the "not" affects the delicate shade of meaning or nuance of the sense.

It would be regrettable to allow the words of the poem to be altered and ultimately to become the accepted version, and thus become wearied by age.

NO CHANGE, PLEASE

To the Editor: With reference to a letter published in the March issue in regard to Laurence Binyon's Ode being altered for the funeral services, we wish to advise that our discussion of this at our last Committee meeting, it was unanimously decided that we retain the Ode in its present form for all occasions. — C. Wragg (Hon Secretary-Treasurer, 11th and 2/11th AIF Bns Association)

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Alan Richard Faure-Field, one of the many teenage servicemen in the Great War, was only 15 years and nine months old when (putting his age up, naturally) he enlisted in September, 1918, in the Royal Air Force.

He was a member of 31 Squadron from 1920 to 1923 and when the World War came along, he joined the AIF and served from 1941 to 1942.

He was born in December 12, 1902, the eldest son of Lieut-Colonel J.A. Faure-Field, OC Cheshire Regiment and South Wales Borderers.

After initial training at the Calshot School of Aerial Navigation and Naval Combined Operations, he was posted to 31 Squadron at Cawnpore in India. He also served at Peshawur, the North-West Frontier, Dadonia and Waziristan. He was discharged in March, 1923, and came to WA on the s/s Balnolain.

He was employed by the Midland Workshops in essential service till he joined the AIF when the World War broke out. He was sent to the Middle East as a specialist with the 2/11 Bn. so as to get larger allotment for wife and baby of 10 months.

He sailed on the Queen Mary (10,000 men), accompanied by Queen Elizabeth (17,000 men). Their escort was HMAS Sydney. This was in 1941.

He was taken to Gaza Hospital with pneumonia and pleurisy. The 2/11 was of battalion strength when he was discharged from hospital, so he was posted to 2/8 Bn., where he was the only musician playing the button accordian.

He had his 39th birthday overseas but was sent back to Australia in 1942 and discharged. He went back to essential services at Midland Workshops.

He joined the Boddington Sub-Branch of the League as a foundation member in 1930 and was called out of bed to make up a quorum.

He was also member of Midland Sub-Branch, Sub-Warden of Sons of Soldiers League, Vice-President of Maylands Sub-Branch, Secretary Glen-Forrest-Darlington Sub-Branch and also President of above Sub-Branch for eight years.

He has now earned 50 years Certificate for continuous membership of the League, he is a member of Bassendean Sub-Branch.

Mr Field also had a brother, Major J.A. Faure-Field, who was serving with the Nigerian Rifles and was blown up and wounded while trying to stop German advance in Albania over a bridge into Greece. He is now living in Ipana in Spain.

— M.C. (Mike) Hall.

Whereabouts of Alfred Bibby

The Royal British Legion is trying to trace the whereabouts of the abovenamed on behalf of his 80 year old father, Mr Edward Bibby of Holmside, Gosforth, Cumbria.

Alfred Bibby joined the RAF in 1939-45 as a rear gunner, was shot down in the channel, rescued and transferred to the Royal Navy as a telegraphist serving in HMS Ajax and was present at the Battle of the River Plate.

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“HIGHLIGHTS OF EARLY DAYS OF THE R.S.L.”

By Ida (Christie) Spencer M.B.E.

The Returned Services League became an organisation of great importance and prestige as it gathered strength in membership, and high quality of State Executive members in character, education and position in the community. The choice of the State Presidents and Executive members raised the standard and made it a very powerful body. Views and opinions expressed and reported were always well considered by the State Government and the public generally. Of course, there were criticisms at times, but also a general feeling that men who had served their country and suffered thereby, had the right to be heard, and they still served by upholding the principles of good citizenship, of right and justice, and caring for those in need — not forgetting the motto: “The price of liberty is eternal vigilance.”

In the early years, men with some of the best brains in the City (and State) were members of the State Executive, and they gave their time and talents to improve conditions, and to remedy the trials, troubles and disadvantages which so many men suffered as the result of war service. There were Lawyers, a Doctor, Public Service men, Clergymen, Journalists, Members of Parliament, skilled men of several trades, a poultry farmer, a viticulturalist, and men conducting their own businesses. So many different backgrounds, training, education, politics and religion, all working together to establish a splendid worthwhile organisation of Returned Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, plus Nurses and women and children who needed assistance.

There were three Clergymen at the one time on the State Executive, I remember. The Rev. C.L. (“Tommy”) Riley — Anglican, Rabbi D.I. Freedman (Jewish) and Rev. Eric Nye — Methodist. The Rev. Riley’s father was the Anglican Archbishop of Perth at the time and also took a keen interest and often visited the Office. At first, these Clergymen were called “Padre”, until Christian names emerged.

Visitors to Western Australia from Great Britain and the other States of Australia, including many “world celebrities” paid informal visits to the RSL Office, and many were entertained in a way that enabled all available members to attend — if possible, and some very memorable visits were enjoyed.

In 1920 King George the 5th’s son, Edward, Prince of Wales, visited Perth, and made an informal visit to the Office at the Soldiers’ Institute in the Supreme Court Gardens as it was then called. Many returned soldiers claimed to have met him in France during the first World War, and many stories were circulated of those days.

The Duke and Duchess of York (later King George VI and his queen) were given a wonderful reception by returned soldiers at the Old Prince of Wales Theatre in Murray Street. The RSL Band was in good form, and under the baton of Mr. George Mellor — a brilliant cornetist and musician, (and possible his young pupil, Charlie’s Court was there too, playing his cornet), The Band played popular World War 1 songs and I remember that as the Royal Couple walked down the aisle of the crowded theatre, the Band played “Hello, hello, who’s your lady friend”? — It wasn’t the girl I saw you with in Blighty. Whp, who, who’s your lady friend?, and also “Who were you with last night, out in the pale moonlight”?! The crowd all sang, and the Duke and Duchess seemed highly amused.

(Nothing like that had ever happened to them before, probably, or since!)

It was some years later when the then State President, Mr Alf Yeates, attended a function at Buckingham Palace, London, and met the King who told him that the Returned Soldiers’ welcome in W.A. was the most outstanding and enjoyable function of their whole Australian tour. (I was delighted to attend with a few of the wives of Executive members who were seated in the gallery). After the function, the State Executive members formed a guard of honour and were introduced to the Royal Couple, much to their delight.

Prime Minister, “Billy Hughes”, (a very small man, incidentally) was another visitor entertained at the Soldiers’ Institute, (Where Council House now stands). I remember him telling the story of being carried around London streets during the 1st World War by an enthusiastic group of “Diggers”, who lifted him shoulder high, and marched with him through the streets singing. He didn’t really object, but could not get down, and all went well and happily until they came to a corner, and the poor little Prime Minister was nearly torn apart as the leaders had not agreed on which road to take. Some turned left and some right!

The most entertaining of all visitors, was probably Harry Lauder, the celebrated Scottish Singer-Comedian. Rabbi Freedman was the President at the time, and it is a great pity that tape recordings were not known then, for these two men — The Scottish Comedian and the Jewish Rabbi, entertained the gathering by pitting their wits against each other, seeing who could tell the best story. We heard some excellent yarns about ‘Jews’ and ‘Scots’, as each tried to go one better than the other. Wonderful entertainment indeed, and quite un-rehearsed. The W.A. Returned Soldiers were very proud indeed of their President, the kindly Rabbi, that night!

When Anzac House, was completed in St. George’s Terrace, it was the Duke of Gloucester who honoured the League by performing the opening ceremony, and he also paid an informal visit to the Office and was introduced to members of the State Executive and Staff.

Mr Alf Yeates, a vigneron of Upper Swan was the President at that time. His military service went back to the Boer Rebellion (China?), the Boar War (South Africa) and the 1st World War (France). I believe he was a Sgt. Major, and at meetings, in spite of his quiet gentlemanly ways, if the occasion demanded it, he would raise his voice in the call to order that nearly lifted the roof!

He was invited to London for the Coronation Ceremony, and his story of his visit to Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace in a very elaborate uniform he had hired with all the trimmings, was worth hearing. A very shy man, he felt that all eyes were upon him as he tried to slink along the back streets, but the crowds were everywhere. A good President and very well liked.

Some visitors to the Office were not really appreciated. Several women came from England at different times calling themselves “The Soldiers’ Sweetheart” or something similar, and expected to be made a fuss of and be entertained. In some cases, warning messages came from the other States and no one had ever heard of them and they had no credentials.

When the question of establishing the “Women’s Auxiliary” was discussed by the State Executive (or conference), I remember that it was Rabbi Freedman who moved the adoption of this suggestion, and remarked, “I really think it is time that we embraced the LADIES!!” Amid much laughter the motion was carried and the Auxiliaries formed, and some splendid women gave great assistance during the depression.
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In the early years it was certainly very easy to publish the activities and needs of the RSL for the reporters of all daily and weekly papers were always on the doorstep. Also on the State Executive was Mr C.P. Smith, Editor of "The West Australian" newspaper. A Press Sub-branch was formed as well as other "Community-Of-Interest" Branches at one time, and these men were of great assistance, as well as the well known Editor of the "Listening Post", established by Mr Stan Watt — a member of the State Executive. When Mr Dave Benson was State Secretary, he established a column in "The Sunday Times" and provided the notes for this weekly, incidentally, he was very good at publicity.

The Hon. James Cornell, M.L.C., was a keen member of the Executive, and at one time visited Canada as a delegate to the British Empire Service League Conference, with which the RSL was affiliated. He came back full of stories which the men loved to hear — of Sir Douglas Haig (Duggie, as he called him) and other high-ranking British Officers, "General Birdwood" amongst them. Some of the members had met them on the fields of Flanders.

A number of very fine men held office of President over the years, and all added something to the prestige of the League, but Col. Collett was outstanding and had advanced ideas which he put into action. At that time the Soldier Settlers were having a very difficult time, mainly due to the unpreparedness of the State Government, the wrong decisions made, and possibly the ignorance of men in charge of the various departments, who had no knowledge or experience of farming conditions and farm management. Special Conferences were arranged for Soldier Settlers, and these were a great success and very helpful to the Settlers. Many problems were discussed with the Government officials involved, and solved to the satisfaction of the Settlers. Letters received in the office at that time were often amusing, and sometimes were sad and depressing. "How would I know?" wrote one man in answer to questions, "I'm only a poor uneducated devil of a returned soldier trying to develop a farm."

Col. Collett considered that these men needed a break from their troubles and worries, and each year the "Settler's Conferences" were held, a River Trip was arranged to Pt. Walter where afternoon tea was enjoyed. The men became acquainted and all joined in the signing during the strip. These outings have happy memories for me.

While still President, Col. Collett also planned a River Trip and a Dinner Party to the Applecross Hotel for the State Executive members and their wives, plus staff. Items during the dinner were given by one of the League's Trustees, Mr Garnet Philip, who had a good tenor voice. I was a singer, too, in those days and played his accompaniments. This was also a very happy affair. Col. Collett was also the "power" behind the planning of the State War Memorial in King's Park.

Started with enthusiasm, and then left, he formed a good Committee and the RSL can take the credit for its completion — building their own Memorial! He was also responsible for gathering and checking all the names then I typed the lists.

In the early beginning days, Secretaries and Presidents came and went, and I was like the "band that still played on!" I had no holidays for about three years owing to changes — not only of staff, but offices. The RSA (as it then began) began in a room at the Y.M.C.A. in Murray Street. Then a move to the Soldiers' Institute operated by the Soldiers' Welcome Committee, (where I first began work in 1918). Then to "Tattersal's Club" in Barrack Street. Then to Government Buildings near the Town Hall in Barrack Street, (where the R. & I. Bank now stands). Then to the corner of St. George's Terrace and Howard Street, back to the Soldiers' Institute and a block of offices with Board Room built for the RSL by the Soldiers' Welcome Committee. Many years later to Anzac House, which was to have been a permanent home.

The first qualified accountant was Mr R. Calder-Crowther, (his war injuries compelled him to walk with two sticks). He later established himself as a Public Accountant and Auditor. I learned a good deal from him and tried to see that his system was carried on. Later, after several Secretaries, Mr Arthur Penny was appointed Secretary, and was qualified in Accountancy and all office procedure. Order became well established with Mr Carl Ferguson as assistant, Pensions Officer, etc. Mr Penny was previously Secretary of the Soldiers' Institute, and was conversant with the business of the dining room, billiard room, and the office generally. He was also a splendid pianist, and at "Smoke Socials" etc., organised for delegates to the State Conference, the singers were assured of the accompanist. All the Soldiers' Institute was handed over to the League by the Soldiers' Welcome Committee, and a Manager was appointed by the League to control the kitchen and dining room, and all monies were through the League office. The Manager and Cleaner/caretaker lived on the premises. Several very capable women held the position of Manageress.

I remember going with the Manageress on one occasion to the Perth Markets — in the Pier Street area, to see how vegetables were bought in bulk straight from the growers. Left home about 5 a.m., (too early for the trams) and walked the 3 miles to the City to be there by 6 a.m. We had a hot pie and tea at a stall before returning to the Institute, sometimes in emergency I also helped as a waitress or on the cask desk.

In the depression years, and especially when the Group Settlers and other Soldier Settlers walked off their farms and came to the City, the League gave out meal tickets galore. That was a terribly sad time — whole families with lots of children, waiting around all day, waiting for a meal at the Institute and hoping for a job for "Dad". They came to Perth without warning, no friends or relations, no job and nowhere to go. They were given meal tickets and a week's board at some small cottage near the City. (Anyone with a bed to spare on the verandah was glad to have it used and paid for — about at 1/6d per night. Dreadful days, so very sad, and such problems)

I started with the "Highlights", but the anguish of the "flowwhards" had to be seen to be believed. We heard many heartbreaking stories, and hundreds of men and women had good reason to be very thankful for the "Relief Funds of the RSL" in their time of need.

Of course, people often saw the funny side too. One tall, well educated man asking for assistance from a particular fund which had all been disbursed, caught me out one day when the right word evaded me, and I said "I'm sorry, but that fund has all been — er — dished out!" Although he had been inquiring, he stood straight and tall and reprimanded me — "Dished out! Dished out! That's a nice term for a lady to use, Then suddenly, in the counter, he said "All-o-cated, allocated!" and walked out in disgust. We girls picked up many phrases of war-time use, but there was no bad language allowed, and if a word did slip, a prompt apology followed. "Be careful now, there are ladies present!" (How very different from today!)

Many splendid women also assisted the League greatly in the early years. Miss Mary Meares always a keen supporter and a member of the Soldiers' Welcome Committee, which built and staff the Institute with voluntary helpers for so many
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years, until it was handed over to the RSL. After service in the 2nd World War with the Young Women’s Christian Association, Miss Meares became a member of the State Executive of the RSL, and many will remember her.

Mrs Edith Cowan, the first woman in Australia to become a Member of Parliament, was a trustee of the S.W.C., and when the League was given control of the building, she paid regular visits to see that everything was kept in order according to the contract. (It always was, of course). The Memorial Clock at the entrance of King’s Park commemorates this fine woman.

Mrs Kitty Hopperton, during the depression years, gave outstanding service. Young and attractive with a large family, she could always find a place in her home to give food and shelter to another woman and children in need. She was Secretary of the Perth Women’s Auxiliary.

Miss Barber was another kind and generous soul (Someone has written a book about her experiences). She was an English woman, very forthright, not handsome, but with a heart of gold, and a genuine desire to help those in need. She had served in Serbia with a nursing unit, and eventually all had to leave, and with nurses, soldiers and families, walked miles over the mountains — with some of the men sick and injured — to the coast, there to await a ship to take them all back to England. An incredible woman with a wonderful spirit. Perhaps this story should not be told, but I know it is true.

At a meeting of the newly formed Women’s Auxiliary (Perth Branch), of which Miss Barber was the first President, she had difficulty with one woman who kept referring to something which had been discussed, put to the meeting and settled. Said the President in desperation “Mrs? if you refer to that again I will slap your face!” Again came the whining voice with the same complaint. Madam President leaned over and smartly smacked her face! The men told me this story with great delight. Miss Barber was a wonderful woman and has several medals to prove her story of her war service. She was a cook with me, I think, the first nursing unit sent from England at the beginning of the 1st World War.

Another distinguished visitor to the RSL Office was Charles Kingsford-Smith, who before getting into the Air Force, had served in the same regiment as Mr Dave Benson, the State Secretary, in the 1st World War. Mr Benson was very happy and proud to welcome and introduce his friend “Smithy” to the RSL.

Incidentally, Ian Idries, writer of many outstanding Australian books, was another visitor. Sometimes, also without pomp or ceremony, the State Governor of the day would pay an unofficial visit and chat with the State Secretary or President if he happened to be about.

Sometimes in the afternoons when the office was at the Soldiers’ Institute, a fine, clear tenor voice was heard singing from the billiard room some of the old haunting ballads of earlier years — “If those lips could only speak” — “Till the sands of the desert grow cold” were two favourites. The singer worked in the country and made occasional visits to Perth, and not knowing anyone, visited the Institute, where he could get a meal, read the papers, have a game of billiards and entertain himself on the piano. He certainly had a lovely voice and loved to sing. I didn’t find out his name, but we loved to hear his clear, ringing voice echoing through the building.

So many stories, so many interesting and happy memories of those courageous and dedicated men and women who worked with in those 18 years come back to me — but there is not room for them all — I could go on and on...

What a wonderful and very valuable experience and training it all was for me. I left the League to become the Business Secretary of the Young Women’s Christian Association in Perth, and then married a farmer and have lived in the country ever since. Having been so involved in organisations, it was not long before I became a member of the Country Women’s Association. Little did I imagine that I would become the State President, and later, the National President of C.W.A. of Australia. That was all some years ago, but I am still a member of C.W.A. and also the Y.W.C.A.

I have a great deal to thank the Returned Services League for, and hope that some of my reminiscences will bring back memories of the days gone by, and perhaps create a little more interest in the splendid work of the RSL.

ANZAC DAY TRIBUTE
Thousands turn up at special Chase service

South Staffordshire Royal British Legion marked ANZAC Day on Sunday with a Special commemorative service at the British Military Cemetery at Brocton, on Cannock Chase.

Two Australians and 71 New Zealanders who died in the 1914-18 War as part of the Allied Forces, are buried in a section of the cemetery, and each year several thousand people gather there to mark their passing.

More than 120 standards from all over the country were carried at the graveyard, where posies of red poppies and green fern were placed on each ANZAC grave by members of the Royal British Legion Women’s Section.

They gathered at 10.30 am, and half-an-hour later the service was conducted by the Rev. D.C. Felix, Chaplain of the Military Historical Society.

Music was provided by the Band of the Mercian Brigade and the Cannock Ex-service Men’s Male Voice Choir.

Last Post and Reveille were sounded by the Mercian Brigade’s buglers.

Mr Dennis Hodson, chairman of South Staffordshire Royal British Legion, gave a short address after the wreath-laying ceremony.

And diplomatic and service representatives from Australia and New Zealand were in attendance, alongside Lord and Lady Lichfield, civic dignitaries and officers from all over the Midlands.

The annual service has gained a reputation as the largest ANZAC commemorative ceremony in the world outside Australia, and last year attracted almost 10,000 people to the Chase, according to one estimate.

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2/16th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

44th BATTALION ASSOCIATION
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President, T.W. Scott, 250 Corinthian Rd, Riverton, Secretary: W.H.P. Hood, 93 Guildford Rd, Mt Lawley, 6050. Tel. 271 5254. Meetings 1st Wednesday each month in Visitors Room, Anzac House, Perth.

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President: W.T. Wallin, 69 Constance St, Nollamara, 6061. Tel. 349 1409. Secretary: C.J. McPherson, 34 Harold St, Dianella 6062. Tel. 276 2313. Treasurer: R.D. Hampson, 7 View St, Dianella 6062. Tel. 276 9715. Meetings Anzac House 3rd Tues. E/M 8pm.

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President: W.T. Scott, 250 Corinthian Rd, Riverton. Tel. 457 4902 or 335 4311. Secretary: Ken Wood, 54 Sussex St, East Vic. Park 6101. Phone. 361 7204. Committee meets 3rd Wednesday every month Anzac Club. (4 Sherwood Crt.) Annual Reunion, to be advised.

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51st BATTALION AIF ASSOCIATION

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LISTENING POST, WINTER, 1980
The formation of the Vietnam Veterans' Sub-Branch was a step forward and we are looking ahead to these being formed in other states. As you are aware this is the most complex problem with which the league has possibly ever been faced, but it is important that we be seen to be working for the cause of justice. The welfare of every ex-service person and their dependants must be our first thought. The basis on which the league was founded was welfare and repatriation and so it remains today.

Our solicitor has been to America and has only just returned. We will meet with him next week and a full report will appear in the September Listening Post. Some members may have thought that, by the publicity, we had forgotten the other facets of repatriation. This is not so.

Your committee which has met on an ad hoc basis has been keeping a watchful eye on a wide variety of areas. Tribunals, pensions, hospitals and treatment to mention a few have come under discussion and where it was felt action should be taken the matter has been placed before state executive for consideration.

Invariably our suggestions have been accepted, sometimes with amendment, and the appropriate authorities approached.

On the question of tribunals, this is a matter we are committed to follow through until the Government, whichever Government it is, sees reason. I said Government, not department because it is a Government matter. To say that a person is getting a fair deal when he waits twelve to fifteen months to have his case heard is beyond the imagination.

We are pleased with the continuing works programme at Hollywood Hospital and will maintain a watching brief. We believe that the closing of Edward Millen and the transfer to Hollywood will benefit present and future patients. As to the future use of Edward Millen we are not yet in a position to make a statement.

On the treatment side we are investigating the work with the new cancer drug Meta-Amsa. We can assure you that no ex-service person will be disadvantaged. As with all new treatments a careful watch will have to be kept.

There are times when we are accused of trying to get too large a slice of the cake. This isarrant nonsense. Without the sacrifices of ex-service personnel in the past, there would be no cake for anyone.

The members of my committee and myself would like to say a sincere thank you to the work of our welfare committee.
under the chairmanship of Jim Hall, BEM. CB, as I said earlier, repatriation and welfare are very closely allied and we have been able to work in close association with them.

This has been of benefit to all concerned.

A number of problem areas have become apparent recently in the repatriation act and we feel it is again time to study the act closely with the intent of having it fully reviewed. There is no doubt in my mind that we have the best system of repatriation compensation in the world, but with the passing of time we must ensure that what we have, we hold. Not only is the price of liberty, eternal vigilance, but also is the welfare of our members.

One section of repatriation which receives little publicity, and indeed does not seek it, is the Soldiers’ Children Education Scheme. This scheme was, with the sanction of the then government, launched in February 1921. It is a comprehensive scheme which provides for the education and training of the children of deceased ex-service personnel and the children of those who, are classified as totally and permanently incapacitated. Each state has a Soldiers’ Children Education Board consisting of representatives of state primary, secondary and technical schools, university, technical institutes, non state secondary schools, the R.S.L. and other ex-service organisations and the deputy commissioner.

I began on the board ten years ago as the representative of the T.P.I. association. Following the recent retirement of Mr Tom Sten, OBE, MA, Dip.Ed., I was also given the honour of being the R.S.L. representative.

No report on the board would be complete without reference to Mr Sten a former state president of the league, he served on the board for some forty years, and for thirty-four of these years he was chairman. A brilliant educationist and a man of deep feeling, his contribution to the education of the children of your comrades cannot be expressed in mere words. We owe him a great deal indeed.

The present board is under the chairmanship of Mr Ray Ware, a highly qualified educationist and a man of great vision.

He has under him a group of very dedicated people, including our deputy commissioner whose advice on matters pertaining to commission is invaluable. Two members you k know well are Owen Forsyth, OBE, BEM., National President of the War Widows’ Guild, and Annie Rowe, MBE., past State President of the Women’s Auxiliaries. Both of these ladies take very worthwhile contributions to the work of the board, which, besides meeting as a full board is divided into a number of sub-committees so that it is possible to interview each student and a parent or guardian, each year. In this way we keep in close contact with the student and his or her family and any problems which may arise are discovered early. A very sympathetic attitude is taken towards each student although members can be strict if a case warrants it. No stone is left unturned to see that they are helped to attain their life’s ambition.

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There have been failures of course, but these are well and truly in the minority.

The 1978 Rhodes Scholar was one of our products, and many others are in excellent positions — I have a few pamphlets with me on the scheme if any delegate would like one.

I have steered clear of the contentious item which appeared in the media on Friday, as no doubt Sir Richard will be asked to comment.

Mr State President, when talking on repatriation matters and related issues I could go on for a long time. We have a congress to get through so I will finish with these words through the repatriation legislation, the Australian community has given an undertaking to those who served in the armed forces in time of war that they would be provided with compensation for disablement and a satisfactory health scheme.

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