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The RSL has, over the years, enjoyed the privileged position of having direct access to Government. It is along these formal channels that direct pressure is applied.

Much of the credit for this achievement must go to the founders of our organisation who appreciated the need to be regarded as a responsible organisation pursuing its policies through recognised channels.

As a result, the National President has access to the Prime Minister and there are avenues for RSL access to Cabinet and many Government Departments.

It is well known that the League has representation on nearly all Boards; Tribunals and Commissions connected with Veterans’ Affairs.

I believe the influence of any pressure group is dependent not only on pressure-group methods but, in influencing a democratically elected government, on the number of votes the group represents.

It would be almost impossible to calculate an accurate figure of what number the RSL represents at any particular time.

It would be more than those who are members of the League. It would include many other veteran organisations, kindred organisations and probably the majority of League members’ dependants, plus a lot of other people sympathetic and indebted to the RSL generally.

INFLUENTIAL NUMBER

During, and immediately following, the World Wars, the number of people in Australia supporting the League was a sizeable, and therefore influential, number. It is not surprising, therefore, that a great many of our successful submissions to Government occurred in these periods.

But, of late, this situation has changed dramatically, and we are now fighting a rearguard action insofar as the membership of the League is concerned.

If we, as an organisation, can attract members only from the present veteran population of Australia, we cannot survive as an influential organisation.

Consequently, the response to Service Membership is critical to our future. We will attract only a limited number of Service Members who have a close personal association with the League, and so we must do all in our power to advise these eligible persons that the RSL has many attractions.

For example, we provide the facilities for the maintenance of service ties, and we are an influential and established pressure group. In matters of Repatriation we have proven ourselves to be a most successful pressure group.

Our success in the area of defence is difficult to measure, but because we are a major organisation and we are vitally interested in defence, we can influence defence decisions and we can improve public awareness of defence matters.

FORUM PROVIDED

For the serving member of the Armed Forces, the RSL can provide a forum in which collective service views can be expressed and pursued.

The League should endeavour to provide the serviceman or woman with an organisation which has the capacity to safeguard his conditions of service. He has no union, but he has had to watch the considerable gains that have been made by other groups who have union backing.

The RSL could provide the quasi-union through which servicemen and women, as a group could express any dissatisfaction with conditions of service. This would not be inconsistent with the present policy of the League or its objectives.

It is of interest to note that the RSL was largely responsible,
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some years ago, for the setting up of an inquiry into Service pay and allowances and conditions of service, under the chairmanship of the then Mr Justice Kerr.

It was an inquiry which, it will be remembered, brought down some important and far-reaching changes in the method of determining wage levels and conditions of service for members of the Armed Services.

**RECRUITING, SECURITY**

Conditions of service affect recruiting and the retention of personnel. In turn, Australia's security is affected by the quality of our servicemen and women.

Over many years, by a process of responsible decision-making, coupled with satisfactory evidence to support those decisions and backed by a very comprehensive infrastructure, the RSL has been able to get its message across to keep on good terms with Governments of all political persuasion, and to advance the cause of the serving personnel and the veteran community at large.

The League can look back on a long period of achievement, of early frustrations and disappointments, but in general a sense of fulfilment, and herein lies the danger of complacency. We must look towards the future and plan carefully on the basis of a membership made up of Service Members and Ordinary Members.

The League needs members, for they are the lifeblood of the organisation. The League needs public goodwill; and this involves a re-appraisal of our own views and attitudes, and a more magnanimous approach to those who do not come, often through no fault of their own, into the category of "returned" servicemen and women.

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY 1978 — 60 YEARS AFTER**

By Doug Bruce

Memories of two World Wars will be revived in November when a contingent of Australian ex-servicemen and women will take part in a tour of some of the major battlefields of Europe and the Middle East.

The raison d'être of "Europe '78" is to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, at the Australian National Memorial near Villers Bretonneux.

The Duke of Kent has been invited to lay the first wreath. He will be followed by the Australian Ambassador to France; a distinguished Frenchman; and two pupils of Villers Bretonneux School. An Australian who served in one of the battles of Villers Bretonneux will lay the RSL wreath at exactly 11 o'clock.

Immediately following the 11 o'clock ceremony, a helicopter from the French Air Force will fly over the Memorial, dropping poppies and cornflowers. This will be followed by the release of pigeons that will be gathered from the village square by the youth of Villers.

At the luncheon to be held in the Victoria Hall, adjacent to the School, presentations will be made to the school, its pupils and to the Sir William Leggett Museum.

Items to be presented to the museum will include photographs and citations of the four winners of the Victoria Cross that were won in one of the battles of Villers Bretonneux. The Australian War Memorial will be providing the photos and the citations will be translated into French.

In the evening, Tour Leader Sir William Refshauge will host a reception at which many distinguished guests will be in attendance. Dame Vera Lynn will fly from London especially to be present on this auspicious and memorable occasion.

During the time they are abroad, the party will be hosted by some of their former enemies, a "fraternal meeting" with the Africa Korps in October. One name that stands out is Dr Manfred Rommel, son of the legendary "Desert Fox," the late Field Marshal Erwin Rommel — Dr Rommel is the Mayor of Stuttgart, Germany, and has organised a special Civic Reception.

Though the central observances will concern World War I veterans and families, there are many things that will interest and refresh the memories of those who served in World War 2.

**TOUR LEADER**

Major-General Sir William Refshauge OBE, the tour leader, joined the CMF before the Second World War 2; enlisted in the AIF in 1939, and in the following six years saw active service in the Middle East, including Libya, Greece, Crete and Syria, Ceylon, New Guinea and Borneo.

He was Director-General of Army Medical Services from 1955 to 1960 and was then appointed Director-General of Health for the Commonwealth of Australia, a position he held until 1973. In that year, he resigned to become Secretary-General of the World Medical Association. He retired in 1976 and resides in Canberra.

In 1971 he was president of the 24th World Health Assembly, and in 1972 was a member of the Australian delegation to the United Nations Conference on the Environment at Stockholm.

He is a National Trustee of the RSL, and is the only Australian to be concurrently a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

He is a Life Member of the RSL, was awarded the OBE in 1974. During World War II, he was mentioned in despatches four times. In 1959, he was elevated to Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) and in 1966 was made a Knight Bachelor.

Whilst being a very distinguished soldier, Sir William has a reputation for being a "soldiers' General."

Deputy-leader of the tour will be Mr Len Phenna, MBE, JP, WA State President, who served with the 2nd AIF in the Middle East and New Guinea, and later as a member of the Australian Forces in Korea and Malaya.

Mrs Meg Brown, widow of Corporal Wally Brown, VC, DCM, will lay a wreath at the Town Memorial during the morning ceremony. Wally won his Victoria Cross at Villers Bretonneux on July 6, 1918 and had previously been awarded the DCM at Passchendaele.

**TWO WA AWARDS**

At Villers Bretonneux, four Australians won the highest award for valor, the VC — Corporal Walter Ernest Brown, of the 2oth Battalion, AIF; Lieut Albert Chalmers Borella, of the 26th Battalion; and two West Australians, Lieut Clifford William King Sadlier, of the 51st Battalion (on the night of April 24-25, 1918) and Lieut Alfred Edward Gaby, of the 26th Battalion (on August 8, 1918 — a posthumous award).

Lieut Sadlier's award coincided with the third anniversary
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of Anzac and Lieut Gaby’s with the first day of the great offensive which defeated Germany.

It is therefore fitting that their citations be recorded for all West Australians to know in the year just prior to the 150th Anniversary of this State.

SADLER, Lieut Clifford William King (51st Australian Infantry Battalion, AIF). 24th-25th April, 1918, at Villers-Bretonneux, France.

CITATION: For conspicuous bravery during a counter-attack by his battalion on strong enemy positions. Lieut Sadler’s platoon, which was on the left of the battalion, had to advance through a wood where a strong enemy machine-gun post caused casualties and prevented the platoon from advancing.

Though himself wounded, he at once collected his bombing section, led them against the machine-guns, and succeeded in killing the crews and capturing two of the guns.

By this time Lieut Sadler’s party were all casualties, and he alone attacked a third enemy machine-gun with his revolver, killing the crew of four and taking the gun. In doing so, he was again wounded.

The very gallant conduct of this officer was the means of clearing the flank, and allowing the battalion to move forward, thereby saving a most critical situation. His coolness and utter disregard of danger inspired all. (London Gazette: July 11, 1918).

POSTHUMOUS AWARD

GABY, Lieut Alfred Edward (18th Australian Infantry Battalion, AIF). August 8, 1918, at Villers-Bretonneux (posthumous award).

CITATION: For most conspicuous bravery and dash in attack, when, on reaching the wire in front of an enemy trench strong opposition was encountered. The advance was at once checked, the enemy being in force about 40 yards beyond the wire and commanding the gap with machine-guns and rifles.

Lieut Gaby found another gap in the wire and, single-handed, approached the strong point while machine-guns and rifles were still being fired from it. Running along the parapet, still alone, and at point-blank range, he emptied his revolver into the garrison, drove the crews from their guns and compelled the surrender of 50 of the enemy with four machine-guns.

He then quickly reorganised his men and led them on to his final objective, which he captured and consolidated. Three days later, during an attack, this officer again led his company with great dash to the objective.

The enemy brought heavy rifle and machine-gun fire to bear upon the line, but in the face of this heavy fire Lieut Gaby walked along his line of posts, encouraging his men to quickly consolidate. While engaged on this duty, he was killed by an enemy sniper. (London Gazette: October 30, 1918).

PLACE OF HONOUR

The photographs and citations of all West Australians who were awarded the Victoria Cross, together with Lieut L.V. Goldsworthy, who was awarded the George Cross, the Distinguished Service Cross and the George Medal whilst serving in the RANVR, are displayed in a place of honour at Headquarters of the State Branch of the RSL.

Mrs Sadler, now remarried, lives in Perth, and three nephews of Lieut Gaby still live in Western Australia. Other members of the family still live in Tasmania, NSW and Queensland.

Of those on tour, 24 are over 80 years of age (the oldest being 90), two are 88 years and one 87.

The little schoolhouse at Villers still boats a plaque in each classroom which is written in French and says: “Never let your love of your fellowman forget the men from Australia who died here that you might live in peace.”

VACANCIES AT WAR VETERANS HOME

Applications are invited from returned sisters, returned ex-servicewomen, war widows and widows of ex-servicemen for single accommodation at the war veterans home.

All enquiries to be made to the superintendent, Lt-Col G.G. Woodhouse on 272 1811.

LIFE SUBSCRIBER’S CLIP

Life subscribers will be issued with a special “LS” badge clip, which will take the place of the present year clip, thus obviating the expense of sending a new clip each year. This is being carried out on a national scale.

Letters are being forwarded to all life subscribers now, enclosing the clip. This will indicate to all that the wearer has paid his/her membership with the RSL for life.

PENSION CHANGES

Under the existing provisions, a Service Pension may be granted free of the income test to a pensioner: (a) who is permanently blind; or (b) who has attained the age of 70 years.

The pension rates per week for this group since May 1978 are:

- Single veteran $51.45; married veteran $42.90; spouse $42.90

- Under the new provisions, the legislation is to be modified in line with changes which will apply to pensions paid by the Department of Social Security.

- Pensioners 70 years or over will in the future receive: (1) Minimum payment of May 1978 rate (as above); or (2) such additional pension to the maximum rate as is applicable under the income (or means) test.

- Pensioners in category (1) will NOT receive the November increase in pension (unless they can satisfy the income test) and in effect their pension will be frozen at the May 1978 rates.

- The decision does not apply to the permanently blind.

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KNOW YOUR RSL STAFF

In an endeavour to improve communications between Members, Sub-Branches and State Headquarters of the League, we propose to run a series of articles on the staff with brief details of their duties, in an attempt to assist members to obtain quick and ready assistance by personal contact on telephone 325 9799.

SERVICE & WELFARE SECTION

War Compensation Officer — Jim Giblett: The RSL provides for its members and their dependants a specialised service relating to all Department of Veterans' Affairs pensions.

The War Compensation Officer, Jim Giblett, will appear as advocate and speak for members at tribunals and has the know-how to help with the preparation for Entitlement and Assessment Appeal Tribunals, which includes coaching of the appellant.

Jim is also secretary of the League's Repatriation Subcommittee and liaises direct with the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Should you have any query relating to pensions, please do not hesitate to contact him.

Welfare Officer — Bill Melvin: The League's welfare programme is based on an earnest endeavour to give guidance and assistance to meet the needs of all ex-servicemen, women and their dependants. (See article March, 1978, Listening Post).

In addition, the Welfare Officer, Bill Melvin, is responsible for the following activities:

- agent for British Commonwealth Ex-Services' League.
- liaison officer for RSL Members "Personalpak" Insurance.
- co-ordinator of Corps of Commissionaires.

 secretary of Membership, Operation Stand in, Poppy Day sub-committees.

It should be borne in mind that all correspondence must be addressed to the State Secretary and not to individuals in the State Branch.

Your first contact with the State Branch is the switchboard where staff members Mrs Pat Cave and Miss Glenys Hatch, with the full information of the nature of your call, will direct you to the right channel. Matters relating to general records, membership, change of address, Unit and Kindred Associations and Listening Post can be efficiently dealt with by these two staff members.

Mr Ron Crisp, State Branch accountant deals with all matters in relation to sub-branch accounts, finance and investments and is ably assisted by Miss Patti McCue.

WAR VETERANS' HOME

Enquiries and applications for accommodation at the War Veterans Home should be directed to the Superintendent, Lt-Col G. Woodhouse on 272 1811.

It must be remembered that the State President, Vice Presidents, State Executive members and Trustees are all honorary and cannot be contacted at State Branch headquarters but should any member desire to approach them personally their phone number may be obtained from the staff on the switchboard.

All correspondence to the State Branch and State Executive should be the State Secretary, Box C 128 G.P.O. PERTH W.A. 6001.

The State President, Mr L. Phenna will be overseas from 8th October to 9th December, in his absence Mr Turner will be Acting State President.

THE SAGA OF RORKE'S DRIFT

In the long history of military achievement by the British Army there are, undoubtedly, numerous dates of major significance; and very prominent among them is the night of January 22/23.

During this night in 1879, a small force of British troops defended their post, the Rorke's Drift Mission buildings, comprising the Mission residence, hospital, storeroom and the kraal, against the furious onslaughts of about 3,000 highly trained and disciplined Zulu warriors.

No fewer than 11 Victoria Crosses and two Distinguished Conduct Medals were awarded to the defenders.

The centennial anniversary of this important military engagement is now just ahead of us, and will, for sure, be remembered with due honour and pride by all who hold in high esteem outstanding bravery and tenacity.

The successful defence of the Rorke's Drift Mission, situated as it was on the border between Zululand and Natal, undoubtedly prevented an invasion of Natal and the slaughter of many white colonists, who numbered about 25,000 at that time.

AGAINST HUGE ODDS

According to military records, the heroic exploits of a comparatively small (Regulars) permanent army detachment of four commissioned officers and 93 effective fighting troops, in successfully defending Rorke's Drift against such overwhelming odds, provide an example of valour and courage claimed by many to equal if not surpass that of the Spartan king, Leonidas, and his 300 Spartans at the Pass of Thermopylae; the famous naval action of Sir Richard Grenville in the "Revenge" in 1591; and the siege of the Alamo Mission, Texas, February 23 to March 6 1833, during the Texan War of Independence.

It would be difficult, indeed, to visualise any higher degree of commendation.

The Rorke's Drift roll for January 22, 1879, shows a total of 109 personnel on strength that day. Eleven of these, however, were hospital patients and physically unfit, and one was a civilian of the Army Commissariat Dept (now RAOC); therefore there were only 93 effective NCO's and men, and four officers.

Out of a total of 18 VC's won during the Zulu War of 1879, 11 were awarded for the successful defence of the Rorke's Drift Mission for "valour and courage beyond that expected of a British soldier in the face of the enemy."

The recipients of these 11 VC, all of whom survived the battle at Rorke's Drift, were:

- Surgeon-Major James Henry REYNOLDS, Army Hospital Corps; Lieut John Rouse Merriot CHARD, Royal Engineers; Lieut Gonville BRONHEAD, South Wales Borderers; Act/Asst Commissary James L. DALTON, Army Commissariat Dept; Corporal Frederick SCHIESS, Natal Native Contingent; 1240 Corporal William ALLEN, 716
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Both Colour Sergeant F. BOURN and Private E. ROY, of the South Wales Borderers, were also decorated for their heroic action in the defence of Rorke's Drift. They were both awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Seven VC and two DCM awarded to one company of infantry, for one action on one day — seldom has the bravery of so few been so conspicuously rewarded.

"Rorke's Drift" is but one of the long list of battle honours emblazoned on the regimental colours of the 24th Regiment Foot, the South Wales Borderers, now (since 1967) renamed the Royal Regiment of Wales.

It must nevertheless be fully recognized that there was no lack of fortitude on the Zulu side. They, too, displayed an ability to fight fearlessly and with unwavering resourcefulness. Notwithstanding their superiority in numbers, their main weapon was the broad-bladed assegai, indubitably a close-combat instrument of attack or defence. It is quite true that some did carry, and could and did use, firearms — rifles. Nevertheless, the close-combat assegai predominated with the Zulus at Rorke's Drift as elsewhere throughout the Zulu War.

**TENACITY, DETERMINATION**

Unequivocal evidence of their tenacity and intrepid determination to fight on regardless is amply affirmed in this extract from the official report on the battle at Rorke's Drift:

"As daylight dawned, the Zulus were observed retiring round a shoulder of the hill by which they had approached almost twelve hours before. Lieut. CHARID ordered out a patrol and sent the rest of the weary men to rebuild and strengthening the improvised barricades, many of which had collapsed or been ripped open by both bullets and assegais.

"On this patrol, Private Henry HOOK, rifle in hand, was stepping over the bodies of dead Zulus when he noticed that the leg of one-prostrate Zulu was bleeding profusely.

"When he went to look closer, the Zulu soldier suddenly leapt up and seized the butt of Hook's rifle, trying to wrest it from him. In the struggle for the rifle his assegai fell to the ground and out of his reach. Suddenly the Zulu let go his grip on the rifle, but immediately seized Private HOOK by the leg and tried to pull him down."

"Though Private Hook survived that desperate encounter with a very courageous and determined Zulu warrior, it was not for any want of trying on the Zulu's part.

"The efficiency and fortitude of Zulu warriors is beyond question.

"The casualties sustained on both sides in the battle of Rorke's Drift also amplify the courage and determination in the face of still resistance of both British and Zulu alike.

British: 17 killed and eight wounded in action. (1328 Lance-Sergeant Thomas WILLIAMS, South Wales Borderers, died of his wounds on January 23, 1879).

Zulus: 351 killed. The number of wounded is unknown. (The Zulus are believed to have carried off many wounded.)

**INVASION PREVENTED**

The importance of the successful defence of Rorke's Drift Mission Post cannot be treated lightly. It certainly contained the Zulu war to Zululand territory and, without doubt, prevented a Zulu invasion of the Natal Province.

Evidence of this is contained in the following Army Order:

"By gracious command of her Majesty Queen Victoria, on July 28, 1880, at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, it is ordered that in future a silver wreath shall be borne around the staff of the Queen's Colours of both battalions of the South Wales Borderers as a lasting token of the devotion to duty displayed at Isandhlwana and in the noble defence of Rorke's Drift."

It is, I feel, fitting and proper that remembrance at least be accorded this valiant feat of arms on its centennial anniversary, January 22-23, 1979.

A glowing tribute to the bravery of both British and Zulu soldiers at the Rorke's Drift Post is paid in the film "Zulu," which was released by Paramount Films to coincide with the 85th anniversary, January 22, 1964.

The film starred the late Sir Stanley Baker and attracted capacity audiences worldwide. It was very popular in Perth.

R.L. DAVIES.

**LUNCHEON AT CTA ROOMS**

On Friday 12th May the Sub-Branch held a delightful lunch at the Functions Room of the CTA, when more than 110 guests representing ex-service and voluntary organisations were present.

The President, Mrs McManis, welcomed Lady Kyle, the guest speaker (and member of the Sub-Branch), and other guests and, after the loyal toast, recited the Ode. Lady Kyle gave an amusing and entertaining account of her experiences at various stations in England during the War as a service woman with the WAAF. Her address was received with appreciation, and Miss Sylvia Perry proposed a Vote of Thanks to Lady Kyle.

Among those present were the State President and Mrs Phenna, Mr G. Dunstan, Chairman of Australian Red Cross in WA, the Hon. Margaret McAleer, Mrs Vivienne Statham and Mrs Mary Brazier.

The lunch was organised by Mrs Joan Dowson as Membership Representative on the League's State Executive, with the assistance of Mrs Laura Fealy as Sub-Branch membership officer. They are to be congratulated on the success of this enjoyable function.

Sylvia Perry

State President Len Phenna presenting the RSL prize to Cadet Aircrew P.T. Manson at No. 102 Pilots, Pearce, WA. P.T. Manson was an outstanding student, winning five of the six prizes.
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This regiment was raised in 1689 and was established as a unit of the British Army, designated the 24th Regiment of Foot on March 28 that year.

Originally the regiment consisted of only one battalion, and remained so until July 1757, when a second battalion was raised.

In the mid-1860s, the Cardwell system of military reform was introduced, by which military districts and sub-districts were established, leading to the 24th Regiment of Foot being re-designated “The South Wales Borderers”.

The regimental cap badge is a sphinx, but since 1880 the sphinx has been surrounded by a wreath of immortelles in memory of Isandhlwana and Rorke’s Drift and, superimposed on the wreath of immortelles, are the letters SWB.

The commissioned officer’s badge is identical, but somewhat smaller and made of silver.

Since its original formation, the Regiment has served in many wars and campaigns and under many distinguished commanding officers, including John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, who assumed command as colonel of the regiment on 12th February, 1702, and served in that posting till August 25, 1704.

SUPREME DECORATION

The 24th Foot served with distinction in the Crimean War, when the Victoria Cross was instituted as the supreme British decoration for bravery in action in the then both fighting services, Navy and Army.

Prior to the Zulu War of 1879, the Regiment had been awarded six Victoria Crosses.

For gallantry in the South African War of 1900-1902, the South Wales Borderers, as the regiment was then known, was awarded four Distinguished Service Orders and 11 Distinguished Conduct Medals.

In the Great War (1914-18), a further six Victoria Crosses were won by troops of the South Wales Borderers.

The most outstanding of these was awarded to Company Sergeant-Major Jack Williams, who was also awarded the DCM, MM and Bar, and the Medaille Militaire (awarded by the Government of France).

The South Wales Borderers landed at Hellespont, Gallipoli, on April 25, 1915 as part of the British 29th Division, and served throughout the Gallipoli campaign at Hellespont and Suvla Bay, in which actions they suffered 300 casualties fighting against the Turks.

In 1967, in consequence of another re-organization of the British armed forces, and the creation of a “Prince of Wales Division,” the Regiment was merged with the other Welsh regiment to form a Welsh Brigade, and assumed the title of the Royal Regiment of Wales.

Thus, the 24th Regiment of Foot, subsequently the South Wales Borderers, up to 1967 gave over 278 years of continuous and unbroken service to the British crown and, during the period 1855 to 1945, soldiers of the regiment won 23 Victoria Crosses.

The last of these was awarded to Corporal E.T. Chapman for bravery at Teutoburger during the final phases of the 1939-45 war.

By any standards, this Regiment has an inspiring record of service. — R.L. DAVIES.

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Unit Associations may arrange to hold meetings at the Club. All information obtainable from the Manager, Ted Steele — phone 325 9799.

“G FOR GEORGE” APPEAL

The Australian War Memorial is appealing for the return of parts souvenired from the famous Lancaster bomber, “G for George”.

“George,” an imposing feature of the Memorial’s aeroplane collection, was stripped of many of its internal fittings while it sat on the tarmac at Canberra Airport before being moved to the Memorial in 1955.

The Director of the Memorial, Mr Noel Flanagan, said today he would be grateful for the return of any parts of “G for George,” no questions asked.

He said the Memorial also would like to hear from anyone with parts from any other Lancasters which may assist in the re-equipment of “G for George”.

The 460 Squadron (RAAF) Association has been coordinating a search for parts for the Lancaster, and within the next few weeks an instrument panel, minus a number of instruments, will be fitted to the aircraft. Internal painting will be carried out by members of RAAF 34 Squadron, Fairbairn, before the panel is fitted.

“G for George” had an illustrious career before being flown to Australia in 1944 to assist in war loan drives. Between October 1942 and April 1944, “George” flew 90 operations in raids over Europe, more than any other plane in RAE Bomber Command at that stage of the war.

The Lancaster was damaged on 20 occasions by enemy fire and once limped home with only one of its four engines operative. Another time, “George” hit waves crossing the English Channel, bening a propeller and filling the bomb bay with water.

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William Thorley Loton migrated to WA in 1863 and engaged in commercial business in Perth and Geraldton until 1857.

After selling his business interests in Perth, Mr Loton devoted his time almost exclusively to that of a landed proprietor. He purchased "Belvoir" property on the upper Swan in 1876 and "Springhill Estate" near Northam in 1884.

Mr Loton's political career spanned the period 1884-1908, serving as a member of the Legislative Council until the adoption of responsible Government in the year 1890.

In the first Parliament under responsible Government he was the member for Swan district in the Legislative Assembly until 1897.

In 1898, he was elected member of the Legislative Council for the Central Province, and from 1901 to 1908 represented the Eastern Province.

He was elected Mayor of Perth on October the 3rd, 1901, and knighted in 1923.

He died in 1924.

Mr Loton had his residence, "Dilhorn," built in March, 1897. The dwelling had an area of 9433 sq. feet, and contained 16 rooms, including 3 privies, 1 slop sink, 1 kitchen sink, 1 grease tank, 1 bath and 5 dry wells. Stables for the residence were located in Old Guildford Road.

The property was purchased by the Dept. of the Army on June 23, 1952 for $13,000.

Occupants of the residence since purchase by the Army have been HQ 13 INF. Bde., 1952-60, 1 RWAR Battle Gp. HQ 1960-65 and HQ 2 TF 1965-76.

Presumably the residence 'Dilhorn' was so named as the builder, Mr Loton, was born in Dilhorne, Staffordshire, England, in 1839.

LADIES AUXILIARY
How you can help the Army Museum of W.A. Ladies' Auxiliary:
By donating souvenirs or relics that could be of interest to the public. It is important to write down any facts or information about any item you acquire for the Museum. Receipts will be issued.

By donations of money, no matter how small. A box is provided in the entrance hall for this purpose. Any money raised will be used for the restoration and display of exhibits.

By ladies volunteering to help in our small tearoom on a roster system.

By telling children, friends and visitors to the State about the Museum, which is open to the public from 1 pm to 4.30 Sunday afternoons.

Week-day visits can be arranged for organisations, schools, pensioner groups, etc. Phone Museum Curator on 349 6909 for appointments.

By writing your name on the form below before leaving the Museum if you wish to be included in forthcoming social events.

The Army Museum of Western Australia is a memorial to all Army personnel from WA. The museum needs help. For further enquiries ring the President of the Ladies' Auxiliary on 386 8092 or the Museum Committee President on 271 7332.

Please notify me of any social events to be held in aid of the Army Museum of Western Australia, "DILHORN," 2 Bulwer Street, EAST PERTH.

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ON POPPY DAY

By the time these words are in print POPPY DAY — a day which deserves and needs the active assistance of every League member — will be almost upon us.

Every year sees a willing and eager body of ex-servicemen and women working hard to dispose of poppies, but the work done is confined to a few of willing horses.

If you are not an active worker on Poppy Day — perhaps accustomed to contenting yourself with the purchase of one poppy on the way to work — why not try buying at least a couple, or better still, one for each member of your family.

Even better than that would be to secure a few orders in advance from those neighbours of yours who don't get out on Poppy Day and usually don't even think of buying a poppy.

It should be remembered that the proceeds of Poppy Day help Sub-Branch Amelioration Funds, the W.A. 'Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's,' Fund, the R.S.L. Relief Fund.

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NATIONAL NEWS DIGEST

The Governor General of Australia, Sir Zelman Cowen, has been made an Honorary Life Member of the Returned Services League.

In making the award, Sir William Hall referred to the Governor General's distinguished career in the Services, in Law and as one of Australia's great academics.

In his reply, Sir Zelman said that the RSL had a proud record of achievement in the Australian community and he would wear his Life Membership badge with pride.

WANTED — A SPONSOR

Mrs Vera Thesera whose husband died in February, 1974, after 13 years in the Royal Malaysian Navy, has two school children to support but has no income whatsoever.

Alan Theeris is in Form 2 and his sister, Pauline is doing Standard 4 at the same school. Sub-branches are asked to consider this worthy cause. Ken Schultz, Deputy National Secretary, handles this section of the League's Welfare programme.

To date, 35 families, involving 185 persons have been adopted by sub-branches, auxiliaries and individuals.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ CENTRE

Forty-two sub-branches of the RSL have subscribed $1,000 for the Admiral Nimitz Centre.

In acknowledging this contribution, the executive director of the Centre said that it had placed in a special account, earmarked for improvements to the Buna exhibit.

Incidentally, Major Bill Hall commanded a battery of 2/6 Field Regiment during the Battle of Buna in 1943.

When completed, the Buna exhibit will have a videoscope, and by pressing a button visitors may see today's version of some of those who took part in that battle.

The executive director wishes to thank all the sub-branches which sent in donations.

PRESENTATION TO MUSEUM

A few miles out of Honiara is the Vilu Cultural Village, part of which has been converted into a museum. The museum contains artillery pieces, light armour and a Grumman Wildcat.

To this collection, the RSL has provided an Australian National Flag and an RSL plaque.

RSL members on Pacific cruises that call at Honiara and wish to see a bit of Australia, should go to the Village and ask for manager Fred Kona. They will receive a warm welcome and a personal escort around the museum.

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Loss of Earnings Allowance to Replace Sustenance Allowance

Regulations will be introduced very soon to replace the Sustenance Allowance with payment of Loss of Earnings Allowance. The Government's intention to do this was announced in last year's Budget speech, on 16 August 1977.

The conditions relating to the payment of Loss of Earnings Allowance will be basically the same as those which apply to Sustenance Allowance, with the exception that, in future, a veteran will need to have actually lost earnings as a result of his absence from employment.

The maximum amount of Loss of Earnings Allowance payable will be the lesser of the actual amount of earnings lost or the Special (T & P 1) Rate Pension, less any disability pension in payment. The maximum rate will be increased where there are dependants.

Providing will also be made for payment of the allowance, in respect of a non-accepted disability in cases where a veteran has been paid sick-leave previously in the year because of absence for treatment of a service-related disability.

However, in these cases, though the maximum amount of the allowance will be the same as that for absences in respect of service-related disability, the maximum period for which the allowance may be paid is limited to whichever is the lesser of the veteran's annual sick-leave entitlements or the amount of sick-leave used earlier in the year because of a service-related disability.

Special provisions have also been made in the Regulations to cover those veterans eligible for or receiving Sustenance Allowance prior to the effective date of the legislation and whose eligibility extends unbroken beyond that date.

In such cases, veterans will be entitled to receive payment of Sustenance Allowance for the full period. In addition, a supplementary Loss of Earnings Allowance may be paid where the veteran actually loses earnings from the effective date of the regulations up to the end of the period for which sustenance was paid or for which the veteran is entitled to receive Sustenance Allowance under the above provision.

Veterans who appear to qualify for a supplementary Loss of Earnings Allowance will be invited to apply.

The present conditions relating to payment of Loss of Earnings Allowance in respect of attendance at a hearing of an Appeal Tribunal, or for other authorised Departmental purposes, will continue to apply.

Enquiries on any matters arising out of the introduction of the new Loss of Earnings Allowance should be directed to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the State concerned.

"FROM KHAKI TO BLUE"

An extremely interesting book has been published by the Military Historical Society of Australia in Canberra. The book, "From Khaki to Blue," deals with the late Air Commodore R.J. Brownell's experiences from the time of his enlistment in the Artillery in Hobart in August 1914, then through Egypt, Gallipoli, and France till 1916. He then joined the Royal Flying Corps in England and went on active service again with the Royal Flying Corps in France and Italy. Subsequently he joined the RAF where he had a permanent commission until the end of World War II.

The book has been given very good reviews in the "West Australian," "Canberra Times," "Sunday Times," and the "Saturday Evening Mercury" in Hobart.

Should members be interested in obtaining a copy of this historic record of a dedicated soldier and airman, it can be obtained from the Federal Secretary, Military Historical Society of Australia, PO Box 67, Lyneham, ACT, 2602.

Cost $10 per copy, plus postage $1.
Air Commodore R.J. Brownell's widow, Mrs Phyllis J. Brownell, lives at Alexandra Avenue, Claremont, WA.

HOSPITAL VISITING

In line with resolutions passed at State Congress, we are calling for volunteers to assist with hospital visiting. Can you help?

Currently, our old friend Ron Boyes and part-time helper Bill Rattigan, of Claremont Sub-Branch, are working at least three days a week, endeavouring to visit every person admitted to Hollywood Hospital.

The task is a bit much for two men, and if we can get some volunteers, the prospects of reintroducing the system of advising sub-branches will be so much brighter.

If you are interested in assisting, or require any information, please contact Welfare Officer W.B. Melvin at State Headquarters (phone 325 9799).

An additional service has been introduced at Hollywood — a member of the State Executive, Bob Charles, will be available to patients at the hospital between 10 am and 2 pm every Thursday. He can be located in the Red Cross hall.

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P.C. 6346
Definitions of “theatres of war” and “active service”

Section 23 of the Act states, in respect of the 1914-18 and 1939-45 wars, that: “Served in a theatre of War” means served at sea, in the field or in the air, in naval, military or aerial operations against the enemy in an area, or on an aircraft or ship of war, at a time when danger from hostile forces of the enemy was incurred in that area or on that aircraft or ship of war by the person so serving”.

Theatre of war will be conceded to a veteran of any branch of the services in the 1914 War if he served:

a) beyond the coastal waters of Australia or outside the Dominions of enlistment between midnight 4/5 August 1914 and midnight 11/12 November 1918; 

b) in Great Britain or Ireland between midnight 4/5 August 1914 and midnight 11/12 November 1918; or 

c) in the Russian theatre between midnight 4/5 August 1914 and midnight 1/2 July 1920.

For the 1939 war, broadly a veteran will qualify as having served in a theatre of war if on or after 3 September 1939, and before 3 September 1945 he:

a) disembarked or deplaned at a place other than Australia or the Dominion of enlistment; 

b) served in a naval vessel on seagoing operations, outside coastal waters; or 

c) served in an aircraft engaged in operations against the enemy, or on reconnaissance or patrol duty over enemy-occupied territory.

In deciding whether or not a person was in “danger from hostile forces,” particularly in relation to service in and around Australia in the 1939-45 War, the Commission has regard to authentic evidence of enemy sea and air activity in the area at the time of the claimant’s service.

Having in mind the known dates of enemy activity in the various areas in and around Australia, the Commission has accepted that service in or around Australia between certain times would qualify a veteran as having had service in a theatre of war. A statement of these areas and the relevant periods is attached.

Of course, these areas or periods are not necessarily exhaustive (although a great deal of research went into obtaining the information), and the Commission will consider, on its merits, any case in which it is maintained that danger from hostile forces was incurred at times or places other than those listed.

ACTIVE SERVICE.

As explained earlier, active service as defined in section 100 can only be conceded in respect of service outside Australia, or as a direct result of enemy action or combat with the enemy if within Australia.

Therefore, to have active service conceded within Australia, a veteran would have to have been in actual combat conditions rather than serving in an area of possible danger from hostile forces, as could be the case for service in a theatre of war.

There is one notable exception which has its basis in historical considerations, and that is that the Commission would concede ‘active service’ if a veteran served in the Northern Territory, north of parallel 14.5 degrees south latitude, for a continuous period of 3 months or more, between the dates 19 February 1942 and 12 November 1943, being the dates of the first and last air-raids in the area.

While this could be seen to be contrary to the “actual combat” principle, it was initially adopted in order that the great number of applications being received during the latter part of the War and immediately after could be dealt with quickly and sympathetically.

Though some have, nevertheless, seen this as an arbitrary rule which has appeared to be unfair in their particular case, to deal with each case on its merits in these circumstances would result in the Commission to require actual combat conditions before conceding “active service”.

The Commission is reluctant to do this as it feels it would result in more stringent eligibility provisions being applied to future cases than were applied to those conceded ‘active service’ in the past.

However, a veteran who was in the area for less than three months would have “active service” conceded if it can be shown that he served under “actual combat” conditions at any time.

The definition of “Theatre of War” in the 1939 war — in Australia and coastal waters — is as follows:

**WITHIN AUSTRALIA**

A veteran will qualify as having served in a theatre of war if he served in any of the following areas between the dates specified:

a) Northern Territory north of parallel 14.5 degrees south latitude, or any of the islands contiguous to that part of the Northern Territory — on or after February 19, 1942, and before November 13, 1943, provided such service was for a period of not less than three consecutive months;

b) Torres Strait Islands (including Horn Island) where the veteran:

• enlisted at a place other than the Torres Strait Islands — on or after 3 September 1939, and before 16 September 1943;

• served outside the three-mile limit of the island of enlistment — on or after 3 September 1939, and before 16 September 1943; or

• served only on the island of enlistment — on or after 14 March 1942, and before 19 June 1943, provided such service was for a period of not less than three (3) consecutive months; or

c) Rottnest Island where such service was continuous for a period of not less than three months commencing on or after September 3, 1939, and ending on May 5, 1944.

**COASTAL WATERS**

A veteran of any branch of the Services will qualify as having served in a theatre of war if he served at sea between the following dates (which are inclusive) and in the appropriate Australian coastal waters:

a) September 3, 1939 to May 6, 1944 — south-west coast of Western Australia (Exmouth Gulf to Albany);

b) September 3, 1939 to March 26, 1945 — south and south-east coast of Australia (Albany to Sydney);

c) September 3, 1939 to September 16, 1943 — east and north-east coast of Australia (Sydney to Thursday Island); or

d) February 19, 1942 to midnight on November 12, 1943 — north and north-west coast of Australia (Exmouth Gulf to Thursday Island).

Finally thought the definition in section 100 of the Act of “active service” within Australia provides for, among other things, the prescribing of areas as “combat areas” (that is, have areas proclaimed in regulations), this was never done.
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By Major T.J. Arbuckle

Between 1829, when Capt F.C. Irwin arrived in the West Australian colony with 57 officers and men of the 63rd Regiment, until 1863 when the last of the Queen's troops left, there were various detachments of troops stationed in WA.

However, the first WA unit, the Metropolitan Volunteers Rifles, was formed in Perth on September 13, 1861. This unit was the direct ancestor of the 11th Infantry Battalion, which was to become the City of Perth Regiment.

In 1899, the Boer War broke out, and nine contingents from WA Australia were despatched, the first embarking at Albany on November 7, 1899. In recognition of the services of West Australian troops, the battle honour "South Africa 1899-1902" was awarded.

After Federation in 1901, a brigade of five battalions of WA infantry were formed, and from these was formed the 1st Battalion, the 11th Australian Infantry Regiment.

On the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, the 11th Battalion was mobilised and sent overseas where A and C Coys of the 11th Battalion made the initial landing on the shores of Gallipoli from HMS London on April 25, 1915. The unit later went to Europe and served with distinct in numerous operations there.

PEACE-TIME FOOTING

After the Great War, the Battalion returned home and was placed on a peace-time footing, together with the 16th Battalion, 28th Battalion and the 44th Battalion. In the 1920s, 11th and 16th Battalions were combined to become the 11/16th Battalion, the City of Perth Regiment.

After the formation of the Cameron Highlanders of WA in 1937, 11th Battalion was restored to its own identity.

At the outbreak of World War 2, from their ranks were drawn most of the officers and NCOs for the 2/11th, 2/16th and 2/28th Battalions, formed for service in the Middle East. Because of the enemy threat, the 11th, 16th, 28th and 44th Battalions were called up for full-time duty in 1940 and 1941 for the defence of the homeland.

The 2/11th Battalion, the first AIF Infantry unit to be raised in WA, was formed at Northam on November 9, 1939. It arrived at Burg-el-arab (Egypt) on November 11 1940 and moved into action on the Western Desert (Libya) on 31st December 1940.

The battalion took a prominent part in the Sixth Australian Division's brilliant victories at Bardia, Tobruk, Derna, El Daba and Benghasi. The unit later suffered heavy casualties in Greece and Crete.

After reforming in Palestine, the battalion returned to Australia in April, 1942. Subsequently, the unit went to New Guinea where it was engaged in the Wewak-Atape campaign when the war ended.

In addition to the 2/11th Battalion, the 11th Australian Infantry Battalion served throughout the war of 1939-45. The unit was a component of 13th Infantry Brigade (a WA Brigade) which served in WA, the Northern Territory and in the New Britain campaign.

UNIT DISBANDED

At the conclusion of hostilities, all these units, together with other WA units were disbanded, only to be reformed in May 1948 as the 11/44th Battalion (the City of Perth Regiment) and 16/28th Battalion.

The City of Perth Regiment is the senior infantry battalion in WA and is the only unit entitled, as a right, to march through the city of Perth with fixed bayonets, having, in 1959, been granted the Freedom of the City.

On the reorganisation of the Army and the introduction of the State Regimental system, the 1st Battalion, Royal Western Australia Regiment, was formed by amalgamating the 11/44th Battalion, 16th Battalion and the 28th Battalion on July 1, 1950.

The new 1st Battalion, Royal Western Australia Regiment, commanded by Brigadier P. Masel, was granted the Freedom of the City of Perth on October 2, 1950, by Lord Mayor H.R. Howard.

On July 1, 1965, the 2nd Battalion, Royal Western Australia Regiment was formed by transferring volunteer officers and men from the 1st Battalion to form the nucleus of this new unit.

On January 1, 1966, the former numbers of the State Battalions were introduced. The 1st Battalion was renamed the 16th Battalion, Royal Western Australia Regiment. The 2nd Battalion was renamed the 11th Battalion, Royal Western Australian Regiment.

CORDIAL ALLIANCE

The 11th Battalion has been allied with the Royal Sussex Regiment for many years. This cordial alliance gave rise to the adoption of "Sussex By The Sea" as the 11th Battalion's Regimental March.

The Queen's Colour, 1895, was presented by the WA Government with the sanction of the Home Authorities, to the Metropolitan Rifle Volunteers (now 11th Battalion). It was consecrated and presented at a Queen's Birthday Review, held at the Esplanade Perth, on May 24, 1895, and is believed to be the first Queen's Colour carried by an Australian unit.

A special Banner was presented by King Edward VII to the 1st Battalion, Australian Infantry Regiment (now 11th Battalion) in recognition of the services of the members of the unit in the South African War 1899-1902. This banner was consecrated and handed over to the Regiment at a special parade on the Esplanade Perth, in February, 1911.

Both these colours, together with the present colours, hang in the Council Chamber, except when required for ceremonial parades. The present colours consist of the King's Colour and the Regimental Colour.

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Great War. The colour was consecrated at a special parade in King's Park on October 2, 1920 and was handed to the Regiment by the Governor-General, Sir Ronald Munro-Ferguson.

SPECIAL PARADE
The Regimental Colour was presented by the City of Perth to the 11th Battalion in 1928, and was consecrated and formally handed over by the Mayor, J.T. Franklin, CMG, MLC, JP, at a special parade at Karrakatta Camp on April 7, 1929.

On June 1, 1930, the King's and Regimental Colours of the 11th Battalion (City of Perth Regiment) together with the "Old Colours" were paraded in Forrest Place, Perth for the purpose of "Laying up" the old colours in the Council Chambers, City of Perth.

The Colours of the 11/44th, 16th and 28th Battalions were handed over to the 1st Battalion, Royal Western Australia Regiment, upon amalgamation in July, 1960.

On November 25, 1962, new Colours were presented to the Battalion by HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and the Old Colours were laid up. The colours are on display in the undercroft of the State War Memorial, king's Park. Of the 76 Battle Honours won by the former battalion, 21 were selected to be emblazoned on the new colours.

On November 5, 1967, the Queen's and Regimental Colours were presented to 11th Battalion, Royal Western Australia Regiment, by the Honorary Colonel, Sir Douglas Kendrew.

11 RWAR was retained as an infantry battalion until 1972, when it was designated as a training battalion for recruits and NCOs. With the reorganisation of the Army Reserve in December, 1976, 11 RWAR was redesignated as 11 Independent Rifle Company, Royal Western Australian Regiment, and took command of the depots at Albany, Bunbury and Katanning.

At July 1, 1978, the 75th Anniversary of the Raising of 11, 11: Indep Rifle Coy RWAR is established in Retimo Lines, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta with platoon at Albany, Bunbury and Katanning.

Service available to Members

As members will be aware the RSL in Australia formed a company called "League Leisure and Travel Pty. Ltd." Its overall function was to purchase travel and insurance at the most competitive terms of cover and cost.

In 1977, we launched the "Domestic Insurance Scheme" in WA through "Listening Post". At varying periods since, we have inserted advertisements which set out details of the cover's costings.

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By Air-Commodore Courtney

The Australia Defence Association was formed in Perth about two years ago by a small group of people who were and are concerned with the low level of our defence capability.

We believe that the general public, and through them, our political representatives, should be made to understand that we simply must maintain a higher level of preparedness than we have at present. We are not able to accept the "no threat" philosophy; much as we hope it is true, we cannot justify the risk.

Moreover, we all know that dangerous situations can arise very quickly, and that the build-up time for forces to meet such situations is such that we are again in danger of being "too late with too little". We will have to fight with what we've got when it starts.

NOTHING NEW

There is nothing new in this to the League. We in the Australia Defence Association however feel that we ought to "specialise" in this field of the League's activity. We are in no way in competition.

Our membership is open to people who do not qualify for RSL membership, including young and old, of both sexes. We are therefore complementary to what the League is doing, and we look for and expect mutual support.

We are similarly apolitical and non-sectarian.

We are not setting out to achieve a large membership for its own sake; what we want is to harness the power of informed and intelligent Western Australians who are prepared to say what they think when and where it should be said.

Obviously we would greatly value support from the ranks of the League, and will welcome new members. If anyone would like to join or obtain further information he can do so by completing the coupon below and sending it to the box number given, or by contacting Air Commodore Bruce Courtney (321 8933 or 384 2093).

INTERESTING, INSTRUCTIVE

A programme of events for 1979 is in course of preparation and we intend that it will be interesting and instructive. Our aim is to educate ourselves first, so that we can talk on Defence with some authority.

The next event is a film night at which films will be shown and discussions of them encouraged. The date of this is Wednesday, October 25, and if you would like to attend as a visitor or prospective member please contact Air Commodore Courtney for details. We will be very glad to see you.

Finally, we would like it to be understood that we are not attempting to tell the Minister for Defence and his expert advisors how they should do the job; what armed forces, what equipment and where they shall be deployed can only be decided by those who know all the facts and are up-to-date with intelligence of world political and military affairs.

And we are paying particular attention to the threat from within — the insidious and escalating advance of Communism in Australia which we neglect at our peril.

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Vale, Wally Nichols

William Walter Nichols, MM, BEM, was born in May 1897, in Victoria. In 1914, putting his age up (most likely the only cheating he has done in his life), he joined the AIF and was an original Anzac.

After the War, with a few wounds behind him and the holder of the Military Medal, Wally had adopted WA and stayed a faithful member of our State.

He was a baker, a cook, a bookkeeper, a miner — you name it, he could do it. After a few roaming years, Wally decided that Marble Bar was the place to settle and he stayed there from 1946 till 1975 when he retired to the War Veterans' Home in Mt. Lawley.

Wally was looking after George Miles and Bo's business interests, running the store and the Ironclad Hotel. In 1966, when George Miles sold out to J.A. Johnston and Sons, Wally was asked to stay on and was kept in as high regard by the Johnston family as well as by the Miles family.

A 14-15 hour day was not enough for our Wally, his great interest in local happenings made him a tireless worker and just to mention a few, he was president and life member of the local sub-branch RSL for more than 20 years, was a Justice of the Peace for many years, church warden and unpaid repairer of St Hugh's Church of England, president of the p and c. president of the Schoolchildren's Hostel committee, a great worker for, and a Life Member of the Marble Bar Amateur Race Club, and for many years a member and at times vice-chairman of the Marble Bar Roads Board.

No person ever called for help, be it a letter to be written, a few dollars loan, or only for a willing ear for some worry; he was always available.

For community work he received the British Empire Medal in the 1960's. He was made a Life Member of the League in 1965.

On August 10, 1978, a truly great man closed for ever, to the sorrow of his many friends. — PIRO SMITH (MARBLE BAR)
VALE, GIYASETIN ARAN
The association between Major General Giyasettin Aran and the RSL goes back to 1964, when preparations were being made for the 1965 Pilgrimage to Anzac.
This quiet little Turkish General had that entree to the Turkish authorities which ensured that the RSL's official visits to the Peninsular ran smoothly.
He had the ability to think in Australian, a rare trait which helped to put the RSL point of view when it came to approving an unusual request.
Permission to have a Gunfire Breakfast at Anzac Cove at dawn on April 25, 1975, was one example of his ability to think in Australian.
A letter of condolence has been sent to his widow, Mrs Durdane Aran.

VALE, Sir Robert: Following the death of Sir Robert Menzies, a cable was received from the Ex-Services Association of Singapore: "Kindly convey our respects and sympathy to the family of the late Sir Robert Menzies, a truly distinguished comrade. — DERRICK COUPLAND"

GINGIN WAR MEMORIAL NAMES WANTED, PLEASE
The Gingin Branch of the Australian Red Cross Society, through the Shire of Gingin, wishes to know the names of all those Ex-service personnel who enlisted in the Gingin Shire and returned from the 1939-45 War.
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INTO RETIREMENT
Air-Commodore Brian Roberts retired after 17 years as secretary-general of the BCEL at the end of June. His successor is Colonel Guy Stocker CBE.
In his reply to a letter of congratulations on his appointment, Guy said: "I am aware of the very high standard set by Brian, and I pledge myself to all that is within my power to ensure that this is maintained."
The many friends that he has made throughout the Commonwealth join the national executive in wishing Brian and Mrs Roberts many happy years together in their retirement.

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Or I wouldn't be able to go down the street
Sleep is denied me night after night
But every morning I find I'm all right
My memory's failing, my head's in a spin
But I'm awfully good for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this, as my tale I unfold
That for you and for me, who are growing old
It's better to say "I'm fine with a grin"
Than to let folks know the shape that I'm in
How do I know that my youth is all spent?
Well, my "get up and go" has "got up and went"
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin
Of all the grand places my "get us has bin".

Old age is golden I have heard said
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup
My eyes on the table until I wake up
Ere sleep overtakes me, I say to myself
"Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?"

When I was young my slippers were red
I could kick up my heels right over my head
When I was older, my slippers were blue
But still I could dance the whole night through.
Now that I'm old, my slippers are black
I walk to the store and puff my way back
I get up each morning and dust off my wits
And pick up the paper and read the obits
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead
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Veteran dies at 83

"In the autumn of 1916 Australian, Canadian & British Divisions were heavily engaged in the Somme area, and it was at Flers on Sept 16 1916 that 19243 Fred Hellige, 15 Hampshires, was wounded. Fred moved to W.A. from England on retirement 18 years ago and became a much regarded figure in the Harvey S/B, especially as Hospital Visitor, and was the main standby on many Poppy Days. He departed on a visit to his 2 sisters in England on Good Friday last, and attended the Anzac Day Ceremony at Milton Cemetery, where lie 11 Australians who died at local hospitals, between 1916 and 1918, their memory being revived annually with unfailing honour. An account in the Portsmouth Evening News reads:

Old soldier Freddie Hellige travelled 13,000 miles across the world to meet up with some of the pals he served alongside in the first world war. But little more than a month after arriving in Portsmouth from Australia, the 83-year-old Somme veteran died at St Mary's Hospital, Milton, after a short illness.

During his short stay in Portsmouth, Freddie was given a special welcome by members of the Portsmouth South Royal British Legion Branch.

He had spent most of his life in Portsmouth before emigrating to Australia on his retirement 18 years ago. He planned to spend a few months holidaying in England in which time he intended to contact the few comrades left of his old regiment. First on his list was Major Teddie Hunt, of Stride Avenue, Copnor, with whom he joined the 2nd Portsmouth Battalion, 15th Hampshire Regiment, on the same day in 1915.

He traced him by looking him up in the phone book, and Major Hunt introduced him to Legion members. During his stay Freddie attended many Legion events, including the ANZAC Day service at Milton Cemetery, and the branch gave him Legion honours at his funeral.

On May 3 Fred suffered a stroke and passed away 10 days later. During those 10 days the kindest attention was paid not only to Fred but also to the sisters by representatives of local Men and Women's Branches of the Royal British Legion, and following his death a coachload of 18 travelled to attend his funeral at which Standards of the Ladies' and Men's Sections of the Portsmouth, South Portsmouth, Copnor Branches and the Royal Artillery Association were carried. The coffin was wrapped in the Union Jack as there was no Australian flag available.

This was the substance of part of a letter just received by the Harvey District S/B. The writer, Mr E.A. Hunt (Major RT'D), who joined up on the same day as Fred in 1915, extended sympathy to our Sub-branch "at the loss of your Pommy Member".

LEGENE HONOURS ANZAC WAR DEAD

Members of the Royal British Legion and other ex-Service organizations visited Milton Cemetery to pay their annual tribute to 11 Anzac personnel buried in the military section. They died in Portsmouth area hospitals between 1916-18.

A service was led by the Vicar of Portsea (Canon K. Gibbons) who is Chaplain to Portsmouth South Royal British Legion.

Anzac and British acts of remembrance were given by Mr A. Colson, and standards were paraded from Legion units in the area, plus those of the Royal Artillery Association and the Women's Sections of Portsmouth, Copnor and Portsmouth South.

Also attending was a Mr Helier, who served with a Hampshire unit and is on holiday from Western Australia. Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Mr T. Pearce. The parade marshal was Mr G. Blackman of Portsmouth, Copnor and Portsmouth South.

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Don't forget the Navy Ball at the Embassy on Friday 15th September, 1978. Double tickets can still be obtained from me or other Sub-Section secretaries at $25.00 each and a jolly good night for one and all is assured.

So long for now.

WERE YOU ON THE "BALLARAT"?

HMAS Ballarat Association will hold, in 1980, a National Reunion, on the 39th anniversary of the ship's commissioning.

It will be held the first Anzac weekend commencing on Thursday, April 24, 1980 on board HMAS Ballarat at Gem Pier, Williamstown, Victoria, after which all ex-ship's company will go to Ballarat and take part in the Anzac Day march.

The next two days the city of Ballarat and the Ballarat RSL will entertain their visitors.

Any crew member who served on HMAS Ballarat during its service life is asked to immediately contact H. Ray Crowther, Hon Secretary, HMAS Ballarat Association, 188 Highett Road, Highett, Victoria, 3190 or Tel: 03-95-7915 as soon as possible.

Preferably by October 6, 1978, as Mr Crowther states there is a lot of organising to be undertaken.

CAN YOU HELP

Mr. W. Corfield, MM, of "Urapunga," Dudauman Street, Stockinbingal, New South Wales, 2725 is trying to trace for his son-in-law (who is an American living in East Africa), an old World War II Australian Commander.

His name is "Stephen"(?!) Rollier, Sergeant-Major, possibly, Corps of Engineers or Royal Engineers, 48th Regiment.

Sergeant-Major Rollier was seconded to the RAAF 2 Bombing Wing to teach signals and communications mainly at Richmond Air Force Base, NSW, during World War II. He served in North Africa also and Guadalcanal.

Anyone who can help Mr Corfield please contact him at the address above.

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Disability Pensions and Allowances

Disability pensions and allowances (and certain other benefits including medical treatment) are available to certain veterans and their dependants.

The term ‘veteran’ includes any man or woman eligible for consideration under the Repatriation Act 1920 or associated Acts by virtue of service in the Australian armed forces. The term ‘service’ includes service in the 1914-18 War, the 1939-45 War, the Korea-Malaya Operations, the Far East Strategic Reserve, special service in South-East Asia (including Vietnam), and service with the Defence Force on or after 7 December 1972.

Basic eligibility varies according to the nature of service. Broadly, for those with ‘active service’ incapacity or death resulting from ‘any occurrence’ during service may be accepted. For those with ‘home service’, however, the criterion is narrower, in that incapacity or death must have arisen out of, or be attributable to, that service; incapacity or death arising from a condition existing prior to enlistment may be accepted if aggravated or contributed to by the conditions of service.

Classes of Disability Pensions

Pensions are paid to eligible veterans in three main categories:

- The Special Rate (known as the T & PI) Pension, payable to a veteran who, as a result of service, is blinded, or is totally and permanently incapacitated so that he is unable to earn more than a negligible percentage of a living wage;
- The Intermediate Rate, payable to a veteran who, because of the severity of his incapacity accepted as related to service, can work only part-time or intermittently, and in consequence is unable to earn a living wage; and
- The General Rate, payable to a veteran who has an incapacity accepted as related to service, but who is still able to work full-time although under difficulty. The amounts payable range from 10 per cent to 100 per cent of the maximum General Rate, according to the assessed degree of incapacity.

Pensions are also paid to the wives of incapacitated veterans and to their children. Such pensions are paid at rates varying with the assessed degree of the particular veteran’s incapacity. When the death of a veteran has been accepted as related to his service, his widow qualifies for the war widow’s rate of pension and for associated benefits, while his children each receive pensions at ‘orphan’ rates and other benefits. If a veteran’s death has not been accepted as related to service, but at the time of death he was receiving, or is later adjudged to have been eligible to receive, a pension at the Special Rate or as a double amputee, his dependants qualify for pensions as if his death had been accepted as related to service. Other dependants of deceased veterans may qualify for pensions in certain cases.

Allowances

Various allowances are provided to supplement disability pensions. These allowances vary according to the type of severity of disablement and the special needs of the pensioners.

Rates of Pensions and Allowances

The Special, Intermediate and General Rate disability pensions and the war and defence widow pensions have been automatically adjusted each Spring and Autumn in line with movements in the Consumer Price Index. The Government has decided that Repatriation legislation will be amended to provide for automatic adjustment of these pensions on an annual basis, i.e. in November of each year.

DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES

An amount of $10 million will be provided by way of a capital advance to the Defence Service Homes Trust Account in 1978-79. An estimated $68.8 million, representing mainly repayments of principal by borrowers, will be retained in the Trust Account for re-lending. A total of $78.8 million will, therefore, be available for Defence Service Homes loans in 1978-79, compared with $90 million in 1977-78.

In the Budget last year the Government announced its intention to introduce an application fee of $75 for an initial loan to acquire a home and $50 for any additional loan.

The Defence Service Homes Amendment Bill 1978, which was introduced into Parliament in the Autumn Sittings 1978, which was introduced into Parliament in the Autumn Sittings 1978, makes provision for the introduction of these application fees. The Bill also provides authority for other measures, including:

- eligibility for a Defence Service Homes loan for persons who commenced full-time service in the Defence Forces after 16 August 1977 to be on the basis of the completion of a period of six years continuous full-time service, subject to a commitment to render further full-time service;
- recognition of de facto relationships; and
- more flexible arrangements for the Defence Service Homes Insurance Scheme.

Defence Service Homes estate development and construction activities are being phased out and surplus land holdings are to be sold for private home building purposes. Completed building blocks will be offered to eligible persons at market value. Lots not sold by this process, together with other land holdings, will be disposed of by public auction as circumstances permit.

Revenues estimated at $6 million are expected from the sale of this land in 1978-79 and capital repayments of an equivalent amount are to be made from the Defence Service Homes Trust Account to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

In 1978-79 an amount of $13.8 million has been provided for the Corporation’s administrative expenses, including salaries but excluding rent and repairs and maintenance; comparable expenditure in 1977-78 was $13.4 million.

The figures include an estimated interest subsidy element of $25.6 million in 1978-79. Compared with $24.6 million in 1977-78, the interest subsidy reflects the extent to which interest charged to borrowers of Defence Service Homes loans falls short of the interest payable to the Commonwealth on the Corporation’s capital. Interest receipts from the Corporation, estimated at $71.8 million in 1978-79, are recorded in estimates of receipts (see Statement No. 4).

Repayments by the Corporation to Consolidated Revenue (other than from the proceeds of land sales) are estimated at
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a net $7.8 million in 1978-79. This total includes $2.6 million in administrative fees and recoveries; the balance of $5.2 million is the estimated amount of net excess payments to the Corporation by borrowers.

**Soldiers' Children Education Scheme**

Under this scheme assistance is provided for fees, fares and allowances, and for books and equipment for the tertiary education and training of children of veterans who died as a result of war service or who are either totally and permanently incapacitated or blind. Allowances also are paid in respect of children attending secondary schools. The cost of this scheme is estimated at $3.4 million in 1978-79, the same as in 1977-78; a slight decrease in the number of beneficiaries is estimated to be offset by the full year effect of the increased allowances effective from January 1978.

The existing and proposed rates of the main disability pensions and allowances are set out below:

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The Repatriation legislation will also be amended in relation to the provision for the automatic acceptance of pulmonary tuberculosis as a basis for disability pension and the guaranteed minimum pension rate of 100 per cent payable in respect of it. It is proposed to review all pensioners in this category and to freeze at their present levels pensions which are found to be over-assessed. The Minister for Veterans' Affairs will be announcing details of this change.

**Sustenance Allowance** is to be replaced by a Loss of Earnings Allowance which will be paid to veterans who have suffered a loss of earnings during the investigation of a claim or while receiving medical treatment for an accepted disability. The allowance will be paid at a rate not exceeding the Special Rate pension or the actual loss of earnings, whichever is lower.

The proposed increases in the rates of disability pensions in November 1978 are estimated to cost $8.3 million in 1978-79 and $11.7 million in a full year.

During 1977-78 the average number of veterans and their dependants in receipt of disability pensions was 473,000; in 1978-79 the number is estimated to be 458,000. The effect on expenditure of this estimated decline in numbers is more than offset by the full year effects of increased rates of benefits introduced in 1977-78 and the increases in benefit rates in line with movements in the CPI in November 1978.

**Service Pensions**

Service pensions may be payable to:

- a male veteran who served in a theatre of war and who has attained the age of 60 years or is permanently unemployed;
- a female veteran who served in a theatre of war or embarked for service abroad and has attained the age of 55 years or is permanently unemployed;
- ex-members of the Defence Forces of British Commonwealth countries who served in a theatre of war and have had at least ten years residence in Australia; and
- a veteran suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis irrespective of age or the area of service.

As with disability pensions, legislation will also be introduced to remove pulmonary tuberculosis as a basis for the grant of service pension. Those veterans currently receiving Service Pension for this reason will, however, continue to do so.
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In respect of certain later service, ‘service in an operational area’ and ‘special service’ as defined are the qualifications equivalent to service in a ‘theatre of war’.

A service pension is the broad equivalent of an age or invalid pension. The advantages to the veteran, are availability of the service pension five years earlier and, in certain circumstances, eligibility for a wide range of repatriation medical treatment services. Service pensioners are eligible for the same range of pensions and allowances as age pensioners and the rates of benefits are the same. Like age, pensions, service pensions will be increased in November 1978 in line with movements in the Consumer Price Index.

Service pensions are paid, free of income test, to eligible veterans aged 70 years and over. For eligible veterans under 70 years of age, 50 per cent of any disability pension received is disregarded as income for service pension income test purposes. With this exception service pensions are subject to the same income test arrangements as social security pensions.

The Government has decided to amend the Repatriation legislation to freeze the service pension paid to eligible veterans aged 70 years and over at its present level and pay future increases in the form of an income tested supplement. This will be consistent with the treatment of comparable social security pensions but these veterans will be eligible to have any disability pension treated in the same way as veterans under 70 years of age for the purposes of the income test.

During 1977-78 the average number of service pensioners (including wives) was 174,000, this number is estimated to rise to 201,000 in 1978-79. Increased expenditure in 1978-79 reflects this increase in numbers, the full year effect of pension increases granted in 1977-78, and the increased rates to apply in 1978-79. The proposed increase in the rates of service pensions in November 1978 is estimated to cost $9.4 million in 1978-79 and $17.4 million in a full year.

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WOMEN’S AUXILIARY

Into the second half of the year, I do not seem to have a great deal to report this time, as this is a quiet part of the year for Executive. A time to relax a little after the busy time over Conference and before the rush of Christmas. Speaking of Christmas, brings to mind that our State Secretary will be buying for the Christmas Cheer parcels very soon, so donations to the Fund would be welcome.

Mrs Sullivan and I spent nearly all one day last month, trudging around Perth looking for a venue for our 1979 Conference. After inspecting a number of Halls, we have chosen the Manchester Unity Hall, Hay St, as the most suitable. It is close to the centre of the City and easily accessible. Conference Opening will be 7th May 1979.

Members of Executive guests of the Bellevue Auxiliary at air Birthday Luncheon on June 8th, it was a most enjoyable day, and I presented Certificates of Service to Mrs Yates and Mrs Charmer. Mrs Saull was unable to attend, so her Life Membership Certificate and Badge will be presented at a later date. On June 21st Mrs Lowe, Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Baker and I drove to Bunbury to attend the Auxiliary Meeting, after joining the Members at a lovely tea. It was please also, to meet the Sub Branch members and to give a cheque to their President of donations sent for the Alby Disaster Appeal, to be used for R.S.L. victims in the town. Mandurah Auxiliary held their Birthday Luncheon on June 30th and members of Executive joined with representatives of other Auxiliaries to help make it a happy occasion. It was my pleasure to present Mrs Watson her Life Membership:

Mrs Lowe attended a City of Perth Auxiliary meeting to present a Certificate of Service to Mrs Williams.

On August 13th Mrs Lowe, Mrs Sullivan and I attended the Victory in the Pacific Commemoration Service in Trinity Church, and on August 18th Mrs Holder representing the Executive, attended the Opening of the Women’s Service Guild Conference.

On August 19th I went with members of the League to attend the Group Conference at Wyliekatchem. This was the first time a representative of the Women’s Auxiliary State Executive has been invited to attend a Country Group Conference, and I was honoured to be asked to speak to the meeting about Auxiliaries and their support to their Sub Branches and the League. I was pleased also, to meet again the members of the newly formed Auxiliary, who supplied a most delectable morning and afternoon tea for the Conference. My thanks to the League and the Host Sub Branch, Wyliekatchem, for the invitation and hospitality.

That seems to be all I have to report this time, do not forget our Christmas cheer, and Hospital Visiting Funds when making your donations.

Cherry Bye till next time.

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