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Your Excellency, Lady Kyle, distinguished guests, members of the armed services, assembled veterans, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, viewers and listeners throughout Western Australia.

On this, the 64th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli and in our 150th anniversary year, members of the Returned Services League in all States join with the people of Australia to commemorate Anzac Day.

Initially, April 25 was the date chosen to commemorate the epic landing at Gallipoli of the Australian, British and New Zealand troops; the first and last of which later became the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps - "ANZAC".

With us, as guests today, are two former members of the New Zealand armed services and the commanding officer of the United States destroyer squadron 25 Capt R. Hoffman, together with a contingent of the ships' company, marching today with our own Navy, Army and Air Force, as they did some 37 years ago.

We welcome our distinguished visitors and trust their stay in our State will be both memorable and enjoyable and wish them a safe return to their homeland.

The intention originally was that this day, April 25, should be a day upon which all could pay homage to those who had served their country in time of war and, in particular those who paid the supreme sacrifice during the Great War.

With the passing of time, the concept of Anzac Day has changed and our commemoration now includes all those who have served their country and paid the supreme sacrifice in all conflicts in which Australian servicemen and women have been engaged. Anzac Day has become our national day of remembrance, and it is most important that we who are left never forget the sacrifices made by those who laid down their lives in the cause of freedom.

We must live as their sacrifice and inspire our children to do likewise. With this in mind I commend to you a "Code of Citizenship" originally sponsored by the WA branch of the RSL and now adopted nationally by the RSL of Australia.

A copy of the "Code" forms part of your service sheet. Coloured enlarged copies, suitable for framing, are available from our temporary headquarters at 4 Sherwood Court, Perth.

I would like to quote the code to you:

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In fostering this code, the aim of the RSL is to improve the quality of life in Australia to make it worthy of those men and women who built this country and of those who gave their lives to preserve it.

In an effort to add a new dimension to Anzac Day, so that the day relates more to the needs of today, the RSL, with the consent and support of the Federal Government, has established the annual Anzac Awards.

These awards will recognize the efforts of ordinary Australians who have given service to their fellow human beings and to the community in some positive and compassionate way.

The awards will serve to recognise outstanding efforts in promoting the concept of international understanding and in doing make a contribution to world peace.

There are two categories of awards.

ANZAC PEACE AWARD: One only of which will be presented to an Australian citizen in recognition of his or her efforts in promoting international understanding and making a significant contribution to world peace.

ANZAC OF THE YEAR AWARD: Seven of which will be awarded annually to recognise the efforts of ordinary Australians who have given service to their fellow human beings and to the community in some positive and compassionate way. Further it will recognise the efforts of those who, in their devotion to their routine responsibilities, have demonstrated the human qualities of doggedness, tenacity, endurance and dedication to an exceptional degree.

The names of the eight winners were announced on Monday, April 23, 1979, and the awards, instituted by the RSL will be presented in Canberra for the first time this year. It is pleasing to note that a WA nominee is among the winners of the Anzac of the Year award I refer, of course, to Mr George Smith

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

We sincerely hope that the addition of this new dimension to Anzac Day will help to maintain the spirit of Anzac.

You may well ask — what is the spirit of Anzac?

I feel that it is the ideal of service and mutual concern and the acceptance that a measure of self-sacrifice may be a part of the achievement of these worthwhile goals.

I am firmly of the opinion that the preservation and further development of a free, happy and industrious community within a free nation must increasingly become the chief objective — indeed, the pre-occupation of both organisations and individuals in Australia.

For a nation, freedom means having the insurance cover of an adequate defence system. We live in an uncertain world and must have the capacity to cope with any contingency that may arise. Unfortunately, we do not have that ability at the present time. What good, after all, is social security without national security?

Freedom for a nation however, is meaningless if individuals are forced to become mere statistics in a computerised and regimented society. So there must be a concerted and co-ordinated effort to solve the problems of unemployment and the effects of automation, and by more effective individual incentives to increase our productivity and so become more competitive in the world market.

It means an imaginative attack on the emerging energy crisis; it means a commonsense approach to the complex problems of youth and the increasing problems of the aged.

For society generally, it means guarding the rights of the individual, while at the same time making the community more progressive and more efficient.

I believe there must be a determination to set aside partisan interests and compromise in finding solutions. Governments, unions and employers must all give a little and not allow entrenched attitudes, self-interest and ultra-conservatism to imperil a satisfactory solution.

There must be a universal recognition that young people need to have a sense of purpose and be made to feel that they are not only useful but essential elements in our developing society. Australia has vast areas for employment opportunities; we have a whole nation to develop and we’ve only just begun to develop it.

Of all countries in the world, we are the one that should be able to find an answer to gainful and personally-satisfying employment for our young work-force.

Should we fail to do this, we not only place at risk the future stability of our present social order, but also jeopardise our opportunity to meet the developing challenge of the years ahead.

In conclusion, May I quote a verse seen at the Airborne Museum at Arnhem (Holland) during a recent visit to that area.

Why must this endless slaughter be?
Why cannot every man be free?
Why must each generation fear
The threat of war forever near?

Why cannot hate and greed and lust
Be finally buried in the dust?
Instead there’s us who have to die
Because no man can tell us why.

LISTENING POST EDITOR RECEIVES HONOUR

Mr J. H. (Jack) Lee, editor of the Listening Post, received the award of Member of the British Empire in the Queen’s Birthday list of Honours. The RSL Publicity Committee, on behalf of all League members, extends congratulations to Jack on receiving this honour, and is proud to have him as its editor.

Congratulations to Jack Axford, V.C. M.M., on attaining 85 years of age a short while ago. All your friends in the League hope you have many more birthdays.

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Mr President, our many distinguished guests and many old friends, ladies and gentlemen: I am most honoured to have been asked to open this Congress, especially in this particular year for WA — a more or less curtain-raiser to our National Congress here to be held later in the year.

It's a very great pleasure to be here, and it's a very special occasion to meet very old friends who have been on the National Executive for so many years when I was National Secretary.

I want to take this opportunity to convey also my very great appreciation to you and the WA State Branch for the tremendous support you have given me since I was elected National President in September last year.

It has been a testing time for the RSL and we have to make decisions which effect a very great organisation which has been part of the Australian people for a long time.

It's also a testing time in the history of the RSL and to meet the challenges that will arise, and have arisen, we need imagination, understanding, determination, and, above all, absolute co-operation, if we are to find the answers and move on to the sort of future that this organisation should have.

It is not, of course, only the League that faces a challenge in today's world, the Nation itself is confronted by complex and difficult problems that will make demands on us all as citizens of one of the world's great Nations.

We have to make sensible decisions — we have to look at the problems that confront us with objectivity, with open-mindedness and with determination to get the best results from a great organisation and the contributions this organisation can make to Australia and the Australian Community.

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate WA's George Smith. I don't suppose he is here tonight, but Mr Smith is one of the first recipients of our newly-instituted Anzac Awards.

We have brought these into being this year for the first time, one only to be awarded each year throughout Australia, and seven Anzac of the Year Awards to be made to people who have, in the course of their normal life, demonstrated the qualities of the Anzacs to an exceptional degree. When this Award is made to Mr Smith I know that it will become very apparent that he is a distinguished citizen.

You had some very good people in the list you sent to us, Mr President, and George Smith was one of the very best to get the Award; a lifetime of service, dedicated service to other people and a tremendous example to others who will receive this honour in the years to follow.

CHALLENGING TIMES

We are now living in challenging times. We, as an organisation, and Australia as a Nation, face great difficulties. I think the ones we must keep in mind, when we look at the problems that face us, is that we need to have regard for priorities.

We must set the priorities we should have; we must sort the wheat from the chaff and decide those things that are really worth pursuing. That applies to the country as well as to our organisation.

Now what are some of these priorities? From Australia's point of view surely in today's economic climate, increased productivity has got to be a priority for the country. In a world which has become increasingly competitive we must impart more than is necessary.

I think we seek to get too much too quickly. We, as a people, have sought the easy options and now we are left with the difficulties, and we must mend our fences. And every time we look at a problem as a Nation made into a family, and if a family is spending more than it's making, it's either got to do one of two things, it's either got to cut down on it's spending or increase the income.

It seems to me every time we make this decision as a Nation, we cut down on the spending and the people that are most affected are those who can the least afford it. We have seen this happen over the years.

We, as a country should be looking at how we can compete more effectively in the world community. How we can become more effective and more productive as a people. This is a national priority.

NATIONAL PRIORITY

Defence — adequate defence is a national priority. You know, everytime you say something like that you get the rhetorical question "What are we defending against?" "What is threatening Australia?"

Now to that sort of question I would put a question in reply — "If you own a property, do you wait until a fire is burning the house next door before you take out an insurance policy?"

And Defence, after all, is merely an insurance policy and we, in Australia, are not paying the premiums. Defence, appropriate Defence, does not necessarily mean greatly increased Defence spending; it means providing a 'deterrent' so that the cost to the likely aggressor far outweighs his likely gains.

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We don’t have a Service Attaché in Capetown, so if we want military information about shipping movements around the Cape we have to get it either from Washington or London. This is crazy.

It also means you have lost the ability to look out of your approaches to your foreshores. You must have the ability to do something about it and the further you can do it away from home the better. Again, a simple fact of life. If you can stop them well offshore it’s smarter to do so, we do not have that sort of capacity at the present time.

We must have adequate reserves and of course, most importantly of all, we must have an adequate industrial infrastructure to back up our forces if that becomes necessary. What we’re talking about is adequate defence and adequate defence today — it’s a national priority.

ENERGY CRISIS
The energy crisis is a national priority. How concerned we must all feel when we read in the papers today of America’s energy problems — the greatest nation on earth. Not only has she got problems, but she cannot cope with the problems.

She can’t agree on a Russian pact, she can’t agree whether she can find an alternative energy source, so you’ll have to look at one thing — the conservation of existing energy, and the other must be the discovery or development of alternative energy resources, but the energy crisis is a national priority.

Unemployment is another national priority. It’s unacceptable — and in a country like Australia in the age structure 17-20 something like 42 per cent of those unemployed are unemployable. You know, we’ve got to do something about it. The Leader of the Federal Opposition has suggested a programme for a community service force in this evening’s paper.

The RSL has been suggesting this for years — and getting no support. Well I can assure Mr. Hayden that we’ll give him every possible support. It’s a logical proposition and we should be doing something about it. We can’t let the development of a whole generation of young people who have become used to the idea of not working, down, and so unemployment is a national priority.

But perhaps one of the greatest national priorities of all is a crisis of confidence. You know, when you go away and see other countries you can’t help but feel how terribly fortunate we are. We don’t realise — we don’t see ourselves as a nation, as the most fortunate people on the face of the earth and that’s what we are.

What we need is some of the confidence, some of the ‘get up and go’ and some of the enthusiasm that, after all, founded this country in developing its independence.

We seem to have lost that initiative and the will to do things, we should be moving on our own resources, because we have a great capacity to do that if only we could find the enthusiasm to get up and get on with it. These are all, I suggest national priorities and the League has priorities.

ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES
Now we can’t go asking for a thousand things when we know this country has difficulties — economic difficulties — we’ve got to ‘home’ in on the things that are of real importance. Now what are they?

Let me give you a classical example of top priority as far as the RSL is concerned, and that is the need to index the basic income affecting the fringe benefits of service pensioners.

To explain that in simpler language it simply means this, that every time there is a statutory increase in a war pension allowance whether it be a $1 or even 50¢ and that takes the person above the indexation level for fringe benefits which have remained unchanged since 1974, that means on the one hand, they pick up the $1 or 50¢ in the war pension and on the other hand, they lose the equivalent of some $16 per week in fringe benefits.

THAT’S JUST NOT AN ANOMALY — THAT IS LUNACY.

We must have justice for the people who need it most — we must have that basic income indexed. There are many other things, but we will talk about them tomorrow. That’s a big job.

One thing I would like to mention to this audience because many of our servicemen are here tonight, and that is that the League must increasingly become the advocate of the men and women who served in the Armed Services. We can challenge the decisions of those who make them.

We are talking about conditions of service, but more importantly we are talking about retirement after they leave the services. The RSL must be that sort of advocate and look after those sort of interests.

THE RSL’S FUTURE
But the greatest priority of all which faces the RSL is the future of this organisation. The statistics speak for themselves. In the last three years we have lost something like 8 per cent of our ordinary membership. It is estimated that in the next ten years we will lose something like 30 per cent, and that rate of loss will increase with each year.

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We must do something about it. And we, the people who are leading this organisation right now, and I mean every RSL member in this room, have got to establish the line of inheritance of the RSL.

You know, it's really easy for the League to become part of the fabric of the Australian community.

It's the repository of many of our great traditions in a country which is very short of traditions, it's an organisation of growth, a structure for doing welfare work. It has great real estate and material assets, hundreds of millions of dollars across the country.

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We cannot let that sort of organisation wither away without our ability to find an appropriate solution. And that is the greatest challenge with which we are confronted.

Let me say this: We are in a time of challenge in this country and to this organisation. I don't think we have to look far for the solutions.

You yourselves in this State Branch were responsible for devising a Code of Citizenship and in that Code of Citizenship there were the words that we read to define the solution both to the country and ourselves. Things like 'integrity' and 'enthusiasm' and 'practical compassion' and 'co-operation', and above all 'unselfishness'.

These are things in which solutions can be found. Australia and the RSL deserve that sort of support.

And now, Mr President, it gives me very much pleasure to officially open this 63rd Annual State Congress. Thank you.

The Hon I. G. Medcalf proposed a vote of thanks to the National President supported by Mr K McIver. The retiring Warden of the State War Memorial, the Hon J. T. Tonkin A.G. received the State War Memorial Warden's Certificate from the State President and Mrs Cecilie Bruce was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation, for valuable services rendered to the Western Australian State Branch of the League. Sub-Branch trophies were presented by Commodore R. H. Percy.

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FUTURE OF THE LEAGUE

An ad hoc Committee on The Future of the League met at National Headquarters at the end of April. One of the items discussed was ways & means of funding National Headquarters.

There are those who support a policy of “die with dignity.”

With an increasing work load of aged veterans to care for, this would be a strange rejection of responsibility accepted years ago when the League was first formed.

States are now looking at the Committee’s deliberations on how to overcome the fact of life of a declining membership and rising costs and responsibilities. Their findings and recommendations will be listed for discussion at the June National Executive meeting.

A point worth mentioning was that in 1945, League membership dues were 10.4 percent of the minimum wage and in 1978 the figure was 5.4.

“FOUR PACES NORTH, TWO TO THE EAST”

At the beginning of winter of the Syrian campaign, some Australian troops were billeted in hotels. They were no Hiltons, had no star ratings, in fact they didn’t have any furniture or curtains either, just wall-to-wall cold stone floors.

A few days after taking up residence, a locked door in the basement attracted the attention of the resident locksmith.

Inside, was not only all the furniture but so was the hotel’s supply of liquor. Cases of Clicot, Bolinger and Reims champers, Scotch and a fine collection of French liqueurs were there for the asking.

That night in the Mess, the troops enjoyed an excellent Bejjolais with the bully beef stew, and the watery jelly was helped down with a 32 Bolinger. With the coffee, with that additive from the ROM, they ordered a yellow chartreuse. Army tucker never tasted so good.

After two days of this menu, the maître d’ found that his cache had been discovered. He was very cross. The miscreants were each fined a fiver and sent up to the Turkish border for 28 days.

However, before they moved out, water bottles were filled with Black Label and kitbags were jammed with Reims. The case of Clicot that was left over was buried, “four paces north, two to the east” from the tree.

On the 29th day they returned and everyone was looking forward to champers and stew, but alas, ten feet of snow covered the tree and the Clicot. The snow was still there when the troops moved out.

So, should anyone be in the area in the near future and would like a drop of French champers, a stamped addressed envelope to National HQ will get you a mudmap of the area.

“PADRE MAC”

“PADRE MAC”: Sir Arthur McIlveen MBE (“Padre Mac”) died in Sydney recently and at his large funeral were many of his formed parishioners—The Rats of Tobruk.

He became well known at the Transport Pool where he used to cadge, daily, a lift to the Perimeter in whatever was going that way—motorbike, 15 cwt or 3-tonner. He got back to base the same way but he never seemed to know the time.

When the Transport Pool moved back to Palestine, a tarpaulin muster produced about £30 and Padre Mac was presented with a watch. He was wearing that watch when he died.

His daughter has presented the watch to one of the drivers from the old 18 Bde Transport Pool to be handed over to the War Memorial as a momento of one of Tobruk’s most famous Rats.


On the drawing board at RSL Tours is a plan to fly into Cairo, ‘do’ Alamein and then board a vessel for Tobruk and/or Benghaz. The vessel will berth later at Canakkale in the Dardanelles in time to land at Anzac Cove for Anzac Day, ‘do’ some places in Germany and Italy and to be at Heraklion—Rethymon-Suda Bay-Galatas area for May 20.

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ABLATION OF THE MEANS TEST

Proposals discussed at the 63rd National Congress and subsequent National Executive Meetings resulted in the following motions being forwarded to the Minister for Social Security for comment.

SERVICE PENSION: "That on the progressive abolition of the means test the Service Pension be made available free of means at the age of 65 instead of 70; and subsequently reduced to 60 to ensure that its relationship with non-service Age Pension remains consistent with the relationship it now has. In addition to this, those fringe benefits now attached to the Service Pension be retained for the Service Pension when it is available free of a Means Test."

EXEMPT WAR PENSIONS: "That the Commonwealth Government be requested to exempt War Pensions when assessing income of applicants for supplementary assistance such as Service, Age and Invalid Pensions."

SOCIAL SECURITY ACT: "That the Social Security Act be amended to allow for the assessment of only 50 percent of War Pension in assessing income, thereby giving the ex-servicemen not eligible for a Service Pension the same benefits as the ex-servicemen who are eligible."

Senator Margaret Guilfoyle (the Minister) commented

"First I would explain that service pensions are the responsibility of my colleague, the Hon Evan Adermann, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, and I have referred your proposal about the income test on service pensions to him for consideration.

Section 18 of the Social Services Act states in part: Income, in relation to a person, means any personal earnings, moneys, valuable consideration or profits earned, derived or received by that person for his own use or benefit by any means from any source whatsoever, within or outside Australia, and includes any periodical payment or benefit by way of gift or allowance.

In these circumstances, it is not proposed to alter the long-standing policy of taking war pensions into account for pension and fringe benefit purposes. In the case of pensioners aged 70 years and over, war pension will continue to be taken into account as income in the determination of eligibility for pension increases.

I should also mention that if war pension were to be not regarded as income, or if only a portion of war pension were taken into account, pensioners who receive other forms of compensation or indeed any other form of income, could feel justified in seeking similar treatment.

Nevertheless, thank you for bringing members' views on these matters to my attention. Yours sincerely, MARGARET GUILFOYLE."

Fringe Benefits

"You will recall my interim reply of January 4, 1979, indicating that I would advise you when the matter of providing Pensioner Health Benefits to British Commonwealth service pensioners had been finalised.

I am pleased to advise that the Government has recently agreed to the issue of Pensioner Health Benefits cards to British Commonwealth veterans who receive an Australian service pension and whose income, excluding service pension or social security age/invalid pension, is less than $66 a fortnight for a single person and $115 a fortnight for a married couple. These limits are prescribed by law.

Benefits under the Pensioner Health Benefits Scheme are provided through the Commonwealth Department of Health, which is the direct concern of my colleague, the Minister for Health.

However, British Commonwealth veterans in receipt of a service pension will have their eligibility reviewed by my Department and Pensioner Health Benefits cards will be issued to those who qualify.

The issue of Pensioner Health Benefits cards will not entitle their holders to free medical or hospital treatment from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, although under the usual arrangements they may be admitted to Repatriation Hospitals as community patients when spare capacity exists." EVAN ADERMAN. (Minister for Veterans' Affairs)


ANZAC PEACE AWARDS

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NOMINATIONS: Appropriate organisations within the community of Western Australia should submit nominations to the State Secretary, Returned Services League, W.A. Branch, Box C 128, GPO, Perth, 6001 no later than December 15, 1979.

Further Information may be sought from the State Secretary

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Mosquito Arrives in Sydney

The de Havilland Mosquito bomber recently bought at auction by the Australian War Memorial arrived at Bankstown on May 28. It consists of the mainplane, engines and other parts. Another load of parts had been delivered earlier.

The Mosquito, which was in dilapidated condition when bought at auction in Melbourne in January for $21,000, is to be restored at the Hawker de Havilland facility at Bankstown. Restoration is expected to take several years to complete. Later the aircraft, which was given the name “Quokka”, will be displayed at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

“Quokka” is one of only two Mosquitos surviving in Australia. A total of 212 were manufactured by de Havilland at Bankstown and the company still retains staff with disposal to a private to be restored at the Hawker de Haviland Australia. A total of 212 were manufactured by de Haviland in Canberra.

The de Havilland Mosquito bomber recently bought at auction in Melbourne in January for $21,000, is on its way to America it remained until sold to a buyer in the US in 1972.

The aircraft was shipped from Perth to Melbourne but was held up over a legal wrangle and was offloaded from a ship bound for America. It remained in Melbourne until the auction.

Since buying the aircraft, the Memorial has received a number of offers of assistance from former RAAF members, including ex-464 and 456 Squadron men who flew Mosquitos over Europe during World War II.

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CONSTITUTION (NATIONAL)
1. GERALDTON
   That all ex-servicemen and women who have served in the armed forces for a period of six (6) months and received an honourable discharge be eligible to join as full (Ordinary) members.
2. HIGHGATE
   That in order to bring all ex-service personnel and all ex-service organisations/associations under the one banner the word "returned" in the name "Returned Services League" be changed to "Royal".
   (Referred to National Executive for investigation and report.)
3. RETURNED SISTERS
   That the name "Royal Services League" be considered as an alternative title.
   (Referred to National Executive for investigation and report.)
4. STATE EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION
   That the national minimum subscription be increased to $8.00.

CONSTITUTION (STATE)
7. NE DLANDS
   Amend Rule 18(6) line 3, by deleting "casting" and substituting "deliberative", and after "vote" add "only", and when voting equal motions shall pass to the negative shall be declared lost.
8. NE DLANDS
   Amend rules 20(e), 30(d) and 45(a)(Para 3) by deleting the whole and substituting "Election of all office bearers shall be by preferential voting and shall also apply where it is necessary to determine seniority where there are only sufficient (or in some cases where there are less) nominees to fill vacant offices.
9. NE DLANDS
   Amend Rule 21 (Line 5) by deleting "two weeks" and substituting "one calendar month".
10. NE DLANDS
    Amend Rule 30(ii) by adding "after distribution of preferences".
11. NE DLANDS
    Amend Rule 31(d) by deleting "becomes".
12. NE DLANDS
    Amend Rule 45(a)(Line 4) by deleting the whole line and substituting "The President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be ex officio members of all committees provided that"
14. NE DLANDS
    Amend Standing Order 2(b) by deleting "discussion of" and substituting "Business arising from".
15. NE DLANDS
    Amend Standing Order 3 (Line 3) by deleting "at"
17. NE DLANDS
    Amend Standing Order 14 by deleting "further."

REPARTIATION (GENERAL)
22. GERALDTON
   That the repatriation funeral benefit of $100 be increased to $600.
24. CITY OF PERTH
   That repatriation summaries files if previously prepared should be made available on application by advocates if a claim is rejected by a Board. That is to say two stages before the present system, so that evidence may be presented to the Commission.
25. CITY OF PERTH
   That Section 107VL Sub-section 1-7 of the Repatriation Act of the veterans' relating to reference back to the Commission of material evidence, be removed from the Act, and tribunals consider and decide on the evidence put forward at the initial tribunal hearing.

REPARTIATION (PENSIONS) — COMPENSATION BENEFITS
26. GERALDTON
   That indexation adjustments to service pensions and aged pensions be made twice yearly, to coincide with the wages indexation.

27. CITY OF PERTH
   That the system of indexing service and disability pensions twice a year in accordance with the cost of living index be restored and the service pension be 30% of average weekly wage.
30. ARMADALE
   That no part of the disability pension be taken into account when assessing means test, age or service pensions.

REPARTIATION (MEDICAL & HOSPITAL)
31. RETURNED SISTERS
   That all repatriation benefits (medical and hospital) as allowed the returned sisters of the 1914-18 war be extended to include returned sisters and ex-service women of the 1939-45 war.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS — EDUCATION
32. HIGHGATE
   That the allowance to students (tertiary) under the soldier's children's education scheme, at present twenty-four dollars ($24) per week, be raised to a more realistic figure.

DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES
33. MILLEN
   That necessary changes in the Family Law Act be effected in order to protect the interest of the veteran 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.
35. SHENTON PARK
   That this Congress bring pressure to bear on the Federal Government to grant British Commonwealth ex-servicemen with 10 year's residency qualifications and Australian citizenship, housing loans to the same extent and on the same interest terms as is granted to Australian ex-servicemen.

DEFENCE
37. APPLECROSS
   That this State Congress reaffirms the necessity for an adequate dry dock facility be constructed in the Fremantle area.
38. HIGHGATE
   That this Congress request the Federal Government to investigate and review immediately, defence arrangements in Australia, now necessary in the light of the changing world.
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situation, and that our defence forces be reconstructed to give us the best chance of deterring any aggressor.

39. SUBIACO
That this Congress request the Federal Government to introduce a compulsory National Service immediately, for males and females.

40. CITY OF PERTH
That this Congress recommends Federal legislation be introduced to counteract any pressure group activity which, by interfering with harmonious international affiliations, may endanger the efforts of the Commonwealth to maintain peace and to promote the prosperity of Australia.

IMMIGRATION
41. CITY OF PERTH
That the Australian Government withdraw from all binding obligations with the United Nations, especially the obligation to accept refugees.

WAR VETERANS' HOMES
43. That the War Veterans' Home Board be granted authority to build a general nursing home on the Eastern side of Pearson RSL Village providing that it is not possible to comply with Item 14 of 1974 and 13 of 1978.

NATIONAL PRIDE
44. CITY OF PERTH
That a print of the Australian flag be exhibited in every classroom of all educational establishments, and the Australian flag be flown every school day.

45. NORTHAMPTON
That this Congress request the State Branch to encourage principals of all schools to invite RSL representatives to attend Anzac Day services.

ADMINISTRATION
48. STATE EXECUTIVE
That this Congress calls on all members of the League who are aware of any League properties which do not reflect credit on the League, to advise the State Secretary accordingly.

49. RIVERVALE-CARLISLE
That the State Branch allocate adequate funds to provide for a 3-months publicity and promotion campaign in 1980.

50. MILLEN
That an appropriate certificate be issued to past State Presidents of the State Branch who are now registered as either Life or Ordinary Members of the League in recognition of their term of office in the capacity as State President.

GENERAL
54. CITY OF PERTH
That the Federal Government encourage the use of solar heating by abolishing all taxes on the purchase of such units to conserve fossil fuels.

55. CITY OF PERTH
That more prominent signs be exhibited on children's crossings.

NOTICES OF MOTION
1. COTTESLOE
That strong representations be made to the Commonwealth Government to increase their contributions to nursing homes and restore financial security to all patients.

2. MANDURAH
That the State Government be approached to bring about a concession on licensing fees for all service pensioners, in receipt of a Pensioner Health Benefit Card.

3. KOJONUP
That the RSL protest to the State Government on the effects the sudden application on the amended Country Areas Water Supply Act (Nov. 1978) is having on the development and viability of blocks allotted by the Lands Department and other holdings in several catchment areas some of which seriously affect the livelihood of ex-servicemen and their families who are involved.

(Referred to State Executive to investigate.)

4. MILLEN
That this Congress authorise the removal of the Anzac Club from the headquarters building of the League situated at 30a St. George's Terrace, Perth, to a temporary location at 4 Sherwood Court, Perth and that Congress further authorises that the business and transactions of the Club be carried out at its temporary location at 4 Sherwood Court, Perth, (Ground Floor) until further notice or until such time as the new Anzac Club is officially opened.

6. DARLING RANGE
In view of the success of the Ex-Service Women's Committee of the Darling Range RSL Sub-Branch that Congress be informed of such a Committee, and that the matter be brought forward to the attention of Congress Delegates and implemented.

(Referred to State Executive.)

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S A RE-UNION

The South Australian branch of the British Ex-Service Legion of Australia is endeavouring to host a re-union in Adelaide in November, 1980 for those who served in the World War, Korea and Vietnam.

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The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon. Evan Adermann, MP, has announced today the appointment of F.J. Mahony, OBE as President of the newly established Repatriation Review Tribunal.

The Tribunal has been set up to replace the present Repatriation War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals and Assessment Appeal Tribunals from July 1.

Mr Mahony is an ex-serviceman. He served in the CMF and AIF from 1942 to 1944 in the 20th Field Regiment and at Army Headquarters.

He is a graduate in law from the University of Sydney and was admitted to practice as a barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1940. In 1952 he was admitted to practice as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Mr Adermann said that Mr Mahony has had a distinguished record in law and administration. He is at present Deputy Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department, a position he has held since 1970. Prior to this, he was for some years, the Commonwealth Deputy Crown Solicitor in Sydney.

Mr Mahony has also held a number of statutory appointments and on a number of occasions has been the senior Australian Representative at international conferences, e.g.: leader of the Australian delegation to the United Nations Regional Preparatory Meeting on Crime Prevention and Treatment of Offenders for Asia and the Pacific; leader of the Australian Delegation to the first, second and third sessions of the Diplomatic Conference on the Humanitarian Law of War Applicable in Armed Conflicts; leader of the Australian Government delegation to the XXII International Red Cross Conference, Teheran; member of the committee to review prerogative writ procedures; member of the Computerisation of Criminal Data Committee, among others.

Under the provisions of the Repatriation Act, the President of the new Tribunal is responsible for the efficient operation of the Tribunal and the legislation imposes on him important responsibilities of an administrative and quasi-judicial nature.

Mr Adermann said he was pleased to announce the appointment of a person of the calibre of Mr Mahony as President of the new Tribunal which will benefit from his high qualifications and wide experience.

Nominations have been called from ex-service organisations and individuals for other positions on the Tribunal. Applications are currently being considered by the Minister and the results should be announced shortly.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT SANDWICH LUNCHES

The League has arranged a series of six "Sandwich Luncheons" (with Guest Speakers) for members and their friends at the Anzac Club.

TIMES: Fellowship at the Club, at noon: Lunch-sandwiches and tea, 12:45 p.m. (cost $1 30), Guest Speaker, 1:20 - 1:50 p.m.

To assist with catering, please advise Mr Melvin (325 9799) or Mrs J. Dowson (384 6712). Non-members and friends are welcome.

The programme, dates and guest speakers are as follows:

Tuesday, April 3 - The Hon The Premier, Sir Charles Court, KCMG, OBE.

Tuesday, May 1 - Professor Henry S. Albinski. Professor at the Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania, USA (by courtesy of Miss Martha Carbone, American Consul in WA). Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University and at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Canberra, ACT. His Subject will be "US strategic posture in the Indian Ocean and the West Pacific".

Tuesday, June 5 - Dr Trevor White. Subject "The 200 Mile Exclusive Economic Zone".

Tuesday, July 3 - Commodore R.H. Percy, RAN Naval Officer Commanding West Australia Area. "Coastal Surveillance in Australia".

Tuesday, August 7 - Col J.P.K. Murdoch, OBE (Civil Commissioner Exmouth 1963-1975). Executive Officer Western Australian Marine Services Assn. Executive Officer M.G. Kailis Group of Companies. Subject: "Coastal Surveillance of our North-West"

Tuesday, September 4 - Mr Jim Cruthers, Chairman, TVW Enterprises Ltd. Subject: "Development in Television".

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BIG DAY AT ONSLOW

And so another Anzac Day, another fleeting meeting of Forces friends. And at the Shire Hall, Onslow — Bill Forrest, 2/28th Battalion and ex-POW, AND our new President of this Branch, lowered the flag to half-mast, with a group of 12 present at the Dawn Service.

We then went in cars to the Leisure Centre, a misnomer as far as two hardworking ladies. Marj Noyce and Phyl Johnston, are concerned, as they had started early to boil the billy, heat up breakfast and have coffee ready for the “boys.” The rum, kindly donated by Elders GM, was as good as it ever was and may it continue so for years to come.

Mrs Phyl Johnston, RAAF, and Mrs Florence Turner, RAAMS, are the two ladies of the Sub-Branch, and we also have a few always helpful members’ wives.

Of the remaining people who enjoyed the morning, there was the usual mixture which makes this event so happy and nostalgic — Peter Maszniew, Australian Army who served in Vietnam, one of our quiet ones to be present with us at the Anzac Day celebrations, also doughty Cal Hover, USN Chief, who, many years resident in Onslow, was present with his wife, Marjorie, an Australian Nursing Sister whom he captured during the war — he goes home occasionally to the States, just to keep his accent true.

Ernie Nouce, Australian Navy, was present in our conversation. He went as guest of the Port Hedland Branch to march with his fellows of HMAS Perth. However he was represented by his charming wife, Marj, so all was shipshape.

Roley Fox, English, Royal Navy, who sailed the seas for England, home and beauty, lives permanently in Onslow, close by the briny. Bill Bell, a Rat of Tobruk, who, as an outback Queenslander, boy and man as he says, probably found the desert sands rather to his liking, and came later to the Ashburton district enticed by the climate, no doubt, and served as President for many years. Thanks, Bill, for good work done.

Then others with long service to the League. Jerry Walsh with his smile; Bill Carlyon, who will be remembered with affection and admiration by his 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion friends and fellow POW.

It is fitting at this time to thank Jerry and Bill for the Anzac Day breakfasts which, with their wives, they provided the Sub-Branch so well and willingly for as long as some of us recollect.

Cess Piesse, who in Small Ships, Water Transport, sailed over as large a pond as can be imagined. And he still sails. So the morning went on in glee.

Dave Moore, RAAF, should have surfg for us “Up, up and away” to close a happy session, and send us on our way rejoicing at 8.30 am. At this time, members again thanked Phyl and Marj, then went their various ways to later gatherings and discussions.

Next year on Anzac Day we hope to be lucky enough to have more members attend, who will join the March, which we plan, with the schoolchildren and the ubiquitous dogs joining. This makes it a march for all.

Do you remember? There was always THAT dog. I know of one myself who was at sea for a time. They were sneaked into all sorts of places. And so, we must walk with our loyal representatives of a small, select corps so that it can be truly said “We will remember them” — relatives, friends AND dogs.

FINALLY, we have only to look at the dog and see in him the significance of the RSL motto right in front of us “The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance” for canine and human, alike. — From a member of RSL Sub-Branch, Onslow.

INFORMATION WANTED

In 1919, between 200-300 Australians volunteered in England to relieve British and Allied troops already in Russia, though no Australian Units served in Russia.

The Australians were discharged in England, allotted to 45 Battalion Royal Fusiliers and 201 Machine Gun Battalion and continued to wear the AIF uniform. There were two companies of Australians within the 45th.

Corporal Sullivan and Sergeant Pearse both won the Victoria Cross in this campaign whilst serving with the 45th.

The Australian War Memorial will include a display commemorating Australian participation on the Russian Front and, to add some human interest to the display, the Trustees are keen to know the whereabouts of any survivors of this little-known campaign.

Would anyone having any information at all, please write to the State Secretary, D.H. Bruce, Box C128, GPO, Perth, 6001 so that he can forward same on to the National Headquarters of the League.

COMMENORATIVE MEDALLION

A medallion struck by the French Government to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Armistice has been presented to the Australian Government.

The brass medallion has been placed on display in the recently introduced New Acquisitions exhibition at the Australian War Memorial, together with a collection of French medallions produced following the Armistice in 1918. It is the first item to be shown in the New Acquisitions exhibition which will become a permanent feature to display relics, art works and documents donated to and acquired by the Memorial.

The medalion was presented to the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, by the French Secretary of State for Veterans Affairs.

It can be viewed in the New Acquisitions exhibition in the foyer of the Memorial.

Ack-Ack Re-union

Sixty-two former Ack-Ack gunners attended the annual re-union held at the Imperial Hotel, Perth on Friday, March 16.

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Conference Time Again

Here we are into the fifth month of the year and it’s Conference time again. Our Tasmanian trip is just a memory now, what a wonderful time we all had. We have all come back with memories of the friendship and happy times we spent with our friends there, and a full report is given elsewhere.

State Executive members are back on duty once again, busy with their hospital visiting etc., all refreshed after their break over Christmas and New Year. Sully was busy while we were away in Tasmania finalising arrangements for our Conference.

Since my last report. Mr Ford and I attended the War Veterans’ Home Birthday Party on March 11, also, together with members of State Executive we attended the Anzac Eve Service there on April 24, and I laid the Auxiliary wreath.

This service is conducted by the young people and it is a most impressive one. The weather was kind to us during the service, but I believe it rained heavily just before and after it.

Mrs Lowe and I attended the Dawn Service at the State War Memorial to lay the Auxiliary wreath. This service seems to have more attending each year and there were more wreaths laid. Madge and I had to put ours right around the side of the Memorial. It is so pleasing to see the young people attending this service.

**CERTIFICATE AND BADGE**

On May 3 members of Executive attended the Nollamara–North Perth Auxiliary’s 21st Birthday Party, and I had much pleasure in presenting Mrs Critchley with her Life Membership Certificate and Badge, also Certificate of Service to Mrs Lewis and Mrs Green. Everybody there had a happy evening.

Conference this year was well attended and members of Executive and some of the delegates wore period costume to the Official Opening.

Mr Phenna, State President of the RSL, presented a Certificate of Merit to Mrs G Rolfe and to Mrs T Ashplant. They were well-earned awards, both ladies having given many years of service to the Auxiliaries and the League.

He also presented me with a framed copy of the Code of Citizenship which will take pride of place in our Executive room.

We were pleased to have Mrs Trigg, State President of the Victorian State Council of RSL Women’s Auxiliaries and Mrs Hall, Councillor of the South Australian Women’s Council as our guests for Conference.

The Country Cup was won by Geraldton with 53 points; Mt Barker retained the Geraldton Cup with 35 points; and Koornong with 33 points received the spoon for third place.

Armadale with 46 points won the Metropolitan Cup. Millen received the Ames Shield with 37 points and Wanneroo with 36 points received the spoon as third place.

Congratulations go to these Auxiliaries on being the winners of our Cup Competition.

On Thursday, delegates visited the War Veterans’ Home for morning tea and to see the handicraft display by the residents, also to visit some of their friends there, then back to the Conference venue for a lovely lunch and, and, by demand, the items put on by the Wigmills in Tasmania.

State Executive for 1979-1980 is as follows: State President: Mrs G Ford, Immediate Past President: Mrs A Rowe BEM, Senior Vice-President: Mrs G Rolfe BEM; Junior Vice-President: Mrs H Holder, Hon State Secretary, Mrs M Sullivan; Hon State Treasurer, Mrs N Lowe.

The Committee: Mesdames Angel, Adams (Bullsbrook), Bettridge (Scarborough), Baker (Wanneroo), Chilcott (Backburn), Johnson (City of Perth), Mortimer (Cockburn), Minson (City of Perth), Preedy (Subiaco), Ryinker (Bassendean-Guildford), Taylor (Millen), Windsor (City of Perth).

Until next time — JOY FORD

NOTE: All enquiries may be directed to State President, Mrs G Ford, 7 Read St, East Victoria Park, 6101 (Phone 361 3867) or to the Hon State Secretary, Mrs M Sullivan, 49th Avenue, Maylands 6051 (Phone 271 9724). The State Executive meets on the fourth Monday each month at Anzac House, 4 Sherwood Court, Perth.

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**Vale, Emily Mary Nickoll**

Miss Mollie Nickoll, who died at Hollywood Repatriation Hospital on Thursday, April 19, 1979, was one of the members of the Returned Sisters Sub-branch, whose Army service spanned two World Wars.

When she joined the Australian Army Nursing Service in 1917, she had just completed her nursing training at the Perth Children’s Hospital (now Princess Margaret) and her first posting was to No. 8 Base Hospital, Fremantle, from where she embarked for overseas service in Ceylon and India.

As with other Australian Nurses, her service in these areas was prolonged until well after the cessation of hostilities, as the returning troops were already filled to capacity with men from Egypt, France and other theatres of war, and they bypassed the ports of Bombay and Colombo on their way home.

The immediate post-war years brought continued Army service at the Base Hospital, the new Military Wing of the Perth Hospital, Wooroloo Sanatorium and at Lemnos Hospital, West Subiaco, and when these establishments were taken over by the Repatriation Department, a return to the staff of the Children’s Hospital.

In 1939, Miss Nickoll was once again called up for active service and appointed matron of the 10th Military Hospital, stationed at “Lucknow,” Stirling Highway. When this was superseded by the newly erected 110th Military Hospital at Hollywood, she became the first matron.

Following her war service, Miss Nickoll once again joined the staff of the Children’s Hospital, but later undertook the care of Legacy Wards at Craig House in South Perth.

After a short break, she then went to Albany to become matron of the “Annie Bryson McKeown” Silver Chain Home for the Frail and Aged, before retiring to Swan Cottage Homes at Bentley.

At the time of her death she was domiciled at the Howes Wing, War Veterans Home, Mount Lawley.

“Mollie,” as she was known to her colleagues, had a zest for life and hated inactivity which was slowly being forced upon her by continuing ill-health. Her courage in facing this and her service to nursing over the year was an inspiration. She will be sadly missed by members of the Sub-branch. — V. HOBBS.
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OUR TASMANIAN TRIP

By Joy Ford

On March 15, 63 West Australians left Perth Airport for a friendly invasion of Tasmania. Members of the RSL Women’s Auxiliaries, together with a number of husbands, set off to attend the Tasmanian RSL Women’s Auxiliaries State Conference to be held in Hobart on March 17, and to see something of that State.

Mrs Lowe and I were the Official guests to the Conference and were accompanied by our husbands.

The following day we all visited the Casino, where we enjoyed both the lunch and the afternoon Cabaret. Some of the delegates, together with a number of husbands, set off to attend the Tasmanian RSL Women’s Auxiliaries State Conference held in the Glenorchy RSL Club.

Before lunch, the Conference adjourned to the local War Memorial for a short Memorial Service and I laid a wreath on behalf of the West Australian Auxiliaries.

That evening, Madge and I and our husbands were dinner guests of the State Executive and, on joining the rest of the group at the Glenorchy Club, found everybody having a right royal time.

Sunday saw us all off to the Sorell RSL Club where the Sorell Auxiliary supplied all the Delegates and Observers to Conference with a wonderful luncheon.

During the afternoon items from the various Auxiliaries entertained the crowd, WA supplied three items, a humorous skit by the Mandurah girls. Executive members formed the Anzac Club Marching Girls Team.

On their performance, I don’t think they will be any serious threat in any competition, and the two ballet dancers, coaxed out of retirement, well, I’ll leave others to tell about them, I don’t think they will make a comeback. One of our members turned back the hands of time to join in the Child of the Year competition.

The next day was a free day, some of us seeing the local sights. Tuesday was overcast and windy, but cleared away for us to enjoy our bus trip to Lake Peddar and the luncheon cruise on the river.

That evening we were guests of the Clarence Auxiliary for a lovely tea and the entertainment afterwards.

On Wednesday, we visited the Hobart Auxiliary for lunch, and they had arranged for us to see over the Cadbury Factory. This was most interesting and the samples very tasty.

VISIT TO HOSPITAL

Madge and I were taken to the Repatriation Hospital on Thursday morning to see the Occupational Therapy rooms and the “Friends Room” in each Ward. These rooms are furnished and maintained by the Auxiliaries for the use by families of dangerously ill patients. They are a bed-sitting room with all facilities for staying a number of days.

That evening our group visited the Lenah Valley Auxiliary for tea at the Club rooms, another wonderful evening.

On Friday we went on another bus trip, driving to the top of Mt Wellington overlooking Hobart, then a pleasant drive through the Huon Valley with a stop for lunch at the Huonville RSL Club supplied by the Auxiliary, another marvellous spread.

On the way home we stopped to see the miniature Tudor Village.

Saturday was free to do our own sightseeing and on Sunday we all visited the historical Port Arthur, the bus trip taking in the local tourist attractions. On the way back we stopped at Richmond for a look at the oldest Catholic Church (1835) and the oldest bridge (1823) in Tasmania.

GOODBYE TO HOBART

The next day we said goodbye to Hobart and made our way to Launceston, stopping to see anything of interest. That night we were guests of the Launceston Auxiliary at their RSL Club.

A bus trip next day took us up alongside the Tamar River, through the Mersey plains to Devonport, then on to Raiton to the RSL Club where once again we were given lunch by the Auxiliary, then a pleasant drive back to Launceston.

On Wednesday, everybody did their own thing, and on Thursday we took a bus trip up to George Town where we had morning tea at The Grove, a beautiful old Georgian home restored and furnished to its original state.

On Friday, it was goodbye to Tasmania, with all the food we had been encouraged to partake of. I was beginning to wonder if our plane would be able to take off, it could be a bit heavy in the tail. However, we made it, taking with us memories of a truly wonderful trip.

The hospitality and friendship extended to us everywhere was in the true spirit of the RSL. It was a shame that on some occasions we were unable to spend more time with the Auxiliaries, but everywhere we went we felt so at home. Friendships were made or renewed everywhere and we look forward to seeing some of them again if ever they visit this State.

Before closing, I would like to thank Madge for all the hard work she did in helping me arrange and organise the trip. A “thank you” to all those who came with us, your cooperation and understanding was most helpful to us both.

We enjoyed it all and we hope you did too.

NURSING HERITAGE

As part of their contribution to the 150th Anniversary Celebrations, Members of the Returned Sister’s Sub-Branch are holding an exhibition of memorabilia which dates from Florence Nightingale and the Crimean War until the present day.

The exhibition is being held in conjunction with the traditional Annual Reunion of Service and Ex-Service Sisters which celebrates the 77th Birthday of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps.

This will take place on Saturday, June 30, 1979 at the Nurses’ Memorial Centre, 34 Kings Park Road, West Perth at 2.30 pm.

Lady Kyle has graciously accepted an invitation to be present and on conclusion of the afternoon function will formerly open the Display for those attending and other specially invited guests.

The exhibition will be open to the public until 9pm that evening and on Sunday, July 1, 1979 from 10am.

For further information regarding the above, please contact any of the following: Mrs J. K. Murdock, 19 Hamersley Street, Cottesloe, 6011 (Phone 384 5672); Miss E. H. R. 6 Strickland Street, South Perth, 6151 (Phone 367 1524); Miss V. Hobbs, 13 Gardner Street, Como, 6152 (Phone 367 1524).
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BIGGEST ANZAC CROWD

The oldest ex-serviceman at the main Anzac Day observance at Geraldton, Bert Lock, aged 89, said it was the best attendance he had seen since coming to Geraldton 49 years ago.

He estimated that several hundred people took part in the March and that the number of people who lined the streets and attended the Ceremony at Birdwood House, totalled several thousand. Bert said it was a delight in his 90th year to see such a large number of youth groups taking part in the Anzac Day March and Ceremony.

The Marchers included about 70 ex-service personnel, a group of Army Cadets from St Patrick's College, and a Contingent of American sailors from the USS Robert E Peary.

The Commanding Officer of the American Frigate, Commander William Mathis, was on the saluteing dais at the Civic Centre with Town Councillor Bill Cunningham; the Magistrate, K A Philp, Police Inspector R Gillies; and the RSL representative, Mrs Stella Gleed.

Commander Mathis was also among those to lay a record number of wreaths, about 50, at the Birdwood House Memorial.

During the Ceremony, the Geraldton Town Band played the American National Anthem, as well as the Australian National Song, Land of Hope and Glory, and Australia's National Anthem, God Save The Queen.

FIGHTING TRADITION

Giving the address, Geraldton RSL President Ernie Gleed said Anzac Day was both a proud and sad day, a day on which they reflected with pride on the fighting tradition which helped Australia to nationhood, but on which they recalled with sorrow, the sacrifice of life and limb that was the price of our national coming-of-age at Gallipoli 64 years ago.

Mr Gleed said those who paid the supreme sacrifice had died for a great and just cause, a cause dedicated to the principles of freedom, democracy, chivalry and humanity.

He said it was imperative that all Australian citizens responded with enthusiasm to the great opportunities and the great good fortune they enjoyed. Positive action to coordinate community thinking and community effort was the greatest task ahead.

A group of about 20 members of the Geraldton First Scout Troop, led by Scout Leader Ian Cutler, took place in the March from Maitland Park to Birdwood House for the Dawn Parade.

The Scouts, aged 11 to 15, had taken part in the "Anzac Eve Vigil" to mark the "International Year of the Child". They had extended their normal meeting throughout the night, discussing the significance of Anzac Day with young war veterans, while camping at the Scout Hall.

The Scouts also took part in the General Parade and helped with Anzac Day organisers throughout the day.

The group of about 40 ex-service personnel who marched for the Dawn Parade included three women members of the RSL - Mrs Gleed, Mrs Dulcie Brogan and Mrs Pat Terry.

AT SHENTON PARK

The Shenton Park Anzac Day Service commenced at 7.30am outside the Scouts' Hall in Murchison Street, Shenton Park.

In attendance were Sir Paul Hasluck, Sir Charles Court, the Mayor and various Councillors from the City of Subiaco, representatives from numerous clubs, sporting bodies and associations in the district, contingents from various scout groups, a representative from the Boys Brigade, members of kindred bodies and quite a few members of the public and, of course, Dr Tom Dadour, MLA for Subiaco.

The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were rendered on the bugle as usual by Vic Court (Sir Charles's son), and prayers and the address were rendered by the son-in-law of our deceased Padre, (Canon Halley), the Reverend Waare, officiating Minister at the Anglican Church in Keighley Road, Subiaco.

Mrs Halley, who must be between 70 to 80 years of age, returned from Tasmania especially to be present at the Ceremony.

The proudest participant in the Service would undoubtedly have been 11-year-old Jeffery Mann, representing the Boys' Brigade, whose chest measurement visibly increased by one or two inches when he was called upon to lay a wreath on behalf of the Brigade.

Attendance figures were between 90 and 100 and at the conclusion of the Ceremony breakfast was served in the Hall. Tea, coffee, and hot buttered scones were on the menu and the SubBranch would like to record its sincere thanks to the RAOB Ladies' Auxiliary, the Scouts Group and other helpers in this respect.

A special "thank you" must go to Nan McCarthy. This lady is 81 years of age, but she got up at 5am and baked about 50 percent of the scones required for the breakfast, and in fact the scones were still warm when served. Unfortunately Nan was too exhausted by her efforts to be able to attend the Service, as is her usual custom.

A photographer from the Subiaco City Post was in attendance and a picture of the event was published on the front page of the issue of May 2, 1979.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Any person who has been a financial member for a period of 15 continuous years and has rendered services according to age, and the League, may qualify for the award of Life Membership.

Applicants should:
(a) obtain an application form from Anzac House;
(b) submit for approval to a general meeting of the sub-branch;
(c) have the form signed by five members;
(d) give all information in detail, including date of birth and of birth, by way of citation, to support the case;
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If a President or Secretary has done a good job for the prescribed period and looks like continuing for a further period, do not wait until he resigns, is replaced or dies, otherwise he may be deprived of his due, just because he is a worker and is considered worthy of re-election. Show his service as being "From [date] to still serving."

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE: Any member who, in the opinion of the sub-branch has rendered himself worthy of an official acknowledgement of his service to the League may be recommended for this award, provided he does not qualify for any of the above awards.

There are many quiet workers who attend regularly, do at least their share of the work and to whom the members are duly grateful.

Applicants should:
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In every case, the application will be checked against the member’s record at Anzac House.

These awards are not given lightly. When presenting such an award, make it a "CO’s Parade". Either the President or Patron (if any) of the Sub-Branch, the Liaison Officer or, by special request, some other member of the State Executive should do the honours.

A "Ladies' Night," Anzac Day Ceremony, Annual Dinner or similar event would be appropriate and should prove an adequate venue for the bestowing of honours.

So, Presidents, Secretaries, Membership Officers and Ordinary Members, think about these awards — the "rewards that sweeten labour". Have you a member who is deserving and qualified for any of these? If so, DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, NOW! — R. J. Nyman, (Chairman, Membership Sub-Committee).

VALE - SCARBOROUGH RSL HALL

We have just sold our RSL Hall. It is with deep regret and a certain sadness that we have had to do so. When one looks back over the years to the start of the sub-branch, meetings then were held in the little old church on the corner of Hastings St and Brighton Road, and the well known Dean Moore was a member and chaplain.

From then on, as the sub-branch grew, different venues were used; the sub-branch had its ups and downs, but seemed to reside the longest at the Clinic Hall. It was from there that the move to acquire our own hall began.

Funds were raised by raffles, bottle collections, dances and other devices. At that time the ladies had their "Better Halves Club" and they raised a quite considerable amount of money, and in the process we enjoyed much social fun.

The plans for our hall were grandiose — if they had transpired, we probably would have been one of the first shopping centres! A more modest plan was decided on, and after selling some of our land, we were able to proceed with the building.

It was a battle, but after many painful visits to the bank manager, we finally paid it off. Soon maintenance began to be a problem, and busy bees became the order of the day.

But as the members grew older, enthusiasm waned. Of course, the usual group turned up, but they could not counter the escalating costs of rates, insurance, light and power, cleaning costs, sewerage and all those incidentals that make up the debit side of a balance sheet, altogether, of course, with declining membership through natural causes.

Many names of stalwarts could be mentioned, and to mention but a few would not be fair.

But let us state now -- the sub-branch is NOT finished! We have moved to the Doubleview Bowling Club, and will still hold our meetings there on the second Monday of every month. Having had the first of these meetings, we look like having bigger and brighter meetings in the future. — J. E. HUGILL.
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Several ex-service members of the Cottesloe Golf Club inaugurated the first golf competition for ex-servicewomen 20 years ago. On Tuesday, September 4, Cottesloe Golf Club will again host the competition for the special 1979 event. All golf clubs will be circularised and all ex-servicewomen golfers are welcome. Play will commence at 12.30pm, followed by an informal buffet dinner in the evening.

There are many trophies including one from "A golfin' friend" — a male member of the State Executive of the RSL.

The competition is held annually and alternates between a city, and a country golf club. Inquiries welcomed by Mrs Dorothy Whitaker (phone 384 2892).

LEGION OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

On May 14, the Mt Hawthorn Sub-Branch of the Legion held a function at the Mt Hawthorn Sub-Branch RSL Hall to celebrate their 34th anniversary.

A band was supplied by one of the members free of charge which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all. Games and dancing were the order of the night and visitors and members alike enjoyed the evening.

Sub-Branch meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the above hall. Anyone interested in attending will be made welcome.

On July 21, the Legion will celebrate the State's 150th Anniversary with a dinner-dance at the South Perth Civic Centre from 6pm to midnight.

Period costume optional — tickets $12 all inclusive — reservations may be booked with Mrs Frances Sinclair (Phone 444 3929).

ROLL OF HONOUR

A well-preserved Roll of Honour Scroll containing the names of all Geraldton men who served in World War I has been given to the local sub-branch of the RSL. The Scroll was made available by Daniel Patrick O'Dea, of Jose Street, who served with the 42nd Battery of the 4th Australian Division.

The Roll of Honour contains the name of 534 servicemen, including 135 killed in action. The sub-branch decided at its April meeting to thank Mr O'Dea and to extend best wishes for his 80th birthday on April 17.

The Roll will be framed and displayed in Birdwood House. Members Dave Fisher and John Troode have agreed to meet the cost of the framing.

MISS CROWNING GLORY

The sub-branch decided to seek a candidate for the "Miss Crowning Glory" Quest. There are valuable prizes for several sections, including the personality girl with the best head of hair; Miss Charity Princess, for raising the most money; and Girl of the Golden West, for most money raised in a country area.

The proceeds will go to the War Veterans' Home and Legacy. — BJB.

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Twenty-four Ex-Wrans from WA made the trip to Melbourne to attend the 38th anniversary reunion to celebrate the formation of the WRANS in 1941. The highlight of the week's programme was participation in the March on Anzac Day.

Among the West Australians were Mrs Sheila Kenworthy, who as Sheila McClear was the wartime director of WRANS, and WA president Dorothy Needham, who led a contingent that included Avis Kenny, Betty Robson, Pat Ingham, Olwyn Banks, Pam Johnson, Amalia Travers, Bess Gosling, Mary Dow, Freda Andrews, Kath Jennings and Hilda Graham.

The following account is taken from "Ditty Box," the newsletter of the Ex-Wrans Association.

"An absolutely wonderful week was experienced by all who attended the 38th Re-Union at Melbourne. Victoria Hotel was very central; our accommodation was very comfortable, and above all, it was staffed by courteous and obliging personnel.

Registration Day at RSL, Collins Street, saw the place packed with Ex-Wrans from every State. We each received a personalised passport wallet, containing tickets, writing paper and pen, an outline of Anzac Day procedure, together with a detailed programme for the week's events, maps galore and a lovely commemoration spoon.

At 5pm, several representatives from each State, together with our hosts, attended a Civic Reception at the Melbourne Town Hall. Councillor Wilson (the only matelot on the Council) welcomed and addressed us.

INFORMATIVE, ILLUMINATING

In the evening, many of us attended the large modern theatre in the AMP Building, where Mary Brodie gave an informative and illuminating slide lecture on her recent trip to China with Miriel Rummans. The hard-working committee provided supper.

A trip to Ballarat on Tuesday. We stopped at Wendouree Park by Wendouree Lake, and it was a beautiful place, glorious fuchsias and gardens, tuberous begonias the size of saucers in every conceivable colour were on display in glasshouses. Morning tea was provided by Ballarat Ex-Wrans and families. Adam Lindsay Gordon's house is in a corner of the park.

Ballarat is a large and interesting city where old colonial and modern commercial buildings merge in harmony. Lunch for more than 200 people who enjoyed the hot dishes and the dessert was kindly provided by Ballarat's Scots Burns Ladies Auxiliary.

Sovereign Hill Gold Mining City rates an article all to itself — it is a most interesting place. Old-fashioned lollies, old printing presses, a reconstructed gold mine and a Cobb and Co coach which took many of us around to see all the sights. It was most exciting panning for gold, and we could have spent hours there — probably because we struck gold!

Anzac Day weather was ideal for marching. Led by Miriel Rummans, our large contingent headed the various ex-service men's associations; we marched well and received good TV coverage.

Luncheon was held at the Dorchester Alexandra Gardens — many more re-unions — then to the re-union of HMAS Perth Association in the Botanical Gardens, and more reunions there. The CO of HMAS Moreton (wartime) was glad to see some of his Ex-Wrans.

PRICELESS ANTIQUES

The National Gallery is a "must" for any visitor to Melbourne, as we discovered on Thursday morning. There are priceless antiques on display, in addition to other forms of art ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. The enjoyment of it all was enhanced by the fact that we had a very good woman guide.

After a light luncheon in the Gallery's large dining-room, we cruised all around Port Philip Bay viewing wharves and other points of interest.

The official dinner was held at Leonda, a spacious, elegant place at Hawthorn. After cocktails or what-have-you, we went to our assigned seats where we found, for each of us, a beautiful glass goblet, inscribed in gold lettering and bearing the WRANS crest. The inscription read: 'Melbourne, Victoria, celebrating the 38th Anniversary of Women's Royal Australian Naval Service 1941-1979.' The gift was deeply appreciated by all.

We were welcomed by president Mrs Rummans and Mrs Needham responded. The address was given by Mrs Kenworthy, and the Anniversary Cake was cut with an historic naval sword by Chief Officer Ann Briggs. Prior to the cutting of the cake, Aimi lifted our pride in the WRANS by telling us that the Navy did not have to advertise for women recruits because of the high standard set by the wartime WRANS.

The visit to HMAS Cerberus merits more coverage than space permits, but we can say that it was a most enjoyable experience.

We took time off to make coffee and mend Saturday until we went to a dinner dance at the New Palace, St Kilda. Mrs Mac's message was read to us in moving fashion by Ruth Bull and was warmly applauded. Many other 'thank-you' speeches were made, as this was really the night of farewell.

It was great entertainment and a wonderful fun night.

About 180 girls attended service at Uniting Church Australia on Sunday morning. Mary Howard (Butler), who is an elder of the church, gave a short history of the WRANS and then rejoined the choir, where Mrs Rummans was also seated.

The Rev McNab's service was very thought-provoking and the singing of the choir was glorious. After morning tea, a number of the girls joined Dr McNab in the lovely old church for poetry reading, and this was a lovely relaxing finish to a most impressive and exhilarating week.

Congratulations, Melbourne — we will not forget you. Thank you."

"MRS MAC'S" MESSAGE

The "Mrs Mac" referred to in the article on the Ex-Wrans Re-Union in Melbourne, is Mrs F. V. McKenzie OBE, ASTC (Elec Eng), who is patron of the Ex-Wrans Association. This is the text of her message.

"My very dear Ex-Wrans: I am asking my dear Ruby Fitzgerald to congratulate you on your 38th anniversary and to wish you every joy and happiness. I shall be with you in spirit and I still have warm and happy recollections of the West Australian festival, and surely those of you who are lucky enough to be present at the 1979 celebration will always have similar memories.

It is pleasing to see the progress of the present-day WRANS and to know that they are branching out into so many new fields, but the Ex-Wrans will always retain the honour of having laid a solid foundation and setting a high standard. The influence of the early WRANS will be far-reaching."
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This made me think that after nearly 2,500 years the influence of Confucius, who stressed the importance of politeness and dignity, was expressed by this lady. In Taiwan to this day there are some descendants (representing a span of 78 generations) who are still expounding these principles. It makes you think, doesn't it?

RIVERVALE-CARLISLE SUB-BRANCH

BIRTHDAY EVENING AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

To celebrate the sesquicentenary atmosphere prevailing in this State, and to mark the 30th anniversary of our Sub-Branch, we are inviting all past and present members together with their wives and/or a friend, to an Evening to be held on November 2 at the Alfresco Garden Lodge, 44 Kenwick Road, Kenwick from 8pm to midnight.

It may surprise some members to know that our Sub-Branch was originally formed in 1949 by a group of returned men, 23 in number, headed by C. Isbister (deceased), who decided that the branch be named South Belmont RSL, and meetings were held in a hall at the corner of Wright Street and Belmont Avenue.

Presidents in the early years were:


Around about 1952 and 1953, the Sub-Branch transferred its meeting venue to an old house that was situated on the corner of Campbell Street and Kooyong Road, and the Branch name was changed to Rivervale.

Members sat at school desks on school seats in the lounge room that served as the main hall and the rest of the rooms made cosy nooks where poker, darts, quoits etc could be indulged in providing one could block off the holes in the walls to keep out the draught.

In winter, a fire would be lit in the lounge fireplace and one could warm the bones until the amber liquid took over and provided an inner glow.

Despite the humble and dowdy abode, social life and togetherness were abundant and many a delightful gathering with members, wives and friends was enjoyed.

OVERGROWN HEDGES

Meetings proceeded through 1955 presided over by Norm Heal and 1956 presided by Evan Smith and the old meeting-hall slowly degenerated into an area of overgrown hedges and broken wooden pickets, some of which had found their way into our cheery fireplace.

The atmosphere of good fellowship and help to returned men and their families did not deteriorate and there was an urge to assist people who had found themselves at some time in need of assistance, and into this category one never knows when one will fall.

It is with this thought in mind that we appeal to all eligible personnel to become financial members. Strength in numbers makes it easier to not only give assistance, but also to receive assistance. It also gives a strength of voice to obtain privileges and to hold what we have.

On October 23, 1956 a new hall was built by the Belmont Shire in another section of what now had become Wilson Park; and this building on the corner of Gerring Street and Norwood Road became our new home.

My message to you is not to be afraid of old age. Even at 87 years, there are challenges to be met, battles to be fought and won - mostly with oneself - and life is still full of interest.

I am deeply and very humbly grateful to you for the inspiration and affection you have always given me. I assure you of my affection and admiration always. On Anzac Day I shall be marching with you in spirit and admiring all those wonderful boys and girls.

The influence and example set by our own Anzacs and other personnel will go on as long as the world goes on.

We will remember them! May God bless you all!

L. Zappa was president in 1957, and in 1958, the office was shared by H. Bridges and J. Cornish. Mr Cornish carried on through 1959.

Twenty years have passed since then, and each year finds many members still willing to carry on the excellent work of running the Sub-Branch. One could fill pages naming names; however, these members know that the Sub-Branch has appreciated all the efforts that have been expended.

AUXILIARY FORMED

On July 22, 1957 we were fortunate to have the ladies join us and the Rivervale Women's Auxiliary was officially formed. Mrs. Bridges was the inaugural president; Mrs P. Johnson then became President in 1959 and held the reins until the Auxiliary closed.

The ladies did a magnificent job. Apart from the assistance in social functions and carrying out their normal duties to headquarters, they built up a big range of crockery and cutlery that was utilised many times at social functions and hall hires, so saving Sub-Branch many dollars.

They also curtained the hall giving it a touch that only the female side can apply. It was a sad day on February 19, 1964 that, owing to too much pressure on too few people, the Auxiliary was officially disbanded.

On January 1, 1963 the Sub-Branch took over the Shire Hall on a lease from the Shire Council, and we now had our own official hall. Things were a little shaky for a year or so financially speaking, but by good management of the committee and members in general, the Sub-Branch gained the upper hand.

At the end of 1965, the porch of the hall was bricked in, which allowed for more cupboard space and easier letting of the hall.

The Sub-Branch was very active for many years after 1963; sporting evenings with neighbouring sub-branches proved very competitive nights and we more than held our own as can be seen by viewing the array of trophies in our hall trophy cabinet.

Golf and cricket were also popular. Cricket appeared to be the outstanding game and Facker's mob would have been proud to have accepted some of our flashing batsman and our intrepid fiery bowlers. Cricketers travelled far and wide and many a good tale can be spun from our last weekends at Pinjarra.

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Healy, finally developed into that feared band named the "warriors," but unfortunately they suffered the ravages of time and hung up their straps and pads.

IMMORTALISED

However, they have been immortalised by being hung in the hall of fame, where all in general may worship them by simply attending a general meeting night.

Two conflicts since the end of the World War have shown that Australians have still got what it takes.

Unfortunately Korea and Vietnam claimed the inevitable casualties, and this highlights the fact that the older veterans and families are still to be cared for and their privileges held.

We now also have a responsibility to see that the younger groups privileges are not eroded and the gains so hardly fought for are not lost.

"Lest We Forget" — Membership is the key word.

Fortunately, all dark clouds have a silver lining and from Korea and Vietnam we gained some younger members to join the willing band of helpers, and although not wishing to single out members, we would be remiss by not mentioning one in particular, Alan Richardson, our immediate past-president.

Alan brought a new breath of vitality and although some of his ideas have caused quite a few discussions, in general his forward thinking has done much for this Sub-Branch, and we have welcomed the younger men's ideas.

Alan, Bob Blake and Reg Rule have been the backbone behind our bingo nights, which have been a money-spinner over the years, and have been instrumental in building up cash in the bank to pay for the extensions and modifications to the hall — mainly kitchen, foyer, extra rooms at the front of the hall, and extensions to toilet facilities at a cost of $13,000, and officially opened in 1975.

PLENTY OF OLD FACES

There are still plenty of old faces at meetings; these have been good workers and staunch members over the years, and they would be pleased o welcome you with some cheery conversation and a friendly handshake.

Join up, or, if a member, come along and spend a pleasant hour or two with Merv Johnson, Frank Chappell, Dave Harris, Rod McFall, Bruce Fogarty, Bob Blake, Reg Rule, Norm Healy, Aussie Durkin, Les Ransome, John Devenish, Frank Kemp, Ralph Steggall, John Buckley, just to mention a few.

We are not asking for hand-outs, because our financial position is strong. Apart from assets in hand, namely hall furnishings and sporting equipment, we have a total of money in bank and bonds to the value of $14,500.

What we are requesting is a boost in membership. As stated previously, membership gives the Returned Service League, which is the voice for the returned serviceman and woman, a strong bargaining lever when discussing repatriation and other areas concerning your welfare.

In 1971, we amalgamated with Carlisle Sub-Branch and the name was changed to Rivervale-Carlisle Sub-Branch. We will be contacting all past and present members at a later date regarding the re-union on November 2.

We trust that we have not bored you with this sentimental rambling. As a literary expert I would have many critics, but I found it most interesting delving back through the Sub-Branch history. I hope you have found the same pleasure and it has stirred you into taking a more active part in our activities.

We hope to see you at our reunion evening on November 2 or at a meeting night which are held on the second Thursday of each month.

As a point of interest if you wish to rejoin the RSL it is only necessary to pay the usual annual fee. No back-dated fees are applicable.

Make the membership climb in 1979 — EVAN SMITH (Re-union Chairman).

LAST OF THE CANOEISTS

At the annual meeting of the "Z" Special Force Association of WA, Arthur Jones, of Mt Pleasant, was elected president for 1979. Arthur is the only living canoeist of the famour raid on Singapore Harbour. He was one of the 6 six who paddled from the "Krait" into the harbour and destroyed thousands of tons of enemy shipping. For this effort he received the Naval Service Medal.

Vice-president is Fred Chaney, CBE, AFC, Lord Mayor of Perth and well-known as a former President of the RSL.

Liaison officer and treasurer is Lt Col Ted Dubberlin, ED, RL, who is also president of the Bedford-Morley Sub-Branch of the RSL.

Secretary for the 19th year in succession is Basil Wakeford, of Inglewood.

A number of members travelled to Sydney for a re-union last April. Members from all over Australia attended.

The re-union is held every three years in the capital cities in rotation.

LADIES' LUNCHEON AT WAR VETERANS' HOME

With the kind permission of the board of management and Lt Col G. Woodhouse, the annual luncheon for ladies who have an interest in the RSL and which is held on the first day of Congress, was this year held at the War Veterans' Home in Mt Lawley.

It was hoped that country visitors would be able to make a tour of this beautiful home via the lovely gardens but inclement weather prevented this.

Pre-luncheon refreshments were served in the library, following which guests adjourned to the dining-room where an appetising smorgasbord lunch had been prepared by the caterers who serve the home.

Serviettes and place cards with the colourful symbolic swan representing WA's 150th anniversary year on them, adorned the tables, giving a little novel touch.

Mrs Pat Phenna, wife of the State President, welcomed guests who came from as far away as Boulder and Geraldton.

Following "Roll-Call", Mrs Phenna called on the guest of honour, Bill Keys, National President of the RSL to address the ladies. Though he was battling very much against time, owing to the fact that his presence was needed at Congress, he did manage to speak on many aspects of the League.

Mrs Joan McIver, wife of a country vice-president moved a vote of thanks to Mr Keys which was carried with acclamation.

Miss Win Hawkins moved a vote of thanks to the catering staff for the wonderful spread that they had provided.

This was endorsed by all present in the usual manner, and thus ended yet another Congress Ladies' Luncheon, and our thanks must go to the board and Lt Col Woodhouse for allowing us to use this beautiful facility. — NORMA TURNER

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"On behalf of our family, we would like to thank you very much for the Christmas Hamper from your organisation. We have three children aged four, two and four months over here and were wondering what to do about a Christmas cake and pudding, as the ingredients are next to impossible to obtain here, so now our problem is solved.

Also we can invite Synans to share our Australian Christmas cake as they haven't had any before.

Thank you again for your kind thoughts and wishes to us.

Have a merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully, Mrs Beverley Thornley and Capt R. Thornley (Damascus)."

I would like to thank you on behalf of all the Australian Army Military Observers serving in the Middle East for your excellent Christmas parcels. We all appreciated the Australian Christmas goodies and I can personally assure you that many of the items went down well at Christmas dinner.

Currently we have four observers up here in Lebanon, two in Tiberias, and one each in Jerusalem, Damascus and Cairo. In addition Major Tresise is serving with UNEF HQ down at Ismailia. The Christmas parcels arrived in plenty of time and all were delivered by mid-December.

As virtually the whole of the Middle East is an old 1st and 2nd AIF stamping ground it was particularly nice to be remembered by our ex-comrades in arms, many of whom probably tramped over this ground in tan boots AB." Perhaps if we were back here in force again we could sort out the whole mess!

"Thanks again and best wishes for a most satisfying 1979.

P C Jarratt, Lt Col, Senior Aust UNMO"

I am writing on behalf of all Austair personnel to express our appreciation for your very kind efforts to make our Christmas away from home more enjoyable. The Christmas parcels arrived on the RAAF C130 changeover aircraft and were distributed nearer to Christmas. All personnel are aware of the source of the parcels and are appreciative of your efforts.

Could you please pass on our thanks to those connected with the organisation of your Christmas gifts and assure them that servicemen on overseas duty welcome the support from home that you give and that we are not "The Forgotten Australians".

"Wing Commander W. N. Robertson

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As the Army member posted to HQUNEF, I have received and distributed the Christmas parcels addressed to the Army members serving with UNTSO.

Please be assured that the most welcome "touch of home" represented by the range of items included in the parcels is greatly appreciated by all those serving in this theatre.

We wish all those involved with AFOF a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the future.

Again our sincere thanks.

Minister defends Government

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Evan Adermann, MP, has strongly refuted suggestions by the Returned Services League that the Australian Government was evading its responsibility for providing pensions for Papua New Guinea ex-servicemen who served in Australian Forces during the 1939-45 War.

Mr Adermann said that such suggestions were incorrect and unfair and were a gross distortion of the facts. Statements such as these led to unreasonable expectations on the part of some residents of Papua New Guinea.

He said: "Papua New Guinea veterans suffering disabilities as a result of their service with the Australian forces are eligible for pensions in respect of any incapacity arising from those disabilities. A Special Commonwealth Act has been in existence for many years to provide pensions to eligible Papua New Guineans and this is being administered sympathetically by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The Australian Government has on a number of occasions sent teams of officers from the Department of Veterans' Affairs to Papua New Guinea to seek out and advise those eligible for such benefits and to receive claims from them; the most recent visit, conducted with assistance from the Papua New Guinea Administration, was in July 1978.

Suggestions have been made that a special grant or pension, in addition to disability pensions should be made by the Australian Government to all Papua New Guinea veterans irrespective of their age or financial circumstances. There is no real equivalent to this grant or pension made to Australian ex-servicemen.

One such suggestion, at a cost of about $3m, was put by the then Papua New Guinea Minister for Defence, the Hon Louis Mona, in 1978. However, the Papua New Guinea Government has decided not to ask Australia to provide funds for this and decided that any such special pension or grant would be met from its own funds;

Successive Australian Ministers for Veterans' Affairs have been fully aware of the various proposals and developments at all times."

Mr Adermann said that he hoped that these facts would make the true position known. His Department would be assisting the Papua New Guinea Administration in identifying Papua New Guinea ex-service personnel who may qualify for any special benefits the Papua New Guinea Government has in mind.

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Memories of the Black Watch

Among many happy memories, I can still recall vividly a visit I made to Perth, Scotland, about 56 years ago, when I was privileged to see a parade of one of Britain's outstanding military units, the 300-year-old Black Watch Regiment.

Since then I have witnessed many military parades and have participated in some, but I have never outgrown the exuberance of that occasion, and the impact of watching the kilted Highlanders of the Black Watch marching to their home depot, the Queen's Barracks, Perth, to the pipe and drum music of their Regimental quick march, "Heilan' Laddie."

In September of this year, our sesquicentenary year, Perth, WA, will be honoured by the presence of several distinguished visitors from our parent city of Perth in Scotland, headed by their civic leader, Provost Norman Renfrew and Mrs Renfrew.

I have used the term "parent" city advisedly, since there is no doubt whatsoever that it was after Perth, Scotland - the ancient capital and seat of the Scottish Parliament until 1437, that our capital city is named.

Our then Lieutenant-Governor, Captain James Stirling RN (later Governor Sir James Stirling) named the capital of the newly-founded Swan River Colony "Perth," in honour of Sir George Murray, Secretary of State for the Colonies in 1829. Sir George hailed from the Perth district in Scotland, and represented the Perth electorate in the British Parliament.

As part of our 150th year celebrations, a Perth (Scotland) Exhibition is scheduled from September 16 to October 6 next, an honour to both our State and our people which we are happy to acknowledge.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

It is my personal opinion that we of the RSL, being all ex-service personnel from all branches of the service, will wish to reciprocate the courtesy of our Scottish visitors by subscribing our own special tribute to their dauntless and world-renowned regiment, the Black Watch.

Both: writing ability (or, rather, my lack thereof) plus the limitations of publishing space precludes anything like a history of this 300-year-old military unit.

This has, in any case, been covered adequately in Philip Howard's book, "The Black Watch." in the "famous regiments" series edited by Sir Brian Horrocks and published by Hamish Hamilton Ltd - available from our State lending library.

I will, therefore, restrict this brief narrative of exploits and outstanding service in many fields of operations to those which have taken place mainly within the lifetime or memory of many of us - the two World Wars (1914-19 and 1939-45), the Korean war, and subsequent campaigns - with a smattering of historical events as additional background where necessary.

The Black Watch, the name by which they are best known, were first formed in 1667 as an independent company (a para-military police force), to quote their original commission "to watch upon the braes as a constant guard for securing the peace of the highlands."

Because of their very dark highland dress (dark blue, black and green) they became known locally by the Gaelic nickname "Am Freiceadan Dubh" - the "Black Watch."

ROYAL WARRANT

In 1724, the number of such independent companies was increased to six, which were joined in 1739 and raised in status to a Regiment of Foot, and in 1749 they were allotted by Royal warrant the regimental number 42, thus becoming the 42nd Highland Regiment.

In 1758, they were further honoured by the addition of the prefix "Royal" - to become the 42nd Royal Highlanders; though colloquially, their old nickname, the Black Watch, prevailed - a nickname synonymous with unwavering resourcefulness, which will be cherished and honoured as long as feats of valour, fortitude and devotion to duty can stir the hearts of men.

The excellence of their intrepid and unshakeable determination during the first World War gained for the Black Watch no fewer than 69 battle honours to add to the long list they had already won.

Between 1914 and 1918, the Black Watch recruited a total of 25 battalions, comprising about 50,000 men, of which number 8,000 were killed in action and 20,000 wounded. In September 1915, in the battle for Loos, one battalion of Black Watch, 950 strong, fought with such courage and tenacity and purpose that a mere 98 men answered roll call the next day.

Their casualty list included 21 commissioned officers and 680 other ranks in one action in one day - a harsh reality of war which will live on in history, and of which men will speak with pride.

In July, 1918, the 6th Battalion Black Watch was awarded a unit decoration of the Croix-de-Guerre for extraordinary valour and fortitude - which the whole battalion thereafter wore proudly on the sleeves of their highland dress.

During the second World War, the areas in which troops of the Black Watch served include France and Belgium (1939-40), the retreat from Dunkirk, and, subsequently, at Heraklion on Crete, and at Tobruk, El-Alamein, Sicily and Cassino.

NORMANDY LANDING

The 1st, 5th and 7th battalions of the Black Watch took part in the Normandy landings in June, 1944. The Allied thrust which spearheaded the liberation of Europe from Nazi tyranny. Troops of the 7th battalion were, in fact, the first British troops to cross the river Rhine, at 9pm on March 22, 1945.

Detachments from the Black Watch also served in General Orde-Wingate's Chindits in Burma (which is established beyond all reasonable doubt by Major Bernard Ferguson's demolition of the Bonchaung Gorge bridge).

Other notable feats of the Chindit raiders, which included troops seconded from the Black Watch Regiment, was then harassing penetration of up to 300 miles into Japanese-held territory in Burma, and a heroic return march to India, during which they not only proved that the Japanese could be beaten in jungle warfare, but also did much for the morale of other troops, who fought later and bigger battles in the Burmese and other jungles.

In 1952, the Black Watch saw more active service with the Commonwealth Division in Korea, and gained further distinction for their part in the battle for White Horse Hill, and the battle of the Hook.

The Black Watch also participated in the suppression of the Kikuyu (Mau-Mau) terrorists in Kenya.

In 1963, the pipe and drum band of the Black Watch played, by special request of Mrs Jacqueline Kennedy, in the funeral procession of the assassinated American President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

The Black Watch has many admirers. Several British Commonwealth military units are proud to be affiliated with them: The Royal Highlanders of Canada (the Canadian Black Watch) holds pride of place - and this is as it should be, considering the glorious victory of the 42nd Highland Regiment.

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Australasian military units affiliated with the Black Watch include the NSW Scottish and the New Zealand Scottish Regiments.

In extending a cordial welcome to our distinguished guests from Perth Scotland RSL members are moved to proffer a hearty, and very sincere, tribute to our erstwhile comrades-in-arms, the Black Watch, also from Perth Scotland, whose dauntless courage, forthright manner, and indubitable devotion to home and duty prompts us to phrase our approbation in rhyme.

We old campaigners greet the folk from Perth, We laud their coming, so we deem it worth A vote of thanks for their participation In joining in our birthday celebration We oldies, who have served in distant lands And know full well the sum of grief and care, The sacrifices made - 'cause we were there - So, we demand the right from all bystanders To pay OUR tribute to the Scots Highlanders With heads erect, with pride and fixed intent, We hail the warriors of the Black Watch Regiment.

R. L. Davies

The History of Caversham House

When the British Government decided to send out Captain James Stirling to found a settlement on the Swan River it issued circulars designed primarily to encourage would-be settlers to join the venture. The big incentive offered was the allocation of land to approved people provided they arrived in the colony before the end of the year 1830.

The allocations were made on the basis of investment in the project so that those who brought most material wealth and perhaps servants as well were allocated the greater acreages. All allocations were subject to certain land improvements, or "location duties," as they were called.

Swan location M1 on which Caversham House stands consisted of 1452 acres with a river frontage of 33 chains and running westward to about the present Wanneroo Road. There is some evidence that M1 may originally have been earmarked for Captain Stirling's wife's people, the Mangles of Guildford, Surrey.

It was, however, allocated to Peter Cayley Shadwell, whose family had a law firm in London and who arrived in the colony in the "Egyptian" on February 13, 1830.

Shadwell, as was fairly common among original settlers, remained in the colony only a few months. Unlike many others, however, he left agents with funds to draw on and made sure the required improvements were carried out so that on January 4, 1835, he was granted the property in fee simple.

Shadwell's agent had carried out considerable clearing, had planted crops and gardens and erected some buildings. Although research is incomplete at present it would seem that Shadwell leased the property early in the 1830s to Dr Richard Hinds, a surgeon in the Royal Navy.

It also seems that the doctor's son, Charles Ridley Hinds, only a youth, came to the property very early and may in fact have helped in the carrying out of location duties.

As soon as Shadwell received his certificate of title, he was entitled to sell his property which he soon did to Dr Hinds, who arrived with his family in the "Shepherd" February, 1837. Although it is almost certain the Hinds lived on the property at first they later moved to Perth where the Doctor died in 1843.

In the late 1830s and early 1840s the place was leased to William Tanner who, although owning a lot of property on the Swan, including a house at Baskerville, appears to have preferred to live nearer Perth.

NO NAME FOR PROPERTY

It is interesting to note that the property has no name at this stage which is unusual for those days. Although again research is incomplete, it appears almost certain that the Hinds gave the property the name of Caversham Rise after a seat in England and because of its geographical situation at the top of the only nearby rise offering comfortable access to and from the river which, of course, was the medium of transport.

The younger Hinds, then living in South Australia, sold Caversham Rise to Henry Brierly, described as yeoman, in June 1855, for £200. Brierly, eight months later sold it to Robert De Burgh for £440, thus making a tidy profit for those days.

In the late 1870s, De Burgh, who in 1865 had added to his holdings the Halt property of 1123 acres between Caversham Rise and Roe's, sold all of his estate west of West Swan Road to his sons-in-law Charles Harper of Woodbridge and Henry Brockman of Cheriton.

In the mid-1890s the remainder of the estate was subdivided by Henry De Burgh who had succeeded his father on the latter's death in 1884 and then began the establishment of the vineyards of today. It is interesting to note that Robert De Burgh's grandson, Walter De Burgh, still owns and lives nearby, thus maintaining a continuous family presence of over 123 years.

Following the subdivision in the 1890s, Caversham House (it appears De Burghs dropped the "Rise" from the name) passed briefly to Frederick Slade Brockman (whose wife was Grace Bussell of other fame) and B. H. Darbyshire before being sold to Adrian d'Espessis in 1901.

D'Espessis had been brought from New South Wales in 1896 as the first professionally-trained agriculturalist in the new Department of Agriculture. He was a member of a syndicate which bought "Carlisle," the old Caversham property west of West Swan Road sold earlier to Charles Harper.

Here around the turn of the century a vineyard and winery was established. First called "Carlisle," its name was later changed to "Santa Rosa" and later still to "Valencia," by which name it is now very well-known.

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d'Espessis went from "Carlisle" to live at Caversham on his marriage and remained there until about 1909 or 1910, commuting to work in Perth by horse and sulky and train from Guildford.

d'Espessis sold Caversham to W. M. Atkins in 1909 but by reason of a mortgage retained interest in it until 1919 when
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the mortgage was discharged and the property sold by Atkins to Mrs. S. H. Wilson, the mother of the present owner, Mrs. Rose O’Garr.

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In more recent years the present owners, Rose and Alan O’Garr, have developed the house to the magnificent facility we see today, one which is truly worthy of the splendid site on the high bank of the river.

NOTE: This information is from a contributor who spent many happy hours with the Wilson family at Caversham House half a century ago, and thought it might interest some on this historic occasion.

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A record of twenty-seven sub-branches were presented with Membership Pennants, having achieved a 15% increase in membership for 1978, at the Annual State Congress on Saturday, May 19. Bassendean-Guildford, Bellevue, Bencubbin, Boyanup, Broome, Busselton, Dongara, Kersington, Kojonup, Lake Grace, Marble Bar, Margaret River, Medina, Melkathera, Mosman Park, Mt. Lawley-Inglewood, Newman, North Beach, Onslow, Nungarin, Perenjori, Returned Ex-Service Women, Rockingham, Rocky Gully, Wickepin, Yokine-Joondanna and York.

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CODE OF CITIZENSHIP
— WHAT DOES IT MEAN

The Returned Services League of Australia has adopted a magnificent plan to strengthen the inner defences of the Nation. It has launched a “Code of Citizenship” to reinforce the basic values upon which all Nations depend for their character and strength.

The concept was announced last year following a national conference of the RSL. The press gave it no publicity.

But the RSL means business. And the Western Australian President, Mr Len Phenna, spelled out its determination to back the Code at a recent meeting of the State Branch of the League.

Guest of Honour on the occasion was the Premier of Western Australia, Sir Charles Court, who was presented with a framed copy of the Code. (See reproduction on the opposite page.)

The Code was the brainchild of the Western Australian Branch, and it has been given the national task of printing copies of the Code for distribution, through the League, throughout Australia. A first run of as many as 100,000 is expected.

Thanking Mr Phenna for the gift of a copy of the Code, Sir Charles Court said he was proud that the simple but wonderful ideas behind it had come from the West.

He said many great attempts had been made to move the heart of the nation in a big way, but it could well be that “big fires don’t work” — and that “what really works is the small fire lit in the heart of an individual”.

He said the Code would give many Australians the words for what they felt — and words in the right place, for the right reasons, were wonderful weapons.

Because the words would be backed by the strong feelings of tens of thousands of RSL members, the distribution of the Code, as planned, would be launched with the magic of personal contact that really meant something.

Sir Charles said he thought the Code would also re-establish the real image of the RSL in communities, large and small, around Australia.

A vicious campaign of denigration, actively propogated by all media, had damaged the RSL in recent years.

Soldiers had been presented as warmongers, not defenders of the nation and of peace.

He saw the Code as a gift from the heart of the RSL to the people of Australia, “whom they long ago decided to serve — even to the giving of their lives”.

Sir Charles said there were still tens of thousands... hundreds of thousands... millions of Australians who would die for Australia if necessary, and live for Australia to the highest standards with all their heart and mind and spirit.

He believed the Code could be the turning point for Australia at a vital time and a most significant contribution to its inner defence.
We believe the highest values of citizenship are fundamental to our society.

We believe good citizenship is the responsibility of every citizen of Australia.

We believe every citizen should uphold these social values:

* Loyalty to Australia and the Crown.
* Strong commitment to democracy and democratic institutions.
* Respect for law and order and the rights of others.
* Practical compassion for those in need.
* High personal standards of responsibility, conduct, performance and integrity.
* Fair dealing, and giving value for value.
* Personal co-operation and friendship with citizens of other countries.
* Unselfishness.

We believe a sound environment is desirable for the preservation of these values.

We believe each generation is entitled to be grounded soundly in these values - in the home, in centres of learning and through the example of every adult citizen.

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2/16th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

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Mr Len Phenna MBE., JP.
State President
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West Australia Branch
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Dear Mr Phenna,
I wanted to write and thank you for the great gesture of comradeship which the Returned Services League gave to the visiting US Navy ships by inviting us to participate in the Perth ANZAC Day events. It was readily apparent what a significant day this is in Australia and we were thrilled to be able to be a small part of this day.

Each of us who did participate observed the great patriotism of those assembled at both the Dawn Ceremony and at the Esplanade Commemorative Service. The Australian reputation for courage, self sacrifice and dedication was reflected everywhere and impressed us all immensely. The deep commitment of all these — young and old, men and women — to commemorate the honored memory of those who served but are no longer here was truly a moving experience and one I shall not forget. The events do you all proud.

I enjoyed meeting you, your lovely wife and some of the other representatives of the Western Australia RSL. As a military person I appreciate your efforts and wish you the best of luck in the future.

Again, sincere appreciation for the most kind invitation to join with you all in the activities of ANZAC Day.

Very sincerely yours
Robert B. Hoffman
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URGENT AND IMPORTANT

1. There has been some changes in the RSL Week Program which, as you know is from 5 to 11 November 1979.
The main change being that of the Poppy Day Dinner which will now be held on Saturday, November 10 at the Jubilee Pavilion at the Showground; and the Remembrance Day Concert will be at the Entertainment Centre on Sunday, November 11, at 2.30pm.
This has left a gap or two in the program which the Committee will study with a view to creating items of interest to all.
At the moment, the program is as follows:
Monday, November 5: Sub-Branches to arrange talks to pupils at local schools on the theme of Remembrance Day. Present Flags, where applicable, and the Code of Citizenship.
Tuesday, November 6: Lunch at Ascot - Melbourne Cup Day - Lunch and refreshments $12.50 ea.
Wednesday, November 7: Arrangements to be made for cadets to march through Perth and give display at the War Veterans' Home.
Thursday, November 8: To be arranged.
Friday, November 9: Street collection - Poppy Day.
Saturday, November 10: Poppy Day Dinner, Jubilee Pavilion, Showgrounds - 7.30 for 8pm.
Sunday, November 11: Wreath laying ceremony, State War Memorial, Kings Park at 11am.
Remembrance Day Concert, Perth Entertainment Centre at 2.30pm. Adults $5; Pensioners and Children under 14 $2.50. All bookings at the Entertainment Centre.
Special Note:
Arrangements will be made for a standard screen to be published for Sub-Branches to give the talk to schools on Monday, November 5.
It is important that The Code of Citizenship be distributed to all Schools, Business Houses, and more so that every Sub-Branch displays one in its Hall or meeting place.
This Code originated in Western Australia and has been accepted by National Congress as the Code of Citizenship of the R.S.L. throughout Australia. It is therefore important that distribution is widespread throughout the Australian community. Many organisations have praised the league for producing such a fine Code which, they consider, is necessary and timely in this day and age. These are available at 4 Sherwood Court at the cost of $8 each (framed).

With regard to the Luncheon at Ascot, it would help if you could advise this office, in writing, by the end of July, the numbers attending, so that advanced arrangements can be made for catering.
The same applies also to the Poppy Day Dinner so that some indication can be given to the Daterer.
The Dinner will give all Ex-servicemen and women, and husbands and wives, the opportunity of meeting old friends and attending, what the RSL hopes, to be the largest Dinner undertaken in Perth.
Let's get-together in this the 150th Anniversary of the State as a gesture of goodwill and comradeship.
With respect to the Concert, TVW Enterprises Ltd is giving of it's all and going to a lot of trouble to make this the biggest Concert of its kind in Western Australia. Artists and bands will be of the highest quality and the finale will be the falling of thousands of Poppy petals from the ceiling of the Entertainment Centre.
It is hoped that the Wreath Laying Ceremony will be well attended by all Ex-servicemen and women, families and the community in general after which everyone will lunch in Kings Park and attend the Concert at 2.30pm. THIS WILL BE A CONCERT YOU WILL NEVER FORGET.

2. Many Sub-Branches have not, as yet, forwarded a copy of the 1978 Financial Statements to this office and you are requested to do so immediately.

3. It is hoped that the sale of Poppies will increase this year, and Sub-Branches are reminded to bring this to the notice of all members at the next meeting, to consider the numbers required. Order forms will be forwarded from this office in the near future.

4. Attention is drawn to all Secretaries of the obligation to support the publicity campaign and restoration of the State War Memorial. Both are most important and should again be placed before Members at the next meeting. Should friends be interested in supporting the restoration of the Memorial, the R.S.L. will appreciate their support.
Some $20,000 is still required to bring the Memorial up to a standard worthy of the sacrifice made by those who gave us our freedom.
We are anxious that the work be completed this year.

5. No doubt you have received a letter from your Federal Member of Parliament advising that an Australian Flag, Cassette recording of "God Save the Queen" and the National tune "Advance Australia Fair", and a coloured photograph of the Queen, for display in a dignified place, are available to Ex-Service Organisations. You are requested to make application to your Federal Member of Parliament for these and display the photograph and flag at all times.

6. Due to the difficult trading conditions, the RSL Shop is suffering in the same way as other businesses, and therefore your support is requested to help the situation; by doing so all members receive a 10% discount and, at the same time, you are assisting the Veterans' Home.

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