League Representatives Hear Settlers
Grievances Aired At Stormy Mt. Barker Meeting

A stormy meeting between League representatives and ex-service settlers at Mt. Barker has resulted in unwarranted complaints being debunked.

This information was given to a recent meeting of the State Executive by two members who had made a visit to that centre to attend a special meeting of the Mt. Barker Sub-branch.

Mr. E. O. Davies said that Messrs. Overbee, Lyon and himself had attended a meeting called by the President of the sub-branch to discuss many controversial points that had arisen concerning the War Service Land Settlement Schemes in the locality.

"There were about 40 or 50 persons there," said Mr. Davies, "and at the outset there appeared to be a considerable amount of hostility against the League and particularly against our two representatives—Messrs. Overbee and Lyon."

"After he had had a good talk and had explained what settlers were missing by not putting their cases forward, it was agreed that no further meetings would be called, but that the feeling was much more congenial."

Mr. Davies went on to say that after checking up on one of the things he had gained the impression that certain complaints had been exaggerated with a view to attracting attention to them.

Mr. W. P. Berrington told the Executive that Mr. Freeth, M.H.R. (who had given publicity in the press to various grievances) has been unwarrantably absent.

"I have never had the experience of such a tempestuous meeting in my life—and I have attended a lot," he said. "I gave it to him when I met him, but he got shot at—sailorly."

As the meeting—which, incidentally, was very well conducted—went on, a fairly amicable note developed towards the end and Mr. Berrington suggested that certain complaints had been merely exaggerated to bring about a more congenial meeting.

Mr. W. P. Berrington then added that the whole affair had shown how things might be misrepresented, and made a note of thanks to the people at the last chairman of the sub-branch, Mr. A. J. Hartley, who, he said, had done a really good job.

TRIBUTES TO WORK OF MR. EDMONDSON

References to the resignation of Mr. T. S. Edmondson and tributes to his services as a member of the League's governing body were paid at a recent meeting of the Executive.

A vigorous speaker and a former President, Mr. Edmondson has been connected with the Executive for a long period and was succeeded by Mr. W. J. Hunt, who expressed the opinion that the Executive had become more efficient since Mr. Edmondson's services and moved that his resignation be accepted. Mr. W. J. Hunt agreed that when there was a difference between the Executive, the President and the Executive concerning some action taken, resignation was not the only course open.

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TROOPS FOR OUTPOSTS IN NEW GUINEA

The first army outpost on the north coast of New Guinea will be manned soon.

An Army spokesman said recently that a detachment, of 200 men had left Brisbane to build barracks on the coast to house a company of the Pacific Islands Regiment.

The Minister for the Army, Mr. (Mr. Francis) said recently that two army outposts would be established on the north coast of New Guinea.

It was expected that the first outpost would be manned by at least 100 native troops with white officers.

There were just as many careless drivers 30 years ago, but the horses had more sense. The patrol would consist of the following groups:

- 100 native troops
- 100 white officers
- Various equipment and supplies
Introduction: The "Seven Seas" would be of interest to shipping men. so from time to time I will deal in these columns with the happenings in the realms of the sea. Stories are based on facts, but if the reader finds a mistake has been made in dates, ships' names, type of ship or dimensions, a correction will be made.

If you have any query, or seek information on matters connected with the sea, the aim is to please the reader who will be the only critic. It will be for you, so decide whether the articles hold your interest, or will be confined to "Davy Jones," a fact of interest in the future, and may that interest be the means of creating discussions with your family and friends on past events and tragedies of the sea in its glory and its glory, of sleek grey shapes seeking the enemy; of Q ships, ships, derelicts, shipwrecks, and the past of the "Sage of the Sea." Stories that will bring to you all a

Modern ships have made our seas land locked; but be it said, if disaster befall one of them their steel hulls and heavy machinery would plunge them straight to the bottom.

The days of wooden ships tell another story. These ships when abandoned often became the scourge of the sea, and hardened seamen dreaded thus much to witness the ready to take them to their doom. This menace flew no signals by day, or lights by night. It was just a "Dreadful Duke" that might come out of the mist.

Many ships were posted missing. How were they lost? Was it a failure of her pilot? The ship held the secret.

We commence with perhaps the famous Marrie Celeste, the mystery of which has baffled the minds of experts for 80 years.

The Brigantine "Marrie Celeste" was of 282 tons, 98ft. long, 25ft. beam, and 11ft. draught. She was built in New York by Capt. Briggs, her crew was composed of nine men, and her owners were deceased.

The "Marrie Celeste" was cleared from New York for Genoa on November 7th, 1872, with a cargo of alcohol. From that day, the crew was never seen again.

On Dec. 5th the Brig "De Gracia" (Capt. Moorhouse), sighted "Marrie Celeste," and decided to exchange signals, with no answer being received. She stood in close to make his signals clearer.

On approaching he could see: "... the wheel was yarning to and fro and luffing on and off the wind. Suspicions of Moorhouse were confirmed when the wheel was unattended. Sail was shortened, and the mate Oliver Denman signaled for the "De Gracia" to follow. On climbing aboard and finding the ship deserted Denman sent a boat for the "De Gracia." A complete search was made but no soul was on board. Everything seemed to be normal, the contents of a meal was on the table, also a sewing machine, which proved no heavy weather had been experienced as they were. The crew told the story to the deck. Bunks were nowhere to be found. The crews' quarters told the same story. Personal effects, and even the bar, were left behind as though their owners had placed them there. Investigation showed that the ship was a day ahead of the "De Gracia" in her position as 36 degrees 56 minutes North, 27 degrees 20 minutes West, 28 miles west of Santa Maria in the Acores. A rough entry on the day sailed was made.

The authorities commenced a searching investigation which proved fruitless. Many theories were put forward but were rejected for various reasons. Only the sea holds the answer to this mystery.

In conclusion it may interest readers to know that the "Marrie Celeste" continued in service for 80 years, and never, for want of anything, was abandoned by her crew.

The author desires to thank all men who have taken part in this paper and their names are listed below.

NATIONAL ASPECT.

Mr. Chaney went on to say that it was necessary for a native making such an application to show that he was living as a white man, and it was not easy for those not living as whites to overcome citizenship rights.

He also added that "The days of the "Marrie Celeste" are past and gone.

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Williams Native Incident and League Policy

A lively debate on the Williams incident, involving the refusal of a meal to a native serviceman, and on the question of citizenship for natives, took place at the last meeting of the State Executive.

The debate arose out of a resolution passed by the Highgate sub-branch and reported in "The West Australian." It was stated by the State President (Mr. Chaney) that no correspondence had been received by the Executive, but the matter could not be dealt with in the ordinary way until the next meeting in January.

The Executive decided to write to the Williams sub-branch for its comments on the incident.

The resolution to seek further information from the Williams sub-branch was unanimously agreed to by the meeting.

The Governor, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Gardner, has accepted the appointment of Honorary Colonel the 10th Light Horse Regiment made to him by the Governor of the Western Australian Mounted Infantry of the Citizen Military Forces.

The 10th Light Horse, has a close affiliation with the 10th Royal Australians, which was an honorary colonel in England.

The association of the two regiments began with the formation of the 10th Light Horse Regiment in W.A., in 1914, when one of the squadron sergeants major was from the 10th Royal Australians.

This affilition was strengthened in 1917 when the Duke of Connaught visited the regiment overseas and again in 1934 when the Duke of Gloucester brought an entourage from Legany House, and as far as I am concerned that centre is most de

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LISTENING POST
The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance

DECEMBER, 1952.

YULETIDE

High in the list of things precious in our democratic way of life is the celebration of Christmas, for at this period of the year we find everybody bustling with a love of his neighbour and of his own kith and kin.

Most of the celebration of Christmas is carried out in the home, where the holiday always seems to bring a mood of peaceful enjoyment, of good fellowship and of enduring friendship towards our fellow men, and on this one day at least we can feel that our homes are strongholds of security, safe against the world of tension and uncertainty that surrounds us.

The oft-repeated phrase “Peace on Earth, Goodwill towards men,” is forever a part of any Christmas message, but it is not sufficient that the sentiment expressed should be of only one day’s duration. Cannot we individually and collectively carry through the whole year that same spirit that pervades the world each festive season? Surely the spirit should remain long after the festivities have ceased. Only by so doing can we be true to the spirit of Christmas.

HOME LEAVE: These four Australians who have been attached to the British Army in Malaya arrived at Fremantle recently. They are Pte. M. W. Spencer (top left), Col. M. Harvey, WO1 M. S. Goonan (bottom left) and Sgt. H. Robinson. All are from the Eastern States.

REPRIHATION OFFICER’S STATEMENT

MENTAL CASES NEED FEDERAL LUNACY LAW

After criticising the handling of ex-servicemen suffering from mental disorders, the annual Federal R.S.L. Congress was told that until the Commonwealth had a lunacy law it could take no control of mental sufferers.

Mr. E. V. Raymont, representing the Repatriation Department, who made this statement, said that mental sufferers were now the responsibility of the State.

Mr. F. C. Chaney (W.A.) said that the league should press for a Commonwealth lunacy law, which would be of advantage to the sick as well as ex-service men.

Congress decided to ask the Federal Government again to consider providing an adequate supply of ex-service men suffering from mental disorders, and that treatment, hospital care, and administration, be the responsibility of the Repatriation Department.

Mr. E. O. Davies (W.A.) submitted the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yeo.

A Victorian motion agreed to by the congress sought permanent fitness among ex-service men.

New South Wales delegates were satisfied with the treatment in the state, but considered more assistance to war-neuroses cases.

Mr. E. O. Milne (N.S.W.) said that many ex-service men were wasted away in prisons and there was urgent need for the “salvage of human lives.”

Congress agreed to a motion moved by Mr. W. Yeo (N.S.W.), that the Commonwealth Government establish neurological centres for ex-service men and work out a system of assistance centres already established.

He said that in 12 months a neurological centre established in the town of Adelaide required 600 cases. Sixty per cent of these were dependants of ex-service men.

Objection was raised by the West Australian delegates (Messrs. Chaney and Davies) to the current taxation of pensioners, making it necessary for a group of ex-service men to disclose their war pensions.

It was decided that, as this was a departure from a vital principle which had been maintained by all Governments, the league would lodge a strong objection and ask that the offending section be removed from the form.

A successful Queensland motion pressed for free medical service to the wives and children of totally and permanently incapacitated war pensions.

Reparations decisions of the congress included:

That congress take a suitable step to encourage the valuable service of nurses who served in the war of 1914-18 for treatment in reparation general hospitals.

That in applying section 47 of the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act, the commission, board, tribunal and assessment tribunal, if requested, give written reasons showing why they have rejected favourable medical reports, and lodged, on behalf of the claimant, applicant or appellant.

That in the Repatriation Department be asked to amend the Repatriation Act to permit new awards for war-servicemen of grants granted to 1914-18 war-servicemen being made retrospective as for new 1939-45 war grants.

Sub-Branches Raise Questions

ITALIAN RADIANS

Whether a local commercial radio station should or should not put over broadcasts in the Italian language was a subject for spirited debate at a recent meeting of the State Executive, and the matter was eventually referred to the Migration Committee for further consideration.

The matter arose out of correspondence from the City of Perth Sub-branch, where it had been first disclosed.

Dr. R. I. Greenham warmly opened the debate by saying: “If we are going to adopt this attitude, we are showing a considerable degree of insular ignorance. It is well known that the English-speaking countries of the world are extraordinarily poor linguists. If we meet someone who is not able to speak English, we look down on him, failing to recognise that a lot of people who do not speak English particularly well are able to converse fluently in three or four other languages.”

“I hope we shall not pay cognisance of such an attitude as that expressed—if we do we shall be taking a retrograde step.”

Dr. Greenham went on to say that it would follow from the argument raised that exception should also be taken to school broadcasts in French, and he pointed out that educators were distant when school broadcasts were given in languages other than French. He did not need to say why we should not try to acquaint ourselves with other languages. “When we go outside the English language, we cannot make ourselves understood,” he said.

Mr. G. W. Gordon said that he had been round the world three or four times and had never had any difficulty in making himself understood in the English language. He did not think that insularity had anything to do with the question raised by the City of Perth sub-branch; he would consider that their position was in relation to broadcasts exclusively in a foreign tongue—a practice that might have serious implications. He believed that there was a requirement that a certain proportion of such broadcasts should be in English, and in regard to the school broadcasts in French these were always performed and discussed in our own tongue.

Mr. E. O. Davies said that he believed the basis for the sub-branch’s concern was that something might be put over which would be anti-Australian. He thought it should be avoided giving offence to Australians, many of whom had become excellent citizens of the adopted country, and reminded members that Radio Australia broadcast in several foreign languages.

Winding up the debate, the State President stressed the need to avoid giving offence to the Italians, many of whom had become excellent citizens of the adopted country, and reminded members that Radio Australia broadcast in several foreign languages.
The Old Battlefields—Now
An Ex-Digger Looks Over The Scenes of Australian Valour In 1914-18

Mr. Vin Dickinson, of Australia House, gives this interesting account of the old battlefield areas, which he visited on a recent tour of the Continent, in a letter to a sister in Victoria.

This trip satisfied a desire that Mr. Dickinson has held since 1918 to visit the scenes of “blood sweat and tears” on the battlefields of World War I.

Extracts from his letter read as follows:

POZIERES.
Friday, Sept. 5, 1952: In Rowley Goddard’s car my wife and I went over much of the old 1916-18 battlefields including Albert, Pozieres, La Housse, Thiepval, Beaumont-Hamel. Our first call was Albert and we took a look inside the famous Albert Basilique which, of course, during the 1916 days was especially known to us because of the figure of the Virgin Mary with the Babe in her arm which was hanging at a 45deg. angle from the top of the church. All the towns in this area during those days were completely flattened and it was hardly possible to find even a whole brick. During 1920 days these towns were rebuilt and Albert is a fine big town now and the Basilique completely restored—it is now really a beautiful building and the Virgin Mary and Babe restored to original position. From Albert we went to Beaumont Hamel and about 60 acres there were reserved for Newfoundland Monument and the original trenches and communication trenches still remain. There is much 1916 buried ware and many old tin helmets still there.

On to Thiepval, and when I asked why the village had not been rebuilt (there is only one caretaker’s house there and he looks after the large British Monument where the names of 73,667 games of missing are engraved on the walls) I was informed that it was impossible to find even one spot of the village where the water table would permit re-surveying and so it was decided not to rebuild Thiepval.

Then on to a spot which for 30 years I had been anxious to visit again—Pozieres. The village has been rebuilt and as we went up the road about 300 yards out of Pozieres I recognised a heap of rubble (overgrown with grass) as the old Windmill site. Sure enough that heap has been enclosed by a fence in an area of about half an acre. On the other side of the road directly opposite the Windmill site is a monument to commemorate the position from which the first tank attack was made on September 14, 1916—and I happened to visit there almost exactly 30 years ago. Naturally I was thrilled to be able to stand very near the spot in front of the windmill at Pozieres where I was wounded on August 20, 1916.

Of course, during 1916 days there was never anything we saw which looked even remotely like a house and, on this occasion on September 5, 1952, I took the opportunity of visiting a cafe and having a meal and a drink there. Even after 36 years, misfortune seemed to come my way when we walked out of the cafe (estaminet) we had a flat tire. After visiting the windmill again and the cemetery at Pozieres and one or two other small cemeteries we returned to Amiens about 30 p.m. I felt that the whole trip was worth it—just to see that part of France again.

VILLERS-BRETONNEUX.
Saturday, Sept. 6: Again this day Rowley Goddard took my wife and I per car via Abbe Wood to Villers-Bretonneux and other spots in that area. Like most other small towns and villages in the Somme area Villers Bretonneux had been rebuilt and was hardly touched (damaged) during the 1939-45 war. The only towns and cities which were given any attention by our bombers and the dwellings were untouched. At Villers Bretonneux we visited the school in “Victoria Street” which was built from subscriptions collected by our schoolchildren of our State of Victoria. A large plaque on the side of the building is suitably inscribed to that effect. As you know the town of Villers Bretonneux was adopted by our Melbourne and many of the streets are familiarly named Melbourne Street, etc. On to the Australian National Memorial which is about one mile from Villers Bretonneux on the road to Amiens. This Australian Memorial completely dominates the whole country and from the top of the memorial (which is about 100ft. high) we looked over Villers Bretonneux, Fournoy, Corbie, Abigny, Daours, Thiepval and along the Somme valley to Amiens about 15 miles away. As the day was clear we were able to plainly see Amiens.

Direction posts at the top of the memorial point towards places of interest and in ballads are passing along the tow path and lots of small cafes where parties gathered to enjoy a wine or cup of coffee. Such contrasts to 1916-18 days when the Somme River was anything but a quiet, peaceful part of the country. Bi-cycle racing is the principal sport in France, and we saw about 30 competitors in a race and it was interesting to note that a traffic policeman was on point duty especially to hold the traffic to give the race priority and a clear road.

Amiens was one of the cities which was heavily bombed during the recent war and the main shopping street and industrial parts and railway stations were all completely flattened. Very few of the residential parts were touched. During the 1914-18 war Amiens did not suffer a great degree of damage except from a few shells round the railway Station area. Of course, the opportunity is being taken to widen the railway and improve the railway building scheme and there are some fine buildings. One place being built near the railway is the station. It is 25 stories high, but local opinion is that no business house will be built there nor will people be able to say the amount which must be spent on this building. The cathedral was untouched in either war. With all the rebuilding going on the streets are dirty and footpaths rough and difficult to walk on. Until the centre of the city has been rebuilt the railway station is on 200 yards of the city centre consists of a mile-long avenue of small shops in a sort of pre-fab temporary room for each.

One visit to the Anzac Hotel 2 Rue Debray, Amiens was extremely pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Rowley Goddard made us very welcome. Mrs. Goddard’s experiences were amazing and we were able to be believed and if ever we go to France again I certainly know where to stay and will recommend any Aussies or English people to do the same.

The Australian National War Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, France. In front of the memorial one long rows of graves. On the walls flanking the central tower are inscribed the names of the 11,000 Australian soldiers who have no known resting-place.

The memorial building was badly damaged during the 1939-45 war as a tank attack took place over that spot but damage has been repaired and the lawns, gardens, etc., are almost as before. In presence and caretaking of this beautiful memorial is under the control of an old Digger—Charley Atkins—now a French girl and has remained in France continuously except from 1940 to 1946. Charley, who has a “Digger” outlook and is a typical Aussie. His wife and daughter are there, his wife and I most welcome in their cottage. From the top of the memorial one clearly indicate an area and attention which is given our boys buried there. In all war cemeteries and monuments which we visited in the Somme area, a visitor book is kept in a recess set back in a wall and protected by a brass door.

After leaving Villers Bretonneux, Abigny and cemetery we travelled back to Amiens via Fouilloy, Abigny, Daours, Pont Noel and Querrieu. There were dozens of small cemeteries dotted over this area and without exception each one is carefully maintained by the Imperial War Graves Commission. One little cemetery containing about 100 heads was on the outskirts of a tropical farm house on the outskirts of Daours and here again we saw the booklet containing the names of the unknown. This was buried there and the visitors’ book which was placed in the recess at the front entrance was completely protected from the weather by the heavy brass door. It was interesting to note the going over the fields and picking up rusted .303 cartridge cases which were in the ground when the 1914-18 war. I cleaned them up and sell for the brass value which is still high.

AMMERS.
Sunday, Sept. 7: By this time I felt that we had covered most of the places which I had always been especially anxious to see but the weather compelled to settle down for a few days in Amiens. The afternoon we went for a stroll along the Somme River and then to the village of Villers-Bretonneux which presented—parties of fishermen almost astute; young ladies and indignant old ladies walking along the tow path and lots of small cafes where parties gathered to enjoy a wine or cup of coffee. Such contrasts to 1916-18 days when the Somme River was anything but a quiet, peaceful part of the country. Bicycle racing is the principal sport in France, and we saw about 30 competitors in a race and it was interesting to note that a traffic policeman was on point duty especially to hold the traffic to give the race priority and a clear road.

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A Total of 63 Years' Committee Work:

Subiaco Awards Its First Service Certificates To Three Members

The State Executive Representative (Mr. B. Kealey) has presented three certificates of service to members of the Subiaco sub-branch—the first to be awarded during the 30 years' existence of the sub-branch.

The recipients were men who had given many years of valuable service, not only to the sub-branch but to the League generally. Details of service were as follows: Joe Burgess, 26 years; George Wilson, 20 years; Joe Newman, 17 years.

When presenting the certificates, Mr. Kealey paid tribute to the members concerned and pointed out that the service for which the certificates were being presented totalled 63 years' diligent committee work. He said that this was indeed a wonderful record and did not reflect any great credit on those members who found it much more trouble to attend a sub-branch meeting occasionally.

He emphasised the fact that there was much work to be done to help those who could not help themselves and those in need. He appealed to all to share in the great work the League was doing and not to leave the bulk of the work to "the few."

Leadership in modern warfare required a considerable degree of technical skill and it was to be expected that a reasonable proportion of the young males between 16 and 20 years of age should apply to take advantage of the four-year course, at Duntrone, which was allied closely to university standards.

Memorial For H.M.A.S. Perth

The Lord Mayor of Perth (Mr. J. Totten, M.L.A.) has received a letter from senior chaplain H. E. Fellaw, of the Royal Australian Navy, thanking him for a cheque for £24 19/1 towards the H.M.A.S. Perth memorial window in the Flinders Naval Depot chapel.

Asking the Lord Mayor to convey the appeal committee's thanks to all who subscribed, Mr. Fellaw said: "The cost of this window is now well covered and the order for it has been placed with our artist."

LISTENING POST ENJOYED.

The following message has been received from Donald Stuart, Wycheproof, Victoria: "Have just enjoyed the November 'Listening Post.' It is always eagerly awaited by the locals here. This is the town in Australia where the trains run down the centre of the street."

Mr. J. BURGESS.

During the evening, at which six State Executive members were present, "Sergeant-Major" James was awarded the sub-branch Life Membership by the President (Mr. G. C. Young). The S.M., who is 73 years young, devotes practically all his time to helping someone else. He said these words in reply—they are well worth remembering: "Gentlemen, in helping others, you may be the less fortunate Diggers than myself. I am giving a happiness that has never been given to me before in my life. There is plenty of scope in this League to find that sort of happiness. Why not try it sometime?"

Mr. G. WILSON.

Mr. J. NEWMAN.

FEWER BOYS APPLY FOR DUNTRONE

The number of applications for entry to the Royal Military College at Duntrone has fallen on last year's figure, the commandant of the college (Major Gen. R. N. L. Hopkins) said recently when he arrived by air from the Eastern States.

He was accompanied by the two other members of the selection board, the Deputy Quarter-master-General (Brig. L. G. Dyke) and the Director of Cadets (Col. E. E. Grant), both of Army Headquarters, Melbourne.

The board interviewed applicants for entry to the college to

Major Gen. Hopkins said that it was hard work to handle the falling off in applications, which had occurred in all States of the Commonwealth.

The output of young men had been well led in the past and they would prove to be well led in the future.

Unless applications were received from candidates who had the physical, academic and psychological qualifications for potential leadership Australia might not do so well in future war.
Anzac Club Notes

Many New Faces Among Visitors To Anzac House

Due, no doubt, to publicity given to the club during recent months, many new faces have been noticed at the club, and with the approach of the festive season many more will probably avail themselves of the amenities provided and the hospitality extended by the manager and his staff.

It has been noticed also that the 5 p.m. attendances have been steadily increasing. The State President has a scheme in hand whereby State Executive members will have an opportunity of meeting club members at 5 p.m. on Fridays. This function should receive every support.

Country Members

A special welcome will be extended to country members and they are advised to get in touch with their district representative on the State Executive, notifying him of their impending visit to the metropolitan area. They should also make themselves known to the Anzac Club staff.

Amusements

The billiards and snooker championships, chess and bridge and euchre tournaments have either been completed or are nearing completion. The billiards and snooker championships are conducted by the Amusement Committee and the entries for thebridge-tournament are still open. The six members cater for quite a few members of the club. The Chairman (Mr. Nevin Poole) and Secretary (Jimmy Donohue) are doing an excellent job. Prizes and trophies won during the year will be presented at the...

Christmas Party

will provide a fine programme of entertainment as well as an excellent supper. In the past this has been a tip-top show and this year’s effort should eclipse all others. Therefore, come along and bring your hat—that is if he is a financial member of the League.

Make It Your Meeting-place

A cordial invitation is extended by the Committee to all eligible ex-service men to make the Club their meeting place and mix with their friends and do likewise. After all, quite a large percentage of the profits made by the Club go into the League General Fund so that the good work may be continued.

Older Members

We have noticed recently large numbers of the older members enjoying a game of cards or cribbage and it is very pleasing to the Committee to know that the facilities provided are being made use of.

AMENITIES OF ANZAC CLUB

The club provides entertainment for members in many different forms. At the present there are no less than five separate proceedings in billiards and snooker.

The club has a good tradition of English and Scotch landscapes and the match in progress at the time of writing is being watched by the committee and the public.

The committee has set a standard that will be difficult to equal in the future and it is a matter of amusement that the Club is able to offer to its members.

Why not make the club your venue for an evening’s entertainment?

Billiard Room

The Billiard Room floor has now been completed with rubber tiles and members find it very easy on their feet. We feel that the work has been done to our satisfaction and we hope there will be no further need to close the room. By the way, the Billiard Room is very well patronised by members and provides a very pleasant relaxation.

Club Ceilings

The ceilings of the Club and Billiard Room are badly in need of repairs and renovations but this work cannot be put in hand until the outside roof has been sealed. We understand that plans for the roof are in hand and that this very essential work will be carried out.

Christmas Supplies

Members are urged to obtain their Christmas supplies from the Club. Not only are the best brands of spirits, wines and ales available, but there is a large range of choice confectionery to choose from. Australian brands of cigarettes are frequently on sale, while there is a variety of brands of imported tobaccos on the shelves.

Season's Greetings

In conclusion the Committee extend their Christmas Greetings to all Club patrons.

B. KEELEY, Chairman.

HALF A CENTURY

A very pleasant function was held in the Club Manager’s quarters on November 50, 1952, the occasion being the celebration of the 50th birthday of Charles Mitchell, president of Anzac Club and a former member of the State Executive.

The gathering included Charlie’s mother, who is now quite fit after a recent illness five years ago, one on a visit from Scotland—and one brother.

There were also present a host of artists, both vocal and instrumental, and the supper provided was really excellent.

The main toast of the evening was proposed by Mr. Colman of “Rafflings,” Canning Bridge and brother-in-law of Charles.

The evening concluded after all the good things had been disposed of. All voted it a really tip-top show.
Men Who Wear The Badge

Brig. C. H. B. Norman, who has just been appointed Assistant Minister of Defence, is a member of the league who proudly displays his badge.

He succeeds Mr. Alex Wilson, a former member of Parliament, who has administered the territory for the past seven years.

Brig. Norman, who is 48, has commanded the 13th Infantry Brigade since June, 1951, when he was promoted to his present rank.

A long association with agriculture, he has been Commonwealth Deputy-Director of War Service Land Settlement in W.A. since 1946.

He has served as Governor-General's aide-de-camp in Western Australian affairs.

Brig. Norman was educated at Scotland's Edinburgh Academy and at Hale School, where he distinguished himself as a scholar and an athlete.

He was commissioned with the 24th Light Horse Regiment in September, 1939, and joined the A.I.F. in July, 1940.

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Legacy has supplied this sup-
plementary list of R.S.L. collec-
tions and donations for their
appeal. (A list was published
in the "Listening Post" last month.)


"The average man would enjoy
crooning but for two things,"
says a music critic . . . Yes, we
know, his ears.

TRUE COMRADESHIP

To attend Fred Bateson’s
funeral, the valve bodied old
diggers from the R.S.L. ward
at Bunbury hired transport—
the only way that they could
reach Karrakatta. From
their meagre Christmas
cheer fund—built up by
a contribution of 3d. a week
from each ward member—they
financed this trip to see
the passing of their old com-
rade who had devoted much
of his time unstintingly to the
service of returned men who
some time in the past found
themselves at R.P.H. Surely this
underlines the fact that in
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War Blinded Appeal

The W.A. Blinded Ex-Service-
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A girl can always lure a man
saying ‘I write. No doubt,
using her come-on sense.
League Personalities

S. REEVES, president of Mt. Barker, has received the highest praise for organising and chairing the meeting of W.S.L.S. complainants from Very Gully, South Siblings and Mt. Many Peaks. They were met by E. O. DAVIES, vice-president of the League and chairman of the Land committee; W. P. OVER- HEU, State Executive and Land committee member and PETERS LYN, League representatives on the W.S.L.S. Board.

Shenton Park’s publicity officer, CLIFFE KLEEMAN (alias the RON), has asked to very successful and on this occasion over 85 members of his sub-branch, issues greetings to the State Secretary and staff and to all sister sub-branches, wishing them the best for 1953.

DICK MARRIS, hard-working secretary of Como, has asked to be re-elected. Dick has been president and now secretary of the Como sub-branch for the last 3½ years. Now on the State Executive, Dick has been president and now secretary of the Como sub-branch for the last 3½ years.

RON HUNT has agreed to take over the heavy duties of a member of the staff and to all sister sub-branches, wishing them the best for 1953.

Secretary of Darkan sub-branch, R. SOUTH, informs me that of the 55 eligible service- men in the district, 31 are members of the League. Keep it up Darkan and Durlanil.

All members of the League who rendered service in the last tragic year at Wilsa, are thanked for their devotion to the objects for which this League was formed.

Anzac Club manager, CHARLIE MITCHELL (2/11th) reached his half century last Saturday and received the hearty wishes of his many friends, but he must be growing old fast. When we next time ask to see that dog someone told Charlie as a thorough-eighbred.

L. GREAVES, president of Darkan is in Hollywood hospital.

GEORGE GEDDES, DICK HERTZ, MICK HUNGERFORD and GORDON KING, all of Highgate, gave a sterling service at the charity event for the Alexandra Home for Women.

OLD 16th DIGGERS PASS

JACK GILDEA has passed on. For many years he was a member of the 16th Battalion Assocation committee. He served well and we mourn his loss.

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R.S.L. FUNDS

The position of the various funds of the R.S.L. at the end of the last financial year was:

Relief Fund: £7,893

War Provident Fund: £234

Soldiers' Relief Fund: £251,372

Women's Relief Fund: £2,257,270

Auxiliary Funds: £2,410

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In regard to relief funds, the committee reports that 114 applications for relief had been approved. Involving £1,370.

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NOTES FROM WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

The State President (Mrs. Stockman) visited the Balingup Auxiliary on November 13th.

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Korean Comforts Fund
Kalgoorlie, £5/10/; Carnarvon, £5; Narrogin, £4: Busselton, £3/2/; Kooyonga, £3; Moomin Park, £1/1/; Northam, £3/5/; Kojonoop, £3; North Perth, £2/2/.

+ At Midland Junction
Mrs. McKinnel attended the Diamond Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Dean. Mrs. Dean is a founder member of the Midland Auxiliary and was for several years Treasurer, Mr. Dean was made an honorary member of the sub-branch for his practical assistance in the reconstruction of the R.S.L. Club. Two of their sons paid the supreme sacrifice in World War I.

+ Christmas Cheer
Greenmount, £4; Wyalong, £10/1/; Cowell, £9/6/; Cottesloe, £10; Narrogin, £6/6/; Busselton, £2/2/; Northampton, £1; Kojonoop, £5; Miling, £2/2/; Kulin, £10/1/; Norseman, £2; North Perth, £2; Paddam, £10/1/; Pingelly, £3; Mt. Helena, £2/2/.

+ Hospital Visiting
Hospital visiting is carried out very earnestly by the various hospital committees. Mrs. Cottrill and her committee visit the B.P.H. every Friday, 249 bedside visits being paid in November, R.P.H. visitors and all members of the Executive are deeply gripped by the death of Dr. Paterson, who has been the League Hospital Visitor for a great many years.


+ Donations To Hospital Visiting
Glen Forrest, £2/2/; Narrogin, £6/6/; Gnowangerup, £2/2/.

APPEAL FOR FLOWERS

The Matron of Hollywood Hospital would like individual members and sub-branches to donate flowers—bush or garden—for decoration at the hospital for Christmas. Please leave flowers at the Matron's office from Monday of Christmas week.

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
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New Officers
On November 24th, Kenwick Auxiliary held their election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. Thomas; 1st vice-president, Mrs. J. P. Wild; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. N. Smith; hon. secretary, Mrs. W. Moore, Kenwick-road; treasurer, Mrs. A. Mills.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The first of about 1,000 members of the defence forces stationed in the Eastern States to return home for the Christmas holidays, Maj. H. G. S. Emmott, R.A.A.F., arrived on November 9th. Two Women's Royal Australian Naval Auxiliary helms, Helen Turner of Perth, and Roma Master, of Mt. Lawley, are shown keeping their tugs into the boat of a bar outside the Perth railway station after their arrival.
Aged Soldiers’ And Sailors’ Trust Fund

‘Glen Forrest, £22 2s; Narrogin, £1 1s.

Fourth Birthday

To a capacity hall Kenwick celebrated their birthday. Many artists offered their services and items included a humorous sketch by the ladies entitled “The Old Guyer.” The cake was made and decorated by Mrs. W. Moore and cut by State President, Mrs. Strickland, and Mrs. J. Enthoven. The undeniable success of this evening calls for more of a like nature. For the hard work that must have gone into this celebration, the committee and helpers deserve big praise. Even more so when it is realized that several of the ladies had been in Perth from 7 a.m. selling Peppies and in the afternoon had been preparing the hall.

CHAPEL WINDOWS AT FLINDERS NAVAL DEPOT

To the Editor,

Sir,—In the June issue of the “Listening Post” I read with interest an article on Chapel Windows for the R.A.N. Memorial Chapel at Flinders Naval Depot. In regard to the Memorial window to be sponsored by the City of Perth, I would like to point out that quite recently through the columns of the Leader page of “The West Australian” I had on behalf of the Chapel at P.N.D., a appeal published for an additional £170 to defray the costs of the H.M.A.S. “Perth” memorial window which has been given pride of place above and over-looking the Altar. Published along with the article was a sketch of the architect’s impression of the finished Chapel. I might add that the Chapel is well under construction and already the stone masons are lining the brick walls preparatory to placing the roof.

In particular I am interested as I donated the entire royalties from the first edition of my book, “Age Shall Not Weary Them” towards a Memorial window and this was set aside for that purpose by the Chapel committee. The fund stood at £153 and with present day costs it is necessary to find another £170 to meet this situation. I must say this that my appeal has met with some response and

Tenders are invited for the purchase of a brick and iron residence situated at 86 Haytesbury-road, Subiaco, containing Lounge Room, two Bedrooms, Vestibule, Pantry, Kitchen, small sleeping, front Verandah and enclosed back Verandah containing Laundry and Bathroom. Inspection by written authority only. Terms cash on acceptance of tender. Tenders will close at noon on Wednesday, 7th January, 1953, and are to be addressed to the State Secretary, Returned Servicemen’s League, Anzac House, Perth. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**Auxiliaries’ “Outstanding Donation’’ to Korean Christmas Cheer Fund**

Mrs. J. Amos, Sec.

To the Secretary, K.E.L. Women’s Auxiliary:

Dear Mrs. Amos,—On behalf of the League and the Korean Christmas Cheer Fund Committee, I have very much pleasure in accepting the donation of £100, made by your Executive and Auxiliary to the Korean Christmas Cheer Fund.

This is a substantial donation and the proceeds will be used for Christmas Cheer arrangements for which we are deeply grateful.

It would be appreciated if you would convey to the members of your Executive and Auxiliaries the very great appreciation of the League for their efforts in placing the Fund on a substantial basis. Yours sincerely,

F. CHANEY

**State President**

**Maine**

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**Annual Meeting**

At the Victoria Park Auxiliary election of officers, the following were elected: President, Mrs. Kerridge; Vice-President, Miss Dames, Matthews and E. Ranger, secretary, Mrs. J. Moore; treasurer, Mrs. A. Coleman. The retiring president, Mrs. K. Barnett, who did not seek re-election, thanked all members for their loyalty and support during her term of office.

Early in the New Year Mr. and Mrs. Barnett will be journeying to England for a six-months holiday. We all wish them both voyage.

As Mrs. R. E. Mills, the publicity officer, points out, more visitors could have been invited if only the hall had been large enough, and it is understood that both the sub-branch and the auxiliary have aims in view to rectify the accommodation

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More Social Activities—More Members

Shenton Park officials are firmly convinced, and rightly so, that to increase membership, and keep up meeting attendances greater social activities are a necessity.

They therefore invite all members, their wives, or girl friends and the Women's Auxiliary to the Christmas party, Friday, 19th December.

Claremont and Cottesloe Sub-branches also have been invited to enjoy a convivial evening of games and dancing with their sister branches.

In intensifying their membership drive for 1953, Shenton Park has sent a Xmas card with Calendar marked with all meeting dates in the New Year, as well as account for subscriptions. All members and eligible ex-Servicemen in the district have been sent a similar Calendar. This sends its thanks and appreciation to the Listening Post Branch Committee for their assistance during 1952. Annual Reunion, 20th February.

Pay Now—At Christmas

You are Sure to be Broke

Keep up the good work. "PAY NOW—At Christmas YOU ARE SURE TO BE BROKE."

Public Service members are asked by Hon. Secretary to make the Reunion a success. Members will be pleased to hear that Jack Zampatti has been discharged from hospital and all members hope this will prove to be his last visit to hospital for "mainly minor ailments.

You will all regret the loss of our Hon. Secretary, George Wil- liams (Paddy), who has been appointed to an operational position with the Malayans Home. We wish him joy in his duties. I am sure you will all join in wishing him "all the best," and a safe return to the land of his adoption should he so desire.

Cricket Team Unbeaten

The sporting and social affair of the Mt. Lawley-Ingleside sub-branch are at present in a flourishing position and the cricket team is unbeaten. A successful Ladies night has been held at the hotel, and the sub-branch urges members to forward the name, age and sex of each of their families to Mrs. Bower to get names for the Christmas tree to be held on December 19th at Walkley’s Hall. In the social, monthly planner, held under the name of the Melbourne Park members, each sub-branch were coupled together as a competitive but friendly basis.

Error

"The More Good Works" of the Mt. Lawley-Ingleside branch are carried out and were an outstanding credit to the Returned Ex-Servicemen’s Sub Branch.

16th Battalion Association

On Sunday, 21st December the association and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold the annual Xmas visit to “Sunset” when each guest (about 20) who serves with the "Old Sixth" will be presented with a parcel purchased from association funds.

The Auxiliary president, Mr. Keiterer, at present a patient in Hollywood, was presented with a bed jacket and a wonderful gathering of the home of Mrs. Wally Lileyman.

44th Bn. Association

This Association has elected Mr. H. S. Brown as President for the ensuing term. The retiring president is Mr. R. S. White.

The Appeal by the donor. All arrangements have been made for the 19th D.C’s Annual Reunion on the 20th, December. This Annual is held in turn at each Sub-branch on the Committee with that sub-branch doing their bit by giving each a turn and creating interest. Remember, Friday, 20th December, at Moora.

Executive Visitors

Mr. E. O. Davies, League of Honour Secretary, and Mr. Stockton, Deputy-Executive, represented the Executives at a Cabaret Dance given by the Quarantine in Cribb to the members of their Women’s Auxiliary as an expression of appreciation of the co-operation and services rendered by the

"Couldst Not Thou Watch One Hour?"

The rebuke to the disciples at Gethsemane after they had slept at their posts can be applied to that small number of the A.I.F., R.A.N. and R.A.A.F. who have failed this year to maintain their membership of the League for the motives states, “the price of liberty is eternal vigilance.”

- The subscription to the League, whatever it may be next year or the year after, is today less than a halfpenny.
- A halfpenny represents in wage or salary time less than a minute.
- Is it too much, then, to ask for a minute a day of every serviceman’s time for the work of the League?

It’s little enough to ask, and yet it makes so much difference to the League’s work amongst disabled men and the bereaved.

- When everybody gives that one minute a day there will be less distress amongst returned servicemen and a more equitable treatment of the disabled, with plenty of reason for the bereaved to feel that the sacrifice of their loved ones is not in vain, and at least by the men with whom they served.

No. 19 District Committee

The committee now has a full membership of eight sub-branches, being Ballitara, Milang, Pittara, Balawaun, Wee Ping, Bunting, Moore and Waterloo. Delegates (two from each sub-branch) have been appointed to the executive committee to do good work at the district meetings. At the annual meeting at Milang the following office-bearers were elected: President, W. A. Rix (Dalwallinu); Vice-president, A. Locke (Pithara); Secretary, J. F. H. Collins (Mt. Lawley); and Hon. Auditor, M. W. Jeans (Mt. Lawley).

Mr. Arkle (Miling) is congratulated upon his appointment to Country Representative. This position has been vacant for the last year, A. Locke (Pithara) and the year before Rev. W. Blake (Dalwallinu). This committee strongly disapproves of the practice of Legacy judges being of different values and considers there should only be one token budget irrespective of how much is contributed to auxiliary to the Sub-branch: The newly elected president, D. L. Hope, is the embodiment of the late Mr. B. C. O'Brien of the South Australian Branch, who has been a leader in the movement for the welfare of disabled veterans.

Highgate’s Christmas Party

Through the courtesy of the Commodore (W. Lucas) and Mr. Cook, the Royal Perth Yacht Club, who have made their premises available, a very enjoyable evening was spent by the large gathering of members who attended.

At the final meeting of the year, one of Highgate’s members, is going to speak on his experiences as a war correspondent. The fact that he was in action entitled "An Island Hop as a P.O.W." This address will uphold the tradition of the men being able to speak on the more recent ones being "Rommel Myth" by W. M. G. (P. Macalister, Olympic Games representative) by Olympic champion, Miss Shirley Strickland, and "How to Read Your Newspaper" by C. O. McDermott, 23 years “Times” correspondent in China.
Canning's Tasks Ahead

J. Duckwood, president of Canning Drive, outlined to members at the recent well-attended reunion, the objectives that the sub-branch executive had set for January. Members are requested to note them well and to get behind their committee with some well-directed assistance.

Firstly, the war Memorial to both wars is to be transferred from the front of the Road Board to its new site; next, the club-rooms are to be erected on the block that the sub-branch purchased in 1952. The State Executive was represented by Padre Riley and G. W. Gordon. Fred, in the short time since the war, has filled practically every office in the sub-branch with distinction.

Boulder Meets

On December 18, 1952, at 7.30 p.m., sharp, the Christmas meeting of the Boulder sub-branch will be held; business will conclude at 8.30 and the excellent artists who have been engaged will entertain. A deputation from Kalgoorlie and Boulder sub-branches will situate the Chamber of Mines as recently from one of the mines, a number of Ex-service men have been retrenched and non-ex-service men retained. The Women's Auxiliary disposed of 900 picture postcards (all they could obtain) in a few hours and Sailor Lewis collected £6 for the Korean Comfort Fund.

Homes Allocations

Mainly as a result of efforts made by the Cottesloe sub-branch, the "A" class Reserve situated behind the flour mills has been made life duty welfare House. The land is in the process of being subdivided and allocations will commence in early 1953. It is stressed to all members that to be eligible for these allocations their application must be correctly submitted. This is an individual responsibility and any names submitted to the sub-branch cannot be regarded as sufficient. While no priority can be assured to Cottesloe members it is hoped that a fair percentage of allocations will go to members in this area. Many re-patriation queries have been brought forward lately and at the last meeting Mr. C. Fergu-son, of the State Executive, attended and gave a very clear picture of the set-up as regards both war and service pensions and answered many questions to the satisfaction of those present. Cottesloe will not go into recess for January this year and the next meeting will be held at Civic Centre at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 1953. Country members holding in the metropolitan area are cordially in-

Gnowangerup's Generosity

The following letter has been received from the Gnowangerup Sub-Branch:

Sir,—I feel sure that the members will whole-heartedly endorse my action in replying to the affirmative to your request for news in the "Listening Post" for this League's membership advertisement. The League has in the past given every assistance to this Sub-Branch and all Sub-Branches generally and I am sure that other Sub-Branches will be eager to call for assistance from the League. —Yours, etc.

LANG CHIDLOW,
President, Gnowangerup Sub-Branch.

New Executive

Public Service President, Ted Townsend, has been elected to the State Executive and the Secretary (pro tem) asks all members to foregather at the Christmas luncheon at Bo'sn at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17. (Please telephone 1011 ext. 2, of your intention to attend). R. C. Yeldon, who has been acting hon. treasurer, has handed over to Stan Harvey this month. G. W. (Pat) Kelly, past hon. secretary, has taken over his duties as Assistant State Home Guard Officer, Linton, Dindings. He has compiled about 4,000 details armed with everything from automatic shotguns to "bows and arrows." The monthly meeting is at Anzac House board room at 7.45 p.m. on December 16 and the text for the month is: "Pay your subs. while you can, than you are sure to be broke," and the man to contact is Bill Boyd, care of Rural Industries Bank, Hay-st., Perth.

Secretaries Please Note

Complaints continue to be received here that members are not getting their "Listening Post." In each case that has been investigated it has been found that the hon. secretary of the particular sub-branch has not forwarded the member's receive, so it is impossible for us to know if a member is financial or otherwise. If you do not receive your "Listening Post" first contact your secretary to see if he has submitted the capitation returns. If this has been done, then contact us.

Katanning Address Member

At the monthly meeting held on November 20, about 50 members attended to hear a most interesting address by Capt. Norrish who recently was a member of a C.M.S. Officers Observation Team which completed a tour of duty in the 3rd Bn. Royal Australian Regiment in Korea. The members present were told as much as was permissible by Capt. Norrish and at the conclusion of his address we realized that there is actually a war on Korea and that our chapels there should be getting much more support from civilians than they are now receiving. During the month the Ladies Auxiliary have donated £1.50 to the Sub-Branch towards the Church. The cheque was gratefully received. The Ladies in recently conducted a dance, in the new hall in aid of the W.A. Blind Soldiers.

A further £3/10/6 has been collected for Fawerham. This now brings our total to £215. £25 has been received towards Legacy and the Korean Comforts Fund now totals £27. Poppy Day was very successful, 1,500 poppies being sold.

This space was donated by the Gnowangerup Sub-Branch

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Hon. Secretary
Sub-Branch

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Directory of League Sub-branches in This State

- Compiled from information available at Anzac House up to and inclusive of Saturday, November 8th, 1952.
- Cut out this page and keep it for reference.

AGNEW: Secretary, T. Latter, Agnew.
ALBANY: President, L. A. Booth, 6/0, Town Hall, Albany. Secretary, R. Asphaln, Soldiers' Inst., Albany.
APPLECROSS (late Melville): President, A. G. Madden, 3 Loch St, Rd. M. Pleasant, Secretary, T. R. Gallop, 67 Ullapool Rd, Rd. M. Pleasant.
ARADHA (ARADHA): President, J. C. Simmons, Ardath. Secretary, Allan C. Lindsay, Ardath. Meeting, 1st Wed. e.m.
ARMADALE: President, R. J. Blackburn, Armadale. Secretary, H. E. Saw, Fifth-rd, Armadale.

Bakers Hill: President, C. C. Adams, Bakers Hill. Secretary, T. A. E. Latch, Bakers Hill. Meeting, when called.
BALINGUP: President, F. W. Lake, Balingup. Secretary, A. Gallop, Balingup.

BALLIDU: President, L. J. Blackmore, Ballidu. Secretary, W. Townsend, Ballidu.
BASSENDEN: President, R. J. Baker, 26 Aarden-st, Bas senden. Secretary, R. C. Henr, 87 Walter-rd, Bas senden.
BEDFORD-MORLEY PARK: President, P. J. Starkey, 101, Morley Pl, Secretary, H. Levers, 50 Salisbury-st, Inglewood. (Tel. U1450)
BENCUBIN: President, T. C. Young, Ascot. Secretary, G. Cargie, Bencubin.
BEVERLEY: President, W. H. Gillespie, Hunt-rd, Beverley. Secretary, R. M. Earle, Beverley.
BIG BELL: President, M. B. Slote, 15 Paston St, Big Bell.
BINDOON: President, A. R. Hill, Bindoon. Secretary, T. O. West, Bindoon. P.O. Secretary, J. S. Carrell.
BICKMORLEY: President, E. G. (Dean-st, Bickmore. Secretary, T. E. O'Rourke, same address. Meeting, last Sunday each month. 10.30 a.m.
BOLGART: President, C. J. Martin, Bolgart. Secretary, C. Deen, Bolgart.
BOULDER: President, A. E. Crocker, 15 Milne St, Boulder. Secretary, G. Grady, Box 70, P.O. Boulder.
BOUYOP BROOK: President, R. A. Boyup Brook. Secretary, J. M. Knight, Boyup Brook. Meeting, 2nd Wed. e.m.
BOYANUP: President, H. C. Morris, Boyanup. Secretary, G. T. Simmon, Boyanup. Meeting, 1st Friday each month.
BROOKTON: President, J. S. Wyvill, Brookton. Secretary, O. McCooe, E. Brookton. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
BROOKTON: President, H. C. Bates, Brookton. Secretary, J. D. Biddle, Brookton. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
BRIDGETOWN: President, A. Harmer, Bridgetown. Secretary, J. T. Naylor, Bridgetown. (Tel. 3413). Meeting, 1st Wed. each month.
BRIDGERTOWN: President, A. H. Thomas, Bridgetown. Secretary, J. R. Basket, Bridgetown. Meeting, 1st Wed. each month.
BROOM: President, P. A. Haynes, P.O. Box 10, Broom. Secretary, P. H. Hume, Broom. Meeting, 2nd Thur. e.m. 10 a.m.
BROOKTON: President, G. R. Baule, Brookton. Secretary, A. Broomhead, Brookton. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
CAMPBELL-FRASER: President, G. Campbell-Fraser, Breeze Rock. Secretary, C. H. Priestley, Breeze Rock.
CARELLE: President, A. J. Morgan, Carelle. Secretary, T. A. Morgan, Carelle. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
CARNOON: President, J. J. Morgan, Carnoon. Secretary, J. J. Morgan, Carnoon. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
CARNABY: President, A. C. Spencer, Carnamah. Secretary, J. J. Morgan, Carnoon. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
CARDIJA: President, G. A. Jones, Coolgardie. Secretary, J. T. G. Nekre, Coolgardie. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
COOLUP: President, R. Skidmore, Coolup. Secretary, R. L. Skidmore, Coolup.
COOPERTOWN: President, A. F. Coope, Coopertown. Secretary, J. H. Coope, Coopertown. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
COWRA: President, E. C. James, Cowra. Secretary, J. T. Potter, Cowra. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
CRAFSPORT: President, L. E. Craycroft, Cranport. Secretary, J. T. Potter, Cowra. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
CRANEFIELD: President, R. W. K. Cranefield. Secretary, J. T. Potter, Cowra. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
CRANFIELD: President, T. J. G. Cranfield. Secretary, T. J. G. Cranfield. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
CRESWELL: President, R. W. Jones, Creswell. Secretary, J. T. Potter, Cowra. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
CRIDER: President, W. E. Crider, Cranport. Secretary, J. T. Potter, Cowra. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.
CRUMP: President, T. J. Crump, Cranport. Secretary, J. T. Potter, Cowra. Meeting, 1st Fri. each month.

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Returned men have seen a lot of water flow under the
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and bad—by in and out of work to carry on an ideal—to help the disabled, the
bereaved, and be loyal to the country and the Empire for which they fought.

The Phoenix City of the East

Hiroshima—Just Seven Years After

Senior British Commonwealth
officers were guests at a solemn
commemoration of the Hiroshima Peace Festival, marking the sev-
enth anniversary of the explosion of the first atomic bomb over the
city, states an Army report from
Tokyo.

People of all ages gathered
around the simple commemorative
monument at the site of the new Peace Memorial Hall. And
nearly 100,000, including religious
observations were held.

Hundreds of people were
gathered around the central
ceremonial building, covered as a priest tolled a bell in
call for prayers for the bomb
victims.

Many men and women in the
crowd were as the city around the Shrine building pro-

Thousands of stalks of incense
were dropped into a huge 8urner
in the background. Others made offer-
ings of evergreen leaves.

Two R.A.A.F. transport
planes services dropped
bombs over the site of

One of the aircraft dropped a
wreath over the spot where the
atomic bomb exploded and a

At the Memorial Hall site,
Brigadier R. H. Batten, Brad-ger
ded to London for the meeting

At the end of the long-range
plan had been

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conies, 6/ daily casual.

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Defence Apathy

R.S.L. To Add "Pep"
To Recruiting Drive

State branches of the R.S.L. are to be asked to "pep up" the recruiting campaign by making an
Australia-wide drive to awaken the public to their
responsibilities and also to the dangers Australia
need.

This was decided by the annual
Federal R.S.L. congress on the
following motion of West Aus-
tralian delegates, Messrs. F. C.
Cheney and E. O. Davies

The motion was seconded by
Mr. Cheney (W.A.) and carried.

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pain that keeps coming back is the sign of some desper-
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seeing your doctor, but to relieve the pain itself, before
and during treatment, take Bex and you will get ease in
a matter of minutes.

BEX POWDERS AND TABLETS
Fred Bateson Passes

An Outstanding Example of Service

Tributes to the late Mr. Fred Bateson, who died recently after a period of failing health, were paid by fellow executive members at a recent meeting of the State Executive. An old soldier in every sense of the word—he was a veteran of the South African War—he spent a life of devoted service to his country, his old comrades and fellow citizens.

Frederick Westbrooke Bateson, M.B.E., M.M., who died on November 16, was a member of the State Executive of the League, President of the South African Veterans' Association, a member of Legacy and African Veterans' Association. Mr. Chaney said that all members of the Executive knew that Mr. Bateson had carried on under difficulties in the last couple of years, but rather than relinquish the many voluntary activities with which he had been connected and gain thereby some measure of peace and quietness due to his state of health, he had carried on to the end. He was made of such stuff.

"I believe," said Mr. Chaney, "that he typifies a section of the British Commonwealth population that the Empire can ill-afford to lose. He was one deeply steeped in the Empire tradition, his life was wrapped up in service to other people, and the passing of Fred Bateson can only make the community in this State poorer. I think it would be impossible for anybody not to reap some benefit knowing him. In moving a vote of sympathy to his relatives I may be sure that everybody feels like me concerning the loss of this valued member."

Mr. G. W. Gordon referred to the esteem in which Mr. Bateson had been held by "the old chaps at Sunset," and spoke appreciatively of their action in using their meager financial resources to get transport to the funeral. "His example of service was outstanding," said Vice President Mr. E. O. Davies.

LAST HOMAGE.

Two hundred mourners farewelled Fred Bateson on his last journey. Among the pall-bearers were Mr. Len Thorin, Minister for Lands; Messrs. F. Chaney, E. G. Pretty, John Chappell, R. Greenham and Stuart Watt of the R.S.L.

The cortege was preceded by 45 old comrades from the South African Veterans on the right and 14 of the State Executive on the left. The Rev. L. Riley of the State Executive officiated and Canon Collick (Boer War chaplain) was present. An impressive last act was carried out when State President E. G. Pretty of the S.A. Vets. and State President Fred Collick of the R.S.L. advanced and each laid a red poppy on the coffin, George Gilmore, League bugler, then sounded the Last Post.


The late member's sub-branch, City of Perth, was represented by Mr. Hood (president) and Mr. Holder (secretary) and among the other 15 members was his old friend Bob Grant. In the splendid fall of 45 S.A. Vets. were noticed Messrs. J. Lewis, A. Yeates, R. MacDonnell, L. Bird, R. Morris, Gerald Maloney, Toke, Dugmore, Pride and Fred Corrigan.

The various R.S.L. Sub-branches were represented by Messrs. Hayward (Darling Range), Stephen's (Three Springs), Bill Logue (Williams), Fred Walsh (Fremantle City), Ted Townsend, Max Brice, J. Morrison, N. Brice (Public Service), George Owens (Gloucester Park), Dan Fullarton (Shenton Park), Fred Matthews (Victoria Park), Fred Pearson (Bedford-Morley Park), Mr. Fergus MacLeod (president of 10th Light Horse) and Mr. Marsh (of the Returned Soldiers Fathers Association), fellow directors Grandison, MacBean, Heritage and Whitley of the R.S.L. Trading Co. From Anac Club was manager Charlie Mitchell and of Tomich, and all male members of Anac House—Messrs. Gibb, Asterley, Waddington and Frank Fitzgerald.

RECRUITS SAY GOODBYE

Having acquired some of the skills of seamanship and a knowledge of Navy life, 100 naval national service recruits recently completed their 124 days' initial training at H.M.S. Leeuwin. With them were all (left to right): M. Person, P. Lanning, M. Tot, R. Bunting, B. Woolley, M. Leong, M. Astley, D. A. Hoyle, D. A. Davidson, A. W. Tomich, and M. Astley. The recruits are seen with their shipmates at the Leeuwin Parade Ground.

The late Mr. Fred Bateson.