A REPORT ON THE "LISTENING POST"

The chairman of the "Listening Post" Committee (Mr. G. W. Gordon) has prepared the following interim report regarding the League's Journal.

"In reviewing the six months from last Congress, the story of "LISTENING POST" is one of achievement and success.

"This has been the case even since the new controlling committee took over the re-organisation of the "LISTENING POST". Members were, perhaps, dismayed when they read in the daily Press recently, the "loss of £2,000" to the League funds incurred by publishing the "LISTENING POST". It is regretted that the word "loss" was used, and your committee desire to put members minds at rest.

"So long as the Congress of the League in this State continues to allow the "LISTENING POST" as a cost against the administration of the League, and not as a charge to members, the "LISTENING POST" will continue to keep its costs within its allocation.

"Since the Second World War a sum of 2/6 per member has been allocated to the cost of the journal from membership receipts, and for the purpose of accounting, the cost of the journal above or below this 2/6 per member is classed as a profit or loss.

"The Press statement mentioned a £2,000 loss is not correct; it is a COST of £2,000, and, so long as there are 16,000 members, this COST of £2,000 is covered. As there were more than 16,000 members last year, the "LISTENING POST" has shown a profit on its allocation from League funds, and, unless there is a big drop in advertising receipts, the "LISTENING POST" will continue to keep its costs within its allocation.

"From this it will be obvious to members that the "LISTENING POST" is dependent on membership of the League. We therefore ask members to influence those among their own friends and associates who are not members, to become members.

"The receipts for advertising in the journal reached an all-time high in December. You will realise the hard work and endeavour that has been put into the journal to achieve this fine result.

At first Mr. Jim Giblett (of Anzac House Staff) carried out this work, but eventually the well received force of the advertising department has been taken over by Mr. R. Wells, who left the "LISTENING POST" to take over the position of advertising manager with a city firm. Mr. J. Tait of the City of Perth branch, has carried the advertising through to its present peak.

"What the next six months hold in the way of rising costs, etc., will be folly to predict. We can only continue success of the "LISTENING POST" does rely on the good will of our advertisers. The members of this League can assist immeasurably if, when purchasing from our advertisers, they mention the fact that the "LISTENING POST" is the "LISTENING POST".

"To the staff of the Periodicals Division of West Australian Newspapers Ltd, our thanks are due for the every ready assistance made available to us.

"We realise that we cannot please all members all the time, and the limitations of space does, of necessity, dictate the use of that available space. At present the commitee does not consider the increase in the size of the Journal an economic proposal, but are keeping the position in constant review. We have been inserting an appropriate poem in each issue and these have been very well received.

"In conclusion," writes Mr. Gordon, "and on behalf of the committee (Messrs. Geo. Yates, Ted Townsend, Harry Holder and Phil Belton) and of the secretary (Mr. Jim Giblett) we thank all members better reading in 1954 and a confidence of support.

"No man is ever cheated out of an honourable career unless he cheats himself. Believe in yourself. Do your work the best you know how and you will not be cheated—your efforts will bless all who come in touch with you—yours sincerely, E. J. Emmerson.

"The Royal Visit"

Preliminary details of the League's activities in this connection have now been released.

The State Director, Royal Visit, on behalf of the State Government, has requested the League to arrange the parade and review of ex-servicemen and women on the Esplanade, and the details of the wreath-laying ceremony by Her Majesty the Queen on Saturday, March 27.

The Wreath-laying Ceremony will take place at the State War Memorial, King's Park, at 11.25 a.m. This ceremony will be principally for disabled ex-servicemen and women of whom 1,000 are expected to attend.

Her Majesty is timed to review ex-servicemen and women assembled on the Esplanade at 11.50 a.m. and make her departure at 12.45 p.m.

The assembly point for the March will be in Langley Park on the East side of Victoria Avenue. The following times should be noted: Markers, 1.30 p.m. Fall-in, 1.40 p.m. Move off 2.30 p.m. In position on Esplanade, 2.30 p.m.

The following have to date signified their intention of being in attendance to be present at the ceremony: Her Majesty the Queen; Capt. J. Axford, V.C.; R. Gee, V.C.; Capt. J. Carroll, V.C.; Capt. L. V. Goldsworthy, O.B.E.

Wooloroo Sub-Branch

Changes Its Meeting Night

For some time past the Wooloroo sub-branch has held its meetings on the first Tuesday in each month.

It has now been decided that the monthly meeting take place on the second Tuesday in the month to meet the convenience of the majority of members.

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FAVERSHAM WAR VETERANS' HOME

RESIDENTS' OPINION.
The following letter has been received at Azazac House on behal~ of the residents at Faversham:

"It has been noted by in-mates of this House that a fair amount of controversy has arisen, largely thro' the Press, Spitters, and the Green Envelope, that our place is unsuitable in its present position for various reasons, the main objection being the distance of Faversham from Perth, and the loss of amenities thereof.

"I would like to state that the general opinion of the persons concerned is as follows:
There is not a person here who would wish to be elsewhere.

"It is possible for all inmates to become absorbed into the community. This in itself is remarkable, as it would not be possible concerning any Institution of the kind in the metropolitan area.

"It is desired that the above opinion should be known to the State Executive of the R.S.L. and the House Management Committee in particular."

(Sgd.) H. R. COCKERELL

VISITORS.
State Executive Women's Auxiliary.
The State President of the Women's Auxiliary (Mrs. Stock- man) visited Faversham on December 11 accompanied by some members of her executive. Each resident was given a Christmas card and a Christmas cake was given for the festive season.

York Women's Auxiliary.
The York Women's Auxiliary visited Faversham on the evening of December 17 and entertained the residents with a concert and supper on the lawn.

Carol Singers.
Mrs. Thomas and Mr. F. Ashbolt brought a party of carol singers to the Home on Christmas Eve.

DONATIONS.
Women's Auxiliary: Azazac House; parcel for each veteran and Christmas cake.

Women's Auxiliary, York; parcel for each veteran.

Red Cross Society; parcel for each veteran, Christmas cake and two cases tinned fruit.

York branch of the Red Cross; case tinned fish.

Mr. W. G. Burgess, Tipperary, Burgers Siding: one ham and one dozen sausages.

Women's Auxiliary, Pinnup: box of eggs, cheque for £2.

Glen Forrest sub-branch: five cases fruit.

Meat's, Boos Ltd; cheque for £8 8s. 13d. (amendties).

Mr. E. Dew, Harvy: case of oranges.

Mr. W. Marwick, York; case of tomatoes.

C. Chipper and Son, Yorks 12lb. pork.

Mr. Struther, Mackies Siding: box of eggs.

Mr. Reeves, York: Christmas cake.

Mr. H. A. Oyston, Bakers Hill: reading matter.

R.S.L. Relief Fund; £15/15/ (amendties).

E. A. Keay; £2 (amendties).

Azazac Club patrons; £13/5/0 (amendties).

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WELSHPOOL FESTIVITIES

Welspool sub-branch members look back on December as a month highlighted by the annual dinner on December 5 and a most successful Christmas Party for children on December 12.

The dinner was held at the Mechanics Institute and the duties of toastmaster were ably carried out by Mr. Alex Cooper, who handled the fairly lengthy programme with skill and dexterity. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the certificate of service to the president of the sub-branch, Mr. George Milne.

In making the presentation, State executive member, Mr. N. Davidson, pointed out that the certificates were only awarded to worthy recipients after due deliberation on each case by the State executive.

Mr. Davidson said that Mr. Milne had been mainly responsible for the formation of the sub-branch in 1946, and was the foundation president and still held the post.

In thanking the members, Mr. Milne stated that he was indeed proud to be singled out for such an honour, and insisted that the certificate in the sub-branch club room.

Some of the children were present when Father Christmas arrived at the party on December 12. A monstrous fir tree, touching the roof of the hall, decorated with tinsel, balloons and colored lights added to the gaiety of the occasion.

The prodigious appetites of the youngsters were sated with various quantities of sandwiches, cakes, ice cream, hot dogs and all manner of food provided by the ladies and the children certainly did justice to the spread.

After distributing gifts to the children Father Xmas received three rousing cheers from those assembled in the hall.

Afterwards, the majority of the family assembled in the hall

1 divide the world into three classes: the few who make things happen; the many who watch things happen; and the overwhelming majority who have the idea what happens.—NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER.
THE LISTENING POST

The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance

JANUARY, 1954

THE YEAR AHEAD

The new year will pose many problems for organisations and individual members, and the League and its members will be no exception.

It is the first essential for everyone to have a plan for the immediate future, and to put forward the best energies towards its accomplishment. It is a well-known fact that no organisation, however perfect, merely stands still; it either goes forward or slips back. The message for the R.S.L. and its members, therefore, for the new year, is contained in its motto, which calls for eternal vigilance.

This is the vigilance which requires foresight in planning, a determination to reach the objective, a tenacity of purpose in the face of opposition and difficulties, and a sympathetic and understanding appreciation of the other fellow's problems.

The League and its members, through its sub-branches, should endeavour to maintain a wide, clear vision of the tasks which lie ahead and keep the broader picture of the League and its affairs well in mind. There is always the danger of becoming so engrossed with the immediate problems that our view is narrowed, and the main purpose of our work becomes clouded.

In the wider sphere of the League's activities we must ever keep in mind the duties and responsibilities which the position accorded us in the community, places upon us. We must ever be on guard against becoming a self-centred pressure group, obsessed with our own problems, and with the main object to gather unto ourselves as much as we can possibly get.

The League is bigger than that, and one of its main objectives is service, not only to its members, but to the community. The ideal of service engendered in time of war must be maintained in times of peace, and so the League will justify the high respect which it has earned from the official and public life of the community. And so what applies to the League at large equally applies to the individual member.

There are certain basic requirements, however, if the League is to remain a strong and representative body. The high ideals on which the League is founded are not enough by themselves, for it is essential that the League should have a viable interested membership, and herein lies task number one, for the sub-branches and each individual member for 1954.

If League opinion is to be truly represented, it must include within its ranks a strong representation of all ex-servicemen eligible to enjoy the privilege of membership. Sub-branches must see to it that their membership is built up into a worthy representation of ex-servicemen, and while members cannot by themselves make an effective League, nevertheless they are essential if the spirit of the League and its work is to be interpreted and practised.

This brings us to the second task for sub-branches for the incoming year, namely, to make sub-branch activities of sufficient interest and usefulness as not only to draw new members, but to hold them. If individual members feel that the sub-branch holds nothing to interest them, the remedy is not to pull out, but to continue membership of the sub-branch and endeavour to lift it, should this be necessary. No problem can be overcome merely by turning away from it.

With the approach of the Royal Visit, it is essential that the League show a strong front. It has been allotted the responsibility of two important functions during the Royal Visit. -Whilst it has thus been paid a compliment by the authorities, it likewise surely deserves recognition from all those ex-servicemen who are eligible to be members.

This brings us to another point which should be a resolution by each individual member: that is, to apply for the medals to which they are entitled by their service, so that they may wear them when they parade before their Majesties. Several tons of medals remain unclaimed.

In this new year there is a task for everyone, and the League can only achieve success by each individual member discharging his obligations to the League. Let us therefore, make this Royal Visit year a year of action, and achievement must then follow.

State War Memorial

Please utilise the donation form on the back page of this issue, and send your 10/- towards the completion of the State War Memorial.

Confirmation of Sub-branch Officials

As Approved by State Executive on December 9, 1953.

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WONGAN HILLS.

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W. Richards.

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SECRETARY: J. K. Williams.

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Visits To Sub-Branches
(by C. Kleeman)

"I visited the Mt. Yokine sub-branch on December 11. This sub-branch has done an excellent job in the construction of their hall, it having been carried out by voluntary labour. There are a few more items to be carried out before final completion and these are well in hand. Their Women's auxiliary is to be commended on the good work they are doing.

"It was my pleasure to witness them handing over to the president (Mr. Jenkins) the sum of £21 for the Building Fund.

"On December 12, I attended the Scarborough sub-branch annual re-united meeting, to see their president (Mr. Vom Carlen) in the chair again after his lengthy illness. While still far from well he is "straining at the chains" to be into it again.

"Good work is being done by the sub-branch in amelioration and inter-sub-branch sports. The "big four" (Scarborough, Mt. Yokine, Osborne Park and W. Beach) are full of enthusiasm, which is all for the good of the league.

"Here again, the Women's committee are to be commended for their excellent work during the year, having raised over £200 towards the Building Fund. The building is nearing completion, informed, is to commence in a very short time.

"On Monday, December 14, the S. Belmont-Rivervale annual meeting was attended by me and an excellent attendance was recorded. This is most pleasing and shows the enthusiasm that exists.

"Mr. Davidson was re-elected president and Norm Healy as secretary. It was my privilege and pleasure to install all officers and I feel a good year is ahead of this sub-branch."

FLOWERS FOR THE LADIES

A feature of the Shenton Park sub-branch annual Christmas party was the giving of bouquets to all members of the Women's Auxiliary who were in attendance.

The auxiliary had catered for the occasion and provided a magnificent supper.

Those present included the state, president (Mr. F. Chaln), the state secretary (Mr. John Chappell), the mayor of Subiaco, and many representatives of other sub-branches.

A meeting of all members and their wives, together with members of the Auxiliary, is scheduled for early in February to discuss the running of a grand fete, to be held later in the year for the purpose of raising funds to liquidate the debt on the Memorial Hall.

The annual dinner will be on February 19.

Twenty-five per cent of sub-branch members already wear the green-and-gold clip for 1934, and others are being reminded that subscriptions should be paid as soon as possible.
The Concept Of Loyalty

This is the fourth of a series of articles from an address given in Melbourne on July 22, 1953, by Mr. A. S. G. Gifford, in support of “The Call to the Nation.”

In what way then can we of the twentieth century express our love, devotion and loyalty to our gracious Queen? What can we make of the concept of loyalty in our day and generation?

First of all, we must recognise that loyalty is not satisfied by mere lip-service or emotional fervour—it must issue in a positive response in action. It will be our deeds and not our words that will count. There must needs be a whole-hearted personal dedication to Queen and Country which will embrace our intellectual and moral faculties. As good citizens we have a preliminary responsibility to protect, maintain and develop our country. How else can we justify our retention of so large an area of the world’s surface against the claims of overcrowded land-hungry nations, especially those to our near North? Adequate defence is a matter not for our armed forces alone; it calls for a personal contribution from every Australian in some form. Then we must set out to maintain law and order within our own borders and to cultivate harmonious relations between all classes of the community. The development of our natural resources, so essential to our own well-being, can also serve as a means of contributing to world peace by our recognition of a duty to assist and feed other nations less fortunately placed than ourselves.

There was never a time when the British peoples had a better opportunity of influencing world opinion by sane and farseeing leadership in world affairs. Our Queen sees this quite clearly. She has asked for our assistance in the pursuit of great ideals and practical objectives. What can we make of the concept of loyalty if we fail to respond to her call with a full measure of individual and collective service and give it generously without counting the cost in personal effort?

PERSONALITIES

State Executive member George Yates will be visiting the Kellarberrin sub-branch on January 16 representing the State executive at the annual smoke social.

Ted Woodward of the Gloucester Park sub-branch is to be congratulated on his donation of £5 passed to the State president to assist in completion of the State War Memorial.

The State secretary (John Chappell) was unable to attend at Anzac House the function tendered to League friends and supporters prior to Christmas, as he was bidding farewell to his son Don, an army captain, who has left for Korea.

Frank Bradshaw, of the Education Department, a former member of the State Executive, has left for America and England.

mid January, partly on duty and partly on leave. Frank anticipates being away for 12 months.

Jim Giblett has resumed duty at Anzac House after spending his holidays in his home town, Manjimup, and various centres in the State.

Allan Button, president of the Corrigin sub-branch, after a period in the local hospital, has been recuperating in the metropolitan area and paid a visit to Anzac House to wish everyone well for 1954.

Peter Lyon, the ex-service man’s representative on the Classification and Allotment Board of W.I.S.S. in this State, has returned from a trip overseas and will soon be in harness again.
Highgate Sub-branch Members Appointed Bank Commissioners

The Minister for Lands (Mr. Hoar) has announced the appointment of three commissioners of the Rural and Industries Bank. Of these, two—Messrs. G. H. Chessell and Mr. J. P. Gabbedy—are members of the Highgate sub-branch of the R.S.I. The third is Mr. G. H. Hankin.

Mr. Chessell has been manager of the Perth office of the bank since the bank began general trading operations in October 1945, and he will continue in that position with the new responsibilities appropriate to a commissionership.

He will also continue as the Government's nominee on the board of Blackwood Flux Co-operative Co. Ltd.

Mr. Hankin will continue his present duties as manager of the bank's branch department, and as the Under-Treasurer's deputy on the board of Chamberlain Industries Ltd.

Mr. Gabbedy will take over the work performed by the late Mr. M. L. Austin, and will represent the commissioners in the field work associated with the bank.

Mr. Chessel, who is aged 45, served for 44 years with the A.I.F. in World War II and attained the rank of major.

Mr. G. H. Hankin

Mr. J. P. Gabbedy, who is aged 47, was an active service from September, 1939, to November, 1945, and attained the rank of lieutenant-commander in the Royal Australian Naval Reserve.

He joined the Agricultural Bank in 1931 and had wide experience as a field representative in various parts of the State. On the establishment of the R. and I. Bank, Mr. Gabbedy served as accountant at the Carnamah and Narrogin branches.

In 1947 he was promoted to the management of the Nagambie branch, and in 1948 he was transferred to Manjimup.

Mr. Gabbedy was appointed officer in charge of securities at the head office in March, 1953.

Mr. G. H. Chessell

Mr. J. P. Gabbedy

Husband: You will never succeed in making that dog obey you.
Wife: Nonsense. It is only a matter of patience. I had a lot of trouble with you at first....

Air Brake Specialist: "You know that bus you drove yesterday? Last night I found out she has a wooden leg. What'll I do?"
Motor Repair Specialist: "In that case, if I were you, I'd just break it off!"
The Department of Repatriation came into being under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, 1917. Its activities have been extended appreciably since then, necessitating 21 Amending Acts, under the same title, until the present more convenient title of "Repatriation" was fixed as from December 31, 1950, by the Statute Law Revision Act, 1950.

While it is beyond the scope of the "Listening Post" to publish "in toto" the whole of the legislation, and the reasons leading to the Amending Acts, it is hoped that publication of details of certain events that have occurred over the years will be of interest to readers of the "League's Journal".

Undoubtedly many of the older R.S.L. members will identify some of the events and Amendments to the Act with League activities and representations made to government.

To all who have worked to bring into being the benefits of the Repatriation Act, the thanks of all League members and ex-service men in general are due.

Before the Department Existed

War pensions were provided in an Act which was passed as early as December, 1914—the War Pensions Act, 1914—but in the early years of the war there was no definite call for Government action in the restoration to civil life of those who were returning from overseas. The voluntary effort of the community, to some extent an ordered Government plan, but the Commonwealth, in 1915, took a lead in directing the community effort, by which large sums were being raised.

The Federal War Committee, representative of all sections of Parliament, adopted a plan for the establishment in each State of a body known as "War Council" to work up the purposes of the committee. Each council was to organise "War Service Loans" for local government areas in its State, and the State organisations of council and commitees were to concern themselves with collection and distribution of funds for general assistance, finding of employment for paupers, and other purposes. The purpose of members desiring to settle on the land and notification to the State Land Board, and of those considered suitable, and the formation of local committees throughout the State to act as auxiliary bodies to the State Board, and also to assist members settling in the districts the Federal Government wanted to get holdings quickly into production.

This was the origin of the Repatriation Local Committees that are so officially up under the first Repatriation Act, and have been a valuable part of the commission's organisation ever since.

The original committees did not have as much aid as they were desired to have, and were not able to provide all that was expected from them, but the first step had been made. The Commonwealth established the Commonwealth War Service Commission in 1916, and its functions were limited to the war and the war effort, and had undergone a change.

The Government then decided upon annual appropriations by Parliament.

However, other difficulties were encountered in regard to administration, and the chief of which was that, as the staffs of the State War Councils were provided mainly by State Public Services, and as the expenses of the Councils were met mainly by the State Government, the newly State bodies, and the trustees had no control over the same. This was serious enough to call for a review of the whole position.

To a conference of Premiers and Land Ministers called by the Prime Minister in January, 1917, the trustees accordingly submitted definite recommendations for the direct control of all activities, with qualifications as to land settlement by Commonwealth authority, the State Governments, and the Prime Minister's War Council, and the Commonwealth authority, with a detailed indication of the scope of the work which the Trustees considered should be covered by an adequate scheme. With minor alterations, the recommendations were adopted. Subsequently the Trustees advised the Prime Minister that the new department should be administered by a Commission.

(To be continued.)

Step-children and adopted children

A press statement by the Minister for Repatriation, released on December 16, reads as follows:

"In respect of the 1914 war step-children and adopted children were not eligible to receive war pensions in respect of the incapacity or death of their stepfather or adoptive father unless they were dependent upon him prior to 2nd July, 1937.

In respect of the 1939 war such children were not eligible unless they became dependent upon the ex-serviceman within seven years after his discharge from the Forces.

"Under the recent amendment to the Repatriation Act such children are now eligible to receive war pensions and applications for pensions should be made to the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation in the State in which such a dependant resides."
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HEADING THE Q QUEUE

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BITTER WEATHER IN KOREA

While Western Australia is enjoying its usual summer weather large-scale training exercises are being held in Korea's bitter weather. These two West Australians who are in Korea with the Royal Australian Regiment took part in the exercise. Left: Pte. Ron Biddle, of Kalgoorlie, checks his wireless before setting out with a patrol. Right: Pte. Stan Ashcroft, of West Perth, "at the ready" in one of the trenches.

HAIL—AND FAREWELL

West Australian Warrant-Officer Apprentice Allan Hughes, of Crawford-road, Maylands, receives the Governor-General's medal from the Quarter-Master General (Major-General Chapman) at the annual graduation parade of the Army Apprentices School at Balcombe (Vic.). It was Major-General Chapman's last ceremonial parade before his retirement yesterday after 40 years of Army service.

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CANNING SUB-BRANCH ENTERTAINS

When the Canning sub-branch held its annual reunion on Friday, December 11, there were 71 members and visitors present.

The president (Mr. F. Cardew) was in the chair, while J. Duckwood acted as toastmaster, and among the guests were State executive members Mr. E. O. Davies, Messrs. L. Hamilton, M. R., A. Griffiths, M.L.C., and G. Jamieson, M.L.A., and representatives from Forestfield, Kenwick, Riverton, Gosnells, Welshpool, and Victoria Park sub-branches, of the Canning Road Board, Canning Agricultural Society, Queen’s Park Memorial Hall committee and Collier Park.

The occasion was taken by Mr. Davies, on behalf of the State Executive, to present a certificate of service to Mr. E. S. J. Hayward. This was acclaimed by all.

NOTES FROM "THE 16TH"

During his recent visit to the Eastern States, the president of the 16th Battalion A.I.F. (Mr. Jim Cutmore) had the pleasure of meeting several members of the "old sixteen" including Messrs. Charlie Ahearn (Melbourne), and Les Craigie, Bill Turner, George Whiting, Roy Forde, Fred Power and P. J. Hughes in Adelaide. After being entertained at the Servicemen’s Club at Semaphore, the president was motored to the ship by Mr. Roy Forde.

On Sunday, December 20, the committee and members of the Ladies’ Auxiliary paid their Christmas visit to "Sunset" where afternoon tea was served and each man who served in the battalion presented with a gift purchased from association funds.

In the morning of the same day Messrs. Bill Newick and Clarrie Shadlin visited Glendalough where presentations were also made. Those in this institution include Messrs. P. Kilminn, Tony Mascetti, Tom Maloney, John O’Donnell, J. O’Donoghue and F. Preedy.

Paying a visit to Perth from South Africa, Mr. Keith Johnston called at W.S.L. Headquarters. Keith, was one of the officers of the 16th Battalion captured in the famous battle of Bullecourt on April 11, 1917. Another visitor was Mr. Jack Brennan from Bodington, who has been in town enjoying the Christmas and New Year festivities.

The following deaths have been recorded since the last issue of the Listening Post. All were of the 16th Battalion.

Harriss, William C. (December 6).
Kilpatrick, Samuel W. A. (December 10).
McPhee, W. G. (December 16).
Sullivan, Charles M. (December 24).
Blunt, Harry E. (December 29).

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To reclaim the very fuel for their fires, the islanders had to sail scores of miles in tiny dinghies to comb neighbouring islands for driftwood. When a bride of even 1951 marriage, she was expected to bring a drifting harpoon and oars; or she might provide a slab of home-made soap, compounded from caustic soda and sheep-fat. When these were made from skins and canvas and Sunday best was a curious mixture of all varieties of dresses and undies that could be flung into—and gone from—vogue over half-a-century, clothes that were now called quaint and regarded as zealously as an heirloom of medieval Brussels lace, so rarely worn even a new scarf or shawl find its way inland.

The place was the sixteen-square-mile island of Tristan Da Cunha, isolated in the blustery South Atlantic and over fifteen hundred sea miles from the nearest mainland port of Capetown. Battered by incredibly ferocious gales each winter, the islanders must have been a part of seven of the old sailing whalers vanished from this part of the ocean fifty-five years ago. Since then, the islanders have been living practically a world entirely of their own.

Their houses are built of lavas blocks, and their diet—until recently—consists mostly of potatoes, fish, and occasional 'shark's eggs. Candle stubs and matches have had to be hoarded with miserly care, so as to ensure five minutes of light in the dark months when bed-time came around. No community could have lived a more Spartan existence, yet despite periodic offers from "outside" to move en bloc and settle them in a more hospitable place, the islanders remained staunchly loyal to their home. Today, their loyalty has been rewarded at last.

A lobster canning factory at Inaccessible has just begun catching the rock lobsters abounding on the island's coast. This, it has revolutionized Tristan Da Cunha. help is available to anyone to study the scope here, and the days of the island's few ox-teams may soon be done. There is also talk of an oil and electrical generating plant to bring lighting into every home. The geni who lies latent in a barrel of petroleum has been summoned to this lonely little settlement. And the transformation scene is now taking place.

South Perth Members At Bridgetown

Members of the South Perth sub-branch who recently paid a visit to Bridgetown, and were the guests of this sub-branch, pay high tribute to the manner in which they were entertained.

After a wreath had been placed on the Bridge war memorial, a day's tour of the apple and pear district followed, with morning and afternoon tea provided by frugitive members.

South Perth has just completed a masterly job in raising £1,732 in penny votes for the South Perth Popular Baby Competition in aid of the Community Centre Hospital Building Fund. The R.S.L. candidate was placed third in the competition.

The secretary of the sub-branch is reminding members that 1954 clips are awaiting collection, and he is particularly keen on making 1954 a year of record membership.

When extending good wishes for the New Year, the president, the secretary and executive members of the sub-branch remind members that the "South of the River" Diggers Ball will be held on Friday, March 5. Full particulars will be published later.

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FEDERATED R.E. SOLDIERS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION—Meetings are held on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the White Lion Hotel, William Street, Perth; and on Sunday at 10 a.m. at Birdwood Hall, Subiaco, W. A., under the presidency of the President. Section Officers: Capt. G. H. B. Brown, W. A. Division; Capt. F. J. Brown, N. W. Division; Capt. W. R. Knight, N. E. Division; Capt. J. A. Brown, S. W. Division.

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Donations to date are as follows: R.S.L. Sub-Branches £1,204.2s. 9d., R.S.L. Women's Auxiliaries (previously acknowledged) £399.8s. 6d. per list herewith £260.3s. 10d. Total, £1,453/9/7.

There are, of course, many sub-branches who have not yet finalised their yearly effort for Legacy, and it is expected that there will be quite a lot of donations to be acknowledged at a later date. The Legacy year concludes on April 30, 1954.

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REPORT FOR 1952-53.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Committee have pleasure in presenting the Thirty-sixth Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1952-53.

Again our sincere thanks are due to the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliaries for their most generous support of the scholarship scheme. A total sum of £117/7/6 has been provided by 20 Auxiliaries, including donations of £50 from Bunbury, £30 from Quairading and £20 from Perth. The financial aid has enabled the Trust to meet all its commitments, and to provide for the provision of school books.

Personal.

During the year Mr. W. W. Lackman depreved the Trust of the support of the State Education Department on the Trust, re- signed as his post post gave him little opportunity of attending meetings in the city. The Trust are grateful to him for his past services. No steps have yet been taken to fill his position on the Trust.

The death of Mr. W. W. Larkman deprived the Trust of the support of the State Education Department on the Trust, unless he could attend meetings in the city. As Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, his advice and encouragement had always been ready for the assistance of children of ex-service men.

Secondary Education Scholarships

During the year seventeen scholarships were awarded to pupils studying at the Perth Modern School.

The Trust again expresses its sincere thanks to the Director and the Head of the College for the assistance of the Special Scholarships granted by the Trust in the years 1949, 1950 and 1951. The progress of all these pupils has been very satisfactory. The scholarships are awarded on the recommendation of the staff, and the awards have been continued to the Leaving Certificate grade. The following is the list of scholarships for 1952-53:


1950: Crisp, Brian, Eastern Goldfields High School; Douglas, Lorraine, Perth Modern School; McDonald, Donald, Perth Modern School; Masarei, John, Perth Modern School; Parker, Noelie, Perth Modern School; Willis, Helen, St. Mary's College; Sten, Thomas, E. Girls' School.

School Books.

The number of school books purchased by the Trust has this year greatly diminished with the decline in the number of pupils under the Trust schemes. The Trust is grateful for the help which has been given in all necessary cases.

Scholarships.

Thirty applications were received for scholarships and nine awards were made as follows:

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2. Son of a deceased ex-servicewoman.
3. Son of an incapacitated ex-serviceman.
5. Son of an incapacitated ex-servicewoman.
8. Son of a deceased ex-serviceman (Bunbury High School).

In addition to the foregoing, many students who were granted assistance in former years are now attending at Perth Modern School, Albany High School, Northam High School, St. Mary's College and other Schools.

Conclusions.

The thanks of the Trust are due to Mr. S. B. Heath, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, for his continued assistance in all matters relating to the Repatriation Department.

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OLD Diggers' TEA.

On December 20 members of State Executive entertained "old diggers" in the pension group, who live in rooms or lodgings alone.

This was a very successful function. The old veterans were entertained to a Christmas Tea with all the trimmings, followed by a very fine concert. On leaving for home each man was presented with a box of fruit and cakes and a packet of cigarettes.

We hope to make this an Annual Function.

To Miss Gedhill who provided the concert party, all auxiliaries who made donations, and auxiliary members who waited at the table, we say a big "thank you."

Victoria Park’s Good Year

At the annual meeting of the Victoria Park Women’s Auxiliary held on December 3 the following were elected to office: President, Mrs. Barnett; vice-presidents, Mxdasen Kerridge and Mead; treasurer, Mxdasen Fisk; Windsor and Hobart honorary secretary, Mrs. Ford, jun., and treasurer, Mrs. Tolmie. Thirt, and Publicity Officer, Mrs. Coleman.

The half-year report and balance sheet showed that approximately $17 had been spent on hospital visiting, $3.50 on Christmas Cheer. Men from Sunset, Home of Peace, Lemnos and the Edward Millen Home had been entertained in the hall to a high-tea followed by a concert, and dancing while the sub-branch had been helped with their work to the tune of $10. These and other activities concluded a successful year.

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Children.

As the majority of enquirers received are personal cases, submitted with the request that the record or through sub-branches, it is not possible to publish particulars of the same.

The League has been advised by the Medical Adviser that the following outline of medical benefits will be of interest to readers and of value to sub-branch officials.

ELIGIBILITY.
The widow and children (under sixteen years of age) of a member, whose death has been accepted as attributable to war service, are entitled to medical benefits at departmental expense. These benefits are made available through medical practitioners, under an agreement between the Federal Council of the British Medical Association and the Repatriation Commission. Medicines are prescribed on Repatriation prescription forms and are dispensed free of charge by the chemist chosen by the patient.

EXTENT OF SCHEME.
The medical benefit scheme is limited in that it does not cover specialist, X-ray, hospital, or other special services. However, in certain circumstances, and if a bed in a female ward is available, approval may be given for a beneficiary to be admitted to a Repatriation General Hospital for treatment of acute or sub-acute ailments; all requests for admission to Repatriation General Hospitals are to be made on Repatriation Local Medical Officers, not by the widow and forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation in the State concerned. Treatment costs incurred outside the scheme, that is, incurred privately, are not recoverable.

Dental Treatment.
Dental treatment may be provided for a widow or a child where in the opinion of the Medical Officer at the Repatriation Branch Office, it is considered necessary or advisable as active remedial treatment.

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FIVE MEMBERS RECEIVE STATE EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATES

At the final State Executive meeting for 1953, on December 23, Messrs. Tom Edmondson, Jim Anderson, Stan Watt, Carl Ferguson and Jack Herlihy were presented with State Executive Certificates of Service by the State President (Mr. F. C. Chaney).

On arrival in the boardroom at Anzac House, the Executive as a whole rose spontaneously in respect to welcome them (as is done for the State president at each Executive meeting). The simple dignity of this action must have favourably impressed the two members of the sub-branch whose journal published a letter from one of its members decrying this mark of respect.

As has become the custom, the recipients were introduced by the presidents of their sub-branches, namely, Messrs. Bill Hunt and Tom Sten.

Mr. Bill Hunt said that the names of Carl Ferguson would always be remembered in the League when repatriation and pension matters were discussed. Of Stan Watt, his 30 years of untiring service alone tell their story. It was to Jack Herlihy that the League had turned for guidance in financial matters during troublesome times. To Tom Edmondson and Jim Anderson, both State presidents, the League was grateful for their guidance in League affairs during their respective terms of office. The certificates were a record of their long service to the League.

Mr. Tom Sten mentioned the many months of deliberations that the Executive had taken before finally approving the form of the certificate and it was really something that had to be earned. Both Tom Edmondson and Jim Anderson had shown courage and fortitude during their terms as State presidents. Stan Watt had given a long service to the League and had never shirked his duty as he sensed his enthusiasm even when faced with those difficult projects, the "LISTENING POST" and the R.S.L. Hostel. Even now when he had left the Executive he had taken over the chairmanship of recruiting, a thankless task if ever there was one. His career on the Executive had been an honourable one. Carl Ferguson's name would always be associated with pensions and the club, and though he was now with the Commonwealth Employment Service his helping hand was ever extended to the ex-service man. Although Jack Herlihy had been a short time on the Executive, his financial advice had been beneficial, and around the table his smiling face had been a boon, especially when the thunderclouds had been close to other members' brows.


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