Anzac Day Again Commemorated

At the Anzac Day service on the Perth Esplanade more than 3,000 veterans were joined by about 2,000 troops from Western Command.

Of these latter more than 600 joined the ranks of their war comrades.

The parade, in order of march, was:

Western Command and C.M.S. 2,600; hospital cars, 168; Legacy wards, 134; Ex-Navy and Merchant Navy, 76; 10th Light Horse, 102; Cavalry Regiment, 77; S.R. 14; Artillery, 70; 2/3rd Field Regiment; 2/7th Field Regiment; 2/9th Field Regiment; 2/14th Field Regiment; 21/11th Battalion; 160; 1/2/52nd Battalion; 20; 16th Battalion, 98; 1/16th Battalion, 70; 28th Battalion, 80; 2/3rd Battalion, 80; 44th Battalion, 80; 44th Battalion, 30; 51st Battalion, 83; 2/3rd Battalion, 20; Korean forces, 16; Machine Gunners, 18; 2/3rd Machine Gun Battalion; 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion; 70; R.A.A.S.C., 25; R.A.E.F.E. 20; R.A.A.F.C., 37; 2/7th Field Ambulance, 34; South African veterans, 45; Old Contemporaries, 22; Ex-Imperial, 70; New Zealand, 25; R.A.A.F., 100; R.A.A. Nursing Service, 20; W.R.A.A.F., 20.

Disabled ex-servicemen in cars led the parade, followed by Legacy children.

The R.S.L. State executive, the Navy, Merchant, Navy, Army and Air Force and service women followed in that order.

Many ex-Navy and ex-R.A.A.F. members marched.

Twenty-six New Zealanders and 36 men from Korea took part.

The parade commander was Brig. A. W. Buttrose.

League Welcomes Admiral Halsey

The R.S.L. in Western Australia has, during its long history, been privileged to pay its respects on behalf of thousands of ex-servicemen and women, to many distinguished visitors who have rendered outstanding service to the free nations of the world.

On Tuesday, May 11, Anzac House was again honoured by the presence of Admiral W. F. Halsey, of the United States Navy whose name and deeds are so well known throughout Australia. He was accorded a reception at which many distinguished visitors were present.

The Admiral's brief stay with us is a timely reminder of the debt which we owe to our American comrades in arms for the safeguarding of our own shores, and the tremendous part they played in the ultimate defeat of Japanese aggression," said the State president, (Mr. F. Chaney).

"As ex-servicemen, we send through Admiral Halsey our warmest greetings to his countrymen with whom we served in the fateful days of two World Wars.

Admiral William F. Halsey, U.S.N., meets Mrs. Stockmo, State president of Women's Auxiliaries, who was introduced by the State president (Mr. F. Chaney).

STATE WAR MEMORIAL APPEAL

Previously acknowledged, £320/2/2.

Bosse, E. H., 10/6; Justins, E., 9/6; Mizzi, C., 10/6; Banyard, S., 9/6; Westcott, S., 10/6; Henwood, D., £1/1; Wilson, B., £1.

Bridgman, W., £1; Palmer, A. W. B., 10/6; Waghorne, A. A., £2; R. W. and W. H. Logie, £2; Hunter, L. W., £1; Ridgway, R. P., 10/6.

Barlby, L. J., £1/1; Perrenjori S/B, £1/1; R.S.L., £8/2/8; Waghorne, A. A., £2; Pendelbury, R., 10/6; Seel, H., £1; Potter, W., L., £10; Drummond, M. R., 15.

Total, £354/17/4.

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Faversham War Veterans' Home

A letter recently received from the sub-branch asked for advice regarding the use of certain funds for the purpose of conducting the War Veterans' Home. This together with other odd requests leave the impression that all League members are not quite clear as to the method of financing the Home. In order that every member may clearly understand the position, the following information is given in order that there may be no doubts about the matter.

The initial experiment of conducting a war veterans' home was enthusiastically endorsed by the State Congress of 1948, and it was unanimously decided that sub-branches would help finance the Home by contributing on a per capita basis. It is regrettable that this Levy became abortive and is not being resubscribed. It is regrettable that this Levy became abortive and is not being resubscribed. A method of financing the Home would be:

(a) The whole of the interest from the War Veterans' Home.
(b) Portion of Poppy Day receipts.
(c) Interest from Lee-Steere Fund.

Item (a) requires no explanation as it is self evident.

Item (b) refers to that portion of Poppy Day proceeds which is remitted to head office in the form of the amount initially contributed by the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund. This Fund must have been an entirely gratuitous Act of the League. The above resolution merely gave the State Executive authority to divert this proportion to Faversham, and in no way can it be associated with a diversion of Funds from the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund without the Act of Parliament relating to that Fund. The method of distribution is clearly set out in the Act.

Item (c) refers to a donation made to the League by Sir Ernest Lee-Steere and originally it was decided that this donation would be kept intact for capital improvements to the Home. It can be seen therefore that the money cannot be used at any time, and however, to keep the initial amount intact the above resolution gave authority to transfer this amount to the League and the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund.

The above method of finance was fully endorsed by State Congress.

Apart from the nominal fee charged to the veterans for the house, the financing was on a voluntary basis of sub-branches and individuals by way of donations or cash in kind.

It is hoped that after reading this members will have a clear view of the method of financing Faversham House.

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Mr. Hayning, Upper Swan, care of grapes. Mr. Fr. Corness, Sunset, 28th Bn. State.
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Donations.

The Last Post
EDWARDS, W., 28th Bn., T. H., Merredin.
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WHITE, J. A., 10th L.H., Merredin.
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APPRECIATION OF A ZAID DAY CO-OPERATION

The League expresses its sincere appreciation to all who played a part, large or small, in the commemoration of Anzac Day, 1954, and assured the success of the function.

It is on occasions such as this that the league finds there are many willing hands desirous of taking part in paying homage to those who gave all so that this country may enjoy its freedom.

The Boy Scouts who stood vigil over the State War Memorial and other sub-branches and memorials on the night preceding Anzac Day are worthy of the highest commendation.

Thanks are due to the Services for their part, particularly in the main parade.

The fine support from bands, gallery and pipe, helped considerably and is deeply appreciated.

Thanks are also due to the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City of Perth for the erection of the stands from which the value of the program was taken, and the girls' choir conducted.

Here again, the singing of the girls must not be overlooked and they and those responsible for their very fine effort are thanked.

To those who provided cars for the transport of the sick and disabled, a big "thank you."

The R.S.L. women's auxiliary must not be forgotten and they are thanked for their services in many directions.

Space does not permit special mention being made of organisations and individuals who played their part, but the League expresses a very sincere "THANK YOU" to all.

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Royal Visit
R.S.L. Executive Expresses Its Thanks

At its meeting on April 14 the State Executive of the R.S.L. expressed appreciation in the minutes of that meeting and gave publicity to "The Listening Post" congratulating the organisation of the functions conducted by the League without a break, namely the Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the State War Memorial and the Parade Review and March Past of Ex-Service Men and Women on the Police Esplanade.

The following resolution was submitted and passed with acclamation:

"The State Executive, in view of the outstanding success of the part played by the ex-servicemen of this State, desires to place on record its appreciation, the work of the officers of the League responsible for these activities. We feel that opportunities rightly afforded us to pay hommage to Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, were fully availled of by ex-service men and women because of the leadership and organisation so manifest throughout the State Executive. We desire especially to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Mr. J. Chappell, and to members of the staff who bore the mantle of duties, during the strenuous days leading up to, and during, the Royal Visit."

It was further resolved that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the sub-branches of the country towns visited by the Royal couple, expressing appreciation in the organisation of the Reception.

The sub-branches concerned were York, Northam, Albany, Kalgoorlie, Boulder and Busselton.

The League's Message to Her Majesty

The following messages were sent and received by the Federal Executive on the occasion of Her Majesty's departure from Australia, and on Anzac Day.

"To Her Majesty.

"Will appreciate your conveyance of our sentiments of appreciation to His and Her Royal Highness our life member the very best wishes of every member of the R.S.L. for a happy return to the Motherland and a joyous reunion with the Royal children. We thank Her Majesty for her kindness and interest shown in the ex-servicemen and women in war bereaved and for opportunities provided for State presidents of the league throughout Australia to pay respect to the Crown and to express at ex-servicemen rallies our feelings of highest regard and respect, and we should also like respectfully to ask that Her Majesty convey our appreciation of the support and affection from all members of the league to the Queen Mother."

The Reply.

"I sincerely thank you and all members of the league for your kind and loyal message. We are sure your husband and I are very glad to have had the opportunity of meeting many ex-servicemen and women since we have been in Australia and on leaving your shores we send our best wishes to all for whom you speak."

ELIZABETH R.
ANZAC DAY.

From His Royal Highness, the Duke of Gloucester."

"On Anzac Day, 1954, it gives me great pleasure once again to send my best wishes to each of you. As patron of the R.S.L. I appeal to you to interest your work on behalf of the ex-servicemen and women of Australia. The spirit of Anzac lives on through the years and the generations. Australia's expression of loyalty during the Queen's recent tour has become a byword and I am glad to know that the Commonwealth ex-servicemen have so prominently a part in the magnificent reception accorded to Her Majesty."


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The reason why...

A financial member may hear a complaining voice saying, "I didn't get my 'Listening Post' this month!" It is possible that something has gone wrong—but it is also possible that the complaint arises because that member's 1954 subscription has not been renewed at Headquarters. WILL YOU checkup in such cases?

The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance

MAY, 1954.

These Are the Tasks Ahead of Us

THE League is the strongest organisation in Australia today, an organisation that with its non-party political—non-sectarian outlook can continue to be a vital part of the Australian life—a vital part in any plan to keep Australia as we desire it should be kept.

IT was certainly built up by its successful battles when Governments and people were quick to forget that the service young men had given the country in time of war, quick to forget that that service was given at cost to the donor, and the League therefore fought for the establishment of principles—principles that would ensure that no man should suffer by his service.

THERE are still principles to be established.

It is a common error on the part of those that know not the truth to believe that Ex-Servicemen were generally the recipients of handsome handouts.

The ordinary working man needs more than the availability of a War Service Home Loan to build a house; those depending entirely on their pensions for a living have insufficient to live a normal life; the trade side of re-establishment was not the success it should have been; while the Land Settlement men will need all the courage and initiative of their service days to fulfill their dreams of the future. There is, however, a latent military readiness if the need arises.

So, to the men of the 1939-45 War especially, is the task before them.

FIRST and foremost must the membership be built up to the greatest possible number. The wearer of the badge with an unfinancial clip must be brought into line.

The member who has just dropped out must come back—but most important, the badge must be worn. Only if the members become badge-conscious can we succeed in any campaign to increase the financial membership, the strength of the League, and the respect by the public for the organisation.

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Visit of Inspection to Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne

At the invitation of Lt. Col. W. V. Clementson, O.B.E., representatives of the State Executive of the R.S.L. visited Campbell Barracks on Tuesday, April 27, to witness the Inspection of National Service trainees.

Exorted by the Colonel, the League's representatives saw the trainees arrive in private buses at the entrance to the barracks where they were met by regimental personnel. They were then transported in an army bus running a shuttle service to a building within the barracks known as the Gym-Chapel where a roll call took place. At this point the trainees are subject to medical and dental examination. Documentation and attestation take place here also. While this is being done, the trainees are served with tea and biscuits.

League representatives then followed these young men to the Q.M. Stores and were agreeably surprised to witness the procedure adopted when making clothing issue. Tailors were noticed taking neck, chest and leg measurements, etc., in an endeavour to see that the best possible fitting clothing is issued to each and every trainee. A chiropodist is in attendance, also, to watch over those feet which will need to do some tramping during the training period, to tender advice concerning feet and footwear, four pairs of which are issued; that is, two pairs of heavy boots, one pair of dress shoes and one pair of sandals.

Having been "set-up" at this point, the next move is to Q.M. Stores for issue and allocation of accommodation. Here, webb equipment, rifles etc., are purchased. Trainees are not allowed to partake of intoxicating beverages within the barrack area. Two billiard tables, well cared for, are available. Reading and writing rooms, nicely furnished, are also provided.

Colonel Clementson exercises a close watch over matters made available to trainees in the reading rooms. It must be of a high standard. The Religious, moral and physical well-being of the Trainee is not lost sight of. Lectures are given by padres and medical men concerning such matters.

Representatives, at the invitation of the Colonel, partook of the mid-day meal in the officers' mess.

After spending four very interesting hours in the precincts of the Barracks, before their departure, the representatives were presented with a copy of the "National Service Training Battalion Magazine," the fourth of its kind to be published, and a journal of considerable interest to trainees.

The League's thanks were tendered to Col. Clementson for his kindly though in inviting representatives to witness proceedings associated with an intake and for his and his officers trouble in explaining in a very civil manner all that took place. As each trainee proceeds to pass the servery window where he receives his meal, before taking his place in the dining hall, he has to dip his plate and other utensils in boiling water. Leaving the dining hall, utensils are washed and dipped in boiling water again by each man before they are returned to their lockers.

An inspection was also made of a very nicely stacked canteen of barracks in approximately where soft drinks, milk, sweets, three months time.
Housing Legislation

Ex-servicemen will, no doubt, be desirous of knowing what action has been taken by the League concerning the Rents and Tenancies Emergency Provisions Act, which was recently given consideration by a Special Session of State Parliament, and at which the Government hoped to have certain amendments made.

The following is a copy of a letter submitted to the Chief Secretary, who is the State Minister responsible for administering the Act concerned.

31st March, 1954

Sir, Hon. G. Frazer, Chief Secretary, Chief Secretary's Dept., Murray-street, Perth, W.A.

Dear Mr. Frazer,

Re: HOUSING.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 23rd instant concerning the special session of Parliament to be held as from April 6th to deal with the Rents and Tenancies Emergency Provisions Act, and advising that the Government will give consideration to the opinions of the League.

In September, 1952, the following recommendations were made to the then Chief Secretary and I have been directed to submit them to you in the hope that the Government will give favourable consideration to them:

1. That no eviction shall take place unless a Magistrate has heard evidence from both sides, and has reached a decision in this connection. This to apply between tenant and sub-tenant as well as tenant and landlord.
2. That no ex-serviceman be evicted until alternative accommodation has been provided.
3. That provision be made for terms of imprisonment to apply as well as fines.
4. That the relationship between tenants and sub-tenants be brought on to the same basis as now exists between landlord and insofar as notification of eviction is concerned.
5. That provision be made in the Act to specifically name the female relatives of the service-man now afforded protection under the Act, so that there is no doubt concerning the protection of such females become tenants since January 1, 1951.
6. That provision be made to afford protection to such persons who are paying high rate of rent and who have approached the Fair Rents authorities for a reduction and have been successful in having the rent reduced, from being evicted subject to giving notice, where such persons have become tenants since January 1, 1951.

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Yours faithfully,

JOHN CHAPPELL
State Secretary.

All ex-servicemen members of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council were supplied with a copy of the letter to the Minister and requested to support the League's recommendations.

Members will have read in the daily Press the fate of the amending legislation introduced by the Minister for Housing, which was agreed to by the Legislative Assembly but rejected by the Legislative Council.

NEW BROOMS

AT ALBANY

"New brooms in office with the Albany sub-branch have quite decided that a busy time is ahead for the branch.

Anzac Commemoration Services there was held in bright sunshine and in the presence of a really good crowd, with the local churches cooperating.

The new treasurer is Mr. Lovell, and has reached a decision in this connection. This to apply between tenant and sub-tenant as well as tenant and landlord.

The need for legal advice is very much emphasised.

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Northam Sub-branch Complimented

"The R.S.L. have once again come to the rescue of the forgotten people, this time the patients and staff of Northam Hospital," said Mr. Alan Pettig, managing secretary of the Northam branch, just before the Royal visit.

"No arrangements had been made to enable the patients to see the Queen, and feeling was running high, when the secretary of the Northam sub-branch of the R.S.L. made an offer of their site on Fitzgerald-street.

"All of us at the hospital would like to thank the R.S.L. for again proving themselves a truly public-spirited body. It is nice to know that the incapacitated are not forgotten."

At the April meeting of the Women’s Auxiliary it was decided to sell a war bond held by the auxiliary and donate the money to the R.S.L. building fund.

The meeting decided to forward for the agenda of the annual conference a motion that dependants of soldiers in hospitals be assisted with transport wherever necessary. It was stated that this motion was a hardy annual that met with little success. As a result, soldiers were often denied the comfort of visits from their wives owing to the high cost of travel.

NEWS FROM BIG BELL

Under date of April 20, Mr. L. W. Wame writes from Big Bell:

"Our energetic secretary (Mr. A. Glen) has been very busy attending to renewal of subscriptions. It is anticipated that attendances at the Dawn Service and the Anzac Service will be good. Schoolchildren will form the choir and guard of honour.

"Working bees have completed the Memorial Park and childrens playground. Hospital visiting by the V.P. sports organisation have been resumed.

"A framed photograph of the Queen and an excellent replica of the State War Memorial have been secured for the sub-branch. Social activities keep the Social Committee very busy and Ladies Night are keenly looked forward to."

The Corps Of Commissionaires

Applications are invited from League Members for enrolment in the Corps of Commissionaires.

Employment in the Corps is limited to casual employment and is especially suitable for Service Pensioners resident in the metropolitan area.

Particulars of service may be obtained at the League Headquarters, Anzac House.

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JAMES H. SHARROCK, 294 Burraneer Bay Road, Carina, writes: "Up till this last twelve months I frequently got one cold after another which used to put me to bed for days. A friend advised me to try Bex Powders which I did and the relief was wonderful. Whenever I feel a sniffle or a shiver coming on I immediately take one Bex Powder and I can assure you I am as right as ever next morning. I advise Bex to all I come in contact with."

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Repatriation Department Administration Criticised

Despite the fact that for the past 30 years the Repatriation Commission has been concerned with spending immense sums in both benefits by way of pensions and medical treatment to ex-members of the Forces, and in the Administration of these benefits, the only examination of the administrative aspects that was made by the Public Service Board in 1932/34. The Commission did not develop any effective internal section for the purpose of examining critically the relative costs of the operations of the large institutions it was managing in the different States of the Commonwealth.

This critical comment is contained in the report of the Joint Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee which was recently presented to Parliament.

Mr. Hugh A. Leslie, M.H.R., who is a member of this Committee, and who incidentally was the prime mover in its establishment by Parliament, has made a copy of the report available to the head office of the League.

Commenting on the nature of the report and the activities of the Committee, Mr. Leslie said that the Committee had spent eight F.S.S., in a most exhaustive examination of the administration of the Department. The Committee has been at pains to make it clear that it did not investigate, nor in its report did it discuss, the adequacy or otherwise of the benefits provided under the Repatriation Act nor has it concerned itself with the policy upon which those benefits are based. The Committee, Mr. Leslie emphasises, has been concerned only with how the Repatriation Department does its work and why it does the work in that particular way.

The Committee acknowledges the fact that to a considerable extent the nature of the Repatriation Committee has changed over the years and it is possible that much of the administration which is criticised by the Committee could and would have been achieved, thus avoiding the Department's coming under the Committee's criticism.

The report points out that the initial activities dealing with Repatriation stress the quasi-judicial functions of the Commission and consequently the activities of the Department were concentrated upon this aspect. Subsequently the Department's activities expanded to such an extent that it became in truth a "department" of the Commonwealth with substantial and widely scattered administrative responsibilities. The importance of its responsibilities in the administration field were apparently overlooked. The Committee has suggested, therefore, that the administration functions of the Department and the Commission should be reviewed.

An exhaustive examination was made into the costs incurred by the Repatriation Commission in carrying out its various functions, i.e., the administration of pensions, medical treatment and entitlements, the management of various hospitals and sanitoria.

Comparisons of the costs of administration incurred by the Repatriation Department with the costs incurred by other Commonwealth and State Departments in carrying out similar functions were carefully made and the Public Accounts Committee's report contains extensively the results of these comparisons.

In many cases the Repatriation Commission's costs are compared not favourably with those of other institutions, and the Committee states in its report that whereas that when wages were the Department were asked to account or explain the reasons for differences, the witnesses frankly confessed they had no reasons to offer nor could they make any explanation.

The Committee's report, summed up, indicates that they are of the opinion that economies could be applied in the administration of the Repatriation Department without in any way affecting the efficiency, nor the effectiveness, of the services provided for ex-members of the forces by that Department in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Repatriation Act.

The 11th and 12th Battalion Associations will be holding their quarterly pre-union on May 18.

Their Ladies Night will be held on Tuesday, June 1, at Anzac House.
FEWER 44TH ON PARADE

Attendance of 44th Battalion members on Anzac Day was smaller than usual—possibly a reaction from the Royal Parade during Her Majesty’s visit in March, when there was an extra large turn up. There may have been fewer present on Anzac Day owing to the parade being held in the afternoon. It is likely that the morning march unit members better, giving them the rest of the day to themselves.

Heading the march past, Col. Bren Garner lead the battalion with the president (Mr. Horrie Browne). Other members included Miers, Dick White, Merv Kidd, Charlie McIntosh, Bill Eddy, Alf Guy, Norm Bush, Jack Homewood and many of the old crowd. It was disappointing for the committee to see so few of the young 44th on parade, and it is stressed again that they are welcome in all activities.

The Annual Re-Union will be held at Anzac Club on Monday of Show Week, this year, October 4. Old and young 44th are being asked to keep this night free and go along in strength.

A busy man around the city recently was the secretary of covering sub-branch Ern Hayhood, who found time to call at Anzac House and discuss sub-branch affairs during his rushed visit.

1954 A.R.M.S. GAMES

Sports Director of Ist team mentioned to contact Sports Director of opposing team to arrange time and place of contest, also to arrange catering.

The winning team MUST forward result of games to Anzac House within SEVEN days. This is essential for the results to appear in the current issue of the “Listening Post.”

Any complaints arising from the games are to be forwarded to Anzac House without delay.

The names and addresses of Sports Directors are as follows:

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SUBIACO V. NELANDS
WEST LEEDERVILLE V. MT. LAWLEY
SWANBOURNE — Bye.

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PERSONALITIES

LEAGUE members and his many friends outside the League will regret to learn that John Chappell the League's State Secretary is at present confined to St. John of God Hospital, Subiaco where following an operation he will remain for some weeks. All will wish him a speedy return to good health.

Mr. Dave Benson, well known as State Secretary for many years, was to leave for England next week—with his wife. The League regrets to have to inform its members that he has had to cancel his trip due to ill-health and is at present confined to Hollywood Hospital.

FRANK WILLIS, the secretary of the Dwellingsup sub-branch, recently up from the timber areas, called at League Headquarters and discussed matters of interest to his members, one or two of whom are concerned because they have not been receiving this journal. Frank will now be able to tell them the reason why.

The president of the Bolgart sub-branch, Brian Buzzard, who, during a career which included League football, grade cricket, and war service in aircraft, had never suffered an injury, tripped over a box at home on the eve of Anzac Day, and broke three ribs.

Anzac Club members will join in offering sympathy to Ernie Harrington in the sad loss of his wife.

MICK GOODRIDGE, who has recently taken over the secretarialship of the Clackline-Lakefield sub-branch, visited Anzac House to gather information which will help him in his duties and be of assistance to his sub-branch members. Give him your support, chaps!

The Rocky Gully sub-branch was represented in Perth recently by its secretary, PERCY TANNER, who reports his members are very keen to get on with the job of erecting their own hall. Percy intends doing all he can to further the project.

The president of Margaret River sub-branch, Reg McKean, accompanied by his brother Alan, who is a member of the sub-branch, spent a few minutes at H.Q. discussing matters of concern to them and their members.

A visitor from the Goldfields and a vice-president of Coolgardie sub-branch, BERNIE O'SULLIVAN, found time to call at head office to pay his respects and obtain information of assistance to sub-branch members before returning to locate the nuggets missed by the other fellow.

Best wishes to President Bill Hood of the City of Perth sub-branch who is seriously ill in R.P.H, Bill, a member of the W.G.C. in the 1st war and the R.A.N. in the 2nd War has always been an ardent League stalwart. One time president of Nannup sub-branch, he was President of the City of Perth from 1938 until he enlisted in 1940. He is now in his third year of President of the City of Perth sub-branch. The ladies of the City of Perth Auxiliary especially ask to be joined in the good wishes.

A visitor from Bridgetown during the week was BOB WORKMAN, secretary of that district's sub-branch, who reports all's well in the apple country, with Freddie Vail and Harold Armstrong looking as young as ever (and still stalwarts of the League).

Norm Job, the recently elected president of Goomballing sub-branch, visited Anzac House and reports bright prospects for increased membership figures in his district, and it is hoped he will be supported by eligible servicemen.

While on a visit to the city Bill Kirkham, president of Coolgardie sub-branch, found time to call at League Headquarters to discuss League matters and particularly the arrangements for Anzac Day at his centre.


**Women's Auxiliaries**

**NOMINATIONS.**
Following members were nominated for State President and Honorary State Secretary.

- **STATE PRESIDENT:** Mrs. Stocklin (accepted); Mrs. Brown (accepted); Mrs. Sherlock (declined); Mrs. Orgill (declined); Mrs. Randall (declined).
- **HON. STATE SECRETARY:** Mrs. Jones (accepted); Mrs. Crittill (declined); Mrs. Stocklin (declined); Mrs. Sherlock (declined).

**HOSPITAL VISITING.**
Approximately 76 ex-service men and women are being visited weekly in Royal Perth Hospital, and amenities distributed. Hollywood is visited twice weekly, and all other hospitals and institutions in the metropolitan area are visited monthly, and amenities taken.

**OFFICIAL VISITS.**
- Tuesday April 6: State President, State Secretary and members of State Executive were guests of City of Perth at their Birthday Party Cabaret.
- Thursday April 8: State President and State Secretary attended a War Blinded Easter Social.
- Tuesday April 13: State President, State Secretary, Mesdames Lynch, Orgill and Miss. Hamersley were guests of Beverley at their 21st Birthday Party. Mrs. Stocklin presented a Certificate of Service to Mrs. Noonan.

**City of Perth Party**

April 6 was the occasion of celebration by the City of Perth Women's Auxiliary of their ninth Birthday.

Items were rendered by Mr. W. Scott (popular vocalist) and Miss Dawes (dancer) and were much appreciated, by those present who included Mrs. Stocklin (State President), Mrs. E. Ames (State Secretary), Misses Baldwin, Auxiliary, Metropolitan Auxiliary, members of the City of Perth sub branch and many others.

During the evening the president of the sub-branch spoke in glowing terms of the work done by the ladies and wished them a "happy birthday" with many more to follow. The vice-president (Mrs. A. Bomford) deputised for the president (Mrs. D. Smith) who was unable to be present owing to the sudden death of her husband. Every member appreciated her kind thought in sending a telegram of congratulation to the Auxiliary which was read by the secretary (Miss K. Stevens).

Future activities of the Auxiliary are as follows: Square Dancing each Wednesday night at Mosas Club; Community Concert on June 22 and the organization Mrs. Be. G. would appreciate a large attendance.

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THE OLD 16th MARCHES AGAIN

There was a fair muster of members of the 16th Battalion at the Anzac Day parade, including quite a number from the country, including Messrs. A. Cunningham (Bullsbrook), A. Jameson (Kalanning), A. J. Wells (Donnybrook), A. C. Forster (Busselton), E. Monk (Latham), S. Paine (Merredin), E. C. Spencer (Bunjil), J. Hos (Northam), P. J. Arkell (Miling), W. A. John, J. J. Currie, and H. Archer (Geraldton).

Also on parade was Mr. Harry Thorne an original member of the Battalion, M.O. Section, while Mr. Tom Caldwell came down to the Esplanade from Latrobe and met quite a number of his old comrades.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Nick, of 39 Hut-street, Mt. Lawley) is urging all members to pay their subscriptions and furnish their addresses so that they can be advised of functions arranged, chief of which will be the combined re-union and ladies night on Thursday, October 7.

The Roll of Honour.
Jack Peake (2726) 9-4-54.
Jack W. Crowley (251) 25-4-54.
Jack A. Flynn (6513).

First W.A. V.C. Dies

Lieut.-Col. F. W. Bell, Western Australia's first Victoria Cross winner, died at Bristol (England) on Wednesday, April 28, aged 79.

A former resident of Cottesloe, he received the award for bravery during the South African War, in 1901.

Lieut.-Col. Bell's great grandfather, John Hole Duffyfield, was a naval officer who came to W.A. in H.M.S. Warrior with Captain Stirling's fleet in 1829.

At the outbreak of the Boer War in 1899 yong Bell enlisted as a private with the first W.A. contingent, and fought in several major engagements.

Seriously wounded, he was invalided to England and later came back to this State.

He sailed again for South Africa with the 6th W.A. contingent and won the V.C. in a brush with the Boers at Brakpan, on May 16, 1901.

Later Lieut.-Col. Bell had an adventurous career while working for the British Colonial Office in Singapore, Kenya and Northern Nigeria.

Lieut.-Col. Bell left a widow, now living at Bristol; a brother, Mr. George Bell, of Mt. Hawthorn; and a sister, Miss Eva Bell, of Mosman Park.
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**ANOTHER LADIES' NIGHT**

The Anzac Club committee has decided to arrange another Ladies' Night for members during Congress week.

The committee realises that the last function was spoilt because of the tremendous crowd which arrived, for it was not possible to cope satisfactorily with such an influx.

For the Congress Week function the committee has decided to take over the whole of Anzac House.

A cabaret dance will be held in the ballroom, and it is hoped to have it in the supper room. The clubrooms will also be open to members and their ladies.

Further information will be given in the next issue of "The Listening Post."

**Victoria Park Festivity**

The anniversary social of the Victoria Park sub-branch is scheduled for Monday, May 24, and all members are urged to attend, for a thoroughly enjoyable social and dance is being arranged.

This will follow the next general meeting which is to be held on Friday, May 21. On that date, also, members should be present, and as the A.R.M.S. games start this month, players are asked to see that they are financial, otherwise they are ineligible.

The local Anzac Day parade was cancelled in favour of a wreath laying ceremony in the morning, at which members and auxiliary members, and representatives of several local organisations were in attendance.

**SUB-BRANCHES UNITE IN REMEMBRANCE**

Cottesloe, Mosman and Swanbourne sub-branches attended an Anzac parade at the Cottesloe Civic Centre at 10 a.m. on April 25. This was the first time a parade had been held there and as it was on the back lawn overlooking the sea it was a very inspiring and appropriate setting.

The service was conducted by a sub-branch member, the Rev. N. Spratling, of St. Philip's, Cottesloe. The guest speaker being the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Capt. Bryce Morris.

In the evening members of the Cottesloe sub-branch filled the Anzac Service. Afterwards they were treated to a fine supper by the ladies of the church. A very fine gesture.

To the special Mother's Day Service on the 8th the sub-branch again turned up in force.

Another visit to the Claremont Asylum was successfully carried out by members of the sub-branch on Sunday, May 2.

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BOYS' AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION—Meetings at the youth center, William-street, Perth, 2nd Monday of each month at 3 p.m. President: T. B. M. McDonald, 56 Kenny-street, East Perth, Perth (Phone BA 6059). Secretary: B. A. McDonald, 36 Kenny-street, East Perth, Perth (Phone BA 6059).


19TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Committee meetings and meetings in each month at 3 p.m. in the Hotel City, Perth, Perth (Phone BA 6059). Secretary: W. Newick, 56 Kenny-street, East Perth, Perth (Phone BA 6059).


B.B.A. BATTLEFIELD ASSOCIATION—Committee and meetings are held at the Hotel City, Perth, Perth (Phone BA 6059). Secretary: G. A. Johnstone, 1 Perth-street, Mount Lawley.


AUSTRALIAN ARMED FORCES CORPS ASSOCIATION—Secretary, A. Evans, 531 William-street, Perth.


UNITED SERVICES ASSOCIATION—Meetings of the Central Committee are held on the 1st Saturday of each month. President: R. H. Brown, 30 Oxford-road, Nedlands. Secretary: C. A. Proctor, 20 Forrest-avenue, West Perth, Perth (Phone BA 6059).
Readers’ Views

MEMBERSHIP—ARE POLITICS TO BLAME FOR LAG?

To the Editor,

Sir,

"During the visit of the Queen particularly to the country districts there were a number of renewals of membership, when most cases the ideal R.S.L. was given the task of organising the review in the towns, and so 1954 crowns were wanted."

Talking over the absence of an R.S.L. badge with a man who assured me he had seen over 1,000 badges on the South Australian side and was otherwise eligible he made a statement that set me thinking. His remark was "No, I don’t think the R.S.L. while it is politically controlled."

I assured him he was wrong, that there were just as many anti-union members of the Executive as labour sympathisers. He said I was wrong. Otherwise let it be the fact that the Menzies Government is not embattled by the R.S.L. with requests for improvement of conditions as was the case when the Labour Government was in power.

"Well, I belong to the country and we are trying to keep up our membership and are continually on the lookout for reasons (or excuses) why otherwise good members are not members. This is a new one to me."

I have attended many congresses. I have talked to practically all members of the executive each year and have failed to see any sign of anything that I have mentioned. But if the complaint of my acquaintance is a common one we should take steps to clear the air.

My view is that the R.S.L. has a lot of work to do in public affairs, but there must be a limit to demands. Thinking back to 1919, 20 and 21, what do we think is the best way to get what we want? What correspondence, deputations and lobbying to that end? The Government of the day set the point of view.

Are we still asking for more? Can our requests be made public? Or have we eased back because we don’t want to embarrass the Menzies Government? I know the answer but does the public generally?

Could we have a Presidential comment on the matter?

It will help all sub-branches if we can convince the local ladies that they have a duty to the non-political and that the executive has no leaning, one way or the other that the point of view of the executive is not enquired into.—Yours, etc.

HAL.

BACK FROM KOREA

One officer and 89 men of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment returned on April 28 from service in Japan and Korea, and were accorded a great welcome at Perth railway station.

Some of the men had served in Korea for more than a year, and there were many touching scenes when they met mothers, sisters, fathers and brothers after the spell overseas.

REPARTIATION

The fifth of a series of articles on the history of the Department

Augusta-Karridale Receives Its Charter

On Friday, April 2, Augusta-Karridale held its re-union at the New Augusta Hall with attendance of many visitors from Margaret River, Busselton, Rivervale and Mr. S. Bovell, M.L.A.

Mr. C. Klieman of State Executive was present as State president. In presenting the charter he pointed out to the people that the leaders were well prepared and formulated, and what it stood for, and in handing it to the president, Mr. B. Veenstra was elected to carry out the League’s Policy and in such time he was handed over to the State president, who ever he might be.

It was a most enjoyable function throughout, speaking well and making a great impression on many people, including the tables with good victuals and beautiful floral decorations.

Events over the period 1918 to 1939 (continued)

The Government decided that a permanent pension of not less than the General Rate for 100 per cent incapacity be paid to all members proved to be sufficient, with a reduction in the pension on or subsequent to 1 July, 1925, as the result of war service. The increase in the pension to £100,000 was not a success, as the number of appeals against the reduction was large. The law was amended to provide for the payment of a pension of £100 per annum to all who served in the war, and the pension increased to a maximum of £150 per annum.

During the war, the Government authorised the Commission to provide transport (or arrange for suitable transport at cost) not exceeding £10 per month for every man for recreation purposes. The provision was made for those soldiers totally and permanently incapacitated as a result of injury, organic cerebral or spinal disease, and double amputation cases above or at the elbow, by a special grant of £150 per annum. The provision remained under Cabinet approval, and was extended to include assistance up to £25 per month for a member who has lost both arms or at above the wrist, or has lost one leg above the knee and the other leg below the knee.

A substantial change was made in the organisation for determining appeals against the reduction of pension, and appeals by members in respect of assessment of the rate of pension. By Act No. 14 of 1929 (assented to 25 March, 1929), the Assessment Authority for the Government, General of War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals, and the Minister of Assessment Appeal Tribunals.

An Entitlement Appeal Tribunal is constituted of three members—a chairperson, being a person who has been admitted to practice as a barrister or solicitor of the High Court of New South Wales, and two or more persons, both returned soldiers, one of whom is a returned soldier, and the other a person who has been admitted to practice as a barrister or solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

The function of the tribunal was to decide any appeal by a member or a dependent whose claim had been refused by the Commission or by the tribunal upon the ground that the incapacity or death of the member was not due to war service.

An Assessment Appeal Tribunal is constituted of a chairman, selected for appointment from a list of returned soldiers with qualifications as the Chairman of an Entitlement Appeal Tribunal, submitted to the Minister by an organisation representing returned soldiers throughout the Commonwealth. The other members are selected from a panel of medical practitioners who have the necessary knowledge of the nature of the disability to be assessed.

The function was to decide any appeal by a member against assessment of pension by the Commission. The number of appeals in respect of assessment turned out to be too numerous to be referred to the Commission and then to the tribunal, and it was soon arranged that appeals against assessment by a Board should go to the Tribunal and not necessarily first to the Commission. The point was due to be covered by Act No. 35 of 1935.

Concomitantly with the passing of this Amendment Act, regulations were made to prescribe all that was necessary to facilitate the work of the Department and the Tribunals in connection with the handling of appeals under the new system and to provide for expenses of applicants in connection with travelling to sittings of Tribunals.

The provision for funeral expenses was extended in 1930 to include certain classes of widowed mothers of deceased unmarried members.

(To be continued.)