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War Memorial Fund Drive Opens
July-August Appeal
Goal Set At £10,000

In 1929, the W.A. Branch of the Returned Servicemen's League accepted the proud responsibility of the care and custody of the State War Memorial on behalf of the people of West Australia.

Since this time, the War Memorial has been maintained by the League as a sacred trust. Its various War Memorial Committees, sub-Branches, Wardens, and sub-Wardens have conducted our solemn duties with dignity and reverence.

But the peace for which so many West Australians gave their lives did not endure, and within a short space of time from the dedication of the State War Memorial it again became necessary to take up arms in the defense of freedom.

Inspired by the example of their forebears, the men and women from this State again volunteered to arms, but, as always, at a heavy cost in life to the flower of a generation.

So it was that, forced by the pressure of a second World War, it became necessary to open a fresh chapter in our War Memorials book of history; to find, and write the necessary pages, and to record the renewed giving of service to an ideal greater than life itself.

LEAGUE TO THE FORE
True to its traditions, the League was again to the fore when plans were mooted for this project. Fully aware of those who fell in World War II, the League was completed for extensions to the existing Memorial which would fittingly commemorate those who fell in World War II.

An appeal for financial support was launched, and due to the efforts of the War Memorial Appeal Committee, the public and members of the League subscribed amounts, which were then regarded as sufficient for the task of completing the approved extensions.

The plan, however, could not be materialised. Due to rising costs and labor shortages, the League, in common with the rest of the community, was reluctantly compelled to call a halt to its plans. In the space of a few brief years, the cost of the completed project has exceeded the amount collected by a very substantial amount.

With the advent of the Royal Visit this year, the League was faced with a major decision. The completion of the extensions was in doubt because of a lack of finance; yet it was the desire of all that the work should be completed in time for the Royal Wreath Laying on March 1.

BOLD COURSE TAKEN
The League, after deep consideration, chose a bold course. The sum of £10,000 was borrowed, and the major work was completed in time for the magnificent ceremony when His Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales paid their first visit to this City.

In so doing, the League expresses its faith in the strength of West Australians. The debt of honour so incurred completed the task for which the League had been founded, but was felt that when the time came, the public would willingly support the League in carrying on the task of caring for the Memorial.

We can be proud of what has been achieved. Today the State War Memorial stands as a magnificent structure in which the Old and the New are blended in solemnity and dignity. West Australia, with its record number of enrolments in two World Wars has redeemed those who fell in the same spirit and with the same pride of achievement and sacrifice as the people.

They gave their lives. For that public gift they received a tomb-a tomb most glorious, not so much the tomb in which they lie, but that in which their fame survives, to be remembered forever when occasion demands.

"To be remembered forever when occasion comes for words or deeds," is a challenge which must be accepted, when, as new, words and deeds are both required.

NOW IS THE TIME:
£10,000 must be raised during the next four weeks. In August if the League's debt of honour is to be discharged.

The Minister for Lands (Mr. Hoare), acting on behalf of the State Government, opens the War Memorial Fund Appeal by presenting the Government's cheques for £1,000 to the custodianship of the State President of the R.S.I., (Mr. Chaney), at a ceremony held at Anzac House on Thursday, July 1.

The contribution was accompanied by Mr. Hoare's remark that "the War Memorial belongs to all of the people of this State for all time." The ceremony was followed by a motion picture entitled "Proud Remembrance," a stirring documentary film which graphically portrays the place such a Memorial holds in the hearts and minds of our people.

We can, and must, accept this challenge, for the sake of those with whom we served, for those who did not return, and for the parents and loved ones in the homes from which they sprang.

The Appeal thanks to a small, but enthusiastic honorary committee, has started well, £2,000 is in sight but a further £8,000 is required, with eight weeks only to go. There is no time to lose if we are to succeed; this is the time for energy, enthusiasm and an idealism to a worthy cause.

WILL YOU RESPOND?
Will you accept a portion of this Appeal as your personal responsibility? Will you work within your sub-branch for an effort within your district? Will you send a direct donation if you are not within reach of a sub-branch? The success of the Appeal is in your own hands; let us by example pave the way for the public to follow.

This is the month of our State Congress, the annual gathering of the League leaders. It is our opportunity to show that our leaders know what is the best thing that we can do, and that we are prepared to work for the War Memorial, which has become our Nation's most cherished possession.

Let us rise to the task with vigour and strength of purpose. Difficulties which arise will be readily overcome when we are convinced that our cause is just.

If we can, for the next four weeks, turn back the pages of history and recapture that same spirit of mateship of war years, that spirit which never broke, that sacrifice which knew no limits, then the task ahead will be a spur to our best efforts.

Nearly 4,000 West Australians paid the final price of liberty. They came from all parts of this vast State, they came without fear, without reckoning the cost to themselves. Is it to keep alive their memory that we now seek your aid. Those who died put their trust in us who survive, and we cannot, we dare not forget them.

Sometimes, in the quest of a Dawn Service, we might have heard, but faintly their voices saying "We ask of you this one thing, that you keep our memory green in the land we loved."

The Torch is in our hands, we can keep it burning by a shoulder to the effort between now and the end of August. Will you answer the call in person?

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Many of Australia’s Sons and Daughters, who have survived the risks and perils of war, need sympathetic understanding and assistance. Just how a Service-man feels on discharge was recently described by an A.I.F. man. This is what he wrote:

“Only when you’re discharged do you realise—old soldiers don’t die. They go around with a sort of empty feeling inside them looking for someone to talk with—for someone who thinks as THEY think, who UNDERSTANDS that peculiar relationship we have with those who’ve been in the Army.”

The R.S.L. undertook the responsibility of erecting a War Veterans’ Home to honour the millions of SAS’s who, through war disabilities and advancing years, are unable to fend for themselves. Many an aged digger is housed in the Old Men’s Home.

The R.S.L., in 1946, raised funds towards the erection of a War Veterans’ Home, but, owing to the prevailing and the shortage of materials and man-power which were prevailing at the time, the plan had to be delayed. The home should be established at Faversham House in York. The larg. and attractive property was gifted by the late A. J. Monger to the Commonwealth Government, and was used by the Army during the war as a convalescent home for army purposes. At the end of the war the Commonwealth Government handed the property over to the League on lease to be used as a convalescent home for patients from Hollywood. After sometime, however, it was discovered that there was not the demand for a Home of this nature and the Government then decided to charge the League’s obligations for housing veterans by converting Faversham House into a permanent home for the use of the Commonwealth under the Act for aged veterans. Faversham House has been conducted by the League at its own expense for over 25 years now, and whilst each inmate contributes a nominal weekly sum for his board out of his pension, there has always been a considerable annual deficit which has been met by the League from general funds.

The League’s resources could not continue indefinitely, however, and it was necessary to devise ways and means of reducing the burden on the League’s finances.

Sub-branches throughout the country have been periodically contributing to the League in small amounts, but the donations have been entirely inadequate to sufficient the League’s expenses. For this purpose a Street Appeal was granted by the Chief Secretary’s Department and the public was given the opportunity to make their contributions through the collective action of the League. The Appeal was also conducted by many of the League’s sub-branches in the country districts.

T.P.I. Dependants Not Covered by Medical Services

Concern was expressed at the T.P.I. Federal Congress of the League which was held in Melbourne last October, that dependents of totally and permanently incapacitated ex-servicemen are not covered by the Pensioners’ Medical Service, which was resolved to request the Commonwealth Government to include such dependents in that service under the Hospital Benefits Scheme.

The Federal Minister for Health, to whom the request was made, at the League’s representations as under:

“The Pensioner Medical Service is for the Pensioners, Medical Service is for those who have served their country and are entitled to the benefits of the service. The dependents of pensioners are not eligible for the benefits of the service. The dependents of pensioners are not eligible for the benefits of the service.

The provision of medical benefits to totally and permanently incapacitated ex-servicemen has been under consideration for some time and was referred to the Second Schedule to the Repatriation Act. The provision of medical benefits to totally and permanently incapacitated ex-servicemen has been under consideration for some time and was referred to the Second Schedule to the Repatriation Act. The provision of medical benefits to totally and permanently incapacitated ex-servicemen has been under consideration for some time and was referred to the Second Schedule to the Repatriation Act.

New Hall For Mt. Lawley-Inglewood S.B.

Elsewhere in this issue appears an advertisement calling tenders for the erection of a hall for the Mt. Lawley-Inglewood sub-branch.

From the plans and specifications which can be sighted at Anzac House, this progressive sub-branch contemplates the erection of a modern hall which is to be built on a location which the sub-branch members felt was a perfect spot for a sub-branch hall. In addition to the location, the hall will also be a revenue producing asset.

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STATE WAR MEMORIAL

The State War Memorial in King’s Park has been completed so far as the stone-work and general layout is concerned. It only now remains for the bronze plates showing the names of those who died in World War II to be affixed to the pillars of the under-croft forming the “Cloisters of Honour.”

The State War Memorial extensions to commemorate the men and women who died in World War II have been in progress for some considerable time. Funds were collected and the work slowly progressed until the immediate post-war years. There were several factors which contributed towards the delay in completing the new Memorial. The chief cause was the shortage of manpower.

The League felt that it would be unwise to divert manpower and materials towards the building of the Memorial at a time when there was such an acute shortage of housing, resulting in great hardship and privation being experienced by young ex-service men and their families on their return from war service to civilian life.

Meanwhile, however, the League conducted appeals which enabled the new War Memorial to be brought up to a certain stage of completion. However, rising costs, for which the original contract provided, under the Rise and Fall Clause, imposed growing financial burden on the State War Memorial Appeal funds.

The position which with the League was faced can be amply illustrated by the following facts. When the building was commenced the basic wage was £7.13/6, but subsequently an increase of over 60% raised the basic wage to £12/6/6. This resulted in an increase on the contract price amounting to over £5,000.

In February it was found that adjustments had to be made to the original plan of the building, which added further to the cost.

Late last year the League determined that the Memorial should not remain in its unfinished state when Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited W.A. Accordingly the Memorial was brought up to its present state of completion for the occasion of the Royal Visit, and although the money was not in hand the League made a satisfactory financial arrangements in order to achieve the desired objective.

It was a matter of satisfaction for ex-service men and the public generally to witness the Wreath Laying Ceremony performed by the Royal Visitors with the memorial complete and in a fit condition for the historic occasion.

The Appeal for £10,000 has been launched by the League with every confidence that the public will undertake the responsibility and cheerfully and readily subscribe the necessary funds. An encouraging lead was given by the Government with the Minister, for Lands (Mr. Hoare), acting on behalf of the Premier (Mr. Hurtle), officially launched the Appeal at Anzac House, and presented to the State Premier a cheque for £1,000. The amount to be raised must be regarded as a debt of honour in a double sense and while it should not remain the sole responsibility of ex-service men and representatives to meet the cost, nevertheless the League looks confidently to its members to assume their share of the responsibility, and having done that the general public can be expected to do its share.

The “New” Anzac Club

Just about everything except the old camaraderie has been changed.

After many years of patient endeavours, the State Executive, through the Anzac Club Sub-Committee, has at last made the club something to be really proud of.

The flat roof that previously covered Anzac Club had not been regarded as ideal by the Sub-Committee. During the winter months, water seeped through and badly damaged the ceilings and fittings. The Executive authorised the erection of a gable roof in place of the flat bituminous surface and the Club Sub-Committee was then in a position to get on with a job urgently required.

Tenders were called for the necessary repairs and renovations and now that these have been completed concern must be congratulated on a job splendidly carried out.

The completed club now presents something entirely new and easy to look upon—the entrances have been painted and look first class.

The colour scheme itself is something really artistic. The greatest care was exercised to ensure that every part of the building is harmonised. The walls have been painted in warm pastel colours—green, blue and white to provide the contrast. There is a touch of green above and behind the bar and the effect is marvellous.

The reading room, the State President’s Room, the manager’s room and the small room at the end of the bar have all been painted with colours to fit into the general scheme of things. Even the booth has received its share of tone and colour.

The Billiard Room has been repainted in a lighter colour and this has resulted in providing brightness and more light in what was previously a very dark and depressing room.

The floor space in front of the bar, 30 feet by 5 feet, has been laid with green semicircular tiles. The remainder of the Club has been laid with first grade linoleum squares. Tiles have also been placed on the walls at either end of the bar in order to protect the walls. The whole of the tiles were selected to fit in with the over-all colour scheme.

At the entrance to the Club and just inside the main doors, a circular design containing the word “Anzac” over the Swan has been artistically worked into the linoleum squares.

The design was donated by Roos and one has to see it as well as the other work carried out to appreciate its excellence.

The three windows on the west side of the club will be fitted with curtains which will give the Club a more homely and cozy appearance.

A Wonder Heat has been fitted into the fireplace and this should result in a more even distribution of heat and a cleaner appearance.

The question of seating accommodation has been carefully considered and the lounge and chairs arranged with the ideal comfort in mind.

The maximum amount of comfort. Palms have been placed at various points in the Club and they put the final touches to an excellent plan.

Now that the Club has been completely renovated, it is suggested to members that they should make it their business to visit the Club at the very first opportunity. It is suggested that friends see for themselves what has been done. The cost of the repairs and renovations have been heavily borne by the State Executive but the State Executive gets plenty of satisfaction from the fact that they have provided something really good and something that has been lacking for years.

The members of the League now own a Club that is equal to any other Club in the City and the only qualification required to join the Club is that the Member must have served his country in some defined theatre of war and be a financial member of the League. Anzac Club is the only known Ex-service Club in W.A.

The Club is situated on the south coast in a position which enables it to take full advantage of the waving waters, and the motor boats in the Club are available for members’ use.

The Club has two large rooms, one of which is fitted with a bar, while the other is fitted with a stage and a dance floor.

The Club is open to members of the League and their families and friends, and also to any ex-service man who has made the Club their leisure-time headquarters.

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Four Members Not To Stand

The nominations for the new State Executive show that at least four faces will be missing from the Executive tables after Congress.

They belong to Messrs. Jim Craig, John Fitzhardinge, Rex Moore and Norm Boulton.

Mr. Jim Craig, who comes from the Swan Valley, has been a keen worker for the League since his demobilisation when he was soon elected to the position of trustee of the branch and has continued in that capacity up to date. Unfortunately this past year has found him in indifferent health and the distance from Midland to attend meetings has been too much. However, although Mr. Craig has left the Executive, he is president of the Midland Junction sub-branch.

Mr. John Fitzhardinge was also an original from the second war. He did have a break in 1949-50 when he was president of the Architects but was back on the Executive in 1951. The rapid expansion of the industrial potential of the State has found him as architect for the Kwinana Refinery. This exciting work has left him with little spare time and he has been forced to give up the Executive work. He is, nevertheless, the president of the Highgate sub-branch of the League.

Mr. Rex Moore, who is with the R. & L. Bank, was transferred to Bruce Rock during the year and was forced to resign his connections with the Executive. Mr. Moore, after two years as president of the Subiaco sub-branch, joined the Executive in 1951. A member of the Membership Committee in his first year, he has been since then the Chairman. The present League membership can be attributed to the efforts of the Membership Committee under Mr. Rex Moore.

Mr. Norm Boulton has been with the Executive, but one year. His leaving is no fault of his own, but as Deputy Director of Navigation, he has been promoted to the Melbourne office. He has always been a solid man for the League in whichever State he has been stationed. It was mainly through his efforts that the Merchant Navy was given a rightful place in the Royal Australian Navy. The League's loss in the State will be a reciprocal gain to Victoria.

State Congress Schedule

State Congress will be officially opened by the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir John Dwyer) at 8 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 1954.

The Land conference will open at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 20, and it will be attended at noon by the Minister for Lands (Mr. E. Harp) for discussion on land matters.

The main congress will open at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21, and there will be an adjournment at 11.30 a.m. for the wreath-laying ceremony of the State War Memorial. This will be followed at noon by a civic reception at the Lord Mayor of Perth (Mr. James Murray)

Congress will continue on Thursday, July 22 and on Friday, July 23, transport will be provided for delegates to visit Faversham War Veterans Home at York.

Echo Of The Royal Visit

A pleasant surprise was awaiting Mr. John Chappell when he arrived home from his duties at Anzac House, as State Secretary of the R.S.L.

He found a small packet and letter on his table. The letter reads as follows:

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Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

R.H. Delis State Director

Mr. J. Chappell, State Secretary, R.S.L.
Anzac House, Perth, W.A.

Welshpool Will Hold Sports Night For Memorial Fund

Despite rain and cold, attendance at the Welshpool sub-branch meeting on June 17 was good and a number of business matters were discussed. Principal item on the agenda was the question of Welshpool's support for the State War Memorial Fund drive.

It was decided that rather than to make a specific donation to the fund, the sub-branch would hold a special sports night in the near future, and the proceeds would be used to further the aims of the Welshpool sub-branch.

Williams Sub-branch News

Williams sub-branch has been the sponsor of the Community Challenge plans for their district. Mr. A. D. Gillett, when he was recently in Perth for a Land Committee, told the chairman of the Lithgow sub-committee of the Williams Branch, that the sub-committee had received a good response to the challenge plans. The chairman expressed that the sub-committee had received a good response to the challenge plans. The chairman expressed that the challenge plans had received a good response to the challenge plans.

The intention of the sub-branch to buy its own own cattle and farm, with the members' own herds also assured of success. Mr. Gillett expressed that such an interest by the sub-branch in the district's welfare did not to retain the members' interest in their sub-branch and very definitely added to the prestige of the League in the eyes of the public.

He also mentioned that at representative of the Land Committee he had been able to notify successfully on behalf of the League, several complaints that had been raised by War Land Settlers.

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For your kindly sympathy and tolerance too
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For the slightness that I find, except in you.
My friend, my friend.

32nd Battalion
To Hold Reunion

The annual reunion and dinner of the 32nd Battalion (1st A.I.F.) will be held at Earl’s Court, beginning at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, July 16, 1934. Those interested in attending the reunion are invited to notify the committee at 82-84 James Street, Perth.

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Personalities

Back at work is the League's State Secretary, JOHN CHAPPELL, after an absence of several weeks due to illness. If appearances can be taken for granted he looks very well and all will wish him continued good health.

Congratulations to BILL YEO, State President, N.S.W., and CHARLIE MITCHELL, State Secretary, Vic., on being honoured by Her Majesty the Queen with C.B.E.'s in recent Birthday Honours List.

Early next month CHARLIE MITCHELL, the club manager at Anzac House will join the benefits. League members throughout the State will wish him and his interest in the way they would wish themselves—good luck, good health, and happiness.

JIM CRAIG, JACK FITZ-HARDININGE, and LEN BOULTON for various reasons will not be contesting the ballot for seats on the State Executive this year. They will conclude their term of office before State Congress assembles.

GEORF WATTS, treasurer of Wandering sub-branch, recently visited Anzac House, where he discussed League matters, with particular reference to his own sub-branch. Geoff hopes to see members take a greater interest in sub-branch activities from now on.

LIEUT. COL. W. O. MANSBRIDGE, who has been patient at Hollywood Hospital for several weeks, has now received his (honourable) discharge. He is high in his praise concerning treatment while at Hollywood. It is nice to see his smiling face at Anzac House again.

State Executive member BILLY JAMES was welcomed back to the State Executive table by State President on Wednesday-June 23. Bill has been absent from a few meetings and was keen to see him back in his seat.

Congratulations are in order to BILL LONNIE on his recent promotion in the army to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and Commanding Officer of the 11/44 Infantry Battalion. It is to be hoped this will not affect his association with the League's State Executive, of which he is a member.

In the 1954 State Dairy full-milk competitions, GERRY WHITE of Baldivis won the award for the Bridgetown zone. GERRY might not be much of a fisherman when it comes to trout, but he does apparently know something about dairy cattle.

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British troops serving with the United Nations forces honoured the Queen’s Birthday with one of the biggest ceremonial parades ever held in Korea.

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There were guests from the American, Turkish, French, Italian, Greek, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish, South Korean, and Ethiopian armies.

They came from all parts of the front by jeep, by truck, by helicopter, and some of them landed by helicopter directly on to the parade ground.

The ceremony was held at sundown to coincide with the celebrations held at an earlier hour in Britain.

The troops were mustered on parade ground reclaimed from the paddies. At each corner mighty Centurions of the Fifth Royal Tanks were stationed with their gun muzzles raised in salute.

The salute was flanked by flags of the British Commonwealth and the blue and white ensign of the United Nations, overlooked by the former battleground, and along the fringes of the parade ground lined with wire fences and warning red triangles that mark a minefield.

At sunset a fanfare rang out. Men of the First Commonwealth Division marched, nation by nation, to their places, while drums from the massed bands beat the advance.

There were troops from famous British regiments, the Royal Australian Regiment, Canadians and New Zealanders.


While pipers from Canadian Highland regiments played a lilting tune, General Murray inspected the parade.

Then as he returned to the dais, the Union Jack and Dominion flags were lowered. The Royal Standard was broke from the mastshead, rifles moved to the present, five bands struck up “God Save the Queen.”

Men of many nations came to the salute as the anthem was played, and their voices mingled with the Commonwealth Division’s in three cheers for the Queen.

While the five bands played “Stout with our George,” the Commonwealth Division marched past in salute to its commander.

It was one of the proudest days in the division’s short history.

For the men of the Royal Australian Regiment, this Queen’s Birthday had special significance. Many of them, particularly those of the First Battalion, R.A., then in Australia for the Royal Visit. The stirring ceremony of this battle-field parade recalled for them the pomp and splendour at home, when for the first time, Australians met their Queen.

Hospitalisation?

Did you know you may go to Hollywood Hospital for diagnosis?

Repatriation Regulation 27 provides that any ex-serviceman who reasonably claims that a disability is due to war service may be admitted to Hollywood Hospital if admission is necessary to obtain a diagnosis and medical report for the guidance of the Repatriation Commission.

When the diagnosis is made and it is indicated that treatment is necessary, the Repatriation Board will act on behalf of the Commission and be ready to give all its facilities for the treatment of the person concerned.

Should the disability be accepted as due to war service, there is a provision for the payment of reasonable medical expenses incurred between the effective date of the decision and the date of the advice to the ex-serviceman.

Badges Procedure On Occasion Of Member’s Death

Leage members and sub-branches are asked to give attention to the procedure regarding badges when a member of the League dies.

The badge should be forwarded to League headquarters by the next-of-kin for attention and backing. The badge will then be returned to the next-of-kin for a keepsake.

That the condition has been accepted as due to war service, it is not possible for treatment to be provided in a Repatriation institution prior to the disability being accepted, but an ex-serviceman is not prevented from obtaining such hospital treatment as is necessary, and if the disability is subsequently accepted by the Commission will accept responsibility for meeting the cost of the hospital expenses incurred.
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Housing Sub-Committee Annual Report

"The housing problems of ex-service men and their families have occupied a good deal of the time of the League's Housing Officer. Hundreds have availed themselves of the opportunity of discussing their housing problems with this officer, and as a result are better fitted to deal with matters causing them concern in this connection.

MEETING WITH FEDERAL MINISTER:
"An opportunity was taken during a visit to this State of the Honorable Athol Townley, Minister-in-Charge of War Service Homes, to meet and discuss with him the following items:
1. Additional finance for War Service Homes.
2. Amendment of War Service Home Act to permit erection of flats.
3. Extending benefits of Act to Y.M.C.A., Red Cross and Salvation Army personnel who were attached to front line troops.
4. Make finance available for discharge of mortgages.
5. Loan for purchase of house to be the same as for the erection of a War Service Home.
6. Make a small percentage of War Service Homes available to ex-service women (single).
7. Expediting the purchase of homes already erected both new and second-hand.
8. Special advance cases to receive early consideration as was the position prior to August, 1953.

There has been in the case of Items 7 and 8, during recent months, some improvement, but to date the other items as listed have not received favourable consideration.

PROBATE DUTY:
"Representations have been made to the State Government to reduce the probate duty charged on estates of deceased ex-service men, especially where the bulk of the estate is the house, in which the deceased and his family have resided. There has been some amendments to the Act in recent times which will tend to give relief in such cases.

ERECTION OF FLATS:
"Representations have been made in an endeavour to have flats erected under War Service Homes conditions, to house single nurses, ex-service women, and ex-service men who are finding it extremely difficult to secure some form of accommodation which gives a sense of security, as their age increases. To these unmarried persons the benefits of the War Service Homes Act is denied, except when supporting elderly parents. To date representations made have been to no avail.

LAND SALES:
"A watchful eye has been kept concerning this matter and endeavours made to secure for the ex-service man land on which to erect a home at the lowest possible cost. It has always been contended that..."
Congress Week Ladies’ Night

Members are again reminded that a Ladies’ Night will be held at Anzac House on Thursday, July 22, 1954, commencing at 8.00 p.m. On this occasion the whole building will be taken over for the entertainment of members and their friends.

The Club will be available as usual to financial members and on this occasion they may be accompanied by a lady.

The ballroom has been taken over and a cabaret dance will be held there. Tickets have been printed and numbers are available on personal application to the Club Manager (Mr. Chas. Mitchell). Members attending the dance must be accompanied by their wives and in the case of a single member, by their female friend. Each ticket will admit two persons.

The Roof Area will be available to those who prefer fun and games. Mr. Fred King will be organising this part of the function.

Supper will be available at a very small charge and will be served by the Women’s Auxiliary.

Any profit made on the supper will be donated towards the State War Memorial Appeal. This also applies to any profit made on the roof area.

This will be a great night and there will be entertainment to suit every taste.

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REPARTIATION

The economic depression which had commenced about 1929 developed to a stage where the Government was forced to reduce expenditure generally, including war pensions and allowances under the Repatriation Act and Regulations. The Government proposed a plan of a reduction of about 16 per cent on all pensions and allowances, i.e., a rate of deduction common to all classes of pensioners and beneficiaries. War pensions comprised the greater portion of the expenditure, the expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1931, being £7,996,000, whilst the expenditure on subsistence and living allowances was about £746,000. Taking war pensions separately, the Government's plan was to effect a saving of £1,220,000.

Representatives of ex-service men's organisations attended in force at Canberra and urged that the pensions of members should not be affected, and that the measures for saving the amount stipulated be applied to the pensions of dependents other than widows. The Government agreed, provided the organisations produced the plan for the deductions in respect of dependents.

The result will be seen from the following description of the provisions relating to war pensions in the Financial Emergency Act 1931, Part VI, relating to war pensions and section 42 provided for reductions as from 30th July, 1931, of 16 per cent on the pensions of all dependents other than the widows or children of any incapacitated member, or the widowed mother of any deceased unmarried member. As this would not yield a saving of £1,511, section 43 provided for the constitution of a committee with power "to inquire into pensions payable to any class of persons, and to make recommendations to the Minister as to the reductions, additional to any reduction affected by section 42, which should be made in those pensions, and as to the cancellation of the allowance of any such class." Under regulation, a War Pensions Inquiry Committee was set up consisting of five members, each of whom was to be a member of an organisations of returned soldiers. The Committee considered that the regulations (Financial Emergency (War Pensions) Regulations—Statutory Rule 1931 No. 110) made 27.8.31, to the effect of the following:

1. maximum pension for each child of an incapacitated member not to exceed 6/ (the rates before reduction of 1929 for a child 10/-, each other child 7/-);

2. maximum pension for a wife not to exceed 18/- or 22/- per cent (previously the rates according to rank ranged from 16/- to 30/-);

3. maximum pension for any incapacitated min-

The fifth of a series of articles on the history of the Department such dependants as a result of the recommendation of the Royal Commission 1924. Likewise, the allowance to a member suffering loss of vision in one eye was inserted in the Act as an "amount" under the Fifth Schedule.

The history of Service Pensions

During 1935, the now well-known scheme of service pensions was planned and covered by an extension of the Repatriation Act (Amending Act No. 38 of 1935), ready for introduction by 1 Jan., 1936. It was really a scheme of age and invalid pensioners similar to the civil scheme, but more liberal in certain directions.

Although, as shown, the scheme was wider than the civil scheme, the principles of the civil scheme had to be followed in the war pensions where it was practicable to do so, particularly in regard to the conditions governing the test in respect of income and property. We were otherwise necessary complications would arise as in many cases both Departments were interested in the same pension or pensioner under one Department and the spouse a pensioner under the other Department.

To Be Continued.
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Victoria Park 4 2 6 8
S. Perth 4 2 6 8

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The “Cat’s Meat” Man

(A tribute by E.C.T.)

With the departure of Mr. Arthur Langford (affectionately known as the “Cat’s Meat Man”), for England, Anzac Club has lost one of its most popular and esteemed members. After 34 years in Australia, all of which period was spent in WA, he is returning to members of his family in Nottingham.

As a journalist who has worked in four States over 30 years, the writer may claim to have gained a fair knowledge of human relationships, and few men he has met has had a greater genius for forming good friendships, and holding them, than Arthur Langford. His rich sense of humour and kindliness are irresistible, and have won him hundreds of friends in all walks of life. And, if he has left an enemy behind, he has yet to learn of it.

In the Anzac Club there remains inseparable from that body a distinguished member, known as “Mitch.” He is a three and a half-year-old feline, owned by Charlie Mitchell, the club manager. From the time of this, cat’s kittenhood, his gastronomical needs have been regularly catered for by Arthur Langford with scraps from the hotel kitchen in which he worked. All those who have been fortunate enough to make Mitch’s acquaintance and observe his opulent proportions, will appreciate how faithfully Arthur carried out his self-imposed task.

On the eve of his departure, he was entertained by the club committee, when the chairman (Barney Keeley) and Charlie Mitchell paid warm tributes to his worth as a club member and to those qualities which had made him so popular. And, of course, he was cordially thanked by Charlie Mitchell for his catering service to the club’s mascot.

Two car-loads from the club went to Fremantle to see Arthur off on June 25. Before he sailed, his health was toasted at a local hotel by and, on behalf of his friends, he was handed an umbrella which, it was pointed out, he would certainly need in the land of his birth. Underlying this, of course, was a happy suggestion — “You’ll be back.”

Deeply moved, all that Arthur could say in thanking them was that he never realised he had so many friends. Among those at the ship’s side were Bricky Bradley, Danny Griffiths, Doug Brown, Sue Dyatt, Fred Donovan, Fred Platt, Frank Fitzgerald, George Gordon, Harry James, Jimmy Harms, and Ted Thompson.

Arthur was also farewelled by the City Club, of which he was a member, and by the management and staff of the King Edward Hotel, where he was employed for the past seven years and was immensely popular. He received among other presents a travelling bag.

His many friends will wish him luck in the homeland, and will warmly welcome him back should he ever return to Australia.

Yampi Growing

One of the youngsters on the list of sub-branches in this State, Yampi has been making steady progress since its formation more than a year ago.

Financial membership is now greater than ever, while the books show a credit balance in excess of £100.

The honorary secretary (Mr. John Ross) will soon be turning his position over to a successor. Mr. Ross is departing from the locality on business during the near future.

WANTED.

Information concerning the whereabouts of near relatives of the late HARRY PHILPOT, thought to have been at one time a member of the Royal Australian Artillery, is required at League Headquarters. A son and daughter are thought to be somewhere in Australia. Please send information to R.S.L. Anzac House, Perth, W.A.

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EX-SERVICE MENTAL ILLNESSES
Acceptance By Repatriation
Department Sought By League

Two motions urging the Federal Government to accept, as due to war service, all cases of mental illness of ex-service personnel were carried by the 38th Annual Federal Congress of the League last October.

Resolution No. 39 was—

"That, in view of the effect of war service on the mental state of many of those who took part in war operations, the Commonwealth Government be asked to give further and extremely sympathetic consideration to the acceptance of all mental illnesses of returned servicemen and women as due to overseas active war service."

The other motion (No. 101) read: "That, having regard to the frequently expressed opinions of eminent psychiatrists that battle experience often has a damaging effect on the minds of individual servicemen without such damage being immediately observable to a layman or even to an ordinary medical practitioner, and in view of the impossibility of determining in all cases the cause of mental illness, the Minister be asked to ensure that all mental illness of returned servicemen be accepted as is done under Section 37 (3) of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act regarding T.B. infections."

The Minister for Repatriation, to whom these resolutions were referred, replied as follows:—

"As you will be aware, your League has previously submitted resolutions somewhat similar to the above, and I have given a great deal of thought to them. In view of the present representations, however, I have again carefully considered the matter."

"The basis of accepting any incapacity as due to war service is that it must, in the case of a person who served abroad, be due to an occurrence that happened during his service, or, in the case of any other person who did not serve abroad, it must have arisen out of or be attributable to his war service—or have been aggravated by such service."

"I am sorry that I am unable to support these resolutions."

"In Ministers' terms, it was considered last February by the Federal Executive which, after due consideration, resolved: 'That the Minister for Repatriation be asked to ensure that all mental illnesses of returned servicemen be accepted, as is done under Section 37 (a) regarding T.B. infections.'"

"This resolution was duly forwarded to the League, who replied that they had again given consideration to the matter but was unable to add anything to their previous letter on the subject."

Postal Concessions Are Sought

The Postmaster-General was sympathetic regarding the undermentioned resolution adopted at the 38th Annual Federal Congress of the League but regretted that it was not within his power to implement it.

The resolution read: "That the Postmaster-General be requested to grant to patients in Repatriation hospitals, the same postal concessions as are granted to serving members of the defence forces."

"You will doubtless recall," said the Minister, in his reply, to the above representations, that this matter was considered a few years ago as a result of similar resolutions, and it was indicated that the postal concessions applicable in the Commonwealth are provided for in the Post and Telegraph Rates (Defence Forces) Act, which restricts the postal concession to postings to or from members of the Australian armed forces and to representatives of specified associated welfare organisations.

"The matter has been reviewed in the light of the recent resolution, but I am afraid that the Department is bound by the provisions of the Act, and has not, therefore, the legal power to widen the sphere of concessionary postage rates to include discharged members of the Forces who are inmates of Repatriation hospitals."

After pointing out that the postal concessions available to serving members of the Australian Forces are much more liberal than those granted to the Canadian Forces, for example, the Minister concludes: "Whilst you may be assured that I appreciate the motives which gave rise to the resolution at Congress, it is regretted that, in the circumstances, and bearing in mind the limits set by the relative Rates Act, the way, unfortunately, is not clear to accommodate to the request."

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Delegates are invited to attend the State War Memorial and lay floral tributes.

TUESDAY, 13th JULY
9.00 a.m.—Bus will leave Anzac House at 9 a.m. sharp.
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9.15 a.m.—Delegates assemble at War Memorial and lay floral tributes.
9.45 a.m.—Delegates assemble in Anzac House.
Morning Tea.
10.15 a.m.—Roll Call.
11.00 a.m.—Official Opening.
12.30 p.m.—Official Luncheon. Please note: ALL DELEGATES TO ATTEND.
2.30 p.m.—Re-assemble.
Reports.
4.00 p.m.—Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY
10.00 a.m.—Delegates Re-assemble.
Agenda.
12.30 p.m.—Luncheon adjournment.
2.00 p.m.—Re-assemble.
Agenda.
4.00 p.m.—Adjournment.

THURSDAY, 15th JULY
10.00 a.m.—Delegates re-assemble.
Session of queries and answers on Domestic Management of Auxiliaries, etc.
12.30 p.m.—Luncheon adjournment.
2.00 p.m.—State President entertains.

ENTERTAINMENTS
TUESDAY, 13th JULY
Combined Auxiliary Social in Ballroom, Anzac House, at 8 p.m. All delegates, Auxiliary members and husbands invited.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES
1. Conference is open to all members of Auxiliaries as observers.
2. This Agenda must be brought to Conference and BE MARKED DIRECTING DELEGATES HOW TO VOTE ON ALL MATTERS.
3. Branches having no Delegates attending Conference may mark Agenda and forward to Hon. State Secretary as early as possible so that representatives may vote accordingly. Expenses are debited to Auxiliaries who are absent.
4. Only Delegates of financial Auxiliaries may sit at Conference Table.
5. Delegates are expected to introduce resolutions from their Branch.
6. Movers of motions are limited to five minutes; other speakers to three minutes.
   Only the mover of a motion has the right to reply. No other speaker may speak more than once to a motion.

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Membership
In League
Is Valued

In a South-West District in this State lives an ex-service man who is now 78 years of age.
Head office records show him as first joining the League in 1921.
Ill-luck dogged him for a number of years from 1922-1936 and he became unfinanial for that period of time.
The sub-branch in his district, in 1937, made him an honorary member in recognition of his sterling work for the League.
Recently good fortune has come the way of our friend, whose opinion of the League and the work it performs is so high that he has forwarded £15 to Anzac House to pay up back subscriptions amounting to £3 and cover a donation of £7/10/ to Faversham "Jesse War Veterans' Home in York.
This is certainly an outstanding example of the true spirit of the R.S.L.

Cost Of Travel To Treatment For Country War Widows
Federal Congress of the League at its meeting in Melbourne last October adopted the following resolution regarding the cost of travelling for treatment incurred by war widows and orphans residing in the country:
"That, in order that war widows or orphans living in the country whose deceased husband's or father's death is accepted as due to war service shall not be penalised financially as compared with those living in the city, the Repatriation Department be requested to give consideration to meeting in part or in the whole, the cost of rail travel incurred by them when, through lack of local facilities, it is found necessary by the local medical officer for them to visit a principal centre for expert treatment."
The Minister for Repatriation, to whom the above resolution was referred, replied as follows—
"As you will be aware, Cabinet in March, 1953, approved my recommendation that fares and subsistence for such dependants should be paid by the Department when they incurrex expenses in travelling for the purpose of receiving treatment as inpatients of Repatriation Institutions.
I am fully conscious of the limitations to the scheme for treatment of eligible dependants of deceased ex-serviceemen, and I feel that these travelling concessions granted by the Government will prove of great benefit to them. When treatment in a Repatriation Institution is not involved, however, the Government is not prepared, at this juncture, to approve the payment of travelling expenses in such cases."

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At various times complaints concerning the non-receipt of the "Listening Post" are received at Anzac House from members who state that it is not worth-while journal now and they are anxious to receive it.

**SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

"The Sub-Committee meets each month at a week's notice. Each member is made aware of the printing takes place and gives consideration to material available for inclusion in the Journal. But the important thing is that the League is appreciated and the journal is continued.

**MATERIAL FOR PUBLICATION:**

"Although the closing date for the receipt of new items has been repeatedly given publicity in the Journal, material is not necessarily published in the current issue. And when held over is of little or no interest when published it is considered for subsequent issue. The 'Listening Post' must be printed on the second Friday in each month under terms of contract.

"It takes time to prepare and make the advertisements and news matter before the Journal actually goes to print. It is for this reason that it is necessary to make the closing date for the receipt of such matter eight days before the actual printing date.

**Students Get New Time Arrangements For National Service**

The Vice-Chancellors of Australian Universities were grateful for the agreements the Army had made to allow students to fulfill their National Service obligation and, at the same time, enable the Universities to revert to the normal academic year. The Minister for the Army (Mr. Jos Francis) said in Brisbane.

Mr. Francis said that the new arrangement did not mean that University students would be excused from serving any part of the training required under the National Service Scheme. However, it would still be liable for the total obligation of 140 days training, but their first camp would be of 77 days duration, followed by a second camp of 66 days. Following this initial period of training, the students would be required to complete other 33 days, in accordance with an appropriate training program with the University Regulations.

Mr. Francis said that the Army considered 77 days the minimum period in which students could complete a thorough course of basic training.

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1954 State Congress To Debate Motions On Anzac Day

When State Congress assembles on July 19, it will, as in past years, have prominently before it the question of Anzac Day observance.

There are 15 agenda items listed regarding Anzac Day covering a wide range, and many of them will doubtless be the subject of long argument.

Three sub-branches are moving for a referendum at which all members will be given a vote on the question.

Others want congress to decide whether the present observance should be altered to provide a closed day until midday, with sports permitted thereafter and hotels allowed to open.

Still another motion will ask the State Government to alter the Act to prevent football being played on Anzac Day. Other sub-branches want the present observance and closed holiday to continue.

Another sub-branch wants a full discussion on the present form of observance; because many ex-servicemen are debarred from participating as a result of their religious belief.

LEVY

State executive is asking Congress to agree to raising the expenditure of League funds on the extension of Anzac House ballroom, while one of these is to use the money spent on providing accommodation, cafeteria, etc., for the benefit of country members.

Albury has a motion which aims at instructing the State Executive to give favourable consideration to the establishment of clubs in other centres of the State (as in Perth) by making advances to country sub-branches for purchasing premises or erecting premises for this purpose.

A country sub-branch wants more careful screening of migrants, while a city sub-branch wants the Commonwealth Government to introduce legislation to provide that when new Australians have been in Australia for the statutory period for naturalisation, and refuse to assume Australian citizenship, they shall be deported.

The desire-to have all ex-servicemen and women admitted to Hollywood Hospital for treatment, whether their disabilities are caused of not, is expressed by several motions.

Pensions, of course, figure in the agenda. Some call for abolition of the means test, others for higher pensions.

SERVICE HOMES

Inusual, war service homes matters receive much attention.

The State Executive asks that because of the anomalies which now exist between the amounts of loan (£2,200) available for the purchase of a war service home and the loan (£2,750) available for building a home, the League request the Federal Government to increase the purchase loan to £2,750.

A reduction of interest rates on war service homes, to 2 per cent is urged by other motions, while another would protest strongly about the delay in the allocation of war service homes.

One sub-branch wants the Federal Government, where an ex-serviceman has reached the age of 70, to close his war service homes account and give him the title deeds, provided he has paid more than £1,000 on the £2,000 or more lent to him, homes thereafter not to be sold by the owners.

The State Executive will ask Congress to request the Federal Government to make available during the financial year 1954-55 any unexpended balance of loan funds allocated for war service homes in the preceding financial year by adding such funds to the annual appropriations, and that a similar procedure be adopted in future.

DEFENCE

Several motions concerning defence protest against the withdrawal of the Neptune bomber force from Pearce and ask for the stationing of a suitable force in this State to protect our long coastline.

Other motions deal with National Service Training and protest against the withdrawal of certain officers on active service.

Still other motions urge the construction of a naval base in this State.

The granting of citizenship rights to all people of aboriginal descent who served in the armed forces is to be moved by another sub-branch.

An unusual motion, from a Southern sub-branch, wants all returned servicemen to wear all decorations and service medals at all R.S.L. social and official functions.