R.S.L. Sponsors World Tour For Diggers

During 1955 the R.S.L. will sponsor a World Commemoration Tour which will enable returned servicemen to revisit places associated with their war experiences and at the same time undertake a first-class world tour from the tourists' point of view.

In addition to those who may wish to join the tour in Australia and remain with it for the full period, there are other parties who would like to take part in only some of the activities, and to cater for the various groups the tour has been divided into four main sections:

1. A full tour from Australia and return, embracing all features of the programme.
2. A special section of the tour which will begin in London and take part in all activities from the Gallipoli ceremony.
3. A further section which will also begin in London, and which will include only the Gallipoli ceremony and the European programme.
4. Special arrangements for those ex-servicemen who will be in Europe in the summer of 1955, but who wish to join the party for the United States section of the tour only.

Throughout all phases of the tour, special arrangements have been made for wives of tour members.

TOUR ITINERARY

Briefly the main features of the tour and the route to be taken are as follows:

From Melbourne in the full tour, will join the Strathnaver, which is due to leave Melbourne on March 26 and arrive in Bombay on April 12. Accommodation in Bombay will be in a first-class cabin, and the journey from Melbourne will be in first-class comfort.

Leaving New Delhi, a comfortable overnight flight to Cairo, to begin a tour of the Middle East has been arranged.

Arrangements will also be made for those who wish to visit Tobruk, El Alamein, and other places of interest during North African campaigns. Travel will be by ship to Benghazi and return by road via Tobruk and El Alamein.

From Cairo, travel to Athens will be by air. Several days of sightseeing in and around Athens will be undertaken before leaving for the island of Lemnos.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

The party will leave Lemnos by a special vessel and arrive off the beaches of Gallipoli early on the morning of Anzac Day, 1955, where they will be met by representatives of the Turkish Government and Turkish Armed Forces.

Following the unveiling of a memorial at Gallipoli travel will be overland to Istanbul, where members will spend several days before leaving for Italy.

Travel will be by Orient Express, one of Europe's finest and most famous trains, and after passing through Yugoslavia and the Dalmatian coast, the party will enter Switzerland.

Four days will be spent in Switzerland, including visits to the Interlaken Valley, Lucerne and Geneve.

TO PARIS BY RAIL

From Geneva, the party will travel direct to Paris by rail. At the end of April, the party will return to Paris for two days before departure for London.

UNITED KINGDOM

On arrival in the United Kingdom, many of the party will

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FAVERSHAM WAR VETERANS' HOME

President's Visit: Managers Resign: Estate Gift: Social Club: Donations

Plans to increase accommodation at Faversham from the present maximum figure of 38 to a minimum of 50 plus at least two ex-servicewomen are well in hand.

To implement this objective will necessitate complete cooperation from all concerned.

This necessity was explained to the veterans by the State President (Mr. C. W. Cooper) when he visited Faversham House on Sunday, October 17, when accompanied by the Vice-President (Mr. C. W. Cooper) and the Chairman of the Faversham House Committee (Mr. Townshend).

Mr. C. W. Cooper spoke of rising costs as they affect the home, the need for economy in Leneque affairs, and the part the veterans could play.

Not only would the acceptance of the lighter tasks help to effect economies, but would make for a better atmosphere in the home, said the State President, for there was no need to tell men who had offered their all in service to their Country of the true happiness to be obtained from unselfish service of any kind.

Before meeting each man personally, the President presented prizes won in the recent games competition run by the veterans for the veterans.

MANAGERS RESIGN.

Mr. and Mr. N. Glasscock who had served their managerial position and will say farewell to Faversham on November 18.

Applications have been called from ex-Sisters and ex-servicewomen with nursing qualifications to take full administrative charge of Faversham House.

ESTATE BEQUEATHED.

A veteran who was a resident of Faversham prior to entering the "Last Post" a few months ago, has bequeathed to Faversham a quarter of his estate.

The testator was the late Mr. K. E. Stabler, whose estate is estimated at approximately £1,700.

Truly a wonderful gesture from a "Digger" who appreciated the value of the War Vete-

rants' Home.

SOCIAL CLUB.

From the Faversham Social and Entertainment Club comes the following news:

On Saturday evening, October 2, about 100 friends from near and far were entertained at a very fine variety concert. Supper, prepared by Mrs. Glasscock and the staff, was served and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

City of Perth S/B and Women's Auxiliary visitors to Faversham on Sunday, October 3, when a concert was presented, followed by a black tea. The President of the Women's Auxiliary presented two billiard cues for use in the billiard room.

On Thursday, October 21, a social was held by the club with the secretary (Mr. C. Walker) as the guest of honour. Appreciation of his work as secretary and organiser was the keynote of the expressions by all who attended, among whom were many prominent residents of York and District.

The following arrangements are well in hand:

October 31—Trip to Wundowie as guests of Wundowie S/B and Auxiliary.
November 7—Kellicertin S/B to visit Faversham.
November 10—Picture show by Teleg-Communication Branch, P.M.G.
November 14—Bellevue S/B to visit Faversham.
December 11—Social evening conducted by Social Club.
UNITY

IT is an old and proven adage that "Unity is Strength."

"UNITED we stand, divided we fall," is another quotation of equal merit.

THESE have significant importance to the League as an organisation.

IT is necessary for an organisation to fill its place in the scheme of world affairs and make its voice heard to the Councils of State and other important places; it must first of all be founded on sound principles and high ideals.

THESE are no denying that the League is so founded.

A STUDY of the first half-dozen of its aims and objects will prove this.

PERHAPS it would be to the League's advantage if the actions and opinions of its members formed a harmonious whole.

THE DESIRE for such a state of affairs may be too Utopian in its conception.

MAYBE differences in opinion founded on a sound basis, are the best means to stimulate interest and play an important part in the formulation of League policy.

IT is, however, very essential for the League's well-being that the principle of "agreeing to disagree" should become an established fact.

IT is not easy for an organisation to function satisfactorily or play the part that it should, unless the minority agree to be governed by the majority along democratic lines.

THE need for unity in upholding the principles on which the League is founded is as necessary today as it ever was.

THE need for retaining and even increasing League membership is also a matter of vital concern, and members should strive to bring about both.

THIS £1?

FEDERAL Congress at its recent sitting decided that throughout the Commonwealth £1 shall represent the fee for membership for 1955.

SUCH a decision was not made in haste.

IT was made with a full knowledge of the fact that it is impossible for the League to function properly without an increase in revenue.

NO doubt the majority of members will accept the decision as a reasonable one and long overdue.

THESE are others it is understood, of a different opinion, who have stated they will not pay more than the 1954 subscription.

IT is to be hoped that this attitude will not prevail.

WHATEVER happens the decision of Congress must be obeyed.
Northam Memorial Hall Opening

Governor Present At Ceremony; Sub-branch Lauded For Edifice

On Friday, October 29, the opening of the R.S.I. Memorial Hall in Northam by the Governor (Sir Charles Gairdner) was the culmination of over seven years work on the part of a few devoted members of the Northam sub-branch.

Rain had threatened early in the day, but by lunchtime the skies had cleared and the sun was shining, although there was a strong breeze blowing from the west.

A little before 3 p.m., a crowd numbering well over 200 had assembled in front of the hall. Members of the sub-branch and the auxiliary were drawn up in two ranks, facing the front of the hall; on their right were assembled the widows and relatives of the men whose names appear on the Memorial, while on their left were the representatives of neighbouring Sub-branches, other public bodies, and people specially invited to attend. Members of the general public surrounded the hollow square thus formed.

OFFICIAL PARTY

In the centre stood the official party, consisting of the President of the sub-branch (Mr. R. W. Martin) and Mrs. Martin; the Honorary Secretary (Mr. R. E. Gollop) and Mrs. Gollop; State President; the Mayor of Northam; the Premier (Mr. H. Hawke); the Premier (Mr. H. Hawke); the Mayor and Mayor; the State Executive; the President; and Mrs. R. B. James); the Town Clerk of Northam (Mr. N. J. D. Ridgway) and Mr. Ridgway; the chairman of the Northam Road Board (Mr. T. A. Letch); and Mrs. Letch, the secretary-Engineer of the Northam Road Board (Mr. O. Moseley) and Mrs. Moseley, and the President of the Northam Women's Auxiliary (Mrs. E. Bryant).

Promptly at 2 p.m., the Governor's car, escorted by the Municipal Traffic Inspector (Mr. W. Honeychurch) had arrived. His Excellency, accompanied by the Auxiliary (Capt. Smith), was met by the President, who presented the other members of the official party.

MEETS VETERANS

His Excellency then expressed a wish to meet the members of the sub-branch and he proceeded to exchange a few words with each of them. The first member to whom he spoke was Mr. Clem Piper, a 1914-18 veteran who, owing to the ravages of arthritis, had to be accommodated in a chair. Later, after he had met all the others, His Excellency again returned to exchange a few more words with Mr. Piper.

In the course of his inspection, Sir Charles was particularly intrigued by the decorations worn by one member, a former officer of the Polish Army who, during the war of 1939-45 served with the Polish Division in the British Army.

DEDICATION ADDRESS

The inspection completed, His Excellency returned to the party in front of the Memorial Niche.

Mr. Davies, in a brief but sincere and enthusiastic address, dedicated the building to the undying memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the two World Wars.

A trumpet sounded the "Last Post," and as the poignant notes of the call rang out, the Australian flag surrounding the building was slowly lowered to half-mast. All stood, heads bowed, and at 11 o'clock, for the brief period which was terminated by the President saying "We Forget," in which all joined.

NICHE UNVEILED

His Excellency was invited to unveil the Memorial Niche which was covered with a Union Jack and an Australian ensign. As the flags fell away, an almost insubstantial sound came from the "In Memoriam" inscribed on half expression of wonder. Set back within the arched entrance to the Niches is a black plaque, headed in gold lettering, "In Grateful Memory of the Fallen," which those who died in the 1914-18 War, and below them whose those of the 1939-45 casualties, also in gold.

Across the front of the archway there is a wrought-iron grille with the words "Let Us Keep Together" in the centre top, and below in a laurel wreath of brass, "For Ever." For a few moments the Governor stood in silence, and then as the bell sounded once more, this time with the initiating notes of "Revelle," and the call went out, the Australian flag rose again to the masthead.

OPENING HALL

His Excellency was invited to open the hall. As he approached the steps to the platform, Assistant Scoutmasters Alfr. Oliver and John Chant. The Governor, followed by the official party entered the building, transferred to the platform and after a brief address, opened the hall and takes their positions upon the platform. The interior of the building had been greatly admired, but the interior was found to be even more impressive. Design, decorations and finish all called forth auditory comment.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS

When all were accommodated in the hall, the President gave a brief resume of the history of the building, from its first inception in 1946, paying tribute to those whose efforts, had not waned in the days when the project seemed little more than a dream, unlikely to be realised.
MEDINA LAND FOR LEAGUE

The League has been advised by the Under-Secretary for Lands that a centrally situated block of land in the new Medina townsite has been set aside for League purposes.

It is hoped that this will act as a stimulus to the formation of a new Sub-branch in that locality.

Eleven eligible ex-servicemen and a display of interest is required to bring into being a new unit within the League's family.

Those eligible and living in the locality are invited to give some thought to this matter. League Headquarters will be pleased to hear from them and will be happy to assist in the formation of a new Sub-Branch.

Memorial Hall Opening—

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GOVERNOR'S WORDS.

His Excellency followed, emphasising the pleasure it gave him to open such a splendid building, and at the same time meet the members and "swep
to soldiers" to which they were invited. The R.S.L. has been, being composed of men who had demonstrated their willingness to give their all in defence of freedom in time of war, had a duty to help guide the Nation in the maintenance of peace, and in order to do this properly it was necessary they should have a suitable place in which to meet and discuss matters.

Having, in the course of their military service, had the opportunity to see something of the conditions prevailing in other countries, they could play a vital part in the world today, they must never forget, concluded His Excellency, the motto of the R.S.L., "The Freedom of Eternal Vigilance."

CERTIFICATE AWAITED.

The President then called upon Mrs. McClements to accept a Certificate of Service, awarded posthumously to her late husband, Mr. H. F. McClements, who died during January last, in recognition of his work during 41 years as Secretary of the sub-branch.

Mrs. McClements was obviously affected by memories this presentation aroused, to say more than "Thank you."

To the surprise of none but the recipient, Mr. J. B. Adshedd, was then asked to come forward to receive a Certificate of Service, granted as a mark of appreciation of his work in connection with the building of the hall. No man had done more to make the idea a reality, said Mr. Martin, and although the certificate seemed a slight return for all the effort expended, he was sure that Mr. Adshedd would appreciate it more than any monetary payment.

Returning his thanks, Mr. Adshedd said that he had been inspired to do what he had done by the belief that this hall was a memorial, not only to the men of the Northam district who had given their lives, but to thousands from all the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, who had made the sacrifice in a common cause, and among whose number he had had many very good friends.

GOVERNOR THANKED.

In thanking His Excellency for coming to open the hall, Mr. R. B. James said that, although the President had introduced him as the Mayor of Northam, he preferred to speak on this occasion in his capacity as the Honorary Treasurer of the Northam Sub-branch of the R.S.L. They were indeed proud, he continued, to know that they had been able to erect a building, worthy of the honour bestowed upon them by the presence of His Excellency the Governor, as representative of Her Majesty the Queen.

His Excellency's remarks would be remembered, and the sub-branch would do its best to carry out its duty to the community and the nation.

The official party then adjourned to the committee room, where afternoon tea was served prior to His Excellency's return to Perth.

EVENING SOCIAL.

It was not feasible to offer afternoon tea to all who were present, but in the evening a house warming social was held which was attended by about 100 members and their families, with a few invited guests from other sub-branches.

Starting at 8 p.m., a programme of dancing interspersed with musical and vocal items, and the idea of good magic by a local conjurer, was enjoyed by all, and did not end until 2 a.m.

The thought in everyone's mind was that this was something that had never happened in Northam before, and could never happen again—yet the official opening of the R.S.L. Memorial Hall.
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ALBANY PETES
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The Albany sub-branch had the honour of entertaining the Governor-General (Sir William Slim) at the Returned Ex-servicemen's annual dinner held at the Institute on September 29.

The evening's function was for ex-servicemen only, and Sir William spent nearly an hour talking with the guests. He was slightly unwell, and one regret was that Sir William gave the impression that he had thoroughly enjoyed himself.

On October 1, the branch held its monthly meeting and social gathering, during which a sweep authorised by the Lottorics Commission was drawn. Fully subscribed, the sweep raised a total of £120 for the War Memorial Fund.

On the following day, October 2, the sub-branch held its annual dinner, which was attended by the State President (Mr. Chaney).

After being presented with the cheque for £120 for the War Memorial, Mr. Chaney outlined the aims and purposes of the League and thanked everyone who had contributed to the League's fund, and those who had contributed to the League's fund and those who had contributed to the League's fund.

Shenton Park
Will Hold Social Night

Great activity is being shown by some of the members of the Shenton Park sub-branch and its auxiliary, for the Fete and Social Evening which will be held on Saturday, November 2.

Members of other sub-branches and their wives are invited to attend the affair.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the drawing of the official raffle of a portable wireless set. Tickets for this raffle are on sale at the present time.

Membership in the Shenton Park sub-branch is up to a figure of 135, which represents an increase of 10 per cent over the figure of last year. This is the fourth year in succession that the sub-branch membership has increased.

A donation of £1 is being made to the War Memorial Appeal.

The election of officers and committee will take place at the December meeting of the Shenton Park sub-branch.

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In 1952 an announcement was made by the British Government that an initial distribution of Japanese assets in the United Kingdom would enable an amount of £15 apiece to be paid to prisoners of war and civilian internees of the Japanese Government who were British subjects and normally resident in the United Kingdom before captivity.

Over 51,000 payments have been made and the recipients included widows, orphans, or parents of those who had died.

It is expected that a second and final distribution under the scheme will be made before the end of this year.

It is proposed to include in the scheme all service personnel who became prisoners of the Japanese while serving in British units based in the United Kingdom, or as members of the Royal Navy; or as members of the Merchant Navy who were captured while serving in British ships registered in the United Kingdom.

In making the first distribution only one share was payable for each family unit. Separate payments will now be made to husband and wife in cases where both were interred. Those who received the first distribution will receive the second automatically, and application on their part will be necessary.

**APPLICATION**

Those who have not so far received any payment but come within the widened qualifications of the scheme will also receive the £15 paid at the first distribution.

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Sixteenth Battalion Meets

The reunion of the 16th Battalion, which was held in the Railway Institute during Show Week, was a great success.

The affair was held in the form of a "Ladies Night," with members invited to bring their ladies to join in the festivities. Official guests included Mr. W. H. Stanbury (R.S.L.); Mr. J. W. Lewis (S.A. Veterans); Mr. A. Quinn (President T.P.I.); Mr. M. J. Foster (28th Bn.) and Mrs. Foster; Mr. Dick White (44th Bn.) and Miss White; Mr. Johnson (ex-Navy) and Mrs. Johnson.

Apologies were received from the 16th Light Horse and 51st Battalion Associations.

The "Loyal Toast" and "Fallen and Departed Comrades" were proposed by the president of the 16th Bn. Association (Mr. Jim Cutmore).

Other toasts honoured were:
- "The 16th Battalion," proposed by Mr. Dick White and responded to by Mr. Charlie Taylor, senior vice-president of the Association;
- "The R.S.L. and Kindred Associations," proposed by Mr. O. C. Young and responded to by Mr. W. H. Stanbury and Mr. J. W. Lewis;
- "The 16th Battalion Ladies Auxiliary," proposed by Mr. Wally Lileyman and responded to by Mrs. Kitgarrer;
- "The Artists," proposed by Mr. Bill Whitman and responded to by "Lederville Leo" who, together with Mr. Jack Nicholls and "Smitty," contributed to the entertainment.

Country members present included Messrs. Bill Corneliussen (Sandstone); E. Spencer (Bunbury); E. Siveter (Moore); E. Mitchell (Webb); N. Fraser (Queanbeyan); A. J. Whittington (Bullaring); E. Monk (Latham); W. G. Cadwallader (Laverton); and Tom Powers (Dumbleyung).

Apologies by country members were received from Messrs. N. Nettlebee (Homestead); H. Birch (Bunbury); L. Smythe and A. Glance (Geraldton); W. Wray (Broomhill); and C. Roney (West Swan).

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Annual Reunion - Is Success

The 33rd annual Reunion of the 10th Australian Light Horse Regiment Old Comrades Association was held in the upper room at Anzac House on the night of October 5.

The organising Committee must have been more than pleased with the attendance, as supplementary seating accommodation had to be found and even then some of the late comers found they had to stand.

There was also some shortage of liquid refreshment and food but it is most difficult to cater for an unknown number as was the case on this occasion.

The committee hopes to overcome this difficulty next year. Membership is now nearing the 500 mark and a note to the Secretary concerning attendance sometime before the next reunion would be appreciated.

The State President of the R.S.L. (Mr. Channey), was in attendance, as well as representatives of the armed forces.

TOASTS PROPOSED.

The usual toasts were proposed, honoured and responded to by Mr. C. R. Hoppingsone re-established his position as President of the Association, but before doing so he installed in this office Mr. C. Shalders, and also made on behalf of members, a presentation of a gold watch, but it is most difficult to cater for an unknown number as the case on this occasion.

M. R. PERRY RAISED.

A number of speakers spoke very highly of the services rendered by Mr. Perry down through the years.

He was asked to accept a bouquet of roses for his wife, and with these the best wishes from all assembled, for many years of health and happiness to them both.

“BEST EVER.”

During the course of the evening it was interesting to see faces light up with a smile of happy laughter as members introduced themselves to one another, many renewing acquaintances for the first time since 1918.

With handshakes and “I'll see you next year” members made their way to the door of the hall. “One of the best ever.”

Third Battalion To Return Home From Korea Service

The Third Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, which scored with outstanding distinction in the United Nations campaign in Korea, will return to Australia in accordance with plans recently announced by the Army.

Approximately 800 officers and men of the Third Battalion, and other small detachments, are involved in the movement.

The Third Battalion will be stationed at Ingleburn Camp, South-South-South, and on arrival will be granted leave before continuing their training in Australia.

The Third Battalion, which was serving with the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Third as a result of the break of hostilities, was one of the first Commonwealth units to go into action with the United Nations Forces.

In August, 1950, the Government made the battalion available, and it was immediately brought to fighting strength with 300 reinforcements, some of whom had been utilised for service in Korea.

ACTION AT KAPYONG.

Its heroic conduct at Kapyong in the early hours of Anzac Day, 1951, when it held the United Nations lines in the face of overwhelming odds, was one of the finest shining moments of the war.

The Third Battalion was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation of the United States Government, a distinction unique to the Australian Army.

A BITTER FIGHTING.

During the campaign the Third Battalion was engaged in some of the most bitter fighting for which it earned the highest praise of the United Nations command. Its members were awarded 125 awards for bravery and outstanding service, including 17 Military Crosses and 29 Military Medals.

Six United States awards were also won by members.

During the bitter fighting, the Third Battalion suffered a total of 1,538 casualties, which included eight officers and 207 other ranks killed in action, and 43 officers and 1,002 other ranks wounded in action.

The Third Battalion will leave in Korea the First Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, which left Australia to relieve the Third Battalion in March of this year.

AWARDS.

The list of decorations won by the Third Battalion is as follows:

Distinguished Service Order, 1; Officer of the Order of the British Empire, 6; Member of the Order of the British Empire, 12; Bar to M.C., 1; Distinguished Conduct Medal, 4; Bar to D.C.M., 1; George Medal, 1; Military Medal, 29; Bar to M.M., 1; Mentioned in Despatches, 58; United States Silver Star, 4; United States Bronze Star, 2.

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Yarloop Sub-branch Presents Two Certificates Of Service

In presenting Certificates of Service to Mr. W. Humble and Mr. F. Hill at a special social gathering in Yarloop on October 28, the Yarloop R.S.L. sub-branch president (Mr. H. Blackburn) said that the members so honoured were a fine example to both the sub-branch and the League as a whole.

He said the certificates were a worthy reward for a lot of hard work and self-sacrifice on the part of both the recipients and that he felt privileged to be the one to make the presentation.

MR. HUMBLE.

Mr. Humble, who is a Military Medal winner, had been an office-bearer in the Yarloop sub-branch since 1947. He had served in the R.S.L. as president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, the latter position which he still holds. Mr. Blackburn had little hesitation in saying that such a record takes a lot of beating.

MR. HILL.

Speaking of Mr. Hill, he said that during the same period he had been one of the sub-branch’s most regular stalwarts. He had served as president at the moment, is senior vice-president. It had fallen to him to lead the sub-branch through one of its most trying periods and it was due to his guidance that it is still ‘on the map’. Mr. Hill had also regularly represented Yarloop at State Congress.

RECIPIENTS REPLY.

When replying to Mr. Blackburn, both speakers expressed their thanks for the framed certificates. They considered that the R.S.L. is a very worthy organisation, and is worthy of even more hard work.

Mr. Hill said that he would value his certificate more than he would the finest oil painting. He said that there are a terrible lot of ex-service men who were not in the same fortunate position as those present in the gathering and, for their sake, he urged members to make sure that the League continues to function to the best advantage.

The presentation of certificates was the focal point of a most successful evening. Members of the women’s auxiliary were in attendance, as well as sub-branch members and their wives. A special screening of films was followed by the serving of a very attractive supper.

Mr. Blackburn expressed the thanks of the members of the sub-branch, both to the P. and C. Association, which had made the projector available, and to the operator, Mr. R. McCallum. He also thanked those who had attended and so assured the success of the occasion.

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ROYAL MANTEL MASON ASSOCIATION — Meetings when called. President, W. R. Rowland, 286 Merville Road, East Perth. Secretary, J. M. Percival, 55 Hyland Street, East Perth.

THE PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION — W.A. — Meetings are held in the Public Room, Railway Institute, Subiaco Avenue, Perth, on the 1st Thursday in each month. President, H. A. W. Carter, 422 Bannister Road, East Perth. Secretary, J. H. Griffin, 85 Martin Street, East Perth.

BLINDS SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION — Meetings are held in the Public Room, Railway Institute, Subiaco Avenue, Perth, on the 1st Thursday in each month. President, W. J. Higginbotham, 80 Strickland Street, East Perth. Secretary, W. H. White, 15 St. John Road, Rivervale.

The ceremony was more of a semi-private event on October 7, and followed a meeting at Bathurst that day when a contract for the construction of the Memorial Home was signed on behalf of the Diocese by members of the Children’s Homes’ Council.

£5,000 Placed

When the General had performed his task, the Diocesan Commissioner, Mr. Harry Nicholls, placed a receipt for £5,000 on the spot, representing donations from a number of parishes and individuals all over the diocese.

The amount has now been brought to £28,000 for the project.

A tender for the building of the Home, has been accepted by the Diocese, at the cost of £29,700. The Commissioner has promised to endeavour to bring the total to £30,000, for the appeal by the end of the year, and will then face the task of raising £10,000 for plant, furnishings, feed, roadwork, etc., for the eventual opening of the Home for Children.

A number of service and private memorials are planned for the building, and well chosen children’s books are being donated by the public.

MEMORIAL

Library

Opening

On Tuesday, December 14, at 2.30 p.m., His Excellency the Governor will open the 11th and 211th Battalion Association’s Memorial Library at the Perth Boys School.

The library has been operated for some time past and a number of books in memory of deceased members of these units have been presented.

An invitation is extended to the next of kin of the gentlemen who died so that they may attend the official opening. A similar invitation is extended to others who may be interested.

CHILDREN’S HOME SOD TURNING

Lieutenant-General H. Gordon Bennett, former commander of the A.I.F. in the Malay campaign, turned the first sod on the Kelso site near Bathurst, N.S.W. for the proposed St. Michael’s Anglican Home for Children, which will be dedicated as the first Australian Prisoner of War and Korean Memorial.

The exhumation is divided into two sections—on open bags from 6 to 12 months, and the other bags, from 17 to 24 months, to be held on December 3. Entries close on Thursday, December 2, at 4 p.m.

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SUPPER AND REFRESHMENTS
Women’s Auxiliaries

OFFICIAL VISITS.
Friday, October 22: State President (Mrs. S. V. Stockin) and the State Secretary (Mrs. J. F. Ames) visited Bridgetown, and were present at their social afternoon. Mrs. Stockin gave a very interesting talk on her recent tour to the Eastern States conferences. Members of Greenhouses and Balangup auxiliaries were also guests of Bridgetown.

Sunday, October 24: State President, State Secretary, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Hamersley visited Claremont Mental Hospital and distributed amenities to ex-servicemen.

Sunday, October 24: Mrs. Stockin and Mrs. Ames attended Carlisle Diggers tea and picture show.

Wednesday, October 27: State President and State Secretary attended West Lederville Wrennbly birthday party.
Friday, October 29: State Secretary was guest of Gidgemanup at their poster ball.
Sunday, October 31: State President, State Secretary, Mrs. Adamson attended Nelslands Diggers tea.

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Death Of Mrs. Violet Cassells Is
Shock To Auxiliary Members

Victoria Park Lady Was Untiring
Worker For Advancement of R.S.L.

The sudden passing of Mrs. Violet Cassells on September 27 came as a great shock to her many friends.

Her death is a matter of regret to all who knew the grand little lady and her sterling worth to women's auxiliaries of the R.S.L. in this State.

At the time of her passing she was filling her thirteenth year as a member of the Victoria Park auxiliary.

She was also a foundation member of the Kenwick auxiliary and a past member of Baywater.

It is difficult to say where her services will be missed most, as they were so widely given.

Mrs. Cassells was a regular visitor to Edward Milten Home and took part in all street appeals as an honorary collector, and never missed rendering service during the Annual Conference of Women's Auxiliary as a kitchen worker.

She was often heard to remark that she was never happier than when there were piles of delicious dishes needing her attention.

Mrs. Cassells was always available when there was a job of work to be done in the best interests of ex-servicemen and women and her death came, as she would wish it, in the midst of performing a service to someone else.

It can be truly said that she lived to render help to others. Her life was one of unselfish love and her outlook on life was worthy of emulation.

City Of Perth Auxiliary Aids Memorial Fund

The ladies of the City of Perth sub-branch auxiliary have aided the State War Memorial Appeal to the extent of £10. A cheque for £1 was recently presented to the secretary of the sub-branch in a ceremony held during the auxiliary's regular meeting.

The City of Perth auxiliary is delighted to hear of the improvement of the health of their fellow member, Mrs. W. Hood, and trusts that she will soon be completely well again.
REPARATION

(Seventh and last in a series of articles on the history of the Department.)

Army Base Hospitals Transferred To The Commission.

As in 1921 after the 1914-18 war, the Army Base Hospitals in the States other than Tasmania, where there was no Base Hospital, were added to the control of the Commission in the first half of 1947. The hospitals are now known as:

Reparation General Hospital, Greenslopes, Brisbane, Qld.
Reparation General Hospital, Concord, Sydney, N.S.W.
Reparation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Melbourne, Vic.
Reparation General Hospital, Springbank, Adelaide, S.A.
Reparation General Hospital, Hollywood, Perth, W.A.


Although hostilities had ceased, the Forces were maintained at a fair strength. Men were still being enlisted in 1947 for short term service, and the Government took a decision as to which of these classes of members should be eligible under the legislation relating to pensions and benefits. The policy was expressed in the Invalid Forces Benefits Act (No. 47 of 1947): that provided members enlisted or re-engaged after 30-6-47 and before 1-7-49 for a period not exceeding two years, defined for the purposes of the Act as the "Invalid Forces," would be eligible for war pensions (but not service benefits), and for such general benefits as were prescribed. Members enlisted or re-engaged after 30-6-47 for a period exceeding two years were not eligible under the reparation and re-establishment legislation.

Seamen’s War Pensions And Allowances Act.

For the first time, comprehensive schemes of compensation were instituted by the United Kingdom and Dominion Governments to provide war pension for members of the Merchant Marine. The United Kingdom provision was passed on 5-9-39. The Commonwealth provision was passed in September 1940—the Seamen’s War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940 (No. 60 of 1940). The provisions made a lump sum payment of £300 to any miner engaged in ships registered in that country. According to the Commonwealth Act related to mariners in ships registered in Australia, at first it related to crews of trading vessels, lighthouse tenders and pilot ships, and to pilots employed by the Commonwealth or a State, but was later (August 1942) extended by National Security (Additional Allowances to Seamen) Regulations (Statutory Rule 1942 No. 368), to relate to mariners in ships of vessels owned in Australia. Under War Cabinet authority in July, 1943, the benefits were extended to Australians in ships of other countries, but any payment by the other country is an accrual in assessing the liability of the Commonwealth in these cases.

The Act provided for pensions for mariners and dependants broadly on the lines of war pensions under the Reparation Act, detention allowances in respect of mariners detained by the enemy, both of these to be administered by the Reparation Commission, and Compensation for War Damage being enshrined in the Peace Treaty.

The grounds of liability to pay pension were incapacity or death due to war injury, which was defined as meaning—

(a) caused by—

(i) the discharge of any missile, liquid or gas;
(ii) the use of any weapon, explosive or other noxious thing;
(iii) the doing of any other injurious act, either by enemy or in combating the enemy or in relation to any expected or suspected attack by the enemy or any expected attack upon the enemy;

(b) caused by the commission of any aircraft or any aircraft in the service of His Majesty or of any Ally of His Majesty during the present war or by the impact of, or any part of, or of anything dropped from, any such aircraft;

(c) caused by or in consequence of, the capture or detention of the Australian mariner by the enemy.

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PERSONALITIES . . .

Congratulations to Sir GEORGE HOLLAND on his re-election to the position of Federal President of the League. This will be Sir George's fifth term in this office.

Back on duty again following Federal Congress at Canberra are State President FRED CHANEY, Executive member DR. ROY GREENHAM, and State secretary, JOHN CHAPPELL.

BILL LONNIE, Senior Vice-president, who has been away on military duties in the Eastern States, is back in harness again.

COLONEL BILL MANSBRIDGE, Executive member, and Chairman of Trustees, is at present holidaying in Queensland where he proposes remaining for a couple of months.

ALF YEATES, an erstwhile State President of many years, standing who will celebrate his prrr.

SUB-BRANCHES PLEASE NOTE!

Contributions from sub-branches and their auxiliaries are appreciated by the editor of the "Listening Post." However, in sending your contribution, please attempt to achieve the following:

Clarity of writing: Clarity of thought: Correctness of names.

Much material is received by the "Listening Post" which is unsuable because the contributors succeeded in making the letters assume the appearance of cryptic messages. It would also be appreciated if at least one or two blank spaces were left between the lines of your letter.

Whenever possible, a typewritten letter is preferred to one written by hand.

A.R.M.S. GAMES

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Semi-finals: Mu Hawthorn, 6 points, defeated Nedlands, 4 points.

Darling Range, 6 points, defeated West Lederville, 4 points.

Grand Final, 15th Nov.: Mt. Hawthorn v Darling Range, at Anzac House, 8 p.m.

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World Tour For Diggers—
(Continued from Page 1.)

wish to visit friends or relatives or undertake various tours in the United Kingdom, and a period of six weeks' free time will be provided. Arrangements for accommodation, tours, etc., will be made as required.

During this period, a number of functions will be arranged in conjunction with the British Legion of Ex-servicemen and similar organisations.

BY AIR TO U.S.

About the middle of July the party will leave by air for New York, and will spend almost a month in a very comprehensive tour of American cities. Westward across the country, stopping at various centres where the tourists will be entertained, by the American Legion.

The Legion will be making arrangements for members to attend functions and other activities specially arranged for them.

A 1st interest will be New York, Washington, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, as well as many intermediate places.

The normal dollar allowance does not permit the Australian traveller to spend this length of time in America, but entertainment by the American Legion will enable the normal period to be extended, and afford a first-hand view of American life.

After a break of two days in Honolulu the party will then fly to Sydney via Canton Island and Fiji.

Particulars as to fares for the various sections may be had on application to Anzac House. For the full world tour arrangements for members will be about £1,200.

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The Origin And Aims Of The R.S.L.
Recent Broadcast Explains League Policies To Public

The origin, aims and activities of the R.S.L. are all too little known by the general public.

The following article, recently broadcast by Radio Station 6AM-PM in Perth, sets forth the many facets of the League, and deserves study by both members and the public at large.

On February 5, 1915, the hospital ship “Kyrenia” reached Australia carrying invalided Australian soldiers from Egypt.

On that day the history of the Returned Soldiers of Australia began, for, in retrospect, it is clear that the common bond of comradeship and mutual interest, which later on manifested itself in the Empire and then had its simple origin in the close association of the mere handful of survivors who are now destined to succumb to the strain of active service.

LEAGUE AIMS

Apart from perpetuating the close and kindly ties of friendship cemented by sacrifice in the Great War, maintaining a proper standard of dignity and honour among all ranks and classes, and soldiers, setting an example of public-spirit and noble heartedness of endurance, inculcating loyalty to Australia and the Empire and securing patriotic service in the interests of both the League has ceased to exist.

A League has ceased to exist.

UNIFICATION OF RAILWAY

The Patrons of the League are

Her Majesty the Queen, and H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester.

H.M. the Queen, is a member of the British Empire - Service League, which comprises the soldier organisations within the Empire, and which has been described by Her Majesty as “the biggest British Institution that exists.”

The title of the League in W.A. is “The Returned Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Imperial League of Australia (W.A.)” Branch, and the motto is “The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.”

POLICY AND PRINCIPLES

The policy and principles of the R.S.L. are calculated to preserve the integrity and unity of our Empire, to safeguard the interests and promote the welfare of Australia and to maintain the prestige, strength and security of the Commonwealth of Nations and has been defined as follows:

(1) The integrity of our Empire;
(2) White Australia;
(3) An adequate defence force;
(4) A vigorous immigration system with necessary safeguards to ensure suitable migrants being obtained;
(5) Nationalisation of Main Roads;
(6) Unification of railway gauges;
(7) Systematic Immigration of Industries;
(8) Re-afforestation;
(9) Public health;
(10) Trade within our Empire.

OTHER R.S.L. ACTIVITIES

Other activities of the W.A. Branch of the League include:

War Veterans Home at York, which caters for 38 veterans and plans are being made to increase this number to 50, which number will include ex-service women also.

Anzac Club, which is controlled and maintained by the League and restricted to financial members of the League only.

The usual training facilities are available to members for only the cost of their annual subscription to the League. No other fees are charged.

The “Listening Post,” the official journal of the League, is published monthly and issued free to every financial member.

State War Memorial, which was erected by grateful citizens in memory of the fallen. It is also in the City of Perth.

222 SUB-BRANCHES

In Western Australia there are 222 sub-branches, with a total membership of 18,000.

The Hall is situated at Anzac House, St. George’s Terrace, Perth.

Anzac House is owned by the League, and was erected in 1924 on a grant of land from the Government. The site previously occupied by the University of W.A., prior to the new University being erected at Crawley.

Help and Advice

The help and advice, which the League can offer is widespread and any returned serviceman or his family who needs help and advice should call on the Secretary of the local branch of the R.S.L.

If the local secretary cannot help himself he will probably know where the help can be obtained, and in any case the help of the League Headquarters if need be.

Even should the League be unable to meet the need itself it may have a worthwhile suggestion to make. It is extraordinary how often a new mind on a subject will bring a flash, a flash, provide the answer to a problem that has been a personal worry for months.

In many such cases doctors, with a sympathetic listener, never seem so far away.

The point that needs stressing is that every office of the League can be trusted to regard as confidential the matter that is submitted.

Let the slogan be: “When in trouble, tell it to the R.S.L.”

Finally it must be said that without the help of eligible ex-service men the League cannot carry out its proper functions. Every eligible ex-service man is therefore invited to become actively associated with the League.