SPECIAL ANZAC DAY ISSUE

"We shall Remember while the light is yet, And in the night time we will not forget."

LEST WE FORGET

As we remember, with deep gratitude those who suffered pain and gave their lives for us; let us resolve to do all in our power to preserve the freedom we hold today.
FAVERSHAM CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

In Remembering, We Have A Duty

On April 25, 1915, people throughout the world were made dramatically aware of the existence, in the Southern Hemisphere, of two small offshoots of the British Empire—offshoots of which many had never heard before.

By the world Press, and from all lips, men and women of the Australian and New Zealand Expeditionary Force were acclaimed as equal, if not superior in heroism, to their fellow soldiers of the past.

Today we read of "Operation so and so" but in 1915 the name ANZAC was coined and spoken of as the operation of the period.

Since then the day has been set aside as a National Day of supreme import, a day on which men and women of past wars, together with the population of this growing nation, give thanks for their protection from the yoke of foreign domination and ideologies, pay their humble respects, and remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Is This All?

But is that all that is required of us? Can we thank our laurels and sit back satisfied, as after a job well done?

Expressing gratitude to the League, your children, and friends, who read this, know full well that whatever part you played in past or present national conflicts, your service did not only to yourselves, or whatever job you were doing or doing is.

To be not only a good League member but a good Australian your service must continue throughout your life. Indeed membership of the League demands service with a capital S.

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Donation From Red Cross

A donation of £2.00 towards the cost of installing the new cool chamber at Faversham House has been received from the Red Cross branch of the Australian Red Cross Society.

Bank Staff Remembers The Fallen

The Perth staff of the National Bank of Australia has made a donation of £12/12/— for the upkeep of trees in the Honour Avenues in King's Park.

The majority of these veterans are in receipt of Service Pension, as part of our service, to provide a home for them.

For the 50 year anniversary on Friday, April 27—two days after Anzac Day—a Street Appeal will be held in the metropolitan area.

Every available collector is required for this occasion.

As well, country sub-branches are asked to raise funds by all means at hand to help this worthy League project.

To the following, grateful thanks for donations since our last issue: Belmont sub-branch (painting, and decoration of dining room); Condobolin sub-branch (working bee—one of many); Red Cross (tobacco and cigarettes); Southern Cross Women's Aux (cigarettes); Bridgetown sub-branch (apples); Baltingup sub-branch (apples); Waroona Hamel's Women's Aux. (hampers); Mr. H. R. Cockerell, York (men's clothing); Waroona Hamel Women's Aux. (hampers); Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fisher (furniture).

Be Careful As To What We Teach!

(Sir)—With reference to a motion passed by the Queensland Legislative Council on March 9, advocating the teaching of Asian languages in Australian secondary schools, I write to point out some perhaps unsurprising dangers in the suggestion.

Australia is an outpost of Europe established on the southern side of Asia. Her religion and culture have their deep roots in Europe, not in South-East Asia.

The syllabus of our modern secondary schools is loaded down heavily enough already with the mathematical and natural sciences, and a modern industrial civilization. Any spare time left would be better given to literature and to British and Australian history.

The English literature and history we have in our schools substitutes a few hours weekly of some Asian language, the determining of our European culture will have been set in motion. We shall have started a process of self-assimilation, with which will make our absorption by Asia inevitable.

Australia would cease to be Australia and would become Southern Indonesia.

The syllabus of some Asian languages at university level is quite a different matter and would be proceeded with.

Yours etc.,
C. T. TAYLOR (WX1558),
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April, 1956

Special Anzac Message From League President

The following Anzac Day message was received at Anzac House from the Federal President of the Returned Service men's League (Sir George Holland) recently.

Anzac Day is a "reminding day," bidding us realise that the basis of what we have today was bought for us with life and limb. A hundred thousand servicemen died in war to preserve our freedom, and another hundred thousand men (and women) live but are racked with war wounds or illnesses. Our freedom has indeed been dearly purchased.

Amongst those who will pay honour this year to our Fallen will be men and women who were in other lands in the war years— who have come to Australia to share our joy—and to help with our tasks. These newcomers, who number nearly one-tenth of our population, and who come from many lands, will, I am sure, stand with us humbly on Anzac Day, and reflect with us on how much of what we have owes to our efforts but to the unselfishness of those men and women who sacrificed themselves to meet their country's need.

Ignorance Of Law No Excuse

"Ignorance of the law is no excuse; you are supposed to know everything in the Statute Book."

Mr. R. J. Stoddart said this at the meeting of the R.S.L. State Executive during a discussion of the Returned Servicemen's Badges Act.

Under the Act proceedings may be taken against persons who continue to wear the unauthorised badge. Subscriptions payments have become three months overdue.

Pointing this out in a letter to the State President (Mr. Chappell) said that although the Act provided for three months grace before proceedings could be taken, under the League constitution members were nonetheless required to pay their subscriptions on time. Subscriptions for 1956 had commenced at the commencement of the year.

Anzac Day Parade Proposals

Some suggestions for the improvement of the Anzac Day parade arrangements—made at a meeting of unit associations at Anzac House on March 26—were announced by the State President (Mr. Lonnie) at the ensuing executive meeting.

One suggestion he said, had recommended the placing of marigolds near the dispersal point to supervise the breaking off of those marching. It had argued that a tendency in the past to congestion at the dispersal point was due to the leading companies being broken off too soon after clearing Rivendale-drive.

Another suggestion was that the Perth Girls' choir sang "They shall grow..." the words should be amended.

Sub-branch Role For Anzac Day

R.S.L. sub-branches are being urged to take a leading part in local arrangements for the observance of Anzac Day.

In a circular letter to them making their official identification, it was later that the observation of the sacrifices made by our fallen comrades.

The League's Rule Book sets out on page 5, the objects of the R.S.L.—of which the Anzac Day arrangements are an essential part—such as to educate the nation to the value of the monuments to our ancestors, to provide them with additional places and estabish in their honour an annual commemoration day.

"Thus the obligations of the League in respect to Anzac Day are clearly defined.

"The Perth commemoration is held out by the State Executive at the special request of the Prime Minister, and the Pearl Harbour Service is conducted by the State President.

"Metropolitan and country sub-branches should take a leading part in local Anzac Day arrangements.

Special Issue

The decision to make this issue of The Listening Post a special Anzac issue was made by the R.S.L. State Executive at its meeting on March 14.
Distinguished Visitor
Is League Member

Anzac Day Parade At "Vic. Park"

The Victoria Park R.S.L. sub-branch is again conducting an Anzac Day parade in its own area. The Fall In at the hall is timed for 2.15 p.m. and the Move Off for 2.30. The service itself will be held in the Memorial Garden, Albany-highway at 3 o'clock. Early arrival for the parade is being urged as there is always a lot of detail to be attended to prior to the service. There was a particularly good attendance of members at the March meeting of the sub-branch. There was a newcomer at the meeting in the person of Mr. Shaw—a brother of one of the members.

The main business of the evening was the discussion of motions for the State Congress. Several motions were adopted for submission. The A.R.M.S. team came into action for the first time this season on March 26, the occasion being a practice night with the South Belmont-Rivervale team. The sub-branch has expressed its regret at the death of one of its younger members, Mr. Aub. Murray, and has extended its sympathy to his family.

Britain's First Sea Lord (Earl Mountbatten), whose visit with Countess Mountbatten to Western Australia has coincided with the publication of this issue of The Listening Post, is one of a distinguished company of League members who are world figures. They include H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, Sir Winston Churchill, Field Marshal Lord Montgomery and the Governor-General (Field Marshal Sir William Slim).

The State Governor (Sir Charles Gardner) is also a member of the League. Earl Mountbatten is pictured above after he had been presented with the R.S.L. badge—on his previous visit to Australia—by the Federal President of the League (Sir George Holland).

For the occasion of their present visit plans were laid early for a reception at Anzac House to Earl and Countess Mountbatten at midday on Saturday, April 14, prior to the laying of a wreath by the Earl on the State War Memorial. The Guard of Honour for the reception—well over 100 strong—comprised presidents and secretaries of metropolitan and country sub-branches and was commanded by Col. J. E. Mitchell.

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League Not Happy With V.C. Tour Plans

The R.S.L. State Executive is far from satisfied with the Government assistance offered to Australians eligible to attend the Victoria Cross Centenary celebrations in London, and is seeking additional grants.

The State Secretary (Mr. J. Chappell) held the executive meeting on April 11.

Victoria Cross winners from all parts of the Commonwealth have been invited to the celebrations.

They were to attend a special church service in Westminster Abbey on June 25.

On the evening of June 26, there will be a review of Victoria Cross holders in Hyde Park, and in the afternoon a garden party at Marlborough House.

As well as living holders of the coveted award, near relatives of posthumous and deceased Victoria Cross winners have been invited to attend the celebrations.

Those eligible to participate in the official Australian contingent have been specified in the following categories:

1. All living Victoria Cross winners, together with one near relative.
2. The relative of each posthumous winner to whom the award was actually presented, together with one near relative of the posthumous winner.
3. One near relative—the widow, or a child, parent, brother or sister—of any deceased Victoria Cross winner.

Mr. Chappell said that following negotiations between the league and the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) the Commonwealth Government had offered a free-return trip to England and £75 sterling expenses to those eligible to participate.

The United Kingdom Government had also undertaken to provide the foundation for free accommodation in London.

"Niggardliness"

The League, Mr. Chappell went on, felt there was a niggardliness in its undertakings that was unworthy of the occasion.

The Queen has expressed a desire for V.C. winners throughout

League Seeks Bigger Part In Children's Anzac Eve Broadcast

A circular has been sent from Anzac House to all R.S.L. sub-branches urging their closer identification with the observance of Anzac Day by school children.

This action follows a recent discussion between the State President and Secretary (Messrs. Lopanie and Chappell) and the Director of Education (Dr. T. L. Robertson).

The schools' Anzac Day commemorative broadcast this year will be held as usual on Anzac Eve—at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24.

The broadcast is State-wide, and it is understood that Western Australia is the only State in the Commonwealth where this is so.

The circular suggests that sub-branches, particularly in country towns, should approach the head teacher of the local school to ascertain in what way the League could add to the observance of the day by school children.

It is understood that some head teachers use the framework of the broadcast for the school service but switch off at the point of the Address, which is then delivered by the teacher in charge of the school or by some prominent citizen.

The circular suggests an approach locally for the address to be delivered by a sub-branch official or member, but points out that "this course would have the approval of the head teacher, who has the power to decide what the commemoration will be.

As well the circular stresses the importance of the League's showings, more than a passing interest in the schools' knowledge of Anzac Day.

Reports to the State Executive of the discussion with Dr. Robertson, Mr. Lopanie said that the idea was for sub-branches to represent the League at the commemoration services and also to invite prominent local citizens to attend.

Youth Movements

In future, he said, senior sub-branch officials would be expected to attend.

"With an eye to the future," he went on, "it had been agreed with Dr. Robertson, that consideration be given to bringing youth movements officially into the Anzac Day service on the Esplanade.

The move would entail setting aside a portion of the area for the various organisations.

The participation of youth movements should do much to perpetuate the spirit of Anzac Day."
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NEW SPORTS AREA AT

ANZAC HOUSE

The roof area of Anzac House has been set aside as a sports area for the use of club members and sub-branches.

The facilities are available to members at all times when the club is open, except when a booking has been made by a sub-branch.

Sub-branches have been invited to arrange their meetings or competitive evenings there.

On such occasions it is to be permissible for members to bring their womenfolk along.

Refreshments can be obtained from the club by members and sub-branches to the sports area, which is to be provided with tables and chairs.

The following games are being provided: Table Tennis and Army Tennis (each complete with balls and bats); Indoor Bowls (complete with special mat and Dias balls); Darts (two boards, and darts); Quoits (one set); Card Games (cards are being provided for Bridge, Crib and Euchre).

Sub-branches may arrange bookings with the House Manager.

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League Adds Touch To City Skyline

This illuminated League badge sign adorning Anzac House's facade into life for the first time one night towards the end of last month.

Now a great many citizens—including thousands of members of the League—have seen and admired it.

A League contribution of note to Perth's changing skyline, this prominent sign by day and at night commands the eye from many parts of the city. In overall height it is 5 feet by 11 feet.

By night the intermittent illumination of the above figures may be seen and admired by members of the League.

The League hopes that it will do so.
Sub-branch President Is Ex-R.A.F Man

Mr. Ken Maluish, an ex-member of the Royal Air Force, has been elected president of the Manjimup R.S.L. sub-branch in succession to Mr. Frank Hastie.

Mr. Maluish is the first of that family to hold that position. Twenty-four members attended the annual meeting. Reviewing the past year Mr. Hastie said that the meeting had mostly shown the old familiar faces. There was no cause for panic, but the paucity of nominations for office in the sub-branch was a matter for some concern. It seemed to suggest that younger members were unwilling to succeed those who had served them well.

There was something radically wrong if successes did not rise to the rank of the office. His two years of office had been both happy and educational, and the loyalty of the few who had stuck up to compensate for the many appointments which seemed inevitable, and that this was the case. The formation of the district committee during the year had been a very beneficial, and the closer liaison with the women's auxiliary had been most practical.

After six years as secretary Mr. Andrew McDonald did not seek re-election, and Mr. Arthur Blackwell was elected unopposed to the vacancy. Election results were as follows: President, Mr. K. Maluish; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. J. Johnston and A. McDonald; treasurer, Mr. A. Blackwell; auditor, Mr. W. Blackwell; members, Messrs. L. Sims, G. Balding, M. Dunn, N. Luff, J. Simms, E. Major, Blackwell, M. Clubb and K. Morris; honorary auditor, Mr. A. Hoy; general committee, Messrs. F. Hastie, C. Lee and C. Liddelow; secretary, Messrs. G. Balding, W. Blackwell, J. Sims and A. McDonald.

Land Question Raised At Nannup Meeting

After discussing Canteen Fund grants and pensions the recent R.S.L. group meeting at Nannup devoted most of its time to land questions. This was reported at the mid-March meeting of the State Executive by Mr. G. Gordon, who attended the conference in company with the State President and Secretary (Majors W. S. Lonnie and J. Chapell respectively).

About 40 delegates representing seven sub-branches including those at Manjimup, Pemberton, Boyup Brook and Baldivis were present.

Mr. Gordon said that some complaints similar to those made a year ago in the Karri-Augusta area had been voiced, some of them alleging victimisation.

Delegates had not known that the League had already arranged for the easing of problems in those areas.

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Beach-cottage Project Being Considered

An idea for erecting a number of beach cottages as a letting proposition— particularly for the benefit of country members of the League—is being considered by the State Executive.

Referred to as the Rockingham Project, it concerns over 40 acres of land held in the Rockingham district under lease from the Commonwealth Government.

The land has a frontage to Safety Bay and lies between the Rockingham turnoff and the mural Turtle Factory.

The League is considering the purchase of some State Housing Commission's huts for this and other purposes.

It has been reported to the executive that the commission is prepared to dispose of unwanted huts from time to time.

At its meeting on March 14 the executive decided to notify sub-branches of this in case any of them wished to acquire one or more of the huts.

But a note of caution was sounded as to transport costs. Instances were referred to in which the cost of moving buildings intact— even over short distances — was said to have run into hundreds of pounds.

Sub-branches have been showing considerable interest both in the project and in the possibility of purchasing huts from the commission.

The Pithara sub-branch has asked the League to purchase a hut for it.

When the project was discussed at the recent Carnamah group meeting a league member approached the State Secretary with a cheque for £100 towards the cost of the scheme.

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Sub-branch Delegates In Force

A meeting of R.S.L. sub-branch presidents and secretaries at Anzac House recently was described by the State President (Mr. Lonnie) as the best ever.

There was an attendance of 75 delegates representing 36 sub-branches.

In the main the business transacted concerned the last Poppy Day proceedings and the Rockingham project.

Mr. Lonnie announced this at the meeting of the State Executive on March 14. Poppy Day sales were 26,000 up on the previous year and an appropriate tribute bad been paid to the sub-branches responsible for it, he said.

Delegates had shown interest in the Rockingham project and would no doubt have reported back to their sub-branches on

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Festival Venue Decided

The venue for the Remembrance Day Festival to be held in Perth this year is His Majesty's Theatre.

This was announced at the meeting of the R.S.L. State Executive on March 28 by the chairman of the committee concerned (Mr. J. Stoddart).

The festival would be conducted on the night of Remembrance Day (Sunday, November 11).

The lessees of the theatre had been approached and had been extremely cooperative, Mr. Stoddart said. They would make the theatre available free of charge, and the only expenses the League was likely to incur were those relating to electric lighting and cleaning.

The question of help backstage was being taken up with the industrial union concerned. The theatre was undoubtedly one of the best possible places for the festival, Mr. Stoddart said.

The actual details of the ceremony were now being planned.

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Men Of Anzac To Recall Heroic Days

Men who served on Gallipoli are to be guests of honour as a function to be conducted by the Anzac House Club on Anzac Eve.

Announcing this the league State President (Mr. Lonnie) said that the club was planning to make the occasion reminiscent of the war years.

The function will be held in the roof above Anzac Hall on the evening of Tuesday, April 24.

Entertainment will be provided and the proceedings between 9 and 10 p.m. will be broadcast by Station 6KY.

The club committee has extended an invitation to members—especially to those who actually took part in the historic landing—to attend the function.

Sub-branches are being asked to assist the committee by sending in the names of veterans who will be attending.

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Geeralaying Gets Phone Link

After a five-year delay, a pipe-extension from Narrogin to Geeralaying is now in operation.

To bridge the gap between the promise and its fulfilment the State branch of the League made an approach to the P.M.G. Department.

At the State Executive meeting on March 14 a letter from the Narrogin sub-branch was read thanking the League for its good offices.
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WOMEN’S AUXILIARIES
DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT

One of Kondinin's best-known and most respected citizens, Mrs. M. Sykes, died in a metropolitan hospital on March 22. Mrs. Sykes was for many years president of the Kondinin R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary. She was renowned for her organizing ability and was regarded as the district's leading social worker.

She had lived in Kondinin for 30 years and is survived by her husband, a prominent R.S.L. member and sportsman.

Auxiliary Visits

Official visits by executive members of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary in March were as follows:

March 15: The State President (Mrs. J. V. Stockman) and State Secretary (Mrs. J. W. Ross) were guests of the W.A. War Blinded at their Easter Soiree.

March 18: The State President and Secretary attended the N.E. Freemantle-Mandurah combined outing for old diggers from Sunset, Lennons and the Home of Peace, at Mandurah.

March 25: The State President attended the Faversham House committee meeting at York.

The State Secretary, with Mrs. Young and Miss Hamersley, visited old soldiers in the Claremont Mental Hospital.

Indonesian Talks of Friendship

In Perth recently the Indonesian Ambassador to Australia (Dr. R. H. Tirtawinata) spoke of strong ties of friendship between his country and his own.

This was reported at the R.S.L. State Executive meeting on March 28 by Mr. L. B. Bartley, who met the Ambassador and Mrs. Tirtawinata at Perth airport on behalf of the State President. They had said that there was much goodwill in their country towards Australia and that the ties were very strong, particularly among religious and general grounds, Mr. Bartley said.

They thought there was no chance of a rift in relations, Mr. Bartley said that four of the Ambassador's children were being educated in Canberra, and one in England.

While in Perth Dr. Tirtawinata spoke enthusiastically of the exchange of students and of Australia's contribution generally under the Colombo Plan. He said that with a population increase of about 1,000,000 a year Indonesia offered an expanding market for certain goods. Already she was Australia's best market for wheat.

With proper organisation Indonesia could carry a vastly larger population than at present.

The Indonesian team at the Olympic Games in Melbourne would comprise about 60 members.

A Musical Show For Veterains

War veterans of Faversham House, Yock, are to be treated to a musical show at Anzac House on Sunday, April 22.

A 26-piece orchestra is being provided by the Commercial Travellers' Club and the Highgate R.S.L. will help to transport the veterans.

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League Jottings

- A group meeting of Hills District sub-branches, with the
  Darling Range sub-branch in the chairman, is to be held at
  Kalamunda on the afternoon of Saturday, May 5. The
  official opening of the new Darling Range R.S.I. Memorial
  Hall will be conducted as part of the proceedings.
- Arrangements have been
  made with the Kalamunda sub-
  branch for a party of State
  Executive members to be pre-
  sent at Kalamunda on Saturday,
  May 19, for a group meeting
  with the purpose of forming
  a district committee.
- The annual dinner of the
  Gigegannup sub-branch was
  scheduled for Saturday, April
  14.
- A suggestion that country
  sub-branches might consider
  the establishment of Honour
  Avenues at town approaches
  was made by the State Presi-
  dent at a recent meeting of the
  State Executive. Memorial
  plaques could be placed on
  each tree, he said.
- A surprise-bake to the
  State President's membership,
  boost circular—two subscrip-
  tions have been received from
  Darwin, one each from Ceylon
  and Malaya, two from New
  Guinea and several from the
  United Kingdom. Notices were
  circulars addressed to those
  places; they just found their
  way there.
- The R.S.I. reunion held at
  Yarloop on Saturday, March
  17, was the first to be held
  there for three years.
- At a recent meeting at An-
  dale House of sub-branch presi-
  dents and secretaries it was sug-
  gested that a League torch idea
  be instituted. It was proposed
  that the torch be passed from
  sub-branch to sub-branch
  throughout the State.
- The Mount Pleasant sub-
  branch was referred to at a re-
  cent meeting of the State
  Executive as the first sub-branch
  to organise a function for Moth-
  er's Day—a visit to the Mt
  Henry Home. The sub-branch
  has only been in existence for
  little over a year.

Light Horse Plans
- For Anzac And
Other Functions

With the rapid approach of Anzac Day, country members
of the 10th Light Horse Association (A.L.) are being re-
minded of the annual Get-to-
gather in Wembley Hall, Hay-
street East (near the corner of
Hill-street) on the evening of
Tuesday, April 24.

Another important announce-
ment relates to the next re-
union of the sub-branch in Oc-
tober. For the first time it will be held in the Anzac
House ballroom. This year
the night has been changed to
Wednesday, October 10, in-
stead of Tuesday.

Good vaudeville turns have
been arranged.

Further information will ap-
pear in the next "Galloper."
Eloquent Tribute
To Anzac Spirit

A poem written virtually in the heat and dust of battle some 40 years ago—by a Scot—pays eloquent tribute to the spirit of Anzac as displayed by the 10th Light Horse in its various campaigns.

The poem (below) was recently received by the Federal President of the R.S.L. (Sir George Holland) with the following letter of explanation:

Dear Sir,—a few weeks ago my wife, in looking through a volume of verse by a brother officer of mine, came upon the enclosed tribute to the Anzac Horse. It being somewhat old might be of interest to Australian veterans on Anzac Day. She consulted the Australian Federal Commissioner in Vancouver, who agreed with her, asked if such a copy of the verses be submitted to you. If you care to arrange publication in any way or about April 25th we shall be duly pleased, but we leave it to your discretion.

Templeton, and I both knew the 10th Light Horse at Duedur in the Sinai desert in April 1916. He came through the battle campaign, but was killed in France.

The Anzac Horse

By Capt. W. F. Templeton, 4th Royal Scots Fusiliers

The cluster of flying horses, the clouds of whirling sand,
The trail that leads to nowhere, across a No Man's Land,
The endless wastes before them, above, a blazing sky...

The last verse of the poem is quoted below:

And little of old-time splendour marks now the men who pass,
No pomp of gaudy scarlet, no blaze of burnished brass;
Ragged, marred, and tattered, yet with pride intact,
They keep the dauntless spirit of those who went before.

For whether the stars are gleaming or the sun high in the south,
When the sand blows off the sandhills, like a blast from Hell's own mouth,
Where weaker hearts would falter, and their blood would freeze,
They ride sublimely on, to brunt the Turk.

We tired foot-sloggers hailed them, when first at Duedar
They suffered the buffet of battle, and followed from start

They cheered, and loud we answered, to speed them on their way,
Heart-proud to fight as comrades with such great souls as these.

Again, beside Romani, where Abdul forced the pace,
He held him to bull-pig's, and showed their pride of race.

They broke his power and followed, in spite of sand and sand;
Reckless of death or danger, to keep him on the run.

This land, where Mother Nature seems tired and out of luck,
Writes large on every palm-leaf—proof of their record's might.

That those who follow after, when time has run its course,
May pride to endless ages the dauntless Anzac Horse,

So still, Advance Australians! New Zealand, onward yet!
We Scots, who fought beside you, shall ne'er your fame forget.
While still the old flag flutters, in ancient lands or new,
We'll ask no better comrades or stauncher men than you.

Gascoyne Plans Impressive Anzac Service

The Gascoyne R.S.L. sub-branch is planning an impressive Anzac Day service this year.

In the summer of 1918, I myself have been in Vancouver for 30 years, and never miss the annual reunion of the Gallipoli Veterans Association.

Through my wife's suggestion we shall on the 25th of April this year think with more than usual interest of our old comrades in their homeland of Australia.

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Successful Issue Seen To League Action

A League approach to the Commonwealth Government for the removal of an anomaly preventing discharged members of the Korea and Malaya operations Forces from obtaining benefits under the Re-establishment and Employment Act appears to have been successful.

The approach was made following the League’s Land Army meeting at Canberra in February.

In a letter to the League the Commonwealth Attorney-General (Senator McPherson) has intimated that Re-establishment and Employment (general) regulations had been received from the Repatriation Department, apparently as a result of the League’s action.

Senator McPherson expressed the view that the regulations, after amendment, would dispose of the issue satisfactorily.

The conference resolution on which the League acted read as follows:

“That, in view of the fact that Section 139 of Part XII of the Re-establishment and Employment Act relating to members of the Korea and Malaya Operations Forces provides that a member of the forces includes a member of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of a part of the Queen’s Dominions other than the Commonwealth who served on war service and bona fide resident in Australia and was domiciled in Australia immediately prior to enlistment, the Commonwealth Government be requested to remove the anomaly which at present prevents discharged members of the forces referred to from obtaining benefits under the Act because operational area has not been prescribed in relation to the forces of the Queen’s Dominions other than in the case of the Commonwealth.”

Large Group Meeting At Wyalkatchem

Invitations to attend the R.S.L. group meeting being arranged at the Wyalkatchem sub-branch for May 12 have been extended to 16 sub-branches so far.

They are: Dowerin, Goomalding, Traying, Kununurra, Narroima, Meckering, Cunderdin, Tammin, Kellereibeen, Merredin, Koorda, Bencubbin, Woongan Hill, Mukinbudin, Westonia and Southern Cross.

Invitations for the Mt. Barker group meeting held on April 7 covered the Denmark, Cranbrook, Tambellup, Rocky Gully, Frankland, Gnowangerup, Ongerup and Borden sub-branches.

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Collie Has Retained President

At its annual meeting recently the Collie sub-branch re-elected its president (Mr. W. Rippon) for a further term.

Mr. Rippon was first appointed president the year before.

Mr. E. T. Fullarton was elected secretary and Mr. B. Thompson treasurer.

Because most of the members are on shift work it was decided to hold sub-branch meetings in future on the last Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. The change is expected to result in bigger meetings.

Many Diggers attended the annual reunion of the sub-branch. The State Executive was represented by Mr. E. C. Townshend and Dr. K. Harris.

Attendance Record

A record attendance of committee members marked the February meeting of the 16th Battalion Association.

The Railways Institute hall was decided upon as the association's rendezvous for the Anzac Day arrangements this year.

Deaths reported at the meeting were as follows: I. C. Furrith (January 7) Glasgow; S. R. Wilson (1536); C. A. Crews and A. Rippon (5417).

"Blukey" Marriott, of Bunbury, called on the secretary recently when on his way to Singapore for a holiday.

At the March meeting final arrangements were made for Anzac Day.

Reported on the "sick list" were Messrs. Jack Brace, L. H. Brash, C. Brash, V. Nally, Tom Tandy and Jim Currie (a past-president). The association secretary (Mr. Bill Newick) is due to return on April 18 from Adelaide where he has been spending a holiday with his wife.

Firm Helps Family in Need

Martiis Place Pty. Ltd., of Albany, Victoria Park, has donated a kerosene model refrigerator and a battery radio to the family of a League member whose home at Walpole was burnt to the ground recently.

This was reported at the State Executive meeting on March 28 by an executive member, Mr. N. Davidson.

An approach to the firm was made by Mr. Davidson on behalf of the League.

Through the Walpole sub-branch the family concerned has been assisted materially through its misfortune, and the League has been informed that the home is under construction.

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WHAT 30 MEN HAVE DONE AT COOROW

The spirit of the League as it exists in various parts of the State is well exemplified in the sub-branch.

Although that sub-branch comprises only 30 members, every eligible ex-service man in the district is a member.

Their achievements came as an eye-opener to delegates of the R.S.L. State Executive who attended a recent group meeting of the sub-branches at Carnamah.

On their return to Perth the delegates called at Coorow in response to an invitation from the sub-branch there.

On their arrival one achievement in particular met the eye—the R.S.L. Memorial Hall.

The hall is built of cement and stone and is erected on a site that is evident throughout the exterior and interior of the building.

Appointments Approved

The R.S.L. State Executive at recent meetings has confirmed the following sub-branch appointments.

Sub-branch  President  Secretary

Bunbury  P. Reger  F. W. Fowles
Kojonup  S. Crook  A. Crabbe
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A £12,500 R.S.L. hall project at Palmyra is well on the way to completion.
The State Secretary (Mr. Chappell) said this following a Sunday morning visit he made
to inspect progress on the hall.
Mr. Chappell said he had found a volunteer work force busy on the building, which
should be a credit to the Bicton-Palmyra sub-branch.
Situated in Foul-street, Palmyra, the hall measures 60ft. x 37ft, and includes every modern
facility.
At a recent meeting of the R.S.L. State Executive the sub-branch president (Mr. Fred
Haddon) outlined the difficulties local members had faced and were surmounting in the
erection of the hall.
The sub-branch had only been in existence for about six years but its membership was growing
rapidly and the keenness of its members was exemplary, he said.
The sub-branch secretary is Mr. A. C. Carter, and the treasurer Mr. B. F. Whittle.

Leader's Sharp
Eye Notes
Their Labours
On his way to a C.M.F.
bivouac at Yanchep recently the State President saw a couple of characters slaving in a
gravel pit near the Osborne Park R.S.L. stamping-ground.
They were the president and secretary of the Osborne Park sub-branch and they had been
busy at work on their new hall every weekend since January.
There was nothing wrong with that spirit, Mr. Harvey said when apprising the State Execu-
tive of the incident.
Mr. Harvey said he let matters rest there. Accompanied by the State Secretary (Mr. Chappell) he at-
tended the next meeting of the sub-branch as a gesture of appreciation of the good work it
was doing.

Initial Meeting
At Mogumber
Fifteen members attended the first official meeting of the Mogumber sub-branch of the
R.S.L. recently.
All of them were young men; there were no first-war men among them.
This was reported to the State Executive by the chairman of the Membership sub-committee
(the Rev. L. W. Riley).
"A most enthusiastic," was his comment.
Four members of the Moora sub-branch had also attended the meeting, Mr. Riley said.

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League Takes The Long View

Shaping the nation's destiny — doing things worthwhile — these epithets were applied by the League State President (Mr. Lonnie) to the Commonwealth Immigration Advisory Council during its recent Perth visit.

The occasion was a reception at Anzac House to the 13 members of the council.

Pictured above in conversation with Mr. Lonnie (at left) are two members of the council — Messrs. G. L. Freeth, M.H.R. (chairman) and J. C. Neagle, Mr. Neagle (at right) is also the R.S.L. Federal Secretary. It was the Council's first visit to this State, Mr. Lonnie said when welcoming the visitors.

Congratulating Mr. Freeth on his recent appointment to the chairmanship of the council Mr. Lonnie said: "We feel there is nothing so good that a dash of West Australian will not make it better."

Great success had attended the efforts of those entrusted with the shaping of the national immigration policy, and their difficulties had perhaps been smoothed over somewhat by the balanced and sane outlook of the League on what could have been a very vexed question, he said.

It would have been easy to take the stand that each new arrival was a potential danger to the security of employment of those already here.

Fortunately, a wiser disposition had prevailed and the League was proud of what had been done.

Congress Agenda Closes Shortly

Items for inclusion on the agenda for the 40th annual State Congress of the League must reach Anzac House by noon on April 18.

This is stated in a letter from the president of the association (Mr. George M. Greenwood) to the West Australian branch of the League.

On behalf of the committee Mr. Greenwood has extended to "any of our comrades who are domiciled in your State an invitation to be present at the reunion."

He has pointed out that the unit was raised in Melbourne and South Australia but had many reinforcements from Western Australia — men "whom we would be pleased to meet again."

He would like those accepting the invitation to notify the association secretary (Mr. Geoffrey Dunne, 95 Narrogin-road, Caulfield) by May 16.

Marron On The Menu For Cardiff Reunion

Marron caught at the Stirling Weir by enthusiastic League members featured on the menu at the recent annual reunion of the Cardiff sub-branch.

The caterers were kept busy in attendance were 130 ex-servicemen, among them three of the sub-branch's original members, Messrs. Jim Smith, Len Brown and Tom Hoddell.

They gave reminiscences of the struggles to keep the sub-branch active in its early years, and spoke with satisfaction of the progress made since World War II.

Chairman for the occasion was Mr. Bert Burnett.

In a toast to the State Executive — represented at the reunion by Messrs. S. A. McNamara and L. Lowe — Mr. Fogarty praised his voluntary work. His members were doing for the R.S.L.

Responding, Messrs. McNamara and Lowe gave some details of current activities and stressed that every request from a sub-branch received careful consideration.

At the annual general meeting of the sub-branch next morning the secretary (Mr. A. Carr) said that the recruitment of 32 additional members during the year had brought the membership figure up to 110.

Seventeen members had joined in the past three months.

Mr. Bert Burnett was re-elected sub-branch president for the fourth year in succession, Mr. Cliff Brown and Mr. A. Fogarty were appointed vice-presidents and Mr. Carr was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Mr. Fogarty was appointed sub-branch auditor.

Mr. Carr and Mr. Jim Smith will represent the Cardiff sub-branch in an ex-servicemen's guard of honour to Lord and Lady Mountbatten in Perth on April 14.

"Melbourne" Men May March

Personnel of the aircraft carrier Melbourne may march on Anzac Day (April 25).

H.M.A.S. Melbourne will be at Fremantle on that date and the State branch of the League has been negotiating with the appropriate authorities for a landing party from the ship to participate in the march.

Reunion To Coincide With Games

The committee of the 7th Div. A.A.S.C. Association (based in Victoria) plans to hold a reunion in Melbourne to coincide with the Olympic Games.

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