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Wit And Wisdom Flow From Ripe Experience

Some praise, some criticism and some debt of gratitude characterised a brief address given by a distinguished Australian soldier—Major-General F. Kinsley Norris, C.B.E., D.S.O., formerly Director-General of Army Medical Services—at Anzac House during his recent visit to Perth in connection with Royal Perth Hospital Week.

The occasion was a reception accorded him by the State Executive.

The State president (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) extended the G.S. welcome to a soldier who had won the love and regard of thousands of ex-service men here, and referred to his achievement as the Armistice campaign and other theatres of war.

On a brief biography, General Norris recalled the day when he had been made D.A.D.M.S. (Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services). "I was not bad, but the fellow back at Corps was pretty hopeless.

Then he had gone back to Corps himself, until he was made D.A.D.M.S.

In due course the G.S. was left out of the picture.

As a General, he said, he had had his first surprise in his first week, when he found that the Army Headquarters was the only asylum run by its inmates.

In his next role, the G.S. was misled by the presence of a place of safety, and sent for the key.

The key could not be found for two days and he had then realised that this was a top-secret kind of safety. He would investigate.

The sole contents of the safe was a little tin containing the falseness of his predecessor.

He did not want to deter anyone from going on to join the general's unit, but that was the type of problem that beset one every day at H.Q.

General Norris said he had visited many countries and that the reputation of the Australian soldier was never higher than at present but that he still thought of you fellows.

But sometimes, admittedly, there was a little suspicion of the Digger. As they say, there was the old man— who visited the waxworks—"the only waxwork that mystified him. He was very interested in the historical figures, particularly the ladies in their voluminous skirts and ruffles. He suggested to an attendant that laundry must have been a big item and

OUR EXECUTIVE INSPIRES A VICTORIAN

The number of young men on the State Executive had forcibly struck him, the president of the Carnegie (Victoria) sub-branch, Mr. J. G. Timmins, said when he visited the State Executive meeting held on September 23.

In Victoria the Returned Servicemen's League had great difficulty in that direction, he said.

"At our last State Conference 75 per cent of those present were first-war men," said Mr. Timmins.

"I think that's wrong, and we should think of the continuous campaign to include second-war men to come in and do their share. After visiting this meeting I shall be able to talk back and pass on to our executive some of the things I have learned here," he said.

In the meantime, throughout the world, peace had been preserved.

It was hard to think that two million people had been killed and a million wounded; that the war had cost 200,000 lives; that the war had caused all the loss of life; and that the war had caused all the destruction of life. But perhaps they were not so easy as people were thinking.

The one thing Australians must do was to prepare to defend themselves. The G.S. said that was not a bellicose attitude; it was the only thing until an expansion of goodwill

Pictured (below) at the reception are, from the left, the State president (Mr. W. S. Lonnie), Major-General Kinsley Norris, Dr. R. R. Anderson and the manager of the Royal Perth Hospital (Mr. J. Griffin).

GOVERNOR WILL PERFORM MEMORIAL UNVEILING

The unveiling of additions to the State War Memorial in commemoration of those who gave their lives in World War II will be performed on Sunday, November 6, by the Governor (Sir Charles Gairdner) in a ceremony commencing at 3 p.m.

Among those listed for participation are the Premier (Mr. Hawke) and State Ministers, representatives of the Commonwealth Government, heads of churches, the State president of the League (Mr. W. S. Lonnie), the retiring State warden (Mr. R. H. Dugan) and the incoming warden (Mr. D. G. Campbell) Egan), the Leader of the Opposition in the State Parliament (Mr. Ross McLarty), service heads, consuls, Legacy wards, war widows, unit associations, relatives of those commemorated, and leading citizens.

In a statement on the arrangements made for the occasion the Lieutenant-Colonel (Mr. L. Chapmann) said that His Excellency would unveil, first, the plaque commemorating the laying of the first wreath on the completed memorial by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, and finally the plaques and inscriptions in the undercroft.

Sir Charles would then be invited by the Premier to hand over the memorial to the custody of the R.S.L., as was done at the dedication in 1929.

The unveiling would be followed by the laying of official wreaths, the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille, and "The Last Post and "The Last Post and Reveille, and" The Last Post and Reveille, and" The Last Post and Reveille, and" The Last Post and Reveille, and" The Last Post and Reveille.

After the laying of private wreaths the ceremonial would be concluded with the National Antheii.

The Guard of Honour, Mr. L. Chapmann, said, would assemble for the ceremony in the Court of Honour and proceed to the memorial via Fraser Avenue.

Unit associations and League members would assemble in the forecourt of the Fraser Avenue and proceed via Malcolm-street and Fraser Avenue.

Legacy wards would assemble in the forecourt of the Fraser Avenue and proceed via Malcolm-street and Fraser Avenue.

State Executive members and assistant-secretaries would act as guides.

All traffic in King's Park from the Forecourt to the main gate would be prohibited from 2 to 5 p.m.

INCAPACITY COVER FOR MALAYA MEN

Personnel of the Australian contingent proceeding to Malaya will be covered by the provisions of the Repatriation Act for any incapacity received on duty.

Information to this effect received by the North-West Immigration and Defence sub-committee of the Federal Office has been passed on to the State Executive.

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FAVERSHAM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S NOTES
INTEREST IN HOME GROWS

The interest of sub-branches and League members generally
in the activities of the Home is
steadily strengthening. During
the past month two country
sub-branches offered to supply
working bees and made suggestions
as to publicity.

The North Dandalup-Keys
brook sub-branch itself to make up an
probably full report of its activities
in the following week.

The sub-branch also points
out that some members are
hesitant about taking their
wines and children on visits to
the Home.

In addition to all the above, a
North Dandalup sub-branch
party took along tobacco and
reading matter for their old
friends.

The Meckering sub-branch re-
quested that sub-branches be
notified by letter when working
bees were to be held at Faver-
sham. Perhaps appeals for working
bees have been couched in
confusing terms, but it has always
been our aim to get our sub-
branch to make a part of the
best interests of the Home.

The most satisfactory method
is for the sub-branch to contact
the Matron (or Superintendent)
and arrange visits. With the
interests of the Home in mind,
the League's activities are
being considerably extended.

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League Unity Sought In
Joint Effort

R.S.L. sub-branches which
have committed themselves to
joint effort with other organi-
ations in the raising of funds
under the Medical School Ap-
peal have been urged by the
President (Mr. J. W. Lownie),
in a letter, to attempt an assess-
ment of the value of their efforts
so that they may be compared as part
of the League's effort as a whole.

To sub-branches not so com-
mitting, Mr. Lownie said, that
sub-branches should
be made aware that the
League's appeal is for
support of the R.S.L.
Scholarships Offered Under Canteens Trust Fund

Applications for two post-graduate scholarships and two nursing awards, for children of men and women who served in the Australian military forces at any time between September 3, 1939, and June 30, 1947, are being invited by the trustees of the Services Canteens Trust Fund.

This has been announced through the general secretary of the fund.

The nursing awards are to be made each year, but the post-graduate scholarships will not necessarily be granted annually.

Details are as follows:

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

One of the scholarships is for study overseas and the other for study at an Australian university.

The fields of study in which the scholarships may be awarded are:

- **Overseas**:
  1. Any course at any approved university throughout the world.
  3. Any hailing scholarship in any other field.

An applicant wishing to pursue the course of study must apply to the trustees for a scholarship in that field.

**Value of Scholarships**

The scholarship for study overseas is valued at £600 per annum, and that for study in Australia is £600 per annum.

Both scholarships will be tenable for a period of up to three years.

**Eligibility**

(a) A member of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth, or a member of any nursing service or women's service attached or auxiliary to any branch of the Defence Forces of the Commonwealth, including:

(b) members of the canteens staff of any ship of the Royal Australian Navy, and any person duly accredited to any part of the Defence Force who served in an official capacity on full-time paid duty.

**Selection**

Selection will be entirely on merit and will be competitive. Applications will be entertained only by an applicant who, in the opinion of the trustees, has outstanding ability, is a suitable character and is likely to obtain lasting benefit to himself (or herself) and to Australia by reason of the scholarship.

The scholarships will not necessarily be awarded each year.

The following will be taken into consideration in determining the award of the scholarships:

- Academic career, ability for research work, character, future value to Australia of the subject of research selected.

Applications for the Scholarship for study overseas must include a letter of recommendation from the general secretary of the Services Canteens Trust Fund.

Closing Dates:

Applications must be lodged with the General Secretary, Services Canteens Trust Fund, Victoria Barracks, St. Kilda, Melbourne, by January 10, 1956.

Closing dates for applications for the Scholarship for study overseas must be determined by the trustees.

AWARDS FOR NURSES

One of the awards for post-graduate training for nurses will be taken at the College of Nursing, Australia, and the other two at the New South Wales College of Nursing.

The trustees will also consider applications for awards for post-graduate courses at training centres overseas, provided the courses are not obtainable in Australia.

The awards will be granted for full-time post-graduate courses at the college or training centre selected, and will be paid in addition to the fees, fares, travel and accommodation costs.

AWARDS FOR OFFICERS

One of the awards for courses at the College of Nursing, Australia, and the New South Wales College of Nursing must be paid in full-time paid duty.

Maintenance, at the rate of £2.6 per week, for the duration of the courses, for payment for the period prescribed for the course.

Value of Award

The awards will be paid for full-time post-graduate course at the college or training centre selected, and will be paid in full-time paid duty.

Eligibility:

Any person whose mother or father served in the Australian military forces between September 3, 1939, and June 30, 1947, is eligible to apply for an award.

Qualifications:

The applicant must possess the qualifications prescribed by the college or training centre concerned to enter upon the course proposed.

A formal academic qualification such as Leaving or Matriculation Certificate is not essential provided the applicant is in every way suitable and qualified to undertake the course proposed.

How To Apply

Applications must be made on the form which, together with detailed information, can be obtained either from the general secretary of the Services Canteens Trust Fund, or the New South Wales College of Nursing, or the regional secretary of the Services Canteens Trust Fund in each State.

Address of Regional Secretaries

- Qld.: Vice-Chancellor, Victoria Barracks, Brisbane.
- Vic.: 214 Pitt-street, Sydney.
- W.A.: Swan Barracks, Perth.
- S.A.: 325, Darwin.

The address of the regional secretary in Western Australia is Swan Barracks, Perth.

Action Urged On Butterfat Subsidy-Cut

The Mt Barker sub-branch had requested that an emphasis be placed on the need for the Minister on the reduction of the butterfat subsidy, the butterfat committee (Mr. E. O. Davies) reported to the meeting of the State Executive on September 28.

Mr. E. O. Davies, the sub-branch said, also wanted the Minister to consider reducing the production of Western Australia to the extent of the difference in the cost of production in this State compared with the Eastern States.

Mr. Davies said that representatives of the National Farmers' Union had been made to the Minister, and that the only point on which was not subject of an item for Federal Congress.

Mr. H. Holder, who will present the case to the Federal Congress in Brisbane, asked for clarification of the situation.

The "whole position seems to have become rather obscure," he said, and he would appreciate if the land committee could give him all the actual figures.
WAR CONTACTS RECALLED
AFTER TEN YEARS

Names of people and places that may "ring a bell" with many Australians who served in North Borneo during World War II are mentioned in the following letter which was recently received—after a silence of ten years or so—by the R.S.L. State president (Mr. W. S. Lonnie).

The letter was written by Mr. N. Wong, and the enclosure by his father (Mr. Wong Soo Seng).

Dear Lonnie—I have the imagination that you have thrown aside all the hope of receiving a letter from me. I believe it is too long. Your letter came to me about a week ago; I wonder what caused the delay but suspect it met some trouble in transit, and did not put myself to the trouble of inquiring from the post master.

Anyway, a year of waiting is nothing as compared with the nine years in which we did not hear of each other.

Mr. Chong Chau Lung, whom you mentioned in your letter, is a very prosperous gentleman. He is now the Manager of a Borneo contracting company, and possesses several sawmills around West Borneo. He has obtained the category of M.B.E. and is a member of the Legislative Council of West Coast.

O. T. Ashme is now a Native Chief of Beaufort. As to the Chinese Overseas League, nothing is heard of it.

To gather all the members of the Australian Ninth Division and fly over to North Borneo is a very good idea and I very much hope you can achieve it.

Going over to Australia to further my studies, having completed the course available here, is my sole target but, at circumstances do not allow, I have to content myself with working with the Government.

As you like very much to know our country under peace-time conditions, I think I can help you with a short description.

To start with, the Papar bridge has now been reconstructed. The old bridge was made of concrete, and in one night, with a high tide, the bridge was washed away. The new bridge is better, and the old one was a disgrace to our engineers.

In Jesselton, new public and Government Schools have been built; these promise the future of the country. Concrete shop buildings, hotels and offices have been built and some are still under construction.

All attempts to improve the agriculture of the country are made. Inland air services linking Jesselton with Keningau, Ranau and Kudat are operated by small aircraft called Rapide, and main services communicating between Singapore, Kuching, Labuan and Jesselton is the air base. With American Air Detachment from Jesselton), and Sandakan are worked.

These facilities are catered for by the Malay Airways which has its head office in Singapore. Land transport is greatly improved and water transport is served by the Kaimis (new steamer), Kajang, Marudu and Darvel (pre-war steamer) of the Struts Steamship Co. New wharves have been built at Labuan and Sandakan, and that of Jesselton is still under construction. I am sending you by sea-mail some photos which may interest you and give you an idea of conditions as they were made during the past four years. I think you will be as much interested in the work as I am interested in the probable places I will be sent to are either New Zealand or Australia.

My father is now dealing with firewood business and my brother is working with a contractor. "Woo Mon Chew Contractor (B) Ltd. One of my brothers is married, the other is working as an aman to a European.

This is all for now. I hope to hear from you again soon.

Yours sincerely,

P.O. Box No. 214, Jesselton, British North Borneo.

[PS. Attached herewith a copy of my father's letter for you.]

How happy and grateful I am to hear the news from my son, Nicholas, that he has received a letter from you, and I hope you are well. Thank you; very much for your letter. I hope you are well.

All the friends whom you mentioned (Chong Chau Lung and O. T. Ashme and the rest) are still alive and prosperous. I still remember all the acquaintances I made at Papar and Beaufort, if I had not mislaid their names and categories read: Major Hoffmann, Lieutenant Dye, Capt. Mackintosh, Capt. Manet, Major Campbell and Major King.

I hope you wish they are still alive and in good spirits. Please convey my best wishes and kind regards to them, if possible. I should be most grateful if you could send me a photo of your family and return it. I shall send you one of mine when I have one scanned. A photo like this can give us some idea of each other, and we may remember who we are. This is all for now. Wish you good luck.

Your wartime friend,

Wong Soo Seng.

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Motor-outing Organisation Has Served For 24 Years

The motor-outing organisation of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary—which provides regular outings and entertainments for ex-service patients in hospitals and institutions—has been in existence for 24 years.

This is stated in a report on the history of the organisation by the State president, of the Auxiliary (Mrs. A. Stockmin). The organisation, Mrs. Stockmin said, owed its genesis to a letter received by the auxiliary from the R.S.L. State Executive in November, 1931, concerning the Col. Lamb fund.

The fund, which has been used by the R.S.L. for outings and entertainment of soldiers in hospital, had dwindled to £19.

The letter requested the auxiliary to accept the sum and continue the outings for ex-service patients.

A committee was formed consisting of Mesdams Stockmin (chairman), Marshall, Sutterfield, Petterer and Hotoppen. Each member of the committee was responsible for three cars, so the help of friends was enlisted.

The first outing was held in December, 1931, with the patients from Leenane.

Executive Changes

Since the annual conference of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. W. Brown (junior vice-president) and Mr. W. Wilkins have resigned from the R.S.L. Executive, and Mrs. Undercroft (Yokine-Joondanna) and Mrs. Martin have resigned.

The new junior vice-president is Mrs. L. Young (Shenton Park). This has been reported by the state secretary (Mrs. E. A. Ames).

Mrs. Ames said that 13 auxiliaries were competing in the McKinlay Shield games and that the Auxiliary tennis team (uniozended) was sports secretary.

Donations

The following donations from sub-branch auxiliaries have been reported by the state secretary (Mrs. E. A. Ames):

- Busselton, £2.50 Hospital Visit.
- Meckering, £2 War Veterans' Home; Mosman Park, £2 Air Force Association.
- T.P.I.; Bruce Rock, £10 State War Memorial; Willetton, £2.20, Air Force Association; Cottesloe, £2.20, Air Force Association; Glen Forrest, £2.20, Hospital Visit.
- Armadale Municipal Library, £2.20, Hospital Visit.
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WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

Early in 1932 ex-service patients from the repatriation hospital were taken on the second outing.

One event during the year was a visit by ex-service patients to the hospital. The Auxiliary provided transport and an auxiliary for the event, which consisted of high tea and entertainment.

By 1935 the number of outings had risen to 22 a year, and the number of ex-service patients benefiting had increased. About that time some 40 old soldiers in the Old Men's Home (now Sunset) were included.

During the war the Auxiliary continued to work with the Red Cross and the State executive, and continued to assist with transport to schools and hospitals. When the war ended, the Auxiliary continued to provide transport for ex-service patients and for visiting families.

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bell, formerly in command in
Korea and now Commander
of the Duntroon Military Col-
lege and president of the Aus-
talian Commonwealth Ter-
ritory branch of the R.S.L.

When in Perth recently to
select candidates for Duntroon,
General Campbell was entered-
ly at an informal gathering in
Anzac House by the State
president (Mr. W. S. Lonie)
and members of the State
Executive.

Collett Cup Returns
To Manjimup

The Collett Cup, awarded an-
ually for outstanding service,
has returned to the sub-branch
of the Manjimup sub-branch
after 14 years in other hands.

Not since 1941 had the award
gone to Manjimup, although
that sub-branch had been suc-
cessful in 1940 also.

Officially handing over the
cup to the sub-branch president
(Mr. F. Hasle) recently, the
secretary (Mr. A. McDonald)
said he thought that in all prob-
ability Manjimup had lost
the trophy because of the diver-
sified activities of the sub-
branch during the competitive
period.

Manjimup's proud record of
raising £200 for Dunsheath Cot-
tages, £18 for the Queen's Gift
Fund and playing a leading role
in the Alf Fry Fire Appeal
Fund—which had raised £230
were some of the things on
which the branch could feel
proud, he said.

Mr. McDonald said it was very
much to Mr. Hasle's credit that
he had led the branch to suc-
cess in its first term as presid-
ent.

NEW EXECUTIVE NEEDS SUPPORT

At a recent meeting of the
Swan View-Greenmount sub-
branch, which was attended by
members of the State Execu-
tive, Mr. F. A. Wallis was
elected president and Mr. R.
A. Britnell secretary.

The view has been expressed
that the new officers will need
all the support possible from
members and those eligible for
membership in the locality.
New Country Memorial Impresses Leader

In his address at the opening of the Lake Grace War Memorial on September 3—the 16th anniversary of the commencement of World War II—the R.S.L. State president (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) said he had yet to see a memorial with such quiet dignity.

He praised the various appointments of the new building. Built at a cost of £3,500, the memorial incorporates a library as a special feature. The building is of reinforced concrete constructed with tiled roof, and the outside is painted white with blue trimmings.

The front porch is supported by cement pillars, and on the porch is a tower with flag-pole. Passing through the front door one steps into the hall of Honour, where there are three white panels.

On the centre panel, flanked by two flags is a framed picture of the Queen. Above the picture is a clock and below it the Honour Scroll.

On the east panel is a framed picture of King George VI and lower down one of Lord Birdwood.

On the west panel hangs a picture of King George VI and one of Sir Winston Churchill.

On the raised floor is a small glass-topped jarrah table, and underneath the glass are various maps showing the areas in which troops operated. Also on the table is a Visitors’ Book. Beside the table is a polished jarrah stool with satin cushion and a Bible.

The meeting room is one of the right of the entrance. On the right again is the library. The kitchen has a stainless steel sink and numerous cupboards. The opening ceremony was performed by the president of the memorial committee (Mr. H. J. Coed).

Mr. Coed said that the site had been granted by the R.S.L. after World War I.

Several ideas for a memorial put forward over the years had been abandoned because of lack of support, he said.

A new committee had been formed in 1944, and the culmination of its efforts was to be seen in the new building. The funds collected to date totalled £1,200, all contributed by direct donation, the principal donations having come from the women’s auxiliary (£330), the Lake Grace Co-operative (£200) and the Memorial Gardens Fund £124.

The balance of £130 required for the completion had been borrowed, and all trades people and builders had been paid.

The gathering was under the chairmanship of Mr. D. L. Elliott, and among those present were the local sub-branch president (Mr. T. J. Wright), and Messrs. C. Perkins, M. L. A., H. H. Pelham and J. C. Connolly.

The Library Board of W.A. was also represented by Messrs. A. F. Noonan and Chaffe, who both spoke.

Mr. Noonan said that the library was the 12th to be established in a country district in this State, and the third to incorporate a section for children.

Mr. Pelham spoke of the early days of the R.S.L. at Lake Grace, and said that some of the early meetings were held in the railway yard if there happened to be a covered van there at the time.

The Policy Of The League

The Federal Constitution of the R.S.L. lays it down that the League shall be national and non-party, and on all questions of party politics maintain a neutral attitude.

The League’s policy, as adopted at Congress on November 3, 1924, is:

1. The integrity of the Empire.
2. White Australia.
3. An adequate defence force.
4. A vigorous immigration system, with necessary safeguards to ensure suitable migrants being obtained.
5. Unification of railway gauges.
7. Systematic immigration of industries.
8. Re-afforestation.
10. Trade within the Empire.

ARMISTICE DAY ADDRESS

The State president of the Returned Servicemen’s League (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) will be the guest speaker in the Merredin Radio Magazine programme broadcast by stations 6IX-WB and 6BY on Armistice Day.

Mr. Lonnie was asked to take part in the session by Mr. F. F. Mead, a member of the Merredin sub-branch. The programme will be broadcast from the stations’ Perth studios at 12.15 p.m. on Friday, November 11.
Battalion To Wear Kapyong Emblem

The 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, will wear on the pike of its regimental colour on April 24, the anniversary date of the Kapyong battle, a new streamer emblem of the United States Presidential Citation which it won for gallantry at the battle of Kapyong in Korea.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Francis) said recently that approval for this had been received by the Governor General (Field Marshal Sir William Slim) from Her Majesty the Queen. This emblem is a purple streamer 2ft. 6in. long and 2in. wide, with gold edging and bearing the word "Kapyong" in gold lettering.

Allocation Of Sub-branches

The State President of the Returned Servicemen's League (Mr. W. S. Lonnies) has announced the allocation of metropolitan sub-branches to members of the State Executive as follows:

Mr. R. Stoddart, Public Service, Press and Highgate; Mr. H. Stanbury, Fremantle, Bicton-Palmyra, North-East Fremantle; Mr. F. C. Chaney, South Perth, Belmont, Canning; Mr. E. C. Townsend, Mundaring, Mt. Helena, Glen Forrest and Darling ton; Mr. W. E. Smith, City of Perth, Riverton, Upper Swan; Dr. K. W. Harris, Claremont; Subiaco and Shenton Park; Mr. G. Vates, North Perth; Returned Sisters and Servicewomen; Rev. L. W. Blenheim, Vincent and Forrestfield; Mr. G. Gordon, Medina, Rockingham, Safety Bay; Mr. L. Arrowood, City of Kalamunda; Mr. E. W. King, Armadale, Carlisle, Mandingong; Mr. J. Middleton, Medina, Rockingham, Safety Bay; Mr. M. Yeo, Mundaring; Mr. J. White, Guildford, Kentwick, Kensington and Bedford; Morley Park; Miss M. Mears, West Perth, Mosman Park and South Belmont; Mr. B. Keeley, Maylands, Cottesloe and Applecross; Mr. H. Holder, Bassendean, Gloucester Park and Nedlands; Mr. J. Walters, Public Works, Scarborough and Swanbourne; Mr. L. Barley, Mt. Lawley-Ingled wood, Mt. Hawthorn; and Mr. J. F. Milne, Darling Range, Bellevue, Midland and Swan View-Greenmount.

Confirmation Of Officials

At the two September meetings of the State Executive confirmation of sub-branch officials was as follows:

Bellevue: President, Mr. V. Thomas; secretary, Mr. G. P. Dent.
Cottesloe: President, Mr. V. C. N. Hubbard; secretary, Mr. A. Gillies.
Maddington: President, Mr. W. Ryan; secretary, Mr. J. H. Compton.
Hamilton Hill Central: President, Mr. J. A. Baker; secretary, Mr. J. W. Rasmussen.
Kooyonga: President, Mr. A. K. Donaldson; secretary, Mr. A. S. Landaquist.
Nedlands: President, Mr. J. Cobb; secretary, Mr. J. Bailey.

A.R.M.S. GAMES, 1955

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Fixtures:
First semi-final, Wednesday, October 26, at Monash Club.
Final, Thursday, November 10, at Mt. Hawthorn.
Grand final, Thursday, November 17, at Anzac House.
16th Battalion Association Notes

The Annual Reunion and Ladies’ Night held at the Railway Institute, on October 6th during Show Week—was a great success, and a large number of country members attended.

Represented at the reunion were the R.S.L., S.A. Veterans, 16th Light Horse, and the 44th and 51st Battalions.

The annual general meeting was held prior to the reunion and after rendering his report the president (Mr. Jim Cutmore), whose term had expired, handed over to his successor, Mr. Bill Waterman, and in doing so wished him every success. Due to absence in the country Mr. Charles Taylor tendered his resignation as senior vice-president.

Mr. Taylor has been on the committee of the association, holding various offices, since its formation many years ago and will be greatly missed.

The vice-presidents elected to office were: Messrs. J. Oxenham, W. Lillieyman, C. O. Sladden, J. Fekin, A. J. Watts, O. C. Young, and J. A. Williams, while the arduous duties of secretary and treasurer have once more fallen on the shoulders of Mr. Bill Newick.

Mrs. Hilda Margolin, widow of the late Col. E. L. Margolin, is patroness of the association.

The death is announced of Capt. Bernard Everett Bardwell, who spent most of his life in the pearling industry at Broome. Although he did most of his soldiering with the 48th Bn., Capt. Bardwell left these shores with 9th Reinforcements to the 16th Bn. on the “Hororata” on October 5, 1915.

The following have also passed on:

Sharpe, Frank E. (2070), on August 11.
Rawlings, Ernest J. (5173), on August 25.
Davies, David H. (2877), on September 2.

The 16th Bn. Association will be taking part in the unveiling ceremony at the State War Memorial on Sunday, November 6, at 3 p.m.

The President At Hills Function

On Saturday, September 17, the State President (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) accompanied by Mrs. Lonnie and Miss Meares of the State Executive visited the Darling Range sub-branch Mad Hatters Ball, which was held in the Kalamunda Agricultural Hall.

The guests were received on arrival by the president of the sub-branch (Mr. S. Bishop) and Mrs. Bishop.

Where ‘Is He?

Information is sought as to the present address of Sapper Armstrong, 13th Field Coy R.A.E., and name and address of any member of his unit who was engaged with a well-sinking party from Ivorywood Camp (February to April 1940), during which employment Sapper Armstrong was injured and taken to Pinjarra Hospital for treatment.
Fewer War-Service Homes
Here This Year

A reduction in the amount of finance available for war-service homes in 1955-56 would result in 250 fewer homes being completed under the scheme than in the previous year.

The chairman of the housing committee (Mr. R. Stoddart) reported this at the meeting of the State Executive held on September 14.

Though there had been no reduction in the amount of money available throughout the Commonwealth, the West Australian allocation had been reduced without any reason being given by the Government, he said.

Mr. Stoddart said that a letter from the Under-Secretary (Mr. H. V. Telfer) revealed that the amount available for the scheme in W.A. had been cut from £3,975,322, to £3,181,000.

This would result in only 1,310 homes being completed, compared with 1,561 in 1954-55.

The policy of the present director of the scheme was to spread his funds over a period of 12 months, Mr. Stoddart said.

"Each year it turns out that there is more money to be spent at the end of the financial year than at the beginning. In other years we have even been asked to take additional money and spend it in the months of May and June," he said.

The executive bitterly criticised the reduction in the amount of finance for war-service homes.

Mr. G. Gordon said that a strong protest should be made to the federal office in view of the reduced allocation.

"If we are down 250 homes this year," he said, "it is likely to be even more next year.

say very seriously that we should make a strong and immediate protest to the Federal Office.

The director of the War Service Homes Scheme had failed to keep his promise to visit Western Australia, Mr. G. Yates said.

He should now be asked to come to Perth to deal with the important item of reduced finance at a time when applications for homes were still high.

Mr. Yates also said that the deposit for war-service homes should be increased when an ex-service man took over his home as it was when he lodged his application.

The present waiting-period of 10 months is very trying for ex-service men and often affects their financial status," he said.

"If we could get some finality on this it would be a great help," he said.

It was decided to prepare a special case for the delegates to the Federal Congress, to bring before the director, pointing out that he had originally promised to visit W.A. in February of this year.

Protests Lodged

Mr. Stoddart told the State Executive at its meeting on September 28 that protests had been lodged with the State Housing Commission and the Federal Office of the R.S.L. concerning the reduction in finance available for war-service homes in Western Australia during the current financial year.

Mr. R. Stoddart said that the Federal president (Sir George Holland) hoped to meet the Minister controlling war-service homes prior to Federal Congress.

Sir George would attempt to secure some alleviation.

It was proposed to supply the Federal Office with information to strengthen the president's case.

His Service Gains Recognition

At a social evening conducted by the North Dandalup-Kyeboorong sub-branch recently Mr. H. Currie was presented with a Certificate of Service for his good work for the sub-branch and for the R.S.L. generally.

Mr. Currie has lived in the North Dandalup district for several years and is "widely respected there. Previously he lived in the Bruce Rock-Narembeen district."

He played an important part in the building of the sub-branch club-room.

He served with the 10th Light Horse in World War I, and with the V.D.C. in World War II. He is a Justice of the Peace.

The presentation was made by Mr. T. Patterson.

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CHANGE OF MEETING

The monthly general meetings of the sub-branch will henceforward be held in ST. PATRICK’S HALL, Beaumont St., Mt. Lawley, at 8 p.m. on the first WEDNESDAY each month. Next meeting, WEDNESDAY, November 7. Supper and refreshments.

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The following letter, from the British Empire Service League has been received by the R.S.I. Federal Executive and passed on for publication.

Uncommon Courtesy

The League was rendering service to mankind when it decided to express thanks for the service given which in many instances was unappreciated. They have sent a letter expressing their appreciation of the work and services of the Voluntary Workers of the League. Mr. J. Chappell said recently: "I am happy to be able to express my appreciation of the service rendered to the League by you. I understand that you have been working for nearly two years and that you have served our needs in the most efficient manner. I am sure that all who know you will agree with me that you are a model of unselfishness and concern for the welfare of others. Your work has been of great value to the League, and you have shown an amazing capacity for hard work and dedication. I am sure that you will continue to do your best for the League, and I wish you all the best success in your work."
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Sub-branch Is Sound But Not Satisfied

The South Perth R.S.L. sub-branch has maintained its membership steadily over the years but hopes to attract an even better attendance at branch meetings.

Its secretary (Mr. W. H. Ferrier) said this recently.

Mr. Ferrier said that more help in debate would be a good thing, and that the games competitions being conducted were making for good comradeship.

The meetings were held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the Swan-street hall.

Mr. T. W. Bindeman had been elected chairman of the building committee, and the first meeting of the committee was held on October 2 at Anzac House under the guidance of the State president (Mr. Lonnie). Members were hoping to see some progress made on the block of land in Angelus Street.

With the permission of the Lotteries Commission the sub-branch was conducting a raffle to augment the building fund and hoped for the full support of members.

The sub-branch had handled a number of amelioration cases with good results. It was collecting helpers for its part in the Poppy Day appeal, the proceeds of which were to go to the Aged Soldiers Fund and amelioration funds in the sub-branches.

Members should be able to sell at least ten poppies each.

The sub-branch was holding its place in the Lambert Cup games. Having won the first set of games and being placed third in the second round with the rifle shooting still to count.

The teams entered in the A.R.M.S. games had not reached the final four but the games had been played in comradely fashion.

The annual reunion and smoke social had been a great success.

Among those present were five members of the State Executive—Messrs. E. O. Davie, L. Low, B. Keeley and David-son, and Dr. Harris—and the chairman of the South Perth Road Board (Mr. R. W. King).

The G.O.C. Western Command was represented by Major Hawke, and the R.A.N. by Capt. Shaw.

During the evening Dr. Harris on behalf of the sub-branch president, presented Mr. J. Lord, the sub-branch auditor, with a Certificate of Service.

Mr. Lord had been a member of the sub-branch since its inception, and auditor for a number of years.

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WIDE COOPERATION ASSURES YOUTH-TOUR'S SUCCESS

The success of the recent 11-day youth educational tour conducted by the Narrogin R.S.L. sub-branch could not have been achieved without the cooperation of sub-branches and women's auxiliaries in the area.

This was said by the Narrogin sub-branch president (Mr. C. H. Jones). The party consisted of 16 boys and 15 girls from the Narrogin High School and four who attended the joint management of Messrs. Jones and R. N. Page of the sub-branch and Messerse R. R. Lawford (presecretary) and Chatterly (treasurer) of the women's auxiliary.

The tour was the second educational tour to be sponsored by the sub-branch, the previous tour took place to Geraldton having been conducted last year.

Mr. Jones said that the successes of both tours had encouraged the organisations to make the tour an annual project.

The party, he said, had visited the well-known "Merryup" orchard property of Messrs. W. Soussens and Son, with a visit to the Co-operative Cool Storage and Packing Works at Mt. Barker where the children were billeted for the night by members of the local sub-branch.

The following night the sub-branch left the Lake Grace sub-branch, departing next morning for Esperance where a further visit to a girls' night on the night at Esperance sub-branch. Kalgoorlie was reached the following evening, after a midday sojourn in "Norseman" for dinner and inspection of the central Norseman Mines thanks to the local sub-branch and auxiliary.

At Anzac House the party was met by members of State Executive. All the children were billeted in the homes of members of State Executive and of the women's auxiliary.

The city programme included a wreath-laying ceremony at the State War Memorial by two of the young tourists—Miss Maureen Dilworth and Master Ian Kidd—a visit to the Sub-branch to be entertained by the League at luncheon, and inspections of the War Museum (by the boys) and the Railway Station (by the girls).

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**A Belmont Member Honoured**

A State vice-president (Mr. E. O. Davies) attended the September meeting of the South-Belmont-Rivervale sub-branch for the purpose of presenting a Certificate of Service to Mr. W. W. Davies.

Mr. Davies spoke highly of the service Mr. Davidson and others had given to the League and was supported in his remarks by the sub-branch president (Mr. Norman Healy).

A foundation member of the sub-branch, Mr. Davidson has served as secretary, vice-president, president and trustee, and has also, for the last two years, served on the State Executive.

The sub-branch is to conduct two fairs as the Belmont Park Race Fair to be held at Hardy Park next Saturday, October 29. The fair is a district undertaking with about 20 organisations taking part.

**Pemberton Has Hall Plans**

Plans for a new R.S.I. hall at Pemberton have been agreed to, subject to their approval by the Public Works and the Public Health Departments.

This has been reported from Manjimup.

The plans suggested that the building would be a substantial addition to the town on a site just below the post office and overlooking the playground of the Pemberton school.

When the plans were submitted, it was reported that a large quantity of bricks and other material had been delivered at the Pemberton site, and a builder was prepared to begin construction as soon as a permit was granted.

Building Fund Benefits At Bassendean

The building fund of the Bassendean sub-branch benefited substantially from a dance conducted in September, and another dance is planned.

The building committee is arranging a fete to be held at December 10. Other local organisations are being invited to participate and combined with the fete will be a professional roller cycling championship.

The ladies’ auxiliary will conduct a social on Thursday, October 29.

The sub-branch meeting on October 27 will start at 7.15 p.m. and will be followed by a film evening at 8 p.m.

**W.A. Chairs For Federal Office**

The State branch of the Returned Servicemen's League will supply the chairs for the presidency table at Federal Headquarters.

This was decided at a meeting of the State Executive held on September 28.

The chairs will be made of West Australian timber to a design similar to the Federal president's chair.

The State president (Mr. W. L. B. Connell) said that each State had been asked to supply items of furniture for the Federal Office.

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**Mt. Magnet Need**

Mt. Magnet sub-branch is desirous of obtaining a secondhand gramophone in good condition for playing recorded music of the Last Post and Reveille, and the sub-branch has expressed its readiness to deal with offers.

**Notice-of-motion May Be Dropped**

The chairman of the north-west, immigration and defence committee (Mr. F. C. Chaney) recommended to the State Executive on September 28 that no further action be taken on Notice of Motion No. 5 submitted by the Kojonup sub-branch to the State Congress.

The Notice of Motion was: That Federal Executive appoint a committee to submit next year’s conference what it considers to be:

1. Minimum requirements for defence of Australia.
2. Alterations to League Constitution and Federal Constitution to enable one to be put in effect.

Mr. Chaney said that inquiries had revealed that serving personnel of the Navy, Air Force and C.M.F. units under existing provisions could be sent overseas in time of emergency.

Mr. Chaney recommended the Kojonup sub-branch be notified accordingly.
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Membership-boost Plan Involves Visits By Executive Members

At its mid-September meeting the R.S.I. State Executive heard suggestions for a membership-boosting campaign involving visits to more sub-branches. Each member of the State Executive was asked to enlist five new members in the Returned Servicemen's League, the chairman of the membership committee (the Rev. W. Riley) reported.

Off we go to take a drive on the State Executive to set an example, he said.

Explainin a suggested campaign to boost membership, the Rev. Riley said his committee had been visiting sub-branches during the past three years. Coloured pins would be used for each year, he said, and the

SUB-BRANCH IS FUNCTIONING STRONGLY

The Mundaring R.S.I. sub-branch is still functioning strongly and aims to do even better.

In an appeal for more support recently its treasurer and publicity officer (Mr. Frank Turton) said:

"Our meeting is on the fourth Monday monthly. We surmise that our branch is like many others-always it is the trouble that stick to the gun, hence the machinery of the branch works through our own activities for the welfare and benefit of its members."

"Our meeting is now the Mundaring Railway Station buildings, and we earnestly ask our members to come along and help us make it comfortable.

Games and social efforts are great success for our president and secretary (Mr. Des Winton) and all active members ask all those who should be with us to come to our meetings. They can rest assured that a true welcome awaits them."
ARCHER GOT A ZERO—
WITH A WIRRAWAY

Boxing Day, 1942, was not the gayest in history, and in New Guinea the Australians and Americans were just beginning their march along the hard road back through Gona-Buna.

The commanding officer of No. 4 Army Co-operation Squadron, R.A.A.F., was sitting in his tent at Bomana that Boxing Day when a signal arrived: Archer shot down one Zeke. Send prisoner.

"I read it disbelievingly," Archer said later. "I shot down one Zeke. Send one Zeke. Send six bottles beer."

The signal came from the advanced flight at Dobodura, where Wirraways were co-operating with the A.I.F. in the Gona-Buna campaign. As they had only half the power of the Japanese Zeke (Zekes) the Australian-built Wirraway trainers were in daily apprehension of being shot down.

Now the situation had been reversed. The Wirraway command had airmen under the command of an officer who could hardly believe his luck. But it was true, and the flight at Dobodura was free from worry. Almost as incredible today is the fact that the actual Wirraway which shot down the Zero off the coast in the Gona area is still flying. It was a training machine at Point Cook, and the picture shows trainer pilot R. T. Hickey of Christchurch, New Zealand, with his instructor Flight-Lieut. J. L. Ingate.

Quick burst and got away. The Zero crashed into the sea, where exuberant Australian soldiers recovered the body of the Jap pilot.

One of the Wirraway's .303 bullets had gone through the pilot's head. Archer was a lucky man.

This was the only case in which a Wirraway is known to have shot down any enemy aircraft. It is one of the most fascinating little sideights of air war.

The squadron commander is now Group Captain A. D. Charlton, O.B.E., Director of Air Force Intelligence.

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Doctors Sought To Stem Army Shortage

The Australian Army is short of career doctors, and a move is on foot to recruit doctors in the United Kingdom for short-service Army commissions here.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Frances) said this recently.

The position had been engaging the attention of the Army Board and himself for some little time, he said.

Short service commissions would be offered to United Kingdom doctors and advertisements would appear shortly.

In addition, positive action was being taken to enlist in the Regular Army on both long and short service commissions.

Australian medical undergraduates in their final year.

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A Quose of Placement

The Anzac House committee has been directed to find a suitable location for a bronze plaque listing the facilities of Anzac Club.

This follows a recommendation from the committee that such a plaque be given to the front of Anzac House.

Directing the committee to recommend a suitable location, the state president (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) said the plaque should be located where it would do most good.

Spearwood Has A Solid Sub-branch

In Spearwood the R.S.L. has a very solid sub-branch—there are not many sub-branches today in this State which own their own building, have a second-war president, and at the same time have the full backing of the members from the first war.

At the recent reunion Mr. G. Gordon represented the Sub-branch Executive, and visiting sub-branches were City of Fremantle, Kalamunda, Subiaco and Rockingham.

Owing to the late arrival of the caterers an enjoyable games interval was arranged, with everyone, particularly Mr. Nick Marich who still holds the small one. The Army enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Gordon said he felt that such a sub-branch could take a far greater part in outside workings of the League, particularly Faversham Football Club.

Mr. Marr, in reply, assured Mr. Gordon that the branch would do so.

To the credit of the sub-branch credit is due to the president (Mr. R. Bonham).