Case For League Defence Body At Federal Level

At the R.S.L. Federal Executive meeting in Canberra on February 12 and 13 the W.A. branch will introduce a motion seeking the establishment of a top-level League Defence committee.

A strong case for the committee is set out below in a letter (written on January 15) to the Federal President (Sir George Holland) from the State President (Mr. Lonnie).

Dear Sir George,—I greatly regret that it may not be possible for me to attend the February executive meeting, since I will be attending the Civil Defence School at Macedon, Victoria, from the 10th to 13th February.

The progressive agenda looks most interesting, particularly from a defensive viewpoint. I had hoped to take part in these discussions, in accordance with the W.A. motion which seeks the setting up of an R.S.L. Defence Committee at Federal Executive level. It is inescapable, I believe, that world events today demand more than ever Australia's future defence role within the British Commonwealth of Nations. The formation of an R.S.L. Defence Committee has been for years a goal, but it is high time we made a forward move in keeping with the League's expanding horizons.

In our numerous Conferences to date we have dealt with various State resolutions on defence matters, perhaps more on the basis of that State alone than as part of a comprehensive and well considered programme. In the present agenda Queensland is seeking an all-weather road from Brisbane to Port Augusta, and from the north to the south of Australia—a special naval patrol force for the Torres Strait and the standardisation of railway gauges.

New South Wales requests a Commonwealth Survey of all highways and arterial roads and a programme of reconstruction against a national emergency—the unification of defence between Broken Hill and Port Augusta, with a connection to the North-West railway system of that State.

South Australia, with Queensland, seeks the immediate standardisation of railway gauges as a defence measure, while Western Australia is pressing for the provision of a naval base and docking facilities in this State, the provision of a marine reconnaissance squadron at Perth and the "all-weathering" of the East-West roadway.

This wide variety of resolutions draws attention to the need for a co-ordinated plan which would reflect the Executive's considered views and provide a more logical approach to the appropriate Ministers. The League's prestige and its ability to co-opt advice at high level would no doubt gain the close attention of Governments to its Defence representations especially when made under the authority of the Federal Executive.

One other matter in which this State is interested is that of the eligibility for League Membership of the Australian Forces now serving in the Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve. W.A. had an item on its agenda (which was deferred to the February meeting) I firmly believe that membership should be granted, restrict ed perhaps to either those who served in the Strategic Reserve or those who have served, or will serve, until "state of emergency" in Malaya, which it is expected will be annulled this year.

With best wishes for a successful meeting, and personal. Yours sincerely,

W. S. LONNIE
State President.

Australia Day Touch For "Diggers" In Malaya

LEAGUE SPONSORS ESSAY CONTEST

In connection with the Anzac Day observances this year the West Australian branch of the League is sponsoring a State-wide essay competition for school children.

The subject of the essay is to be "What Anzac Day Means to Me." The decision to hold the competition was made by the R.S.L. State Executive following a report by a special committee it had appointed to go into the question.

The essay is to be submitted within three grades as follows:

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The essay is to be written during school hours and are to be submitted for judging by May 3, 1957.

The activity pictured here stemmed from a telegram received at Anzac House from Australian servicemen in Malaya. The telegram read:

Personal for Lonnie pd Be grateful if you could arrange air despatch of gum tips to Wildflower sufficient decorate Minden-Miss on occasion Australia Day this year. End pd not exceed ten pounds. If impracticable please advise earliest.

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THE FACTS ON IMMIGRATION

By Sir George Holland, Federal President of the Returned Servicemen's League.

From time to time correspondents write letters to the Press expressing concern at what they believe to be insufficient encouragement and assistance given by the Immigration Department to British migrants.

Most of these letters are based upon incorrect premises and an emotional, illogical attitude towards the objective of Australia's immigration programme.

Worse still, the criticisms frequently accept unofficial interpretation of statistics and claim them to be official.

For example, some recent criticism in the Press has been based upon an incorrect claim that only 300,000 British migrants (including Maltese and Cypriot) arrived in Australia in the last 10 years.

As a member of the Commonwealth Immigration Planning Council I am in a position to know the facts about Government policy, and in this letter I shall endeavour to place the recent criticisms in proper perspective.

Here are the facts:

British First

Australia gives first priority to recruiting British migrants.

By publicity campaigns, including advertising, films, plays, and television in Britain, Canada, and the United States, Britain is publicising the opportunity to migrate to Australia.

This work is supplemented by visits of skilled selection teams throughout the United Kingdom to examine and select the migrants offering.

The Figures

In the gross totals of migrants to Australia, the proportion of Britons has been steadily increasing.

In 1935 Australia received 40 per cent more United Kingdom migrants than from the rest of the world, whereas in 1956 Australia received 82.2 per cent of her total of 89,427 migrants from the United Kingdom.

The proportion of British migrants to all the world's migrants arriving in Australia has increased from 14.5 per cent in 1935 to 18.1 per cent in 1956.

Further are the available figures of shipping and housing in Australia. All available shipping space is reserved for British migrants.

If more accommodation were guaranteed by people who are willing to sponsor British migrants, the number of migrants would increase.

Sponsors in Australia may nominate for an assisted passage any person in Britain with a bill of health and character. But Europeans here may have some difficulty in obtaining relatives, even as full fare paying migrants.

The future availability of shipping and housing in Australia, especially in the smaller towns, is dependent upon an increase in the number of British migrants.

The Park Site Move Endorsed

A move by the Karlgeir sub-branch to acquire securities on behalf of the Returned Servicemen's League has been enthusiastically endorsed by the members of the sub-branch.

For about 30 years the sub-branch has conducted annual picnics on the grounds of King's Park, which were supported by the State Executive.

In January 30 the State Executive considered a proposal that a garden be acquired and developed on the grounds of King's Park.

After due consideration, the Park Site Move Group was approved.

The executive resolved to seek a donation from Melbourne to purchase the park land on the behalf of the sub-branch and to invite the sub-branch to be represented on this.

FAVERSHAM CHAIRMAN'S NOTES...

Act Of Remembrance

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Could they be in various sacred places? Did the services occur in action but direct the service? The League provides, surely, the task of fitting the aged and infirm.

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Our grateful thanks to all who have helped since the first anniversary. To mention Mrs. J. G. Spark and the Anzac Club's members, whose skills and strength have already contributed so much towards the advancement of Australia's economy.

European migrants of fine character and physique will be welcomed. The office for 12 months has been in the hands of the sub-branch.

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1957—WHAT DOES IT HOLD?

YES, time moves on and yet another year has been ushered in. The old year has gone, with its hopes, its promises—some realised, some broken. This year, too, we will hear many folk saying that this thing or that thing was their New Year resolution, lightly passing over the fact that too many promises are made and too few honoured.

IN THE matter of New Year resolutions, we might well consider our sub-branch, its standing in the community, and its place in our lives.

WHEN we so eagerly sought membership of the League we did so appreciating the fact that we had joined an organisation well-received and respected in the community. We were glad to enfold ourselves in its mantle of membership, and we proudly displayed our badge of membership. We may have attended a meeting or two, have taken part in some official duty.

BUT what now? Does your badge lie in a drawer, its year clip showing that your membership lapsed long since? Do you know where your badge is? If all the members who joined the League acted as you may have and not renewed membership now there wouldn't be a league, it would have died.

THIS year, when there are so many things that want doing, when there are so many unfortunate who look to the League for help, will you pass on and refuse to help?

HONOUR your membership. Become financial this year. Attend the meetings.

RENEW your acquaintance with those sub-branch members—they're a grand crowd of chaps, and so eager to welcome you to the fold.

"THE links in the chain of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken."

IT HAS been said that we all are victims of some habit or other, some good, some perhaps not so good. So it is with our League. We either have the habit of going to the meeting or the habit of staying away.

IN THIS year of 1957 it is suggested that you put the League in your chain of habit, and let it become a link binding you to one of the greatest organisations for good in your life?

REMEMBER, there are so many things to do, so few to do them.

MAKE your resolution for 1957—"I will attend my sub-branch meeting."

LEMONS ADDITIONS:

A new building erected at the Lemnos at a cost of £3,300 has been donated to the Island by the University Regiment for the year running. —S. A. McManus.

TROPHY AWARDS:

The R.S.L. Efficiency Trophy has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. R. Ponsford, of Crook, to the State Executive. The trophy is said the social had been well attended, with quite a good turn from surrounding districts.

League Flashback

WHAT THIS JOURNAL WAS SAYING 35 YEARS AGO

The following items are taken from early issues of "The Listening Post" made available through the courtesy of Mr. E. S. Watt (for many years a member of the R.S.L. State Executive). It is hoped that they will be of interest and awaken many memories.

Capitallse That Interest!

Sir J. Mitchell, of Westralia, was the only State Premier to present, at the Melbourne Conference, a practical scheme for Immigration Land Settlement. His proposals received the cordial approval of Mr. Hughes, and from the details of the scheme there is little doubt that those overseas Kinsmen who settle in Westralia will be given every opportunity to make good.

Both State and Commonwealth will cooperate under the scheme. The part which the Federal authorities are to play could well be described as that of the guarantor for the security of the money which will be loaned to settlers. Upon them will fall the duty of seeing that the scheme is put into operation and that it is kept on a sound footing.

Both State and Commonwealth Governments will be responsible for the settlement of immigrants and have undertaken to give them a fair and equitable treatment.

The work will be carried out by the Commonwealth Government, which will be responsible for the initial outlay of $100,000, and the settlement of land in the ratio of 10 to 1.
AUSTRALIA AND

By Alfred Bruce

(Published by courtesy of "Reveille".)

Perhaps there has been no more elusive item of any soldier's equipment in modern war than the Field Marshal's baton, which Napoleon solemnly declared would snugly fit into every soldier's pack.

From the British viewpoint, this ancient symbol of the marshalate, this ceremonial foot should in theory, be internationally accepted. Possibly it has been "found" only 120 times since 1807, when the rank was created by George II, and many upon whom this had been conferred have either been ruled sovereigns (who are engaged to assure the purity of the royal blood, or foreign monarchs). Of the soldiers with human beginnings, very few indeed have found Napoleon's assertion to possess substance, but Australia can claim one of these successes in the promotion, in 1917, of Sir Thomas Albert Blamey.

Blamey commenced his working career as a school teacher, but, inspired by inclination, he easily could have become a Methodist minister, but, inspired by inclination, he easily could have become a Methodist minister, he turned to soldiering—to become Australia's first Field Marshal. Sadly enough, however, Blamey was fated never to appear on parade or to perform any official duties in the exalted rank to which he had been justly elevated. That tenure meant that beyond knowledge that Australia possessed a Field Marshal, Australians, at least, knew little of the ceremonial, status or traditions of the rank.

Promotion

Blamey's promotion was announced in the Birthday Honours list of 1917, with effect from June 8. The new Field Marshal had, at the time, been placed on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces (second), and the first traditional effect of the promotion was that he immediately was replaced on the Active List. There is no age limit for an Active List soldier (one, the Earl of Lucan, of Balclutha fame, was promoted at the age of 87) and it has been old-fashioned to remain on the Active List for life.

Upon the death of a Field Marshal, however, he becomes eligible for the elaborate and ceremonial military funeral, which includes a salute of 19 guns as the last rites are performed. This, unhappily for all formal function the Australian Army was destined to appear for its Fieldmarshals—a painful trick of fate to a country which has had only limited contact with the marshalate.

Likewise, Blamey's obsequies constituted the only public appearance of the magnificent Fieldmarshal baton, which had been presented to him in hospital during his last illness, by His Excellency the Governor-General, then the Right Honourable W. J. McKell. Because the baton is a personal gift from the sovereign, it was bequeathed to Sir Thomas. Later, however, when the King learned of Blamey's critical illness, he ordered that the baton be sent to Australia and presented on his behalf with the least possible delay. The ceremony subsequently took place on September 16, 1953, at Blamey's bedside, an intimate affair attended only by relatives, Ministers of Defence, and Service Chiefs.

Thus Blamey received this traditional symbol of office, and his biographer, John Hetherington, records that he proudly kept it in his bed until the end.

Of the baton itself, it is said to have origins going back to 1387, when Richard II granted permission to the Earl Marshal of England to carry a golden truncheon from the Earl Marshal's own arms. The office of Earl Marshal was, however, and still remains, essentially a "civilian" appointment, flavoured by some, semi-military duties.

In 1738, George II created the military rank of Field Marshal, and appointed the first British Fieldmarshals— the Earl of Orkney and the Duke of Argyll.

Type Of Baton

The type of baton carried by these early Field marshals is uncertain, but it was not until 1813 that the first use of the present "Service" pattern was made. The first to receive it was the Duke of Wellington, who also was given an other larger, and even elaborated, by the Prince Regent, George, Wellington; thus received two batons on his return. He was, incidentally, a Field marshal also of Austria, Russia, Prussia, Portugal and the Indies.

British Field Marshal's batons always have been made by the firm of Ger har d and Co., and represent craftsmanship of the highest order. Visitors to the Australian Wall Memorial in Canberra are now able to see the one given to Blamey. Of the very few that exist, they will never appear on parade, it has become a unique acquisition to the Australian, for all to share by the generosity of the Field Marshal's family.

The baton is 22 inches long, circular, one inch in diameter, and the shaft is studded with 18 small, gold- en rose passant guardant, spaced equally over the red velvet surface. The top is a gold mount, with two rings of roses, thistles and shamrocks, surmounted by a solemn representation of St. George, mounted, encountering a dragon which rears in the act of spearing. The bottom bears the name of the recipient, and in the case of Blamey, the inscription reads: "The Field Marshal's baton presented to Sir Thomas Blamey."

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Sir Thomas Blamey was the only Australian to have risen to the rank of Field Marshal, the most august of all military ranks. The picture shows him at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital in 1950 with the then Governor-General (the Right Honourable W. J. McKell) and Lady Blamey, inspecting the baton presented to him.


It was at the King's specific instructions that the inscription concluded with the word: "Australian Military Forces". As Blamey's funeral cortège passed slowly through Melbourne on May 28, 1951, an old soldier of 1914-1918 remarked sadly: "There goes the first Australian Field Marshal, Australia's first Field Marshal—and probably the last!"

That prediction can only be borne out by time, but since the beginning of this century Australia has at least enjoyed intimate official contact with several holders—and holders-to-be—of the rank. The first was the Duke of Cornwall and York, who came to Australia to inaugurate the Commonwealth in Melbourne on May 9, 1901. At that time the Duke had not been created a Field Marshal, and it was not until he ascended the throne as George V that he assumed the rank.

The next personage of the marshallate to visit Australia was Earl Kitchener of Khartoum and Broome, who came as the first Field Marshal in 1910, during the course of a tour of the Far East, to report to the Commonwealth Government on current defence organisation. Australian troops already served under him in South Africa, and he held a high opinion of them as soldiers. Australians were destined to have a further association with him in war within a few years.

Towards the end of 1914, when ships carrying the first contingent of the Australian Imperial Force were nearing the Middle East, the commander of the Force, Major-General W. S. Bridges, was notified that upon arrival, the Australians and New Zealanders would form a Corps to be commanded by Lieutenant General Sir William Birdwood, of the Indian Army. When this organisation came into being shortly afterwards there began between Birdwood ("Birdie") and the Australians a long and fruitful association—especially through the harrowing days of Gallipoli—which was preserved in the most mutually affectionate manner right to the end of his life in May, 1951.

In 1919, Birdwood was created a baronet. He visited Australia in 1920 amid scenes of great enthusiasm was promoted Field Marshal in 1925, and in 1938 was elevated to the peerage to become the first Baron of Anzac and Trenches. He also had a link with Kitchener, serving as his Military Secretary in the South African War.

"Birdie" made a second visit to Australia in 1932, but this time he came only to see his married daughter and her grandchildren, who (Continued, Page 7).
ANZAC CLUB NOTES

By Doug Dargie

The number of members who have not witnessed the solemnity of our nine o'clock remembrance service in the club is surprising.

Probably only in one other club throughout Australia— and this was copied from Perth—would you see such a feature. At 9 p.m. sharp all games stop, and all in attendance stand in darkness to pay their respects.

The only thing to be seen is the glowing mirror all housetowing a memorial on which all eyes are focused. After a brief silence the ode of remembrance is spoken by the club manager or another nominated person.

Those of you who have not taken part in this simple service should make a point of doing so in the near future.

Our Saturday evening show on the roof garden—where you can entertain your ladies and friends amid pleasant surroundings, with no cover charge whatsoever—are proving very popular.

Our State President and good lady were there on Saturday, January 26, and included in his party were Mr. and Mrs. R. Dalg (Mr. Dalg is Under-Secretary of the Premier's Department), Mr. and Mrs. John Green (Mr. Green is secretary of the Lotteries Commission), Dr. and Mrs. Keith Harris, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrisson, Brian and Mrs. William, Mr. and Mrs. Fred St muster, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Macleod, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stenwell and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Price.

Also saw Jim Walsh and brother-in-law Phil Gerbut (plus wife). Jim, of course, is no stranger, but pleased to see you make it Phil! Come again soon.

On Wednesday, January 23, a get-together of brilliant and smoker players was held in the club to farewell an old stalwart in Jack Cooney, who now takes up residence in Wollongong (N.S.W.). Harry Folkard presented Jack with a pen and pencil set as a token of esteem from his fellow players. We all wish him well.

The club was honoured during January with the presence of members from the Public Works Committee visiting this State to investigate W.A.'s claim for new A.B.C. studios.

They were: Senator Maher (Queensland), Colonel Bowden (Victoria), R. J. F. Gower (Gosford Sub.), Senator J. Byrne (Tasmania), Senator Blackman (Victoria), Mr. Watkins, M.H.R. (Newcastle), Mr. Blackman (Canberra).

Among Visitors

Among numerous others to have paid a visit were Messrs. Millgate, Gallipoli (Legton), or the R.S.L. Club, Newcastle; H. Schultz, Footscray sub-branch; P. Scull, Collie, sub-branch; J. P. Price, Jones (Kellerberrin), R. House (Margaret River), A. Underwood (Harvey), R. Maynard (Bunbury) and Stan Fleming (secretary, R.S.L. Club, Darwin).

We are happy to see visitors at any time, the more the merrier.

So next time you are in Perth be sure to make your appointment for drinks and chat at your club. The club manager, Charlie Mitchell, will be there.

The Anzac Club expects to nominate three teams in the W.A. Dart Association's competition games this year. Those interested should contact the club manager, Charlie Mitchell.

The manager— with his charming smile — will be a month's leave as from February 1, and will spend the first two weeks at Margaret River. Charlie should like to meet as many old friends as possible down there, but I would request that you look after him. As he is ageing he may not come back as fit as he should.

Do you know that all club members receivers a 10 per cent discount when purchasing from the R.S.L. Trading Company in Haywards?
THE MARSHALATE—Continued from Page 5

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The league is now hunting for another location and finds this is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

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VALENCIA WINES

Happy Times

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Victoria Park Memorial

Work on the Victoria Park War Memorial is expected to be completed in time for the Anzac Day observances this year.

This was reported to the R.S.I. State Executive on January 16 by the State President (Mr. Lonnie). Mr. Lonnie said the memorial had been inspected and progress on it was found to be satisfactory. The monument for it had been sculptured in Sydney, and the memorial would be surrounded by gardens.

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How would you stand if your property and goods were completely destroyed?

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Sandhurst Memorial To Officers Of The Commonwealth

A memorial to 19,781 officers of the armies of the British Commonwealth who gave their lives during World War II has just been completed at the Royal Military Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst (England).

Since the end of the war, over 400 badges of regiments of the Commonwealth have been carved into the new oval niches and engraved on the wall.

That was the first stage of the memorial project authorized by King George VI.

To this was added the Roll of Honour, containing the names of the fallen officers.

A special service of dedication was conducted in the chapel on October 25 last by the Chaplain-General (the Rev. Canon W. J. Pike), C.B. E., M.A., D.D., Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen and for arms and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Princess Royal and the Duchess of Kent, together with the Church Commissioners for the Dominions and the principal Colonial representatives in London.

The lesson was read by General Sir Gerald Templer, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., Chief of the Imperial General Staff. The Roll of Honour, which completely filled the chapel, was engraved and a golden frame was designed and engraved by the Sandhurst Hall, contained many distinguished war commanders and representatives of every country and regiment of the British Army and the former Indian Army and included officers from many parts of the Commonwealth and from the Staff College, together with officer cadets from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

The roll containing the names of the 19,781 names is in the form of a finely-bound, illuminated and hand-written manuscript of 20 pages. The inscribing alone occupied an artist for five years.

The sections are in the following sequence: British Commonwealth, India, Burma, Canadian Army; Australian Army; New Zealand Army; South African Army; Colonies and Protectorates.

THE LISTENING POST

FEBRUARY, 1957

The Army On

(And Off)

Parade

A.A. Guns Under Test

Perhaps not comparable with the E1 Alamein barrage, gunfire in the Fremantle district area early on a recent Sunday morning should have caused no surprise. Members of 125 Midemsmount Coast/Antiaircraft Battery Artillery, who normally carry a 4.2 inch howitzer, but merely test-firing the three 5.5 inch guns in the battery. Early morning was chosen for the firing because it offered better weather conditions, with the air and sea still. The Battery Commander (Major F. E. Tierney) said shooting began shortly after 6 a.m. Fremantle Harbour and Stirling Highway were used during the firing periods and a "port closed" signal transmitted from the Signal Station. Special warning was given to small owners to ensure that they were out of danger area during firing.

Major Tierney said this area was defined as extending from North Mole to Eppalock Road, off the Stirling Highway, and seaward for a distance of 20,000 yards. A similar shooting would be held on February 24 during a battery bivouac he added.

Army Sports On Sunday

Army sporting records are expected to go by the board at Western Command's annual athletics meeting at Swanbourne next Sunday (February 17).

For the first time the athletics meeting will embrace Regular Army, Citizen Military Forces and National Servicemen from 17 N.S.W. and 5 N.S.W. blockade.

High School Lads At Swanbourne

Nearly 200 State High School army cadets from metropolitan and country towns, began a ten-day specialist camp at Swanbourne at the beginning of February.

The cadets, from 19 different schools, belong to 5 Corps Brigade which conducted courses for potential under-officers, and the recently completed C.O.'s and specialists. Instruction was mainly on mortars, machine-guns, signals and intelligence training.

A march-out parade was held on Saturday, February 9, with the 13th Infantry Brigade (Brigadier J. C. Newbery) inspecting cadets and taking the salute in a march-past.

In each section the regiment stand in the order of precedence effective at the date of the formation of the individual names in alphabetical sequence according to the rank held in the regiment in which the officer was first appointed.

A photostat copy of the roll has been specially prepared so that photographic copies of the pages can be made available both to regiments and to relatives, according to the rank held in the regiment in which the officer was first appointed.

Copies of pages and also copies of the frontispiece may be obtained by writing to: The Secretary to the Chaplain, The Royal Military College, Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey, England.

The names or regimental list required should be quoted, or in the case of enquiries concerning individual officers the full name and regiment of the officer to be named should be stated.

The cost per page is 6d. plus postage.

The Army has now occupied to a large number of leading sportsmen at present training with 17 N.S.W. and 5 N.S.W. blockade. They include Olympic representatives.

A photo of General (see picture on opposite page) and a number of State junior representatives.

The standard of Army competitors should augur well for the corps to enter-service athletics and sports next month when Western Command will be host service to the Navy and Air Force for the sporting week.

The Director of Army Quartermaster (Gen. H. G. Bates) visited Perth last week to inspect Western Command quarters, accommodation and proposed works. He inspected mainly various new units and Northern establishments.

- The William sub-branch has offered an Inter-service Tutorial fee to the F. B. Williams Family of the F. B. Williams Home for one year.
A group of the State's top sportmen line up at Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne, where they are doing 98 days' training in 17 National Service Training Battalions. From the front, they are: John Goodman of Subiaco (Olympic runner); J. R. Elliott of Geraldton (State and Commonwealth clay pigeon shot); R. T. Pidgeon of Joondalup Park (long jump champion); L. K. Thomas of Cottesloe (State amateur golf champion), and T. N. Hartigan of Subiaco (University Interstate rifle shooting representative).

All agreed that they were enjoying National Service Training.

Re-establishment Training Has Cost Over £66m.

To June 30 last expenditure on re-establishment benefits extended through the Repatriation Department to Australian ex-service personnel and widows of World War II and the Korea and Malaya operations amounted to $66,702,521 of which $6,398,866 was incurred in Western Australia.

Technical-type training under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme had involved an expenditure of £33,310,353 for the whole of Australia and £3,784,829 for W.A.

University-type training under the scheme cost £16,462,475 and £1,105,197, respectively.

Expenditure in the rural training section was £706,800 for the Commonwealth as a whole and £94,000 for the State.

The cost of the Korea and Malaya Training Scheme (commenced July 1, 1952) was $278,435 for Australia and $67,470 for W.A.

The Disabled Members and Widows' Training Scheme (commenced January 1, 1953) had cost £426 and £81 respectively. This is revealed in a recent statement by the Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper).

The statement also showed that of 28,690 West Australian applicants selected for technical training under the C.R.T.S. — 11,142 on full time and 17,548 on part-time — 24,910 had commenced training but only 10,123 had completed it. Over 14,000 - 2,220 on full time — had withdrawn from training.

Of the 3,166 West Australian applicants accepted for university training — 2,080 on full time — 2,624 had commenced their courses 696 had withdrawn and 1,662 — 1,162 on full time — had completed their training.

Final Payment Made On Coorow Hall

By D.H.

The evening of Saturday, December 15, was a milestone in the history of the Coorow sub-branch — and indeed in the history of the League's achievements in this State.

On that evening, the final cheque in the payment of the R.S.I.L. Hall was made only nine years after the sub-branch was first formed, and only seven years after the decision was made to build.

In May 1947 the sub-branch was formed with Mr. W. Howard as president and Mr. A. Hirst as secretary. The women's auxiliary was formed in December of that year.

Shortly after the sub-branch was formed it was decided to open a building fund, although no concrete proposals were in mind at that time. The decision to build was made - in April 1954, and plans were put into operation by which members began cropping for the sub-branch.

About this time (1950-51) under the presidency of Mr. M. Williams, and with Mr. Clarke as secretary, the sub-branch won the Cornwall Cup, and is the proud possessor of a replica of that trophy.

The building of the hall commenced early in 1954 and it was opened on July 31, 1954. The actual cost to the sub-branch was £2,900 of which the women's auxiliary found £900.

It was therefore a jubilant sub-branch that witnessed Arnold Hirst, as president, handing over the final cheque in one of the finest and the best-equipped R.S.I.L. halls in this State.

The generosity of the members was all the more unexpected in the absence of the State President who was unable to attend.

Mrs. Randell (president) and Mrs. Lambart (secretary) of the women's auxiliary, asked Mrs. Jim White of Neadlands to cut the ninth anniversary cake, and Mrs. White complied with great charm.

A touch of sadness was present that night in the farewell of hardworking secretary Mr. Carol Larkin and Mrs. Larkin, who were being transferred to another district. Mr. Larkin received a very nice bouquet from the sub-branch, and Mrs. Larkin a crystal vase from her friends on the auxiliary.

Distinguished guests included the chairman of the Carnamah Road Board (Mr. C. Chapman), Mr. Rex Solling (Carnamah sub-branch) and Mrs. Dunning of the Carnamah auxiliary.

Congratulations to the Coorow sub-branch for its outstanding effort — an inspiration to all sub-branches throughout the State.
Bill Offers New Deal For Malaya Men

Under the Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Bill, 1956, pensions and other benefits now applying to ex-servicemen or their dependants under the Repatriation Act will be extended to members of the Australian Forces serving in Malaya.

The Minister for Health (Mr. Cameron) said this in his Second Reading speech on the Bill in the House of Representatives recently.

The Minister pointed out that the Bill was designed to meet the conditions of the Service in a fullscale war in which serving members of the forces were voluntary.

The circumstances of the Malayan campaign, he said, were entirely different from those of the Permanent Forces.

The Army, though chosen service in the forces as a career and had enlisted for varying terms of service.

Additional Risk

Normally their service was performed under regulations time conditions with rates of pay and general conditions of service based on those offered in civilian occupations.

The Government, however, felt that in the anti-bandit operations in Malaya, members of the Services had been exposed to an additional operational risk which merited the provision of a scheme of pensions similar to that under the Pensions Act.

Members of the Reserve already had the cover of the provision of the Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act.

Basic Principle

The basic principle of the proposed new scheme of pensions was that eligibility for a pension should stem from an occurrence—infliction of an injury in the line of duty—rather than from a member's service. According to the Minister, under the Repatriation Act for pulmonary tuberculosis not attributable to war service was not to be awarded under the new Bill.

In respect of Malayan service incapacity or death from tuberculosis would only be accepted where the relationship (on which the claim was based) existed at the time the member commenced his Malayan service.

Similarly a pension would only be paid to an illegitimate child of a male member of the forces if the child had been born before or within nine months of the commencement of the member's service.

The Bill also provided for the making of regulations to confer such other benefits as were appropriate.

The Bill, the Minister said, it would confer considerable benefits on members of the forces.

Mr. Bartley Will Represent State Branch

Mr. L. G. Bartley will represent the R.S.I.L. State Executive at the Federal Executive meeting in Canberra on February 12 and 13.

The State President (Lieut.-Col. W. E. Longmore) who would normally represent the State Executive will be in Portland training school in Victoria at the time of the meeting.

Mr. Bartley's selection was made by ballot.

Auxiliary In Recess At Moora

The Moora B.S.I.L. Women's Auxiliary has gone into recess for the time being.

For the election of officers at its annual general meeting last November the local sub-branch president (Mr. W. Gardiner) presided.

The auxiliary officers chosen were:

President, Mrs. R. Mullett; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Westhoff and J. Drummond; treasurer, Mrs. R. Phillips; secretary, Mrs. E. Smith.

The retiring president (Mrs. K. Toplism) reported fully on the year's activities.

The meeting was well attended although the auxiliary membership has suffered as a result of several members leaving the district.

One of the stalwarts, Mrs. H. H. Taylor, has passed away.

Younger members have been taking a more active part in the work.

About 30 children had a grand time at the auxiliary's Christmas party, at which Mr. R. Phillips assumed an important traditional role.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Standen supplied the music and entertained the children with musical games.
Red Letter Day For Gingin Sub-branch

By "Re-mac-lay"

Saturday, December 8, was a red-letter day in the history of the Gingin sub-branch, as on that evening the Charter—which had been in abeyance from 1919—was presented.

The official party from headquarters comprised the State President (Bill Lonnie), Trustee Jack Rolfe and State Executive members Ern MacLeod and Jim White.

The first three were accompanied by their spouses (or-spoises) while the last-named went solo (possibly looking for a night out of the chair).

Today's sub-branch was represented by Reg and Frank Twine and Fred Cook, whilst Bill Lonnie showed up in force with Jack Price, Jim Cartnell, Wally and Pat Denley, Bill Martin, George Ferguson, Charlie Box, Len Warne, Alex Ryder, Allan Hill, Jim Rae and Jack Schafer.

The official section of the evening began with the local president (Bob Duncan) welcoming the State President, executive and other visitors. Fred called on Fred Lucraft, the state President, and had the pleasure duty to present to an old friend, Fred, the charter, and the unifying work that gentleman had put the League over 39 years.

Fred's reply left no member present thinking that interest had waned, and it was evident that he was singularly pleased with the presentation.

Uncle Bill then requested Ern MacLeod to come forward, and Ern's reply was equally as pleasant. That was to present a Certificate of Service to an old mate in Harry Mortimer, who also has been an active League member since 1919.

Fred mentioned Harry's keenness in various places in the League and felt certain that while Harry was alive the organization would have a solid worker. He quoted a remark of the State President, Jack, detailing the meaning of the Charter, and there was indeed pleasure on his face, at the privilege accorded him.

Bob Duncan has done wonders as a president, and his short speech in reply was really too modest.

Jim White was then called upon by the State President, and had the pleasure duty to present to an old friend, Fred, the charter for the foundation secretary of Gingin in 1919. A Certificate of Service was presented.

Toodyay Forest made a brilliant coup in February 12. It has been posted from Elders, and the charter, will be published on February, 12. The League was weighted with all the interest.

Well done, Dougie! Mr. D. R. (Doug) Burgess, who made many friends in the 2/16 Battalion, has been posted from Elders, and will be in the Woollens, and Produce Co. Ltd., of Sydney. Mr. Burgess served in the Middle East, in New Guinea and as Staff Captain in 21st Brigade H.Q. in the Berne campaign.

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MEMBERSHIP MOVE:
On the initiative of the W.A. branch of the League the question of extending membership to members of the Australian forces serving in Malaya will be considered at the next Federal meeting, to commence in J伞ana on February 12.

FOR SAFETY: The State branch of the League has taken up membership with the National Safety Council of W.A. A decision to pay the £2/3/ subscription fee involved was made by the State Executive at its meeting on January 16.

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After he returned from the war he went to Melbourne, where he had a very good position in the Repatriation Department. He visited Perth for last Anzac Day parade. He was well known to Harvey Rae and one of the Barmans who was in the 11th. Yours faithfully, BILL EDDY (Eagles, Cooked, 44th).

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**Flying Start For Year At Victoria Park**

The Victoria Park R.S.L. sub-branch has made a flying start in its activities for 1957, with eight new members among a better-than-average attendance at the first meeting.

The new members, Messrs. Hisholp (2), Watson, McKinnon, Britt and Hawkeswood, were welcomed by the president (Mr. A. Jolliffe).

Noted among the others present were Mr. Bill Collie, a life-member who will be leaving shortly on a trip to England, and Mr. Joe Barnett, who has just returned from the Old Country.

Mr. Barnett gave a short address on the highlights of his tour and had the members well and truly interested.

The half-yearly financial report of the secretary (Mr. F. Charles) indicated the healthy position of the sub-branch.

The president has promised a talk on the weeks in New Zealand.

The sub-branch sicklick is fairly lengthy at present and members visiting Hollywood are being urged to bear this in mind and act accordingly.

A sick member who can be visited locally is Mr. Jack Vigas. He is confined to his home for a few weeks, and anyone near 154, Swansea-street is welcome to drop in and say goodday.

It is expected that the stone for the new war memorial will be delivered thereto, and that the work will be completed by Anzac Day.

A card circle has been set up among the hearts of members, benefitting them by way of collection cards and subscriptions.

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**Land-tax Respite For Some**

The revised rates of land tax will not apply to settlers under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme until they take over the freehold of their properties. The land committee of the R.S.L. State Executive received the report of the Executive by the committee (Mr. E. O. Davies) on January 30.

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**Better Meetings At Walpole**

The monthly meeting of the Walpole R.S.L. sub-branch was held in the R.S.L. building on the evening of December 6. There has been an interest in the meetings since the sub-branch decided to hold them once a week in the evening, and 15 members were present on this occasion.

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**Intruders Seen On League Project Area**

A number of campers, some with caravans, were seen on the League’s Rockingham Project area during the Christmas holiday period. This was reported to the State Executive at its meeting on January 16 by Mr. R. J. Stoddart.

A sign requesting the public to keep off the area had been pulled down, Mr. Stoddart said.

A step is being resolved to take steps to prevent a recurrence of the intrusion.

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**Another District Committee**

The R.S.L. State Executive on January 30 approved the formation of a district committee for headquarters at Kukerin.

The proposal to form the committee was made at the meeting attended by the Kukerin, Newdegate and Wickepin sub-branches.

The committee is to meet from members and the sub-branch at the end of March.
Commission Status
For Land Inquiry

The Select Committee of the Legislative Council that has been inquiring into the War Service Land Settlement Scheme will continue its inquiries as an honorary Royal Commission.

Promulgation of the change of status of the inquiry was made in the Government Gazette on Friday, December 28, 1956, as follows:

ROYAL COMMISSION

By the Governor-in-Council in Council, it is hereby notified that the Royal Commission on the War Service Land Settlement Scheme in Western Australia,

To Leslie Arthur Logan, George Edward Jeffery and Francis Drake Willmott, members of the Legislative Council:

I, THE said Governor acting with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, do hereby appoint you, Leslie Arthur Logan, George Edward Jeffery and Francis Drake Willmott, members of the Legislative Council, to be an honorary Royal Commission without payment of remuneration to do the following things, namely:

(a) to continue and complete the inquiries commenced by you as Select Committee of the Legislative Council, into the execution of the Royal Commission on the War Service Land Settlement Scheme in Western Australia;

(b) having completed those inquiries, to make your report to me in writing upon that scheme, and to recommend such changes in procedure and methods as to you may seem desirable to ensure the success of that Scheme.

And I hereby appoint you the said Leslie Arthur Logan to be Chairman of the said Royal Commission.

And I hereby declare that by virtue of this Commission you are, in the execution of this Commission, to do all such acts, matters and things and exercise all such powers as a Royal Commission or members of a Royal Commission may lawfully do and exercise whether under or pursuant to the Royal Commissioners' Powers Act, 1902 (as amended) or otherwise.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State, at Perth, this 20th day of December, 1956.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. B. G. HAWKE
Premier.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !

More War-service Farms
For Allotment

More farms under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme will be made available this year and next.

In response to representations of the League the deputy chairman of the Land Settlement Board (Mr. A. R. Barrett) has released the following statement:

"The number of farms available for allotment will increase during the next two years as farms under development from virgin lands reach the stage when they can be allotted to ex-service men.

"In view of the need to allow pastures to have a sound level and also to permit of sheep being purchased off shears, the bulk of these farms will be made available just prior to the spring period (September) each year.

"This year, farms should be available at Jeramunup, South Stirlings and North Many peaks. Rocky Gully, Berylup, Bokerup from virgin land, and also one farm at Emmalaba.

"It is expected that all farms under preparation for the remaining applicants for properties under the scheme will be allotted over the next two to three years.

[Editorial Note: These farms will only be available to eligible and registered applicants under the W.S.L.S. scheme.]"
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CORRECTION

Among the list of names in the January issue of "The Listening Post" was that of W.A. House.
League Headquarters regrets that this was
done in error and tenders apologies. The person
concerned is alive and well and is the honorary
secretary of the Bunelight sub-branch.

Unique Honour Roll
At Mukinbudin

The Honour Roll was unveiled by the R.S.L. State
President (Mr. Lonnie) on
December 14 as a prelude to the official opening of the
new hall that evening by the Minister for Housing and
Justice (Mr. Nulsen).
Over 300 people were present for the unveiling, the
official opening and the celebration including the
sub-branch president (Mr. Tom
Conway), the chairman of the Mukinbudin Memorial
Hall (Mr. Jack
Edwards), the chairman of the Mukinbudin
Road Board (Mr. Williams),
Dr. K. W. Harris, the
secretary of the sub-branch,
Mr. Tom
Conway, Mr. Williams and
Mr. Cornell, the member for Mt. Marshall.

The Mukinbudin
sub-branch is to be commended
on its enthusiasm. Nearly 80 per cent of those eligible
members spoke including Mr.
Conway, Mr. Williams, Mr. Cornell and
Mr. Marshall. During the journey up
and down the district war
memorials (those that need a face
lift need not be listed
of crystal ware were given here.)

The war god sent his challenge out
And madness ruled the world.
The nation marched to slaughter
With its battle flag unfurled.

But through it all a vision rose
One that beckoned them on and on
And each one dreamed of the heavens
When all men would be free.

From distances which stretch beyond
The dazzling western haze
There rose the voices of stalwart breed
And free and fearless gaze.

From scrub land where the brumbles hide
Come riders down and tall;
The north, the south, the east and west
Responded to the call.

Our mothers sent their only sons
In hopefulness, and then
Repealed when their souls had passed
Beyond all mortal ken.

While roar of gun and gas and bomb
Would have to be with the
Still dauntless went our gallant sons—
The bravest and the best.

Now, on the slopes of distant shores
Which now the Dardanelles
A forest of white crosses a solemn story tells;
And poppy clad the Flanders fields

When heroes sleep in death—
A nation's gratitude is shown
By monument and wreath.

But who knew the story full
(With bitter memories cursed)
When even the commonest men
When the best were as the worst.

In the wretchedness of present-day
Our duty is to strive
To do the very best we can
For the men who still survive.

The Men Who Survive
(Contributed)

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16th Battalion Association Notes

At the January committee meeting of the 16th Battalion Association the executive was congratulated on the good attendance of the officers and men at the meetings and the committee is pleased to note the attendance of the ladies on the occasions when they have been given to the women's auxiliary when the men provided the refreshments and waited on the table.

Mrs. Ketterer announced her retirement as president after having served for eight years. She is going to Europe for a short time in the near future. Mrs. W. Newick was elected to succeed her.

Mrs. Ketterer's son Brian, on behalf of the Children of Australian Legacy, laid a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Warrior at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris on Nov. 11 last year.

A letter was read at the meeting from Geo. Whiting, secretary of the sub-branch, thanking all the members of the old battalion for their season's greetings and expressing the hope that this year will see large gatherings at monthly meetings of the sub-branch.

ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN Rates: £2/2/- Per Annum

FEDERATED T.B. RAILWAYS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION—Meet at 10 King-street, 3rd Thursday each month. Sub-Branch 34, 28th Oct., 6 p.m. T.B. Railways, W. Newick, Secretary. Mrs. M. C. M. McDonald, 20 Kennedy-st, Ascot Vale, W.A.

BATTLE OF FOLKESTONE, 1939-45, CANADIAN & FRENCH VETERAN ASSOCIATION—Meets at 10 King-street, 3rd Monday in each month at 5 p.m. T.B. Railways, W. Newick, Secretary. Mrs. M. C. M. McDonald, 20 Kennedy-st, Ascot Vale, W.A.


17TH AND 19TH BN., A.F.P. ASSOCIATION—President, C. W. Milner, 43 Fourth-street, South Perth. Secretary, G. G. Whiteley, 43 Fourth-street, South Perth.

17TH AND 19TH BN., A.F.P. ASSOCIATION—Committee meetings in each month at Railway Institute. Bank branch, 3rd Friday of each month, 10 a.m. T.B. Railways, W. Newick, Secretary. Mrs. M. C. M. McDonald, 20 Kennedy-st, Ascot Vale, W.A.

BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Committee elections as advertised in the press. T.B. Railways, W. Newick, Secretary. Mrs. M. C. M. McDonald, 20 Kennedy-st, Ascot Vale, W.A.

SAND BATTLEFIELD (17TH A.F.P.) ASSOCIATION—Committee meetings held, 17th Sunday in each month at the house of R. A. Goodes, 6/41 Military T. and T. Co. Ltd., South Perth, Tel. 2243.

STATE BATTLEFIELD—Anzac House, 3rd Saturday in each month. President, J. F. B. Wilson, 245 Second-street, East Perth. Secretary, C. W. Milner, 43 Fourth-street, South Perth.

BATTLEFIELD ASSOCIATION—Meetings held, 17th Saturday in each month at 10 a.m. President, J. F. B. Wilson, 245 Second-street, East Perth. Secretary, C. W. Milner, 43 Fourth-street, South Perth.

T.B. RAILWAYS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION—Meet 10 King-street, 3rd Thursday each month. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12. T.B. Railways, W. Newick, Secretary. Mrs. M. C. M. McDonald, 20 Kennedy-st, Ascot Vale, W.A.
Distinctive Ceremony
At Mosman Park.

(Contributed)

A distinctive ceremony carried out at the January
meeting of the Mosman Park R.S.L. Sub-
branch was the installation of officers who Mr.
W. Ferrier, representing the State Executive,
carried out in his usual able manner.

The retiring president (Mr. F. McCormick) opened the
meeting and placed the Charter and gavel into the
hands of the incoming office of the
first timer, after whom they were presented to the
officers of various duties.

Mr. B. Gibbons, incoming
President, says it is a great
want to have a Sub-
branch, is he has been giving
holding down various jobs for
the last three years as Secretary.
Bill is also a Staff Sergeant
in the A.F.P. and threatens
his committee with fatigue
with if they don't come up
to the job.

Mr. R. Quin is the incoming
Secretary, who for the past three years was the
Treasurer, and he doubts
the Sub-Branch busi
ness as much as he looked
after the pennies he should
be good. You will have
quite a lot of Bob as he
told me "no publicity you
will get plenty of work" so
what can I do.

The last pleasing duty
carried out by Mr. Ferrier was to present
Mr. F. McCormick with Certificate of
Service and as you all know these Certificates must be
earned by continuous hard
work so for me to try to
say more than this
honour would be superficial.

The Sub-Branch has again
shown its willingness
to help the youth of the
District and has granted the
use of the Memorial Hall
one night per week for the
purpose of Instruction etc.

To the Ninth Sea Scouts
Cubs.

Jottings

- A group meeting of sub-
branches at Busselton has been deferred
March 22. Another for the
South-West District sub-branches is
being arranged for April 13.

- A meeting of sub-branch
presidents and officers will be held at
Naracron in May.

- A meeting of sub-branch
presidents and officers will be held at Anzac House
late in February. Among
matters to be discussed are
arrangements.

- M. S. Crook, R.S.L.
County Vice-President for the South-West, took his
seat at the State Executive
meeting at Petrel House.

- Messrs. J. Buckle and C.
Kealley, Country "Vices" for the South-West
and Central Districts respectively
were present at the January
30 meeting.

- The R.S.L. Land
Committee met the Federal
Minister for the Works
Service Land Settlement
Scheme (Mr. McMahon) during his recent Perth
visit.

Toughest of
them all!

YAKKA

That men (and their
wives) come back regularly for Yakka, plus
the fact that their visits are wide apart, indi-
cates Yakka's popul-
arity and long wear.
They're our most popular
overalls.

Forrestfield
Sub-branch
Closes Down

The Forrestfield R.S.L.
sub-branch has closed down
because of poor attendances at its meetings.
This was reported to the
State Executive on January 30 by the chairman of the
Membership Committee
(Mr. T. C. Coulthas).

The sub-branch had paid
in a sum of £12/0/9 to League
headquarters, Mr. Coulthas said.

He understood that quite a
few Forrestfield members
were keen to join neighbouring
sub-branches such as
Darling Range.

League To Probe
Rail Closure

The R.S.L. State Executive
to inquire into the clos-
ure of the Nyooping-Ping
railway line.

A decision to do so was
made on the recommendation of
the land committee recently.

The State President (Mr.
Lonnie) told the executive that
the investigation of railway
 closures had been made by a
number of sub-branches.

MURRAY SUB-BRANCH NOTES

By "Ack-Wille"

Main business at the Janu-
ary meeting of the Murray
sub-branch consisted of the
discussion of the combined re-
union and the forthcoming
Murray-Bunbury reunion.

The combined reunion this
give every indication of
being the most success-
ful to date.

The host sub-branch
should have been North Dandalup.
Keysbrook, but owing to
there being a doubt as to the
availability of the R.S.L.
Memorial Hall at North
Dandalup in time the sub-
branch was unable to meet.
Mandurah again
conducted this year.

Five branches—Murr-
ray, Coolup, North Dandal-
up-Keysbrook, Dwellingup
and Mandurah—combine for
this annual event.

The State President (Mr.
Lonnie) participated in the
union. Other visitors will
include members of the
State Executive, and repre-
sentatives of the
Conference. This meeting
will be held at Pinjarra
on May 17, 1957.

The Murray Road Board
have confirmed its decision
to tender a contract recei-
ting delegates prior to
the opening of the official
launching.

This being the first time
- that a group meeting has
been held in Pinjarra a lot
of interest has been created
among sub-branch mem-
bers.

There has been a pleasing
return to the fold of several
members who had dropped
out of R.S.L. ac-

Leasing Library
Mooted

For Anzac House

The R.S.L. State Executive
is exploring the possibility
of establishing a lending
library at Anzac House for
the benefit of League mem-
bers.

Referring to the scheme
recently the State President
(Mr. Lonnie) said that a
smalling service to country
sub-branches was envisag-
ed.

It was felt, he said, that
library facilities of their
own would be of great
disadvantage to members of
the League.