Kranji Memorial Honours 24,000 Graveless

The Kranji War Memorial—unveiled by the Governor of Singapore (Sir Robert Black) on March 2 and pictured on the right—commemorates 24,000 British Commonwealth soldiers and airmen who fell on service in southern and eastern Asia during World War II and who have no known graves.

Of the war-dead honoured there, 1,447 were members of the Australian Forces.

The memorial is situated within the Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore, where a further 3,965 war-dead are commemorated by individual headstones.

An official party of 15 Australians who attended the unveiling included three representatives of ex-servicemen nominated by the Returned Servicemen's League—Mr. R. F. Bundling, Brigadier H. B. Taylor, and Sister Vivian Bullwinkel.

Mr. Bundling, State President of the Papua and New Guinea branch of the League, was a prisoner of the Japanese during the war.

Brig. Taylor commanded the 22nd Brigade, 8th Division, from the outset and through the years of imprisonment. The brigade had a casualty rate of over 1,000 men, all of whose names are inscribed on the memorial or who lie buried in the cemetery.

Sister Bullwinkel was sole survivor of the 21 Australian nurses massacred by the Japanese at Banja Island in 1942. She was a prisoner of war for three and a half years in Sumatra, and is now a senior sister at the Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg. She is a member of the R.S.I.L. and of the Prisoners of War Memorial Association established by the Imperial War Graves Commission, stands on a hillside overlooking the Straits of Johore. It comprises a series of wide columns bearing panels of stone on which are inscribed the names and units of those who fell. Supported by the columns is a flat slab which gives protection to the panels and also provides shelter to visitors.

In the centre rises an 80ft high pylon which can be seen at some distance.

In front of the memorial stands the Cross of Sacrifice.

One approaches the memorial along a central avenue, the entrance of which is flanked with two shelter lodges between which is a panel bearing the inscription "Their Name Liveth For Evermore." At the foot of the pylon there is a curved panel bearing the following inscription:

1939-1945.

On the walls of this Memorial are recorded the names of twenty four thousand soldiers and airmen of many races united in service to the British Crown who gave their lives in Malaysia and Singapore, in Malaysia and Singapore, in the air over southern and eastern Asia and the Pacific, but to whom the fortunes of war denied the customary rites accorded to their comrades in death.

They died for all free men.

State-wide Broadcast Of Anzac Eve Service At Memorial

The schools Anzac Eve service to be conducted at the State War Memorial this year, for the first time, will be broadcast by the A.B.C. to all schools throughout the State.

The service will be conducted from 2.30 to 3 p.m. on April 24.

Thousands of metropolitan school children as well as Navy, Army and Air Force cadets will participate in the ceremony.

A feature of the service will be a 300-voice choir. The Western Command Band will also assist.

This was reported at the last meeting of the R.S.I.L. State Executive by Mr. E. C. Townshend on behalf of the Anzac Day committee. Mr. Townshend said the broadcast service would supersede the old school broadcasts of former years.

He said his committee suggested that country subscribers be asked to encourage children to make up their own wreaths if they were able to subscribe to funds for the purchase of wreaths.

Arrangements were in hand for conferring-off the area at the memorial for the Anzac Day service.

Homes Anomalies Seen By Housing Chairman

Reporting to the R.S.I.L. State Executive on February 27 the chairman of the housing committee (Mr. R. J. Stoddart) said that some anomalies under the War Service Homes Act had come to his notice.

They resulted, he said, from general orders issued from Canberra by the director of the service.

Mr. Stoddart said he would advise applicants owning their own land, and who were ready to proceed, to get in touch with the War Service Homes Department immediately.

Where applicants' pending temporary finance had relatives or friends who were prepared to lend them the money it was necessary to have a form of mortgage drawn up and stamped.

The director would not recognise any private arrangements without that formality, Mr. Stoddart said. This seemed to him an anomaly that should not continue.

Where an applicant was building a house with the services of a private architect and his own builder, if the War Service Homes Division required an identification survey he must arrange that himself. He was satisfied to arrange for a District Surveyor's survey, but the division would not be to that for him.

Mr. Stoddart said that more money for war-service homes had become available recently. The amount of housing under construction at present was very different from the position this time last year. Over 1,000 houses were now either in the course of construction, or the Contracts for them had been let.
Many Jobs Found For The Physically Handicapped

Last year the Commonwealth Employment Service arranged suitable employment for about 7,000 physically handicapped persons throughout Australia.

Without this assistance many of them would have been left in a state of unemployment dependence on others.

It is still too commonly assumed that many physically handicapped men and women are virtually unemployable, except perhaps in such simple occupation as lift-driving or gate-keeping. The fact is that few, if any, jobs demand the full use of all one's physical abilities.

It is also true that the great majority of physically handicapped persons are only handicapped for certain occupations; with careful matching of the person and the job, the physically handicapped can do well in almost any occupation.

The Commonwealth Employment Service has found satisfactory employment for:

- A man, blinded during the war service—metal machinist.
- A lad aged 15, with pronounced curvature of the spine—watchmaking apprentice.
- A deaf-mute—boot machinist.
- A young ex-serviceman with both legs crippled by poliomyelitis—telephone switchboard attendant.
- A blind man, formerly a successful amateur swimmer and wrestler—say seer.
- A paraplegic confined to a wheelchair—he completed the war as a qualified upholsterer.

Few Amputees

The C.E.S., which has always given special attention to the employment problems of physically-handicapped people, has recently intensified its drive to develop employment opportunities on their behalf.

Many people still tend to think of the handicapped as those who have lost an arm, or a leg, or those who have lost the visible effects of some equally striking injury.

Actually, amputees represent only about five per cent of all the handicapped people for whom the C.E.S. obtains employment. In total they cover an extraordinarily wide range of disabilities, many of which are commonly thought to be of little importance in gaining employment in normal work.

Unfortunately, prejudice does hard, and there is far too little conviction that the physically-handicapped employee is no more difficult to work with than the average employee. Careful investigation both in Australia and overseas has demonstrated, however, that this prejudice is without foundation.

Determination

Knowing the traditional ways in which men and women are employed, the physically-handicapped are usually determined to prove their worth; their productivity tends to be high; they are usually more helpful to their colleagues in their work, knowing that, for them, other jobs may be cut short, and being handicapped, they tend to exercise more care and are consequently less prone to accidents.

When properly placed in work suited to their capacities, the handicapped can be just as effective—and in certain types of work even more effective—than able-bodied workers. In short, the employment of the physically-handicapped is a good business for the employer, not only when one's labor is difficult, perhaps impossible, to obtain, but irrespective of the level of employment in the community.

And it is good business for the taxpayer and the community, since when physically-handicapped people are brought into productive work and are able to establish a measure of economic independence. But most important of all is the gain to the handicapped individual in self-respect and self-confidence.

The creation of more employment opportunities for the physically-handicapped requires positive action. Employers must be convinced that there is a place for them. Irrelevant requirements of physical fitness can be met by a careful investigation of the demands on the job. Very often it will be found practicable to make minor adjustments to equipment, machines and work arrangements so that the job could be effectively performed by a handicapped person.

Moreover, there are many jobs beyond the scope of those without handicaps which, with modification, could be done better and more economically by the carefully selected handicapped person.

Naturally, care must be taken to see that the job selected is one which the handicapped worker will be able to do. It is better to hire a physically-handicapped person and try to fit the job to him, than to fit him to the job. If he is not a physically-handicapped person, he may be able to do the job and yet may be inefficient.

Liaison-need

For this reason close liaison is necessary between doctors, hospitals, and other organisations responsible for the care and treatment of the Injured and sick, and the specialist of the Commonwealth Employment Service whose responsibility it is to keep in touch with the placement of the physically-handicapped.

Simple justice demands that the physically-handicapped be given an equal opportunity with the able-bodied for work they have the capacity to do, and that they be given sympathetic understanding that they should be placed or trained on a basis as other, employees.

The experience of the Commonwealth Employment Service shows that the physically-handicapped can do work similar to that done by able-bodied workers. They can do it as well or better if they have the opportunity to do it.

During the month just passed there was little activity at the War Veterans' Home.

The usual round of duties was performed by the staff. The following work, as witnessed by the following petitions received during February:

- Tobacco—From the Australian Imperial Force, Matron, R.S.L. sub-branch, and Mr. E. Walters.
- Deliveries—from Mr. Dillmore (Bank of N.S.W., York).

To all the above the grateful thanks of the veterans and the committee.

Whereabouts Unknown

Should this meet the eye of William Edward BURGESS, R.A.F., of Catley, and entered R.A.F., and the R.A.A.F. or anyone knowing his whereabouts, he is requested to communicate with the Secretary, R.S.L., House, Mort-street, Sydney, New South Wales, Capital Territory.

Wartime Nursing Chief Passes.

Reported in the January-February issue of "Mutt" (Melbourne) is the passing of a League Life Member, former Matron-in-Chief of the British Red Cross, C.B.E., R.R.C., and holder of the Florence Nightingale Medal.

A daughter of Mr. J. P. Wilson, of Brisbane, Miss Wilson, was educated at Brisbane Girls Grammar School and trained at British War Service Nurses, in London. She was a sister at the Children's Hospital, Brisbane, and at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, London, before becoming matron of Brisbane Hospital.

Miss Wilson volunteered for service in World War I and was awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal for service in Egypt. She was made a Member of the Imperial Service Order and further honoured by King George V with the decoration of Companion of the Order of British Empire (C.B.E.) and further honoured by the award of the Royal Red Cross of the League.

Subsequently Miss Wilson was appointed to the London Charity and Military Hospital, Brisbane, matron at Children's Hospital, Melbourne, and sister-in-Charge, Somerset House private hospital, Sydney.

In 1937 she led the A.I.F. nurses' contingent to the South African War and was Matron-in-Chief, R.A.N., on the outbreak of World War II.

She was served at Matron-in-Chief Nursing Service with the A.I.F. in 1941.

Before her retirement, Matron Wilson was matron of the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne.

On the nomination of the Victorian R.S.L. State President in 1955 Matron Wilson was appointed a membership of the League as a mark of appreciation of her service, the director of the Children's Health Bureau, Melbourne, R.S.L. (R.K.la) House Advisory Board of Management, president of the Melbourne Nursing Threads, and for her service of returned nurses.

A lifetime of service has been given by Grace Wilson will live in the annals of the League.
THE LISTENING POST
The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.
MARCH, 1957.

THE OLD SOLDIER—Don’t Let Him Fade Away!

At the annual meeting of the Darlington R.S.L. sub-branch the immediate past-president, proposing the toast to the State Executive said:

"Before I ask you to honour this toast, I would like to say a few words about the old soldier. That period did something for the returned who had lost everything. It was a service to those in the defence, not only of their own homes, but those of the whole community.

"This process was not completed in a month or a year but took a long, long time and we owe a great deal to those who fought the R.S.L."

"The situation of the returned man today is due to the unremitting efforts of old Diggers like Ted Towner who have given their life time service—free, gratis and for nothing—to ensure that their country did not lose its ex-servicemen and women who must face the future.

"As the years passed I wondered what happened to old soldiers but it was not until 1913 that I was able to learn that old soldiers never died but just faded away. It was the luckiest ones who lived long enough to get into homes and if you don’t, someone does."

"In June 1919, I was one of thousands who participated in a march through the mails. The streets were lined with thousands of the public clapping and with the left breast ribboned with D.S.O’s and M.M.’s. I already had a badge of honour and before I was there I was a happy man, enjoying the freedoms of our country and the years of fighting overseas."

Peddling Matches

"In July 1919, I left England and landed in Australia in 1923 as I was on my first post-war leave. Along Regent-street, one of the late 1918’s and back by don’s West End, were young men like myself but in old and tattered uniforms, many with the buttons of famous regiments and, above the left breast, faded ribbons of D.S.O’s and M.M.’s, etc. peddling matches and what-have-you to get a little money to buy something to eat; cursed clothes. Now I know that soldiers just faded away."

"You will be wondering what happened to the toast to the State Executive. Well, I’ll tell you. I was not the one who proposed it to the State Executive."

"The several States of Australia saw to it that the Government got the money from that period and did something for the returned who had lost everything. It was a service to those in the defence, not only of their own homes, but those of the whole community."

"That would be a calamity, as I doubt whether we would be able to get back again. The splendid organisation which exists today, and a high price has been set on the feet of the State Executive.

"The situation of the returned man today is due to the unremitting efforts of old Diggers like Ted Towner who have given their life time service—free, gratis and for nothing—to ensure that their country did not lose its ex-servicemen and women who must face the future."

"These men of the Executive don’t seek financial recompense but sometimes they must think: is it worth while? When they hear, as we have on several occasions at branch meetings of as few as seven out of 49, that members do lose interest in the R.S.L. movement will sub-branches become isolated and decrerted orders of the R.S.L."

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THE CARLARIN Holds £334 For Memorial Park

The Carlarin R.S.L. sub-branch has raised £334 for a project dear to its heart—the establishment of a memorial park and picnic ground at McCann’s Rock some eight miles from the town.

It has applied to the Minister for Works for a site of 150 acres of land on the water reserve for the purpose of the project.

An annual picnic for the children of the district has been conducted by the Carlarin sub-branch on the site for over 20 years under the operation of the Hydean sub-branch. At the last picnic (in November) over 145 children were entertained and treated with icecream, lollies, fruits and fireworks.

The Carlarin R.S.L. has also been successful in raising funds from the public, including free subscriptions and the raising of £334 through the Carlarin Country Club rooms on the second Friday every month.

NAME CHANGE: An application to the Minister for Works for R.S.L. sub-branches has been made by the Carlarin R.S.L. for a name change. The sub-branch, which meets in the Railways Institute Club rooms, feels that a name change will assist in the recruiting of members.

MARCH, 1957.
Rules For The Flying Of

An inquiry was recently made through the federal office of the League to the Prime Minister's Department as to the method of reporting illegal or improper use of the Australian National Flag.

The department advised that complaints as to misuse of the flag were practically non-existent and that there had never been the slightest evidence of deliberate misuse of it.

The only rules in existence on the use of the flag are described by the department as administrative only, and are as follows:

**Design**

1. The Australian National Flag consists of a blue field with the Union occupying the upper hoist (the Union occupies one-fourth of the flag is a seven pointed star (the Federation star) in the lower hoist pointing directly below the centre of the Union, and in the fly five stars representing the constellation of the Southern Cross - all stars white. The descriptions and positions of the stars followed the first schedule of the Flags Act (No. 1 of 1954 as amended by No. 8, 1962). The length of the flag is twice the depth at the hoist.

**Dignity**

2. The Australian National Flag should be displayed only in a manner befitting the national emblem; it should not be subjected to indignity; nor displayed in a position inferior to any other flag or ensign. It should always be flown aloft and free.

**Application**

3. These rules apply to the flying of the Australian National Flag by all private citizens and bodies corporate on land. They do not apply to the flying of flags on aircraft, ships or other sea-going craft, nor to the flying of flags by Her Majesty's Australian Military Forces.

**Display**

(a) Position of the Union.

4. The Australian National Flag should be displayed as follows:

(a) on a staff-the Union to be in the position nearest the peak of the staff. When carried by a staff the flag should be aloft and free;
(b) on a halyard-the flag to be hoisted as closely as possible to the block with the halyard taut;
(c) flat against a wall-the Union to be in the upper left hand corner as viewed from the back of the wall, preferably opposite the main entrance to a building;
(d) suspended vertically in the middle of a street-the Union to be towards the north in an east-west street, and towards the east in a north-south street, the flag being on the left of a person facing east or south respectively;
(e) when used to cover a casket at funerals a new flag should be used (if possible) or be flown over the left shoulder of the deceased. The flag should remain removed before the casket is lowered into the ground;

(b) Position of Honour.

5. When displayed alone or in any other flag the Australian National Flag should take the following positions:

(a) When displayed alone-

(i) on a speaker's platform-a flag flying on a staff of equal height with the speaker;
(ii) on a stick-the speaker's right as he faces the audience;
(iii) at a meeting when displayed by a staff as near the speaker's platform as possible, the speaker facing the audience as they face the platform;
(iv) when displayed with the flags of other sovereign nations-the Australian National Flag should be flown on the left of a person facing the flag, but not on the right of a person facing it;
(v) on a flag staff, there should be no flag of another nation on separate staffs-the Australian National Flag should be flown on the left of a person facing the flag, and at the same height;
(vi) with another flag against a wall from cross staffs the Australian National Flag should be flown on the right (i.e., on the left of a person facing the flag), and its staff also be in front of the staff of the other flag;
(vii) with the flags of States or towns, or public offices-the Australian National Flag should be flown on the right (i.e., on the left of a person facing the flag), and its staff also be in front of the staff of the other flag;
(viii) in an enclosed circle of flags the Australian National Flag should be flown on the flagpole immediately opposite the main entrance to a building;

(v) in a semi-circle of flags-the Australian National Flag should be in the centre and slightly higher than the flags on each side.

(c) when displayed with the flags of other sovereign nations all flags should be in an equal position, no flag being flown higher than any other and all flags the same size if possible. International usage forbids the display of the Australian National Flag in an position above that of another nation in time of peace. The Australian National Flag should, however, be hoisted, lowered, and lowered first and lowest;

(d) when displayed with the flags of other sovereign nations the Australian National Flag should be flown on public buildings in the Commonwealth of Australia in accordance with the rules of the State to which it belongs.

(e) General.

6. When flown with the flags of other sovereign nations the Australian National Flag should be the flag of the State to which it belongs;

7. All citizens may fly the Australian National Flag at all times subject to these rules and it should also be flown on separate staffs and in equal position on flags in the Commonwealth of Australia in accordance with the rules of the State to which it belongs. The Australian National Flag should also be flown at all federal buildings in the Commonwealth and at all Federal Posts. The Australian National Flag should also be flown on the Left of a person facing the flag, but not on the right of a person facing it;

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Australia's National Flag

Birthday of the Consort of the Sovereign.

Empire Day (May 24). Remember that special flags are flown at the peak from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., and again from 10.30 a.m. till 11.03 a.m., and at the peak from 11.03 a.m. for the remainder of the day.

United Nations Day (October 24).

Note: In cases where the anniversaries mentioned above coincide with different dates in the States, flags should be flown in each State both on the anniversary and on the date on which it is officially commemorated.

8. The Australian National Flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

9. The Australian National Flag should be displayed from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. on special occasions but only where it is properly illuminated.

10. The Australian National Flag should be displayed everywhere possible in or near every Commonwealth polling place on days when a vote is taken for the purposes of the Commonwealth.

Half-masting

11. Flags are flown at the half-mast position as a sign of mourning.

12. The flag is brought to the half-mast position by first hoisting it to the peak for an instant and then lowering it to the half-mast position. The flag should again be hoisted to the peak and then lowered to the half-mast position until the body has been removed.

13. The position of the flag when flying at half-mast will depend upon the size of the flag and the length of the flagstaff. It is essential that it be lowered at least to a position recognizable as half-mast, so as to avoid any appearance of the flag which has accidentally fallen away from the front window to a loose bough. A satisfactory position for half-mast would normally be on the one-third of the way down from the peak.

14. Flags should be flown at half-mast when specially demanded by the Sovereign or Her representative when done by the Prime Minister. The following has been the practice:

(a) On the death of the Sovereign, the flag is hoisted at the peak from the time the intelligence of the death is received up to and including the funeral, and is customary on the day of the funeral of a deceased Prime Minister.

(b) On the death of a member of the Royal Family, a special flag is flown in each State in accordance with special commands from the Sovereign in each case.

(c) On the death of a foreign dignitary—such as the Prime Minister or an ex Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia or any foreign country with which Australia has formal relations—on the day of the funeral.

(d) On the death of a distinguished Australian citizen, such as the Prime Minister or an ex Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia on the day of the funeral.

(e) Where it is desired by local authorities in cities or towns in Australia to fly the flag at half-mast as a sign of mourning following the death of a local citizen, it would be appropriate to do so on the day of the funeral.

(f) The flag should be hoisted to the peak after inauguration and lowered at the end of the ceremony.

16. Generally speaking, on days mentioned in Rule 4, it would be undesirable to fly flags at half-mast, except as indicated in the Rule. If on these days it is desired to honour a distinguished citizen who is deceased, it would be appropriate for the flag to be flown at half-mast on the building in which the deceased was living, at half-mast at the peak on other buildings. The flag on that building should be hoisted to the peak after the body has been removed.

Unveiling

17. The Australian National Flag should form a distinctive feature of the Cerealia of Unveiling a statue or monument and be used as the covering of the statue or monument and during the Unveiling Ceremony it should not be permitted to touch the ground or flower.

Distress

18. To fly a flag up-side-down is a signal of distress.

19. When the flag is hoisted, lowered or flown when it is carried in a parade or review, all persons present should face the flag, men should remove their hats and all should remain silent for persons in uniform should salute.

20. The flag should not be used for advertising purposes.

Disposal

21. When the flag becomes disintegrated and is no longer a suitable condition for use, it should be destroyed in a dignified way by burning privately.

Union Jack

22. These rules apply to the flying of the Australian National Flag. The flying of the Union Jack is governed by the Flags Act as follows:

"This Act does not affect the right or privilege of a person to fly the Union Jack."

U.N. Flag

23. Special rules have been promulgated for the flying of the United Nations Flag. All members of the United Nations have agreed that on United Nations Day, October 24, if one position only be flown in Australia, United Nations Day Flags should be flown.

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MINISTERS SAY NO TO LEAGUE APPROACHES

League approaches to the Commonwealth Government aimed at the provision of temporary finance for war-service-home applicants, at the removal of restrictive features of the pensioners' medical service scheme and at the extension of pensions and privileges to service and ex-service men's wives of alien origin, have been turned down.

The requests were couched in the terms of resolutions made at the 41st annual Congress of the League held in Canberra last year.

On another issue—concerning the Remembrance Day observance—the ministerial reply was more complaisant.

The replies of the Federal Ministers to the League's requests were as follows:

CONGRESS ITEM 20: W. S. HOMES—TEMPORARY FINANCES.

Federal Treasurer: The resolution that the funds be made available to the trading banks from the special account balances of those banks with the central bank, to enable the provision of temporary finance to war service home applicants pending the granting of the War Service Homes Division, is not possible, in view of the fact that the War Service Homes Division has not been established.

Minister for Health: As you already know, the principle has always been applied that the benefits of the Pension and Medical Service should only be made available to those groups of pensioners (together with their dependants) whose pensions are granted subject to a means test. The reason for this is, of course, that assistance is most intended to be granted by way of free medical services, to those persons who are regarded as least able to bear the cost of medical attention.

This principle still applies, and no change is contemplated.

It is true that a number of totally and permanently incapacitated war pensioners have been unable to be admitted to the benefits of the Commonwealth Medical Service, through the fact that they were granted service pensions from a date prior to November 1945, as a result of the amendment of the Repatriation and Social Services Act in relation to the means test.

It is assumed that the Government, in the case of a person who refers to the same type of pensioner who have been granted service pensions from a date subsequent to 1st November 1945, as a result of the amendment of the Repatriation and Social Services Act in relation to the means test, will pay the additional allowance of 10/ per week to persons who have been granted service pensions from a date subsequent to 1st November 1945, as a result of the amendment of the Repatriation and Social Services Act in relation to the means test.

Minister for Social Services: Under the provisions of the Social Services Act, an alien, invalid, or widow's pension cannot be granted to an alien unless the marriage is of a woman who was a British subject prior to her marriage. Japanese wives of Australian servicemen, with whom it appears that the aged people concerned, have been unable to obtain British nationality under the British Nationality Act. It is for this reason that the marriage of a woman who was a British subject prior to her marriage, Japanese wives of Australian servicemen, with whom it appears that the aged people concerned, have been unable to obtain British nationality under the British Nationality Act.

For these several reasons the suggestion contained in the League's resolution could not be accepted.

As a result of the resolution of the League, various departments, including the Commonwealth Department of Health, have been asked to look into the position of the aged people concerned, and it is hoped that a satisfactory solution of their problem may be found.

The question of abolishing or modifying the nationalisation of the Commonwealth Medical Service will be considered in the light of the deliberations of the Federal Government and the proposed changes in the Social Services Act, which are now being considered by the Government.

(Continued next page.)
Executive Members Plead For League Lead On Big Public Issues

A plea for a more active lead by the League on national and international issues found support at the meeting of the State Executive on February 13.

Mr. H. G. Holder said he would like to see the League in the forefront in big public questions, and he suggested that sub-branches should arrange addresses by experts on current issues and on such topics of interest as guided missiles.

Mr. H. A. Leslie, M.H.R., said he considered Mr. Holder's remarks to be the most encouraging he had heard in the executive for the last six years or more.

Up to a few years ago the League had been too busy on behalf of ex-service men and women to give much of its time to the question of where the nation was heading; now it seemed to be coming from the present of its members.

Where Now?

League members should be asking themselves: "Where do we go from here?" The organisation was no longer "dogging" this board and that as it used to do.

There had been a tremendous loss of interest in the League. But it was not finding a Job to do.

Mr. Leslie said it was very nice to be building material halls all over the country, but in 26 years' time quite a lot of the halls was going to be "nobody's baby" and become an eyesore.

MINISTERS SAY NO TO LEAGUE—Contd.

The question of granting such a status and certain other Asian wives of Australian service men does not, of course, come within my province, but is a matter for my colleague, the Hon. C. Townley, M.P., the Minister for Immigration.

The position in relation to other Social Service benefits in that maternity allowance, child endowment, unemployment, and sickness benefits are available, irrespective of the nationality of persons who have resided in Australia for twelve months and who are likely to remain permanently in Australia.

In the cases of Japanese wives of Australian service men, it is usual to have the Social Services legislation in Australia. Consequently, we are taking the position that they are generally eligible for the above-mentioned benefits on the same conditions as apply to British subjects.

League Follow-up

The following is a letter to the Minister for Social Services from the General Secretary of the League (Mr. K. V. Newman):

I acknowledge with thanks your letter dated December 12th concerning a resolution of the 41st Annual Congress of the League seeking entitlement to long-term pensions and other privileges for wives of Australian service and ex-service men domiciled in Australia, without regard to their country of origin.

In paragraph 4 of your letter you mention that such long-term pensions should be paid only to persons who have accepted the responsibility of British citizenship. You further mention that the granting of such citizenship to Japanese was a matter for consideration by the Minister of Immigration.

Apparantly you have not been informed that the Government decided some time ago to grant naturalisation to the non-European Australian citizens, which includes, of course, the Japanese. Under the circumstances it would appear that the principle should extend to your Department, in which case it might be possible to give effect to the request contained in the resolution.
Canning Sub-branch Stallworts Stay

Because no other nominations were forthcoming the president (Mr. Gordon Woods) and secretary (Mr. E. Hayward) agreed to stand for re-election at the annual general meeting of the Canning R.S.I. sub-branch on February 24.

Mr. Woods is entering on his 15th year of office, and Mr. Hayward the 11th year of his. The warden of the Sons of Soldiers League Boys' Club (Mr. J. J. Connolly) reported that the club had resumed activities following the Christmas break.

Mr. Connolly said that the committee had been appointed and had met with the two sub-wardens to arrange for the new year.

Sub-branch Appointments

Confirmed in office at recent meetings of the R.S.I. State Executive were the following sub-branch officials:

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Amber Fluid
"Z.Z.:" Loud and indignant growls are being made by Mr. Lawley and other filthy state of the South Australian water-provided by a kind and generous Government. At the opening of the district sub-branch a tablet in the corner was littered with empty beer bottles—somebody had doubtless been having a good time. There was also a jug containing a liquid that looked like beer, but was in reality the fluid adjudged by learned health authorities to be aqua pura, or, in plain English, pure water. One member of the branch was holding forth, interrupting the proceedings, and generally getting on everyone's nerves. Major Hope decided on drastic action. Pouring a generous glassful from the jug, he solemnly invited the noisy one to "have a shandy." The speaker stopped his flow of eloquence to take a deep draught. His disgust on finding that his drink was not the stuff that cheeses sent even the joyful roars of mirth. The drink also had the effect of quietening the troublesome one for a whole five minutes—March 1922.

Burnt Out
"J.C.C.:" Two Narrinigoot comrades had a disastrous fire recently when their crop and this season's seed was destroyed. The stock was saved, but no feed. A stroke of bad luck like this is a proof of the risks taken by our primary producers. For this was our friends first year on the property. The matter brought before the Narrinigoot Citizens Welfare Committee, and a public appeal has been launched. Narrinigoot sub-branch has donated a fiver to the fund, and the proceeds of the concert will also be devoted to the same worthy object. With the assistance of the public, a goodly sum is anticipated—March 1922.

Quick Cup
"Paleface:--" The Repat staff gathered in force on 14/3/22 at the Poly when George Kries, O.I.C. Pensions, was presented with an electric kettle. The reason, wherefore was George's marriage to Miss Edna Cadden of Victoria Park. (Incidentally, the temperature reached 107.6 in the shade, but it isn't suggested that this had anything to do with the presentation.) The said staff, being chiefly composed of staff benefits (of a few months' standing), chose an electric-kettle, recognising that the brewing of the early morning beverage usually falls to the lot of the worse half. George saw service with the 10th L.H., and he received his share of iron rations from the ever-generous Jacko on Gallipoli—March 1922.

Form-filling
"Z.Z.:" He was a digger applying for shares in the R.S.L. Co-op. Laboriously he set about filling the application form. Name, address, number of shares, were duly written in. Then he came to "description of trade or calling." He chewed the end of his pen, and then wrote: "Two arms, two legs, head on shoulders."—March 1922.

Memorial Fund
The South Perth sub-branch of the R.S.L. has arranged for a musical evening to take place at the Zoo on the night of April 21 and the 44th band have agreed to supply the music. The funds collected will go towards finishing the memorial to the South Perth district veterans—March 1922.

N.Z. Man's View Of The League

Like Dominion president Ken Fraser, who was in Australia earlier in the year, N.Z.R.S.A.'s representative at the 41st annual congress of the S.L. (Art thur-Turner) said he was frequently reminded of the worth of the reciprocal An zac delegations.

On all sides, said Arthur Turner on his return, he met Australian Diggers who spoke with feeling on the warmth of their reception in New Zealand and asked to be remembered to the host of friends they had in the Dominion.

"There is no doubt that these visits do a great deal to cement our close relation," he said.

Arthur Turner told "Review" that while the R.S.L. was working along much as other N.Z.R.S.A. there appeared to be a greater emphasis on immigration and defence.
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League Efficiency Trophy Presented

A trophy, competed for on an Australian-wide basis, has been won for the third successive year by a Western Command unit.
It is the R.S.L. trophy for the most efficient Citizen Military Force Infantry unit. The trophy was presented to the West Australian University Regiment on Saturday, March 2.
The 400 men of the regiment have just completed a 14-day annual camp at Northam where the presentation was made at an annual ceremonial parade, by an R.S.L. State Executive member, Mr. Townsend.
Mr. Townsend was pictured at right presenting the trophy to the Commanding Officer of the regiment (Lieut.-Col. W. B. Bray).

Crackersman For 1957
Veteran rifleman Sgt. P. F. Jeffery, of Swan Barrows, has become Western Command's champion rifle shot for 1957.
Sgt. Jeffery, who lives at Applecross, scored 196 out of a possible 200 in the Western Command annual rifle shooting championship conducted at Swanbourne.

Queen's Medal in an Australian-wide rifle shot with a record score in 1954, he has represented Western Command four times in that competition.
In ten years of shooting in the Western Command championship, he has been champion shot most times, besides topping a number of times in Inter-service's shoots. On one occasion he scored 265 out of a possible 275.
Australian Flora at Minden Mess

Island Men Build Own Chapel

Native members of Australia's Pacific Island Regiment recently completed the building of their own chapel at Taranna Barracks, Port Moresby, and are soon to begin making furnishings for it.

Announcing this recently, the Minister for the Army (Mr. Cramer) said the chapel had a seating capacity for 200 people, and had been built by natives at their own expense under Army supervision. They had made the chapel available for use by any religious denomination.

A quantity of ecclesiastical furniture had been installed recently at Army expense. There were no regular pews. When the chapel was used members had to sit on wooden forms.

To make the building suitable for religious services, the natives had undertaken to construct 32 pews. The cost of materials for this work would be borne by the Army.

The industry of the natives was worthy of highest commendation. Their initiative in building the chapel had affected a saving in Army funds. The spirit which had prompted them was typical of the loyalty to Australia shown by their ancestors—the "Fuzzy Wuzzies"—who saved the lives of hundreds of Australian soldiers during World War II.

The Governor Entertained

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Charles Gairdner) was a guest of the president and members of the Officers' Mess of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, at Minden Barracks, Penang, were greeted by a profusion of floral decorations, many of which were West Australian flora forwarded by the W.A. branch of the League.

Getting a good look at one very characteristic West Australian botanical specimen, which you will recognize as a piece of blackboy foliage (at right) Major-General St. Clair-Ford (U.K.), and showing it to him Major G. Bales (of Perth, and therefore well qualified to talk about such things), was done in the picture are (from left) Mrs. C. F. Bond, Squadron-leader Bond, R.A.F., Mrs. Bales and Mrs. J. A. Robinson.

Guests at the Australian Day reception in the Officers' Mess of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, at Minden Barracks, Penang, were greeted by a profusion of floral decorations, many of which were West Australian flora forwarded by the W.A. branch of the League.

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VAUGHAN, E., 60th Bn., Kalgoorlie
How The Members Are Rolling In At Victoria Park Now!

Those members (new, of course) how they continue to roll in. Seven more this month, making 15 for the past 2 months.

So reports the Victoria Park Sub-Branch, publicity officer.

Newcomers welcomed by the president at the last meeting were Messrs. Winch, Wilson, Squire, Wolk, McLenon and Ellison.

The new recruits have been good members, the main through individual contact by existing members, and the sub-branch is exerting its members to keep up the good work.

Attendance at meetings have been the best, and that at the last meeting was the biggest for a long time.

Among those present were Mr. Stahl (first appearance for some time), Harry Timms, an old stalwart.

Reported on the sick list was Mr. Harold Crofts (Perth Hospital).

Success with cases put forward to Legacy continues and members are being urged to write letters where help is (or may be) needed.

16th Battalion Association Notes

The Anzac Day arrangements were on the same as for last year.

After the parade members and their wives were invited to the Railway Institute for the usual function.

At the Executive committee meeting the president (Mr. W. Waterman) reported that a conference had been held with 2/16th Association to discuss the proposed changes. The meeting seemed practicable, but the parties would meet again before any final decision was made.

The meeting accepted in attendance to represent the Navy Club and the 2/16th socials.

The committee farewelled Mr. A. J. Watts—off on a trip to Queensland with his wife.

Mr. Ernie Mitchell of Wubin attended the meeting as a visitor, and mentioned the work of the association.

Another newcomer was Mr. J. C. Crosson.

Mr. Jack Owen was also present as a visitor. Bridge is a winner at Wullo.

Reported in hospital were J. C. Crosson, W. Richards (of Mundaring) and W. H. Titley (Edward Millen).

Osborne Park

Expects

A Good Year

Indications are that this year is going to be an outstanding one for the Osborne Park sub-branch.

Meetings have been well attended, and 35 members were present at the February meeting.

On that occasion the State President, Mr. Lomie spoke of his on-the-spot inquiries into the welfare of Australian troops in the near future.

To make meetings more enjoyable the committee plans to have a guest speaker, or alternate meetings.

At the February meeting members stood in silence to respect the passing of Mr. Frank Hubbard, a former member of the sub-branch who, although a very sick man, was at times ready to attend.

Anzac Day arrangements were discussed.

The incoming women’s auxiliary executive committee comprises: President, Mrs. Sim; vice-president, Mrs. D. S. K; treasurer, Mr. G. W. L. G.; secretary, Mrs. W. L. G.; and vice-secretary, Mrs. A. W. H.

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Plan To Boost Sub-branch Formation

To encourage the formation of new sub-branches the League will in future be prepared—on application—to grant loans of up to £10.

This was decided by the State Executive at its meeting on February 27.

Recommending the scheme the chairman of the membership committee (Mr. C. Coullas) said that in the formative stages postage and other expenses could be considerable. The loan would help to get new sub-branches on their feet.

Sub-branch President's Summing-up

When presenting his report to the annual meeting of the Yarloop R.S.L. sub-branch on January 31 the retiring president (Mr. Alan Hardie) commented on the three major sub-branch functions of 1956.

The response to the annual reunion—the first after a three-year break—had been excellent, he said, particularly on the part of other sub-branches. Members had come from as far afield as Collie and Mandurah.

On the other hand, Yarloop members had attended the Harvey and Waroona reunions only. Members should make a special effort to travel farther afield this year.

Attendances at the Anzac Day Service at the Yarloop War Memorial had been excellent and the sub-branch had been pleased to see the interest shown by members and the general public.

Compared to this the attendance at the Remembrance Sunday service had been most disappointing. Barely enough members present to handle the two services. Reminded Mr. Hardie recalled Armistice Day 1918 when his unit was drawn up for parades prior to going back into the lines. A further had brought the sub-branch the brigadier who straightaway made an announce-ment to the troops. Immediately there was wild rejoicing.

"You did us," he said, "it meant the end of three years of mud, blood and guts."

Mr. Hardie said Remembrance Day was an occasion when the population could well spare a few moments to express its thanksgivings, and at the same time give thanks for the nation's continued freedom.

Of the fumble sale held prior to Christmas Mr. Hardie said that although the sub-branch "did alright" it was a funny thing that the people who donated the goods and did all the work had to turn around and do all the buying.

Very few persons outside the R.S.L. and its women's auxiliary had patronised the sale, and he thought this was a very poor reflection on the local population.

Mr. Hardie was returned for a second term as president. Also re-elected as vice president were Messrs. H. and J. Blackmore.

Newly elected as secretary was Mr. Les Berry.

A large party of members was formed to attend the Mandurah reunion.

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Good Progress On Dongara's Honour Board

Good progress has been made by the Dongara R.S.L. sub-branch in preparing for the installation of the new Honour Board in the Road Hall.

The original Honour Board was destroyed when the old hall was burned.

The president said it would be necessary to come to arrangements with the board, as to the cost of erecting the new board.

Another project of the sub-branch had been the introduction of an annual ball. The ball had been a marked success in both social and financial success.

The annual general meeting for 1957 will be held on January 25, 1957, in line with the financial year of the sub-branch.

Since the previous annual meeting last July the sub-branch had farewelled Mr. Roy Jameson, a vice-president and former president. Members would lose them well in his new station.

Attendance at monthly meetings had been around the 60 per cent mark, and the secretary (Mr. Pearson) had been very busy making his home available for the meetings.

New Spirit Seen At Dalwallinu

Signs of revived interest in League affairs are reported from Dalwallinu.

At one time, the sub-branch there was one of the State's best, and assisted in accomplishing much for the betterment of the community. But for some years interest had slacked.

Following an enthusiastic meeting in December the last meeting was another good effort and reflected credit upon members.

After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed to hold a dinner on the evening of Anzac Day. This was to be attended by members and their wives, and invitations to other citizens will be issued.

It was considered that such an innovation would be an ideal way to help the sub-branch and establish itself on a solid footing.

A notice of motion by Mr. McClew for the building fund of the sub-branch being deemed by some the operative again was tabled.

Members saw in this further evidence of revived interest.

OBITUARY

Mrs. J. Ames, State Secretary of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, wishes to express thanks to all those who showed expressions of condolence in her recent sad bereavement at the death of her father, Mr. J. Mitchell, at Albany on January 26.
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THE PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION (W.A.)—Meetings are held every Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Railway Institute, Wellington-street, Perth.

The above list is not exhaustive. For further information, please contact the respective associations.

Bayswater Sub-branch Re-formed

After several weeks of preparation by the League State Executive the first meeting of the re-formed Bayswater sub-branch was held in the supper-room of the local hall on the evening of Monday, February 4.

The meeting was called by Mr. W. G. Henwood on behalf of the members of the sub-branch, and comprised mainly of financial matters. The meetings resident in Bayswater was very prosperous of re-forming the sub-branch.

The 18 members present included some who had not been active from other sub-branches, and a few who have never been members of the League before.

Mr. Henwood was elected temporary chairman. Messrs. E. A. Jackson, D. W. Robinson and G. Clark of the Bayswater sub-branch, and Mr. R. C. Gunn of the Marylands sub-branch assisted the various sub-branches.

Visitors included the Bellevue and Bassendean sub-branch presidents (respectively Mr. W. Mortley and Mr. R. F. Kilpatrick) and Messrs. A. G. Savage, R. H. Davies, and J. Ross.

Officers Elected

The election of officers was conducted with Mr. Henderson as returning officer and Messrs. Taylor and Robinson as scrutineers.

Mr. Jim Routledge of Whately crescent, Meltham, was elected president, Mr. Fred Bristow of Victoria Road, Meltham, secretary, and Mr. Alan Carpenter treasurer.

In a close contest over the vice-presidential positions Messrs. Bill Mortley beat Mr. Cliff MacArthur for the senior position by a head. Messrs. Davison and Massey were appointed auditors, and the two vice-presidents elected Mr. Taylor and Mr. Robinson as scrutineers.

The position of membership secretary went to Mr. Rube Clarkson, and that of social secretary to Mr. Bob Roberts.

The State President of the League (Mr. Lomme) was introduced by Mr. Henwood, and the Layal Todt proposed by the new president. At 9 p.m. a two-minutes silence was observed in respect of fallen comrades, and the dedication was performed by the State President.

The meeting was then handed over officially to the president of the sub-branch who announced the new committee. It was evident that the installation of officers be made a social event to be held at a date to be fixed. This was agreed to unanimously.

It was disclosed that the sub-branch was not entirely without assets, as some funds and property were still held in trust at League headquarters.

Members then mixed socially. Rube Clarkson hailed up two of the visitors before they could leave they had become members of the sub-branch, so it shouldn't be long now before the names of the Ideals of the League and where has passed the hundred.

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85 Seated For Annual Dinner At Augusta

Eighty-five people sat, ate, talked and became friendly at the annual dinner of the Karrdale-Augusta R.S.L. sub-branch recently.

The sub-branch president (Mr. Ken Merritt) presided and there were items of interest from Mrs. Jim Wilson, Mr. Power (of the Netherlands sub-branch) and Messrs. Ironmonger and Conner.

Mrs. Phil Glover accompanied the singers.

An idea of the lavishness of the spread is conveyed in the following comment by Mr. E. C. MacLeod (who with Messrs. G. H. Gordon and J. F. Milne represented the State Executive at the function):

"Those women down there! Despite the fact that no auxiliary has been formed locally they really do a marvellous job, and if you could have seen the tables, floral decorations and food you would wonder why the State Executive of the Women's Auxiliary have not claimed them in the past."

"The whole arrangements were based on a mixed evening of dancing and dinner and the ambience I gained was that more of this type of function should be held, and that our women should be brought more closely into our sub-branch lives, because when we consider it they participate in all the League's successes and they suffer from all our individual growls."

Visitors from neighbouring districts of were as follows: Busselton, Messrs. L. Gibson, A. House and C. Riley; Cowaramup, Mr. R. Scott; Margaret River, Messrs. A. Dorman and J. Burgoyne; Rose Brook and Rosa Glen, Messrs. G. Hartnett, G. Dennis, H. Abrams, G. Guthrie and E. Rose. Other visitors included Mr. Cahi (a brother of the New South Wales Premier) who was on holiday in this State, and Mr. Tom Snyder from the presentation during the evening (by Mr. Gordon) was to sub-branch secretary for the last four years, came as a complete surprise.

Sub-branch For All Railwaymen

The Railway Workshops Hotel, Kardusla, has amended its title by deleting the word "workshops." This is to accord with the fact that membership is now open to all and is no longer confined to the workshops section of the sub-branch.

The sub-branch meet at the Railway Institute, Wellington-street, Perth on the first Friday of each month, and the president (Mr. F. Fogarty) is inviting all members of the League not actively interested in a local sub-branch to put in an appearance at any of the meetings.

He is also urging railwaymen on leave in Perth to attend.

The sub-branch aims to extend its services to the League in general and its members in particular.

The annual reunion for this year will be held at the Institute at 8 p.m. on April 8.

All railway ex-servicemen will be made welcome, and through representatives are requested to notify the secretary (Mr. A. H. Lindsay, 235 Centrevue, Maylands-UA3291).

Committee To Investigate Appeal Idea

A committee of the League will investigate a suggestion for holding an "Appeal Grant in this State."

Operation Gradation was the name given to a big League appeal launched in Victoria last year. The appeal has raised over £200,000 to provide benefits for warworked railway ex-service men and women.

The suggestion for holding a similar appeal here came from Mr. N. Davidson. The committee appointed by the State Executive comprises Messrs. Davidson, Harley, Holders, White and Rolfe.

Army Girls Given Racing Role

Ten Citizen Military Force girls provided administration and first-aid committee at the races recently.

The girls, who are members of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps operated communications between control points and at the most dangerous bends in the course.

They worked and were supervised by a Western Command Officer.

Building Blocks Sold At Donnybrook

The executive committee of the Donnybrook R.S.L. sub-branch, instructed by members, had disposed of some building blocks.

This was reported by the secretary (Mr. N. G. Brockman) at the annual general meeting of the sub-branch in January. Mr. Brockman reported that a snack-bar provided with an extension to the sub-branch's services to the district only required electrical connection to be in operation.

The sub-branch had contributed £100 to the local show. DIGGERS' Golf Day, though wet, had been successful.

The Memorial in the rose garden had been illuminated and watered, and a band had been attended.

The memorial was now outstanding.

A presentation had been made to Mr. Fred Dalley in recognition of his years of service to the sub-branch.

Only 18 of 85 enrolled members attended the meeting, and Mr. Brockman afterwards apologized to the full co-operation of all members, he said.

 lighten of officers resulted:

President: Mr. N. A. G. Smith (recently re-elected vice-president, Mr. Charles Piggott; junior vice-president, Mr. Colin Carter; treasurer, Mr. G. Anderson; auditor, Mr. W. Anderson; nomination committee, Messrs. Brookman, Carter and Anderson along with Dr. Farley, sports committee, Messrs. Colin Piggott, J. Leal and the well; snack-bar committee, Messrs. Finn, Phillips, Dalley and J. Trigg."

The incoming executive was instructed to endeavour to revive the women's auxiliary.

Kind Words From Afar

Appreciation of this journal by League members resident in England is conveyed in a letter from Mrs. Alfred G. Edwards, 31, R.S.L. sub-branch (Mr. A. G. Edwards). Miss Edwards writes: "One of our members, very active members, Mr. Harry Grayston, left the State to reside in Leeds, England, but has always remained a member of the Cottesloe sub-branch and retained his interest in the League."

In reply to a letter of mine recently—enclosing his subscription for 1957—he states: Delighted to receive your letter. It gives me great pleasure to hear from W.A. and particularly about R.S.L. news. I often think of the way we were prone to criticise our Listening Post, but now I reflect—when I receive mile a day I sit down and read every word, and I rarely think of the League generally."

I feel that these encouraging remarks should be passed on to you, and who knows, if I show this letter to our publicity officer he may be encouraged to submit a few more Cottesloe items for the benefit of our members who is 10,000 miles away."

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