Special Membership Issue

Duke Wore Badge

Some time ago, the Grand President of the British Empire Service League, Lord Louis Mountbatten (Earl Mountbatten of Burma), gave a reception to delegates attending the British Empire Service League Conference, at his London residence in Walter Crescent.

Representatives from every ex-servicemen's organization in the British Commonwealth linked with the British Empire Service League attended. They came from Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Rhodesia, Tanganyika, and, of course, Australia, as well as from many other countries.

But the Duke of Edinburgh, who was chief guest, wore in the lapel of his coat the badge of the B.E.S.L., complete with the Life-Membership and financial clip.

It was a tremendous honour for Australia! Have you a similar pride in your badge?

Seasonal Greetings!

The R.S.L. State Executive, the managing committee of "The Listening Post" and the staff at Anzac House extend seasonal greetings to all League members and their families, and trust that the future holds nothing but good in store for all.

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Emphasis On Membership

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One of the greatest and most satisfying responsibilities is the care of the aged and infirm, the provision of clothing, and the maintenance of the War Veterans Home. This satisfaction was exemplified on Sunday, November 25, when League and auxiliaries members conducted a fete at the home. At the conclusion of a hard day's work, tired but happy workers wended their ways homeward with joy in their hearts, knowing they had given all of their best in the interest of those fine old guns of ours.

This must also have been the feeling of all who have voluntarily donated towards it upkeep. To wind up this year and add to the many lists that have appeared already is added the following lists of donors:

**To The Fete**

The State Executive Women's Auxiliary (truly a magnificent effort)—cheque for £145/15/-.

Balladong (Pastoral Co. Ltd, M. S. Irwin)—lamb York S/B—5 doz. eggs.

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**Other Donors**

Canning S/B and auxiliary—(Christmas hamper).

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(Christmas cheer)

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Mr. Chris Keeley, Dumbleyung—four coketiers.

Mr. W. Osbourne, York—lamb.

Mr. M. Williamson, York—5 doz. eggs.

Carnarvon S/B auxiliary—£2/2/2 (Christmas cheer).

Kojonup S/B auxiliary—£13/3/6 (Christmas cheer).

Highgate S/B—clothes.

**Visits**

Canning S/B visited the home on November 4, entertaining the veterans to afternoon tea and music.

Kellerberrin S/B conducted a Remembrance Day service on the 11th and provided afternoon tea.

The "Faversham" sub-committee of the State Executive join with the veterans in extending to all those who have accepted the invitations to those who intend in the near future to accept—the responsibility of League membership, together with our many friends of the home, a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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Contact Your R.S.L. Secretary

If you know of any returned serviceman needing help; if you hear of any returned serviceman's family having a problem, you can't go wrong if you suggest a call on the secretary of the local branch of the R.S.L.

If the local secretary cannot be of assistance himself, he will probably know where the help can be obtained, or he can contact League Headquarters if need be.

Every League officer stands pledged today to render service to the sick, the disabled, and the bereaved.

Take advantage of this service and see that no family within your area goes without, from a lack of knowledge of the facilities the League has for helping.

Even if the League be unable to meet the need itself, it may have a suggestion to make. It is extraordinary how often a new mind, a new idea, a new approach, can provide a solution to a problem that has been of personal worry for months.

In any case, worries, discussed with a sympathetic listener, never seem so darkly afterwards.

The point that needs stressing most is that every officer of the League can be trusted to regard as confidential the things that are confidential.

So—let the slogan be: "When in trouble, tell it to the R.S.L."

An Anniversary Celebration

To celebrate the League's 40th anniversary the State Executive on Tuesday, December 19, will hold a function at the Anzac Hall—(from 5 to 6.30 p.m.—for ex-service and executive members.

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Membership Is Vital

IN THIS issue the importance of membership is stressed. December is a vital month when membership is concerned. Sub-branches should be concentrating on sending out reminders to members that their subscriptions fall due on January 1.

THERE is a mistaken idea that subscriptions are not due until March 31. Membership subscriptions fall due on January 1, but under the rules dispatch of "The Listening Post" is not discontinued until after the lapse of three months. If the subscription is still not paid by April 1 the journal is not sent.

THREE valuable months are lost by sub-branches if they take action to get subscriptions in after March 31.

ACCOUNTS forms similar to those appearing in this issue—"That reminds me"—are available to all sub-branches in any quantity so that no membership is due on January 1. Many members become unfinancial because they frankly "overlook the due date unless reminded.

THE League must be strong in members if it is to remain an effective organisation in the community and to be truly representative of ex-servicemen. A membership of just over 16,800 is not nearly large enough when compared with the membership potential. It would not be too much to expect membership to be stabilised at 25,000 or even more.

WESTERN Australia has always had pride of place in the percentage of enlistments, and there is no reason why that same standard should not be maintained in League membership.

TIME spent now by sub-branches in overhauling their membership lists will pay handsome dividends, whereas efforts made later in the year—no matter how intense—will not achieve the same results.

READ the articles on membership and related subjects appearing in this issue. They have a message to sub-branches in general, and individual members in particular. They are worth pondering. There is nothing new in any of them. They have all been written or spoken before but they stand repetition, and their message only awaits their being carried into effect by you, because the League needs you and you need the League.

AS YOU have won the badge, wear it!

AGAIN THE SILENCE

At 11 a.m. on November 11—Remembrance Day—buglers posted at the State War Memorial and throughout the city and suburbs again sounded the call to silence in memory of those who fell. Following the two-minute silence at the memorial, with outstanding and the service chiefs and members of ex-service organisations present, Mayor Mr. J. D. Bell-Egan handed over the chief wardenship of the memorial to his successor, Sir Joseph Tomato. The bugler pictured is Mr. Dick Tomato, of the R.S.L. Band.
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**ANZAC CLUB NOTES**

As stated in the last issue the purpose of these notes is to keep League members abreast of the club's activities and encourage greater patronage of its facilities.

Don't forget—all Christmas requirements of liquor are available at the bar, and at the right price too. If you haven't the ready cash for any operation for your benefit. Be in early for that Christmas party to save disappointment.

Highlight of the past month's activities was the announcement that the Miss Anzac Club (Miss June Eastwood) had won the baton at the Kendon in the Faversham fea at York on November 25. Miss Eastwood polled 7,952 votes against the very gratifying sum of 398. I feel sure that all members of the club took part in congratulating June on her outstanding performance.

### Ladies' Lounge

I didn't realise that so many people opening day for the ladies' lounge as December 17 instead of November 25, I thought it a bit of a blunder. However, it was a must have for the garden for the opening day.

Patrons were entertained in good style. To date these evenings have proved quite successful.

### Memorial Garden At Kondinin

(To The Editor.)

Str,—The memorial garden of roses has been for some weeks a blaze of glory.

Mr. Charlie Browning, who retired from farming a few years ago and took up residence in Kondinin, has been volunteer gardener of this lovely little garden. At the rose show held by the Kondinin Rose Society the president of the society presented Charlie with a crystal rose bowl as a token of appreciation for his labours.

Under each rose bush a name is given to the original of the society. Charlie, by the way, was a member of the original Light Horse and got his "packet" on Anzac. He took land in Kondinin in October, 1910, as pioneer.

Yours etc.,

Bert Sykes
KONDININ.

### Stolen Halyards Replaced By Sea Scouts

Sea Scouts recently replaced two halyards and other gear that had been removed from the flagpoles at the Anzac War Memorial.

The executive of the memorial (Mr. E. C. Townshend) reported this to the State Executive field. Mr. Townshend said the Sea Scouts had told him they were sorry for service at the memorial at any time.

The executive resolved to thank the movement officially for its good offices.

It will go to the member who had been most assistance to the club over a period of 12 months. To be known as the Anzac Club trophy the shield was donated by J. D. Wallace and Co. through the Highgate sub-branch.

### Recent Visitors

Among the many visitors the month were Miss June Eastwood (Miss Anzac Club), the Minister for Housing (Mr. Herb Graham) who is now busy trying to clean up some of Perth's traffic headaches, Reg Robson and Ellis Warting, the president and secretary of the Association of Registered Clubs, and the Licensing Inspector chairman Mr. Bill Wauhoo.

Among the interstate visitors were Messrs. H. Miller, H. S. Emery, "of Hobart, John Marks, of Amberley, F. E. Mitchell (Perth), Mr. Herbert Graham, of Fremantle, and C. W. Wardrop of Manly.

A warm welcome awaits the Court Bench from the outstandinh club whose wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

### Conference Plans Delayed

Regional conferences of the L.S. branches have been held during the past few weeks of this year have been postponed until early in the new year.

This was announced by the Court Bench (Mr. Lonnie) at a recent executive meeting.

Mr. Lonnie said that he had been unable to defer the meetings because of the existing claims on the time of the officers.

One of the conferences was being arranged for Esperance and the Esperance sub-branch. He hoped it would be possible for the party to see something of the goldfield sub-branches and the Esperance project.

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- Because YOUR PROBLEMS are the problems of the R.S.L. and their officers are trained to relieve you of them.

Murray Members Now Meet On Sundays

For the first time in its 37 years the Murray R.S.L. sub-branch has met on a Sunday, and it will continue to do so.

The change was made following a census of members to see which day would be most suitable. Because of the increasing commitments farmers had been experiencing difficulty in completing attendance to meetings. This was held on a Friday night.

The Sunday meetings start at 10.30 a.m. and end at 12 noon and the Sub-branch have been keeping attendance for the last Sunday of each month. The first was held on November 25 and attracted the largest number of members for any meetings.

The foundation secretary (Sir Ross McIntyre) attended for the first time for a good while.

Said Sir Ross: "Parliamentary duties have excluded me from attending your meetings. But this Sunday change is most suitable to me and I will be able to take a more active part in the affairs of the sub-branch.

Sir Ross also, however, knocked back the job of treasurer when nominated. His reason: "When I held a similar office—State Treasurer—I finished up with a whacking big deficit. I am afraid you could get a much better man than me."

The presence of Sir Ross, and of other members who had to leave from the function, seemed to indicate that a new lease of life was being breathed into the sub-branch.

The new president is Mr. Bert Crowley, with Lou as vice-president and Mr. Harold Lewin as honorary treasurer and Miss H. F. R. Ashman secretary again.

It was Mr. Lewin who had first the idea of changing the day.

The committee is an energetic one and in the few months of its existence Murray could well have something that is a credit to it and the League generally.

Mr. Lou Graymark, on whose capable shoulders fell the burden of the building project, has bowed out as president. Lou has been a great worker for the sub-branch.

The new president is Mrs. Bert Crowley, with Lou as senior vice-president and Mr. Harold Lewin as honorary treasurer and Miss H. F. R. Ashman secretary again.

Visitors are always welcome at Murray, and they have only to inquire of the local hospital or the police to be directed to the president.

The R.S.L. Needs YOU

- Because every member adds to its numerical strength as a national organisation which speaks for veterans before local, State and national public officials and law-making bodies.
- Because in union there is strength, and the R.S.L. is a union of war veterans.
- Because your membership enables the R.S.L. to fight for additional benefits as a guarantee of your future security.
- Because your membership gives the R.S.L. a chance to reach a greater group of individuals with the facts and the truth concerning veteran problems and the principles for which all veterans have made sacrifices to preserve.
- Because you are needed to take a part in the civic affairs of the community.
- Because the prestige of the R.S.L. is a very high and the membership can do much to keep it so and increase the regard in which it is held.
- Because, if you are one who loves his fellow man there is a place for YOU in the ranks of the R.S.L. work on behalf of less fortunate comrades.

Remembrance Day

At Northam

There was a bigger attendance than has been seen for some years at the Remembrance ceremony at the R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Northam, on November 11. The ceremony was timed for 10 a.m. and included with normal church services.

The president of the sub-branch (Mr. R. W. Martin) said the first wreath, followed by the vice-president of the Northam R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary (Mrs. D. Campbell), the president of the Northam branch of the Air Force Association (Mr. R. Thom), the Northam president of the Legion of Ex-Service Men and Women (Mr. R. Harrison), and the Mayor of Northam (Mr. A. H. Rushton) who placed wreaths on behalf of the Municipality of Northam and the local Rotary Club, and the chairman of the Northam Road Board (Mr. T. A. Letch).

A Salvation Army trumpeter, sounding the Last Post, all heads were bowed, and thoughts went back over the years, in gratitude to those who had sacrificed their lives in the two world wars.

Then the sounding of Re- velle inspired hope that the sacrifice had not been made in vain.

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ELIGIBILITY FOR LEAGUE

Conditions of eligibility for membership of the Returned Servicemen's League have been laid down as follows:

AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL
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The eligibility conditions for the 1914 war are simple. One shall have served overseas in a British unit during the war and have received at least the Victory Medal.

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Mercantile Marine men are eligible, too, but only if they were issued with a Mercantile Marine Medal (and a Mercantile Marine Medal was awarded only if the service was in a danger zone).

BRITISH RETURNED SERVICEMEN
(1914-18)

The qualifying service for British servicemen of the 1914 war can be simply stated. One must have served overseas, and have been awarded the Victory Medal. The only extra is that a member of the Mercantile Marine may be admitted if he has been awarded the Mercantile Marine Medal.

AUSTRALIAN SERVICES

(a) Personnel of the R.A.N. who served a minimum of 28 days on seagoing ships prior to 15/8/45
(b) Personnel of A.I.F. Militia, R.A.A.F. nursing services and other women's services who served overseas prior to 15/8/45.
(c) Personnel of R.A.N. A.I.F., R.A.A.F., nursing services and women's services who served in the Darwin area north of Parallel 14.50 S.L. between 19/2/42 and 14/11/44.
(d) Militia personnel who have served in the Darwin area between 19/2/42 and 1/3/43 or if proof can be submitted that applicant volunteered for A.I.F. and was rejected between 19/2/42 and 14/11/44 in this area is a qualification.
(e) R.A.A.F. air crew personnel, or one or more operational flights prior to 15/8/45.
(f) A.N.G.A.U. and N.G.W., if properly enlisted, attending and commissioned and have been issued with R.A.S. badge.
(g) Official Press correspondents, official photographers, official artists, A.C.F., members, Australian Councils, Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army Welfare Officers, are eligible if they have served continuously overseas for a period of six months prior to 15/8/45, or in the Darwin area between 19/2/42 and 1/3/43.
(h) Civilian air pilots who were placed on the Air Force Reserve of Officers, and their operational flights outside Australia and were issued with campaign stars.
(i) In all cases of members of Air Training Corps who proceeded to Canada and did not enter an active service area, such application for membership must be referred to the federal office of the League.

In all instances of R.A.N., A.I.F. Militia, R.A.A.F., Nursing and Women's Services if it is essential that the personal applicant be in receipt of R.A.S. badge, and is in receipt of any such benefit, that he be not vetted from discharge certificate.

BRITISH AND DOMINION FORCES

(a) Personnel of British or Dominion forces who embarked in U.S. or Dominion country of residence for overseas service in the European zone prior to 7/2/42, or who entered the Pacific area prior to 15/8/45, and are in receipt of one or more British campaign stars.

(b) Members of the Home V.D.O. and Malaya

Forces may be accepted if they have been in contact with the enemy as members of the enemy forces and not as civilians.

(c) Malayan ex-servicemen, on production of proof of service in active service within or outside Malaya and being in possession of one or more of the following Malaya Stars: 1939-45 Star, Africa Star, Italy Star, may be accepted.

Malaya Members of the Royal Australian Air Force who have served on operational flights in Malaya, shall, on return to Australia, be eligible for membership of the League.

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Let The Diggers Stick Together

Let the Diggers stick together,
Strength through unity ensures,
Stand by those who strive to help them,
Join the League, that's what it's for.
Reckon on no understanding,
Outside those who saw the fight.
Face the facts and get together,
That's the way to put things right.

Let the Diggers stick together
For 'tis human nature's jest,
To forget the things that matter,
All it should remember best.
What is Anzac Day to many,
Just a holiday, a joke,
And its meaning only
To the Diggers and their folk.

Let the Diggers stick together
In the commonship of yore,
In the searing tested mateship
Forged in front lines of the war.
Let their country do them honour,
And I say, who has more rights
To the best his country offers
Than the patriot who fights.

Let the Diggers stick together
'Til the final muster comes.
Of the famous old battalions
To the beat of eerie drums.
They are on the march eternal
They will tramp with brave old feet,
Shadows of the mighty units,
To the end, 'tis no retreat.

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ELIGIBILITY, Continued

KOREAN FORCES
Members of the Korean forces are eligible for League membership provided they:
(a) Served in the Korean area between July 1, 1950, and July 27, 1953.
(b) Are in possession of clean discharge certificates.
(c) Were awarded the Korea Medal and the United Nations Medal only.

Possession of the United Nations Medal only does not admit to membership.
The Korea Medal was awarded for service between July 1, 1950, and July 27, 1953, while the United Nations Medal was awarded for service between June 27, 1950, and July 26, 1954.

For eligibility purposes, the cut-off date for Korean service was July 27, 1953.

APPLICATIONS
All applications for membership from members of the permanent forces must be referred to Federal Office through State branches for investigation and a ruling as to their eligibility. It will therefore be necessary for all such applications to be submitted prior to acceptance, so that the necessary ruling may be obtained.

NOT ELIGIBLE
Federal Executive has ruled that persons who served in the following forces are not eligible, as such, for League membership:
- Allied Merchant Marine (including U.S.A., Cyprus home defense forces, Czechoslovakian forces, permanent or partisan French forces, Italian partisan forces, Netherlands underground forces, Greek resistance forces, Yugoslav forces and partisans, secret service agents (British), enemy servicemen.

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Club Holds Its First Dinner

The Anzac Returned Servicemen's Club held its first dinner in the clubroom on Thursday evening.
The attendance was estimated at 150.
The evening was so successful that club officials are contemplating a move to a larger hall for the season next year.
The club manager (Mr. Allan Hayes) did an impression of Lord Charnwood as master of ceremonies.

Nations included the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lonnie) and Mrs. Lonnie, the Mayor and Mayoress of Marysville, the Inspector and Mrs. Flanders, Presentations were made during the evening to the club president (Mr. Rolfe) and the former caretaker (Mr. J. Gurney).
Mr. Rolfe was the recipient, at the hands of the State President, of a certificate of life-membership of the R.S.L.
Mr. Lonnie spoke highly of the work done by Mr. Rolfe as a sub-branch and State Executive member.
Mr. Gurney was presented on behalf of members of the club with a pocket watch.

16th Battalion Association Notes

The 1956 activities of the committee and members' attendance at 16th Battalion Association will conclude with visits to Sunset, Glenleigh and Lemnion, where comforts are distributed to members of the old battalion who are patients.
The committee reports a very busy year.
The Anzac Day parade was well attended, and the annual reunion was a great success.

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A Day To Remember

It was 38 years since the day took its origin, but never before was Armistice Day commemorated with such solemnity and propriety as in Perth on Sunday, November 11 last.

At 11 a.m. the regular wreath-laying ceremony was performed by the State President of the Returned Services League (Mr. Lonnie) in the presence of chiefs of the armed services, parliamentary and civic representatives and members of the public.

At the conclusion of the service the State War Memorial wards, together with senior officers of the services, attended the Remembrance Day service at Wesley Church, Perth, where a most inspiring address was given by Mr. Percy Pearson, of the Highgate R.S.L. sub-branch. This service was broadcast.

The Festival

For the first time in Western Australia a Festival of Remembrance was arranged, at the instance of the R.S.L. State Executive, for His Majesty's Theatre at 8 p.m.

As early as 6.45 p.m. people were gathering outside the theatre awaiting admission.

The festival organising committee was most gratified to see the theatre almost packed to capacity.

On the stage was a large and colourful gathering representing the services, ex-service men and women, the Red Cross, and other associations. As well there were representatives of British Commonwealth countries dressed in their national costumes.

The programme opened with a fanfare of trumpets, followed by a variety of items appropriate to the occasion, including renditions by the Commercial Travellers' Choir, the R.S.L. Band and pipe bands.

The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Dwyer, K.C.M.G., attended and read the 23rd Psalm.

Most Inspiring

The most inspiring spectacle of all was the release, from the ceiling of the theatre, of 100,000 poppy petals which floated down upon the audience, each evoking a memory of one who had paid the supreme sacrifice.

Yes, Remembrance Day, 1956, has been a day to remember. Those who were not privileged to attend should make early application to witness next year's ceremony, which should prove even greater.

Congratulations must go to all those who were responsible for making this festival one of the most outstanding events in the 38-year-old observance of the day.—Doug Dargle.
McKinlay Shield Games
(Round 5)

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For YOUR OWN Membership Drive!!

Cut this out and send it to someone who should be a member.

THEN follow it up and make sure he does join.

No Blaring Of Trumpets

The part played by the R.S.L. in improving the conditions under which members of the armed services operated during the war could not always be made public, and the League at no time sought publicity for its activities. On the contrary it preferred to do whatever worklay quietly and efficiently, contenting itself with the knowledge of having made things a little better for those who were enduring the brunt of battle.

During the war period thousands of men from each of the services came to R.S.L. head-quarters to complain of this or that weakness and each complaint was handled efficiently with a genuine attempt to afford quick relief or correction.

The League's method was, as it today, to take all complaints to the highest possible authority and to obtain rectification without any attempt to capitalise weaknesses for the League's own benefit.

There are too many people and organisations in the world ready to beat their chests and declare "We fixed it," whether they had anything to do with the gaining of the improvement or not.

The League had no time to spare for declarations of this type; it has too much to do, and its only concern has been—and always will be—the welfare of the ex-serviceman and the eventual good of the community.
10 Ways To Kill An Organisation

There are several ways in which an association can be killed, but the following are considered among the most effective.

1. Do not come to the meetings; or, if you do come late. Do not think of coming if the weather doesn't suit, or if you have another engagement of less importance.

2. If you attend a meeting don't find fault with the work of the officers (particularly the secretary) and other members.

3. Never be nominated for the committee. It is far easier to criticise than to do things. Be sure, however, to be appointed if you are not nominated for a committee.

4. If you are asked by the chairman to give your opinion on an important matter, tell him that you have nothing to say. After a meeting tell everyone should have been done.

5. Do nothing yourself. If other members get busy and critical and declare that the association is being run by a clique.

6. Do not listen to the business, and afterwards say that nobody ever talks any thing of any account.

7. Vote in favour of something, and then do exactly the opposite.

8. Agree with everything that is said in the meeting and disagree outside.

9. Get all the benefits you can through the work of the association, but do not contribute anything going to a committee.

10. There is another method of far too important to be included in the points enumerated above, namely:

   a. If you are asked to pay your overdue subscription, resent such imperiousness and tender your resignation.

Returned Sisters S/Branch Notes

The annual general meeting of the Returned Sisters' R.S.L. sub-branch took place in the clubroom on November 1 with 17 members present.

After the completion of general business, the annual reports were read by the president and secretary, and the audited balance sheet was presented by the treasurer.

Then followed the election of officers for 1938. Miss P. Martin, of 16 Oxford Street, Nedlands, was elected president; Miss E. Flood, of 287 Railway Road, Subiaco, secretary, and Miss H. of Boundary Street, Hollywood, treasurer.

Members are requested to send their annual subscriptions to the secretary as early in the new year as possible.

DOWERIN MOVE: At a recent meeting the Dowerin sub-branch considered the formation of a district club.
Sub-branch "At Home" In South Perth

South Perth R.S.L. sub-branch members and their wives were "at home" to members of the women's auxiliary on Thursday, November 22, the occasion being a picture night presented by Ampol Ltd.

The guest of the evening was Miss Mary Meares, of the State Executive.

During the evening Miss Meares presented a Certificate of Service to a sub-branch stalwart, Mr. Harry Holt, in recognition of his service to the sub-branch and the League during his long membership.

The sub Branch is holding its annual Christmas social on Tuesday, December 18, in the Swan-street Hall at 3 p.m. Members of the Bellevue sub-branch, with their ladies, have been invited to attend this function, and the committee is hoping to see a big muster of local members and their ladies to make it a success.

Members will be sorry to learn of the ill health of Mr. Roy King, who has been an inmate of the South Perth Community Centre Hospital, and wish him a speedy recovery.

A party of members led by Mr. J. B. Welsby, the past-president, paid another visit to the Bridgetown sub-branch and are loud in their praise of the hospitality received.

More Success In Fun Than Earnest

An outstanding annual sweep but a less successful Poppy Day appeal has been reported from the Victoria Park R.S.L. sub-branch.

Sub-branch officials are looking forward to greater co-operation from members in the appeal next year, and in attendance at meetings. Recent attendances are described as average.

Work on the Victoria Park War Memorial is proceeding and should be completed by Anzac Day.

The December meeting of the sub-branch was put forward to avoid a clash with the annual holidays. The January meeting will be held on the third Friday (January 18) as usual. Subscriptions will then be due.
The Listening Post

DECEMBER, 1936

You Should Be Proud

You have reason to be proud of your war service, and you have equal reason to be proud of the R.S.L.

The R.S.L. belongs to YOU — it is run by returned men and women, to carry out into civil life the comradeship of the war days.

It is the organisation through which returned men, generally, express their views on important national, non-political questions, and through which they render their voluntary service.

Through the R.S.L. they render service to the bereaved, and to fellow service men in need, day in and day out.

Share fully in the League’s proud record; see that the League’s ability to serve never falters, but increases with the years.

Play a part yourself in helping to ensure that every returned man is a member, for some old comrades may suffer even if only one returned serviceman fails to maintain membership, for the work of the League is in part proportional to the strength of its membership.

Housing Repayments:
Half of the £12,000,000 a year repayments on war-service homes goes to reduce the national debt, and half is paid into revenue.

The State Executive was told recently that the sub-branch was making steady progress.

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Sports Department: Ground Floor

New Social Set-up At Midland

A recently formed committee of ladies at Midland Junction will concern itself with the social activities of the local R.S.L. sub-branch.

The committee was formed at a meeting on November 14, with Mrs. Kynaston as president and Mrs. Hardman as secretary.

It is to meet in the R.S.L. Memorial Hall at 8 p.m. on the second Wednesday each month.

The State President (Mr. Lonnie) agreed to address the sub-branch on his Malay tour — at its meeting on December 6.

In its Poppy Day appeal this year, the sub-branch raised £111 13s., and the Management Committee has expressed its appreciation of all who assisted in the disposal of poppies.

Outside the Midland Junction Post Office at 11 a.m. Remembrance Day Mr. Herb McLaughlin played the appropriate bugle call, and sub-branch members stood in attention with pride and gratitude to members of those who died in the cause of liberty.

At Beverley: The Beverley sub-branch has gained about 20 new members this year.

This was reported to the State Executive by Mr. George Gordon following a recent visit he made to the sub-branch.

Social Touch To Meetings At Guildford

The regular meeting night of the Guildford R.S.L. sub-branch has been changed from the second Monday to the second Friday of each month.

The change was made at a special meeting of the sub-branch recently in an endeavour to extend the social side of the sub-branch, and increase membership.

The meetings now commence at 7.15 p.m. and are followed by mixed social evenings.

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A Reunion Dinner Revived

After a two-year lapse the Northam R.S.L. sub-branch's reunion dinner on the Friday night following Remembrance Day has been revived.

The fixture had been suspended because of the race against time to complete the R.S.L. Memorial Hall for the official opening late in 1954.

Last year the situation had become easier, but finance commitments restrained the sub-branch from incurring any further liability.

This year the proposal to revive the dinner met with general approval, and it was decided that the function should be open to any ex-service man.

When the sub-branch president (Mr. Bob Martin) proposed the "Loyal Toast", there were 944 persons present, with a League State Vice-President (Mr. R. I. Greenham) and the chairman of the Trustees of the League (Mr. E. C. Townshead) among them.

Also in attendance were about a dozen members of the Air Force Association. Responding to the toast, Mr. Greenham congratulated the sub-branch, on its new home and outlined some ways in which the League watched the interests of ex-service men and serving personnel, with reference to Australian troops in Malaya.

£80 Raised At Bunbury For Legacy

On Sunday, November 14, the Bunbury R.S.L. sub-branch held its annual Dipper's Day at the local golf course.

Everyone enjoyed himself with the result that nearly £80 was raised for Legacy. The sub-branch reports with deep regret the loss of its esteemed vice-president E. M. (Dick) Spark, who passed away suddenly on the morning of November 21.

He will be sadly missed as he was popular with all members.

Dick was a member of the first A.I.F. and a Gallipoli veteran. He won the Military Medal.

At the opening of the sub-branch meeting on the day of his death members stood at attention for 10 minutes as a mark of respect.

The sub-branch has expressed its deepest sympathy for his widow and daughter.
Keep Up Your Membership

Only Way To Get Things Done

Because the League has done great things in the past and has a good organisation at the top there is a fixed idea that it will go on doing great things, whatever its membership and no matter who drops out. It is commonly the idea that if one branch does not support the League or if it does not support any branch, the League will not be able to carry on. This idea is really wrong. The League is not that kind of organisation. It is not supported by one branch, but by the whole of the organisation.

The idea of looking upon the R.S.L. as if it were some permanent structure that will go on regardless of who joins and who does not has whirls on it.

Take no mistake about it... the man who does not renew his subscription is jeopardising the existence of the League, and in any case is weakening it.

There is only one effect of supporting the men at the top of the organisation, and that is by signing up thousands of new members and bringing back into membership those who have dropped out.

To demand that this or that be done, without doing something to build up membership-support for the demand is to be at work without working. It is to substitute mere noise for effort.

Competition Results

A.R.M.S. GAMES, 1956

1st Semi-Final (November 13).
City of Perth v. Gloucester Park.
City of Perth won by 6 to 4.
2nd Semi-Final (November 16).
Mt. Hawthorn v. Darling Range.
Mt. Hawthorn won by 5 to 6.
Final (November 18).
Gloucester Park v. Darling Range.
Gloucester Park won by 4 to 2.
Winner: Mt. Hawthorn.

YELLOW CAB CUP

(Shooting)

Won by Daugal Rase (per cent.
1st. Gloucester Park (142.4),
2nd. West Leederville (141.8).

Duties Of Membership Secretary

To remove one of the top worries of sub-branch secretaries the State Executive recommends the appointment of Membership Secretaries within sub-branches. It is well to consider, however, a few points.

To discharge this important office properly the man selected should have a good general knowledge of the functions of the League, and the personality to approach prospective members.

He should have a good knowledge of his own district, and should be able to devote considerable time to canvassing.

The most obvious choice would be an active retired member, although some areas may desire one of the younger chiefs who can provide the energy and spare time to carry out his duties thoroughly.

The duties of the membership secretary are therefore to foster new membership within the district, enrolling wherever possible a census of all eligible ex-servicemen—to re-enlist those who have fallen by the wayside and to encourage those who are tarry with their subscriptions.

He will have to go out into the field. His main duty will be towards new members, and this should not lessen the moral obligation of financial support on their "subs" when due, otherwise his task would be impossible.

A useful adjunct to the task of membership secretary is the sending of birthday greeting cards. The little gestures count.

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Hungarians In Unofficial Ceremonial At Memorial

In the early stages of the uprisings in Hungary for freedom Hungarians resident in Western Australia gave expression to their feelings in an orderly, ceremonial, and at the State War Memorial.

Reporting to the R.S.L. State Executive on the occasion of the memorial, Mr. Townshend, a sub-warden of the memorial, said:

"After the wreath-laying by the Hellenic Association on Sunday, October 28—towards 6.30 p.m.—we went down to remove the flag from the memorial.

"We passed a group of Hungarians carrying banners—their own and our flag.

"As we were attending to our business the Hungarian came down the concourse of the memorial, spread a banner, dipped both flags, sang the Hungarian national anthem in their own language, again dipped the flag and dispersed.

"It is evident that the proceedings had been carried out solemnly and that no exception could be taken to them so far as the memorial is concerned."

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If You Know A War Widow

If among the people you know there is a widow—please—do not take it for granted that she is receiving from the Repatriation Department and from other sources all that she is entitled to.
Do some discreet probing, just to make sure.

Some war widows have not yet applied for their late husband's war gratuity.
Others have children and school age and have not yet taken advantage of the Bevo Education scheme.

There are some who do not know of the Medical benefits available to them from the Bevo, and there are others who have never even heard of the Canteen Trust, which makes grants to help war widows unable to make both ends meet.

ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE Men:

FEDERATED VETERANS, NAVAL, MILITARY AND AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION—W.A. Branch, 113 William Street, Perth (PO Box 4354, Perth 64001).

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION—Meets 10A King-street, 3rd Monday in each month at 2 p.m.—President A. T. Bailey. Secretary: W. A. McDonagh, 20 Kennedy Street, Bassendean, W.A. (OX1400).


ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION OF W.A.—Meets Anzac House, 3rd Monday of each month at 2 p.m.—President, C. W. High. Secretary, G. L. Smith, 25 William Street, Perth.


1ST AND 2ND BATTALION 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION—Committee Meetings 2nd Tuesday in each month at Railway Institute, Perth, President: W. M. Waterman, 180 Broom Street, North Cottesloe. Treasurer, H. M. Browne, 86 Broom Street, M. Lawley (BA2797).


3/1ST BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Committee Meetings Monthly, 2nd Tuesday. President, O. Sharrod, 5 Ernville Road, Bayswater. Hon. Secretary, R. C. K. Pepper, 184 North Terrace, Mount Lawley. Annual Reunion at Perth Dome Club 9th October (Show Week).


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Light Horse Week Brought Full Attendances

Light Horse Week, conducted by the 10th Light Horse Association during Show Week, passed off very successfully, every event having been attended to the full.

The first indoor social was attended by 150 members and guests, and the hand-over ceremony by about 170 ex-troopers, 20 odd "Young 10th" men and a very large public turn up.

At the social Mr. Roy Perry presented the Col Fund cheque to the Princess Margaret Hospital.

Former W.A. Man Seeks Sponsor

A former West Australian ex-serviceman who served with 2/16th and 2/28th Battalions during the 1939-45 war and is now residing in Southampton, U.K., is seeking a sponsor to nominate him and his family under the assisted-passage scheme.

The ex-serviceman—a former member of the League—has been in the painting and decorators trade, and is willing to take other employment. Further particulars may be obtained at Anzac House.

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The League Aid Offer on Road-toll

At its meeting on December 5 the R.S.L. State Executive resolved to seek the advice of the National Road Safety Council as to how it could best assist in the road-safety campaign.

Its decision followed discussion of correspondence from the City of Perth sub-branch calling for League action in countering the "enormous toll of the road" in Western Australia.

The State President (Mr. Lonnie) said that two years ago the League had offered its support to the council.

If the League were to be allocated a definite role it could call on sub-branches throughout the State for support.

It has been claimed that the number of Australian road casualties for the first 50 years of this century was twice that of her battle casualties over the same period.

Australia's war-casualty figure for 1939-45—according to figures received from the safety council—was 237,674; the road-toll figure for the 1950-55 period was given as 256,995.

Brunswick Women Raise £150

The R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lonnie), who addressed the Brunswick Junction League sub-branch recently, reported to his executive that the day before his visit, the Brunswick women's auxiliary had raised about £150.

The Memorial Cross Rededicated

The Memorial Cross of the 61st Battalion, A.I.F., was rededicated at a service in St. George's Cathedral, Perth on the afternoon of Remembrance Day (November 11). The cross was originally dedicated under Navy at Villers-Bretonneux (France) a few days after the counter-attack on the night of April 24-25, 1918, by Padre D. Blackwood. The padre (now Bishop Blackwood, of Tasmania) rededicated the cross at the cathedral service. It is seen here at the foot of the cross.