Top-Level Consideration For League's Views On Defence

The views of the League's Federal Defence Committee will receive top-level consideration by the Commonwealth Government.

The Minister for Defence (Sir Philip McBride) said this in a letter to the President (Mr. Lonnie) in Adelaide recently. Mr. Lonnie was on his way to attend the Federal Executive meeting conducted on May 14 and was kept on the plane in accordance with arrangements made by the President of the League (Sir George Holland).

Mr. Lonnie reported to the Executive subsequently that the Minister had given him an excellent hearing and had expressed his delight at the formation of the committee.

The Minister, he said, had shown a keen interest as to how the League's policy on national-service training proposals of the Government and said he would be prepared to consider any alternative arrangements the League might care to offer. Mr. Lonnie said the Federal Executive had pressed the Commonwealth Government to make an additional £10,000,000 available for war-service homes. A move to seek the use of £2,000,000 of Services Contingent Trust Fund money for war-service homes had been defeated on the ground that there could be no encroachment on a trust.

On the national-service proposals the Minister, after a discussion lasting for some hours, had taken the view that the Government was acting on the advice of its chiefs of staff. The Executive had no alternative to offer.

Mr. Lonnie concluded his report on the question by letter to the Federal President. He had suggested that the League should continue to pursue its own policy in respect of universal training whether within the Army or the other services; that consideration be given to a publicity scheme for encouraging voluntary recruitment, and that a portion of the annual intake be diverted to civil defence training.

A scheme in which the youth of Australia would receive a basic training in civil defence would be a very good thing, Mr. Lonnie said. Mr. Lonnie said that if Sir George approved of the suggestions they would be submitted to the Executive in due course.

Memorial Aspects Of Park Concern League

The League's sole interest in connection with the Perth City Council's move for constructing an aquatic centre in King's Park is to assure that there is no interference with the traditional memorial aspects of the park.

The State President (Mr. Lonnie) and J. J. W. Watts, O.A.M., had written stating that the board did not think that an entrance road to the centre from the Honour Avenues would lessen public appreciation of them.

He also stated that it was not uncommon for cars to park under the memorial trees, and that on occasion several hundred cars would park there at one time. Mr. E. C. Townsend said that under the board's regulations drivers who parked cars off the recognised road way could be prosecuted. The Executive decided to arrange consultations with the board and the Lord Mayor, and in the meantime to inform the tree society that the League was concerned in the proposals and was watching the position.

President slates criticism

All concerned with the Anzac Day arrangements this year were to be complimented, the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lonnie) said at the State Executive meeting on May 8.

Mr. Lonnie said he had been highly delighted with the way in which the day's activities had been organised, and with the public response to them.

The only discordant note was taken up by a section of the Eastern States Press, Mr. Lonnie said. By contrast a picture of troops in the march published in a local country newspaper had shown them to be in perfect step.

numerous reports to hand at Anzac House were full of praise for the manner in which the march and parade had been carried out. The troops had been made available for the march at the specific request of the League.

Mr. Lonnie said he considered that the parade this year was the answer to anyone who tried to say that the spirit of Anzac Day had gone. If unit associations continued to turn up as they had done this year, there would be no need to fear for the future of the observance.

The League could claim with some pride that the parade this year, at least equal to that of any other post-war year.

President slates criticism

The League has accepted an invitation from Good Neighbours Council to be represented at its two-day conference at Point Walter in July.

JUNE, 1957

Spirit Of The Old 11th

The following letter from Lieutenant-General Gordon Bennett to a West Australian who served with the 11th Battalion, A.F.I., has been passed on for publication in this journal.

Dear Mr. Gibson,—Today I received from the editor of "People" the photograph taken at Cherarol in 1919.

Thank you for it and thank you for remembering me after 38 years.

I well remember seeing the old 11th Bn. off at the out, I was a sad occasion in some ways. The old battalion was a fine fighting unit.

I remember well many of my old comrades of 3rd Brigade. Each Anzac Day the old officers gather for a dinner in Sydney—after which we place a wreath on the Cenotaph. Then, after the Anzac March I attend a reunion luncheon of all ranks of the 11th.

Unfortunately our members are dwindling year by year, but the old spirit survives.

Please remember me kindly to any of the old 11th when you see them, and tell them that I often think of them all and wish them well.

Regards and best wishes.

Your old friend and comrade,

H. Gordon Bennett,
4 Ingala Avenue, Wahroonga, N.S.W.
April 29, 1957.
Wartime Chief Joins League

Air Chief Marshal Sir Basil Embry joined the League of War Veterans’ Homes.

Sir Basil was presented with his badge (by the State President) at a recent interview at the Highgate subbranch at which he was guest speaker. He spoke on nuclear warfare.

Presenting him with the badge Mr. Lonie said he had no doubt that a man who had been awarded the G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O. with 3 bars, the D.F.C. and A.F.C. and who had been mentioned in dispatches three times in the last war, was qualified to join the organisation.

The sub-branch secretary (Mr. Fred King) was a worried man before the interview because he will arrange seating for over 170 members of the League and prominent citizens.

Lord Mayor Replies To Letter Of Criticism

In reply to WX6692, Bassendean.

Sir,—It was with keen disappointment I read your May issue, in which the contribution by WX6692, Bassendean, appeared, because such a letter is a real loss to the page of letters, whose identity from previous experience I happen to be aware of, and should resort to the means now adopted.

The letter written, of course, is concerned, at the head, with the tactics now adopted by certain people, who are in need of discussion, not necessarily myself, but the Council's proposals, and are directing their criticism in peremptory fashion.

The remark which is attributed to me when asked at the meeting of the Council, was that I was mindful that May-drive was hallowed ground—so I was not aware there was any drive was hallowed ground being exploited for the purpose of discussion, not necessarily myself, but the Council's proposals. May-drive has always been May-drive, and always will be, and any ground, adjusting in which the treachery is practised, may possibly be regarded as being hallowed. The memorial where the names of all our fallen soldiers are inscribed is regarded as being hallowed by everybody who has an appreciation of things that are among the things that were, and I trust everyone else, acknowledge the sanctity of that expression in the form of the memorial.

May I ask why, when May-drive and its verges are covered with more cars on the annual occasion of the Dawn Service, or of the League, a question not ever would be the case and the result of the aquatic centre, and no objection has ever been raised at the entrance to the centre, however, which has already been planned, but in no way interfere with the existing trees, because, in the vicinity.

I feel certain the members of your League would find themselves to the moral sentiments of the League, when they may predict the fact that they can prefer to remain in amplitude, rather than apply the open when making an attack on someone who is being noticed more than his duty demands.

The establishment of the aquatic centre will create the slightest interference with any who may be living and in quality and thought as WX6692 suggests.

Yours, etc.,
L.R. HOWARD
Lord Mayor
Council Chambers, Perth.
State Executive Nominations

This year’s nominations for the various executive positions in the State branch of the League are in much the same proportions as last year.

There is again only one nomination for the presidency—that of the present office holder, Mr. W. S. Lonnie—with seven nominations for the two vice-presidential vacancies (six last year) and five for the three trusteeship vacancies (nine last year).

Nominated for executive membership are the 29 serving members (28 last year) and 15 new candidates (16 last year).

The nominations are as follows:

**PRESIDENT**
W. S. LONNIE, M.V.O., M.C.—present State President, war service 1939-45.

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

**VICE PRESIDENT**
DAVIES, E. O.—present State Vice-President, war service 1914-18.

**NEW NOMINATIONS**

- BARTLEY, L. J. (1939-45), (1948).
- HARRIS, W. L. (1939-45).
- GORDON, C. W.—war service 1939-45.
- ROFFE, B.—war service 1939-45.
- MILNE, J. F.—war service 1939-45.
- WHITE, J. B.—war service 1914-18.
- LOWE, L. (1939-45).
- KEELEY, B. (1914-18).
- DODD, E. A.—war service 1939-45.
- HARTLEY, J. G.—war service 1939-45.
- JAMES, W. J. (1914-18).
- BENDRICK, R. J. (1940-45).
- STODDART, R. J. (1939-45).

Trustees

DAVIES, E. O. (see above).

- STODDART, R. J. (see above).

TOWNSEND, E. C. (see above).

- ROLFE, J. A.—present Trustee, war service 1939-45.
- BLEWETT, B.—present member State Executive, war service 1914-18.

- DAVIDSON, N.—present member State Executive, war service 1914-18.

State Executive

These members, their war service indicated in parentheses, are as follows:

- DAVIDSON, N. (1939-45).
- COULTAS, T. C. (1939-45).
- HOLDEN, S. (1939-45).
- GREENHAM, Dr. R. I. (1939-45).

Nearly 200 At Kukerin Memorial Unveiling

-Nearly 200 people attended the unveiling of the Kukerin War Memorial by the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lonnie) early in April.

At the annual dinner of the sub-branch in the evening 89 members and guests were present.

Among the guests were Mrs. May, Meares, of the State Executive, Mr. Chris Keeney (a Country Vice-President), and Mr. Perkins, M.L.A.

The Cardiff, Albany, Woodwalling, Katanning, Dumble, Nyngan and Lake Grace sub-branches were represented by the sub-branch.

Mr. Lonnie, whose birthday coincided with the function, was presented with a cake, and Mr. A. Wood (now living at Albany) with a bottle of whiskey. Wreaths were laid by Mr. Lonnie and the president of the sub-branch (Mr. Giblett).
State Executive Party Among 115 Seated At Gnowangerup Dinner

Among the 115 persons who attended the Gnowangerup R.S.L. reunion dinner on May 18 were the State President (Mr. Long) and three members of his executive—Messrs. E. O. Davies, E. A. Dodd and D. G. D. Henwood.

A particularly appetising repeat was served by the local caterers, headed by Mrs. B. S. Dolley. Proposing the toast of the State Executive, the local president (Mr. Gordon Stewart) said that although Gnowangerup was some distance from headquarters the sub-branch took a keen interest in activities there. He assured Mr. Longie of support in the future as in the past.

Swamp Water Threatens R.S.L. Hall

A rising water-table in the locality threatens the future of the State Yeke's R.S.L. Memorial Hall.

At the State Executive meeting here last week, Mr. W. C. Townsend reported having discussed the matter with Messrs. McEwan and Wills. They are up against it, he said. The hall is gradually disappearing under the water. Sub-branch members had built the hall of bricks and had added to it themselves, and their work had gone for naught.

They would like to purchase another block if they could, but it seemed that only materials would be available from the present hall were the flooring and roofing.

Mr. H. G. Holder said the swamp was quite odiferous at times, but that the weeds were very bad in the locality.

The only hope for the hall was a public drainage scheme in the area, he said.

Essay Contest Keeps The Judges Busy

Over 800 entries in this year's Anzac essay competition were passed over to the judges for disposal.

This was reported to the R.S.L. State Executive by Mr. H. G. Holder recently. Without the co-operation of school teachers, who had eliminated some of the less competent essays, there would have been a great deal more for the judges to do, Mr. Holder said. One headmaster had reduced 87 entries to 17.

The results of the competition would be announced shortly.

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BRANCHES & AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE
Thoughts On New Defence Policy

By PHILIP MASSEL

On April 4 the Prime Minister announced to the House of Representatives a number of important changes in Australia’s defence policies. A number of changes were invited by the State Executive of the League of to offer ideas and share the current trends in defence. If I concentrate on matters affecting the Navy and the Air Force, it is because (a) the Army has been most vitally affected; and (b) I have no information on the complex problems of the Navy and the Air Force.

Dealing with the Army, Mr. Menzies stated that for some time the Government had been concerned about the problems of equipment and manpower. He said: “An undue proportion of our annual expenditure has been laid out upon the maintenance of fighting forces, the bulk of which are already trained, while too small a proportion of our expenditure is expendable for equipment.”

We have now concluded that the Army’s proportion of the Defence Vote which goes to manpower is inadequate for the proportion which goes to modern equipment.

The problem, Mr. Menzies, lays in the fact that a high proportion of the present forces have been trained in the training of the C.M.F. and National Servicemen, and that a proportion was available for rapid deployment in the sudden event of war. If a more effective use of manpower was therefore considered to be desirable.

Now let us examine these changes to see whether the power and equipment are to be faced.

There is to be a reduction in the number of regular Army units from 29,000 to 12,000 per annum. This will release about 17,000 Regular Army members from training duties. They will be formed into a mobile brigade over and above the A.F.A. battalion which has been in training in Korea and is now in Malaysia.

National Servicemen will still serve for a total of 140 days, but the training period of 100 days will be reduced to 98. The C.M.F. unit will be extended from 42 to 63 days. These changes are on the Select List, but it is known that the Lee Enfield rifle will be retained, and the self-loading FN rifle which is capable of firing 80 rounds a minute, is a minute. The Artillery.inline will be replaced by the 35mm Field Gun, which in addition to increased range, is better suited for quick support in action.

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There’s a nutshell you have the Army changes. In my opinion, they do not justify all the criticism of the Defence Force with which the public is not used to hearing. There are two main grumblers - the commentator and the reader. The first is the one who has been brought up with a high sense of readiness for war has been bred. This is the one who is informed of the establishment of the new Regular Army programme, but has not overcome the fear that the new Regular Army is being mobilised for full-time duty. In other words, the new policy is being done for a reason which the critic of the facts. The second grumble is that the Army is being mobilised for full-time duty. In other words, the new policy is being done for a reason which the critic of the facts. The service in the Regular Army is being mobilised for full-time duty. In other words, the new policy is being done for a reason which the critic of the facts.

Citizen Army

Our Citizen Army consists of three infantry divisions and elements of two armoured brigades. Its strength is 75,000. There are three battalions of infantry in the middle of 1945—nine months after World War II commenced. Moreover, the Citizen Army of today has reached a good standard of peace-time training. Senior officers of whom I have discussed this aspect agree that the average C.M.F. unit today is better fitted for battle than any element of the Second A.I.F. when it emerged from the baptism of fire. The new annual intake of 12,000 National Servicemen will be sufficient to maintain the existing structure of the Citizen Army, but its numerical strength will drop to 50,000. However, we should remember that about 100,000 young men have completed their compulsory service but are eligible for call-up in time of war. We had no such trained Reserve in 1914 or 1939.

The fact that the National Servicemen will now train for 42 days and their C.M.F. unit will give him an extra year in which to absorb the training, is an advantage to the Army. In some instances—especially if he has experienced the enlisted man’s promotion—they may be persuaded to volunteer for further service. All his military obligations are completed.

What of ballots to determine service in the National Service? Frankly, I see no objection in such a system. It is used in many parts of the world, and works satisfactorily. When two men want to buy the last bottle of beer in the pub most people will agree to it being a fair and friendly system.

All in all, the position of the Army has been strengthened by these changes. It is in good training, and the National Service Training Act have been amended a serious defect must remain not only in our defensive preparations but also in our ability to commit units overseas without delay. Admittedly, a number of National Servicemen have volunteered for overseas service, and it does not seem likely that many others would follow suit. It is possible that the Citizen Army automatically becomes the Third A.I.F. when it enters into recruiting. (The point need scarcely be added that the appearance of the Citizen Army as the Third A.I.F. means that we have been allowed to break the delay-lag that occurred in 1939 and 1940 when every unit had to be raised from scratch.)

May I conclude by offering these suggestions as ways in which the League might make a valuable contribution to the Defence programme?

• By helping to develop national pride in the fine record of our war-time and peace-time services.
• By taking a firm stand against “unformed and ill-informed criticism of our services.”
• By pressing for an amendment to the Defence Act to permit compulsory service overseas in time of war.
• By encouraging National Servicemen to volunteer now for overseas service in time of war, pending the necessary amendment to the Act.
• By pressing for a Government and Service assurance that the Citizen Army continuously maintains its mobilisation plan at an advanced state, to ensure that there is no unnecessary delay in transforming our peacetime army into a wartime army.
• By encouraging young men to remember that, if they are not called up for National Service, the Third A.I.F. is its national duty to volunteer for overseas training, and to urge employers to cooperate in this matter.

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Anzac Day In London

The weather was unkind in London on Anzac Day this year; it was bitterly cold, and soon after the wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph during the morning rain fell heavily.

A large crowd had gathered to witness the ceremony, and wreaths were laid by the Australian High Commissioner, Sir Eric Harrison, on behalf of the Government and people of Australia, the New Zealand High Commissioner (Sir Clifton Webb), on behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand, Mr. K. M. Oliphant (for the R.S.L.) and Lord Freyberg, G.C. (for the New Zealand R.S.A.).

Service, and ex-service and Empire association representatives, and the State Agent-Generals, also laid wreaths.

This has been reported to Anzac House by Mr. Frank A. Knight, the Salvation Army master of the 5th Battalion.

A commemoration service held in Westminster Abbey at noon was well attended, and deeply felt. The sons had been read by Sir Eric Harrison and Sir Clifton Webb, and the address given by the Rev. Horsfold, of Eastwood, N.S.W.

The New Fellowship of Women had conducted a reunion at Australia House with Mrs. Chester Willmot as chairman and about 300 people in attendance. The two High Commissioners had given addresses.

Mr. Kennedy said that among the guests was Miss Ada Reeve, who would be remembered in 1914-18 Diggers she had done much to entertain troops on leave at Anzac and Horseredford Road, London. She had been known as Anzac Ada.

Another guest was Mr. Bill Stavely (11th Battalion, A.I.F.) who had wished to be remembered to all friends.

Mr. Kennedy said that Mr. Ray Sandover (ex-brigadier of the 2/11th Battalion) would be visiting shortly.

ROLL-CALL OF 30 AT KENWICK

The R.S.L. meeting at Kenwick on May 15 saw a roll-call of 30 members, and the lively discussion on several motions was indicative of the interest being taken in branch affairs.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a parcel of books by the president (Mr. Val Stevens) to the retiring secretary (Mr. Ted Barker) in recognition of six years of unselfish service.

The competition for the membership-drive trophy is getting very keen; there is rarely a meeting without one newcomer or more.

The policy of meetings is to get business over by 9.30 p.m. to allow ample time for conviviality and sport.

Infant Centre

As Memorial

The Bellevue R.S.L. sub-branch has undertaken the establishment and running of an infant centre next Anzac Day of an infant health centre.

It has to acquire the land for it.

The centre will serve as a memorial to the district's war-dead.

Reporting this to the State Executive recently Dr. R. J. Greenham (a State vice-president) described the undertaking as an excellent community-service project, and said he had not the slightest doubt that the aim would be accomplished.

LEAGUE ASKS QUESTIONS ON RAILWAYS

Stating that the Brookton-Corrigal railway service to be closed as from June 17 the chairman of the League's land committee (Mr. E. O. Davies) told the State Executive recently that he had sought information on the matter from the Minister.

Mr. Davies said he had asked for the date on which the projected road service was to commence, for the type of, transition, the date for which was to be given, and for the timetable.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The President and Members,
The Returned Sailors' Soldiers' and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia (W.A.) Perth, March 31st, 1957.

Dear Sirs,

The Returned Sailors' Soldiers' and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia (W.A.) has been incorporated at special annual meeting on the 10th day of January, 1956.

The following is a brief statement of the financial position as at 31st December, 1956:

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1956**

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**Auditors' Certificate**

I have examined the books of account of the Returned Sailors' Soldiers' and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia (W.A.) through the year ended 31st December, 1956, and report that, in my opinion, the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and exhibits a correct view of the state of the affairs as at the close of the financial year. I have also examined the accounts and statements of receipts and payments presented by the League and have found them to be correct and to present a true view of the financial position of the League for the year then ended.

Pert. 31st May, 1957.

J. E. Mitchell, F.C.A. (Audit.)

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1956**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Assets</th>
<th>£</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cash on hand and at Bank</td>
<td>4,373</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Consolidated balance</td>
<td>3,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunset Enthusiasts</td>
<td>1,645</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday Trotters</td>
<td>3,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Debtors</td>
<td>500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deposits</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Banking Co. Premium</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>Prepayments</td>
<td>173</td>
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<td>Total assets</td>
<td>20,331</td>
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**Fixed Assets**

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<tr>
<td>Plant, Machinery, Furniture and Equipment</td>
<td>6,187</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motor Vehicles</td>
<td>500</td>
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<td>Total Fixed Assets</td>
<td>6,687</td>
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**Current Liabilities**

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<td>Sunset Creditors</td>
<td>1,710</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tuesday Trotters</td>
<td>268</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fawcett Room Material</td>
<td>1,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fawcett House Amenities</td>
<td>3,633</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anzac House and Club Amenities</td>
<td>3,607</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</td>
<td>2,098</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Current Liabilities</td>
<td>9,209</td>
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**TOTAL ASSETS**

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<tr>
<td>Consolidated Balance</td>
<td>26,930</td>
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<td>Less: Deficit General Section</td>
<td>700</td>
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<td>Total Assets</td>
<td>26,230</td>
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**Earnings Account**

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<tr>
<td>Less: Deficit General Section</td>
<td>700</td>
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<td>Total Earnings Account</td>
<td>25,530</td>
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**Corporation Account**

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<td>700</td>
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<td>Total Corporation Account</td>
<td>24,830</td>
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**THE INCOME FOR THE YEAR WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

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<tr>
<td>Subscriptions</td>
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<td>Lotto Premiums</td>
<td>1,187</td>
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<tr>
<td>Employment Grants</td>
<td>1,178</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trade Unions</td>
<td>1,178</td>
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<tr>
<td>Debts-Amenities Fund</td>
<td>1,178</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest-Caps-Pensions</td>
<td>940</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rentals-Ballroom</td>
<td>520</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rentals-Anzac Club</td>
<td>624</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rentals-Parking Area</td>
<td>4,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rentals-Sunday</td>
<td>1,178</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Advertising Revenue</td>
<td>11,429</td>
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**Making a total income of**

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<td>£11,429</td>
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**Trust Funds**

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<tr>
<td>Anzac House and Club Amenities</td>
<td>2,098</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Special Funds</td>
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**Making a total of**

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<td>£2,098</td>
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**General**

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The result of the year has shown an excess of expenditure without taking into consideration the amount received for the Anzac Club and House Amenities Account. As this source of income will not be available during the present financial year, it would seem necessary to keep a close watch on all expenses to avoid a further excess of expenditure.

In conclusion, I desire to thank all members for the courtesy and assistance afforded by your accountant and myself during the course of the year.

J. E. Mitchell, F.C.A. (Audit.)

**GENERAL SECTION REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1956.**

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<td>Audit Fee</td>
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<td>Australasian Repicaleals</td>
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<td>Insurance Premium</td>
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<td>Bargain Materials</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>Depreciation-Furniture and Equipment</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Trains-Motor Vehicles</td>
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<td>Entertainment</td>
<td>3,151</td>
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<td>Business Members</td>
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<td>Financial Crowns</td>
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<td>General Expenses</td>
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<td>Insurance-General</td>
<td>195</td>
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<td>Banking Co. Premium</td>
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<td>Trade Unions</td>
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<td>Printing and Stationary</td>
<td>2,405</td>
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<td>Repairs-Vehicles</td>
<td>325</td>
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<td>Memorandum</td>
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<td>13,520</td>
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**Making a total expenditure of**

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<td>£13,520</td>
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### ANZAC CLUB

**TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/35.**

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<tr>
<td>Opening Stocks 1/1/36</td>
<td>1,107 9 7</td>
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<tr>
<td>ADD Purchases—Goods</td>
<td>7,489 10 3</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>9,597 9 0</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>LESS—Closing Stocks</td>
<td>1,924 3 7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cost of goods sold</td>
<td>8,066 5 3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gross Profit—Bar</td>
<td>1,471 3 8</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Gross Profit—Bulk Trading</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,471 3 8</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transferred to P. &amp; L. A/c.</td>
<td><strong>11,177 11 9</strong></td>
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### COMBINED BALANCE SHEET OF SUNDAY FUNDS

**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Assets</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash in Bank</td>
<td>39,884 8 7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Commonwealth</td>
<td>1,729 1 5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Custom Credit Corporation</td>
<td>3,000 9 7</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>41,614 1 3</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Liabilities</td>
<td></td>
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<td>LESS—Transfer to R.S.L. Relief Fund</td>
<td>3,732 10 0</td>
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<td><strong>Total Liabilities</strong></td>
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### R.S.L. RELIEF FUND

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<tr>
<td>AND RECEIPTS:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lotteries Commission</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Subscription</td>
<td>400 0 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Donations</td>
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<td>LESS:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Relief Granted</td>
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<tr>
<td>R.S.L. Grants</td>
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<td>Masons' Cheer</td>
<td>328 18 10</td>
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<td>Cheque Books</td>
<td>50 0 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Administration</td>
<td>50 0 0</td>
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<td><strong>Total of Payments</strong></td>
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<td>Balance as at 31st December, 1935</td>
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### R.S.L. EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

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<tr>
<td>AND RECEIPTS:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Commonwealth Loan Interest</td>
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<td><strong>Total of Payments</strong></td>
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<td>LESS:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transfer of Fund to R.S.L. Relief Fund</td>
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<td><strong>Total of Payments</strong></td>
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### W.A. AGED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS’ RELIEF FUND

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<td>Poppy Day Proceeds</td>
<td>2,028 11 10</td>
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<td>300 0 0</td>
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<td>Bank Balance as at 31st December, 1935</td>
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### WAR VETERANS’ HOME FUND

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<td>AND RECEIPTS:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest from Investments</td>
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<td><strong>Total of Payments</strong></td>
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<td>Transfers of interest to Faversham House on 1700 4 9</td>
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<td>Investment Commonwealth Loans</td>
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### ANZAC HOUSE BUILDING EXTENSION FUND

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<td>Entertainment Tax</td>
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<td>Poppy Day Proceeds</td>
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**LICENSED PLCUMERS**
STATE WAR MEMORIAL

Bank Balance as at 1st January, 1956: $500.00

Bursary Donations: $45.00

LESS PAYMENTS:

Matron and Medical Officer's Memorial Cost Unveiling Ceremony: $3.00

Bank Balance as at 31st December, 1956: $801.80

TRUST ACCOUNT

The following Trust Funds were held as at 31st December, 1956:

- The late Kathleen Loder Estate: $345.14
- Perpetual War Chest: $31.50
- A.G. Birkett's Comforts: $31.50
- Sub-Branches in Receivables: $706.10
- "Sir Evelyn" Loan Repayments: $343.13
- Fort Fund: $263.74
- Rockingham Project: $21.60

Against which the following Assets are held:

- National Bank of Australia - Fixed Deposit: $137.10
- Commonwealth Bank Bonds: $800.00
- Shares R.S.L. Trading Co.: $73.25
- Badges: $18.90

This makes a total of $1771.18

R.S.L. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
STATE EXECUTIVE

REVENUE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1956

THE INCOME FOR THE YEAR WAS AS FOLLOWS:

- Subscriptions: $24.12
- Badges: $24.12
- Donations: $11.00
- R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary: $23.00
- President's Allowance: $27.00
- Secretary's Allowance: $10.00
- Hospital Traveling Expenses: $103.14

Making a total of $173.27

Against which the following expenses were incurred:

- Postage and Stationery: $48.25
- Telephone Charges: $30.00
- General Administration: $23.25
- R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary: $23.00
- President's Allowance: $27.00
- Hospital Traveling Expenses: $103.14

Making a total of $340.65

and leaving an excess of income of $516.11

R.S.L. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
STATE EXECUTIVE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1956

ASSETS:

- National Bank of Australia: $3471.90
- Stocks on Hand: Badges: $12.00
- Furniture and Fixtures: $279.30

TOTAL ASSETS: $3817.60

LIABILITIES:

- Trust Funds - Hospital Visiting: $904.60
- Kness Cheer: $291.10
- Billgren Shield Sports: $32.11
- Sundry Creditors: $323.11

TOTAL LIABILITIES: $1353.17

Accrued Income: $1283.12

Add Surplus for V.F.E 31/12/56: $1283.12

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD SUB-BRANCH

CHANGE OF MEETINGS

The monthly general meetings of the sub-branch will in future be held in ST. PATRICK'S HALL, Beaufort-Street, Mount Lawley, at 81 p.m. on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month. Next meeting, WEDNESDAY, July 3rd. Supper and Refreshments.

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- DARTS
- HOME BILLIARDS
- BOBS SETS
- PLAYING CARDS
- MONOPOLY
- ROULETTE WHEELS

Sports Department: Ground Floor
MAN MAKES A MOON!

An artificial satellite, a midget moon, will be hurled into an orbit 300 miles above Earth late this year, or early in 1958. It will be an American contribution to the astonishing scientific programme of the International Geophysical Year.

The satellite—a gleaming sphere 20 inches in diameter and weighing 211 pounds — will be carried to the threshold of space by a three-stage rocket. Its orbital speed will be 18,000 miles-per-hour, and it will circle this planet every 90 minutes.

Instruments inside the satellite will radio back to Earth information about air density, temperature and pressure, the shape of the planet, the intensity of solar and cosmic radiation, and the incidence of meteors.

SHELL UMF, a new aviation fuel, is being used in development of the first-stage rocket that will carry the tiny fact-finding, space-probing ball aloft.

Woomera, South Australia, may become the base for subsequent satellite launchings.

**League Jottings**

- The venue of the 1959 Federal Congress of the League, which was scheduled for Perth, has been reallocated to Brisbane, where it will coincide with the 100th anniversary of responsible government in Queensland. The change was agreed to by the W.A. State Executive on May 22 at the request of the Queensland State branch.

- In "the wings" at the State Executive meeting on May 22 was Mr. Bob Duncan, president of the Gippsland sub-branch.

- The R.S.L. State President is on the move quite a bit. Mr. Lonnie was barely back from the mid-May meeting of the Federal Executive in Canberra when he once more took to the air—for Melbourne—to attend an Army training school.

- A request for permission to form a sub-branch in the Innaloo-Kilray area has been approved by the State Executive.

- The official opening of the Borden R.S.L. Memorial Hall on May 18 came just 19 months after the formation of the sub-branch thereof. This is believed to be a State record for fast work. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. Lonnie. Before returning to Perth the State Executive party visited the Gnowangerup and Broomendre sub-branches.

- A request from the Graylands sub-branch for permission to revert to its original name (Graylands—Mt. Claremont) has been granted by the State Executive.

**Items Withheld**

It is regretted that owing to the publication in this issue of the Auditor's Statement and Annual Accounts, other items—including the Anzac Club notes—have had to be withheld.

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Nomination Night At South Perth

At the meeting of the South Perth sub-branch on June 27 the nomination of officers for the ensuing year will be taken. All officers are to come under ballot.

A picture night has been arranged for Thursday, July 11, at which there is to be a lecture by Mr. W. Grayden, M.L.A, on behalf of the Aboriginal Advance- ment League.


A visit to the Bridgetown sub-branch is being arranged, further information on which can be obtained by members from Messrs. Warmley, Rann and Mason.

The sub-branch has donated a pew chair to the South Perth Community Centre Hospital, and 55 towards the purchase of a pew chair to a fund being conducted by the Anzac Club committee.

The closing date for the competition for the president's membership trophy is August 31. The trophy goes to the member with the greatest tally of recruits for the 12 months to that date.

The next Lambert Cup games night will be held at the Como sub-branch hall in July.

The secretary (Mr. W. H. Ferrier) is encouraging marksmen in the sub-branch to enter a contest being arranged at Anzac House—for small-bore rifle shooting—for the near future.

The sub-branch meets on the second and fourth Thursday each month.

Big Birthday Occasion At Cottesloe

To celebrate its 25th anniver- sary the sub-branch is holding its Silver Anniversary Ball at the War Memorial Hall at the Cottesloe Civic Centre on August 2.

The proceeds of the ball are to be divided among organisations representing Legacy and the League’s amelioration funds.

Bookings have opened, and Mr. R. S. H. J. O’Donnell (secretary) may be obtained from the organisers, (Mr. L. P. Chaf- fee, vice-president), (Mr. B. G. McCann, secretary), or the civic centre.

The State President, Mr. M. E. Baker, who is visiting, has taken an active interest in the occasion.

Who Enlisted From Mt. Helena?

Anyone who can name any person or persons who enlisted from the Mt. Helena district for service overseas is urgently requested to pass on the information to the local R.S.L. sub-branch.

Contact with the sub-branch can be made through the president (Mr. M. Cohen), the secretary (Mr. W. See) or Mr. J. Thompson—all of Mt. Helena.

The information is required to bring the sub-branch to bring its existing Honour Board up to date. A list of names who have now been com- pleted is far from complete.

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**Letters To The State President**

Among the letters received by the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lonnie) recently were the following.

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**Gratitude Of A Malayan**

Dear Colonel Lonnie—I will always treasure deeply the spontaneous and most overwhelming welcome which you and the members of the Board of the R.S.L. gave me during my visit to Perth.

I am most grateful to you for giving me the opportunity to meet so many charming and kind people. It was indeed a pleasure to make friends with veterans who have contributed towards making this world a place worth living in and who, I am confident, sincerely have at heart the orderly and peaceful progress and development of my country.

I look forward to the pleasure of meeting you again during my next visit to Perth.

Please do not forget to look me up whenever you happen to be in Canberra.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dato Nik Kami, Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya.

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**Anzac Day At Jigalong**

Dear Bill, Jigalong had probably the smallest parade in W.A. for the Anzac service, 1957, there being three ex-servicemen—Tim Driscoll of Creek (10th Light Horse), Arthur Lamp (Merchant Navy) and Warne (R.A.A.F.). However, pastoralists from Ethel Creek and Robinson Ranges and the mission staff and the school children, brought the attendance to 72.

The school children (trained by Mrs. Warne) formed the choir and also rendered the anthem “Maker of Earth and Sea.”

Flowers here in the arid areas are at a premium, so the kiddies cut and coloured cardboard leaves and flowers, enclosing the lot in cellophane paper (taken off clothing in the store) and the wreaths were really very attractive.

A little five-year-old and the Board partner did the wreath-laying for the juniors, and they certainly did it as they did their own.

Everybody had a copy of the mission hymn song list, and the kids sang out loud.

The address to the children was about two men from Nullagine (Trooper T. Driscoll of the 10th Light Horse and Private Simpson, the man with the dollars)—one was tall and bony horses, the other short and well-built with donkeys; one had emu feathers in his hat (natives appreciated this), the other a Red Cross arm band; one came back but one stayed at Gallipoli; the light-horseman was in the column of the behind stained with steel as they relieved Jerusalem (for the mission’s sake).

Old Tim Driscoll nearly burst his boiler as he sat there and a few ex-servicemen got bored. By the way, these two men did come from Nullagine.

The mission authorities cooperated splendidly—loaned the mission hall, put out a high tea for the kiddies afterwards; a credit to catering anywhere, and a remarkable effort for such an isolated district as this.

Pastoralsists came along to see the kids and the mission people afterwards.

So all in all the traditions of meeting head again during my next visit to Perth.

On the job that the lift that we can give the natives is only a small one, and when we have obstacles it makes the lift even smaller; but lifting them we certainly are, though for many I become impatient at the slowness.

Enough of sermons! I feel proud of our initial Anzac service—and oh, I read your tel. and passed on your good wishes. Regards to Mrs. Lonnie (an enthusiast for our cause—and does she keep going) and best wishes to your good self.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD W. WARNE, Govt. School, Jigalong via Kalbarri.

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**The System Of Selecting “N.S. Trainees”**

Dear Mr. Lonnie,—May I compliment you upon your Perth Esplanade address last Anzac Day which was well heard and received by those assembled before you. Especially on the subject of selection of National Service trainees by lottery are we with you all the way.

It seems that only in France has there ever been a system entirely free from evasion. Everyone has to perform obligatory service in some way. In our present system many youths have engineered evasion by university training.

In the R.A.F. there is a system of university or country-work training which excuses youths from national service; their careers have not been interrupted and they will not have been inconvenienced in pursuit of their careers.

There is no substitute for military training but I fear that political movements may also be behind the announcement, and if it is because of cost or industrial demands then the only and obvious solution is to have compulsory training for all by annual and weekend camps with sleepover, drills, etc.

More grie to your mill.

Sincerely,

C. R. COX.

21 Phillimore-street, Fremantle.

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**THE LISTENING POST**

**JUNE, 1957**
A Designation Change For League Posts

In future the R.S.L. Federal Executive is to be known as the R.S.L. National Executive, and the Federal President and Federal Vice-President as the National President and National Secretary.

This was decided at the Federal Executive meeting on May 31.

Official notification of the changed designations was received by the State Executive at its meeting on June 5. The letter notifying the change was signed "A. W. Newman, National Secretary."

The State Executive was told that to remain in force the change would require confirmation at the next Federal Congress of the League.

Mr. H. Stanbury doubted whether the new designation would enhance the League's work in any way. The Immediate past-president (Mr. F. C. Chany) said he thought the change was aimed at putting the League on an equal footing with other Empire organisations.

Mr. H. A. Leslie said that the League had had its origin in the States and the State autonomy, and a Federal constitution must be retained.

Happy Day For Veterans

A luncheon was given at Anzac House by the Hon. Lady Gairdner, the Chaplain-General of the Forces (Bishop Riley) and Mrs. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie and other R.S.L. officials to the visiting New Zealand delegates, all attended the function.

The sub-branch president (Miss Perry) thanked the League for making Anzac House available, the staff of caterers for giving their services in a voluntary capacity, the police and voluntary car drivers who provided the transport for the visiting New Zealand delegates, all attended the function. The sub-branch president (Miss Perry) thanked the League for making Anzac House available, the staff of caterers for giving their services in a voluntary capacity, the police and voluntary car drivers who provided the transport for the visiting New Zealand delegates, all attended the function.

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Rededication Of Cross Adds Status To Battalion Association

The rededication of the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial Cross at St. George's Cathedral last Remembrance Day had added status to the 81st Battalion (A.I.F.) Association, the president (Mr. Ross Keeling) told members at the annual meeting in Anzac House on May 3.

Mr. Keeling said that nearly 200 members of his organisa-
tion—many from distant parts of Australia—had gathered with some hun-
dreds of Perth citizens in the cathedral for the occasion.

The ceremony of rededication had marked the culmination of 10 years of ef-
fors by the association to provide an appropriate place in respect of the two pat-terns of the association (Air Commodore - Robert Charleton) and the wreath-
laying ceremony at 9.30 a.m. on Anzac Day this year.

The association's deepest respects were extended to Mr. Reg Wood for his constancy in helping to secure the ceremonial arch.

Heavy financial demands had been made in respect of the ceremony, but with the gener-
erosity of several members on that score the financial position of the association

was satisfactory, with an increase of £211/5/- in cash assets.

The association had not re-
laxed its efforts for the com-
fort of the sick and stricken, or for representation at functions of ex-servicemen.

In membership the associa-
tion had suffered severely, 10 members having passed on during the preceding 29 months.

Regular visits had been made to ex-servicemen of the battalion undergoing treatment in the Repatriation Hospital, in the Royal Perth Hospital and in the Home for the Aged Blind.

The association had been officially represented at members' funerals conducted in the State Memorial Church.

The general committee had met on four occasions with an average attendance of 50 and the Memorial Cross sub-committee had met on numerous occasions.

The association annual meeting last October had been an unqualified success and a record attendance of 100 members and guests.

Two Memorial Cross ward-

ers had been appointed—Messrs. Reg Wood and Les Charlton.

16th Battalion Association Notes

The May committee meeting of the 16th Battalion Association was well attended.

Reporting on the Bulle-

din, among bush-laying cere-

emony the president (Mr. Waterman) said he was heartened and encouraged that more members of the 16th were not on parade but was convinced that any future ceremony a record muster could be ob-

ained.

With Anzac Day he was more than pleased and said the roll-up was excellent considering the advancing years of the members.

He paid a tribute to the ladies' auxiliary for their work at the front in the Railway Institute after the parade.

He also paid a compliment to the committee members for their help to Mr. Roger for her music, and to Mr. Law for the trophies. A donation towards association funds.

Among country members on parade were Messrs. A. W. Potts (Kojonup), S. H. Crawford (Cubil), W. L. Wray (Broomehill), J. A. Johnson (Marble Bar), E. B. Williams (Dalyellup), G. H. Bennett (Dalyellup), A. Heasman (Moorine Rock), W. Marrott (Bun


dy), F. Pockham (Tam-

min), M. Laming (Dun-

umbing), W. G. Allen (Greenob- nus), G. Ram (Albany), E. Spencer (Gey-

aldton).

A sub-committee was formed to arrange the details for a proposed reunion of association members to Adelaide for next Anzac Day.

An invitation from the 2/16th to attend a dinner was received and accepted.

Deaths reported at the meeting were Messrs. Murphy and B. D. Hunter. It was decided to write to the Lest We Forget Committee in need for newer and better bat-

on flags for next Anzac Day and that some of the old flags were a bit ragged.

Mr. Goddard was elected to the vacancy on the committee caused by the death of Mr. W. Martin.

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Quiet For A Solemn Occasion

It was a still autumn afternoon for the Anzac Day ceremony at Mundaring this year.

The surrounding countryside, with its background of tall trees seemed to know that all should be quiet for such an occasion.

Then, amid the silence, came strains of martial music as the R.S.L. Memorial Band headed the parade of Mundaring and district sub-branch members followed by about 400 children and a detachment of young men from the Stonyville Boys’ Farm.

The column made a grand sight as it proceeded along the Hills-highway to the memorial where about 800 people had gathered for the service, at which the Rev. Ross Ball officiated.

The wreath-laying was preceded by the sounding of The Last Post and Revellie by six buglers.

The address was given by Dr. K. Harris, of the State Executive.

A great parade—well organised and reverently carried out.

Afterwards the children were treated to sweets and cool drinks, and the adults to afternoon tea served by volunteer lady helpers.

A.R.M.S. Games Procedure

The A.R.M.S. Games controlling committee has laid down the following procedure, under the guidance of sports directors.

Quotes—in the event of a draw in games—or Aggregate, one man from each team to play 101-up to decide the issue.

Table Tennis—to be played strictly to the Table Tennis Association’s rules. In serving, the ball must be thrown from the palm of the hand only.

Key Dates—first semi-final, Tues., Nov. 19; second semi, Wed., Nov. 30; final, Tues., Nov. 29; grand final, Thurs., Dec. 5 (all at Anzac House).

Shooting Competition—shooting championship, on the knockout principle, is being staged. All financial members of the League—nomination fee 2/6 per member; applications to be submitted with fee through sub-branch; nominations close July 31.

The shoot will take place in the upper room, Anzac House, on Thursday, August 13, at 8 p.m. sharp.

Federal Congress: The 1957 Federal Congress of the League is to be held in the R.U. Social Hall, Hobart, in October.
McKinlay Shield Games

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Note: The final will be played on June 19 and the grand final on June 26. The first semi-final (played on June 5) was won by Neddells.

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**Single-unit Farm Purchase**

Ex-servicemen who were classified as qualified applicants under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme but finally took farms privately and now find themselves in financial difficulty are, in some cases, eligible to apply to the Commonwealth for financial assistance under the scheme.

The deputy chairman of the Land Settlement Board (Mr. R. S. Barrett) said this recently.

Mr. Barrett said that the application was laid down as follows:

1. There shall be no re-financing through the War Service Land Settlement Scheme of eligible ex-servicemen's equity in single unit farms.

2. A classified ex-serviceman who has entered into a contract to purchase a reasonably developed farm and for whom the purchase may apply for the property to be brought under the Scheme and allotted to him.

3. Provided the property meets the requirements laid down for War Service Land Settlement and is already developed to 50 per cent of standard it shall be accepted.

4. Purchase price to the Crown shall be the unit of purchase price still owing by the applicant with a ceiling of reasonable market value.

WHERE IS HE?

An article is being made to trace the whereabouts of Captain Liddell, former adjutant of the 1st Pioneer Battalion (1914-1918) or local officer of that unit.

It would be appreciated if anyone able to give a lead in the matter would notify Anzac House accordingly.

The information is sought in respect of a pension claim by a Victorian ex-serviceman.

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**Anzac Day At Mt. Helena**

A very impressive Anzac Day service was held in the Mt. Helena hall with the Rev. R. E. Bell from surrounding leading the gathering in prayer.

Mr. K. H. M. Bloodwood of the R.S.L. State Executive as well as of the local sub-branch gave the address.

Wreaths were laid by the Mt. Helena sub-branch and auxiliary by the Gladigoppalup sub-branch, the Anglican Ladies' Guild and the Mt. Helena R.S.L.

As well there were eight lovely wreaths from various charities and the Mt. Helena Junior High School.

About half way through the service, Dr. J. I. M. M.A. arrived from Beverley after attending three services that day.

After the service a buffet supper was served.

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**Highest Member of The Family**

Another League sub-branch has hit its birth—Inland-Kilbride, the newest member of the family. Its formation was confirmed by the State Executive on June 9. Within three weeks of its inaugural meeting the sub-branch had built up a membership of 19 and anticipates many more applications—from within the district and by transfer from other sub-branches.

It met last on June 11.

The senior executive officers are as follows: President, Mr. E. Bloomfield; vice-president, Mr. W. Bailey; vice-secretary, Mr. A. Evans; treasurer, Mr. T. G. Evans.

Wives of members will be asked to take an active interest in its affairs.

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