LEAGUE GIVEN SERVICE VIEWS ON
COASTAL DEFENCE

The League has received a reply from the Minister for Defence (Sir Philip McBride) re-presenting it made regarding a resolution of its defence committee.

The resolution asked the Minister to give careful consideration to the provision of a special naval patrol force for instituting an efficient system of coast-watching, particularly in northern waters, and for aerial reconnaissance of western waters to be included where necessary.

The Minister said:
This matter affects mainly the Navy and the Air Force, who have been consulted on the resolution.

The Navy have advised:
For the detection of any activities in Australia Station waters likely to affect the interests of defence, the A.N. relies upon the Naval Air Watch Service Organisation (consisting of volunteers who report sightings by telephone or radio), and upon such patrols as, with its limited resources and its many other commitments, it is able to institute.

Since the early post-war period, developments in South-East Asia have led to the institution of the British Commonwealth Strategic Reserve, into which the A.N. contributes two destroyers or frigates continuously and a periodic visit by an aircraft carrier. These ships are based on Singapore but serve generally the South-East Asian waters during their stay.

In addition to the constant close patrol of the Australian Fishery Protection Fleet between May and October of each year, a number of H.M.A. ships visit northern waters in the course of training or while on passage to the Far East for the Strategic Reserve tour of duty.

Furthermore, H.M.A. ships participate in frequent maritime exercises with other SEATO navies and this constitutes a form of patrol or flag-demonstrates Australia's strength at the country's frontier, which is now generally considered to lie in South-East Asia rather than in North Australian coastal waters.

It is worthy of mention also that since the introduction of naval aviation in the A.N., carrier flying operations have resulted in greatly increased surveillance of sea areas and coasts.

The Department of Air has advised:
The R.A.A.F. has two squadrons of maritime reconnaissance aircraft; when necessary, these craft carry out reconnaissance to seawards, and co-operate in any request for air surveillance.

Defence preparations to ensure the safety of Australia's coastline are made on the background of the overall scheme for the defence of Australia and its territories. This is related to the estimated threat and to the system of collective security and Allied strategy which our defence policy is based. The Government's policy in this matter was stated by the Prime Minister in Parliament on 4th April, when he said that our coastline could be invaded only if our powerful allies had already been defeated, and that participation in regional arrangements for collective defence is the most effective way of securing the safety of Australia.

During his recent Perth visit the United States Ambassador (Mr. W. J. Sebald) spent half an hour chatting with State Executive members and others at Anzac House. He is the first Ambassador to have visited League headquarters in W.A. In response to a word of welcome by the State President (Mr. Lonnie) His Excellency said he was always pleased to meet ex-servicemen. He had himself served in the U.S. Navy.

"I know that at heart you are all still keen to serve your country," he said.

The Leadership
In N.S.W.
Respect for the able leadership of the League in New South Wales by Mr. W. Yeo was expressed in an emphatic way through the ballot box recently.

Mr. Yeo was returned for a fourth consecutive term with 225 votes cast in his favour.

The four other candidates for the office of State President polled 170 votes between them.

The N.S.W. Congress debated a motion, tabled by the Turramurra and Hornsby sub-branches, that a State President should not hold office continuously for more than three years at a time.

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WANTON INTERFERENCE
WITH A MEMORIAL

(To The Editor)

Sir,—The news that vandals had once again been responsible for interference to the field gun at the Light Horse Memorial in King's Park by tipping it up put a nasty taste in the mouths of ex-members when they assembled for their annual smoke a day after this vandalism had taken place.

The nasty things said about those responsible for this vandalism, I feel, were more than justified. Thoughts of members flew back to the day the gun was captured, and to those who lost their lives and were wounded in the action. That our own kith and kin should stoop almost to the level of the inhabitants of an overseas country, who, not so long ago, did small amount of damage to the Light Horse memorial in that country, is to be regretted.

Might I suggest to those responsible that they pause for a moment before they interfere again with this gun, or the memorial itself, and reflect on the fact that both are placed where they are as a reminder that considerable sacrifice was the lot of many and that such sacrifice in no small measure permits these vandals to enjoy their freedom.

If they have a spark of manhood in them I, for one, hope they will in future use it to preserve and protect the memorial and trophies surrounding same.

Yours, etc.

JIM GIBLET.
Ex "A" Troop, "B" Squadron.

\*\* Pictured here is the gun after the interference with it. The gun has been moved about and the muzzle (not an empty beer bottle thrust into it) has been forced down to the ground.\*\*

Faversham Chairman’s Notes

A Visit With A Difference

During the month of September an outstanding event occurred at the Faversham War Veterans’ Home—what is believed to be the first visit by a unit association.

On Sunday the 22nd, the 16th Battalion Association members, together with wives and auxiliary, journeyed to York, entertained the veterans to a wonderful meal and provided music and harmony.

This visit had been well planned, even to the small detail of which of the veterans smoked, what they smoked, and in which direction.

Congratulations, 16th!

May your example be followed by the other unit associations.

The State President and some members of the State Executive visited the home on Sunday 15th, on which occasion, after inspection, it was decided that the renovation of the ground floor verandah was a matter of urgency.

Meckering sub-branch members have already signed their willingness to undertake any job for Faversham and hope that this task of putting in the new verandah can be completed with voluntary labour from sub-branches, thus conserving approximately 10 of badly needed funds.

Executive members sought the advice of Mr. W. G. Burgess, of "Tipperary", regarding the cows. Mr. Burgess is, and always has been, a very good and generous supporter of our War Veterans Home and again indicated his willingness to help in any way.

A “Thank You”

Thanks are expressed to the following who visited and/or made donations to the home during September:

The Fremantle Caledonian Society and the 16th Battalion Association—both visited the home and entertained the veterans.

Aust. Red Cross Society (tobacco and cigarettes), Harvey sub-branch (£15), North Dandalup sub-branch (books), Swan View-Greenmount sub-branch (books), 16th Bn. Assn. (cigarettes, tobacco and sweets), Mr. W. G. Burgess, York (hay), Mr. Elliott, York (lemons), Mr. H. Ruston, Brookton (books), Mr. W. G. Mann, M.L.A., Beverley (pork).

October promises to be a good month for the home as visits are planned for all four Sundays.

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**Braille Society Seeks Help**

The Braille Society has appealed to the R.S.L. for help in raising $350,000 for the construction of a new state building. It is envisaged that the building will be located in the east area of the city, near the old State Library building.

The building will be used to provide a suitable environment for the blind to work and study. It will feature braille libraries, computer labs, and a range of educational resources designed to support the needs of the visually impaired.

If you are able to contribute, please consider donating to this worthwhile cause.

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**Wider Use Of Parent Body Urged**

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**Letter To The Editor**

Sir,—I refer to the Park Pool article on Page 1 of your August issue. It is deleterious to have trees on the lawns surrounding the gardens of the May and Lovekin Drives as Honour Avenues are but little known.

In view of the undoubted interest shown by Congress, the Board decided to carry out the works.

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**FEDERAL CONGRESS**

THE National Congress of the League will open in Hobart on Monday morning, October 28th.

MANY and varied are the items on the agenda, and considerable responsibility devolves upon branch delegates who will be attending Congress. It is understood that the Board has decided to take steps to ensure that there will be a full attendance of delegates.

CONGRESS is the place where there should be a general exchange of ideas, and it is important that the results of our Congresses should be followed up.

IT IS by attending National Congress that members are most likely to become "State-minded," and not remain merely "State-minded."

PENSION matters will no doubt claim high priority during Congress discussions. There should be no tendency towards complacency in this matter.

A GREAT number of people are returned soldiers, or the wives, children and dependants of returned soldiers.

CONGRESS could do worse, during its debate on pensions, than to give consideration to all factors in the economy of the country today, such as reducing costs and increasing the purchasing power of the pensions and allowances paid at the present time.

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We welcome short contributions and suggest that each Sub-Branch appoint one of their members to act as an official correspondent to the J.P.
Flashbacks
SAYING—35 YEARS AGO

R.S.L. and Soldier Matters

Sir Robert McMillan, Lieut-Governor, will unveil the roll of honour at the Modern School which have been erected in memory of the old boys.

Fremantle Soldiers' Institute—The old building which served as a recreation hall to the Base Hospital was handed over to the returned soldiers on the 12th inst. A largely attended gathering under the chairman-ship of Capt. G. Potter, M.L.C., witnessed the ceremonies. Dr. Hadley handed over the building. Major General Sir Talbot Hobbs, M.C., the Mayor of Fremantle, and Capt. Burford were present.

A deputation of the Maimed and Limbless Men's Association, comprising members from each State, with the exception of Tasmania, requested from the central powers the scale of pensions for serious disabilities. The increase of the war has raised the amount to about 2d. per head of the population. The Bill embracing this passed through its third reading on the 7th inst.

A memorial has been erected to the fallen New Zealand soldiers at Longueville in France.

Now is the Armistice Day anniversary, and will be popularly known as 'Poppy Day' throughout the Allied countries.

PARTICULARS WANTED

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of George Hansbrow Hume, or having any knowledge whatsoever concerning him, is requested to afford Anzac House, Perth, Tasmania, information with a view to the advantage of the personnel concerned.

Also, would be appreciated by anyone who was associated with 79th S.Gt. Archbold’s Own S.A. ‘16th Battalion, World War I, who was wounded on Gallipoli, would notify League headquarters. Information is sought by his widow, who is waiting for confirming confirmation concerning his war service, and in the hope of a settlement of her pension claim.

FINIS The Little Pig

By W.H.F.

Not too sure of the whereabouts of the domicile of one, to boot, James B. Walsley, I went to the nearest telephone and rang his phone number.

On my inquiring the nearest route to his domicile he replied, ‘Well, Little Pig, I’ll tell you’. Then told in the affirmative, he replied: ‘For heaven’s sake don’t bring the pig around here; we’re going to Adelaide on Saturday; send it around to Bill instead.’

Listening very attentively I could hear one of his little girls cheering very loudly and telling her cobbler that dad was taking them to Adelaide on Saturday.

I wonder how James got out of that one. Anyhow, we got the pig along to the smoke social, and Harry Godbold presented same to our James B. who nursed it in his lap all night until he sensed there was a foot to pinch the pig. His brother-in-law having his taxi handy, James speedily transferred the pig to the taxi, and away home.

As is the usual custom of one going to a smoke social, on reaching home James made the pig comfortable on the back verandah, and flaked out. Later, his good wife, hearing dogs barking, ran to her dressing gown and went out to investigate.

‘NO pig!’ The dogs were chasing it up the road. She counted it a ‘bloody nuisance’, and decided to have James out of the smoke social. After another one ringing up inquiring if he had procured a horse licence, and others sending spiced fruit and old vegetables to feed the critter on, he decided to call in the slaughterman.

Hence the little pig is no more. It was enjoyed by James and family. The only complaint was that after arranging everything I didn’t get a smell.

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Unveiling Of Tablets At Nyabing

By M.M.

Recently the State President and Mrs. Lonnie, accompanied by the State Country Vice-President (Mr. Buckle) and Miss Mary Meares of the State Executive, visited the Nyabing sub-branch and were welcomed on arrival by the local president and secretary (Messrs. Stephens and Collins respectively).

The visit was for the purpose of unveiling the tablets erected at the entrance gates of the children's playground.

This is a beautiful area set aside for the children, the gates being of wrought iron. On the left hand side of the gates is the tablet erected to the men of 1914-15 war, and on the right side to the men of 1939 campaign.

Before the unveiling of the tablets the State President (Mr. Lonnie) paid a warm tribute to the sub-branch and to all residents, all of whom had assisted with the erection of the gates and tablets, emphasising that this area was to be a playground for the younger generation and would help to remember and honour those who had given their lives so that they might be free.

The presidents of GW. A. C. and C. sub-branch, Mr. Lonnie in his remarks.

Wreaths Laid

After the unveiling, wreaths were laid on each of the tablet by the State President, and on the other by Miss Meares.

A Guard of honour formed in two lines at the memorial tablet, by Mr. Lonnie, who afterwards took the salute as the men formed up in the hall, which was closed off for the unveiling ceremony.

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Tradition Of The 44th

Former members of the 44th Battalion, A.I.F., stand proudly for the Colour Party ceremonial at the annual reunion of their unit association at Anzac House during Show Week.

Beat This!

Last year Mrs. A. W. Thomas, of 333 Broomfield Street, Cottesloe, sold 1,150 Remembrance Day Poppies—not in Perth, but by a door-to-door effort in the Cottesloe district.

Can you surprise that effort in your own district this year?

You can! Go to it then, break this record if you can.

But you will need to be good, as the Cottesloe sub-branch has a shrewd idea that Mrs. Thomas—a member of their auxiliary—will herself be out to break all previous records.

But don't let that deter you. Remember, there is little doubt that door-to-door selling is the only satisfactory way to obtain complete coverage of a district.

Make sure that this year everyone wears a Poppy of Remembrance.

Postgraduate Scholarships For Nurses And Others

Applications are being invited by the trustees of the Services Canteens Trust Fund for postgraduate scholarships at Australian and overseas universities and hospitals.

The scholarships are the most valuable of their kind in Australia, but applicants must be the sons or daughters of persons who served on full-time paid duty with the Australian Armed Forces at any time between September 3, 1939, and June 30, 1947.

The scholarships are as follows:

(a) One scholarship for a full-time course at the College of Nursing, Australia, and one for a full-time course at the New South Wales College of Nursing.

(b) Overseas study for courses which are not available in Australia. Application forms for all scholarships must be lodged with the General Secretary, Services Canteens Trust Fund, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, before the dates shown.

Postgraduate scholarships are as follows:

(1) For study at any approved overseas university, value £600 a year for up to three years (applications close on November 1, 1957).

(2) For study at an Australian university, value £600 a year for up to three years (applications close on January 10, 1958).

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R.S.L. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NOTES

29th Anniversary At Victoria Park

The Salford-street R.S.L. Memorial Hall was filled to capacity for the 29th birthday celebration of the Victoria Park auxiliary.

Among the many guests were the State President (Mrs. Stockman), the State Secretary (Mrs. Ames), representatives of the V.F.W., the Children's, and numerous sub-branches and auxiliary.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation by Mrs. Stockman of Certificate of Service to Mrs. Daines, E. Haggart and P. Hodgetts for years of service.

September Visits

Official visits of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary for the month of September were as follows:

Thursday, 8th: The State President and Secretary attended Pinjolly birthday party, Air Force, and Air Force Association at the State War Memorial.

Wednesday, 10th: State President and Secretary attended the annual "At Home." Visits Mr. Stockman and Miss Hamersley visited the Claremont Hospital and the Liberal Club.

Sunday, 22nd: Mrs. Stockman and Miss Hamersley visited the Claremont Mental Hospital and the Liberal Club.

Wednesday, 25th: The State President and Secretary attended Victoria Park birthday party, at which Mrs. Stockman and Miss Hamersley were guests of the Air Force Association at the annual "At Home." Visits Mr. Stockman and Miss Hamersley visited the Claremont Hospital and the Liberal Club.

Women’s Work

The R.S.L. Ladies' Auxiliary held a successful bazaar, raising $5,000 last year for the Northcott Neurological Centre.

This was reported to the recent N.S.W. Congress by a representative of the centre.

Boulder Women Honoured

Mrs. Stockman, State President of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, was a guest at the 29th birthday party of the Boulder sub-branch recently.

An opportunity was taken during the afternoon's proceedings of presenting Mrs. Shervill with a Certificate of Service.

Coming-of-age Party At Pinjolly

The Pinjolly R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary's 21st birthday party in the R.S.L. hall on September 6th was voted the best ever by all concerned.

The State President, Mrs. Stockman, State Secretary, and Mrs. Lomme, were present, and there were invited guests from Narrogin, Brookton, Mandurah and Geraldton.

Very short speeches, but plenty of fun and dancing were the order of the night, all curtailed at the piano. A vocal quartette was rendered by the Mesdames, Ernstar, E. Frasher, A. Hobb and M. Cox and a solo was given by Mrs. Esler.

A 19th century fashion parade caused much laughter so well was it carried out by male and female mannequins.

A very dainty supper was served and Mrs. Laura Watson (first president of the Pinjolly auxiliary) lit the 21 candles on the beautiful birthday cake.

Mrs. Lane, president of the auxiliary, and the secretary (Mrs. Lomme), both spoke of the support given by the people and the public.

Mrs. Lane then handed a cheque to the State President of the Auxiliary to be donated to the following worthy causes—Faversham Home for Veterans, $5; Legacy, $5; War Blinded, $2; T.P.L. $2; Leeming Hospital Visiting, $4; Xmas Cheer, $2.

The Latest Donations

The following list of donations has been supplied by the auxiliary State Secretary (Mrs. A. Ford) of Belmont: $2.2 to Gratitude. Victoria Park: $2.2, Grants Appeal.

Norseman: $4.2, Legacy Appeal.

Pinjolly: $5.2, Faversham: $3.2, Christmas Cheer; $5 each, Sunset, Legacy, W.A. Blinded Veterans: $2.2, Royal Visit, $2 each, Maldon and Limbless, Ex-servicemen, T.P.L.


Quairading: $3.2, Hospital Visiting; $3.2, Christmas Cheer; $10 each, Legacy, Faversham, Gratitude Appeal.

Bridgetown: $5/5, Air Force Appeal.

Carlisle: $2, Legacy Appeal.

Baldivis: $1, Gratitude Appeal.

Gosnells: $2.2, Legacy Appeal.

Spearwood-Hampton Hill: $2 Legacy Appeal.

Pilbara: $1.2, Legacy Appeal.

City of Perth: $15, Faversham War Veterans' Home.

Another stalwart supporter of the League, Mrs. Breacgirdle was unable to be present at the party because of illness, so the following day Mrs. Stockman and the other office-bearers visited her at her home and presented her, too, with a Certificate of Service.

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**Well Done, Manjimup!**

By "Sentinel"

The annual reunion of Manjimup superintendent was an occasion to be remembered. It was distinguished by several unique features, chief among which was the spirit of friendliness and good comradeship.

Every seat was occupied, which must have been heart-warming for the president (Mr. Weston), secretary (Mr. Blackwell), and treasurer (Mr. Dunn).

The function was well organised — good catering by the women’s auxiliary, good speeches, good music, and good organisation throughout.

The auxiliary president (Mrs. Young) and secretary (Mrs. Thompson) were present at the reunion after working all afternoon preparing the hall.

A special toast was accorded the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. E. K. Hoar) who was attending the sub-branch meetings in the last time before leaving in November to take up his new appointment as Agent General in London.

Mr. Hoar has been a member of the branch continuously since 1932. In his response he paid a tribute to its work. He holds a place of high esteem and respect in the sub-branch.

Music of a very high order was rendered without interruption by Alf Fyfe, and the Rooney brothers (trumpet, saxophone, and violin). Two pipers also made their contribution to the evening’s harmony. (Piper’s Crumhony) and Black certainly know how to use that weapon of war!

The representatives from the State Executive were Messrs. J. C. Wilkins and J. B. Whitt. The State Secretary was also present.

A trophy was presented to Mr. Kevin Morris, captain of the winning sports team.

A group meeting, which was to have been held prior to the function, was postponed until the Bridgeport reunion in November.

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**SHOOTING CUP PERCENTAGES**

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- Perth, 139.8
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Major Kidd’s Passing Recalls Epic Struggle on Gallipoli

Last month “The Listening Post” featured an account of how, late in August, word of Major Kidd’s death at the Murray District Hospital was passed on with dispatch to many quarters to enable as many as possible of his friends to be present at his funeral. The following extract from Col. A. C. Olden’s “Westralian Cavalry in the War”—forwarded by the R.S.L. State Secretary (Mr. Chappell) —recalls deeds performed by Major Kidd and others in the early days of the Gallipoli campaign.

On May 29th, at twenty minutes past three on the morning of the Turks vigorously attacked our position at Gallipoli. On the following day, May 30th, at the first streak of dawn, officers on duty in the front line trenches reported the appearance of two new-classed additions to the enemy works in front of Quinn’s Post. They consisted of an assault trench, running directly to our line with a bombarding emplacement at the extreme end of it. A sortie was therupon ordered with the object of capturing the enemy in large numbers, and two parties, each consisting of an officer and twenty-two other ranks, were detailed for the job. Lieutenant T. A. Kidd commanded one of these parties. Lieutenant J. W. Colpitts the other. The two parties were drawn from the portion of the line occupied by the support trenches, and number of volunteers were also included.

At five minutes past one in the afternoon, a heavy bombardment lasting fifteen minutes, the purpose of which was to enfilade the Turks, was commenced. The main Turkish line by a communication trench almost devoid of traverce.

Snipers

The head of this communication trench they immediately bagged off, but they nevertheless were subjected to a heavy enfilade fire from a portion of the Turkish line apparently covered by a black mist and almost blowing at random from the direction of the hill, was occupied by an important enemy position which was to be measured.

They had no shovels, but carried infantry trenching tools and with these they dug deeper and deeper to deepen their new capture. But the Turks, now thoroughly aroused, showed no intention of allowing us to remain there.

They threw bombs and the casualties of the party began to mount up, the shallowness of their trenches affording but scanty cover.

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Cottesloe
President's Third Term

At the annual general meeting of the Cottesloe sub-branch on September 3 Mr. Casey was elected president for the third year in succession.

The secretary (Mr. Alec Gillies) was returned to office for the fourth year.

Members, Ron Huck and George Carigege were chosen as vice-presidents, and Mr. Higginson was elected on the duty of sports director as well.

Mr. Alan Martin, who took over as treasurer in the middle of last year, was re-elected.

Mr. H. W. King, who has filled the position of auditor for number of years is unable to carry on, and members are sorry to lose his services.

Other members appointed to the committee were Messrs. V. Hawke, J. House, R. Hammond, S. Jones, F. Burdis, L. Chaffey, T. McDaniel, L. Capon, R. Humphries, A. Elvers, A. T. Williams (publicity officer).

In response to the general request from the State Executive for full support at the Festival of Remembrance to be held in the Capitol Theatre on Sunday, November 10, the sub-branch is urging members and their wives who wish to attend the function to notify the secretary (Mr. A. Gillies) as soon as possible.

His address is 57 Second Avenue, Claremont (P4068).

Ex-R.A.A.S.C.
Dinner

Members of the R.A.A.S.C. Ex-servicemen's Association are reminded that the fifth annual dinner of the association is to be held at the Wentworth Hotel, Perth, on Wednesday, November 13, at 7 p.m.

Those wishing to attend are asked to contact Mr. W. B. Kyle at the Commonwealth Department of Health, 473 Wellington-street, Perth, before November 6. It is planned to make the dinner better than ever.

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Here is what "The Times Weekly Review," London, had to say recently about the reorganisation of Britain's army.

Army Changes—Britain's New Model

I—Shortening The Line

The reorganisation of the Army announced officially is the logical outcome of the reduction in the size of British forces laid down in the Defence White Paper. By the end of 1962 the Army's strength is to be reduced to 19,000, a reduction of 220,000, so that the pre-war regimental structure on which the Army is still based, has got to be cut right down, and the loyalty of the individual soldier must be maintained in its traditions and not in an Arm or Corps. The answer, on the other hand, is to be found in the amalgamation of the small units into larger units, as is the case with the Royal Field Artillery. Generally speaking, therefore, the loyalty which of these units still carry shall stay and which shall not.

II—Caring For The Casualties

The resettlement and compensation schemes for officers and men displaced by the coming reductions are only partially satisfactory. For instance, the "run down" over the five years by about 100 men as a result of the amalgamations has been accomplished by discharging men, not by transferring them. The former have done this exercise before, when there were reductions in the Army, but the latter have been amalgamated after the First World War. Then the whole Army was reduced. It is very likely that those who have been successful in finding new civilian employment are better off than those who have been dismissed. The latter should be given a chance to find suitable employment in their new capacity, whether it is in the field of engineering, or retailing, or any other branch of the economy. The compensation scheme is therefore likely to cause more trouble than it is worth.

There are of course some hard cases. The Highland Light Infantry are to be disband. They are to go into the Lowland Brigade. This in itself is not an exception as the regimental record of the Highland Light Infantry is not very good. They played a part in the Lowland Brigade. There will be a brigade seniority roll to determine who will be a brigade depot and who will be a brigade cap badge. The aim is clearly to make the brigades mean to the soldier of tomorrow what the regiment means to him today. The immediate result will be a much more healthy organisation.

The compensation for those oblig- ed to leave before their time is not as good as it might be. They should have been allowed to stay in the course, since no one can be certain which particular regimental jobs have been marred by the collapse of their units. The Government wishes to encourage the retention of the Army's core by drawing those who are to leave as far as possible from the Army and to make them feel that they can carry on with their new career.

The Light Horsemen will parade on Gunners' Day. Members of the 10th Light Horse are reported to have been asked to leave, and to have been accompanied by a formal letter. The officers of the regiment are said to have been informed that the regiment was to be disbanded. The officers have been asked to leave before their time is up, and to have been accompanied by a formal letter. The officers of the regiment are said to have been informed that the regiment was to be disbanded.

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PRESENTATION: At the Bunbury R.S.L hall recently Mr. Harold Birch was presented with a silver cigarette case in recognition of his long service with the Bunbury sub-branch, including terms as president and secretary. Picture shows R.S.L State President (Mr. Lonnie) making the presentation, with the sub-branch president (Mr. Peter Roger) looking on approvingly.

Sub-branch Sponsors Big Sport Carnival

The South Perth sub-branch is sponsoring a monster district schools' sports carnival to be held at the local community centre oval, Hensman-street, on Saturday, November 9.

The day's programme was drawn up at a meeting between the schoolmasters and the sub-branch committee, and the first event is timed for 10.30 a.m.

With added attractions a very enjoyable afternoon entertainment is anticipated.

An attractive shield will be presented to the winning school at the conclusion of the sports programme.

There will be numerous stalls on the ground, an afternoon tea marquee and a programme of music. The sub-branch hopes that the carnival will be only the first of many.

The annual smoke social on September 7 was well attended. Representing the State Executive were Messrs. Jack Rolls (a League Trustee), Michael Dodd, Les Lowe, Wally Walters and Jim White.

Also represented were the Navy, Army and Air Force, and there were guests from Manning, Como, Kensington and Pickering Brook.

The Pickering Brook contingent was accompanied by a little pig.

A Certificate of Service was presented to Mr. Len James by the Anzac Club manager, Mr. Charles Mitchell.

Another presentation was that of the pig—to Mr. Walsamley, the immediate-past-president.

About 120 League members attended the final of the Sydney Lambert Cup—"Best we forgot."
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The need for Legacy has never been greater

None of us is ever likely to forget our immediate reaction to the first news that World War Two was over. The actual celebration was in many cases a matter of opportunity: on some occasions, every one of us—no matter what was the hour or how we served—offered up a small but deeply personal prayer. Within that prayer we made the assurance that nothing would make us forget the good chaps with whom we served.

Over the years we have found our own way to join with those who pray, but at some time another celebration must have formed part of the method. Nothing can ever touch the ex-serviceman's heart quite as closely as the children of his mates who did not return. If we found ourselves united in Legacy and maintained the personal ties, some of us might be called to make the child's life easier—by offering mothers; some of us were not in a position to participate actively—but we were proud and happy to help whenever Legacy asked us, whether we were members or well-wishers, found satisfaction in the thought that these children were being helped in a multi-city—of ways which ranged from personal to the ships, from dental attention to an employment service. The years have rolled on for some members of the general public Legacy may tend to lose its emotional appeal. They may neglect the fact that the passage of years has aggravated, not lessened, the impact of the missing father and husband. Yes, the years may have rolled on; and for that very reason the need for Legacy is more acute than ever if it has been in the past. A baby needs its mother more than its father; but a teenager needs his father more than a mother. (That is, of course, if one were to differentiate in this matter; in truth, every child naturally needs both parents.)

These years then are vital years for the fatherless child. Let us help to make up the time when most of the wards of Legacy are faced with decisions relating to the choice and selection of jobs. We have reached the time when those children will measure the importance of a company's support to the experience which Legacy continues to supply.

It can be said to Legacy's credit that it is not shrinking its current appeal. Some years ago, in the sure belief that today's problems would in fact arise, all the Clubs in Australia (and there are more than 40 of them) unanimously agreed to widen the eligibility for Legacy benefits. In consequence, every serviceman who fought in the actual theatre of operations can be enrolled for Legacy aid when their fathers die. This was a bold decision—a radical change from the original, restricted concept of Legacy. It does give new meaning to that prayer that nothing will cause us to forget the good chaps with whom we served.

Is there a better way of remembering than by thinking of their kids?

"Peter Milne"

Delousing Job In North

More than 14,000 pieces of live and inert ammunition were buried and destroyed by demolition. Nearly 10,000 pieces of inert ammunition were buried in a big crater and 3,600 pieces dumped in a deep bungallow. In a subsequent preliminary search at Mataranka 300 shells were found and destroyed.
VICTORIA PARK
JOTTINGS

With Tom Chandler's resignation last month as minute secretary of the Victoria Park sub-branch Dong Squares was elected.

The sub-branch lost its recent Premier Games match with Gloucester Park at Monash narrowly by points to 2, and Subs has since gained a win (64) with an otherwise enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Jim Bodie, a former book-keeping officer, has been in Hollywood Hospital; also A. Samson and R. Wainwright.

Reg Warnett told us at the monthly meeting that a plaque, costing about £65 will soon be placed on the war memorial.

An old member, Joch Shields, was welcomed at the monthly meeting, and Tom Greenwell has resumed his work since his discharge from hospital.

Anyone with a good joke on who knows a sub-branch, is asked to send them in for inclusion in the R.S.L. half-hour session from 12 p.m. on Sunday evenings.

Geraldton Opposes Closure Of C.M.F. Unit

From B. J. Barden

Geraldton R.S.L. sub-branch wants to lodges a strong protest to the Federal Parliament against the proposal to disband the Geraldton unit of the Citizens' Military Forces.

At a sub-branch meeting recently members voiced a protest against disbanding C' Squadron of the 10th Light Horse, and Mr. W. H. Sewell, MLA, was asked to see the chairman of the R.S.L. Defence Committee (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) and the Premier (Mr. Hayke), on the matter.

Mr. Sewell has also been asked to make representations to the Federal Parliament.

The State Country Vice-President of the R.S.L. (Mr. J. F. Buckley) told the meeting that closing down volunteer forces was as much against the policy of the R.S.L. as was the decision to select youths for national service by ballot.

The sub-branch agreed that if the unit had to be disbanded it was in favour of a specialist unit—such as radar—being formed.

It was pointed out at the recently held public meeting, that the trained force north of Geraldton, and it was added that the sub-branch was formed and a specialist unit was not formed there would be no defence against attack from the north.

The Geraldton Municipal Council has supported the R.S.L. sub-branch in protest against the disbanding of the squadron.

The Mayor (Dr. J. McLean) said at a council meeting on September 25 that he understood the reason for closing down the squadron was because of the army's reorganisation, the expense entailed and the administrative centre.

However, Dr. McLean pointed out that Geraldton had been the only country town singled out for this treatment. He believed that the R.S.L. would call a public meeting to protest against the action he had much pleasure in supporting the R.S.L.

W.S. Homes Position

A big improvement in the war-service homes position in this State as a result of the recent Commonwealth Budget is seen by the chairman of the State Executive housing committee (Mr. R. J. Stoddart).

In a recent statement Mr. Stoddart said that the provision in the Budget for £53,000,000 for War Service Homes meant that there would be additional finance available to the war-service homes in Western Australia, and that the total for the current financial year would be £4,216,000.

This would reduce the waiting period considerably and applicants who had their own land should have no delay in having their applications processed.

Others who required group houses had a good selection at the Nollemaara, Mt. Zoom, Clevedon and Willestree areas.

Those arranging temporary finance, or who had arranged temporary finance, should have the period reduced considerably.

The waiting period for the purchase of new homes and discharge of mortgages on new properties was 6 months from completion of the building or the house, but this could be reduced during the financial year.

The waiting period for second advances for individual additions, garages, and so on was now 10 months.

Applicants who had been ill.

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By Vera M. Plesse

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Nothing daunted you, you were so young.

With still that spirit in your step,
Sad heart for comrades gone,
You marched again with victory won,
Nothing daunted you, you did return.

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