Pictured is the president of the Albany sub-branch (Mr. G. R. Mauger) leading the Albany Australia Day parade. Behind him can be seen the State President (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) and Mr. E. O. Davies of the State Executive.

Archbishop Jozef Gawlina, C.B.E., Roman Catholic Bishop-Proctor of Poles-in-Exile, who was accorded a reception at Anzac House, is shown here with Mr. W. S. Blotnicki (left) and Mr. G. Redziewski, M.C. (right), vice-chairman and chairman respectively of the Polish Exservicemen's Association.

The Hon. E. K. Hoar, Agent-General for Western Australia is shown with a group of diggers which includes Messrs. Bill Stajes, Walf Walby and A. E. Reynolds (of the 1st/11th Bn. A.I.F.) at the Australia Ex-Service Dinner at Anzac House, London, on April 26. (The picture was taken by Mr. F. A. Kennedy, ex 5th Bn.

(Left) General Isaac D. White, U.S. Army, is shown receiving a bouquet from the State President (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) as a memento of his visit to Western Australia. He took the salute at the parade (below) held in commemoration of the Battle of the Coral Sea.
FAVERSHAM HOUSE NOTES

It is customary for this space to be filled by comments and information relating to the home by the chairman of the League’s executive sub-committee-handling Faversham House, E. C. (Ted) Townsend.

This month, unfortunately, Ted is unable to perform his usual task.

Residents at the home, and League members in general, are regret to learn that he has recently undergone an operation at Hollywood Hospital, and although he has returned to his house of residence, where he is recuperating, it will be another two weeks or so before he is able, his Doctor tells him, to resume duty.

Best wishes are extended to this League stalwart for a speedy recovery.

Sub-branch Gets Loan To Complete Hall

An application by the Maylands sub-branch for a loan to complete its new memorial hall has been approved by the bank.

Announcing this the sub-branch has expressed its gratitude to Mr. Syd Boddie (a member of the State Executive) for the challenge he issued to members regarding debentures—which led to about 60 debentures being taken up—and also for the handsome donation he made personally.

Gratitude was also expressed for the assistance of other members, especially George and Sam.

The sub-branch executive expressed disappointment that some members—whose financial status was thought to be better than that of many who took out debentures—had so far failed to give their support.

Work on the hall has been resumed and it is anticipated should be completed before next summer.

The sub-branch still requires a lot of help, both financial and physical, and members who can assist are asked to contact the secretary, Mr. T. C. Coulus, 70 Crawford Road, Maylands. (Phone UA 6757).

Appointments Confirmed

The following official appointments by sub-branches were confirmed by the State Executive at its meeting on May 7.


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FLOWERS FOR THE FALLEN

One hundred and seventy-five floral tributes were laid on the War Memorial on Anzac Day. An increase of over twenty on last year.

Congratulations to the King’s Park Board gardeners on this year’s gardens in the Court of Contemplation—the best ever.

War Memorial Sub-Warriors report that a steady stream of people were viewing the tributes the whole day and there were seldom times when it was not necessary to keep the crowd moving.

The final ceremony at the State War Memorial on Anzac Day was a wreath-laying by the “Lodge of Remembrance,” a very impressive and beautiful finale to this “Day of Remembrance.”

Names Required for Memorial

Consideration is being given to making alterations and additions to the Bussandean War Memorial so as to include the names of those from the district who made the Supreme Sacrifice on active service during World War II.

Before plans can be made and sketches drawn a complete list of names is essential. Any person having any information, no matter how vague, is asked to communicate with the sub-branch secretary (Mr. D. W. Robinson), 28 Hallway Avenue, Bussandean.

Well Done!! “I appreciate your work for the League over a considerable period of time, and am pleased to announce that Mr. Lomline to Mr. Percy Pearson when he took his chair on the War Memorial for the first time recently.
On Anzac Day Mr. Pearson represented the State President, and gave the address at the commemorative ceremony at the Claremont Teachers’ College.

Eggs Wanted

Faversham House, York, has a good supply of preserved eggs suitable for certain forms of culinary art, but the Chairman would welcome donations of eggs which could be used to make a meal for those at the home who like eggs boiled in preference to any other method of preparation.

The State Executive therefore makes an appeal to those who can, to forward to the home fresh eggs as frequently as possible, so help to keep our old comrades happy.

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WHITE AUSTRALIA POLICY AND THE LEAGUE

There has been much written in recent weeks on the question of the White Australia Policy, particularly with a view to its relaxation or abandonment. One of the most recent attacks has come from the National Convention of Apex Clubs in Launceston, Tasmania.

IT IS considered that in a recent issue of "The Bulletin" the following brief examination puts the Act into perspective.

"WHITE AUSTRALIA" dates back from the time of the gold rushes in the 1850's, when feelings were first aroused against indiscriminate immigration of coloured people, particularly Chinese. One of the first laws passed by the first Commonwealth Parliament in 1901 was the "White Australia Act." In practice, proclaimed Australia as a white man's reserve. Scott's "A Short History of Australia," says: "The reason for it (the Act) was frequently represented to be not only a necessary precaution against alien influences objected to by the burghers and the coloured labour, which would lower wages and the standard of living among the working-class. Undeniably, that motive had much weight, but the policy was supported on other grounds connected with the general well-being. Those who had studied the consequences of the importation of negroes to America might well stand appalled at the prospect of adding it to Australia of the future with such a problem, and experience and the Chinese quarters of the large cities provided ample warnings against increasing such an element of the population.

The reasons for the policy are thus economic, political and idealistic. The Bulletin's slogan is, of course, 'Australia for the White Man,' which does not infer any feeling of racial superiority, only that un-restricted immigration might easily mean that Australians might eventually be outvoted at the polls. There is, in fact, no racial bias as such in Australia. Coloured visitors are always given a very friendly reception, but to have unrestricted immigration of coloured people is a different story.

The year the National Executive carried the following motion:

"IN VIEW of the organised efforts now being made to depart from Australia's traditional national policy of at least the National Executive of the RSL, unanimously re-affirms its uncompromising opposition to the admission into Australia of Asian migrants under a quota or any other system and welcomes the Prime Minister's recent statement in support of the existing policy."

Staff Officer to Retire

Mr. Jim Giblett, who for nine years has been a valued member of the administrative staff at Anzac House, has found it necessary, due to the progressive worsening of his war-caused disabilities and the illness of his wife, to seek permission from the State Executive to retire at the end of July this year. State Executive have granted Mr. Giblett's request. As a consequence of his retirement, it is expected that a capable successor be appointed as soon as possible.

Members who feel that they have the qualifications of a good Staff Officer of the League are invited to submit their applications in writing, on or before June 27th.

Applications must be addressed to the State Secretary and marked "Staff Officer" and give full details of League service and qualifications.

State Executive Nominations

This year the nominations for the various executive positions in the State branch of the League vary slightly when compared with nominations last year.

There is again only one nomination for the presidency—that of the present office holder, Mr. W. S. Lonnie—and four nominations for the vice-president (seven nominations last year) and seven nominations for the three trustee nominations (five last year).

Nominated for executive membership are 27 serving members (29 last year) and 12 candidates (15 last year). The nominations are as follows:

President

W. S. LONNIE, M.V.O., M.C., present State President, war service 1914-18.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT


Vice President

GREENHAM, R. I., Dr., present State Vice President, war service 1914-18.

TOWNSHEND, E. C., present Trustee, war service 1914-18.

ROBLE, J. A., present Trustee, war service 1939-45.

STODDART, R. J., present Trustee, war service 1939-45.

Trustees

DAVIES, A. F., present State Vice President, war service 1914-18.

GREENHAM, R. L., Dr., (see above).

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

TOWNSHEND, E. C., (see above).

ROBLE, J. A., (see above).

WHITE, J. B., present Members State Executive, war service 1914-18.

MILNE, J. F., present member State Executive, war service 1939-45.

STATE EXECUTIVE

Present members, their war service—Indicated in parentheses, are as follows:

ALLEN, W. G. (1939-45).
BADD, S. J. (1914-18).
COULTAS, T. C. (1939-45).
DAVIDSON, N. (1939-45).
DAVIES, E. O. (1914-18).
DODD, E. A. (1939-45).
GORDON, G. W. (1939-45).
GREENHAM, R. I. Dr. (1939-45).
HENWOOD, D. G. (1939-45).
JACQUES, W. J. (1914-18).
KEELEY, R. (1939-45).
MACLEOD, E. (1939-45).
MACNAMARA, S. A. (1914-18).
MEARES, Miss M. (1939-45).
MENDRICK, J. (1939-45).
PEARSON, P. (1939-45).
ROLFE, J. A. (1939-45).
STODDART, R. J. (1939-45).
WHITE, J. B. (1914-18).

NEW NOMINATIONS

The following new nominations have been received:

COURINS, R. G., Service to the League: Active Member Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch. Past Secretary Northcote Sub-Branch in Victoria. (War Service 1939-45).

DICKSON, J., Service to the League: Active Member Narrogin Sub-Branch; Sub-Branch President, 2 years; now Vice President of Sub-Branch. (War Service 1939-45).

GUMMERY, W. H., Service to the League: Active Member Fremantle City Sub-Branch. (War Service 1914-18 and 1939-45). In Nomination for Service to the League: Active Member Highgate Sub-Branch. (War Service 1939-45).

NELSON, V., Service to the League: Active Member Floreat City Beach Sub-Branch. (War Service 1939-45). O'MARA, P. J., Service to the League: Active Member Midland Junction Sub-Branch. (War Service 1914-18).

State's First President Passes...

The passing of Colonel W. J. P. last month will be regretted by all citizens in this State and, in particular, by ex-servicemen and women.

"Old Bill," as he was familiarly known, was the League's first State President in Western Australia. He took office in 1916. His happy disposition was infectious, good natured and was always happy to associate with the rank and file.

For many years of good service to the League as a State Executive member, it was only falling health during the past few years which caused him to discontinue giving such service.

That service given by "Old Bill" in the best interests of ex-servicemen and women will, however, be long remembered. To Yila sorrowing relatives the League extends its deep and sincere sympathy.

It is regretted that because of the publication of the Auditor's Report and Annual Accounts, and Nominations for the State Executive, space available for news items in this issue is extremely limited.

In consequence it has been possible to include only abbreviated sub-branch reports—and, in some instances, where a report has been or will be made over the R.S.L. radio broadcast, it has not been practicable to include also a similar report in The Listening Post.
THE LISTENING POST

A Soldier-Bishop Visits Western Australia

On May 26 a reception was held at Anzac House for Archbishop Josef Gawlina, C.B.E., Bishop of Pokols-in-Exile.

His Grace was welcomed by the State President (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) and Mrs. Lonnie, and by Messrs. Davies, Stoddart, Rolfe and Dr. Greenhal of the State Executive and the State Secretary (Mr. A. E. Goodwin).

Accompanying Archbishop Gawlina were the Rev. W. Dzieniai, Mr. G. Redzieckowski, M.C. (chairman), Mr. W. S. Blotnicki (vice-chairman) and Rev. J. Bledzki (secretary) of the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association.

Mr. Lonnie welcomed His Grace and told him the League was honoured by its relations with the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association, and that Western Australia had received a great asset in the formation of the Polish community now domiciled here.

He was supported by Dr. Greenham who said that he was pleased to see His Grace. His Grace had been a member of the Polish Air Force, and had no doubt that he exploits therein; equalled those of his compatriots. He extended the sincere and warm welcome and hoped that His Grace would be able to visit this land by sparsely populated State again.

His Grace in reply expressed his deep gratitude for the reception and mentioned his association with the Australian Light Horse Regiment in the First World War, and the happy associations of Polish and Australian soldiers in the Second World War. He had heard that many Poles had settled in Australia where they could enjoy all the democratic freedom of which are denied them in the homeland from which they are exiled. He appreciated the value of organisations such as the League, as he had been present at many major battles.

He commented on how much he had admired Australian charity and its friendly national spirit. In conclusion he said "God Bless your Commonwealth and your Association."

Mr. Blotnicki said that he had had personal experience of His Grace's assistance to soldiers during the war. He had always been in the front line fighting not only in Poland, in the Western Desert, and in Germany, but in the front line fighting communism in Poland's P.O.W.s in Russia. He then spoke of his own many happy associations with Australian forces in the Middle East as a result of which he decided to come to this country when it had been no longer possible for him to return to Poland. Australians are always friendly and he was never disappointed, the discipline and efficiency of his friends among League members and was grateful for this friendship. He and his compatriots always felt at home at Anzac House. Dark clouds are now gathering around Australia and, if the worst happened, Australia would be able to count, without any doubt, on the loyalty of the Polish community.

New Move In Aid Of T.P.I. Men

The League is to ask the Commonwealth Government for a scheme of vocational guidance and training for T.P.I. pensioners. This was decided by the last meeting.

At present there are 1,000 T.P.I. pensioners throughout Australia, and the number is increasing every year.

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Telephones for Settlers under W.S.L.S. Schemes

National Headquarters of the R.S.L. has received a reply from the Postmaster-General with regard to a resolution passed at the last (42nd) Annual Congress.

The resolution (122) read as follows:

"That the P.M.G.’s Department be approached with a view to effecting extensions of telephone services to soldier settlement areas under War Service Land Settlement Schemes.

In his reply the Postmaster-General writes:

“Careful consideration has been given to the Resolution carried at the 42nd Annual National Congress of your League concerning the provision of telephone facilities for soldier settlers in War Service Land Settlement Schemes...

...and it is now possible that there are some 938 requests for service from soldier settlers in War Service Land Settlement areas outstanding throughout the Commonwealth at present, 644 of which are already under consideration for provision of additional cable or aerial plant.

"At the request of the Department, a list has been compiled in conjunction with other engineering projects planned to be carried out in the coming months to prioritize the needs of rural applicants generally.

"As you may be aware, the Department has been requested to assist in the development of rural industries to the utmost extent possible and, to this end, telephone services are made available in country districts under an extremely liberal basis.

"There is little doubt that the Department, now being asked to consider the provision of facilities in country districts, has considered the demand which, in turn, has had the effect of slowing down some installations because of the substantial amount of work involved.

"Nevertheless, despite the difficulties facing the Department in coping with the heavy demand, the rate of connection of new services in country districts is being maintained and, during the twelve months ended 31st December, 1957, new subscribers’ lines added in rural areas totalled 46,443. For the purpose of comparison, for the year ended 31st December, 1954, 39,836 new lines were added whilst in 1947 only 20,346 new country services were completed.

"To meet development in rural areas, automatic exchanges are being installed wherever possible but, as the number of centres at which automatic exchanges urgently required greatly exceeds the number which the Department has the necessary resources to provide funds, materials and manpower to install, it is inevitable that delays occur in catering for some requests for service.

"Where an automatic unit cannot be made available for some time, the Department endeavours to establish a manual exchange in the premises of a resident in the area of the proposed line or over the trunk line. Where this is not possible, there are many applications which, unfortunately, will have to remain on the waiting-list for longer than would otherwise be possible.

"Another factor which tends to slow down the provision of services for soldier settlers and rural applicants generally is that, where the premises are some distance from the exchange, the conditions under which installation can be affected may require the applicant to erect his own pole and line construction and, in such cases, the connection of services may be delayed pending the completion of the privately erected portion of the line.

"The Postmaster-General’s Office is fully aware of the importance of adequate and efficient telephone services in Soldier Settlement areas and your League may be assured that every effort is being made to overcome the difficulties of installation work in such areas and cater for the telephone requirements of all soldier settler applicants at the earliest practicable date.

Praise For Work Of A League

Repatriation and pension benefits received by ex-servicemen in Australia have impressed a World War I veteran and former official of the Government of Trinidad.

He is Capt. L.S. Davis, who is now visiting Perth. He was in the Government Chemical Service in Trinidad for 43 years and was Government Chemist for Trinidad and Tobago when he retired in 1930.

Now on his way to the United Kingdom, Capt. Davis was a delegate to the 14th Biennial Conference in Canberra in February of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League. He has since been visiting New Zealand.

On my return to Trinidad I hope to induce the authorities to copy much of the work which I found is being done in Australia for the ex-service men of both world wars,” Capt. Davis said.
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CANNING'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE PAST QUARTER

The activities of the Canning sub-branch of the R.S.I. over the past three months have covered a good deal of ground and, as far as I can tell, have been the taking over of the S.S.I. Boys' Club and its reorganisation as the Canning District R.S.I. Boys' Club.

Among those present at the general meeting held in February were Mr. E. O. Davies, a vice-president of the club, Mr. J. S. Mary Martin, Mrs. Mary Martin, M.E., member of the State Executive, Mr. A. Griffiths, M.E., and some specially invited members of the club.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: president—Mr. G. W. Wood, secretary—Mr. E. H. Hayward; senior vice-president—Mr. T. S. Larney, junior vice-president—Mr. B. Riley, and treasurer—Mr. J. Duckwood.


Both the president and treasurer gave excellent and stimulating reports. The March meeting heard Mr. King give his report and it was felt that he was carrying on the job most conscientiously and efficiently. After the treasurer had reported, Mr. Riley submitted rules for the Social Club to Messrs. F. Carden and L. Wilson. The March meeting heard a summary of the Social Club's activities for the year.

It was, however, Mr. J. J. Connolly's report on Boys Club work which drew by far the most support. He had attended two meetings in the last three months and was so much interested. Although he had announced his retirement some months ago, he had agreed to remain for another year as the sub-branch was unable to obtain a successor. In consequence he was re-elected Warden, with Mr. C. A. Dewar as sub-warden and Mr. E. Hambley as sub-warden. Thanks were expressed to everyone—especially the Clubs' Ladies Committee—who had co-operated in the work.

Mr. Connolly's report showed a net revenue of £2 10s. for 1957, with a balance of £2 10s. to 1958. Almost all expenditure was for refreshments (including £36 new gym mats £22 for boxing ring floor canvas and £18 for a cup for the boys' club room). At the April meeting final arrangements were made for the May day district parade, which proved thoroughly successful. Mr. E. Hambley was paraded as the man of the match, he was assisted by Mrs. F. Carden.

League To Fore at Albany

The organising committee for the very successful three-day carnival held at Albany over the Australia Day weekend, this year for the first time was provided for by the local R.S.I. sub-branch.

The carnival, which drew the largest crowd ever to Albany, included a Soapbox Derby for l.c. cars, Fire Brigade demonstration, sporting events for children—surfing events including a six-mile marathon, a Miss Sunshine contest, a Marching Girl display, yacht races, gymnastic display with night firing, and a flag-raising ceremony conducted by the Albany Municipal Band, which was climaxd by a full-day regatta at Wandering Beach on the Monday.

Among the organisations contributing to the varied fare of the carnival were the Albany Youth Club, the Albany Surf Club, the Divisional Agent of the W.A. Football, the Albany T.Q. Car Club, the Princess Royal Yacht Club, the Marching Girls' Association, the Albany Band, and "C" Company, 28th Infantry Battalion, R.A.C.A. The official party from League headquarters for the occasion comprised the State President (Mr. Longfield) and Mrs. Longfield, Mr. E. O. Davies (a State Vice-President) and Mrs. Davies, and the chairman of the Canning District membership committee (Mr. D. Henwood).

Memorial Plans For Blackboy

Proposals are expected to be put forward at Congress (in July) for the form of the projected memorial at the old Blackboy Cemetery. One suggestion is to have a memorial rotunda—on the lines of the mile-long Memorial at Rottnest—carrying the names of units which fought in the Pacific theatre during World War I. A proposed decorative motif— is for some form of mural representing the various countries of the globe and their respective units. Badge designs with its bayonet tips pointing to all quarters.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

CURRENT ASSETS
Cash at Bank .................................................. 2,645 14
Commonwealth Bonds ........................................ 2,500 0 0
Common Shares ............................................... 2,000 0 0
Sundry Debentures .......................................... 7,224 17
Sundry Debtor Investments ................................. 1,582 9
Sundry Investments ........................................ 3,932 11
Sundry Shares ................................................. 1,500 0 0
Debtors .......................................................... 155 0 0
Motor Vehicles ............................................... 8,031 8
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS ...................................... 10,808 1 6

FIXED ASSETS
Plant - Machinery - Furniture - Equipment ................. 28,201 6
Motor Vehicles ............................................... 2,410 0
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS .......................................... 30,611 6

CAPITAL ASSETS
Sundry Creditors .............................................. 7,723 3 0
Sundry Liabilities .......................................... 4,022 19 4
Faversham House Supplies ................................... 1,602 13 4
Faversham House Realkag ................................. 29,533 16 4
Faversham House Expenses ................................... 8,538 10 7
Faversham House Salaries .................................... 12,108 7 1
Faversham House Salaries .................................... 77 13 8
Faversham House Expenses .................................. 1,602 14 6
Faversham House Salaries .................................... 1,602 14 6
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS ....................................... 40,573 3 0

TOTAL ASSETS .................................................. 51,046 12 3

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET: The excess of Current Assets over Current Liabilities (including Anzac Fund and Club Amenities A/C) was £17,606/7/3. This represents a drop of £2,775 from the excess for the year ended 31st December, 1956.

The excess of expenditure of £5,003/11/8 in the General Section exceeded the profits made by the Anzac Club for the year ending 31st December, 1957 and resulted in a reapportionment of £77/3/8 and resulted in a re-arrangement of the capital A/C amounting to £1,672/10/6.

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GENERAL SECTION: The deficit for the year of £5,003/11/8 was £1,672/10/6 greater than the deficit for the previous year.

Comparative figures for the preceding year are shown in the attached Statement and call for little comment other than the higher Salaries which has shown an increase of £1,105.

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ANZAC CLUB: The surplus for the year was £12,637/8/2 representing an increase over the previous year of £1,459. Percentage of Gross Profit on cost have shown an overall improvement.

The Nett Profit for the year was £3,123/6/6. Comparative figures for 1956 are not available for any special comment.

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CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES: This branch of the Leagues activities has again shown a small surplus amounting to £71/13/8.

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FAVERSHAM WAR VETERANS HOME: The year resulted in a surplus of £150/6/2 being considerably less than the surplus of £1,252/11/5 for the previous period.

This difference is accounted for by the smaller amount received from Donations from all sources.

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET OF SUNDRY FUNDS: The year has resulted in the following variation in the respective balances.

R.S.L. Relief Fund, £275/5/10 Increase; W.A. Aged Soldiers and Sailors Fund, £1,919/13/7 Decrease; War Veterans Home Fund, £162/10/10 Increase; Royal British Legion, £1,203 Increase; Anzac Day Fund, £2,231/12/8 Increase; War Memorial Fund, £1,125/10/8 Decrease.

Details of Receipts, Payments in connection with the above funds are attached.

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ANZAC HOUSE AND CLUB AMENITIES A/C: The expenditure on repairs and renewals was £2,101/3/7 leaving a balance in this account of £13,068/7/3.

** **

GENERAL: The increase in the General Section would appear to reflect the activities of the Finance Committee. It is unfortunate that the delay between the close of the financial year and the presentation of accounts to the governing body does not permit early action to correct any such drift in the finances.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation of the courtesy and assistance afforded by your accountant and staff during the course of my duties.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. MITCHELL, F.C.A. (Aust.) AUDITOR.
JUNE, 1958

**ANZAC Club**

**TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/57.**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Opening Stocks 1/1/57</td>
<td>1,281 4 3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less Closing Stocks 31/12/57</td>
<td>22,448 5 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost of Goods Sold</td>
<td>22,271 2 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gross Profit—Bar and Bulk Trading—Transferred to P. and L. A/c.</td>
<td>12,637 8 2</td>
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**ANZAC Club**

**TRADING PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1957.**

<table>
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<tr>
<td>2,500</td>
<td>12,637 8 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less: Donations Granted</td>
<td>112,965 13 2</td>
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<td>Against which the following expenses were incurred:</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>4,107 Administration, Salaries and Wages</td>
<td>6,077 17 6</td>
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<tr>
<td>32 Audit Fees</td>
<td>256 11 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>214 Cleaning Materials</td>
<td>560 5 8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>207 Depreciation, Furniture and Equipment</td>
<td>118 13 8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23 Commission Loans</td>
<td>39 10 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>60 Donations ex Amenities Fund</td>
<td>635 13 8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total above was therefore</td>
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**CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES**

**Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1957.**

<table>
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<tr>
<td>Gift in Running the Corps was:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Audit Fees</td>
<td>10 0 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depreciation Equipment</td>
<td>22 9 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Insurance</td>
<td>90 6 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pay Roll Tax</td>
<td>10 0 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wages and Administration</td>
<td>1,137 11 6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leasing a net surplus to be transferred to Accumulated Funds</td>
<td>477 13 8</td>
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**ANZAC House and Club Amenities Account**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Balance as at 1/1/57</td>
<td>13,127 10 8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Add: Revenue from Investments</td>
<td>608 11 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less: Payroll</td>
<td>70 12 8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest from Investments</td>
<td>737 4 4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total LESS PAYMENTS</td>
<td>13,864 15 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance, as at 31/12/57</td>
<td>13,566 7 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FUND ASSETS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Custom Credit Corporation Investment Fund</td>
<td>12,000 0 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loan Rockingham Project</td>
<td>1,500 0 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less overdraft National Bank</td>
<td>1,300 0 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net Assets</td>
<td>13,666 7 3</td>
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**W.A. AGED SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND**

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<tr>
<td>Bank Balance as at 1st January, 1957</td>
<td>1,300 8 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Commonwealth Loan Interest</td>
<td>1,154 13 3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bank interest</td>
<td>7 8 3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Poppy Day Proceeds</td>
<td>2,152 15 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Donations</td>
<td>134 12 4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sale of Bonds</td>
<td>2,000 0 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total LESS PAYMENTS</td>
<td>12,768 14 2</td>
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<td>Bank Balance as at 31st December, 1957</td>
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**ANZAC House Building Extension Fund**

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<tr>
<td>Bank Balance as at 1st January, 1957</td>
<td>984 11 4</td>
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<tr>
<td>ADD RECEIPTS</td>
<td>1,832 11 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest and profit on Investments</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Less: PAYMENTS</td>
<td>1,449 11 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tranfer of interest to Faverham House</td>
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<td>Bank Balance as at 31st December, 1957</td>
<td>1,300 8 1</td>
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**STATE WAR MEMORIAL FUND**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bank Balance as at 1st January, 1957</td>
<td>389 8 3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Add: Revenue from Investments</td>
<td>741 7 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less: PAYMENTS</td>
<td>811 6 8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bank Balance as at 31st December, 1957</td>
<td>2,189 11 7</td>
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**Warm Welcome at Walpole**

Some 50 attended an informal social at the Walpole R.S.I. Hall on May 3 when Miss Mary Meares was welcomed as new President. Miss Meares welcomed the guests, who were also cheered by the presence of Mr. H. Hardy, who expressed the pleasure felt in having a W.A. sub-branch from the State President.

Miss Meares then gave an introduction in which he outlined the traditions and aims of the sub-branch.

Speaking of the Walpole sub-branch, Mr. Lonnie said it had a wonderful potential, and the little hall could be an advertisement for the area. He suggested that this would be further enhanced if a column or obelisk could be placed in front of the building, and he would also like to see a new war badge at the R.S.I. hall.

For the small sub-branch like Walpole, to have a home of their own was a fine achievement, he said. So often the bulk of the work in a sub-branch is carried out by a few, and he hoped that the men of the sub-branch would be able to get behind those who are on the committee, and make the sub-branch a living force in the district.

Mr. J. Sersleigh said he knew the Walpole district, about 30 years ago, when they were a war district and the district more isolated. After supporting Mr. Lonnie’s statements, he said, how glad he was to see the district, and attend the opening.

Miss Meares expressed her pleasure at being able to wear the R.S.I. badge and felt well backed again of the “boys” she had visited at Holly Ridge, who spoke of the pride in being able to wear the R.S.I. badge and the bond of friendship that its wearers have in common.
The following Trust Funds were held as at 31st December, 1957:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Trust Fund</th>
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<tr>
<td>The late Edwin Lodge Bequest</td>
<td>1,204</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pensions Expenses Fund</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Life Members' Fund</td>
<td>250</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sub-branches in Reces</td>
<td>676</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sir Ernest Lee Fund</td>
<td>514</td>
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<tr>
<td>Staff Provident Fund</td>
<td>400</td>
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<tr>
<td>R.S.L. Citizens Public Funds Comforts Fund</td>
<td>2,228</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rockingham Project Fund</td>
<td>1,635</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hills Welfare Committee</td>
<td>788</td>
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**Total:** £3,515 13 3

Against which the following Assets are held:

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<th>Assets</th>
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<tr>
<td>National Bank of Australia</td>
<td>2,012</td>
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<tr>
<td>Banking Bank of Aust. Fixed Deposits</td>
<td>554</td>
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<tr>
<td>Commonwealth Bonds</td>
<td>300</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shereys R.S.L. Trading Co.</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td><strong>Total:</strong></td>
<td>£2,642</td>
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**Making a total of:** £2,642 14 4

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

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1957.**

**ASSETS:**

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<tr>
<td>National Bank of Australia</td>
<td>2,228</td>
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<tr>
<td>Petty Cash on Hand</td>
<td>13</td>
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<tr>
<td>Furniture and Fixtures</td>
<td>1,436</td>
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<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td>£3,321</td>
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**LIABILITIES:**

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<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>Trust Funds: Hospital Visiting</td>
<td>117</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sponsorship</td>
<td>118</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deficit Auxiliary</td>
<td>45</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mobility-Shield Sports</td>
<td>876</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td>£1,521</td>
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**Sundry Credits**

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**Sundry Creditors accumulated Funds 1/1/57:** £256 6 9

**DEDUCT loss for year ended 31/12/57:** £113 3 5

**Balance:** £3,523 13 7

**The 44th Mourns A Comrade**

It was with very deep regret that members of the 44th Bn. Association received news of the passing of their old CO, Col. W. O. Mansbridge, D.S.O., V.D., J.P. He was, to a large extent not only by his old comrades as a soldier but in public life as well. Sincere sympathy is extended to his sorrowing relatives.

At a meeting of the Association Committee it was found necessary, owing to financial stress, to discontinue the notifying of all members re the Annual Reunion, which this year falls on Monday, September 29. Only those members who attended the last two reunions will be notified.

"Please pass on this information to any old comrades you may see and don’t fail to advise the Secretary of your intention to attend. By doing so you are helping your committee to cater satisfactorily and to eliminate unnecessary expense," said the President last week.
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Rodeo Planned At Manjimup  
A large gathering at the annual meeting of the Manjimup R.S.L. sub-branch voted solidly for the introduction of a rodeo as a fundraising project for the coming year.  
Much preliminary investigation has been carried out by Mr. Smithson, who reported fully on his findings.  
“This is the moment when we go all out for the rodeo or let it die here and now. It will incur some initial expense, naturally, and will require a lot of voluntary work and a lot of men to see the thing set up, but at least it could well be the one major effort and well worth the time and trouble. The sub-branch would have to affiliate with the South Australian parent of the Rough Riders’ Association, as organisations at Mokrav and Albany have done, and received so much help and encouragement,” Mr. Smithson said.
A committee to proceed with arrangements was appointed.

Moving Past: Plans are on foot in the Dunsborough sub-branch (near Busselton) for building a local hall. The sub-branch was formed only about three months ago.
Anzac Day with the Sub-branches ....

BINDI BINDI

The Bindi Bindi sub-branch's Anzac Day service this year was the first to be held in the district.

The attendance was excellent, with many young people present.

Following the "silence" the president, Mr. C. Snooke, delivered a short address, and Mr. R. Gillett said, "The listener to the Fallen."

This was followed by the reading of the "Anzac Rule" by the secretary (Mr. D. Lancaster).

The address was given by Mr. A. V. Crane (a vice-president). He spoke of Anzac Day not as a glorified day, but as a day of thanksgiving for the freedom won on Gallipoli.

Speaking of the significance of the district's first commemoration service, the chairman, Mr. A. S. Crane urged support for the sub-branch plans to erect a memorial to the fallen later in the year.

The service concluded with a wreath-laying ceremony at the flagstaff.

CALINGIRI

The Anzac observance at Calingiri this year was held on Sunday, April 27.

There were 45 ex-servicemen on parade and about 200 people at the service, many having come long distances to be present.

The service was followed by the opening—by the State President—of the sub-branch's new hall, built largely by volunteer labour, at a cost of about £1,000.

This was when a big public assembly was held, reflecting great credit on a comparatively small sub-branch, commented Mr. Logrie.

CARLISH

The Anzac Day service was held in the Carlisle Hall when members of the sub-branch of the Women's Auxiliary, scouts, cub members, and many others, including the Friendly Society and children from the Carlisle State School were present.

The address was conducted by the sub-branch president (Mr. J. Sheppard) and secretary (Mr. A. E. Patmore). The wreaths were laid at the Memorial by Mrs. G. Suck (Mrs. E. A. Tab-Allen Auxiliary), Mrs. Turnbull (Red Cross), Mrs. Harvey Hall (Wellesley Auxiliary), Mr. Whyte and Mr. Allen (Carlisle State School) and the sub-branch chairman.

The hymn "Land We Forget" and the National Anthem were sung with a good attendance by Mr. G. Wright, while the Last Post and Requiem were sounded by Mr. K. Paterson.

CARNAMAH

The Carnamah sub-branch's service at Meckering was one of the most impressive held for many years, conducted by the Rev. G. Hayles and the address was given by the president (Mr. K. Burgess). The Meckering sub-branch of the R.S.L.

A well-chosen choir under the direction of the Rev. P. D. MacColl led the singing, whilst the Last Post and the Requiem were sounded by Mr. J. Stanley. Many beautiful wreaths were laid by the members of the town.

The largest-ever civic attendance, together with an almost completed rollcall of men and women, impressed everyone as a fitting tribute to those who will always be remembered.

PINGUP

There was a record attendance at this year's observance, with every family in the district represented and probably 50 per cent of residents present.

Because of cold weather the service—apart from the actual wreath-laying—was held in the own hall.

The Rev. L. Mauger—a World War I Digger and a member of the Lake Grace sub-branch—addressed the gathering.

WALPOLE

The Walpole Hall was crowded for the seating tax to its utmost on Anzac Day, for the service arranged by the Walpole R.S.L. sub-branch. Captain Martin, of the Albany Salvation Army, conducted the service and the Albany Salvation Army Band accompanied the singing.

The address was given by Mr. W. Hardy, president of the local sub-branch.

He spoke of the cold war which still exists, the fear of modern weapons of war, the future, and how the remembrance of those past sacrifices will help in the Army's desire to keep that freedom against any opposing power.

Following the service, a short concert was given by the visiting Salvation Army party.

16th BATTALION

The last meeting of the 16th Bn. Association founded by the president (Mr. W. Waterman) reporting on the Anzac Day proceedings and then expressed concern for the enthusiasm which had made the day such a success.

Arrangements for next year's commemorations were discussed, although with the prospect of many members making a trip to Adelaide for the occasion, few would be in Perth on Anzac Day, 1959.

Members who had passed on since the last meeting were: J. Wildash (an original member), G. Torrie, J. W. W. Jefferies, M. Stancliffe, Adamson and W. O. Mansbridge.

Carnamah O.B. was an original member of the 18th and later transferred to the 44th.

The Women's Auxiliary members were led by the Rev. P. D. MacColl, the singing, whilst the Last Post and the Requiem were sounded. The ceremony concluded with a wreath-laying service.

The Women's Auxiliary-president, Mrs. J. Wildash, expressed the views of all, and may have articles suitable for such a sale are asked to contact one of the auxiliary members; good use will be made of such things.

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League Flashbacks

WHAT THIS JOURNAL WAS SAYING 35 YEARS AGO

Preference to Returned Soldiers

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S
UNSYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE

At a special meeting of the State Executive, R.S.L., held on 30th May, 1923, it was reported that a special issue of the "listening Post" be published, setting out in detail the facts and conditions that had led up to the appointment of three non-returned soldiers to important Government positions.

The difficulty experienced by returned soldiers and the generality in general to appreciate the enormity of the offence against soldiers by the action of the Federation of three non-returned soldiers to important Government positions.

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In view of the fact that we have just been circulating this appeal, the full extent of the damage has been felt. We would respectfully remind you of the suffering that will be imposed upon you should your threat of cessation of negotiations take place.

As we are unable to continue with our conditions we will have to suspend the appeal; we have therefore no other course than to submit to the arbitrament of the people.

Yours faithfully,
E. T. BURNELL, Acting President

(Mr. Bruce has since given
his modified original statement. Its effect, however, has been to galvanize the League into greater action. The preference question has now become a burning issue throughout the whole of the Commonwealth.

Greetings From Newcastle

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Solemnly making the presentation the Newcastle presi- dent pointed out the fact that it was the first one they had given out this year and it was the first pennant to go into service.

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Solemnly making the presentation the Newcastle president pointed out the fact that it was the first one they had given out this year and it was the first pennant to go into service.

Stalwart Passes

Arthur Leslie Hullett, who died in Perth on May 31, has been keenly missed by his numerous League "cruces." He was a popular member since the early days of the League. Mr. Hullett was a foundation member of the Maylands sub-branch, and in turn secretary and president of the State Executive for some years. Born in New Zealand Mr. Hullett came to W.A. in 1900. He joined the tramways in 1912, and retired as Traffic Superintendent in 1942. He saw service overseas in World War I. His youngest son—Roy—served with the R.A.A.F. in World War II. Two other members of the family went on a pilgrimage to Gallipoli and the battlefields of France.
THE STORY OF "HENRI"

This instalment brings to a conclusion the story of the little war pilot "Henri" (Digger), who attached himself to No. 4 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, in Germany after World War One and was adopted by Sgt. Tim Tovell and given an Australian upbringing.

The story has been taken from Norman Ellison's "Flying Matilda," which recounts the celebrated exploits of the squadron and was recently published by Angas and Robertson, Sydney.

The story of Henri begins at the end of the war, when he was only a young boy. He was taken in by the Tovells, who were Australian parents who had adopted him after the war. Henri was quickly integrated into their family and became a naturalised Australian.

The story continues with Henri's adventures in Germany, where he was adopted by the Tovells and given a new life. He quickly became a naturalised Australian and was given the name "Henri Hermann." The French Consul in Germany tried to keep Henri's identity a secret, but it was useless.

After three years in Germany, Henri became fluent in German and was able to help the Allied forces. He was eventually able to return to Australia and was naturalised as a permanent resident.

The story concludes with Henri's life in Australia, where he became a successful businessman and a respected member of society. The Tovells were proud of their adopted son and he was a symbol of the new Australia.

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to go to Sunday-school. I was the superintendent. I was interested in religion, but he did ask some difficult questions, and I feared he might be another boy, a baby. Digger loved him too. By this time he could swim and play tennis, and he also went sailing at home. He was a fine boy, naturally well-mannered, well-built, a typical Australian athlete, and a lad any father would be proud of. We were a happy family.

One day—It's in 1922—Digger reading a newspaper at home and he looked up and said, "Hey, listen to this, Tim!" He read out that the Reverend Gault was preaching at the Albert Street Methodist Church. "Right," I said, "get ready and we'll go to the church next Sunday." So we went to the church, and after the service had finished and the congregation had walked out, Digger and I were standing in the church hall, shaking hands with him. I went up to him and said, "Reverend Gault, I understand you are the 'real' Gault and you're a brother of the Albert Street Methodist Church. "Yes," he replied, "and what about you? Do you remember me? You're not sure. You know," I said, "I must meet so many of the old A.I.F. and it's hard to remember you all."""I say," I said, "do you remember the chap in France who had the little French church?" "Well, here he is," I said, and beckoned Digger forward.

"The padre was really admired," he said. "Him and Digger's hands shook with the others. We told him a lot of questions. Finally he asked Digger to come with him for three days. And he took the old Gault himself brought him back to our place.

"Now it's 1923 and Digger was fifteen at the time. We decided what he's going to be after he leaves school. Naturally he wanted to be a builder. But he didn't really make up his mind until the day Mr. Major Coleman wrote to him directly to him because he'd been in the A.I.F., and he wrote to him and asked about Digger. Major Coleman wrote back and said he didn't know any more questions, then.

"The lad made excellent progress at school. The headmaster told me he was an ardent scholar, and that at mental arithmetic he was outstanding. He used
Taken in his prime . . .

It was a sad day in 1926 when Digger, a member of No. 4 Squadron, wrote, "I am going to leave home and go to the War."

He joined the R.A.F. and went to England. When the war ended, he returned to Melbourne and started working for the RAAF as a clerk. He was soon promoted to a civilian job with the RAAF.

“Digger was a true mate and always looked out for the best interests of his friends,” said a fellow Digger. “He always had his eye on the ball, and he was a good fighter.”

One day, as he was leaving the RAAF offices, he saw a group of children playing in the street. He went over to talk to them and found they were from the Fawkner Cemetery. Digger offered to take them on his motor-cycle tour of Melbourne.

The children were thrilled and asked Digger to show them around the city. They rode through the streets, past the shops and parks, and stopped at the cemetery where Digger told them about the soldiers who had fought in the war.

The children were fascinated by Digger’s tales and they asked him lots of questions. Digger was happy to answer them and spent the rest of the day with the children.

Digger was a popular figure in Melbourne and he was always willing to help others. He was a true mate and a hero to many.

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Top Executive Nominations

Mrs. S. Stockin has accepted nomination for the office of Auxiliary State President and Mrs. J. Ames that for the State Secretaryship.


Mesdames G. Ford, J. Rolfe and T. Cullen declined nomination for the secretaryship.

Official Visits

March
8th: State President attended Northern Region Governor's Luncheon in the absence of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.
11th: State President and Hon. State Secretary attended Presentation of a Cheque Address of Welcome to Mrs. Cuthbert and Mrs. Cheever.
12th: State President and Secretary attended Opening of Farmers and Homesteads Association's Summer Meeting in the absence of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.
21st: Mesdames Young and Cullen (representing the State President and Secretary) were present at a social event in Bridgeport.
22nd: State President attended Wondoea sub-branch dinner.
23rd: State President visited Rotting, and distributed ammunitions. State President and Secretary and Mesdames Cullen, Lynch and Ball were guests at the Wondooa auxiliary birthday dinner and social evening.
27th: State President and Secretary, and Mrs. Congdon, attended Bassecomed auxiliary social evening and evening parade.

April
16th: State President attended Armistice Centenary Luncheon.
18th: State President and Secretary present, at official opening of Air Force Association annual camp.
19th: State President attended the auxiliary birthday dinner at Gidgegannup.
22nd: State President and Secretary, and executive members, attended the 50th birthday of Mrs. Cuthbert and Mrs. Cuthbert.
24th: State President and Secretary attended the official opening of the Belvedere Memorial Clinic.
25th: President and members of State Executive entertained "Old Timer" friends to a high tea and concert in Albert House.
28th: State President and Secretary attended Wondooa auxiliary meeting.

May
28th: State President attended the Civic Reception in commemoration of the Coral Sea Battle.
14th: State President and Secretary attended a meeting at Cranbourne and formed an auxiliary.

10th: State President and Secretary present at La Riverton auxiliary birthday party.
17th: Mrs. L. Young (Senior Vice-President) attended the Y.M.C.A. 50th birthday party and attended the Osborne Park auxiliary birthday party.
19th: State President and Secretary attended the Busselton auxiliary's 10th birthday party.
On both occasions, Mrs. Cuthbert presented the State President.

10th: State President attended East Loddon Auxiliary Dinner.
20th: State President, Secretary and Mesdames Young, Cullen, Lynch, Johnson, Gilmore, Rolfe and Mesdames Duke and Dacre, Mrs. L. Young, Mrs. L. McKinnon attended the official opening and executive members and addressed the gathering on her experiences at R.S.L. Conference at Callegra.
21st: State President and Secretary were present at the Carnamah R.S.L. auxiliary's social.
31st: The State President and Mrs. Cuthbert attended the Wood-Hamilton Hill birthday dinner.

DONATIONS

March
NAREBURN, £10 Red Cross Appeal.
COOROW, £5 Red Cross Appeal.
B Hội ROW, £5 Red Cross Appeal.
MT. BARKER, £10 Red Cross Appeal.

THAYNING-YELLEN, £5 Xmas Party.

April
LAKE GRACE, £10 Red Cross Appeal.
WINDERMERE, £5 Red Cross Appeal.

May
R.C.A.F. YOUNG, £20 Red Cross Appeal.

DARLING RANGE, £3 each to Leg. T.P. Maimed and Limbless Association, Gawler, South Australia.
WINDERMERE, £20 Red Cross Appeal.

NEANGID, £5/5/ Red Cross Appeal.

SWAN VIEW-GLENDALE, £5 Red Cross Appeal.

WAOA, £5/5/ Anonymous.

BUNBURY, £5/5/ Anonymous.

Research, £5/5/ Anonymous.

SOUTH GLENDALE, £5/5/ Anonymous.

RED CROSS, £5/5/ Anonymous.

WINAONA MAMBS, £5/5/ Anonymous.

BUNBURY, £5/5/ Anonymous.

CUTTERLOE, £5/3/ Red Cross Appeal.

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