Transport Drivers Lose Their Secretary After 41 Years

Because of indifferent health Miss Mary Meares has resigned as secretary of the Anzac Day Transport Committee after holding the position for 41 years. Her successor is Miss Peggy Hall.

For the first Anzac Day commemoration observance in Perth in 1916, Miss Meares was asked by the late Col. Max Bridge—to arrange motor transport for wounded men who could not otherwise have attended the parade.

The committee has continued the good work ever since. The purpose of the organisation is to provide free volunteer transport and outings every weekend, and on important occasions, for disabled men living in institutions, and some of the men were doing driving for many years. Last Anzac Day 100 drivers were on duty.

At the committee's annual reunion at Shell House on August 25, the chairman (Mr. W. W. Clarke) presented Miss Meares with a gold wristwatch, a pigskin handbag and a cheque in recognition of all she has done for the disabled men and as a mark of the respect and affection of the drivers.

Unique

Supporting the chairman's remarks, the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lonnie) referred to Miss Meares' connection with the organisation as a record of service unique in Australia.

Miss Meares, he said, must have become engrossed early in life with the classic maxim about giving service promptly as soon as the need for it was apparent.

He said the gathering comprised men and women who for many years had cheerfully and willingly carried out a task which is as important to the men as Christianity had very few equals anywhere.

He was sure Miss Meares would continue her service, just as the people she had worked with would remain.

"Your friends are gathered here to pay tribute to a very famous and gracious lady," he said.

The vice-chairman of the committee (Mr. H. Elsner) urged No. 11, that in 1916, a"

Executive Told It Has No Vim Today

An honoured guest at the meeting of the State Executive on August 13 told members that they had no vim today.

He is octogenarian Bill Logie, who had three terms as an executive member—1925-31, 1938-39 and 1942-43. The early meetings, Mr. Logie said, used to be very turbulent. One had to duck to avoid flying objects sometimes, and remarks were heard reflecting on the antecedents of some members. There seemed to be nothing of that today.

A voice: This is only the first meeting of the new Congress year.

Mr. Logie said he thought the greatest honour a man could have was to be selected by the men he had fought with to represent him on the executive.

The men coming from the first war had had nothing—no structure. But they had laid the foundation of what today was the greatest institution in the country. He could not understand anyone wanting to wear the badge.

Mr. Logie said he was going back to the Goldfields.

"Here we are one big, happy family irrespective of status, because we have felt that we were rendering a service to people less able to enjoy life than we ourselves," Miss Meares said.

Miss Meares has been a member of the R.S.L. State Executive since 1942, when she became the first woman in Australia to hold that office. She is continuing her work in that capacity, and also her hospital visits.

Twelve centres between Perth and Meredith were visited during a recent weekend tour by the State President.

Accompanying Mr. Lonnie were the State Secretary Mr. E. Goodwin and Miss Meares, H. A. Leslie, M.H.R. and E. MacLeod. Report to the State Executive Mr. MacLeod said there had been a very good reception in each centre. The visit to Ballidu had coincided with the first mixed reunion conducted by the Sub Branch. The occasion had been marked by the presentation of Certificates of Service.

The sub-branch had increased its membership figure by nine in the previous year.

At Bakers Hill, where the branch was small but keen, the State President had explained the reasons for last year's increase in the capitulation.

There had been no scope for improvement at Wundowie.

At Northam Mr. Leslie had taken a personal interest in some needy individuals.
Legacy Ward Got That Cornet

An appeal made through these columns a few months ago on behalf of a Legacy ward who wanted a cornet brought a prompt and generous response— from as far afield, incidentally, as Yampi Sound.

The following account of the matter is taken from the July 15 issue of the Perth Legacy Bulletin.

Last May we published in the Bulletin a letter from Mr. Chris Tottman of Yampi Sound complaining about a cornet for young George McLean, a Legacy ward from Bunbury. Frequent appeals for a cornet for George had proved fruitless, and it was as a result of an appeal in "The Listening Post" that Mr. Tottman appealed forward with his offer. The secretary wrote to Mr. Tottman advising him of the cost of the cornet, which was received by return mail:

"Cockato Island, Yampi Sound, 23rd June.

The Secretary, Legacy Division,

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 20th May just received last Thursday, please find enclosed two money orders for £5 for purchase of a cornet for George McLean, hoping it will give him as much pleasure as it will to me. I will have to do a few more hours overtime to make it up, but that will be a pleasure. I am sure the young chap deserves a hand; it is a pretty tough blow to lose your Dad when you are so young, and the least we can do is try and help them.

I was one man of the first world war and in the last war I was in the A.I.F. and the Navy. I served in the Middle East with the A.I.F. and transferred to the Navy in 1943. I was paid off in 1946 so I have a bit of service and I will never forget my old mates. I was one of the lucky ones who came through, but I lost a good friend, so if I can give George a little bit of pleasure I am only too willing.

We have a very good sub-branch of the R.S.L. up here, only small in numbers but all good workers for the League. If you reply to this, will you please send it by air mail as the boat mails are few and far between as you see it took a month for your letter to reach me. We get our mail once a week.

Wishing you the very best and thanking you for the good job you chaps are doing for Legacy:

Yours,
Chris Tottman.

Appointments Confirmed

The State Executive has confirmed the following sub-branch appointments of president and secretary, the president being named first in each instance:


Brookton: E. M. McCabe and H. Algar.


Frankland: G. J. Langen and D. M. Marriott.

Gwalla-Leena: R. Harris (secretary).


South Stirling: H. Anderson.

Victoria Park: M. Walsh and A. E. Jolliffe.

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Faversham House Notes

All who have been interested in Faversham House will be pleased to know that Mr. E. C. Townsland, chairman of the Faversham Committee, is again attending to his many League duties after an enforced stay at the Hollywood Repatriation Hospital.

The veterans at the Home are always pleased to see new faces and it is hoped that during the warmer months of the year a greater number will be made by sub-branches and their women's auxiliaries.

During the month, by the 16th Battalion Association, women's auxiliary on September 8, they are going to have a presentation of the Rolls of Honour to George V. The presentation is to be made by the president of the North sub-branch in the name of the Auxiliary.

The "guests" at Faversham House, when the president of the North sub-branch called in, found Mr. W. G. Burgess, of Tipperary (a dressed sheep and bales of wheat hay); Mr. J. W. Lunt, of York (a parcel of books); and Mr. J. R. McMillan, of Ex-servicemen's Home, offering a presentation on behalf of the members.

To those donors we offer many thanks. At the time of writing, it is not known who the donor is.

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Imposing Ceremonial At Margaret River War Memorial Unveiling

Five servicemen of the City of Perth Regiment, with "reversed arms," stood guard at the Margaret River War Memorial for the unveiling on Sunday, July 6.

The memorial was draped with the Australian flag, and a large crowd including visitors from a number of sub-branches had gathered on the lawns of Wilmot Park, where the memorial is situated.

Members of the Ross Brook-Rosah Glen and Margaret River sub-branches led by the Busselton Band, moved to their positions in harkening the music.

There they were inspected by the official party comprising the R.S.L. State President, Mr. Brigadier A. Potts, Mr. S. Bovill, M.L.A., the Margaret River Sub-Branch chairman (Mr. G. Sherrington) and the Margaret River Sub-Branch president (Mr. F. Currell).

Precisely at 11 a.m. Mr. S. Bovill broke the flag. The Last Post was sung cut to W.A. rooms.

Self-Supporting

The Darkan sub-branch was praised by Mr. George Townsland, chairman of the State Executive meeting for having turned down offers for membership with other bodies in the construction of a hall.

It had stood on its own feet and provided itself with a home "with all facilities," and Mr. Townsland said it was an example to other sub-branches.

Members, with other interests a sub-branch must tend to lose its autonomy.

Notes on the War Memorial

First of the wreaths was a Legacy. The band then played the National Anthem and the gathering joined in the singing of "The recruiting song." Hymns were led by the Margaret River Junior Choir. After reading the Lesson, the Rev. L. J. Simpson, of Bunbury, said: "Merry," with other interests a sub-branch must tend to lose its autonomy.
Financing The War Veterans' Home

NOW THAT State Congress has unanimously given the "Go-Ahead" for the new metropolitan War Veterans' Home it is our duty to set up immediately an organisation to finance the project.

FIRST of all, let it be known that the financing of the building of the home is not presenting any worries, but much thought must be given to financing its administration once our aged mates take up residence.

INFORMATION from reliable sources on the conduct of similar institutions suggests that it is necessary to subsidise each inmate to the extent of from £2 to £2/10/- a week. Taking the lower figure—which represents £104 per year per person—and assuming that there will be 60 mates, it will be necessary to raise about £6,000 a year for the purpose.

TO REACH such a target should not be beyond the resources of an organisation such as ours with a membership figure of about 16,000—which, by the way, should be very much greater. Spread over the 221 sub-branches in this State the average responsibility would not be much above £27 a year.

THERE is an organisation—with fewer members and sub-branches—which has no apparent difficulty in raising a much larger sum than that each year, and it is actuated by the will to do good rather than by any personal interest in those being helped. Surely we of the league, with a real personal interest in our veterans, should have no difficulty in reaching our goal.

OUR OWN fund-raising campaign has already commenced, and here we must express our very sincere appreciation of the generosity of Metro Goldwyn Mayer Pty. Ltd., who have made available to the League the premiere of the film "Dunkirk" which was received at the Metro Theatre, Perth, on October 15 (commencing at 8.15 p.m.).

All sub-branches have been advised as to details regarding the premiere.

THE LEAGUE is very appreciative of the firm's generosity. A world premiere of the film was held in London under the patronage of H.M. the Queen, Prince Philip and Earl Mountbatten, and successful charity premieres were held in Sydney and Melbourne. The West Australian premiere will be under Vice-Regal patronage.

SEVERAL sub-branches and auxiliaries have expressed a keen interest in a suggestion that they "adopt" a room in the new Home for 12 months or more, with the responsibility of financing the occupant of the room for that period. The name of the sub-branch, or auxiliary as the case may be, could be placed over the door.

IF EVER there has been a year in which we should be proud of the privilege of wearing the badge of the League this is it. Here is something you might tell your friends about. There are doubtless many eligible persons who would welcome an opportunity of joining the League in this period of great constructive activity.

State Executive Meeting

The State Executive met last month on August 13 and 27. At the former meeting—the first of the Congress-year—the President was in the chair, and at the latter (with Mr. Lonnie attending the National Executive meeting) Dr. R. I. Greenham presided.

Business was as follows:

AUGUST 13

The State President welcomed newcomers to the executive—Messrs. W. K. Warren, A. E. Goodwin, and J. Dixon—and congratulated the other members on their re-appointment.

Announcements.

The State President made the following announcements:

Deputy: During his absence at the National Executive meeting commencing on August 25 Dr. Greenham would be acting-President.

Band: A big industrial firm had proposed to place the Band on permanent footing, but was forced to change their plans in consequence of the Ceremonial Occasions. The band had been having difficulty in financing its requirements. (It was resolved that the State President and Vice-Presidents should investigate the proposal.)

Film Premiere: The firm of Messrs. A. E. Goodwin, who had offered the conducting of the premiere of the film "Dunkirk" to the League, had decided to retain the branch of the League. (The offer was accepted.)

Executive Committee: There had been a number of very important changes to the new committee—some committees had been merged and others newly formed. (Details on Page 4.)

Committee Reports: It was resolved that the reports of the Land and Housing Committee should be submitted every two months in instead of each month, and that the Club Committee should make a routine report each month as well as a quarterly report on sales and personnel.

It was also agreed that all reports should be in writing, where possible, and matters of extreme urgency.

National Congress, Mr. J. A. Mikes, was elected delegate to the National Congress in Adelaide (October 27-31) with Mr. E. Macleod as reserve. (The State President said he might not be able to attend.) It was resolved that the State Secretary (Mr. A. E. Goodwin) should be a member of the Committee.

State Nomination: Sir George Holland (Naughton) was nominated for the position of National President.

Reports. Reports from theListening Post and Publicity Committee were received and presented. The League's Building Fund for Band: the Property Department.
NEW COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The composition of the new committees of the State Executive was announced by Mr. Lonnie at the first meeting of the new Congress.

The committees are as follows:

Anzac Club and Anzac Eve Dinner: Messrs. Serisier, Keeley, Knox, Coulins and Dixon.

Anzac Day, Public Days and War Memorials: Messrs. Chorney, Rolfe, MacLeod and Walters. Dr. Greenham and Miss Meares.

Constitution and Agenda: Messrs. Chemay, Stoddart and Davies and Miss Leake (co-opted).

Fawcett War Veterans' Home: Messrs. Townshend, Henwood, Davidson, Ferrer, Budd and Mirk.


Housing: Messrs. Stoddart, Davidson, Milne, King and Knox.

Rockingham Project: Messrs. Milne, Davidson, Gordon, King, Knox and Walters.

Staff: Messrs. Rolfe, Macleod, Holder and Pearson.


Land: Messrs. Davies, Milne, Budd and Gordon.

Listening Post, Publicity and Broadcasting: Messrs. Dood, White, Coulas, Knox and Cousins.


North-West, Defence and Immigration: Messrs. Milne, McNamara, Mendrik, Cousins and Dixon.

Remembrance: Messrs. Stoddart, Dod, Serisier and Miss Meares.

Reparation: Aged Sailors and Soldiers, Hospital Visit: Dr. Greenham and Messrs. James, White, Coults and McNamara.

Sports: Messrs. Davidson, Ferrier, Budd, Mendrik, Keeley and King.

New War Veterans' Home: Dr. Greenham and Misses. Rolfe, Townshend, Davies, Dod, Allen, White and Walters.

Film Premiere: Messrs. Rolfe, Dod, MacLeod Walters and King, Miss Meares, Mrs. Stockman (co-opted).

Group Meeting. Liaison Officer and Public Day Organiser: Mr. MacLeod.

Visitors' Liaison Officer: Mr. Walters.

Good Neighbour Council Representative: Mr. Mendrik.

Another Country Visit By State President

Among 130 ex-servicemen at the Katanning sub-branch reunion recently was the State President (Mr. Lonnie)—on his 32nd visit to a sub-branch since attending the previous year’s reunion.

Official visitors also included: State President, Mr. A. E. Rolfe; State President, Mr. E. H. Coults; Regional Vice-President, Mr. G. R. Dunstan (co-opted); State Executive member, Mr. J. F. Serisier, and representatives of sub-branches: Koilup, Woonamatta, Bannockburn, Dumbleyung, Dumbleyung, Tornabelli and Gnowanganup.

Three members of the local CMF unit were also guests of the sub-branch.

Ex-members of the sub-branch, Douglas Dargie and "Sandown," made the trip from Perth specially to attend the reunion.

The women's auxiliary again prepared a delicious meal for those attending the function.

It was a very happy reunion. The hospitality extended was appreciated by all. The Hon. A. E. Rolfe was also present, and the meeting adjourned with a vote of thanks to the State President and those who had arranged the function.

“Eyre Eyre” Say We

It is with interest that we read of the announcement by the Minister for Territories (Mr. Paul Hasluck) concerning the improvements and maintenance of the Stuart and Barkly highways in the Northern Territory.

The Minister estimates the cost, spread over five years, at not less than $2,500,000 and $3,000,000.

The Stuart-highway links Alice Springs with Darwin, and the Barkley runs from Tennant Creek to Camooweal in Queensland. The combined length is 1,232 miles, and both are to be maintained as bitumen roads with a width of 16ft. The other roads in the Territory are to be developed at an estimated cost of $750,000. If it is considered economically justified.

By State President

Monthly Talks At Museum

Public lectures are held at the museum every Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.

The next three lectures are:

September 17—"Native Ferns," Mr. G. S. Smith, a lecturer in the Botany Department of the University of W.A., will give a pictorial account of unfamiliar ferns found in the South-West and will show a film of the life-cycle of ferns.

October 15—"Dead Men Speaks" by Mr. A. F. Wilson. Reader in Geology at the University of W.A., he will give an outline of discoveries in archeology illustrated by photographs. He will also describe the ancient city he studied in the desert of ancient Egypt.

November 19—"Animals of the Stone Age" by Dr. W. D. S. Ride will discuss the discovery of the collected material in the Camooweal Ranges. His lecture will be illustrated with colour slides."
Picture With A Story

There is a story to this picture of the State President (left), Mrs. Mary Meares, and Miss Mary Meares and the Three Springs-Arrino sub-branch president (Mr. J. Thorpe)—it was taken by Joe Rojo (of Three Springs) who is successfully waging a fight with paralysis.

If ever the Digger spirit has been made manifest in civilian life, Joe Rojo is a living example. Stricken with paralysis some two years ago, Joe's life was despaired of. To the surprise of many, but not so much to those who really knew him, he refused to bow to defeat. Instead, his rugged determination to not only live, but to get well, has him on his feet and about again.

Although still paralysed down the right side, and with his vocal chords badly affected, Joe gets about and talks more each day.

To an active man such illness is depressing, but Joe took up photography as a hobby, and is the official photographer of the sub-branch. Watching him adjusting his cameras, affixing flashlights, focusing, taking photos, developing and printing all of his work—the extent of the operations with his left hand makes one feel a little ashamed to grumble about one's lesser aches and pains.

All the best, Joe, in your battle. The members in W.A. are pulling for you and know you will win.

Progress Report From Broome Sub-Branch

Two years ago attendances at the three-monthly meetings of the Broome sub-branch were so poor that the sub-branch seemed on the point of closing down. Now it is meeting every second month and is thinking in terms of a monthly meeting.

In a recent report to headquarters the sub-branch president (Mr. R. J. Stephens) said:

There are over 25 financial members at present and we are getting roll-up of 20 members at meetings. There are only two ex-service residents of Broome who are not members.

About two years ago the attendance at our three-monthly meetings was so small—about four or five members—that the sub-branch was in danger of falling through, but since then the interest has been growing and in the near future it is hoped to hold monthly meetings.

The war memorial in the local park is in good condition, and members recently commenced to plant lawn around it. The Broome Road Board is to make a special grant for the beautification of the park, and before long it should be under trees, which should make the memorial a beautiful setting.

Each Anzac Day a dawn service is held, members falling in at about 6 a.m. and marching to the memorial where a simple but impressive service is held. The dress for the day is long white trousers, white shirt and long sleeves, black shoes and black tie. Most members of the committee are there.

For the Governor-General's visit to July the sub-branch formed a guard of honour at the airport.

Changes In Women's Sub-branch

At a well-attended gathering at the home of their senior vice-president (Mrs. Craig) in July members of the Returned Servicemen's Women's sub-branch farewelled their president (Miss Geraldine Smith) and wished her good luck in her new work in Canberra.

The sub-branch secretary (Miss Beryl Carter) also left in July for Sydney—more hurriedly, but also with the best wishes of members and their gratitude for a job well done. Miss Cecile Baptiste gallantly volunteered to take her place.

Members are working hard for the sub-branch fete at the Million Home on Saturday, October 25—all inquiries and contributions to the organiser, Mrs. Noelle Piggott, please.

Geraldton Plans For Youth

The Geraldton sub-branch of the Returned Servicemen's League has decided to sponsor an amateur athletic club in Geraldton.

A committee has been formed by the sub-branch to work on the proposal, and help will be sought from anyone who has experience in amateur athletics.

The sub-branch president (Mr. Bill Cunningham) said that the sub-branch always thought it was the League's policy to sponsor youth organisations, and an amateur athletic club would give the youth of Geraldton the opportunity of taking part in local and State competitions.

It was decided to get information about a club from the Cottesloe Amateur Athletic Club, which helped the sub-branch conduct a successful sports meeting at Geraldton last Easter.—B.J.B.

Gallipoli Stamp Proposal

The New Zealand Returned Servicemen's Association has decided to ask the Governments of New Zealand and Australia to issue a special stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Anzac landing on Gallipoli.

The decision has the full endorsement of the executive of the New Zealand Returned and Services Association, Wellington (N.Z.) which intends to hold a national reunion on the anniversary day—April 25, 1965.
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ROUND-UP

Auxiliary Comes Of Age

On July 26 the Northam auxiliary held its 21st birthday party in the R.S.L. Memorial Hall.

Among those present were Mrs. Stockton (State President), Mrs. Ames (State Secretary), the foundation president (Mrs. S. Childlow) and former presidents Mesdames Friend, Crawford and Bryant, together with members of other auxiliaries in the district and representatives of various local organisations.

Mrs. Campbell presided over the brief formalities which included a talk from Mrs. Childlow, dealing with the inauguration of the auxiliary. The three past-presidents also spoke.

Mrs. Stockton addressed the gathering on the aims of the auxiliary and presented Certificates of Service to Mesdames E. Childlow and J. Higgs (foundation members).

Mrs. Campbell then gave a brief summary of the history of the auxiliary during her tenure of office, after which she invited Mrs. Ames to cut the birthday cake, and informality was the order of the day.

The Aeolian Choir and Mrs. N. Cowie (violin) entertained very pleasingly, then tea was served.

Annual "Diggers' Tea"

On Sunday, August 10, the Subiaco auxiliary entertained about 80 Returned Men from the Lemnos and Sunset Sub-Branches to the annual "Diggers' Tea."

It is now over 30 years since this function was inaugurated, and it has continued without interruption. That last was year when the Subiaco sub-branch having its premises tithivated and was short of accommodation for the auxiliary's guests.

This year, however, the auxiliary did them proud. The inclusion of men from Sunset was a new departure, but the boys seemed to fit in and the fare was one of the best.

The proprietor of the Sunset Park picture theatre treated the veterans to a lively film programme in the shape of "The Westerner."

Mr. H. C. Downe, proprietor of Emu Buses and a member of the sub-branch, provided a bus and this, together with a Red Cross bus, took the "boys" for a drive before landing them at the sub-branch where the tables had been laid and decorated with lovely State decorations of garlands and table centres. The guests, Mrs. Stockton (State President) and Mr. Geo. Brown, sub-branch president, also spoke. The speeches were brief, and the representatives of both Sunset and Lemnos replied even more briefly, but in the best manner of their respective contingents.

This exchange of courtesies was followed by high tea and dancing, and all enjoyed themselves. The thanks of the auxiliary are due to the ladies and gentlemen who have made our time and talents for this most worthy cause.

The meet came to an end about 7.30 p.m. and it appeared to have been a most enjoyable night. The boys seemed to enjoy themselves. It is hoped they did enjoy it — it was their day.

Sub-Branch Is Progressing After Revival

The Mt. Lawley-Ingleswood sub-branch feels very pleased with its drive for new members, four being enrolled at the August meeting and another five on V.P. night.

The new hall, due to a carefully planned advertising campaign, is now cutting even.

V.P. night was well attended and the sub-branch was pleased to receive Mr. Rolfe, new State Senior Vice-President and several distinguished guests including the Minister for Transport and several State Executive members and presidents and secretaries of neighbouring sub-branches.

The catering, which was in the hands of the ladies' committee, was excellent. Speeches were short and at 10 o'clock the guests were away and everybody was moved around freely.

The meeting was the first Wednesday night, and now that the renewal of this very successful branch is an accomplished fact, the President (Mr. L. E. Tolley) would like to see more of the old members occasionally.
League Well Regarded In N.W. Centres

Following his recent visit to various North-West sub-branches the Immediate-Past-President of the League, C. H. M. H., reported that the League was extremely active in most instances and was held in high esteem by local residents.

Mr. Hugh Leslie, M.H.R.—one of the visiting party—had the opportunity to discuss League activities with members.

Mr. T. W. Dyer’s official report included the following comments:

Wyndham. This year’s first Anzac Day parade in the history of the town was held. They have 30 members with an average attendance of 20 at meetings. A membership appeal was launched by the sub-branch with a block of land with a shed for use as a headquarters. Capital returns were being put right. The president is Mr. Norman Cooper. The sub-branch plans to install its own lighting plant soon. The attendance of a group of students is expected.

Broome. This sub-branch is very active. In addition to the usual meetings, members have been busy with other sub-branches in the area. The sub-branch in Broome is expected to play an important role in planning the future of the area.

Port Hedland. This sub-branch has been revived. There are 25 members listed, but the district potential is possibly 60 members. The sub-branch has a membership of 55 at the present time.

Wittenoom Gorge. Capital return up to date, but there may be a problem due to the current drought. The sub-branch is setting out on a revitalising programme

BIG MOMENT FOR YAMPI: It was a proud day for the Yampi sub-branch when His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir William Slim (pictured during his recent visit to the north of Australia), laid a wreath on the Cockatoo Island War Memorial.

Service Canteens Trust Fund

Education Awards For 1959

The Services Canteens Trust Fund was derived from the profits of canteens conducted by the Australian armed services—Army, Navy and Air Force—during World War II, and is being administered for the benefit of ex-service men and women of World War II, and their dependants.

Under the Services Canteens Trust Fund Act £2,500,000 has been appropriated to provide education assistance for eligible children, who take the form of Education Awards, valued at £50 per year-year basis, and vary from £5 to £200 depending on the cost of the course and the family circumstances.

The object of the trustees is to provide assistance, in cases of need, for eligible children who wish to undertake approved courses of study at private business colleges or other private institutions.

Eligibility

Children eligible for awards for 1959 are children of ex-service men and women who served in the Australian Forces in World War II who:

(i) are fifteen years of age or over, or will attain the age of 15 years during 1959;

(ii) are widows or widowers of deceased members and will turn 12 years of age during 1959.

Sub-Wardenship To Highgate

State War Memorial sub-wardenship duties are to revert to the Highgate sub-branch this year. Until it handed over to the Public Service sub-branch in 1957 Highgate had performed the duties for so many years.

The allocation of the duties is made annually and the sub-branch has been successful in the Remembrance Day ceremony each year.

A Comeback At Meekatharra

A year ago there was a move at Meekatharra to consider the re-forming of the sub-branch, and a meeting was called for the purpose.

Mr. Doug Henwood, as chairman of the Membership Committee, visited the district at the time. Mr. Henwood reported to the State Executive recently that the outcome of the move was better than had been anticipated. The sub-branch had already enrolled 11 members.
What Youth Is Doing At Canning Under Sub-branch Guidance

With R.S.L. adoption of a Youth Welfare policy it is interesting to see what the Canning sub-branch has already put its hand to in this regard.

The Canning R.S.L. Boys Club (under the direction of Mr. J. J. Connolly as warden, ably assisted of having to open and treasurer E. A. Dewar, and sub-wardens H. Hambley and Jack Williams (late of the Derby sub-branch). The club has for its latest activity undertaken a Front line appeal, to Southern Districts St. John's Ambulance Sub-Branch and appears which has backing from the State Government, is open. At meetings are committee members Canning, Belmont and Victoria Park.

The ambulance sub-centre is to be built at Welshpool at a cost of £30,000, subsidised to 80% basis by the State Government. The Canning area committee has commenced a popular-largish competition amongbranches for the prize.

The Canning R.S.L. Boys Club candidate is Miss Buchan and the appeal is to be officially opened by the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Long) on the evening of Tuesday, September 30, at the boys' club meeting hall in the Coker Park sports ground hall. There will be Parliamentary and road board representation.

After Mr. Lonnie's address there are to be several boxing, and gymnastic events and a 90-minute film show by the F.M.G. Department. Other organisations in the area will also have their candidates present.

The general competition was opened in the Canning Town Hall on Thursday, September 23, and were entered by the boys' Canungra Cricket Club, Rotary Club, the district branch of the Australian Labor Party, Riverton Community Centre and the Boomerang Marching Girls. Warden Connolly says that whatever canic the club's candidate will win!

How About This At Congress?

A recent B.B.C. television visit to a by-election in London brought the comment from viewers that they could hear members of the audience—particularly hecklers—very clearly, without any sign of, the usual interview-microphones being carried about on a long lead. The announcer decries the microphone—so called because it looks like a gun barrel and is actually aimed at a "particular source of sound—which is now being used experimentally.

Developed in Germany the microphone is light and portable and is expected to be very useful of floors. Sounds can be pinpointed, for example, on a telephone appearing on the screen. At the by-election the "gun" was mounted on a camera so that all the operators had to do was to track the camera on a member of the audience. The microphone was fixed in the camera and by its very directional, was then automatically focused on his voice.

In the studio it would make it easy to follow, the announcer says, keeping an ear for the sound of microphones round the studio floor.

 Arresting The Drift In Membership

The State President has made a special appeal to the incoming Membership Committee to concentrate in the coming months on raising the membership drift in many sub-branches.

In the past year there had been an increase of about 1,500 new members, throughout the State but a loss of nearly as many old ones, Mr. said.

About 100 of the 221 sub-branches in the State had new members, but the rest had lagged. Between them 80 of the country sub-branches had sustained a loss of 900 members.

It had been good to see an increase of 60 members at Nundah—an old-established sub-branch; but another big metropolitan sub-branch had lost nearly as many.

The League as a whole, throughout Australia, had achieved a membership increase of per cent. for the year. The West Australian figure was well below the national average, and had worked harder for results.

MEMBERS! CUT this out and carry it with you! You are now a Membership Recruiting Officer!

POCKET

ELIGIBILITY RULES

The following Membership Eligibility Rules are an abridged version only, and where doubt arises the full National Rules should be referred to. (This will be necessary where the section is marked with an asterisk)

SUB-BRANCH OFFICERS! These Rules are printed for the full use of all members of your sub-branch so that they may assist you in Your Membership Drive. Upright them to cut them out and carry them at all times, so becoming fully conversant with them.

It is also recommended that you may be able to have them inserted in your local journal community paper or district news. By this means you will ensure that not only members of the League will see them, but also eligible person in your district.

1914-18 WAR


1939-45 WAR

R.A.N. Minimum of 28 days on sea-going ships before 15/8/45.
A.I.F., Militia, R.A.A.F., Women's Services. 6 months sea serv, prior to 15/8/45.
Darwin area Nth. of Parril. 1455 between 19/2/42 and 14/11/44.
Militia in Darwin area between 19/2/42 and 19/11/44.
R.A.A.F. Aircrew—one or more opf'flights before 15/8/45.
Dominion Ex-servicemen.*

British Ex-servicemen.

N.N. and R.A.F. on coastal duty.*

North Australia.

Eligible if served under British command, and have British o seas medals and are naturalised Australians.

Merchant Marine.

6 months serv. (not coastal).

Wounded or P.O.W. also qualifies.

Miscellaneous.*

-Photographers, Artists, A.C.F., Aust. Red Cross,
T.M.C.A., Salvation Army Welfare Off's.
-
-Naval Air Pilots, Allied Ex-servicemen, Allen Ex-Serv's.

KOREAN WAR

Aust. Serv'n in Korea 1/7/50 to 27/6/53.
R.A.A.F. opf'flights to Korea.
-NO Merchant Seamen.
-NO Allied Ex-serv'n.

MALAYA

R.A.A.F. (not permanent) on opf'flights in Malaya.

NOTICE: In all cases, official evidence of service must be produced to S/Branch Secretaries.

In many cases War Medals or R.A.S. Badge must be produced (or evidence of eligibility for future treatment) by members of the League.

Decision of the League is final.

D. G. HENWOOD,
Chairman, Membership Committee.
Civil Defence Today

BIOLOGICAL WARFARE (Part II)

Biological agents may be disseminated on a large scale by an air attack using air-burst bombs, or on a smaller scale through an animal or plant disease process for political objectives by saboteurs.

Air-burst Bombs. An attack with B.W. agents on an urban population as a whole, is likely to be made by dropping air-burst bombs over the selected area.

Primary clouds of air-borne micro-organisms will be formed by a gentle drift downwind, gradually becoming dispersed and decayed by the New Zealand's pockets in sheltered corners in the same way as a gas cloud.

Sabotage. Attempts might be made to infect water supplies, sewage, fomites, or to attack growing crops or domestic animals.

The greatest danger would appear to be the infection of water supplies, since once dissemination of disease would be wider by this method than by others suggested.

This, however, more does not mean that people would at first sight appear. Wherever people live close together, there is always the danger that drinking water will be infected by sewage and water supplies, and consequently stringent precautions are continually observed by water supply authorities to guard against the possibility of bacterial infection.

The method of filtration and chlorination through which the water passes before it enters the mains, reduce the risk of infection from sources of negligible proportions. Moreover, samples of the water are usually taken daily and the bacteria present are identified and counted.

Foodstuffs are similarly guarded by public health personnel. It is possible that they could be infected on a very limited scale by sabotage. The same principle would operate among growing crops by air-burst.

Except perhaps as a long-term project, however, a substantial cloud of biological agents of infective strength from an air-burst bomb would be extremely difficult to disperse and carry any real threat.

In the same way, infection could be spread among domestic animals or livestock and poultry, but there is no evidence as to how successful such attempts might be.

Potentialities

It is useful to compare biological warfare (B.W.) with conventional warfare — which of all weapons it most resembles. Biological warfare may be considered similar to chemical warfare in that:

(a) They are both forms of attack on the real estate and property and machines but only affect the use that is made of them.

(b) Insofar as its movement, progressive dilution and decay in the atmosphere and the earth's surface are concerned, a cloud of micro-organisms is much like a cloud of gas.

(c) There may also be, in each case, a moral effect depending on conditions at the time, which may affect the output of non-affected workers.

(d) Insofar as the impact on the recipients is concerned, a cloud of biological agents is as efficient as a cloud of gas.

(e) The main difference is that bacterial and viral agents are much more dangerous and require very much more protection than chemical agents.

(f) While any surface may become contaminated, this is particularly dangerous as regards foods and drink.

(g) If persistent, B.W. attacks would also produce contamination which may remain for a considerable time.

Biological-warfare agents differ from chemical-warfare agents in condition and presence of difficulty to deal with, because:

(a) They cannot be detected by the senses, and at the same time their presence or absence is not revealed by the use of chemical detectors.

(b) The process of establishing the presence of B.W. agents and of identifying them is long and difficult, and may take several days.

(c) Since the presence of B.W. agents is not established quickly, and since they are liable to move to a limited degree as secondary clouds after the primary cloud has passed, it is very difficult to define infected areas.

(d) The decontamination of B.W. agents is laborious and uncertain. For persistent agents the time, accompanied by light and free access of air, is probably permanent.

(e) The incubation period, with consequent delay in the appearance of symptoms, tends to increase the risk of spread of infection by secondary clouds of certain types of agents.

Defence

Detection and identification of biological warfare agents is extremely difficult. When dispersed, they cannot be perceived by the senses. Since they are not detected, they cannot be used, smelled, or tasted and they do not respond to chemical indicators or detectors of any kind.

To establish that a B.W. agent is present in or on a sample of air, water or any other substance, requires the services of a trained bacteriologist, and may take several days.

Personal Protection: This is similar to protection against biological warfare agents and calls for the following measures:

(a) Use the respirator — the primary means of protection against infection — and ensure that it is properly fitted.

(b) It is thus essential that the respirator should be kept in good condition and that its filters are adjusted to ensure that there is not the slightest trace of a leak.

(c) Clothing — those who may in course of their duty come in contact with biological warfare agents to infection should see that they are covered as far as possible by light and flimsy outer garments, such as those of the smuggled, and that the heads, necks, and hands are protected.

Out-of-doors precautions: Once it has been established that the enemy is using biological warfare agents, it is likely to be used to B.W. those who remain open and those who are out-of-doors when an attack is imminent, should take every precaution to protect themselves.

The coat collar should be turned upwards to enclose the neck, and the hat should be turned down. In lieu of a hat, a handkerchief or scarf tied around the neck would serve to protect the hair from dust and debris.

Anyone suspected of having been exposed to contamination should, on arrival at home, discard boots, shoes, or any other clothing before leaving the building, and when inside the clothes should be put to water and subsequently washed. If possible, wash the entire body, rubbing particular attention to the hair and hands.

If contaminated clothing has been dealt with

Marylands Hall Opening Soon

The Marylands sub-branch (S.S. and C. O. Co turtle) reports that work on the new R.S.L. Memorial Hall will be completed and that the official opening will be held on Saturday, 15th November. The State President is to perform the ceremony at 3 p.m. and will hold a social evening for sub-branch members and their wives at 8 p.m.

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League Recipient In Goodwill Gesture

The State branch of the League is the proud possessor of a large American flag, presented to it by the United States Consul in Western Australia (Mr. S. Backe).

The presentation was made in the Anzac House boardroom at the State Executive meeting on August 27. Mr. Backe was welcomed by the Acting State President (Dr. R. I. Greenham) who introduced him to members.

Explaining the origin of his national flag Mr. Backe said it was first flown at Prospect Hill on New Year's Day, 1776, when the rebels (Americans) were besieging a British garrison in Boston—then a small town.

The flag then had 13 stripes and also a Union Jack in the upper left-hand corner.

It was not known who had produced that flag, but one Betty Ross had received credit for its immediate successor. She had claimed that George Washington, George Ross and one or two others had come to her with a rough draft and asked her to make a flag. But there had been no official action on it. That flag had had 13 stripes, and 13 white stars (one for each of the original States of the Union) on a blue field, but no Union Jack.

It was not until some time later that the new flag was officially adopted by Congress.

When the States of Vermont and Kentucky entered the Union two more stars and two more stripes had been added, but after that each new State was represented only by an additional white star on the blue field, and the stripes were reduced in number to the original 13.

In 14 months' time there would be an additional star (the 49th) to represent Alaska.

Presenting the flag Mr. Backe said that as it was a very large one and might not match the League's existing flags in size, he would try to procure a smaller one if that were desired.

Proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Backe the oldest sitting member of the executive, Mr. E. G. Pechey, said the League was proud to receive the flag from one of the most democratic countries in the world.

It had been very reassuring to have the support of America during the war. The unity of the English-speaking peoples must be maintained.

Old League stalwart's death

The death of Mr. V. J. O'Grady at the Kalgoorlie General Hospital on August 9 was a severe blow to the Boulder sub-branch, of which he had been secretary for 25 years without a break.

Vic O'Grady arrived on the field in World War I. He became secretary of the Boulder sub-branch in 1924 when the membership figure stood at about 60. Today it is about 900.

Mr. O'Grady was a member of the R.S.L. and also of the Boulder Ex-servicemen's Club, and was this year awarded the M.B.E. He had been ill for some time before his death. He is survived by a widow and five children (four daughters and a son), all of whom are married.

Ex-R.A.S.C. Dinner

The annual reunion of the Western Australian R.A.S.C. is to be held at the Wentworth Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, November 7 at 7.30 p.m.

To assist with the catering arrangements those intending to be present are asked to notify Mr. W. B. Kyle of 10 Gladstone-street, South Perth.

Anzac club notes

Have you been along to the club lately? If you have not why not make a point of dropping in and meeting several of our members? There are plenty of them there.

Also why not bring along that mate of yours even if he is a non-member. Remember, you can always bring a friend to the club.

There may be better-appointed clubs in the metropolitan area but there are none as exclusive as the Anzac Club. All members have the same qualifications—they must have served.

Excellent appointments

There is everything about the Anzac Club that will intrigue you. You will find a degree of good fellowship that is not often found elsewhere.

All club members are equal no matter what position a member happened to hold in the League or in business.

There are also abundant amenities including billiards, tennis, bowls and all card games. You can also sit around an open fire and relax.

Only the best brands of spirits, wines and ales are sold at the club. This also applies to tobacco. And you can have bacon. You purchase your requirements somewhere else—Anzac will get them from the club.

The bigger the club the greater the benefits to the League.

If you are a visitor from the country, or from another State, make yourself known to the club manager and explain your position. He will give you a friendly service and guide you to where you will not find elsewhere.

Make this a record year for the club. And make your visit so that we will meet you at the Club.

Visitors

Among visitors for the month were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank John (Cardiff sub-branch) Mr. R. B. O. Pragge (Cardiff sub-branch) Colle.

Billiards and snooker

Following a succession of disappointing defeats at the beginning of the season the club found itself in a difficult position. Selection was largely controlled by circumstance to Alan Walsme, Harry Folkard, Lind, Frank Wood and Frank Johnson. Almost without exception all were "battled" against loss of form throughout the season, and each is to be congratulated for his tenacity during a disappointing period.

League ball

The State Executive is to arrange a "rebate" on the league ball for charitable purposes next year.

The ball had been suggested by the secretary of Perth sub-branch that a ball be held later than October to suit the weather. It was felt that with the organising of its film premiere for the week, the Anzac Club might become a member of the Anzac Club.

The club was a small one, but surely not with so much success. It would be practical to stage a match at that time.
A.R.M.S. COMPETITION
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Challenge To Name Of Sub-branch Fails

The Murray sub-branch will retain its name; a move to have it changed to Pinjarra was defeated by one vote when put to the monthly meeting on August 31.

Fifty per cent of Murray's members were present to vote on this important question.

Murray is one of the oldest sub-branches in the State, having been formed at Pinjarra early in 1919 with Sir Ross Mc laughlary as its first secretary.

The sub-branch took its name from the surrounding district.

In the early days there was only one sub-branch in the district. Today there are five—Murray (used to have headquarters at Pinjarra), Coonalup, Dwellingup, Mandurah and North Dandalup-Keysbrook.

During the period following World War I, when they were retained—Ask Willie.

Lyrical Pension Claim

The League's Pensions Officer, Mr. Harold Hall, receives many letters referring to pension matters—some complimentary, others not so complimentary.

The letter quoted below is somewhat unusual in more than one respect.

Mr. Arrild All,
The Pension Chappie,
Anzac House, Perth.

Dear Mr. All,

Re: A Pension

I want a pension—I can't help it; It's only lately that I've felt it. I've now developed itchy toes; I also note a rusty note.

A T.P.I. one will suit me. For I'm not greedy you can see. If I'm granted one much less.

I know you are the pension chappy, So do your best to make me happy. The butcher, baker, miller, too. Do you have a good feeling.

I know you are the pension chappy, So do your best to make me happy. The butcher, baker, miller, too. Do you have a good feeling.

Now, just you get a wrangle on, And don't blow off your "blooming scowl." I'm an unfinancial man, you see. So you've got to do your best for me.

Don't drop your lip and start to frown, Don't let yourself just "go to town." Don't start to act like some sporty kid, Or I'll send along a barking bid.

In case my name you might forget, Will you please note, it's—

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Subiaco Is Improving
—Except In Sport

After a somnolent six
months the Subiaco sub-
branch is stirring unrestfully
in its sleep. Attendances at
meetings, boost brilliant, at
least show an improvement.
Membership is at the stage
of being popularly reported
as "buoyant" and an A.R.M.S.
contest has been won, the
unfortunes of being Subiaco
Park sub-branch:
Subiaco evinced a
will (by one point) in shooting.
Andy Dunsire achieved the
impossible by scoring 11, and
George Wilson just missed
the possible when the tar-
got jumped aside as he fired
the last shot. The score was
6 to 5.

On a wave of enthusiasm
the old Sergeant-Major, at
the Subiaco branch on june 11
for a sub-branch sports competition, and George
was the gentleman to be on hand
and donated a prize for each
sport in the competition.

Subiaco Director, Mr. V. J. Coffey, Burgess, who with Bob Pat-
terson visits Subiaco Diggers
each of them, says that Jack Quinlan is in key
members that Bob Grifffiths has a broken combine
as a result of being struck
by a car.

The sub-branch now
has three members who are vic-
tims of Australian accident at "Coffey's Corner", and some members
would like to suggest to the au-
torities that if they cannot
spare traffic lights they may
be able to establish a casu-
ality clearing station in the
vicinity.

Land Committee
Procedure

Country members of the
Land Committee are to re-
ceive notice of all meetings
of the committee and to
attending them as can.
The chairman may at
any time request the attend-
ance of all or any of them.
A ruling to this effect was
given by the State President
at the executive meeting on
August 13 in reply to a re-
quest for guidance on the
question from the commit-
tee chairman (Mr. J. A.
Milne).

By a decision of Congress
in july the country represent-
atives on the committee
are the four Regional Vice-
Presidents. They are: Mr.
Messrs. Hardisty (War-
coon), Kelly (Quindalup),
Hedlund (Gingin) and Pope
(Wyndham).

Committee Liaison:
The State President dropped a
hint recently that interest meetings held former-
ly for the chairmen of the State Executive committee
may be revived before long

The A.R.M.S. victory contest have not been
repeated. Apparently mem-
bers cannot shoot straight, throw straight, hit straight or deal from the bottom
of the pack. Anyway an en-
joyable couple of evenings
were spent with good sports
from Claremont and Ned-
lands and Subiaco does not
mind losing to gentlemen.

One thing, however, could
be said—versus Nedlands
and Subiaco was so abundant
so as to leave a surplus after
everybody had been in dur-
ing the usual post-beer back-scratching.

The general meeting on
August 27 was a quiet af-
fair more distinguished by
the public atmosphere af-
ter the meeting than for any
fireworks dur-
ning the transaction of busi-
ness.

The "Dunkirk"—circular
and evokes a wide debate and in
spite of the secretary's plea
of poverty, the meeting re-
ceived no show to apply to
be in this.

The secretary got his own
back by a resolution design-
instructed to stop the firing of con-
sequence. By the secretary's plea
be popped off at 10 or even
10.15 p.m. and as the meet-
ing probably felt it had no
matter, anyway, the ayes
and noes.

During the evening mem-
bers stood in silence to the
memory of their late fel-
low-comrade, Mr. H. M.
Burns.

Civil Defence Planning
In This State

The Deputy-Director of
Civil Defence in Western
Australia (Mr. Lonnie)
had a hight night last month
with the New South Wales
director (Major-Gen.
Smyth). They discussed Civil
Defence generally and the
progress being made in both
States.

Mr. Lonnie said the West
Australian Government
would start Civil Defence
schools towards the end of
September. All public
served attending the schools
would be given a week's
leave on full pay.

Colonel Lonnie also said
the St. John Ambulance
Brigade, in the Civil De-
defence organisation would
start casualty collection and
sent a note on October
11. It was hoped that about
2,000 students would at-
tend the course.

What a Record!

Mr. A. E. Prentice, of Wal-
rara (New Zealand) has
made the evening of a con-
tinuous service as a R.A.S.A.
secretary.

What a splendid record of
service to the firemen in
this State of the late Mr. V. J.
O'Grady. He was secretary
of the Boulder sub-branch
for 34 years, and Miss Mary
Ward, who was secretary
of the Anzac Day Transport
Committee for 15 years (reports elsewhere in
this issue).

Hills Sub-branch Has
Publicity In Mind

At its july meeting the Glen Forrest sub-branch
appointed a publicity officer with the idea of hav-
ing its activities publicised in this journal.

The new officer is Mr. A.
Field.

Two talks—illustrated
with coloured slides—by
Mr. V. S. Tucker, on his trip
around Australia, raised
nearly £1, which the sub-
branch proposes to donate
Leyden and Fayerweather
House.

Present at the meeting
were the president (Mr.
Alan Miller), the secretary
(Mr. A. Weston), and
Messrs. J. Wright, Williams,
Wells, R. R. McKee, J.
Wells, L. Watts, D. Howie
and B. F. Ross.

A welcome to attend the
forthcoming night is ex-
ercising all those with the
interests of the League at
heart.

The sub-branch will do its
best to make the evening
an enjoyable one.

There By Right: When Mr.
Frank, of Gingin, took
his seat at the State Ex-
ecutive meeting on August
13 it was his capacity of
Regions Vice-President, a
country member he has
attended other meetings,
but only by courtesy.
Notes Of Unit Associations

16th Battalion Meeting

At the August committee meeting of the 16th Battalion Association, particular attention was paid to the necessity for members intending to be present at this year's Anzac Day service to see the District secretary (Mr. W. Newick). So, fellow members, please reply early.

The reunion will be held at the Railway Institute on Friday, October 3. A visit to Faversham by the women's auxiliary was arranged for Sunday, September 14.

No official letter has yet been received from Adelaide about the proposed visit for Anzac Day next year. Unofficial letters from South Australia intimated that the visit is expected.

However, the secretary is too busy to write and get a quick reply if possible.


If any member or relative of a deceased member has a Battalion History Book he does not need, the association would be very pleased to have it. A request from an American source has been written and asked for a copy.

Old members particularly will be sorry to hear of the recent death of Mr. C. Terry, (nee) Hatcher. A great deal of the 16th's original machine gun section, Tiny served with great distinction on Gallipoli.

The association extends its warmest sympathy to Mr. Hatcher's relatives.

44th Battalion

Arrangements are well in hand for this year's annual Anzac Day Dance and 'Eggs and 'Coo'...to be held at 8 p.m. on September 29 (Show Tuesday, September 28) in the Anzac House ballroom.

Again your secretary asks you to reply to the circular letter so as to give the committee an idea of the number attending, and to allow them to cater accordingly. A special note to all old members of the battalion...Major A. Beckett, D.S.O., is over here from the Eastern States and we are hoping he will still be here for the reunion.

The major is staying at the Albury Hotel and will be pleased to meet any old members of the battalion and also any other friends of other units.

We all look forward to seeing him on our big night—September 29.

28th Battalion

The main business dealt with by the committee at the monthly meeting at Anzac House on August 12 concerned the arrangements for the annual reunion.

The reunion will take place at the Lord-street Drill Hall on Show night (October 1). All members of the battalion, or any who intend to be present are requested to get in touch with the box secretary or Mick Foster, so that catering arrangements can be made.

We are looking forward to a great night on this occasion, and the old "Ringnecks" in full strength.

Members of the 28th are now held at Anzac House on the second Tuesday of each month, and any of the old boys who care to attend these functions would be gladly welcomed.

11th and 2/11th Battalions

This year's annual reunion is to be held on the night of September 30 (Show Tuesday) in the Anzac House ballroom.

The committee of the association urges all former members of either battalion, as well as town and country members of the association, to attend. "Come along you chaps, and renew old service friendships."

Those who attended the social in the Anzac House supper room on August 22, 1929, will have an idea of the function which was for everyone to get to know each other, and there was a real friendly gathering.

Dancing was enjoyed by all.

Community singing was followed by a film show. Some old-time films introduced a note of mirth with the children present. Shots of the association church parade and the Anzac Day march created great interest.

After an excellent supper all joined in the Medley, and a happy evening was spoiled by the close-by the singing of the National Anzac song.

Mt. Hawthorn Elections

At a special meeting of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch on August 21 Mr. Basil Beton was elected president and Mr. Fred Jewitt junior vice-president.

Sub-branch congratulations to both! Mr. Beton was elevated from the position of senior vice-president. At present there is a great deal of activity behind the running of the sub-branch stall at the Royal Show, and it is hoped that members who are unable to help in an active capacity will still give the stall their patronage.

The sub-branch reports with regret the passing of two old stalwarts in Bill Andrews—Mr. for whom it was a pleasure to work as sub-branch hospital visitor—and Wally Croxford. It conveys its sincere condolences to the families concerned.

The sub-branch has just purchased a new set of brass bowls which is already proving a great attraction, and its popularity—no doubt surpass the old parLOUR bowls in future championships.

In the Riley Shield contest the sub-branch has played seven games to date. Despite a lot of anxious moments it has so far managed to remain unbeaten. As yet the sub-branch is still not satisfied, so it is hoped players will make themselves up and give him his fingernails.

The last encounter was with Collette on September 3. It convened in its usual City of Perth on the Monash Club on September 23.

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Field Interests

60 Years Ago

An interesting sidelight on Eastern Goldfields Interests 60 years ago is offered by these items from the June 18, 1899, issue of the "Kalgoorlie Miner".

- The Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie councils yesterday proposed the appointment of a sub-committee to report on the possibility of a railway line being run between these two centres, and the Councils requested the government to consider the matter.
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Gallipoli Vets Aid

Former Enemy

The bond of affection and friendship that has existed between former enemies since the dark days of the Gallipoli campaign are shown to be strengthened further.

Because of the high regard in which New Zealand Gallipoli veterans hold their former enemy as soldiers they have decided to help "Johnny Turk" complete a monument to "the brave Mehmetcik" on the tip of Gallipoli Peninsula.

Wellingrot veterans who attended a function after this year's Anzac parade decided: "(We) take the last pound to raise funds to assist with the completion of the memorial, which has been suffering owing to lack of funds."

The sum of £26 was collected in a few minutes, and this was brought up to £20 from the Gallipoli Veterans' fund. Contributions ranged from silver up to 50 notes.

"The aim is to extend the appeal for contributions to other branches in New Zealand and also to Australia," said the president of the association (Mr. J. J. Mel- drum).

"Turkey today is the only bastion between Commonwealth countries and Commuchism. If we can strengthen our link with the bastion we are contributing to stronger international relations," said Mr. Mel- drum. When the suggestion to help with the completion of the memorial was put to the members of the association attending the function, it was received with great enthusiasm. "Members were unanimous in their acceptance of Johnny Turk as a good and fair fighter," he said.

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Already £200 has been raised, of which £100 was donated by Mr. E. J. Reilly of the Civic Hotel. The Self-denial Appeal by members of the sub-branch of 2½ weeks has raised over the last 12 weeks but a great deal more is needed. IF YOU are prepared to help financially—or in any other way—please contact the secretary (Mr. E. Pennington) at 258 Sixth Avenue, Inglewood.
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Rockingham Project
Rentals Fixed

Ground rentals for blocks in the Rockingham Project have been fixed by the State Executive at £30 a year, and sub-branches renting blocks are to pay the electricity charges including the cost of installing light-meters.

This was decided at the meeting on August 27 after the committee chairman (Mr. G. H. Gordon) had reported that the State authorities were insisting that the size of the blocks be 50 ft. x 60 ft. He said the committee had intended to propose a rental of £20 a year based on a block size of 40 ft. x 30 ft., which it had understood would be acceptable to the authorities.

The larger blocks would mean that there would be fewer of them, so that a larger rental was inevitable if the Leagues were to retain control of its properties on the intended basis.

The report to the League of the project to date was closed at £2,000. The League would develop the five cottage sites comprised five acres. There was no move to develop the abution facilities for the Aboriginees and the League’s lease but it was across the road and furthering.

Over 300 At Sub-branch Ball

Over 300 people braved inclement weather to attend the Roset Brook-Rosa Glen sub-branch’s annual ball at Margaret River this year.

The hall was gaily decked with streamers and bunting, and the stage flower-bedded.

As usual the standard of entertainment of the floor show was very high, and included the ever-popular Neil Shortland Jones who can always be relied upon to delight with her singing.

The popular local artist, Josie Stewart, was quite at home among the “professors.”

Keith Connolly, a newcomer to the town, also made a good impression with his humour.

A highlight of the entertainment was the magic of Lex van der Berghen, who had the audience completely baffled by his skill.

An excellent supper helped to make the ball a success, and most of the music was provided by the Frank Wakes band. Mr. Skinner was M.C.

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