SPECIAL ANZAC DAY ISSUE

"We shall Remember while the light is yet, And in the night time we will not forget."

LEST WE FORGET

As we remember, with deep gratitude those who suffered pain and gave their lives for us; let us resolve to do all in our power to preserve the freedom we hold today.
ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE

On Monday April 25—45 years to the day since the epic landing on Gallipoli of the Anzacs—Australians and New Zealanders, wherever they may be, will gather to pay homage to their fellow-countrymen who made the supreme sacrifice.

The State branch of the League invites all ex-servicemen and women to participate in the Perth observances, arrangements for which are as follows:

**Dawn Service**

The parade for the Dawn Service will assemble at the Queen Victoria Monument in King's Park at 4.30 a.m. The column will be led to the State War Memorial by the Band of drummers, and followed by wreath-bearers.

The words of the National Anthem will be sung when the column is halted at the memorial.

**Picture Wreaths**

Wreaths may be laid on behalf of unit associations and other service organisations at the conclusion of the official wreath-laying.

The sounding of The Last Post during which the flags will be broken, lower half-mast will be followed by the Silence, Gunfire and Drumfire (during which the flags will be raised), to mast-power.

Private wreaths may then be laid.

Official wreaths may be placed at nightfall at the Park Lodge provided they are picked up in good time for the parade.

Those attending the Dawn Service are asked to refrain from taking photographs, and to observe strict silence.

**City Parade**

For the parade through the city to the Esplanade unit associations will be allotted assembly points at St. George's terrace and Cathedral Avenue. The route of the march to the Esplanade will be by way of St. George's terrace and William street.

The parade timetable is as follows:

- Markers: 9.45 a.m.
- Fall-in: 10 a.m.
- Move-off: 10.15 a.m.
- Advance: 11 a.m.
- March: 11.30 a.m.
- Arrival at Esplanade: 11.45 a.m.
- Assembly at Esplanade: 12 noon.

**Sub-branch services**

Mundaring: Memorial Service 3.30 p.m. Fall-in High Street 3.20 p.m. Veterans and C.A.A. for Coffee. Service to be concluded by Rev. F. Molynux.

Darlington: Memorial Service 10.30 a.m. March to hall for ex-servicemen. Ceremony to be conducted by Rev. T. Goodwin.

Mundaring: Fall-in railway station 2.30 p.m. March to hall for refreshments in town hall. Mt. Helena to combine.

**New Sub-branch Formed**

The Metropolitan Transport Group has formed a new Sub-branch, formed recently, now has 21 members and a very keen committee of management.

This was reported at the last meeting of the State Executive and Membership Committee chairman E. C. Townsend.

Mr. Townsend said that every effort would be made to re-form the Ravensthorpe, Laverton, Morawa and Salmon Gums Sub-branches.

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IN A SPECIAL Anzac message our State President, Bill Lonnie, says: "In all the discussion on the observance of Anzac Day one fundamental fact appears to be generally overlooked—perhaps it is not even generally known—that the observance of Anzac Day started quite spontaneously among soldiers as a soldier-movement of recognition and remembrance.

THE FIRST Anzac Day commemoration ceremony was a march by troops in Egypt to the old Cairo Cemetery in 1916.

THE PARADE, the march and the solemn brief, commemoration services, voluntarily initiated by those still "On Service," were in their purpose and effect a demonstration of public witness to the memory of mates for whom "The Last Post" has sounded and who, sleeping peacefully, await the last "Reveille."

NO MAN willingly missed this ceremony in that and the subsequent war years.

FROM THIS initial observance solely by those engaged in active service, Anzac Day did not acquire the full national and popular significance which it now has until some years after the end of World War I.

IT WAS because of the earnestness of those who had safely returned, because of their strong desire to continue the observance of Anzac Day and their determination to participate personally in the commemoration ceremonies, that Governments were successfully prevailed upon by the R.S.I. to pass the necessary legislation, and that empolyer and public co-operation was obtained to permit and facilitate the attendance at these ceremonies of every ex-serviceman possible.

ALTHOUGH the manner of the observance of Anzac Day has become controversial it must be borne in mind that this controversy hinges only on the manner of public observance of the day. The actual Commemoration of Anzac Day has never been and is not now in question.

THE FUNDAMENTAL purpose of the commemoration ceremonies held on Anzac Day must therefore never be forgotten.

LETS US then remember that, as ex-servicemen, whether from World War I, World War II or the Korean or Malayan campaigns, Anzac Day is our day, arranged by us and set apart by the nation for our purpose, so that we might fittingly, and in accordance with tradition and sentiment, publicly observe the ceremonies of remembrance and pay a silent tribute to those with whom we served—our mates.

NO EX-MEMBER of the forces should fail to take his, or her, place on parade this day. To do so is to break faith with memories we are sworn to uphold.

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Honour Roll With 104,000 Names

Work is expected to begin shortly on the casting and installation of the 1914-18 Honour Roll at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

In announcing this recent ly the Minister for the Interior (Mr. Freeth) said that the naming of Australians who fell during World War I would be erected on the western wall alongside the Pool of Remembrance.

In addition, the names of those Australians who gave their lives during the Sudan, the Boxer Rebellion and South African War will also be erected on panels along this wall.

Mr. Freeth said that the letting of the contract marked the realisation of a project which had been envisaged for some considerable time.

The lists would contain names only. No ranks or decorations would be given, but the names would be listed under the units with which the men served.

Mr. Freeth said this was in accordance with the principle: "Equality of sacrifice, equality of treatment."

When the present project was completed work would then commence on erecting the names of Australians who fell in World War II and the Korean and Malayan battles.

The panels carrying those names would be erected opposite, on the eastern wall.

In all a total of more than 104,000 names would be erected.

The first project was expected to be completed about two years after the date of commencement.

The National Capital Development Commission authorised the acceptance of the tender, which has been let to Arrow Engravings Pty. Ltd. for £52,000.
Sub-branch Anzac Day Services
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Bassendean: Anzac Eve 24-hour vigil by Boy Scouts, 5.30 a.m. Main parade 2.40 p.m. R.S.L. hall, service in town hall to be followed by ceremony at War Memorial. Transport for disabled. Services: March from R.S.L. hall to Memorial Service 11 a.m.

Maddington: Will combine with South Perth at 7.30 a.m.

York: Assemble R.S.L. hall and march to War Memorial 3 p.m. then to cemetery to lay wreaths. Teas will be served by women's auxiliary.

Pemberton: Dawn service, Memorial Hall, service Pemberton Mill hall 4 p.m.

Yarloop: March and lay wreaths in park 10 a.m. Service 11 a.m.

Yandamooka: Local hall, service Mentopen 3 p.m.

Kelmscott: War Memorial 10 a.m.

Darkan: R.S.L. Hall 3 p.m. preceded by march.

Mundijong: No Services. Wreath-laying ceremonies at three local memorials.

Mandurah: War Memorial 2.30 p.m., service conducted by chairman of Road Board, Address by Hon. Lord Meckering, War Memorial, 11 a.m.—Rev. C. Hales, Method Church, Poole.

Kojonup: Memorial Hall 3 p.m. March will be lead by Albany Municipal Band, Address by Brig. Arnold Potts.

Maylands: Fallen railway station 2.45 p.m.; wreath-laying 3 p.m.; service 3.15 p.m.

Gwalia-Leonora: Parade 10.45 a.m. Service by Rev. Lord Meary.

Mandurah: Dawn service. Adjacent sub-branches will be addressed by Sir Ross Mc Larty.


Bineen: War Memorial 11 a.m.

Kenwick: Assemble 2:45. service 3 p.m. Adjacent sub-branches invited.

Morawa: Fall-In 10.45 a.m., service Morawa Town Hall 3 p.m. Address by Hon. L. Logan M.L.C.

Mukinbudin: Parade and service 11 a.m.

Coomeragup-Wadj Forest: Service commences 11 a.m. Address by Dr. J. McAlear. Wouncil Mill Service. Then 3.30 p.m. at Road Board Hall. Address by Mr. C. Mattox, Wreath-laying, cenotaph.

Boonanup: Memorial Park 11 a.m. Address by Rev. J. Green.

Bindi Bindi: Fall-In 10.30, service 1.30 p.m. followed by wreath-laying.

Geraldton: Dawn Service, Gunfire Breakfast to follow. Public service commences 11 a.m. Birdwood House. Notice: Service at 10.45 a.m., service War Memorial 11 a.m. (will be conducted by Rev. Douglas.) Refreshments after service.

Wagin: Fall-In Tudor-street 11 a.m. Service 10.30 a.m. at War Memorial.

Rosa Brook-Ross Glen: Combined withMargare River.

Murray: Fall-In 10 a.m. Pinjarra R.S.L. Hall, parade 10.30 a.m. Memorial Park (weather permitting—alternatively Institute Hall). Service 11 a.m. Perth City Band in attendance.

Special Telecast

There will be a special Anzac Day telecast from Station TVW7 Perth from 9 to 10 p.m. on April 25.

The Australia-wide programme has been sponsored by the Shell Company of Australia Ltd, as a special tribute to Australian men and women in both world wars.

Brett Porter, of ATTN Sydney, producer and director of the Anzac story, describes it as the "drama of ordinary men who performed extraordinary acts under fire."

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New Name For Imperial War Graves Commission

In May 1917 there was established an organisation whose work has won the approval of hundreds of thousands of men and women in all walks of life throughout the British world. This was the Imperial War Graves Commission.

There is no need to remind readers of the outstanding work that has been done by the commission, nor to lay emphasis on the name it has achieved in the graves of more than 1,600,000 men and women of British countries as a result of two world wars.

It is well known that every man and woman who died in the service of the nation has a Commonwealth name; that the war cemeteries throughout the world have become part of the story of the nation, and are being maintained as—true Gardens of Remembrance.

Since the commission was first established the political structure of what was then the Empire has changed. Today it is a partnership of nations, each free and independent, but bound together by a common loyalty to the Queen, which has been termed as Queen or Head of the Commonwealth.

Many of the former colonies have attained independence. Some have become republics without any direct access with the former colonial state. All, however, have chosen to remain as part of the Commonwealth of Nations. It is for this reason that a name appropriate and as close as possible to that of the commission is required for the Commonwealth of Nations.

The name chosen is the Imperial War Graves Commission which has been unanimously agreed to petition Her Majesty the Queen for the name of the commission to one more in keeping with the stance taken on the day conditions.

New Idea At Rocky Gully

Members of the Rocky Gully branch have adopted an entirely new idea for an Honour Roll.

Our busy secretary could hardly find time to win the 100yd. (or thereabouts) dash, and his wife completed the double by taking the ladies sprint—both very fast away from the barrier. Together an effort was made to ensure that there were not more members and families entering the competition but only the most deserving.

The men’s sports team in the Big Four competition continued to lead and now leads in the competition.

We are endeavouring to get some of the meetings, and as from the next meeting, after the balmy spring social activities, will take place. There are still plenty of Osborne Park Diggers not seen often at meetings, so be in it at the next meeting—Monday, March 30, and thence forthnightly.

Word From Osborne Park

Our good friend Jack Hayden did not stand for re-election as secretary, and from the good reports of the auditors he is a "cert" for years to come.

Renovations to the hall costing about £400 have been effected and the boys are now busy bees on the painting of the interior.

A successful picnic was held at Araluen on Sunday, March 13, in the Y.A.L. camp, with plenty of ice cream, ginger beer, etc., on hand for young and old.

Minister Thanks Mr. Lonnie

During his visit to Canberra in March for the National Executive meeting the State President attended the Citizenship Convention. He has since received a letter from the Minister for Immigration in the following terms:

Dear Mr. Lonnie,—I should like you to know how grateful I am for the facts you have played at the recent Citizenship Convention. It is by nature, the Citizenship Convention provides for its success by understanding the operation of delegates.

On this occasion, as in the past, it was made clear that each of the organisations represented is fully appreciative of the great importance of immigration to every section of the community.

Without this awareness, the spectacular results achieved in recent years would have been impossible. It is most encouraging to me, as it is to the officers and members, to be able to look forward to your continued interest and support.

Yours sincerely,
A. R. DOWNER,
Minister for Immigration.

Money-shortage Bars Help For Settlers

Under present financial circumstances it will not be possible for the State Government to provide pecuniary assistance to ex-service land settlers outside the scope of the War Service Land Settlement scheme.

State headquarters of the R.S.L. has been informed that this is a matter of grave concern, and that financial restrictions are such that the League could not in the foreseeable future, grant financial assistance.

The League of Citizenshij Convention has been attended by representatives from all of the sub-branches in the State, and this council has decided to provide financial assistance to ex-service land settlers in the State, in the manner of the W.S.L. Settlement scheme.

In his letter to the League the Minister for Lands regretted that the financial assistance should be limited to the scope of the War Service Land Settlement scheme.
Kalgoorlie is in the news this month with a donation of £100 to cover the furnishing of a room at the War Veterans' Home. Fred Meyer tells me that their auxiliary have also raised £40. Thank you, Kalgoorlie!

Membership prospects are on the up-and-up, and encouraging reports have been received from some of the less-busy centres far apart as Frankland River and Laverton. The former was visited by the State President and Hugh Leslie on March 20, and arrangements have been made for a further visit at the end of April. The good offices of Frank Cable at Laverton look like bearing fruit in the reforming of the Laverton sub-branch.

Talking of membership, the new M.T.T. sub-branch is off to a good start with 22 members so far and no doubt this figure will be improved in due course.

Recent visitors to headquarters included Messrs. Trestall (Kalgoorlie), Murray (Bldoon), Thorp (Three Springs), Archbold (Mandurah), Cotterill (Buscan), Gray (Beverley), McCauley (Mt. Pleasant), Ashman (Murray), Jones (Dowerin) and Quinn (Mosman Park).

A big "thank you" goes to Mr. and Mrs. McEwen for going into the breach at Faversham and doing a considerable amount of hard work; when I visited York, I found them cleaning-up the cellar; a job of much importance, but well worth doing. His willing co-operation is an example of the type of work which is occasionally demanded of State Executive members.

There's likely to be an additional item on the State Executive Agenda in future. All members will be required to stand up, poke out their forefinger and say 'Ali! Reason? There's a doctor in the house—Dr. Aint. Kitna made his debut as a State Executive member on March 23 and was accorded a warm welcome.

All V.C. winners are now Honorary Life Members of the League. Kalgoorlie sub-branch was instrumental in originating the State Congress motion which was subsequently endorsed by National Congress and took effect from 1960.

A recent distinguished visitor to Perth was Mr. Mert Lee, M.C.A., S.A. State President of the Immigration Advisory Council of the R.S.L. Representative. He was taken by Bill Lumley to the Nedlands Bowling Club where a presentation, etc., was made.

I understand one trophy was handed backwards and forward so far that eventually no one knew who had won it. At the end of the day to prove it was in the hands of the Nedlands sub-branch, but it is a matter for conjecture whether they have a legitimate claim. Personally, I think it's doubtful; especially as Mick Dodd was a member of the supposedly victorious team.

And talking of Carnarvon: It was my pleasant duty to forward a cheque for £100 drawn on Relief Fund A/C to Messrs. Magnussen, secretary and sub-branch, as a practical demonstration of League sympathy in their time of trouble.

SNIPPETS from the State Sec.

The Listening Post APRIL 1960
New Pensions-payment System

Within the next two years or so war pensioners throughout mainland Australia will be brought under an entirely new system of pensions payments.

Details of the new system may be gleaned from the following correspondence between Repatriation Commission chairman J. O. Chilton and R.S.L. National Secretary K. V. Newman.

Dear Mr. Newman,—I am keeping with the latest advice concerning the payment of pensions throughout Australia and overseas. The Commission is currently engaged in the replacement of existing manual methods of payment of pensions by punched card processes.

The new punched card equipment will provide a more efficient and economical means of payment of pensions and it is expected that the new system will replace the present manual methods of payment.

The Department will shortly also be communicating with the Victorian Branch of the Commission the assistance in regard to publicity etc., for the campaign in that State.

Yours sincerely, (Sgd.) F. O. Chilton.

Dear Brigadier Chilton,—Many thanks for your letter dated 22nd March, 1960, concerning the new system of payment of pensions.

To introduce the system the Department will be conducting a small campaign in Victoria as well as individually advising pensioners, and I am sure the introduction of the new system will be welcomed widely throughout the R.S.L.

Yours faithfully, (Sgd.) K. V. Newman.

Charter For Australia’s First Legion Post

On October 23, 1959, the first American Legion post in Australia received its permanent charter from the Legion headquarters in America.

Known as the “Yanks Down Under” Post No. 1, it has been in existence since 1946 and comprises fifteen veterans of the United States armed forces resident in Australia.

Founded in 1916, the American Legion consists of veterans of World War I and II and of the Korean War. Its objects are similar to those of the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Imperial League of Australia.

The Legion is a large organisation comprising 17, 500 posts (similar in charter to R.S.L. sub-branches) and has some 2,195,000 members throughout the United States.

Like the R.S.L. the legion acts as a community affairs. A new national defence reserve forces commission, developed by the Legion to organise many hundreds of rescue units and training camps is being organised. The legion programme, developed after the war by the Department of Defence, is currently under the leadership of the Office of Civil and Defence Mobilisation.

These post units will be small, well-trained, well-disciplined light rescue teams that can make rescues from damaged structures with simple and inexpensive tools and equipment. They will act in “heavy” rescue, and will serve as auxiliaries or detachments to any emergency units, under whose guidance and authority they will operate.

The aim is to organise and train a number of squads, each comprising a squad leader, a deputy squad leader and two teams of four persons each. Latest news on the programme is that excellent progress is being made, and thus once again the men who fought so valiantly in the cause of freedom are ready to serve their people in times of national emergency.

Pen-friend In Israel

The Israeli branch of the British Legion has formed a group of club members interested in contacting ex-service men and women in Britain.

The branch consists of members in the countries including Australia. Some members wish to exchange views on Israel, and others to exchange stamps.

Letters should be addressed in the first place to the general secretary of the Legion (Mr. L. B. Pashkin). The address is “British Legion (Israel), The British Legion, Tel-Aviv Branch, P.O. Box 901, Tel Shilo, Hamelech-street, Israel.”

Honour For Papua President

Among Australians to receive awards in the New Year Honours list was the Papuan Premier, who had been made a companion of the Order of the British Empire. The W.A. State Executive was informed of the award at its last meeting by president Lombe, who said that it seemed to have been made for work done in the Territory.

New Taxation Sub-branch Passes Milestone

The Taxation sub-branch—the first sub-branch in the State to be formed within a Government department—held its first annual general meeting in the “Gloriette Room” of the Hotel Australia on Friday, March 4.

In his initial report president Stan O’Brien said that, as a result of meetings, reservations had been made for a total of 12 members, who had not under the circumstances could be better considered.

He appealed to members to make an effort at regular meetings, as the branch was in the beginning stages and had to be built up.

Three of last year’s members had been elected as sub-committee members because of resigning from the department, but 32 had been enrolled as members, and 34 had been enrolled as associate members.

Mrs. Cornwell said that the target set for each member to recruit one other had not been achieved last year, and he hoped for better results this year.

The branch’s credit balance stood at about £75, which he considered satisfactory for a small sub-branch. As well as subscriptions, funds had been raised by other means.

Poppy Day proceeds had amounted to £642 10s, which £10 15s had been remitted to head office and 41/3/3 received for a treble membership amelioration fund. A donation of £10 had been made to the widow of a member who had died during the year.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. O’Brien, who expressed the hope that the branch would continue to grow.

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Much-cherished Memorial Arrives

A date and an event which must certainly find a place in the historic records of our country and of the R.S.L. is that of Saturday, March 19, 1960, when the magnificent Australian Light Horse Memorial, wrecked by Egyptian rioters at Port Said late in 1956, arrived in the vessel "Jason" at Albany and was landed on Australian soil.

When State President Bill Lonne, who made a special trip to Albany to witness the unloading, arrived at the ship's side there was already assembled on the wharf a large gathering of members of the Albany and neighbouring sub-branches, parliamentary and civic representatives and members of the public.

Of the shipment, which comprised 216 crates of granite—being the whole of the base or plinth of the memorial, four pieces of bronze statuary made up of two horses, the figure (minus the head) of the lighthorseman and the base platform—only a few crates of stone had been unloaded.

This was sufficient to enable the State President and other ex-servicemen who were invited aboard the ship, to see the bronze figures lying pathetically on the floor of the ship's hold.

The sight of these wantonly mutilated bronze statues—those who were privileged to witness a scene which must be erased from memory.

When Bill Lonne remarked that this was the beginning of the end of a sentimental journey, the first sense of wrath kindled by the sight gave way to a feeling of thankfulness that the magnificent memorial had at last arrived to be re-erected in our own country.

A spontaneous silence fell over the onlookers (including waterside workers and British crew members) when the first horse, sculptured to perfection to portray magnificence in form and expression in the act of rearing pride, defiance and defiance, was hoisted clear of the ship's hold and swung gently in the slings.

For a few moments the ship's winches were silent, and as this figure of a superb animal hung stationary but turned slowly in the breeze—revealing the stumps of sawn-off legs, a wrenched tail, a gaping hole in the back, and one side of the head missing—the silence spread, and in that brief hush there was perceptibly no sound of clatter, clatter and clamour of a busy wharf and a ship discharging cargo.

Slowly the animal was swung across the decks, over the ship's side and lowered with infinite care into a waiting railway wagon.

With cries of "steady now... steady... steady... slowly... slowly the waterers in the wagon handled this precious cargo with carelessness equal to any ever accorded a sorely wounded battle-scarred heroic war-horse.

The impressiveness of the occasion was intensified by the fact that no ceremonial had been arranged. There was no rehearsal nor even pre-meditation on the nature of event; it was entirely spontaneous.

The State President confessed quite unashamedly to a lump in his throat, and his experience and reaction was obviously the same as that of everyone who witnessed this scene.

The silence, grim set jaws and moist eyes told plainly that it was not merely a shockingly battered bronze figure that those in the gathering saw, but all that the figure was intended to convey as it stood rearing over a fallen mate—and the memories of brave men and noble animals who did not make it back to their native land.

The memorial is to be restored and re-erected on a site to be selected on Mt. Clarence in Albany. This has been arranged by agreement between the Australian and the New Zealand Governments, which are sharing all the costs. Albany was recommended as the site for re-erection because Albany was the Port of assembly and final departure of the first convoy of Australian troops to go overseas in World War I.

By remarkable coincidence the master of the "Jason" which brought the memorial from Port Said (Captain C. Gould) was serving as an apprentice on the ship. Anchises which brought the first batch of returning Australians to Albany in World War I.

Led by Albany sub-branch committee at Frank Gomm, secretary Bob Smithson and members—including the inestimable help of the State President and visitors who were shown suggested sites for the memorial on Mt. Clarence. This was followed by a brief meeting of sub-branch members with the State President.

Noticed among those at the wharf were newly elected Katanning sub-branch president Marcus Beech, and visitors from as far afield as Cowanup and (close-up) Denmark. Mt. Barker and Kooleman.

ABOVE: World War II picture (received from Mr. J. Hampton of Katanning) of the Light Horse Memorial at Port Said. The 8 Div. Diggers in the foreground are, from left, Messrs. Toby Jones, Jim Hampton, Charlie Morrii and Jock Henderson.

BELOW: Pictured in the hold of the "Jason" at Albany are (left picture) the crates of masonry, and (at right) the body of the horse.
Remoulding Of Our Army

When Oliver Cromwell re-organised the armed forces under his command he called them the New Model Army.

Here are some details of the Australian Army remoulding announced by Army Minister Cramer in the House of Representatives recently.

There are to be two Pentropic Divisions.

Each division will comprise five Battle Groups.

Each Battle Group will consist of an infantry element with supporting arms and services. The infantry element—an integral part of the battle group—will be called an Infantry Battalion, but will bear little relationship to the battalions that have existed hitherto because it will be half as strong again in manpower and twice as strong in firepower.

Each battalion will be divided into five Companies. When two Battle Groups operate together the resulting force will be termed a Task Force.

The headquarters of one division—to be known as the First Division because it will be the first Australian Military Forces division to be formed by the incorporation of units of both the Regular Army and the Citizen Military Forces—will be in New South Wales.

Citizen Division

The other division—to be formed wholly of Citizen Military Forces volunteers—will be called the Third Division to retain the identity of the present C.M.F. Division. All Battalions in this division will be grouped into Regiments on a State basis.

These regiments will include the existing Regular Army, Royal Australian Regiment and Citizen Military Forces regiments and be known as the Queensland Regiment, the New South Wales Regiment, the Victorian Regiment, the South Australian Regiment and the West Australian Regiment.

The regiment in each State will embrace battalions from the battle groups allotted to that State.

For official identification a system of numbering the battalions will be introduced throughout the new structure of the Army. There will be, for example, the Victorian Regiment.

U.S. Ships For Perth

Perth will see three of nine warships of the United States Pacific Fleet visit Australian ports for this year's commemoration of the Battle of the Coral Sea which turned the tide of events in the Pacific theatre of World War II.

They are the Fletcher-class destroyers U.S.S. Wilson and O'Bannon and the giant fleet-oiler U.S.S. Hassayampa.

The ships will be at Fremantle from May 2 to 7. Hassayampa is one of a class of the largest fleet-oilers built for the U.S. Navy, and the O'Bannon will be remembered with affection by many wharfs—she is the guided-missile cruiser U.S.S. Canberra and the frigate U.S.S. Helena.

MINISTERS IN EUROPE

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Arthur Calwell, and the Postmaster General, Mr. doGetge, are due to arrive in London today for a Conference of Commonwealth Ministers. United Nations representatives are also attending.

AUGUST 1960

The Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, has announced that the federal government will provide $1 million for the new University of Western Australia.

SMALL-TOWN LIFE

The national Press Club today honoured Mr. Don Box, of Rockingham, Western Australia, as the recipient of the 1960 Small-Town Life Award. The award is given annually to a member of the press working in a small town.

Mr. Box, who is the editor of the Rockingham Gazette, was described by Mr. Menzies as "a champion of the man in the street and a champion of the small-town life that is sometimes overlooked in the press."

The Prime Minister called Mr. Box "a very valuable member of the Press Club and a great support to the national effort to increase the quality and quantity of our national press reports."
Beer Costs No More

At Anzac Club

Beer price increases given effect throughout the State late in March will not affect patrons of the Anzac Club for the time being.

At its March meeting the State Executive decided to retain the old prices for two months as a trial period— as from March 24.

It was reported to the executive by Club Committee member B. Keeley that since the introduction of later closing at hotels there has been a marked drop in turnover at the club.

The structural alterations now proceeding at Anzac House were also cited as a factor in the reduced turnover.

The League is incurring considerable expense modernising the club and improving its facilities.

Mr. Keeley reported that the committee had accepted the voluntary services of Mr. W. H. Ferrier, of the State Executive, as a doorkeeper on Sundays.

He had served in that capacity on seven occasions, during which time he had collected 80 overdue subscriptions and denied admittance to a number of ineligible persons.

Sub-Branch

Impresses A Visitor

The following commentary on activities of the recently-reorganised sub-branch of the Millen Club comes from a visitor at its March meeting.

“This happy gathering took place in the R.S.L. Hall at Moorabbin. That evening the entertaining activities were well organised, both men and women enjoying the various games with keenness.

The sub-branch secretary, Mrs. J. Reed, assisted the president by members I did not know. the president of the sub-branch, Mr. H. Harders, as assistant the president bv members I did not know. the president of the Millen Club.

Appreciation was expressed to retiring-president S. Power, who had served for three years. folders, giving dates of sub-branch meetings and social occasions, have been issued to all members. A new venture for the club is the inclusion of bridge and rummy. starting time is 5 p.m. every Monday.

If this venture is to survive it must be supported by the sub-branch membership and families. To date only the support of patrons of the club has been forthcoming. The club committee has decided not to proceed.

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In the district, Mr. Walker has been elected “at the last State Congress.”

Belmont Given

A Present

At its meeting on March 21 the Belmont sub-branch was presented with a framed photograph of the Queen by Mr. R. Cleaver, M.H.H.

Mr. Cleaver complimented the sub-branch on having its own hall. The building of the hall will be completed shortly.

The hall will fill a long-felt need in the district, Mr. Cleaver said.

State Executive member A. Dodd installed the sub-branch "office-bearers for the year. They are: President, Mr. H. Harders; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Olsen and S. Thornton; secretary, Mrs. Walker; assistant-secretary, Mr. S. Gould; treasurer, Mrs. H. Hames; full-secretary, Mr. H. Warburton.

Dr. Alan King

On Executive

Dr. Alan King, director of the tuberculosis control branch of the Public Health Department, was appointed to the State Executive in the place of Mr. W. V. Stilbs, who resigned recently.

Dr. King was nominated for the position at the executive meeting on March 23. On taking his seat, he accepted the position with enthusiasm.

A letter of resignation was received from Mr. R. H. Walker because of his transfer to the Manjimup district. Mr. Walker had been elected "at the last State Congress.

More Coming In

At Boulder

A bright note from Boulder Sub-branch president Mr. Walker based on the information he gained from some new members, with more in sight.

It is understood that Boulder will hold a 200 mark before long.

This year the Boulder Sub-branch will be conducted by Mr. Walker in the usual manner, and the president will make the address.

The sub-branch is functioning well—hence a happy bunch of chaps.
Anzac Club News

We are happy to be in the position to notify listeners that the Club is still proving popular. Members, both young and old, are coming along to have a look at the extensive alterations—the contractors are up to schedule and before very long the Club will have a new look.

Unfortunately the billiards and snooker players have been unable to practice, and the first round of the amateur billiards and snooker tournament will be played away from home.

The Anzac Dart Club held its annual general meeting on March 30 and the following officers were elected: NEIL MC; Secretary Mr. Alan Jennings; Committee Members Alan Jan, Dan Britten and Les Scott.

Anzac entered two teams in the Swan Brewery shield which commenced recently—and two teams in the Western Australian tournament, due to start about April 20.

League Request Would Need Policy Change

League representatives stemming from the last National Congress, and urging the Commonwealth Government to have service pensions increased to $6 irrespective of the amount paid in respect of age and invalid pensions, has brought the following reply from the Minister for Repatriation (Senator Sir Walter Cooper):

"This resolution seeks to establish a rate of service pension independent of the rate fixed for the time for age and invalid pensions payable under the Social Services Act. This would be a major change of policy which would require considerable consideration with other budget matters. Your representations will be taken into consideration when wage and service pension rates again come under review."

Better Days At Mundaring

Mundaring reports that membership now stands at 63 members and two associates, which is six up on last year already. There are more to come. The personal approach has proved a profitable method of expansion.

The promise of their own hall is raising the interest of members. The railways would have to consider costs before writing off the lease, so they would have to discuss the matter with their board.

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A re-dedication ceremony will be held on Anzac Day at 9.30 a.m. and the sub-branch executive and members would appreciate a good attendance.

Re-dedicating Avenue Of Honour

A little over three years ago the Bieton-Palmyra sub-branch accepted responsibility for the Honour Avenue at the entrance to the Point Walter reserve.

At that time the avenue was in a serious state of disorder, as the trees planted—Norfolk pines—had suffered seriously through frequent bush fires, and a number had died.

Name plaques, mounted on wooden stakes had been scattered and broken by vandals, and the stakes destroyed by fire and the ravages of time.

A number of plaques were recovered from the cleared bush undergrowth and several were found in the Point Walter caretaker's cottage. Those that could be salvaged were cleaned, painted and modified to allow for fixings to concrete blocks, which were considered fire and vandal proof.

The next stage was the clearing of undergrowth and levelling—done by a buloiler with the willing cooperation of the Melville Road Board. All dead and damaged trees were removed and new ones planted. These, after initial attention by vandals, are now well established.

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Coming Events Cast Their Shadow Before

State Executive members were reminded of the necessity of Congress at their March meeting when president Lonnie called for the speedy preparation of reports by the chairman of committees. These are required for incorporation in the annual Report of Congress. Last year, for the first time, the Annual Report was published in "The Listening Post" (June issue). For years past the Auditor's Report and Annual Accounts has been published in the journal.
Gifts To Home From Tammin And Kalgoorlie

The latest sub-branch donation for furnishing a room at the new War Veterans' Homes comes from Kalgoorlie—£100.

This is in addition to a previous donation of £60 from the Tammin sub-branch. (Apologies to Tammin for lack of earlier acknowledgment?!) To Tammin and the veterans—who will enjoy the comfort of their help—Annie House says "Thank you!"

Closing Date For Congress Items

The attention of sub-branch officers and members is drawn to the closing date for agenda items for Congress—which takes place during the week commencing July 17—and for nominations for office, which must be made in accordance with Rule 7 (c), which reads:

All nominations must be in the possession of the W.A. Branch, and shall signify their willingness to accept office. A nominee for the position of State President shall, in addition, be a member of the W.A. Branch, and shall also include details of their work and their qualifications.

Nominations may include any member of the W.A. State branch and not merely members of their own sub-branch.

It is important that sub-branches carefully discuss any proposed agenda items, to ensure that the subject matter comes within the scope of the branch activities. Particular attention should be given to constitutional items, and a clear and specific indication given as to the rules which it is desired to alter, add to or delete.

Sub-branch Claims The Youngest Member

Members of the West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park sub-branch claim that a recent recruit to their ranks is the youngest League member in the State.

He is Mr. John Keith, aged 33, from Herdman Parade, Wembley.

Mr. John joined the League after a year's service in the army, and last September, he was enrolled with the sub-branch at its first meeting in March this year.

Mr. John's address is at his newly-built home at Wembley Downs, and he is interested in everything that the League stands for.

Mr. E. O. Davies Visits The Old Country

After some 18 years on the State Executive Mr. E. O. Davies (a League trustee and Land Committee chairman) and his wife are visiting the land of their birth—England.

They expect him to be away for about a month. Responding to the good wishes of fellow members at the March meeting of the State Executive, Mr. Davies, who served with the 10th Light Horse Regiment in the war, had come to this State at the age of 17 years. He had been a member of the League since 1920.

The League, he found, was a great force for good and进步, and he was sure his gardening days had served their country.

He expressed the hope that the forthcoming State Congress would be eminently successful.

The executive also extended its good wishes to Sister Stella White, who is on an official visit to the Old Country.

Responding, Sister White said that her short term on executive had been a great experience, and that she hoped to return soon. She had been delighted with the cordial reception and the warmth of the representative "of the opposite sex."

Sister White said that in England she had been able to see something of what was being done for ex-service men and women.
South Perth Members Seek Hall-finance

All members of the City of South Perth sub-branch are asked to attend the next monthly meeting on April 28 when plans for financing the proposed new memorial hall will be discussed.

It is planned to raise the balance of the money needed to provide a hall by loan from the Commonwealth Bank.

The fall-in for the Anzac Day parade this year will be at the Zoo gates, Boundary Road, at 7.20 a.m. Cadets from Aquinas and Wesley Colleges will again be on parade and will mount guard at the memorial with reversed arms at 7.15 a.m.

Boy Scouts will mount an all-night vigil from 7 p.m. on the 24th.

The few unsuccessful members of the sub-branch are urged to make themselves financial before Anzac Day.
Claremont
On Top
Once More

When State Executive member Jim White officially attended the annual meeting of the sub-branch he congratulated the office-bearers of the sub-branch-and referred in particular to the uplifting of low attendance - "The new campaign would convert well attended, and the present."

Mr. Frank Cornellius-in putting the sub-branch on top again.

Frank did not seek re-election this year. His report gave a glowing picture of social activities and financial success for the sub-branch, and in thanking his supporting office-bearers he gave a special word of thanks to Secretary Dave Rankin.

The meeting was well attended and the newly-elected officers installed by Mr. J. White included Mr. C. N. Nicholas (president), Walker and Clarke (vice-presidents), Dave Rankin (secretary-treasurer) and Bill Malcolm (auditor).

A strong committee included Messrs. Pavey, Maden, Holch, Edwards, Seid, Antill, Cole, Dockery and Byrne.

Plan To Move
Memorial Is Resisted

The Busselton sub-branch is opposed to a town-planning proposal for the re-siting of the local war memorial.

Reporting this, sub-branch publicity officer Lou Weston said: "The general meeting of the sub-branch on March 1, members expressed concern at the proposal. A committee had been formed to resist interference with the memorial. Elected to office as president, Mr. Jack Cockier and a member of very long standing.

Members, Eric Allen and Phil Moss were chosen as vice-presidents, and Messrs. F. and L. Weston as liaison officers.

Mr. T. Davis was appointed as treasurer, referring to this Mr. Weston wrote: "From thrives on work and seems always to be in good health. Secretary or president in one district or another for a score of years."

The new president "spoke with feeling on the recent loss of Mr. L. M. Snow, Powell, who had served as president, and secretary of the sub-branch and who was a popular and respected figure in the community."

Mt. Pleasant-Brentwood
Confounds Sceptics

Sceptics who a year ago favoured the disbanding of the Mt. Pleasant-Brentwood sub-branch came under criticism from sub-branch president A. J. Hartley when he presented his report at this year's annual meeting and outlined a remarkable record of achievement despite them.

"Twelve months ago our finances were at an extremely low ebb, attending at meetings was very poor and the enthusiasm of members left much to be desired. But tonight we have reason to feel proud of our finances are such that this is a fact of the general fund. A development fund had been created, and the annual sub-branch would be in a position to expand.

One of the aims of the sub-branch, now that it stood on its own, was to establish a memorial in the district. Another successful year would convert this into reality.

Volunteers Needed
For Anzac-Day

The services of six or seven men are required to act as ushers on Anzac Day. Duties will consist of arranging chairs and supervising the seating of guests, and re-stacking of chairs after the service.

Anybody willing to perform these duties please contact the State Secretary, Anzac House.

Memorial
Unveiling At Wubin

About 150 people, including visitors from several neighbouring sub-branches, assembled for the dedication and official unveiling of the Wubin Memorial Gates by State President Bill Lonnie on March 26.

Visitors welcomed by sub-branch president Bob Howie and secretary Stan Birch included Mrs. William, Country Vice-President Bob Dun- can and Mrs. Duncan, Local Government Minister Logan and Mrs. Logan and Dalwallinu Road-Board Chair- man W. Owens. Mr. Bill Cook was master of ceremonies.

The gates are at the entrance to the Wubin Sub-branch and were erected by the Wubin Sub-branch in the support of residents of the district. They form a wrought-iron archway, flanked by two stone arches with a triangular stone-enclosed rose garden.

Stone tablets, inset in the wall, commemorate the names of local residents who died on service.

A Record Year
On Way For Floreat-City

A record year is anticipated by members of the Floreat-City sub-branch. New president Wally John assisted by secretary Frank Boylan and backed by an enthusiastic committee, intends to step-up worthwhile activities and boost interest in meetings.

The drive for increased membership is under way. A relevant sub-committee, led by Mr. Ray Price, boasts several ideas for soliciting the ranks.

F. A. R. M. S.

Social activities are in the capable hand of Mr. Joe Proctor, and Mr. Bill Brockman is to cater for the welfare of needy members, with Secretary Carle, chairman of the building committee, will re- spond for the sub-branch building, and Mr. Frank Beaumont will again provide interesting guest speakers for interesting guest meetings.
UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

16th Battalion

At the March committee meeting a letter was read from Mr. Harold Cranston, president of the South Australian branch, expressing the sympathy of members in S.A. on the death of Mr. J. Cranston. The letter stated that Mr. Cranston had been president over there and thanked the local association. After a minute of silence which was taken in memory of Mr. Cranston before his death.

The president and secretary attended the Anzac Day arrangements meeting at Anzac House and agreed to attend a working party to be held at King's Park on April 20.

Mr. C. Isbister brought forward a Goft to the unit when he was selected by the Red Cross as the Colour Boy for the tour which was presented to Lady Slim.

The women’s auxiliary thanks Mr. Albert for the collection of books, donations were appreciated by patients in hospital.


In hospital: F. Watts, F. E. Jones, H. T. Sturley and G. Klopper.

Anzac Day has not yet been found for the after-march gathering. It will be the first Anzac Day for many years that this social gathering will not be possible. However, Anzac House and Anzac Day a hall in is members will be notified by circular.

11th Recovery Section, A.I.F.

A successful second annual reunion of former members of the 11th Recovery Section was held on March 5 at the Library Hall, Victoria Park. With a large attendance coming from as far as Albany, Bridgetown, Pinney and three Springs.

Unfortunately our list of addresses is incomplete, which made some contacts impossible. We would be happy to receive word enabling us to fill the gaps.

Cadet-Course Applications Close This

Applications for the mid-year course at the Army’s Officer Cadet School at Porters, Victoria, close at Swan Barracks, Perth (and other regional Command headquarters throughout Australia) on April 29.

The course commences on April 17.

Admittance to the school is open to any man between the ages of 18 and 20 years of age who holds a senior secondary school certificate or an intermediate school certificate of education, whether in military or civil employment. University graduates, and who have successfully completed two years of a degree course, will be granted the rank of battalion second lieutenant on entry to the school and will be granted the pay and allowances of a second lieutenant while in training. Age, medical fitness, education, parental consent for a minor and Australian residency for a British subject shall be the basic qualifications for entry.

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Woman Brings Big Guns To Bear

Many R.S.L. and 8th Field Battery Association members are aware that there is still a Lulham taking part in public affairs.

Mr. W. B. Lulham, immediate-past-president of the association, is aspiring to the position of battalion adjutant at the current election for which he is to be held on Sat. April 30.

Many interests are varied but centre largely on matters relating to the welfare of the women and children in particular.

H.M. -- R.I.S.L. and auxiliary entertained sailors members, and says: "Please don’t be satisfied with just being financial; come give us your help for our future efforts.

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Swift Action On
Cyclone Losses

The sympathy of League members goes out to those who suffered in the disastrous cyclone which struck parts of the North-West, and particularly Carnarvon, late last month.

Planteers watched their hopes for the few years literally blown away in a matter of minutes as the terrific winds tore through plantations and crops, and townspeople witnessed their homes devastated faced losses far beyond their own financial resources to make good.

Among those who were:

What A Record!

The State Executive has approved an application from the Albany sub-branch for a Certificate of Service for Mr. Steele.

Submitting the application Mr. E. C. Townsend (a State Vice-President) said: "He has been in executive positions on various sub-branches continuously for the last 25 years."

hard hit were many servicemen, hard-working mates and pensioners, and it was with them principally in mind that the President and a hastily summoned meeting of the Finance Committee made available £100 from League funds for the immediate relief of distress.

Though only a "drop in the ocean" it was felt that this small sum would indicate the willingness of League members to remember their mates in adversity—an implied obligation on all those who wear the League badge.

Memorial A Credit To Soldier Settlers

Among recent functions attended by State President Bill Lonnie one which gave him particular pleasure was the official unveiling of the Bindi Bindi War Memorial.

The erection of this memorial, and the activities of the local members, are a tribute to the excellent qualities of the soldier settler in this district.

Bindi is the centre of a very successful soldier-settlement scheme which embraced the old and well-known Toorak estates. These settlers provided, in many ways, an outstanding example of what sincere cooperative effort and mutualship can accomplish.

The memorial, a stone column upon which the names of the men of two wars are recorded, was erected by voluntary effort and the cost of material met through local efforts.

When sub-branch president Cliff Snook opened proceedings there were about 125 people present including district MLA, Edgar Lewis, Moora Road Board chairman, Mr. N. C. Power, and many other local dignitaries.

The official unveiling was impressively carried out by State President, who said the memorial, like the war camps, is "a living memorial of the League (the R.S.L.)" and should be a constant reminder of the responsibilities of every individual to the nation, namely: Remembrance, Service and Loyalty.

Games Starting Once Again

The A.R.M.S. (Archbishop Fisher Memorial Shield) Games Committee of the State Executive held its first meeting for the year on March 14.

At the meeting all sub-branches which competed during the year were represented and signalised their intention of taking part again.

The draw for the first event was made.

This was reported to the State Executive last month by committee chairman R. King.

Mr. King said that the R.S.L. shoot would be conducted again this year, taking advantage of the inconvenience arising from the alterations taking place at the City of Perth sub-branch headquarters (Monash House).

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There's Now A
Blackboy Hill Sub-branch

The Swan View-Greenmount sub-branch will in future be known as the Blackboy Hill sub-branch.

The change of name was agreed to by the Executive at its meeting on March 23 at the request of a deputation presented by the sub-branch.