TALKING POINTS For Enrolling New Members

Did you know?
- That there are 228 sub-branches in Western Australia and nearly 1,500 throughout the Commonwealth?
- That the League protects the rights of all returned men, fights for just rehabilitation and pensions and for those dependents (in need)
- That the strength of the League lies in its large membership comprising all sections of the community and in its national non-party political outlook.
- That the bigger the membership the greater the weight attached to its representation to the Government of the day.

Navy Here For Christmas

Would you like a sailor for Christmas?

The Department of the Navy has advised that H.M.S. Bridge's Bay will be at Fremantle from December 24 to 26.

The League is confident that this State's reputation for hospitality will be maintained on this occasion.

Offers to entertain the visitors over the festive season should be addressed to the State Secretary, Anzac House, St. George's Terrace, Perth, as soon as possible.

Four other R.N. ships are expected to be in port at Fremantle from January 7 to 11. They are the Centaur, the Queen Elizabeth, the H.M.S. Retalier, and the Tide Surge.

Scheduled arrivals at other W.A. ports are as follows:
- Aden—From Jan. 6 to 10: H.M.S. Solobay and H.M.S. Largos.
- Bunbury—Jan. 7 to 11: H.M.S. Llandaff.
- Geraldton—Jan. 7 to 11: H.M.S. Finisterre.
- The sub-branches at those ports have been requested to handle local arrangements.

With Christmas and the New Year at hand this is the accustomed time for League members not only to cherish kind and comradely thoughts towards one another, but to resolve that the coming year shall see the League prospering more than ever.

This depends, in the main, on having an even bigger membership. If each member were to recruit just one other member, how membership would leap ahead!

Therefore

Make '60 Much Bigger Enrol a New Digger

The Season's Greetings

The State President and Executive, the managing committee of "The Listening Post" and the staff at Anzac House extend seasonal greetings to all League members and their families, and trust that the festive season will prove a pleasant one and that the coming year will bring all that could be desired.

Wanted: A Head For Faversham

At the State Executive meeting on December 2 it was decided to advertise for a temporary superintendent for the Faversham War Veterans Home.

Mr. S. A. Macnamara, who has been temporarily in charge for several weeks, told the executive that the affairs of the home had been running smoothly.

There were two cows in milk, and a calf had been sold for £9 10s.

Fifty chickens had been purchased and were coming on to lay. The number of ducks had been building up and some had been sold.

Firebreaks had been cleared around buildings and fences and the finances of the home were very satisfactory.

The executive expressed its thanks to Mr. Macnamara for his services at the home.

[Applications for the post of acting superintendent at Faversham should be made to the State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth.]
Pensions Injustice Needs Attention

To The Editor

Sir,—On Page 3 of "The Listening Post" for October, 1959, there is an announcement of new rates of pensions, and under the heading of "Service Pensions a statement is made regarding the limit of income plus pension. The statement as given is correct, BUT...

Question: Is it realised that if a service pensioner is also a war pensioner his earnings (or income) are reduced by the amount of his increase in war pension? It is realised that it has always been that way, but it is still unfair that the amount of pension is reduced by the amount of the increase in war pension in the case of a man earning more than the permitted amount. The amount is often small but the principle is important. While the Commonwealth Government treats war pensions and income for the purpose of assessing service pensions the unfair position will continue. The same principle is used by the Commonwealth Government when its Taxation Department is assessing eligibility for age allowance. "Income" means ordinary, otherwise taxable, income, without personal deductions, plus expenses and exemptions.

Pensioners possibly no great objection can be taken to the inclusion of service pensions for the above purpose, but the inclusion of war pensions is foreign to the reason for the granting of the pensions, viz., an attempt to give at least token compensation for disabilities arising from result of service in the forces during wartime.

War pensions are NOT income but are COMPENSATIONS just as payment to a person injured in a motor vehicle accident is not income, but is compensation. The following examples help to make people understand the effect of allowing war pensions to be treated as income for the purposes of assessing service pensions:

Married service pensioner with wife eligible for age pension.

Old Rate | New Rate | Amount Change
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$11.50 | $11.50 | $0
$33.00 | $33.00 | $0
$1.00 | $1.00 | $0

Married service pensioner who is also a war pensioner ($25.00 per fortnight) with a part-time job from which he earns $4 per week.

Old Rate | New Rate | Amount Change
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$22.00 | $27.00 | $5
$33.00 | $33.00 | $0
$3.00 | $3.00 | $0

War pension $25 per fortnight.

Old Rate | New Rate | Amount Change
--- | --- | ---
$48.00 | $52.00 | $4
$33.00 | $33.00 | $0
$5.00 | $5.00 | $0

For Mundingar Members

The December meeting of the Mundingar and Districts sub-branch has been altered from the fourth to the third Monday—December 21.

As the election of officers for this year is on the agenda at this meeting it is important that all members and intending members make an effort to attend. It will also be a final get-together before Christmas.

Jottings—from H.A.L.

At the Kensington sub-branch reunion a fortnight ago, with Bill Loan, myself in attendance, the troops were greatly intrigued by a visitor from the Fort Hoddin sub-branch—Commander Morrison—wearing a 1960 financial crown in his League badge.

Because he travels about a good deal, Commander Morrison had got in early as he says he usually does—having been being chipped, somewhere or other, about being unfriendly.

The League membership committee would nearly go out of business if all R.S.L. members were as unapproachable as that.

Reg Nicholas, chairman of the Boundary Historical Conservation Appeal Committee, tells us that the appeal is now over the $1500 figure.

He and his committee are confidently expecting that the Christmas season will bring in many donations by way of a seasonal acknowledgment to the memory of the days of the original blackboy camp and the agreement it stands for. Blackboy says, "Anzac House, Perth, is sufficient for that donation."

Secretary of the Hall's Creek sub-branch, one Frank McGroarty was a well-wisher and very interested visitor at the recent State Executive meeting.

What About This For You?

Christmas and holiday time... they're nearly here and it's time for you to be thinking about where to go.

What about a caravan holiday at the R.S.L. Caravan Park, Rockingham? But you'll have to get in early with your booking.

You can rent a site for a week, or any multiple of weeks. The R.S.L. will book a site permanently and it's yours for whenever you want it.

Weekly rental is only $2/10, and if you want a permanent site you can have one for $5/5 a year right at the water's edge too.

Usual "mod-cons" are conveniently on the site. Make inquiries at Anzac House. But don't delay, or you may miss out.
MAKE '60 MUCH BIGGER, ENROL A NEW DIGGER!

SO MUCH more could be accomplished if EVERY eligible man pulled his weight. Obviously the limit of the League’s resources is governed by its membership.

A FEATURE difficult to understand is the apparent willingness, on the part of men who are eligible to shelve their responsibilities.

Not THE least of the many worries associated with administration nowadays is the frustration of trying to make a little go a long way, and this applies particularly to welfare grants.

INCREASED membership is an essential ingredient for the continued success of the League, and if we fall short, don’t blame the organisation; at least it contains, without question, the most unselfish, the most comradely and the most service-minded amongst returned men.

AS HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor of Victoria at one time put it, the League “contains the best of the best.”

THE LEAGUE, and this State branch in particular, acknowledges its debt to all members for their continued loyalty and support and recommends that all should accept a challenge to enrol a new member for 1960. This is not a remote possibility; it can be done, and the responsibility will entail the expenditure of not more than a few minutes of your time. Will you give it a go?

THE R.S.I. badge is not a boast of war service but a badge of brotherhood, an indication that the wearer is sharing the great work of assisting the disabled, the aged, the bereaved.

THE LEAGUE is “Serving Still” and the existence of nearly 1,500 sub-branches throughout the Commonwealth is a welcome assurance of that service being continued by a helping hand at all times.

Hello, Diggers All!

(With best wishes, from “Young” Jimmy Greaves, Kulin)

Hello all you Diggers, 1960 is here; Renew your subscriptions and be of good cheer. You will lighten the burden of some good old Digger. It will also help you to feel better and bigger. The badge is your emblem, so wear it with pride. But be sure that the crown is in time with the tide; Because, you see, all who will meet Bill Longie and all he’ll say is: “Your badge looks funny.” So let us pull together throughout the coming year, To help the League, to help our friends and end financial fear.

Make '60 much bigger. Enrol a new Digger.

Neighbourly Found Out—
By Chance

The group conference at Bellevue was well under way, and a sub-branch president was drone away rather sincerely on his particular grouch, when the window door was opened rather gingerly by Bill Robinson, of Cockatoo Island sub-branch, who had gleaned somehow, the purpose of the afternoon’s proceedings and made himself known.

Bill’s beaming sun-tanned face was a picture as the State President welcomed him. After all, the conference concerned outer suburbs, and what is Cockatoo Island but an outer suburb as far as League matters are concerned—L.W.W.

But for the group conference at Bellevue at least one of the delegates would still be ignorant, presumably, of his entitlement to membership of the Anzac Club.

All League members—automatically members of the club, and after complying with certain requirements of the Licensing Act may introduce their friends for honorary membership and so entertain them in the friendly and convivial atmosphere of the club.

If the conference had done nothing more than that it would have been worthwhile—L.W.W.

Slogan Comes From Kenwick Man

The League slogan for 1960—which you see prominently displayed on this page—was submitted to the competition judges by Mr. C.A. Scholefield of Bromley-street, Kenwick.

It has earned him $5 the prize money. Highly commended by the judges were entries submitted by Messrs. W.A. Strachan of South Perth, D. K. Barratt of Onslow, and Mr. E. Harris of Rivervale.
League Stand On N.S. Training Issue

League action in respect of National Service training, both before and after the recent decision by the Commonwealth Government to suspend it, has been as follows.

A communication from National headquarters to the Prime Minister on November 19 was worded:

"As the Cabinet at present has under active consideration defence matters, it is perhaps an appropriate time again to record the League's strong belief that the National Service Training Scheme should be retained, and that, in order to reduce it, attempts should be made to bring the call-ups and the training scheme to the highest possible level.

"On behalf of the National Executive I have written about this matter on the 3rd August, 1959, after the Executive had considered what were admittedly only paper rumours prophesying the abandonment of the scheme. It appears that these rumours have strong enough credibility for some members of Parliament to be concerned.

Same Views

"It is thought appropriate therefore, that I should, with respect, again bring this important problem to your attention at this time. The League's views have not altered; in the recent National Congress of the R.S.L. held in Perth, a number of resolutions werecorded, expressing the strong belief of this organisation in the continuance of a maximum National Service Training scheme as vital to our expansion. These resolutions are of course being forwarded to the appropriate Ministers.

"The League has in mind that the strategic policy of the Government is based on the belief that Australia's role in a future war would be confined to the use of conventional weapons and that in the larger strategic field, we shall rely on our membership of the various pacts and treatises for support in the event of nuclear war.

"You will know that the R.S.L. National Executive has set up a committee which to the limit of the knowledge available to it, has reviewed the evidence that the maintenance of a large reservoir of partially trained personnel and the attention of the framework of a training scheme to enable fighting forces in time of war is essential, and that this view has the complete endorsement not only of the National Executive but the unanimous endorsement too of National Congress.

"Whilst the immense difficulties which face the Government in deciding a policy of defence preparedness balanced against economic factors is thoroughly appreciated, my organization feels that adequate defence may be vital to survival in the dangerous gap which will exist between Australia's own commitment in war and the time when our allies can come to our aid."

PRESS STATEMENT

On November 27 the National President (Sir George Holland) made the following Press statement:

"To save an annual "premium" of £9,000,000 of the total defence vote of £192,000,000, the Government has allowed a valuable cessation of Australia's "insurance" against defence unpreparedness in the event of a future emergency to lapse.

"The Commonwealth Government has taken a risk comparable to that taken by the man who says "it is unlikely my house will ever burn down" or "I'll never have a car crash or an accident" and in the annual premium."

Point Conceded

In the statement made by the Minister for Defence the point is conceded that National Service training has other than purely military advantages for our young men but the value of this is, nevertheless, entirely disregarded in the event, and the decision has been made purely on defence grounds.

"Government thinking is that there will be no further global wars, but whether this belief is based on improved international relations or the deterrent effect of our nuclear forces is not stated.

"In either case the Government has taken a calculated risk for our own benefit in Australia no element of risk should be tolerated.

"As regards improved international relations the theory through the ages has shown how quickly these may collapse and, the most, overmind the friendly face can assume a warlike aspect, even to the point of attack without a formal declaration of war.

"As regards the deterrent factor of Nuclear weapons, this must be viewed in proportion. There is nothing to stop a global war in the future from having a number of conventional weapons, both sides refrain from the use of nuclear warfare for exactly the same reasons that gas warfare was universally banned by all in the second world war.

"Yet it was said after the first world war that gas warfare was the deterrent which may prevent a second world war. The truth is that another war could be fought on a global scale with conventional weapons to exactly the same way that the second world war was fought without the use of the terrifying advances in scientific warfare which were known to all.

"The defence value of the National Service training scheme was the creation of a large reservoir of young men trained in at least the basic principles of defence, from which the Army could quickly draw in the rapid and huge expansion of the forces which would inevitably follow the outbreak of war.

"The R.S.L. is all for mobility; for highly-trained, well-equipped troops, for compact, hard-hitting forces which can be moved quickly to trouble spots. It applauds the streamlining that is taking place in the armed forces. It agrees at the same time, particularly of the Army, the Royal Australian Air Force and the Royal Australian Navy, that the large number of men trained for the Royal Australian Air Force and the Royal Australian Navy make effective contribution to the Royal Australian Air Force and the Royal Australian Navy.

"It is to be hoped that the Royal Australian Air Force and the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy make effective contributions to the Royal Australian Air Force and the Royal Australian Navy.

"Happy Turn

"It is particularly happy that the accent in the Navy is being given to underwater warfare, and in the use of modern, fast frigates for submarine-attack work. But the decision to drop National Service training is based on the assumption that the Government has not only because of the need for a reservoir of partially trained personnel and for the avoidance of over-hasty decisions. But in the meantime it has been made clear that the decision is taken in the country and in the country to which the decision is taken in the country and to which the decision is taken in the country.

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What's The League Doing?

Ever wondered what the League does with its time? Here's a list of repatriation and other benefits gained during the period 1950-59.

Free cars for doubles-amputees and paraplegics, repatriation of war widows' pensions to be cancelled for all, together with an allowance of £120 per annum running expenses.

Air-crew insurance.

Reimbursement for loss of wages or salary for repatriation attendances.

Payment of war pensions by cheque to certain categories.

Deletion of the clause enabling war widow's pensions to be cancelled for alleged immorality, etc.

Payment of 1/2 of weekly instalments of pension to war widows on remarriage.

Issue of a repatriation entitlement booklet.

Sustenance whilst in repatriation to be paid to war widows or children (and children) married or born to war-pensioners after 30th June, 1938.

Removal of time-limit for payments payable to wives (and children) whose husbands (and children) married or born to war-pensioners.

War pensions excluded as income for unemployment and sickness benefits.

Repatriation treatment for 100 per cent war pensions payable to husbands or children of war pensioners (with increasing and pensionable disabilities). It is proposed to extend this to the National Service and other categories (T. and P.I. only).

Institution of a local dental officer scheme similar to L.M.Os. approved.

Training Issue (continued)

and which would be an invaluable aid should the necessity arise for training the large numbers of civilians in the event of war.

For the retention of these great advantages, and because of their importance, they could well be our future security and defense, a million annual payment is a small price to pay.

STATE ACTION

After considering the above statements, the State Executive Council on December 2 resolved:

"This State branch is strongly opposed to any cut in the intake of National Service trainees is greatly detrimental to the national security."
MEMBERSHIP OF LEAGUE—

Set out hereunder are the conditions of eligibility for membership of the League. Attention is drawn to the new clauses embracing Malayan Force and R.A.A.F. Air Training Corps. Where there is any element of doubt complete papers should be sent to the State Secretary for decision.

WORLD WAR I

(a) Any person attested or accepted for active service who has, during the period 4th August, 1914, to 11th November, 1918 inclusive, served in a theatre of war in the Great War of 1914-18, and has been employed and paid by any naval or military force of any part of the King’s Dominions, provided that any member of the Australian Imperial Forces or the Australian N. and M. Expeditionary Forces to New Guinea shall be deemed to have been in a theatre of war if he embarked and left Australian waters or if not included in the above, being a member of the Naval Forces served on or after 1st January, 1918, and has been employed and paid by any naval or air force of any part of the King’s Dominions.

(b) Any person domiciled in Australia who, though not so employed and paid, without pay in a theatre of war in the Great War, 1914-18, may, if he was a member of the British Expeditionary Forces as a member of a “Nursery” unit or a member of a “Women’s Auxiliary” unit, on production of proof that the unit in which service was claimed was or is officially recognized by the Imperial War Office, be eligible for membership in any constituent part of the British Empire Service League and applies also to World War II.

(c) Any person eligible for membership in any constituent part of the British Empire Service League.

WORLD WAR II

(a) Personnel of R.A.F. who served a minimum of 28 days on active service in one or more operational flights in the Western Area prior to 3/9/1939 and 3/8/1945.

(b) Personnel of the R.A.F., stationed in United Kingdom or Mediterranean, one or more operational flights between 3/9/1939 and 3/8/1945.

(c) Personnel on coastal duty or engaged in ferrying material and engaged in ferrying material and engaged in ferrying material.

(d) Personnel of the R.N. on flying duty to Iceland, or on flying duty to the English Channel.

(e) Personnel of R.A.F. on flying duty to Iceland, or on flying duty to the English Channel, or in possession of campaign stars and medals.

(f) Personnel who served on islands beyond the coast of the United Kingdom and who are eligible for League membership if in possession of campaign stars and medals.

NOTE: Personnel serving in the United Kingdom only, with the exception of R.A.F. personnel mentioned above, are not eligible for League membership if in possession of campaign stars and medals.

MERCHANT, MARINE

(a) Must have an aggregate of six months service between 7/12/1941 and 15/3/1945.

(b) British and Australian merchant seamen serving in the United Kingdom and Merchant ships in the Mediterranean or in the European section of the North Atlantic between 3/9/1939 and 3/8/1945 (coastal service in
RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

the United Kingdom for British personnel is not a qualification).

NOTE: In both cases applicants must be aged by the time of the relevant British campaign and must not have been invalided or died in action or from war injury due to enemy action or taken prisoner of war.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH ELIGIBILITY

(a) Personnel of Dominion services who served outside their country of enlistment in the European area or Pacific area to 8/8/1945 or 15/8/1945.

(b) Maltese ex-servicemen and women, whose enlisting and having served on active service within or without the U.K., between 3/9/1939 and 8/5/1945, and being in possession of one of the following campaign stars: 1939-45, Star, Africa Star, Italy Star.

(c) Permanent British or Dominion personnel, who served in Singapore, stationed in India provided they served outside India in a theatre of war during the war period.

(d) Service in the North-West Frontier area does not qualify.

ALIEN EX-SERVICEMEN UNDER BRITISH COMMAND

Those alien ex-servicemen admitted to League membership shall have served in a regularly constituted force in a combat area under British command and outside the U.K. Applicants must also be in receipt of appropriate British campaign stars and must be naturalized British citizens.

NOTE: Verifying certificates of service under British command were issued on discharge.

ALIEN EX-SERVICEMEN NOT UNDER BRITISH COMMAND

The only alien ex-servicemen who may be admitted to membership who did not serve under British command are as follows:

(a) U.S.A. Ex-servicemen. Personnel of the U.S. forces (who embarked for overseas service in the European zone prior to 7/6/1945 or who entered the Pacific area prior to 15/8/1945).

(b) Greek Ex-servicemen.

Eligibility:

- Naturalisation papers must be produced.
- Service papers and naturalisation certificate on behalf of all alien ex-servicemen must be submitted to State branches for perusal and a ruling as to eligibility.
- Service papers only required for U.S. ex-servicemen.

MALAYA

Members of the British Commonwealth armed forces, with a minimum of 30 days' service in Malaya, who were discharged or returned to Australia, provided that the R.A.F. badge of the Malaya clasp to the British General Service Medal was awarded to such members in respect of their Malayan service.

R.A.A.F. AIR TRAINING CORPS

R.A.A.F. personnel who proceeded to Canada and South Africa for training, and who embarked prior to 15/8/1945, provided that the R.A.S.I. badge was issued.

National Executive has ruled that persons who served or are alleged to have served, in the following forces are not eligible, as such, for League membership:

- Any alien mercantile marine: Australian home defence forces; Czechoslovakian forces (permanent or partial); Free French forces; French Resistance and Underground; Greek Resistance forces; Italian Partisan forces; Netherlands Underground (European or Indonesian); Polish Underground forces, Royal Yugoslav forces, and Fari-

Field Of Remembrance

The Empire Field of Remembrance, Westminster, was opened on November 5 this year, following a service commemorating the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the South African war.

Crosses were planted in memorial places throughout the Field by representatives of the Commonwealth, Empire, and associated and other associations.

Major-General Sir Eric Girdwood planted a cross bearing a replica of the badge of the South African War Veterans' Association to the memory of all who lost their lives in the South African war. The High Commissioner for Australia (Sir Eric Harrison) planted a cross bearing the R.S.I. badge in the British Commonwealth Ex-servicemen's Section of the Field of Remembrance, Westminster.

VICKERS

FAMOUS SINCE 1750
Commemorating The Birthplace Of Wartime Valour

It is a safe bet that none of the 32,000 West Australians who went through the Blackboy Hill training camp in World War I ever gave a thought to a day, 45 years later, when people would be gathering on the site to commemorate the thing they created there.

Nor is it likely that those trainees were particularly aware of creating anything. They were not glory seekers. They were there to do a job and they did it.

But on Sunday, November 15, at the turning-of-the-sod ceremony performed by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Charles Gairdner), the original entrance to the camp, the Blackboy, veterans present were left in no doubt that their contribution to Australia's national history was well appreciated.

For witlingly or otherwise they had taken part in creating something raw State traditions of service, valour and self-sacrifice that has been the hallmark of the A.I.F. It was easy to forget, His Excellency observed, the swerving loyalty and devotion of those who formed the first A.I.F. who would never be forgotten.

"I do not think it is for us to judge those who for some possible reason did not join in, but we should remember those who did," he said.

Although Australia could not be regarded as a military nation—Australians were not a military nation when going to war—it was an extremely martial nation, a nation of great oral tradition.

The memorial to mark the birthplace of the A.I.F. in Western Australia was something to be proud to contribute to.

Appeal Launched

After dedicating the site of the memorial the Chaplain-General (Bishop Riley) said that having been at the old camp for 15 months he was particularly pleased to see the memorial and to launch the public appeal for funds to enable it to be built.

In keeping alive the memory it was necessary to have some monument and the Memorial Commission, co-operating with the Australian War Memorial, provided by the design for the new memorial. It was a standard design.

Why had the Navy preserved the "Victory" so long, and the Merchant Navy "Cutty Sark"? Why was Magna Carta so sacred to all who believed in political freedom?

The memorial pylon would continue to symbolise the traditions of the Westland race, the traditions of a generation, of a people, to remind future generations it was not by chance that the freedom of the world had been safeguarded.

There was need for a definite, visible mark. The tradition was to be considered as begun, continued and consolidated at Blackboy.

To erect the memorial would take money—an estimated £5,000—but measured against the things that had been achieved it was a small sum or, perhaps, it seemed like a large sum.

To those with a sense of the indebtedness of the community to the men of the memorial committee, everyone would make some contribution and thus give themselves a sort of victory in the understanding. People should be glad that the spirit created at Blackboy had lived on in World War II and in Korea and Malaya.

Nostalgia

Memories crowded in on Arnold Potts when he called the original Australian Infantry Battalion had been formed by August 17 with Colonel Lyon Johnson in charge. A month later the 18th Light Horse Regiment had been formed under the command of Harold Pope. Then the Light Horse Regiment had moved to Blackboy and there it remained as the 18th Light Horse Regiment.

About 95 per cent of the recruits had been extremely civilian in outlook on arrival, yet when they had left the camp they were well equipped to face the hardships of war.

To the camp had come men from all over the world, from the city, the farms and the forests. There were the thermers, fresh fruit, school, and the older and tougher variety ready to tell them how to live.

Something to be remembered was the splendid work of the pitifully small training cadre at the camp.

Life in Camp

It was not until late in 1915 that a commencement had been made with the amelioration of amenities of any account. Some had started to roll in, Brigadier General (Bishop Riley) said. From there, there had been nothing but tents, and during one sudden storm of wind, some of those had blown down.

After thousands of trainees had trampld round the site the ground was left, many of the trees had cleared out and the ground was taken charge. The first contingent of West Australian troops had embarked on the Australasian, November 11.

The troops who passed through Blackboy were of our own, and the quality and the number of them had been awarded the Victoria Cross.

Some outstanding personalities were there. One was a descendant of Peter Lorer of Eureka Stockade, who was the stubborn and brave Lieut-Col. Margolin. Then Blackboy was the place of those who formed the spirit known to everyone as "Pink Top."

Some of the few remaining original features of the camp were the near church which had been used as the camp chapel. It served as a reminder of Archibald Riley, the Chaplain, and of the Rev. Reverend Fahey.

Blackboy today was more than a pleasant spot for a walk. The camp was still the same, and there was the"Pink Top" where those undergoing training had got their first taste of tradition and spirit de corps.

That tradition had been handed down to the men of the new generation in the second A.I.F.

To the other men Blackboy was a place of those lands of memories. They hoped it would be as sacred to the younger men as it was to them.

Big Donation

After the opening of the memorial appeal the Minister for Local Government (Mr. C. Logan) presented the chairman of the Blackboy Hill Memorial Committee (Mr. R. A. Nicholas) with a cheque for £500 for the project on behalf of the Government.

A further donation of £10/10/ from the Nildondale subbranch, Mr. Nicholas, was the first subbranch donation to hand.

During the afternoon donations totalling about £50 from well-wishers were received.

Among donations received subsequently was one from an ex-member of the 44th Battalion, 1st A.I.F., who is now living in Bathurst, N.S.W. He is Mr. P. Hilder, who says he feels sure that every man who passed through Blackboy would want to be like himself, associated with the memorial.

His sentiments will find endorsement not only by ex-members but also by the families of those who have passed on.

Donations should be marked "Blackboy Hill Camp Commemoration," and sent to the State Secretary, S.I., Anzac House, Perth.

The ceremonial was concluded with a march-past of veterans at which the salute was taken by His Excellency the Governor.

Make '60 much bigger. Enrol a new Digger.

The Memorial

Objects of special interest for the occasion were the kettledrum used at every marching-on ceremony held at the camp, and a scale-model of the memorial pylons.

The 50ft steelf pylon, surmounting a stone-work platform with a bridge approach, will comprise three sections commemorating respectively the men of the first A.I.F., the second A.I.F., and of the Korean and Malayan forces.

The memorial layout will be carefully orientated to cater for any marching-on ceremony held at the camp, and a scale-model of the memorial pylons in its setting.

Move To Form New Zealand Association

An attempt is being made to form a New Zealand Association in Perth for social and recreational purposes.

Ultimately it is planned to start a New Zealand Club. The pro-tem secretary (Mr. E. A. Clifton, of 19 Howard-street, Perth) will be well-heeled to hear from any New Zealanders or others interested in the move.
The First Sod Turned In Grand Design For Blackboy

Pictured here are two of the scenes at the Blackboy Hill campsite memorial ceremounal proceedings last month.

AT LEFT His Excellency the Governor (Sir Charles Gardiner) seen turning the sod on the site for the new memorial.

AT RIGHT the Right Rev. Bishop C. L. Riley (who served at the camp as a chaplain in World War I) is shown dedicating the site.

Fourth Shield Win For Perth Team

One of the city sub-branches—Gloucester Park—has won the A.R.M.S. games competition for the fourth year in succession.

In the first semi-final (on November 10) Darling Range proved too good for Nollamara, winning the shoot (146-143), table tennis (in a count-back after 2-all), bridge (2-1) and darts (on a count-back Nollamara won the darts 2-1).

In the second semi-final on November 17 Darling Range proved too good for Nollamara, winning the shoot (147-145) and table tennis, and (Gloucester Park the quizzers and bridge, and the issue was then decided in favour of G.P. by a narrow margin)

There was another keen tussle in the finals (Darling Range v. Mt. Hawthorn) on November 25, the Hills team winning the shoot (144-141) and the bridge (2-1), and the quizzers and table tennis.

At darts D.R. won the first 'threes', and the first 'four', and won the next match, and got to a 32 peg-out in the second game. Then from a lead of 325 points M.H. came through to level scores at one match, each, and decide the game.

In the grand final (Gloucester Park v. Mt. Hawthorn on November 20 G.P. won the shoot (142-141). M.H. the table tennis (2-1) and the first two quiz games by over 100, and the bridge (3-1)

Turn Of Tide At Rockingham

There has been a recent big change in the affairs of the Rockingham Holiday Camp project—applications for caravan sites are coming in at an unprecedented rate.

Mr. R. B. Marris, a member of the Rockingham Project Committee, told the State Executive recently that the public was clamouring for caravan sites and amenities, and that there were rentals to be picked up readily.

There were already ten annual rentals at a rental of £30 a year, he said.

There had been few inquiries about blocks of land for the building of beach cottages. The executive agreed to the following schedule of rentals for caravan sites:

**Executive Change:**

Mr. R. Boekeman has resigned from the State Executive for personal reasons and his place has been taken by Mr. W. Walsme.

**Christmas Party:** The State Executive Christmas party this year will be held as usual on the Friday preceding Christmas Day, December 24.

16th Battalion Association Notes

The business activities of the 16th Battalion Association and the women's auxiliary for 1959 came to successful finish at the November meeting, the December meeting being more in the nature of a get-together.

The association took part in all things connected with R.S.L. services, visited Faversham, and had an exceptionally good roll-up at Blackboy Hill. Many old 16th men came down from the country and joined in the argument as to where the lines were in the old days. There was a wide opinion as to the exact location.

The writer wonders how many remembered the piles and drink stalls on the other side of the road from the camp.

No deaths reported for the month.

The president of the women's auxiliary (Mrs. Newick) reports that the sale of work held last month was an outstanding success and wishes to thank all who worked for it.

Messrs. J. Boyd and F. Goode are now out of hospital. Mr. E. Sadleir is reported to be in Hollywood.

The president (Mr. O. Young) held a further holiday in the South-West at the beginning of the month and hoped to visit some members on his way round.

Despite the passage of years since the association was formed, members of the old battalion still show zeal and interest. To that spirit the association owes its good name in R.S.L. and unit association circles.

The association is fortunate in having women's auxiliary members who share in the zeal of their menfolk. Funds are raised by them by rumble sales, fetes, and other methods, so it is nothing unusual for the women to hand the president a cheque towards battalion funds.

Then, again, members show their appreciation of the committee's work by forwarding donations (some very substantial).

Sick are visited in hospital and in men's own homes. If possible the funerals of deceased members are attended, even as far as Fremantle.

The executive wish all women auxiliary and association members all the season's greetings for the coming Christmas season. The association extends sympathy to Mr. Norn Kelton, the death of his wife, Messrs. Walsh and Miss Cameron, and with the best wishes of all for the Christmas season.
Well Done, Northam!

The recent annual reunion of the Northam sub-branch was described by the State President as one of the best attended and most impressive of such functions he had ever been to.

As usual it was open to all ex-servicemen in the district whether eligible for League membership or not.

A notable feature of the gathering was the attendance of 16 members of the Korean Veterans’ Association who were special guests for the occasion, and they were led by well-known John Gerke.

The sub-branch had somehow discovered that this was the 500th visit to a sub-branch by State President Lonnie and it presented him with a set of gold cufflinks engraved “Northam 500” so that he would remember the historic occasion.

Northam president Aubrey Badger was able to report with some pride, a steady-growing membership and he made it a point that Northam would be represented by no less than three delegates at the next Congress. This means a membership of over 200.

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Progress At Bayswater

There has been a vast improvement in the affairs of the Bayswater-Melville sub-branch over the past 12 months, with an increase both in membership and in attendances at meetings.

One great achievement is the large and enthusiastic return meeting held early in 1960.

Support from other organisations has been heartening, and the sub-branch takes this opportunity of thanking all those concerned, and especially the members of the Bayswater Road Board and the Cheerio Club.

A great occasion for the sub-branch was the gathering on November 10 at which Mr. Percy Gillam, a League member for 41 years, presented the sub-branch with a miniature cenotaph, for the new hall. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Townshend, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. S. Plimer, of the secretary and members of the Road Board, six members of the Cheerio Club and a representative of the Commonwealth Bank.

The meeting for the New Year will be held on Tuesday, January 26.

The president and members of the sub-branch extend to all R.S.L. members the compliments of the season, with the hope that 1960 will bring a bigger and brighter membership than ever.

A Memorial Dedicated At Williams

Members from the Darkan, Boddington, Wandering and Narrogin sub-branches were in attendance with members of the Williams sub-branch on November 5 when State President Bill Lonnie unveiled and dedicated, in the new memorial hall at Williams, a replica of the State War Memorial which will be used by sub-branch official occasions.

Mr. W. C. Carlie, chairman of the War Memorial Board with members of his board and quite a gathering of the public attended with large members to a warm welcome extended by sub-branch president J. G. Atherton, and then to a splendid address from the State President.

Among those present was Perth architect Mr. W. G. B. Brown who designed the cabinet which houses the replica.

The event will remain, a memorable one for all who were present.
National Service Training
Discussed At Conference

The first group conference aimed specifically at outer-suburban sub-branches was held in the Belgrave Returned Servicemen’s Club rooms on November 21.

The State President (Mr. Lonnie), the State Secretary (Mr. W. Webb) and 12 members of the State Executive attended.

Sub-branches represented were - Darlington, Swan View, Greenmount, Bassendean, Guildford, Bellevue, Baker's Hill, Chalcot and Wondoolo.

Later in the afternoon Bill Robinson of Cockatoo Island sub-branch, Bassendean, Guildford, Bellevue, Baker's Hill, Chalcot and Wondoolo, took the opportunity to bring himself abreast of League matters.

After a brief word of welcome from the president of the host branch (Mr. Roy McInerney), the proceedings were officially opened by Mr. W. M. Neelan of Midland Junction (Mr. W. S. Doney) who said that public office had taught him that when progressive district amenities such as Police Boys Clubs and Olympic swimming pools were being planned it was a safe bet to say that League members would support the move in one capacity or another.

He was honoured to have been asked to open such a function of ex-servicemen. Thanking Mr. Doney for his courtesy, Mr. Lonnie said how happy he was that the civic head of the community had so honoured the League.

Turning to the probable abandonment of National Service training in the new three-year defence plan, about to be announced by the Federal Government, Mr. Lonnie expressed profound regret for this complete contradiction. The League had made a strong case against the abandonment, and Mr. Lonnie expressed the League’s view that the Commonwealth Government was out of step with the youth-warfare angle of such a step. Useful lessons in loyalty, discipline and school were needed in service to Australian youths.

The tremendous field of youth’s defence was another aspect of the question to which very serious and urgent attention should be given.

Mr. Lonnie expressed the hope that the provision for the hospitalisation of war widows contained in the recent Commonwealth Budget as perhaps the major progressive move made by the League in post-war years.

Mr. Lonnie was extremely happy to note that the Commonwealth and New Zealand Governments had accepted the responsibility for the re-election at Albany of the Punt Road memorial. This was the last part of the homeland seen by a great many Australians and New Zealanders.

Some New Memorials

City Of Perth Picnic

The City of Perth sub-branch will hold its annual picnic on Sunday, February 14, 1960.

All members who intend to attend must contact the secretary W. Holder at the Monash Club (telephone 2095) and give details of the number of adults and children attending, as transport arrangements cannot be guaranteed.

Some New Memorials

For its new memorial which he had unfurled on November 8 the Warouba sub-branch had raised about £500, Mr. Lonnie told the State Executive recently.

At William the following week he had dedicated a replica of the State War Memorial in the new sub-branch hall. About 150 people had assembled for the occasion.

Mr. Lonnie said he was pleased to report that the new memorial at Darlamington was nearing completion and the sub-branch was plans for its unveiling on Australia Day.

The memorial was a credit to a sub-branch of 19 members.

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Well, folks, the festive season is on with a vengeance; members are full of good spirits — internally as well as externally — and it is good to see both young and old coming along to the club and enjoying themselves in the various games and activities.

The committee takes this opportunity of wishing League members, their families, friends and colleagues a merry Christmas and a year of health, happiness and prosperity in 1960.

On New Year’s Eve (Thursday, December 31) a Buck’s Night will be held in the club. All members are invited to be present to see the old year out and the new year in. People and artists for the occasion will include members of the Highland Pipe Band. It will be a night to remember. Bring along your mates and enjoy the fun and games.

The Anzac Dart Club held its annual social and dance and presentation of trophies recently. All players came along with their womenfolk. John and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all. Charlie Williamson and Bill Carr again supplied the music, which was up to their usual high standard. Messrs. Nettle, Carr and R. Hamilton presented the trophies.

Alan Jennings won the singles championship, and settlers’ singles and mixed and Duff the A-grade doubles. Most peg-outs and best average were won by Ray Hamilton. B-grade, most peg-outs and best average went to Ron Carr, and E-grade to Bob Reynolds.

Now that the warm weather is here what about having a night at the club’s tasty luncches, consisting of cold meat, salads, mayonnaise and a piano? A good meal, bread and butter, all for the low price of 1/6. Quite a few people come up daily between midday and 2 p.m. to enjoy this excellent amenity.

The early-birds and order your Christmas refreshments now. Don’t leave it too late and be disappointed. The club supplies the best at the cheapest price.

The Anzac, Billiard and Snooker Club is organizing a Diggers’ Annual Tournament which is open to all ex-servicemen. The fee is only 2/- This should prove a first-class competition as there are many excellent players in the various sub-branches. Those members not desirous of playing should avail themselves of the opportunity of watching the games.

The Saturday night dances in the Roof Garden are still rockin’ and rollin’ with bright and snappy music supplied by Bill Carlton (piano) and Charlie Wilkins (guitar and piano-accordion). Come along and bring your friends. All are welcome.

Campus Of 60 Years Ago Is Recalled

Their numbers depleted by the passage of time members of the South African Imperial Veterans’ Association again turned out on Sunday, November 22, for the annual remembrance service at the South African War Memorial, King’s Park.

Bishop C. L. Riley conducted the service and addressed the gathering of about 300 people.

In attendance were the Governor, Col. E. J. (Sgt. Gairdner) and Lady Gairdner, and His Excellency took the salute at the march-past following the service.

Representing the League were State Executive members E. C. Townshend, P. Pearson, E. A. Ord, S. E. King and J. B. White.

The B.P. Band and Scottish pipers provided the music.

An error appeared in the November issue of The Listening Post in regard to interest on war service homes.

The last paragraph, which showed 5 per cent on the first £2,000, and 10 per cent on the balance of £500, was wrong. The correct charge annually is 5 per cent on the first £2,000 and 10 per cent on the balance of £500, which was a total of interest charged annually that loan.

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Sub-branch Organises Visit To Settlers

The local sub-branch provided the initiative for a visit by Three Springs citizens to the War Service Land Settlement project at Eneabba recently.

Eneabba, 30 miles west of Three Springs, is one of the last of the war service settlements, and after a few years of concentrated effort has reached an area of half a million acres of virgin scrub and bushland.

The first settlers are now making their homes there and at the present moment about 15 farms are occupied.

The idea of the visit was suggested by members of the Three Springs sub-branch when a few settlers began making regular appearances in the town.

It was decided that the opportunity should be taken to get all the settlers together when they were in town to visit the Three Springs land project and to give them an opportunity of meeting members of the R.S.L., businesspeople of the town and leaders of some of the organisations.

Mr. Rutherford, one of the settlers, was approached and consented to drive the settlers to the north end of the project area and to use the meeting place. Mr. Bickerton consented to invite all the settlers to the south end of the project.

Meanwhile, Mr. Jack Thorpe was busy organizing for a night out on Friday night and the day arrived a convoy of about a dozen cars made its way to Eneabba well loaded with refreshments, including two sheep for a barbecue lunch. About 50 visitors in the number of settlers and wives and children made the trip to make the best of the production capacity.

During the festivities Mr. Thorpe said a few well-chosen words of welcome to the settlers and asked that they say a few words on behalf of the women’s auxiliary of the R.S.L. and Mr. Milward at the request of the settlers to the Three Springs area on behalf of the citizens.

These speakers were all so happy and everyone was ready to do the best they could.

Mr. Brand stated that he had had experiences of other land settlement schemes but this was the first occasion on which settlers had been made to feel so welcome in the district, and they appreciated the efforts made to accomplish this.

Perhaps one of the most beneficial results of the gathering was the fact that all the settlers who had previously not met one another had the opportunity to make new friends.

Everybody had a good time and congratulations are due to the R.S.L. for the idea.
A Weekend Itinerary
In The South-West

From H. A. Leslie

Dardanup, Bridgetown, Shannon, River, Murray, North Dandalup-Keybrooks, and a snap call at Greenbushes, formed the itinerary for a memorable weekend tour of duty by State President Bill Lonnie, vice-president Ted Townshend and executive members Ralf Smith and George Ferrier.

Dardanup president Max Kellow, with secretary Joe Wilcoxon, and a large gathering of members, showed appreciation of the visit from the V.J. by holding on a most enjoyable luncheon.

The striking war memorial erected by Dardanup members on high ground from the State President, who promised to carry out the major opening and dedication ceremony on Saturday, January 23.

This will be a big event for Dardanup. The memorial is expected to cost a good deal of $80 only, and it will be illuminated at night.

Bill Lonnie and George Ferrier attended the big Bridgetown meeting on Friday night, while Ted Townshend and Ralf Smith went on to Shannon to open the Bridge town, the State President dealt with some of the more important matters of League activity. The attendance was good.

At Shannon, River president Doris Phillips-Jones was able to boast of the great achievement of the sub-branch, which recently celebrated its membership in its first year. In fact they exceeded this at the meeting when another Digger joined up on the spot.

There was a substantial menu for the occasion and some members of the Mandjimup Executive also provided an evening of excellent entertainment.

Ralf Smith presented the gavel, which is now a traditional presentation from the Executive to new sub-branches.

Improvements In Club Trading

There has been a steady improvement in club trading since last May and by Christmas, on present trends, the present level should be overspiking the 1957 level.

The chairman of the Azanka Club Committee (Mr. W. G. Allen) reported this to the State Executive recently.

The trading figures for October, he said, had shown a turnover of £24,000, and a corresponding figure for the previous year.

While the renovation of the Azanka House lift was completed well before the Christmas rush period.

District Amenities
Secured Through League Initiative

Highlights of a high-pressure weekend tour of the North-Eastern wheatbelt by the State President (Mr. Lonnie) and Mr. H. A. Leslie recently were the official openings by Mr. Lonnie of bowling facilities at Trayning and Dowerin.

Reporting to the State Executive on the tour Mr. Leslie said that at both centres the initiative for the creation of bowling green had come from the local R.S.L. sub-branch.

The official opening of the Trayning Bowling Club had been deferred until Mr. Lonnie's visit could be arranged.

At Dowerin the League had raised the initial £500 for the district bowling green.

At both centres, Mr. Leslie said, glowing tributes had been paid to the League for the enterprise shown.

At Wyalkatchem, he went on, the local branch had inspected additions to the memorial hall.

Another was maintaining its membership and aimed to increase it with a special drive next year.

There was an excellent hall at Narungar, and the State President had promised that when the League's official purchase figure reached the 30 mark he would make a special visit to the sub-branch.

Mr. Mulgimbool there seemed to be no difficulties, especially as that sub-branch had once operated the coveted Colonel Collett Cup. A big improvement had been noted in affairs at Bencubbin. Nearly dead a year ago the sub-branch had pulled itself together remarkably and now practically every eligible man in the district enrolled.

Its secretary (Mr. G. Gills) had been foremost in the building of Anzac House.

With a membership of less than 20, and including practically every eligible person in the district, the Kumarrup Branch had a membership of 30, and this sub-branch had been foremost in the building of Anzac House.

One of its achievements a splendidly equipped canteen for the Diggers Club, which would be the nucleus for children in the district.

Mr. Leslie said that about £200 had been disposed of during the trip.

Memorabilia about League policy and administration had been answered by the State President, and in that way alone the tour had been very worthwhile.

On the trip they visited from the effort this year the highest number of duty by RSL-DFA.

Reason For Untabbed Poppies

There have been numerous requests from veterans of the year's Remembrance Day poppies for no date tab.

The answer is simple: it is to aid economies.

The poppies are supplied to the League on contract. The contract this year was £8 per thousand for date-tabbled poppies and £11 per thousand for untabbed poppies.

With a saving of £1/15 per thousand of untabbed poppies it was unanimously decided at a President and Secretaries meeting at Azanka House on January 21 this year to use untabbed poppies.

The decision was approved by Congress.

A very small saving on poppies purchased this year was £271/10.

Reparation
Advance
Appreciated

The State President told his executive recently that he would make a trip to meet representatives of the National Congress members of the local sub-branch had expressed their delight at the decision enabling war widows and orphans to receive full treatment at repatriation hospitals.

Mr. Leslie said that the visit to the Goldfields of the Deputy-Commissioner of Repatriation (Mr. A. H. Muller) had also been greatly appreciated.

Mr. Muller had visited some of the other centres in the area.

ANOTHER $100: Reporting on a recent visit to Perenjori, Mr. E. M. Monk told the local sub-branch that the local sub-branch had sold £100 for the War Veterans' Home Furniture Fund.

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Members Face Trial At Denmark

Recently in the Denmark R.S.L. Hall a capacity gathering heard very serious charges preferred against well-known local members.

Two guards wearing digger hats and carrying Sunday's Idaho, newspaper, were arrested by the sub-branch president, Mick Powley, to arrest Fred Stahl. The sub-branch president hesitated to present the charge as he considered it too grave for him to handle, and decided to pass the job on to State President Bill Lonnie.

The charge read: "Fred Stahl, you are charged with exceeding too much of your lifetime, with R.S.L. affairs." Assuming the role of Judge Bill Lonnie put the accused to the third degree. Judge: Fred Stahl, how many years have you been in the R.S.L.? Fred: Forty years.

Judge: Have you ever held office in any sub-branch? Fred: Yes, every office.

Judge: Have you been president? Fred: Yes, for a period.

Judge: Have you held office on the State Executive? Fred: Yes, twice.

Judge: How long? Fred: Seven years.

Judge: Have you been to Federal Congress? Fred: Yes, as a delegate. How many State Congresses have you attended? Fred: Twenty.

Judge: I find the charge fully proved, punishment a record must be for life-membership. The State President then presented a Certificate of Life Membership (signified by the National President Sir George Holland and the National President) to Fred Stahl.

Fred: Yes, Sir. Whether Fred, was still a branch in the Denmark R.S.L., gave some early history of Stahl.

Kondinin and Denmark had combined to nominate Fred for this award—the highest honour the league can bestow.

The second Denmark member to be placed on trial was the popular Len Steward with a long record of service. He was sentenced to a Certificate of Service.

When Steward's trial concluded the State President were Messrs. R. Bunting, MLC, from Lae (New Guinea), Bill Fuller also from New Guinea and Phil Hayes, Country Vice-President, Victoria, Bob spoke on R.S.L. affairs in New Guinea.

The original president of the Denmark R.S.L. gave a speech. The hon. judge and the judge of the court were both delivered of their speeches.

The trial concluded with a song in honor of the occasion.

“Tingira” Men Recall Epic Of “Sydney”

The “Tingira” Old Boys’ Association on November 9 commemorated the 45th anniversary of the Sydney-Emden encounter off the Cocos-Keeling Islands when secretary Rowley Roberts, in a simple ceremony, laid a victory-wreath on the State War Memorial.

This was Sir Thomas Meagher’s first official ceremony on the island, where the German cruiser Emden was found and disposed of on July 9, 1914, during the World War.

In this battle the Australian cruiser Sydney destroyed the German cruiser Emden which finally beached herself on Keeling Island and disposed of any immediate threat to the A.I.F. in the Middle East.

When Sydney returned to Direction Island to relieve the cable station from the attention of the German land-ming party it was found that the invaders had fled, commandeering the Cruises Ross schooner Aye Aye.

This was the first time in history that two cruisers had fought a duel.

Sydney’s victory—Australia’s first major action—opened up a brilliant chapter in the navy’s records.

On that occasion 60 boys ex-Tingira received their baptism of fire. One of them, Arthur Morris, took part in this year’s ceremony.

The association is having a bronze plaque to commemorate this first Australian naval victory. The plaque will be placed on the platform at Direction Island.

Make ’60 much bigger. Enrol a new Digger.
WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

**Rally At Northam**

A rally of country auxiliaries was held in the Northam Memorial Hall on November 4. The State President (Mrs. Stockwell) arrived accompanied by Mrs. Ford—who represents Northam on the State Executive—and Mrs. Young.

The attendance was very disappointing, apologies being received from a number of auxiliaries unable to arrange transport for the occasion, but those who did attend spent an enjoyable and instructive day.

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**Boost For Veterans' Home**

Donations made through the Women's Auxiliary to the War Veterans' Home (Northam) amounted to nearly £2,400. An additional £51 for other purposes approached £200 in October and were over £601 in November.

**Veterans Entertained**

Anzac House was the scene of a particularly happy gathering on a recent occasion when the State Executive members held their annual reception to veterans from Lennard and Sumner.

The guests were first of all given a literary over-technological tea and then entertained with a variety programme interspersed with dancing.

Their enjoyment was only one of the many benefits offered to older people by the Auxiliary.

**Thanks From Sunset**

(To The Editor)

Sir,—It would like to express our gratitude and thanks through The Listening Post to all the ladies of the various auxiliaries who have been so good to us old Diggers here at Sunset in our time of need.

And for all the outings they have made—possibly, always—where they have been good enough to fetch us, and we also hope they continue for the next year at least for the pleasure but also for their company which has been so helpful to us.

Wishing them all a Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year, from the old Diggers here at the home.

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Hospital Head Retires

Dr. O. R. Corr has retired as Medical Superintendent of the Hollywood Repatriation Hospital.

At an informal reception to him at Anzac House on June 16, a demonstration in Hollywood Park of the presentation of an electric razor and a travel case was made by the Assistant-Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation (Mr. E. J. Robinson).

Dr. Corr served in both world wars as a sergeant with the 28th Battalion in World War I and as a medical officer with the rank of Major in World War II. Between the wars he practised in the country, where he was always keen on R.S.I. work. He is a past-president of the Wyalkatchem sub-branch.

Dr. Corr has been Medical Superintendent since 1953, though as medical officer in charge of reparation wards as they were taken over from the Army, from 1946 onwards, he has played a prominent part in the reparation hospital's activities.

Prior to 1953 he was Assistant Medical Superintendent.

On November 23 members of the Repatriation Department and hospital staffs, and other well-wishers, gathered in the Red Cross hall at Hollywood to bid the retiring medical officer farewell.

The presentation of electric razor and a travel case was made by the Assistant-Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation (Mr. E. J. Robinson).

More Donations For Blackboy Memorial

Following the successful launching of the Blackboy Hill Camp commemoration appeal donations have been flowing in steadily.

Some of these are from old soldiers who went forth from that camp, some from members of the 2nd A.I.F. who are proud of the tradition handed down to them.

Then there are those received from grateful mothers, widows and widows of men who paid the supreme sacrifice. Among these was the following letter to the chairman of the Blackboy Hill Campsite Memorial Committee:

Dear Mr. Nicholas,

I do wish you all possible success with the Blackboy Camp appeal and enclose a donation ($5).

I am very much impressed with the gathering which I had the honour of attending with H.E. and Lady Gairdner.

My husband was killed in the Western Desert in 1942 so I feel I can identify myself very sincerely with this beautiful and very moving memorial.

The R.E.I. of Western Australia certainly takes the greatest care and interest in the dependants of all your war heroes, and I am much impressed. Let us hope that the alliveness of the responsibilities of a nation to the aftermath of war will be one of the strongest deterrents to future war.

No one is ever a victim, all must lose, and let us pray we have now learnt that lesson.

This gracious lady who is paying a short visit to Western Australia from England is the widow of a British general well remembered in Australia.

To quote the Premier: “Every section of the community in W.A. should support the appeal because Blackboy is typical of Western Australia.”