April 25, 1961

Surely our feelings should be stirred by the great and heroic deeds of our fallen Comrades which we commemorate on Anzac Day.

May their example inspire us to carry on in the service of our Country, whatever the cost. For so we shall make ourselves and our Country more worthy of the sacrifice of those who fought and died for us—Lieut.-Gen. Sir J. TALBOT HOBBS (1938).

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.
Executive Seat To Be Filled

The resignation from the State Executive of Mr. W. H. Ferrier has been accepted with regret.

In a letter considered by the executive at its meeting on March 29 Mr. Ferrier said he was resigning on medical grounds, and that he had enjoyed his association with members. The question of a replacement for Mr. Ferrier was deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

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A VOICE FROM ANZAC

"Funny thing, Bill—I keep thinking I hear men marching!"

A powerful cartoon by the Australian artist, Will Dyson, which first appeared in the Herald (Melbourne) on Anzac Day, 1927.

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Early Rains Will Help Solve Difficulties Of South-West Fire Victims

With their pastures laid waste by last month's fires, settlers in the Karridale district were looking to early rains to get them over their losses of immediate fodder "difficult." Mr. R. B. Morris said he understood that a number of the farmers affected were still waiting for official channels to send them help. The State President said that the affected sub-branches had been asked for reports and suggestions as to how help could best be given.

He said that collectively the State Executive and sub-branches had paid in over $900 to the Lord Mayor’s relief fund. A State approach for assistance under the League’s national relief fund was in train.
Remembrance And Respect

ANZAC DAY this year will be the first commemorated under the new Act. Despite the changed procedure, the obligation remains for all ex-servicemen to ensure that the sacrosanct part of the day is maintained with due dignity and decorum. Remembrance of those who gave their all to keep our freedom is of paramount importance.

THERE are some misguided, thoughtless people who believe that April 25 should be denuded of its significance, its observance abolished, the things it represents forgotten. These people forget that actually Anzac Day really commemorates the sacrifices of the men and women of this country who, by their valour and devotion to the principles we hold dear, brought this nation to the realisation that it was a nation, with a tradition of loyalty, service, and a spirit of freedom unexcelled in any part of the world.

THIS love of country, and all it stands for, is to be prized. It is the sacred duty of those who have served and who have been fortunate to survive the trials of war to pass “the torch” on. It is their responsibility that the youth of the country grow up with pride and knowledge of the price that has been paid for the freedom, security and comfort they enjoy in Australia.

IT IS the aftermath of war which has its terrible lesson. Today, in 1961, there are in repatriation hospitals 5,000 men undergoing treatment for wounds and illnesses that had their origin in the wars of 1914 and 1919.

OF THE 329,682 Australians who embarked for overseas in World War I 58,961 died from wounds or disease, 88,083 had severe illnesses and 40,989 were declared missing or P.O.W. The proportion of killed was almost one in five. Three men out of every five came back disabled, and of the others who were supposedly fit on their return many deteriorated in health soon afterwards, suffering from what doctors described as the delayed effects of war strain.

MEN WHO had served in war without break—despite weariness, sickness, and mental strain—often broke down as soon as the strain was lifted. In the second world war the casualties were:

killed, 30,689; p.o.w., 22,430; wounded and injured, 25,662, giving a total of 78,781.

WITH these tragic figures in mind it is an inescapable obligation for all sections of the community to ensure a fitting observance of Anzac Day.

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Anzac Men Of Gaza Ridge

Written at Gaza Ridge, 1942, by Pte, Rupert S. Price, A.I.F.

"When Anzacs abroad heard the call of their homeland, thousands passed through Gaza."

"Right wheel, quick march!" The old route track,

Through Barrack Square we march in threes.

Heads up, chins in, and shoulders back,

We take the order: "March at ease!"

And here we march with sober stride,

Because it is our privilege.

To pass where heroes fell and died—

The Anzac men of Gaza Ridge.

Where sand dunes run on either hand,

Yet traces be of friend and foe,

And through immortal no-man's-land,

The new-born armoured columns go;

Our emblem is the rising sun.

Visited the Club lately?
Tracing A Squadron C.O.

(To The Editor)

Sir,—As one of the joint organisers of the annual 223 Squadron reunion, I am trying to trace Captain H. F. de la Rue, D.F.C., who was the first commanding officer of 223 Squadron from 1919-21 and who was last heard of in Australia.

The squadron was re-formed in December 1959 and a special reunion is being held at the R.A.F. Reserve Club, London, W.11, on May 6, 1961, and if any of your readers can put me in touch with Captain H. F. de la Rue, or any other ex-member of 223 Squadron, both air and ground crew, who served on the squadron at any time from 1919 onwards, I should be most grateful.

Yours etc.,
Colin Turner, D.F.C. M.P.,
House of Commons,
Westminster,
London, S.W.1.

Calling All Barkies!

Over 300 helpers are required for the R.S.L. Barkie appeal on Fri., April 21, to break the old army rule and come on with the barkies.

If you can help, phone Tom Marshall at Anzac House, Opposite the Sports Club, 223 Squadron, and he will provide the number.

Come on chaps — this is important!

Anzac Day Heritage

H. Pulcher, Old Sixteenth

Anzac is our most honoured name, one that Gallipoli that war is called to proclaim. In the name of the Anzacs that Kiwis and Aussies did attain recognition as soldiers of great name, recruiting, enlisting bravely to lay claim to a grateful nation.

Loyal was ever their one aim.

In battle the enemy Turk was game, foe up against that name, and one could be the Anzac tume.

A new Zealand and Aussies, when call to arms was made, such instantly so honourably that call obeyed with gallant sons soon on parade.

In daily for duty to the mother country's aid.

As eagerly went overseas with soldiering as trade.

And lived for the enemy's death to raid.

Leading in Gallipoli, ashore did wage, with spirit, saw war-baptism by Turk, Jubilante, oblige sacrifice!

And hands, their lives paid.

And ends of those brave men will never fade.

Anzac Day, throughout our lands, we dedicate, remembering those we ever remember.

Emorial Day it be; at services we commemorate.

That, Editor, Gallipoli land did create, confidence, when again at war it was our fate, our sons in battle their fathers' deeds did emulate, revealing that fighting battles can be our trail.

Be attention, let it with such.

A glorious heritage we must perpetuate.

Let's We Forget!

A N Z A C

An appreciation and an exhortation dedicated to "Their Memory"

(R.B. A. Stewart, in "Reveille," April, 1961)

The toasts I give is "Anzac"; at that name

The shoulders square, the chest expand, the head

Proudly uplift and shout about the fame

Of the gallant ones from whose gallant port the glorious dead.

Who, by their valorous deeds that April morn,

Enthrilled the world and Nationhood was born.

The flower of youth, they were, the country's pride.

Preferring peace, yet dread not the fray

They hastened forth, stoved, mightily — and died.

That fate they might have faced today

If not all the eyes they wraith never seen before

"Encomia" and "Diggers," brothers evermore.

And in you their memory over笑

Their ideals in our children to instill,

To emulate their exploits without fear.

And for Freedom, for Freedom, free men still.

To late too when under foreign yoke enchain'd.

Liberty lost may never be regained.

For come a day that Anzac is forgot

Upon that day our nationhood shall cease.

And alien hands shall desecrate the spot.

Where else is the earth the earth of that peace

They bought for us with blood, and kept us free.

That day at Anzac Cove — Gallipoli.

Rise up — let your pride and praise

Can fittingly extol their high endevour:

With pride and gratitude your glasses raise

And let the echoes ring — "Anzac for Ever!"

B U R I E D A M O N G T H E K I N G S

From "Reveille" (April, 1961) comes this answer to the question: What is the inscription on the tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey?

"Beneath this stone lies the body of a British warrior, unknown by name or rank, brought here on Armistice Day, 11th November, 1920, in the presence of His Majesty King George V, the Prime Minister of the United States of America, the Chief of His Forces and a vast concourse of the Nation. This is to commemorate the many multitudes of our Great War of 1914-18 gave the most that man can give, himself, for God, for King and Country, for loved ones, home and Empire, for sacred cause of justice and the freedom of the world. They buried him among the Kings because he had done good toward God and toward His house."
Anzac Observances

On Tuesday, April 25—46 years to the day since the epic landing of the Anzacs on Gallipoli—Australian 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 ex-service men and women, and the general public, to participate in the Perth observances.

**Dawn Service**

The parade for the Dawn Service will assemble at the Queen Victoria Monument in King’s Park at 5.35 a.m. to be led to the State War Memorial by buglers and drummers. Wreaths may be laid on behalf of various associations and other ex-service organisations on the conclusion of the march. After the ceremony of silence private wreaths may be laid.

Official wreaths may be laid overnight at the King’s Park Lodge. Those attending the Dawn Service are asked to observe strict silence and refrain from flashing torches and lighting matches.

**City Parade**

For the parade through the city to the Ex-Service unit associations will be allotted assembly points in St. George’s-tceare 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.
- **Service:** 11 a.m. The column will be marshalled by two standard-bearers.
- **Club Will Open This Year**

All R.S.L. members should note that the A.C.C. members will be open as from 1 p.m. on Anzac Day. Allergee and Bridge meals will be available.

**Sub-Branch Services**

- **Ballidu:** April 25, 9 a.m. service at the memorial with a short witnessing service in the hall.
- **Beddingdown Park, Parade and service on Sunday April 23; 7.45 a.m.**
- **Bentleigh:** April 25, 9 a.m. service at the memorial.
- **Belmont:** Service on Sunday April 25. The ceremony of silence will be followed by the members of the Disneyland, Great Eastern Highway, Mr. N. Davidson.
- **Bundi-Bindi:** Service on April 25 at 8.45 a.m.
- **Binton:** Service at the memorial.
- **Boulcott:** Service at 10.30 a.m. on April 25.
- **Boyup Brook:** Parade and ceremony on April 25 at local war memorial at 11 a.m. Service conducted, with address, by President J. H. Young.
- **Bunbury:** April 25, service at 6 a.m. Tea and biscuits served—R.S.L. hall from 5:30 a.m. Parade will assemble at 10:30 a.m. Service moved off from hall at 10:40 a.m. led by Bunbury City Drum Majors and other members of the Ex-Servicemen’s Association.
- **Canberra:** 11 a.m., service at the Memorial, and will be attended by the ex-service men of the community.
- **Canning:** Sunday April 23, 11 a.m. at war memorial. Service, Albany-Highway, and will be attended by the members of the Ex-Servicemen’s Association.
- **Corrigin:** April 25, march past 10:45 a.m. service in the town hall at 11 a.m. Parade will assemble at 10 a.m., and will proceed to the town hall, where a service will be held, with Mr. D. Hall, President.
- **Coolgardie:** City, Sunday, April 23, 3 p.m., speaker, Mr. D. Hall, President.
- **Mt. Hawthorn:** April 25, wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial.
- **Mukinbudin:** April 25, Service in the Mukinbudin hall will be held at 10 a.m. and proceeds to the town hall, where a service will be held, with Mr. D. Hall, President.

**Move For Change In Congress-Centre**

The Geraldton sub-branch has initiated a move for the holding of the annual State Congress of the R.S.L. in one of the larger country towns periodically.

Notice of motion will be submitted to Anzac House so that the matter can be discussed at Congress in July.

The Geraldton sub-branch and "being out of the Country Women's Association, Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, and other leading organisations have extended their annual State Congresses in other country towns such as Geraldton, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie and Geraldton.

Sub-branch members say this is in the interests of the service men, as all these conferences have met with outstanding success. Junior vice-president Allan Young, who raised the subject, said the country centre would be attended by representatives of smaller sub-branches in that area, which were usually not represented in Perth. He thought those representatives would be so impressed with Congress that they would look forward with enthusiasm.

**The Bottle Procedure**

At the next executive meeting on Thursday, April 16, Mr. J. A. Rolfe, reported having received—From Mine Host at the Nye—A cheque for £6/13/- for the Veterans Home.

Along with the cheque, he said, was a note reading, "You are a little bottle you left me in the entrusted.

It was resolved that an appeal letter of thanks be sent. The State President said he thought the bottle procedure had possibilities.

**Engineers’ Reunion**

All ex-service engineers and members of the Royal Australian Engineers’ Association will join the state engineers for a presentation at the Engineers’ Reunion on April 27, The usual annual meeting and general business will be held at the Engineers’ Reunion at the Engineers’ Reunion, W.A.C.A. Grounds, East Perth, on Thursday, April 27, commencing at 12.15 p.m.

**Sub-Branches**

The Sub-branch will hold a wreath-laying ceremony at the Sub-branch Services on Anzac Day at the Sub-branch Services War Memorial. Residents are invited to lay a wreath at the official ceremony.

**Osthers for Parade**

Ushers are required for the official ceremony on Anzac Day. If you can help please advise Mr. G. Sherlock, at Anzac House (phone 23 2717).

**Sub-Branch Wreath-Laying**

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**C.M.F. Troops On Parade**

Nearly 1,300 members of the regular Citizen Military Forces are expected to be present at the dedication of the R.S.I. for the Anzac Day march and Esplanade. For the Army this will be the culmination of Army Week, the first of its kind in W.A.

Army Week begins on April 19 at an official opening by the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir John Dwyer), who will include a fire drill demonstration and the presentation of the A.C.C. to the Sub-branch of the Western Australian Board and there will be a media presentation parade on the Esplanade on April 21 and a military display there on the afternoon of Sunday, April 22.

Also, that afternoon, frentage C.M.F. units will march to the Anzac commencement service at the port.

**Good Air**

Very good air conditions are expected on Anzac Day.
Pensions Plan For Cabinet

The R.S.L. Pensions Plan to give more time to consider the points and arguments the League is presenting in support of its requests.

National President J. A. Lee said recently that although the plan itself could not be published in advance, its details would, he hoped, enable the Cabinet to be made known later on.

Benefits Available To British
And Allied Ex-servicemen

As directed by State Congress the Repatriation Committee has inquired regarding benefits available to British and Allied ex-servicemen and has obtained the following information.

The Commonwealth Repatriation Department is in the capacity of agent for the following overseas administrations (a) Britain (Navy, Army, Air Force, Service Departments), etc., (b) Canada, (c) South Africa, (d) Southern Rhodesia, (e) New Zealand. (f) Malaya, (g) Singapore, (h) Hong Kong.

Decisions regarding eligibility for medical and hospital treatment are in all cases made by the various overseas administrations and, as necessary, authority is given to overseas agents to provide facilities for treatment.

The facilities so provided are charged to the administration of the country concerned, and are available to overseas agents however, authority is given to overseas agents to provide facilities for treatment.

As in all cases, the basis of eligibility for this treatment is that overseas Administrations have accepted a disability or disabilities as due to or aggravated by war service.

The Deputy Commissioner in Western Australia advises that ex-servicemen who are entitled to a pension or allowance is eligible for consideration under any one of the various instruments controlled by the above-named administrations.

Applications are forwarded overseas for decisions regarding eligibility.

The A.R.L. advises that ex-servicemen of the Royal Navy, Air Force and Army may now lodge claims at the consulate for medical benefits for disabilities incurred during service.

The American consulate advises that there are no medical benefits payable to veterans who reside permanently in Australia but that there are a number of other benefits for which these veterans may qualify, namely:

(1) Compensation to veterans for service-connected disabilities.
(2) Education and training in the United States for veterans who are entitled to receive the benefit of an education loan.
(3) Certain burial benefits.
(4) Compensation to widows of veterans for non-service-connected deaths.
(5) Pensions payable to widows of veterans for non-service-connected deaths.
(6) Veterans may be eligible to apply for non-participating G.I. insurance if they have service-connected disabilities.
(7) Pensions payable to veterans for non-service-connected disabilities.
(8) Children between the ages of 18 and 21 of veterans who died from disease or injury incurred or aggravated by service may be eligible for certain kinds of training in the United States.

Any veterans desirous of filling in any of these forms of benefit should communicate with the American Consulate which has a number of forms of benefit for the Veterans Administration in Washington for consideration.

Murray Expect a Record Anzac Day

Committee men of the Murray sub-branch are confident that this year's record of 100 will be surpassed this year, despite the alteration to the observance of 1936 by the referendum.

In addition to the ex-servicemen on parade about 100 others from the district, will be surveyed at the march through Pinjarra.

The parade, which will assemble at the clubrooms at 9.30 a.m., will be led by the City Band and the march through the town.

Dwellingup, Mandurah and North Dandalup sub-branch members, and ex-servicemen from these districts, will also be in the parade.

Introduced by president Harold Lewis foundation, the sub-branch will be held in the Memorial Park.

The Women's Auxiliary is arranging the catering for the event and refreshments on parade will be entertained by the sub-branch after the service.

Presentations Made By Murray Sub-Branch

One of the Murray sub-branch's best workers over many years received recognition for his services at an evening given in his honour last month.

He is Roy Brown, who for the past 16 years has been one of the sub-branch's most solid members.

Roy was presented with a Certificate of Service in recognition of his efforts.

In making the presentation former president Bed Crowley outlined some of the many duties Roy had carried out for the benefit of the sub-branch.

Roy played a major part in the sub-branch's rise to prominence being a stalwart worker during the arduous times when efforts were made to finance and build the clubrooms.

Roy was the recipient of several presentations at the evening, including one from the women's auxiliary presented by president Esther Seffert.

Mrs. Seffert said: "No matter what Roy did in his spare time, he was always ready to lend a hand, and always ready to help others.

Opportunity was taken during the evening to present non-member Don Strain with a certificate of commendation from League headquarters for the help he had given over many years.

Mt. Hawthorn's Activity

Notes from Mt. Hawthorn public officer "Nobby" Clark include reference to the passing of late-president Arthur Barron, who was laid to rest on March 16 after a long illness.

The sub-branch extends its deepest sympathy to Mr. Barron and family.

The sub-branch, which was established on March 16 was the largest for many months. The building was occupied by a host of various kinds.

The sub-branch is again participating in the AIF Service and looks forwards to another good year.

Newly-elected sports director Jim Shearers looks forward to giving the members all the support they can.
Secretaries At Fault, Says State Vice-President

At the State Executive meeting on March 29, Membership Committee chairman E. C. Townsend (a State Vice-President) reported that some sub-branch secretaries were falling-down on the job so far as membership matters were concerned.

He said that three large sub-branches had failed to submit any capitulation (memorandum) returns this year.

Mr. Townsend said it was impossible to keep a check on the membership position without a complete set of returns at headquarters.

Membership of the League lapsed automatically with the non-payment of the subscription, he said, and so far as the head office was concerned the only record of membership was the capitulation return.

After the expiry of the customary period of grace it was the practice to stop mailing "The Listening Post" to those for whom no membership figures were on record.

It was clear, therefore, that unless the delay in receipt of capitulation returns, men who had actually paid this year's subscription were going to find that their copy of the journal had stopped coming.

In such an event the proper recourse would be to the sub-branch secretary concerned.

Mr. Townsend said that the official membership figure was nearly 1,000 less than that for the same time last year.

NAME-CONTEST WON BY CARNA Mah Man

The winner of the competition for a suitable name for the Waumbra branch of the Returned and Services League in Esperance, was adjudged Mr. W. Newman, a member of the Carnamah sub-branch.

Mr. Newman submitted the name, "WOAMBRA" an aboriginal word meaning remembrance.

The judges felt that this name was suitable as well as euphonious.

The prize—a Hoover electric stove, donated by Tedco Pty. Ltd., is to be presented to the Carnamah branch.

Congratulations, Mr. Newman.

Busy Time For 8 Visitors

Since January eight members of the Hospital Visiting Corps had made 141 visits, Mr. E. MacLeod reported to the State Executive at the meeting on March 29.

The limited number of visits was making the task particularly onerous, he said, and the Hospital-Visit ing Committee was calling on metropolitan sub-branches to accept responsibility for their own members in hospital.

At Hollywood Hospital Corps members were conferring with the visiting committee to country hospitals; a limited response from metropolitan sub-branches had meant a restricted scheme.

Corps visitors had been able to assist patients in many ways, even to the tracing of relatives, Mr. MacLeod said.

The committee was arranging with the hospital authorities the visiting arrangements to be handed to patients.

The meeting authorised Mr. S. A. Macnamara to accept membership subscriptions from patients at Hollywood.

No Capitation Return This Year From These Sub-Branches

As at April 4 the following sub-branches had not submitted a capitation return this year:

Bunbury, Collie-Cardiff, Dardanup, Derby, Frankland, Geraldton, Greenbushes, Margaret River, Mingenew, Moora, Norseman, North Perth, Pinnan, Port Denison, Port Gregory, Wandoan, Wonthaggi, Yarloop.

This means that members who have paid into those sub-branches will not be entitled to any further financial assistance at headquarters.

If the capitation return is not submitted before April 30 the "The Listening Post" will not be sent to the members concerned.

This is the responsibility of secretaries and their cooperation is requested. Members are asked to bring the constitution to submit a monthly capitation return, nil or otherwise.

Proud Welcome For "Changi Angel"

There was a proud welcome by members of the Ex-Prisoners of War and Relatives' Association to Chinese widow Mrs. Mary Seah—remembered by thousands of Australians as the Angel of Changi—during her recent visit to Perth.

Association secretary Mrs. B. Minors writes:

On February 28 we were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Seah to Perth. Unfortunately, due to delay in her arrival, her stay was too short. A reception was given to her by the association on Wednesday, March 1, to give members an opportunity of meeting her.

Tiny, charming Mrs. Seah was a charming figure when she arrived with President Bert Westley, who introduced her to the gathering and said he appreciated the opportunity of thanking Mrs. Seah and others for the help they had given during the Japanese occupation, often at great risk to themselves.

He asked them to convey our thanks to others when she returned to Singapore and presented her with a small gift in recognition of her services to the war effort in Singapore.

The president was supported in his remarks by past-president J. Dixon and Mrs. S. T. Macnamara, who said the Chinese were a fine people, and that she

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In Honour Of Sir George

At the National Executive meeting to be held in Canberra in May, a special plaque honouring the work and achievements of the Immediate National President of the R.S.L. (Sir George Holland, K.B.E.), will be unveiled at a formal ceremony.

Sir George has been asked especially to attend this meeting. He was president from 1950 to 1960, a period of great achievement for the R.S.L.

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(asks C. R. Collins)

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"TO GIVE A PEACEFUL SANCTUARY"

Let all who pass know that this veterans' home was erected by the Western Australian branch of the R.S.L., and its women's auxiliaries, to give a peaceful sanctuary to men and women who have served their country, and was opened by the Honourable the Premier of Western Australia, Mr. David Brand, M.L.A., on this day the 11th March, 1961.

This is the wording of the inscription on a plaque in the foyer of the new home, as prescribed by R.S.L. State President Lonnie when calling upon the Premier for the opening.

But before doing so he described the occasion as one of the most famous in the history of the League in this State.

Paying a tribute to the work of former leaders and their successors Mr. Lonnie said it had fallen to a younger generation to pick up the torch and press on the veterans' home project to its fruition.

He paid a proud tribute to that achievement, and also deep appreciation to the debt owed by the beneficiaries to the men who had contributed to it.

Mr. Lonnie said: "To my colleagues in the State Executive and the veterans' women..." The State branch could now claim with confidence to have a home equal to any project in Australia—a home brought to fruition by enthusiasm and sincerity of purpose.

It was the hope of members that so long as the home stood it would be a symbol of the word, and that those who had given their best years to service in their country in times of stress and strain would enjoy that peace and quiet in which their service in war had so richly entitled them.

He was also encouraging the opening of the home at the right time and that the £12,000 paid by the Federal Government had been wisely spent to provide every comfort for the residents and that was just as well because unless the desired facilities and amenities were provided in the first place it usually took a long time to provide them.

Mr. Brand had the project started in 1946 and that was as a result of the guidance, leadership and drive of the presidents since then, both in the State and the Women's Auxiliary, and it had been almost paid for.

Even from the Treasury it was very nice to have a surplus sometimes, he said. Rising to move a vote of thanks to the Premier, State Vice-President J. A. Rolfe said the opening was the culmination of many years of planning and work.

He said: "It was anticipated that to maintain the home at a high standard would require about £10,000 a year, and in facing the challenge the League felt confident of the support of the public as in the past. Already quite a number of sub-branches and affiliated organisations had pledged themselves to an annual grant to keep the home functioning at top level.

It was felt that many members of the public would like to be associated with the running of the home in some tangible way, and accordingly an organisation was to be known as "Supporters of War Veterans" and they had been set up for a nominal sum anyone could become a member of the organisation. Before falling for an expression of thanks to the Premier Mr. Rolfe presented him with a framed photograph of the administrative block.

PAID FOR

At the State Executive meeting on March 23, eleven cheques were presented to the R.S.L. Veterans' Home on behalf of the executive, presented Mr. Rolfe—in appreciation of his services as chairman of the War Veterans' Home Committee—"with a framed photograph of the home.

Thanking the committee for its gesture Mr. Rolfe said: "That job was not done by me; there were plenty others who did all the work through. Everyone member of the executive fortunate enough to be on the committee has worked like a trojan, and is still doing it.

Mr. Rolfe said he had felt amply rewarded already for anything he may have done, the size of the attendance at the opening ceremony and by the delightful expressions personally by the residents.

Home Receives £8,400 On Opening Day

Two cheques totalling £8,400 were donated to the R.S.L. Veterans' Home in Mt. Lawley at the official opening.

Premier Brand, who opened the home, presented a cheque for £7,500 to R.S.L. president W. S. Lonnie on behalf of the State Government and Mrs. E. Ames, president of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, donated £900 on behalf of the auxiliary.

The donations meant that the home, built at a cost of £175,000, was now practically paid for. R.S.L. Secretary W. Webb said:

A further cheque for £13,000 handed over by MHR. D. Cash represented part of the Federal Government's contribution.

Twentysix ex-servicemen—the first of 104 people who will eventually live at the home—formed a guard of honour for Mr. Brand.

The home has accommodation for 60 ex-servicemen, 24 ex-service-women, and 20 war widows.

Mr. Lonnie said during the opening ceremony that the £900 from the auxiliary made up the grand total of £9,500 to the home from that source.

In the running of the home, he said, only one standard would be contemplated by the high.

The expenditure incurred was more than in the years went by.

He expressed his deep appreciation of the unfailing kindness, co-operation and generosity of all who had contributed to the home.

Here is portion of the large gathering for the official opening of the R.S.L. Veterans' Home. Accommodation blocks for male veterans are seen in the background.
Comment For The Month

—from G.A.S.

A pleasant surprise this month; I received some news from the Cocoa-Keeping
sub-branch. Apparently
at an Annual Meeting, following the New Year, Forrestal held
a very good meeting. It
was enjoyable and informative.

The Island was visited by
the F.A.A. and their
camp was well received. The
islanders were friendly and
helpful.

The police station
was well patronized and
the police were efficient.

A large group of people
attended the dance.

The State-Housing Com-
mission is building war-ser-
vice homes for eligible ex-
service men and women in
the developing area of Karrin-
lup. A number of new
houses are under construc-
tion.

The modern schools in
the area are well equipped
for the future.

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to the following people for
their hard work and dedica-
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its hard work and dedica-
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To Mrs. K. O'Brien for
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VETERANS WHO ARE YOUNG IN HEART

The fifth annual party for 1914-18 veterans organized by Claude Marsh and D. J. Bevan was held in the Armadale R.S.I. Memorial Hall on Saturday, March 18, and a roll-call of 44, whose ages averaged 69 years, showed the popularity of the event.

The first half-hour was given to informal chatings, when the main topic of conversation was the health of veterans out of town for the meeting.

When all were seated, and the Royal Toast honoured, Claude Marsh announced the formal part of the arrangements for the party. He then produced a watch, with a significant air, and called upon the speakers to propose a toast.

Mr. Fred Symes proposed the toast to the R.S.I., and Mr. Andrew Malcolm to those who had not attended.

Later in the evening, Captain George Hardie and Mr. J. S. Cumming had a chance to discuss the state of the party, and issuing an order for those who did not attend.

Each story started as "parlour," but invariably turned out as an "enquiry," while there was some sympathy for these "young'uns" spent their youth.

Sub-branch Dues Given To Veterans' Home

For the third year in succession the Dunsborough-Yallingup sub-branch has made over the whole of its quota in membership subscriptions (5/- per member) as a donation to the R.S.I. Veterans' Home.

President F. H. Jolliffe reported on the annual general meeting of the sub-branch on March 23.

Mr. Jolliffe said that fundraising efforts had been reasonably successful, the best effort winning the rosette painting donated by the wife of a member—Mr. McCardie.

The small band of veterans who formed the auxiliary had proved very successful in every way they could.

Membership had increased during the last year, and contacts at meetings had not always been good, Mr. Jolliffe said.

Urging all those eligible to join the sub-branch to do so, he said it was more felt now than ever before.

Dearth Of Volunteers Curtains Visiting

Members of the Corps of Hospital Visitors regularly visit ex-service men in private and country areas who are in-patients at Hollywood Hospital. In addition visits are made at specific request to in-patients at other metropolitan hospitals.

It was recently reported to the State Executive that at the request of headquarters, over 150 sick servicemen had been visited during the year.

Unfortunately, the limited number of League members who have volunteered to enrol in the corps have curtailed the visits that should have been made. "The task of visiting the sick undertaken by the Corps, " he said, "is expected to be assumed by the League members who have volunteered their services as hospital visitors.

The corps is pleased to welcome Mr. H. Tonkin, president of the Park sub-branch, as its latest recruit. Other volunteers would be equally welcome; indeed, further enrolments are essential if the visiting service is to be continued.

War I Digger Seeks Very Good Friends

A World War I Digger who enlisted at Albany but who has been posted to the Eastern States for many years, is coming to Perth for Anzac Day celebrations and hopes to meet some of the men of his old unit with Machine Gun Company.

He describes himself as No. 943 Pte G. J. S. Now, Mr. Bevan says he was wounded and taken prisoner in 1917, and brought back to England. After returning to Australia, he lived at Albany for a time before coming here.

He says "Owing to my age this will probably be my last Anzac Day, but I hope to meet some of the best friends I ever had the good fortune to know".

Mr. Bevan was expecting to arrive in Perth about April 23. With a telephone contact with him made through Anglic House.

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Welfare Work Is Growing Astoundingly

"Whether or not it is a sign of the times the work of this committee is growing at an outstanding rate," State President Lonnie said this at a recent executive meeting in reference to the League, welfare work following a report by Mr. J. B. White. Mr. Lonnie said the League was now handling more cases than for year past. The demand for welfare was growing all the time, he said.

He thought there might be record number of applications this year. Welfare work was now assuming a greater proportion of the office time than ever before, and a staff officer appointed some months ago--mainly for other duties--was now devoting about 90 per cent of his time to it.

"This is very laudable work, but it is expensive," he said on the subject of distress cases these days. Mr. Lonnie said.

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AWARDS TAKE TWO BY SURPRISE

At the State Executive meeting on March 29 two former members, who were present by invitation, were taken by surprise at the termination of business when State President Lonnie said he would proceed to unclasp the mystery.

He was referring to certificates about to be presented to the volunteers-Miss Mary Meares and Mr. E. A. Dodd.

Miss Meares resigned in July, 1959, because of ill health, and Mr. Dodd about three months ago because of his projected departure for the United Kingdom.

Presenting Miss Meares with a State branch Certificate of Merit in recognition of her long service in the interests of ex-service men, Mr. Lonnie said:

"She had Miss Meares' service had already been recognized by her membership of the Order of the British Empire and by a Certificate of Merit awarded by the national office of the League.

"Endorsing Mr. Lonnie's remarks, State Vice-President Townsend said he could not imagine Miss Meares was not working for ex-service people.

"It was Miss Meares, he said, who had petitioned the League for official recognition of Miss Meares to the organisation as the Ex-Serviceswomen's sub-branch of the League. Thanking members for the presentation, Miss Meares said her many valued friendships on the executive and would never have resulted but for ill-health. She concluded:

"Thank you very much for considering me worthy of this.

Presenting Mr. Dodd with the League's Certificate of Appreciation State Vice-President Rolfe said the recipient had a country been 'missed and would continue to be missed by the executive of the League for his organizing ability and his pleasant personality. The certificate was tangible evidence of the high regard in which Mr. Dodd was held.

Mr. E. O. Davies assured Mr. Dodd that he would be remembered much of value behind him.

"Thanking members, Mr. Dodd said he felt doubly honoured by receiving the award along with Miss Meares. He said his association on the executive and was now hoping to be able to form a sub-branch in London.

"You had better call it the Meares and Dodd sub-branch," said the State President.

S. AFRICA EX-SERVICEMEN STILL COMMONWEALTH

The following statement has been issued for publication by R.S.L.

National President A. J. Lee, C.B.E., M.C.

Although South Africa, for reasons understood and appreciated by all, the R.S.L. has withdrawn from the Commonwealth, the executive of the South African branch will continue to play an active and significant part in the affairs of the Commonwealth through the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League.

The mutual respect and comradship arising from the mutual shared war experience cannot be cancelled out by a political decision, especially when those activities have been for many years devoted to the improvement of the conditions of ex-servicemen everywhere.

The South African Legion was, with the R.S.L., a foundation member of the B.C.E.L., virtually a British Commonwealth in miniature. It was actually founded in Cape Town in 1921, and today every leading ex-service organisation in every Commonwealth country, colony and territory, is member of the B.C.E.L.

There is a precedent for an ex-service organisation which has been formed in the Commonwealth circle remaining as a valuable and effective member of the Commonwealth Ex-Services League. The Burma Legion attained its membership with the Commonwealth Ex-Services League when Burma left the Commonwealth, and has proved an active, effective, and loyal member. Burma sent conference delegates to the 14th Annual Meeting of the League opened by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, in Canada, and was also represented at the 15th Congress held in London last year. The Burma Legion endures.

CHANGE IN SERVICE AT CANNING

The Cannin sub-branch is to hold its Anzac Day Parade and service on Sunday, April 23—two days before Anzac Day.

The Cannin sub-branch was formed on the afternoon of Anzac Day, and the decision to hold the parade was made in conformity with the new mode of State Executive meetings.

The Welshpool and Riverina sub-branches will join Canning for the Sunday observance.

The parade will assemble in Albany-highway, near Clanwilliam, at 10.30 a.m. for the march to the war memorial in the corridor of the Albany-Albany highway and Manning-road and move-off, headed by the St. John Ambulance Corps. The address at the service will be given by State Vice-President E. C. Townshend.

25 YEARS AS TREASURER

At the annual general meeting of the Katanning sub-branch recently Mr. A. D. Griffiths was re-elected as treasurer for the 25th consecutive year.

Although he joined the ex-servicemen's sub-branch put on record its appreciation of his services to itself and to the League in general.

During his long period of service Mr. Croucher has received two State Executive awards.
THE LAST POST

JOE HAMPSHIRE, 10th Light Horse, Collie.
A. H. FAIRFON, 7th Bn., Perth.
M. BARRY, 51st Bn., Fremantle.
E. BAYLEY, 16th A.C.S. (12 Bn.), Denmark.
L. M. BRADY, 1st Div. Sigs, N.E. Fremantle.
C. W. DODD, 2/28th Bn., Perth.
E. H. BLACK, 11th Bn., Cottesloe.
W. P. ELLETT, A.A.M.C., Geraldton.
F. FORSYTH, 1st Bn., Pickering Brook.
W. J. FRANCIS, 10th L.R. Fremantle.
A. G. HARRISON, Scots Guards Boddington.
H. M. GAY, 8th Bn., Gloucester Park.
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F. E. HOUNSLOW, 2/16 Bn., Perth.
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A. T. L. NEWTON, 28th Bn., Cottesloe.
P. O'DEA, 28th Bn., Perth.
H. M. F. PHILLIPS, 44th Bn., Perth.
C. PRATT, 11th Bn., Perth.
H. M. REID, 1st Bn., A.T.C. York.
F. H. RYNNER, 51st Bn., Perth.
S. J. SAUNDERS, 3rd Div. Sigs., Collie.
C. H. SCHEAL, 46th Bn., Kangaroo.
W. STARES, 28th Bn., Perth.
W. J. XIE, 7th Gloucester Regt., Mt. Lawley.

REIGNITION: It was with regret that members of the Women's Auxiliary accepted the resignation of Mrs. Lynn (Kenwick). The vacancy has been filled by Mrs. Brown (City of Perth), who was welcomed to the executive by the President at the last meeting.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ROUND-UP

March Visits

7th: The State President (Mrs. Ames) attended a fundraising meeting at the State President's Home.
8th: Mrs. Ames attended the Tommies' Repairs Education Board meeting.
11th: Mrs. Ames held the State Secretary (Mrs. Sprin) and a community meeting at the Y.W.C.A. annual meeting.
17th: Mrs. Ames attended a special function in (?)辅助委员会's annual meeting.

At Williams

At Williams recently the auxiliary entertained the State President (Mrs. Ames) at a basket lunch.
While at Williams Mrs. Ames attended a general meeting of the auxiliary which she gave advice on several matters and also delivered an address on the assistance of the branches.

They put their heads together and naturally chose the only permanent roof with permanent colour—Bristile! Send a plan of your home to H. L. Brisbane & Wundrell Limited, Lord Street, Perth, and they'll send you a free roof estimate for return-post.

Donations For March

Veteran's Home:
Bowling: Green—Pinnelly, $30; McLean Sports, $30; Belmont, $15; \$15; Yarloop, $15; Boulder, $15; Yarloop; $15; Beverley, $15; Williams, $10.
Furnishing Fund—Brookton, $40; Narrogin, $25.
Red Cross (Special Effort) — Brookton, $20/17.
Bushfire Relief:
Millen, $2/2; Hamilton Hill Central, $20; Coolgardie, $20; Spearwood, $2/2; Brookton, $2/2; Baulkham, $2/2; Stratton, $2/2; Beverley, $2/2; Kalgoorlie, $2/2; Mingenew, $2/2; Yarloop, $2/2; Cunderdin, $2/2; North Perth, $2/2; Pinjarra, $2/2; Meckering, $1/10.

Chair For Mr. Barker

In these columns last month, it was stated that the Kenwick auxiliary had met the cost of a chair bought for the Mr. Barker R.S.L.
It is understood that the chair was in fact bought for the Kenwick sub-branch, that it is now on loan to Mrs. Ted Barker, a former Kenwick sub-branch secretary.

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Job Well Done At Murray

There has been more manual than clerical work done in the last month, Secretary George Ashman told Murray sub-branch members at the March meeting.

George was referring to the amount of work that he, together with other members, had done during the disastrous floods which swept the district.

As a visitor at the meeting I was amazed by reports given by the secretary and by President Harold Lewin—of what the sub-branch and the women auxiliary had done at the time of the disaster and the days following.

No praise could be too high for the work done by these two organisations. Their efforts are a credit to them and the League.

Though the meeting was one of the shortest for record—35 minutes—it was full of interest and capable handled by the president.

Members voted in favour of holding the combined annual reunion and rally at Murray—at the Saturday preceding Anzac Day.

This year the combined show—Dwellup, Mandurah, North Dandalup and Murray—will be held at Murray club-rooms with Murray as the host sub-branch. Visitors are welcome—"Ach-Willie."

First Sword Of Honour

The first Sword of Honour was awarded at the Military College, Duntroon, was presented to the college at the 50th Jupe Parade there last month.

The presentation was made by Capt. A. J. de B. Forbes, M.G., M.H.H.

His father, the late Brigadier A. M. Forbes, M.O., M.C., was the first recipient of the college's foundation-class which graduated in 1914.

During the parade Captain Forbes, a 1942 graduate, will handover his father's sword to the present Battalion Sergeants-Major. Senior Under-Officer K. Gower.

The sword will be carried by the B.S.M. of the college on ceremonial occasions in future.

Where's Paddy?

Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of Paddy O'Connor—original 17th Brigade (Peters Park)—Division—advise the State Executive at Anzac House, Perth.

Conference Impresses

Dr. H. Hanrahan told the State Executive that he had been greatly impressed by the conference at Morawa on March 26.

He said it was the first group conference he had attended.

A number of meaty subjects had been discussed and, on the whole, he had found the conference generally and had not miscalculated their words.

ALtogether the meeting had been a day very well spent.

Dr. Hanrahan described the Morawa War Memorial, which was unveiled during the conference, as magnificent in conception and execution.

He said the unveiling ceremony was very impressive and dealt with very efficiently.

He had noted that on the subject of capital punishment and on membership matters generally, members of the State Executive had not miscalculated their words.

The group conference idea struck him as an extremely effective instrument for improving sub-branch relations.

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AT DAWN: An Anzac Day dawn service will be observed by the Anzac sub-branch at the Edinburgh Hall, Foss-street, Bilton.

UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

11th and 2/11th Battalions

The committee of the 11th and 2/11th Battalion Association confidently anticipates a record roll-up at this year's Anzac Day parade and march.

In the past many have said they would march if the latter part of the day was declared open. If they now keep to their word the figures of previous years should easily be eclipsed.

Members are requested to fall in, as usual, outside Anzac House. Markers will fall in at 9.45 a.m., and it is important that they be punctual, with the remaining marchers falling in at 10 a.m. and the parade commencing at 10.15.

It is with regret that we report the deaths of 1/11th, 2/11th, 3/11th and 4/11th Battalion veterans during the past month.

The annual meeting of the 2/4th A.F.W. will be held on April 21 at the Anzac House clubrooms at the usual time. All members are invited to attend and check on their membership.

2/4th A.F.W.

The third annual reunion of the 2/4th Army Field Workshop Volunteer Association will be held on April 21 at the Anzac House clubrooms at the usual time. All members are invited to attend and check on their membership.

2/4th M.G.

Machine-gunners of the 2/4th are expecting a big turnout for the Anzac Day parade and march. In previous years the parade has been less well attended than the march. This year, however, the number of marchers is expected to be much larger.

A message has been received from the South African War Veterans Association, inviting representatives to attend their annual dinner on April 21 at the Imperial Hotel, T. Ford and A. P. Lee.


The women's auxiliary are arranging a jumble sale in May.

Presidential Change At Mundaring

At this year's annual meeting at Mundaring registrar, Jock Pringle, did not stand for re-election, and popular and capable Allen Grace, who is opposed to guide the destinies of the sub-branch.

Harry Morgan was re-elected secretary.

The meeting was addressed by State Vice-President E. C. Towaghbon.

The balance sheet for 1960 showed a satisfactory state of affairs, and during the year a building fund of a little over £2000 was turned into a partially-completed hall valued at £500—a worthy effort for a small sub-branch.

The sub-branch is grateful to all those who helped to make its social activities a success, to those who donated money and furniture, and to the hall committee and to stone-mason Mr. Young Sin, of Zama.

A strong committee has been elected to meet the competition of the hall as soon as possible, and members are requested to support all social and other activities.

The need for an increased membership is felt strongly.

The changed conditions of Anzac Day were considered at the meeting and it was decided to keep the spirit of the day alive by holding a reunion on Anzac Day itself with a morning service at Mundaring.

Members will gather at the railway station at 9.45 a.m. and they will commence at 10 a.m.

To keep members posted on their sub-branch activities, reports will appear in "The Listening Post" each month.

The sub-branch meets 8 p.m. on the fourth Monday each month.

New Ideas Have Taken On

A number of sub-branches have indicated their interest in the proposal to revive the Bicentennial celebrations and, in the proposed short course in civil defence instruction.

This was reported at the last meeting of the Executive which agreed the sub-clear for a start to the scheme.

On the question of widening the scope of the A.H.M.E. it is understood that the executive was told that there had been complete cooperation from the sub-branches at present competing.
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Memory Lingers In Fountain’s Flow

“There could be no finer tribute to a man who did his best for his fellows in war and peace than this, a fountain that keeps on running for a very fine gentleman and citizen.”

Bishop C. L. Riley said this before dedicating the Fountain of Memory at the new R.S.L. Veterans’ Home on Saturday, March 11.

The fountain was financed by staff and executive members of Boans Ltd., as a memorial to the late Capt. Robert Gee, who directed the activities of Boans Social and Sporting Club for many years.

The dedication ceremony followed the official opening of the home. Bishop Riley said that Capt. Gee had served for 20 years in the ranks before receiving his commission, and had subsequently been awarded the M.C. and V.C.

For a while he had been a Member of Parliament in the United Kingdom and had then migrated to this country and gone farming in the Mullewa district. Later he had taken on a job at Boans looking after the amenities of the staff.

Moving a vote of thanks to Bishop Riley, Boans Social and Sporting Club secretary Frank Wooler said that Capt. Gee had been greatly revered by the staff at Boans.

During the last war he had organised visits to army camps by groups of entertainers and had helped in the raising of over £37,000 for the war effort.

Proceedings At Rocky Gully

At the annual dinner of the Rocky Gully sub-branch last month some 50 ex-servicemen sat down to an excellent repast supplied by a very active women’s auxiliary.

Among the visitors were State President Lonnie, executive member Arthur Kelly and representatives of the Kojonup, Cranbrook and Mt. Barker sub-branches. A very convivial evening ensued.

The annual meeting on March 22 was reasonably well attended.

Mr. H. Harper was re-elected president, Mrs. H. V. Creib secretary and Mr. S. Evans treasurer.

There are now 45 members with 1961 slips.

A team from the sub-branch travelled to Mt. Barker recently to play a cricket match against a local team, and won by one run with ten minutes to play.

A barbeque tea afterwards yielded proceeds of about £15. This will be donated to Legacy.

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