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Competition Ends In Blaze Of Glory

The 1960 Miss Crowning Glory quest ended in a blaze of glory on the night of November 20, when the 39 finalists who had faced the judges the previous day assembled on stage at the Playhouse Theatre for the announcement of place-getters.

Miss Maria Koomen (of Bassendean) was placed first, and in a very colourful ceremony was crowned queen by the Premier, Mr. David Brand.

Miss Koomen’s main prize is a sea-trip for two to New Zealand and back. The official placings—with the sponsoring body in each instance shown in parentheses—were as follows:

1. Maria Koomen (Boans Social and Sporting Club);
2. Margaret Thompson (Wagin Torchbearers);
3. Beverley Shattock (Qual-rading R.S.L. and Junior Farmers);
4. Grade Hall (Boddington R.S.L.);
5. Jill Flangan (Karrinyup R.S.L.);
6. Dympna Bishop (Claremont R.S.L.);
7. Malinda Watson (Legacy Women’s Auxiliary);
8. Elaine Ryan (Geraldton R.S.L. and Torchbearers).

Big money

In the most-money-raised section of the competition Mrs. Irene Gould (Bellevue R.S.L.) headed the list for the metropolitan area by raising the surprisingly large sum of $515.12.5, while in the country Mr. Tom Gores (Karrinyup R.S.L. and Torchbearers) led with $338.7.0. Each received a prize of $75 for their efforts.

The total gross amount raised by the competition was $4,842.13.3, and although final accounts are still to come in it is apparent that the R.S.L. Veterans’ Home and Legacy will each receive about $2,000, which makes the total net returns from the first two years of the competition about $11,000.

As in last year’s contest country candidates were well in the running for places.

The organising committee expresses its sincere thanks and gratitude to the organisations which sponsored candidates, and also to the candidates themselves, for their hard work and enthusiasm.

**SEEN here putting on the final touches before going on stage for the declaration of prize-winners in the Miss Crowning Glory competition are the first three place-getters—from left Miss Maria Koomen (first), Miss Beverley Shattock (third) and Miss Margaret Thompson (second).**

Seasonal 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.

Move To Alter League Rule

An alteration to League Rules desired by the National Executive would give women who are eligible for League membership the right to join R.S.L. women’s auxiliaries.

At present they are barred from doing so by the last clause of Rule 47 of the League Rules and By-laws.

At the National Executive meeting on October 24 it was resolved to delete the clause and seek confirmation of the action at the next meeting of National Congress.
The League And The Community

Whether they be living in country centres or the more densely populated metropolitan area, members of the State Branch of the R.S.L. continue to exercise a worthy influence in community life.

Many of them belong to other organisations—a further tribute to their highly developed spirit of good citizenship.

The organisation can be proud of its objectives and its achievements. A stage in the world's history when unity and loyalty are invaluable to the nation. R.S.L. members are playing a valuable role today as they did when in uniform. Vigilance for a virile defence policy, they are equally as vigilant in their work on a wide variety of matters ranging from pensions for veterans to advice upon legal and land problems.

INTEGRITY

In its leaders the organisation has been fortunate to have men of outstanding character, who have commanded the respect of all men. R.S.L. work is (should we say) inseparable of unselfish service, thereby demonstrating that the old war-time spirit of mateship is as strong as ever.

Unfortunately, this willingness to work for the common good does not permeate all sections of Australia. Far from being animated by any bellicose attitude of militarism, old soldiers declare their course to war as it is inevitably entails death and suffering, while simultaneously bringing anguish to grief-stricken homes.

For that very reason, however, they wisely believe in adequate defence as the best protection from a potential aggressor. It can scarcely be claimed that Australian Defence measures up to expectations, though there is a long and vulnerable coastline on the western front.

PRESTIGE-HIGH

Because of the prestige it has won over the years, the R.S.L. can always be certain that its representations in any quarters will be considered with respect. It has a national outlook, and the religious prejudice, and its decisions are reached by the members with a practical viewpoint and a rich store of common sense.

Through its activities the organisation assists in perpetuating the memory of gallant men and women, and fighting men and women rejoice in Australia's attaches for the Commonwealth.

Help At A Distance

Calls to the League for assistance in tracking-down overseas can come from anywhere, and there is a reminder of one that came from Canada a few months ago—it is a letter from the Canadian Legion to R.S.L. State Secretary Bill Webb:

Dear Sirs—through it is rather belated, we do wish to thank you and your organisation for the efforts which were put forth in locating Capt. Wallace Cross, the Canadian soldier who is engaged in the work of giving evidence in connection with Major Ralph's claim for disability pension.

Unfortunately our second attempt in obtaining entitlement to Major's disability pension failed, it is our intention to re-look into his claim, at an appeal hearing.

Again, our kind thanks for your help in this case.

Yours very truly,
E. H. Slater,
Service Office.

Sub-branches and individual members of the League are requested to supply us with information of any such cases where help is required.

No Trumpet-fanfare—Nevertheless...

Over the years the League has found many quiet supporters for its work, and it was with no fanfare of trumpets that Mrs. Albert Glance visited the State President recently and presented him with a cheque for £100 to furnish a room at the R.C.A. Home, Mt. Lawley, in memory of her late husband.

Mrs. Glance was introduced to Mr. Lonnie by Mr. M. Murray—a League stalwart of many years. Mr. Stehn made a similar donation.

Mr. Stehn and the late Mr. Lonnie, winged the 16th Battalion in World War I. With the home nearing completion these latest donations, many fine items, are being purchased and the goodwill and generosity behind them is greatly appreciated by the League.

See Page 9 for Special MEMBERSHIP Message from the State President.
THE LEAGUE appreciates the action of the Government in seeking Parliamentary approval to important changes in the observance of Anzac Day. These changes were requested by the League following a referendum of its members which indicated that a large majority favoured a morning of commemoration and an afternoon of normal holiday activities.

WE HAVE consistently advocated that the main welfare requirements amongst ex-service men and women today are in the housing and care of veterans, and assistance on an increasing scale to widows and children of deceased ex-service men. It is pleasing to note that these principles are endorsed in the Bill and that the Trust, to be formed has a clear charter for its guidance.

THE LIMITED time available has not permitted a detailed consideration of all aspects of the Bill, but it is clearly an improvement on the Victorian legislation. The League, however, will maintain a close watch on the operation of the legislation in its initial year and will submit amendments to the Government on any matters which it considers necessary.

A New Challenge.

THE LEGISLATION should end the controversy which has been associated with Anzac Day, but an increased obligation is placed upon us all to ensure that future generations retain those characteristics which have given Anzac Day its place in Australian history. We owe that to those in whose honour the day was created.

SLOGAN FOR 1961

"Enrol all you know; watch '61 grow!"

This was the winning entry in the competition for a League slogan for 1961.

One hundred and forty entries were submitted. The slogan has been decided; it is now for members to live up to it.

New-Year Resolutions

For League Members

- I will pay my quid right on time and never be unfinancial again.
- I will attend every meeting of my sub-branch, and on time.
- I will not castigate the office-bearers of my sub-branch.
- I will shell-out shekels to all funds in my sub-branch with a smile.
- I will use the Anzac Club whenever I need a snack.
- I will be the first to attend, and last to leave, all ANZAC Day functions.
- I will love State Executive members as my brothers, and not blemish the character of their ancestors.
- I will "enrol all I know" and "watch '61 grow."

Sea Action Recalled By Plaque

"Forty-six years ago today, on this very spot and possibly on such a day as this, the shore party from the German raider, Emden, came ashore at Cocos to destroy the cable and wireless station."

The Governor (Sir Charles Gairdner) said this at Cocos Island last month when unveiling a plaque commemorating the naval action in which HMAS Sydney out-fought and sank the Emden. The Emden ran aground on the coral reef at North Keeling and all that is left of her now is a boiler and wooden winch.

The plaque was presented by the Tingira Old Boys' Association. Sir Charles paid tribute to the 60 Tingira old-boys who were serving at that time in HMAS Sydney. Commander Jude (captain of HMAS Diamantina), introducing His Excellency, paid tribute to HMAS Tingira and gave a short but interesting history of that training ship.

He said that the R.A.N. had made a far-sighted move in establishing HMAS Leeuw in as a boys' training centre. He was sure that ratings trained at Leeuw in would carry on the tradition set by Tingira.

For the ceremony HMAS Diamantina provided the guard-of-honour. The local sub-branch of the R.S.L. was represented by Founder-member Jack Massey and Frank Howe.

Colour Of Clip

The colour of the financial-clip for the League badge for 1962 will be gilt on green.

This was decided by the National Executive on October 28.

The colour of the clip was formerly determined on a three-year cycle, but is now decided two years in advance at the National Executive meeting following Congress.

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Did You Know...?
(asks C. R. Collins)

- THAT when the band of the Black Watch visited Australia a few years ago, newspapers stated that the Black Watch was the first British line regiment to serve in Australia. That statement was not quite correct. When Governor Macquarie came to Sydney to restore order after the Bigh mutiny he brought with him his own regiment, the 73rd Foot. The 73rd, originally designated Lord Macleod's Highlanders, had served with distinction during the Siege of Gibraltar and in India. At the time the regiment had no connection with the 42nd Foot (Black Watch) which two battalions of its own. After the Siege of Gibraltar, the 73rd was styled the Perthshire Regiment. The original Black Watch was disbanded, and the 73rd, on the regiment's first parade in Sydney, wore the white trousers of ordinary regiments of the line. Under an Army reorganization, in the latter part of the 19th century, one battalion of the 73rd—'the original Black Watch'—was disbanded. It was replaced by the 73rd, and the new combination was officially styled the Royal Highlanders (Black Watch).

- THAT it has been denied that Wellington ever said that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton and Harrow. Nevertheless, Duke was one of the first commanders to appreciate the importance of athletic sports in the training of the soldier. When his army was held behind the lines of Torres Vedras, and left the French outside to become demoralized by starvation and boredom, he kept up the morale of his own troops by encouraging games, and even imported a pack of hounds from England so that his officers could hunt the fox in full view of the enemy. He did say, in 1841, that his officers should have a cricket field attached to it.

- THAT the first breech-loading rifle used in a European war was the Prussian needle-gun, which contributed so largely to the defeat of the Australians in their war against Prussia in 1866. British troops used breechloaders in action for the first time during Napier's campaign against Abyssinia in 1867.

- THAT the shrapnel shell was named after its inventor, Major Henry Shrapnel of the Royal Artillery, who had to carry out his experiments and perfect his invention at his own expense. The shell was first used for the first time in action during a British campaign against the Dutch colony of Surinam in South America in 1804. It did not see general use until Wellington started to pulvise the French in the Peninsula and at Waterloo.

Let's Give The League Our Full Support

(To the Editor)

SIR—Recently I attended the annual reunion of the 11th Battalion Association and am surprised at the work many of the 2/11th men are doing.

Field Marshal Slim's Remembrance Day address—wherein he referred to Australia as the last bastion of Western civilization—has raised the ire of a Melbourne bishop and prompted me to get into action. Our ex-Governor-General is above all a realist and his speech should be read in its entirety. Extracts should not be separated from the context, as they confuse his meaning.

As he said, "The winds of change are blowing strongly in Australia, and our Liberal Government is not free from the whirlwind." The League is doing so in an honorary capacity and at the expense of time they could devote to their families or their own business affairs.

AN Australian's indifference is not so much a matter of temperament as of choice. When he has what he thinks is a good reason for doing something he can act with surprising vigour and enthusiasm. So how about doing something now? If it's not loose from a measly quilt? Well, that's about all for now; and in conclusion I state that I am not grinding an axe for the R.S.L.—simply letting off the steam. If you wish to throw down the gauntlet you'll find me at Irving's "Stumps" and "Spliffs" bowling green, Valea Hoe (79 Colin St., West Perth).

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“Severe Pruning” Of Education Awards Under Services Canteens Trust Fund

Faced by rapidly increasing demands on the funds available to the trustees of the Services Canteens Trust Fund—"with very great reluctance"—have decided on some fairly drastic changes to their Education Plan.

A statement issued by the trust recently includes the following:

Over the last few years it has been increasingly difficult to meet, with the funds allocated, the applications coming within the education scheme of the trustees, and severe pruning of Education Awards and the elimination of some categories of children have been necessary.

Until 1959 it was possible to meet the situation without reducing awards for orphans and those in which there were exceptional circumstances (children of deceased, divorced and separated families and children of pensioners) but in 1960 the demand on the fund was so severe that it became necessary to reduce all Education Awards—including those for orphans—or exceptional circumstances cases by 20 per cent.

Even then the amount required to meet Education Awards was in excess of the sum allocated on the actuarial basis.

Further, a forecast of the possible demands on the fund indicated that recent trends were to continue indicated that there would be alarming deficiencies in funds available over the next three years.

In view of this the trustees have made a comprehensive review of the education scheme to determine whether adjustments may be necessary to cater for the future.

Modifications decided on by the trustees following their review of the scheme included the following:

- Tightening up the means-test.
- Abolition of education awards for primary education, except for students in the 7th and 8th grades in Queensland and the 7th and 8th grades in South Australia and Western Australia.
- Abolition of education awards for first-year university study.
- Awards for university study will in future be limited to students who hold Commonwealth Scholarships but who, because of failure in a year of the course, are under suspension for one year from Commonwealth assistance (in these cases the canteens award will assist the students to repeat the year and recover the Commonwealth scholarship). These awards will be subject to means-test and will be available after providing for other education awards.
- Technical-school diploma and other university awards will only be provided for in exceptional cases, and will be available after providing for other awards.

MEANS TEST

Up to the present, Education Awards have been granted up to a maximum Adjusted Family Income of £800 in the case of orphans and £700 in other cases.

For 1961 the maximum Adjusted Family Income up to which awards will be granted is £950 in the case of orphans and £450 in all other cases.

This is a very drastic reduction from the scheme many children who are in need of help but whose education is not to be continued. However, the trustees see no other alternative open to them and it is by no means certain that this reduction will be adequate.

Adjusted Family Income is arrived at by making a deduction from gross family income in respect of each dependent child. For gross family incomes up to £1,200 the adjusted deduction is 10 per cent, and for gross incomes between £1,200 and £1,800 the adjusted deduction is £120 for each child.

Under the Services Trust Fund Act, £5,000,000 of the £25,000,000 transferred to the fund was set aside for educational assistance, and the trustees were given authority to transfer further funds.

SIZE OF TASK

Just over 1,000,000 men and women served in the Australian forces in World War II, and it has been estimated that 2,000,000 children could be eligible for assistance from the fund.

For all the dependents of those who served, the fund would have had to be £25,000,000 for over 50 years from its inception (1917). The trustees have decided that, as the funds are practical, and have set a term of 30 years to the scheme.

Under the modified plan of educational benefits, the scheme will now cover all the ex-service men and women of the 22nd year of the orphans, the 13th or 14th year where there are exceptional circumstances, and the 15th in all other cases.

The funds have been apportioned accordingly to the 31-year life of the scheme and that during the first year will receive a fair proportion on a basis of 31 years.

The expenditures planned include the following:

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THE BENEFITS

The assistance given is designed to cover, or contribute to, the cost of education for a course selected, and is made up of the following:
- Books
- Fees
- Travel

For the education fees are met, the fund will be able to meet, with the remaining income in certain cases.

The total cost of these items is the cost of the course.

In their review of the scheme the trustees found themselves faced with a situation of some urgency.

On the assumption that the number of applications continues to increase in the same proportion as the last few years, and that the need is greater.

An expert committee was set up in 1957 to study the possibility of transferring from the Welfare Fund to the Services Trust Fund.

Consequently, further transfers from the Welfare Fund would impose severe hardship on ex-service men and women in necessitous circumstances.

Even without further transfers it will not be possible, with the funds now available, to give welfare assistance on the same scale as in previous years.

AFFLICTED CHILDREN

The Afflicted Children’s Scheme is helping a most necessitous group of eligible ex-service men and women giving them a great deal of satisfaction to ex-service men generally.

The expenditure on this scheme the past few years has been £10,000 per annum, and the intention of the trustees is to continue the scheme in its present form.

Men Who Are “Still Serving”

Kojonup—sub-branch president Sam Cook and his merry band of men entertained State and Federal executive member Neil Davidson at the sub-branch’s annual meeting on November 26.

While the evening was set aside for the State President his address conveyed to those present an appreciation of the League, and those who stand behind its charter.

Even those who have been members for years get shock when Bill gives out figures relating to building activities, welfare, and the part that the local, State and national affairs.

It is noticeable always that the State President holds his audience by his oratory, which is good. By his fatherly, friendly appeal to us, his listeners, which is undisputed, but from the shiner sincerity and conviction of the great organisation—organisation that has stood test of time, and has improved itself the greatest welfare organisation in Australia—Bill and Neil a wonderful reception.

One of the many enjoyable features of the evening was the presentation of the membership certificate to Mr. J. E. H. Robinson. “Robbie” has been a member of the League for some years, having joined in April, 1918—surely a record of which some ex-service men would be proud.

The evergreen Arnold Potts was there, of course, and the Hillsman from Jeronga, no one can say what he got around.

A good night and enjoyed by all—G.A.S.
Comment For The Month

—from G. A. S.

O State Secretary Bill Webb is back in harness after a well-earned holiday. He looks fit and has some interesting comments on League activity in the East and the State. Bill and of course attended the National Congress in Melbourne. This type of personal liaison can only produce good results in bringing the State branches close to each other.

O Proceeding to Nungarin recently a State Executive party stopped at Paynesham, Trayning and Kunanup. In each of these towns it was gratifying to find the R.S.L. sub-branches strong and taking a leading part in community affairs, particularly in the bowling clubs and other activities providing amenities for the people.

O Remembrance Day this year was fittingly commemorated at the State War Memorial and elsewhere throughout the State. On the 11 o’clock gun, all traffic—pedestrian and vehicular—stopped and the city became hushed in a mute tribute to fallen comrades. The notes of the Last Post, in all their poignancy, sounded through the silence and brought a rush of memories to the minds of most. During the day hundreds of volunteers sold poppies. It is from the figures of the sales that the Aged and Disabled Soldiers’ Fund, and the war amelioration funds, derive their income. We are grateful for assisting needy ex-service men. This is our duty and our privilege.

O A very hearty welcome to our latest tenant in the remodeled North Perth sub-branch. Mutual satisfactory arrangements have been made between the State Executive and the management committee of the sub-branch. The contributions are now being carried out and the result will be a very pleasant set up for the sub-branch, as well as a much more central position. The State Executive welcomes the opportunity of a closer association with the State’s largest sub-branch, which plans to be in full occupation from January 1.

O One of the nicest things happened recently—Mrs. Tess Genery, sponsored by Karragarra-Romford, raised £25 for the R.S.L. sub-branches in the recent Miss Crowning Glory contest and we were presented with £75 for most money raised in the country areas, again by the R.S.L. Veterans’ Home. This general gift, after the splendid effort to raise funds for Legacy and the Veterans’ Home, is indicative of the wonderful spirit which prevails—the spirit that makes you proud to belong to the same company. Both sponsoring sub-branches were associated with this magnificent gesture.

O On November 28, while we were at Jerramungup, the State President and I called at Woodanilling where sub-branch president Charlie Bessell-Browne and members had an informal meeting. A small sub-branch, one of the oldest in the State, is fortunate to have a master like Bob Cleasby. Bob has made himself responsible for the welfare of the local veterans and is always up to date. Bob and one could see the care that is given to this sub-branch which commemorates the service and sacrifice of a surprisingly large number of men. The sub-branch has promised to assist as much as possible in the raising of funds for the R.S.L. Veterans’ Home.

O From Woodanilling we travelled on to Katanning for lunch. Here we met Frank Beech, master of Katanning High School, who and the State President met for 20 years—since they were in Northam Camp in 1940. Following a call was made on Wally Pert, a fine outgoing worker and supporter of the R.S.L. who has now undertaken the task of liaison officer for the Katanning R.S.L. program and wheat scheme. At Ongerup the “local” was crowded with R.S.L. types from sub-branches such as Broomehill, Gardiner River and Ongerup, all ready to do their bit for National Service at Jerramungup. A mass exodus was nearly the order of the day, but they arrived at the Jerramungup Hall to find everything ready for the dinner and social of the new sub-branch. Forty-six men sat down to enjoy a splendid five sub-branches and the State Executive. The whole evening was memorable for the sincerity and the spirit evident in all the speeches, which were of a high standard.

O I found the last outing far better than I had anticipated. The great effort of the visiting sub-branch presidents at Jerramungup—Frank Gomm (Albany), Des Wray (Broomehill), Albert Carpen (Bridgetown), Brian Eaton (Gardiner) all of them supported by other members of their sub-branches. To travel 100 miles to spend the day at a new sub-branch is carrying the spirit of comradeship to its full extent. Good luck, Jerramungup!

O At a Northampton R.S.L. meeting recently Tom Cream, former president of the now-defunct Upper Chapman sub-branch spoke of steps to bring about revival in that area. (See full report of his statement elsewhere in this issue.)

The sub-branch has not existed for the last two years.

The name Upper Chapman is falling into disuse because it is not used for the whole area, sporting and other organisations use it in connection with the now-closed term Chapman Valley.

Send It In, But . . .

Note The Deadline

To keep this journal bright and informative publicity officers—and any one else with an eye to publicity—are invited to submit material for publication. This is your chance to note, however, that the deadline for return of communications on any issue is the last day of the preceding month.

This, for inclusion in the January issue, sub-branches are reminded to hand in Anzac House by December 31. If they are not received by that time so much the better.
Acts Of Remembrance In London

From the League's Press information officer in London (Mr. Frank A. Kennedy) comes the following account of this year's Remembrance activity there.

On November 11 there was a special ceremony for the opening of the Empire Field of Remembrance, Westminster. Prayers were offered by the rector of St. Margaret's (Canon Michael Standcliffe) terminating with the Benediction.

The chairman of the British Legion poppy factory, Mr. E. E. Steward, then invited Air Marshal Sir Thomas Warren-Brown, to plant on behalf of the Royal Air Force Association, a cross bearing a replica of the badge of the Royal Air Force, to commemorate those of all nations who gave their lives while serving in the Royal Air Force and the air forces of the Commonwealth, particularly remembering this year's twentieth anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Then followed a brief silence terminating with the Exhortation of Remembrance by Mr. Stewart. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded from the steps of St. Margaret's Church by trumpeters of the Central Band of the Royal Air Force.

After the service crosses were planted in the memorial space of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League by members of its Commonwealth Council on behalf of its member organisations throughout the Commonwealth.

Sir Eric Harrison, planted the R.S.L. badge cross, and also a wreath cross in the Australian section on behalf of the Government and people of Australia.

Crosses were also planted to the memory of fallen comrades by Mr. J. Barker (6th Bn. Association), Frank A. Kennedy (5th and 7th Bns.), Mrs. Adams (Anzac Fellowship of Women, N.W.S.), Mrs. Maunsell, of Sydney (for R.A.F.A.), a representative of London branch of Legacy, and of the Australian Ex-Services Association, and by relatives and friends of fallen comrades.

On November 12 (Remembrance Sunday) the British Legion held its annual parade and many members from all parts of the United Kingdom assembled at Wellington Barracks and marched to the Cenotaph, led by the bands of H.M. Brigade of Guards, Royal Marines, and a wreath-laying ceremony.

Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses The Duke of Edinburgh and The Duke of Gloucester, laid the first wreath and was followed by the Commonwealth High Commissioners' service chiefs and representatives of the British Legion.

More British Migrants Sought By B.C.E.L.

More migration from the United Kingdom was sought in a motion carried without dissent at the 15th biennial conference of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League in London at the end of June.

Forty-one delegations were present, that from Australia comprising Sir George Holland and Mr. A.J. Lee. The motion, submitted by Australia, read:

"That this Conference believes that the strengthening of the ties of the British Commonwealth by the migration of eligible persons from the United Kingdom is in the interests of the British Commonwealth and the Mother Country as a whole, and urges the United Kingdom Government to encourage and accelerate the migration of English immigrants to countries such as Australia, which is grossly under-populated, and where British people are welcomed as high-class and intelligent." Other successful Australian motions called for:

* An endeavour to find a reciprocal pension-rights formula acceptable to Governments of Commonwealth countries.
* Renewed representations for stationing in Australia a department or representative of the British Ministry of Pensions.

The latter motion pointed out that nearly 6,000 British ex-servicemen and their dependants were at present receiving pensions through the agency of the Australian Repatriation Commission, and that many thousands in addition were qualifying for medical and hospital treatment through the same agency.

In their report to the National Executive of the R.S.L. the Australian delegates to the conference said that to offset a deficit of nearly £3,000 in this year's budget it had been decided to increase annual subscriptions.

They said the British Legion, the Canadian Legion, the New Zealand E.S.A. and the R.S.L. in Australia had agreed to increase their subscriptions to £2,500, £1,250, £500 and £1,000 respectively (sterling in each instance).

The delegates said it was understood that the main burden of maintaining the R.C.E.L. financially would rest for a time with the major organisations. Meanwhile it was felt that Australia should play its full part alongside Britain, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand.

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“Enrol all you know, watch '61 grow”
OPEN LETTER FROM STATE PRESIDENT

(Here we repeat a former message from the State President. The Editor makes no apologies for doing so and, in certain readers will agree that here, expressed in clear and definite terms, is the Spirit, the Purpose and the Challenge for the years that lie ahead.)

Dear member,

The closing of another year provides me with this welcome opportunity of expressing to you, personally, my appreciation of your sustained interest and enthusiasm in the work of the League in this State. We are, indeed, partners and shareholders in a mighty organisation, which for over forty years has maintained the highest traditions of Remembrance, Service, and Loyalty.

I know that you are proud of the badge you wear, just as you were proud of the mates with whom you once served. This pride is not a boastful thing; it is more the quiet satisfaction of continuing in peace the service you gave in war.

Much has been achieved; repatriation, rehabilitation, gratuities, war-service homes, war-service land-settlement, are milestones passed, and are now almost history. We have kept faith with those who bled; we have erected memorials to their memory; we are caring for the aged, and those in hospitals; our voice is heard in the affairs of the nation. I am certain that these things mean much to you. No man who has served could fail to be thrilled by that which has been accomplished. The esprit-de-corps and idealism of our serving days have been harnessed by the League into a potent force for good.

But are we doing enough? Are we alert, eager, and enthusiastic for new avenues of service? Are we quick to find those who need help? Do we still retain a stout faith in our organisation? Do we give it the best of which we are capable?

Whatever may be the answers to these questions, may I ask you, with another year just beyond the horizon, to join with us in the tasks that lie ahead. There are still battles to be fought and won in the cause of ex-service men and women. The future safety of our beloved country may well rest upon our vigilance in the present.

The strength of our organisation must be built up by adding to our membership wherever possible. A wide field of recruitment still awaits our efforts. There are in this State many former members of the Services who have not acquired an understanding of the League and its purposes; of its struggles and achievements; of its atmosphere of comradeship and recaptured memories.

I have mentioned my appreciation of your association with the League in the past. I know you will be with us in the work yet to be done. Membership is one of our most vital tasks—vital not only to you and your sub-branch, but to the League—and Australia as a whole. You can play a positive part by accepting a personal challenge to "ENROL ALL YOU KNOW; WATCH & GROW." The responsibility is yours, and mine, and that of every member.

May I extend to you and yours the Season’s Greetings—may our ways lie in peace and prosperity in the coming years.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

State President
Aims and Worth of the League

The Returned Servicemen's League was formed in 1916 by returned servicemen to protect the rights of their ex-service mates, to help those of them in need, to fight for justice in rehabilitation and pensions, and to perpetuate the comradeship of service-days.

These are still our aims, combined with a vast and ever-growing program of recreation, education, and welfare activities for present-day servicemen. The League is a still growing and ever improving institution.

Membership of the League is open to all Australian ex-servicemen, no matter what war they served in or how long they served. The only condition is that they provide evidence of military service to the satisfaction of the local sub-branch. Membership is available to all, and there are no string-ent conditions or expectations.

Membership of the League is not only a vital link in our past, but it is a means of reaching out to our future. True, you may be fit, prosperous; you may have known hard times or need a helping hand—let's hope you won't. But many of our old war mates are sometimes through wounds, or sickness, or sheer bad luck. Back in action they would have helped you had you been in trouble. Shouldn't we be as quick to help them as they would have been to help us?

Through strength in membership we can and should help our veterans, the widows and their families, the memory of the fallen is kept evergreen. Those who have served have served much in common, much in common, the desire to give a helping hand is a strong characteristic of men and women who have experienced life in the armed forces. It has been well said that generosity springs mostly from those with a knowledge of personal hardship, need, loyalty from those who have learned its value; kindness and compassion from those who have suffered hardship, loss and brutality; and comradeship from adversity.

These were the common experiences of those who served. To those who have so staunchly maintained their League membership over the years, whose State branch is deeply indebted, to those who have temporarily omitted to renew their subscription we look forward for a reinforcement of our ranks in the coming year.

Many eligible men and women have not yet become members of the League. We offer to them membership of one of the oldest and strongest organisations within the British Commonwealth of Nations, a group of men and women who have worked hard to bring the good things to our homes and in our community. All who read this message are encouraged to take up active support in the year that lies ahead. Membership is simple: strength is a privilege; membership is an expression of enthusiasm and reward.

Shield Win For Nedlands

After a very keen tussle in the Archibald Riley Memorial Shield games this year, Nedlands defeated Gloucester Park by six games to four.

The rifle-shoot was won by Gloucester Park (146 to 143) and also the dart—two matches straight—but Nedlands had no go-quotas (3-1), bridge (5), and table-tennis (2-1).

A large gathering for the occasion included many women who had a pleasant night's entertainment. A win by Gloucester Park this year would have given that sub-branch its fifth win in succession.

The shield was originally presented by the Nedlands sub-branch as a perpetual trophy to commemorate the Archibald Riley, a staunch supporter of the League and the Chaplain-General of the Australian forces during World War II. Since commencement of the competition Gloucester Park have won ten times and Nedlands—including this year's victory—six times.

Visitors From Borneo Were Old Friends

Fifteen-year-old memories were revived in Canberra recently when Major D. N. Bower, a staff officer at Army headquarters, met two old campaign friends from Borneo.

They were Dyak leaders, Yassin Bin Haji Hashim, M.B.E., O.B.E., King's Medal, and Temonggong Oyo, also a M.B.E., a member of the Council Negri, and holder of the Queen's Medal for Chiefs.

They were members of a party of visiting Borneo of veterans in Canberra for the current sitting of the Federal Parliament.

It was in 1945 that Major Bower, then a Warrant Officer of the Australian Services' Reconnaissance Department, parachuted into central Borneo for defense duty.

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Their first action was to contact the local Dyak leaders (two were killed) and arriving with seven other Australians into the Kelabit plateau area of central Borneo on paratroop duty.

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Army Graduation Day At Duntroon

About 1,500 friends, relatives and official guests were invited to attend the 1960 graduation parade at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, on December 13.

The parade, and the week of ceremonies that go with it, are the culmination of four years of intensive and specialised training for the cadets who graduate as commissioned officers in the Australian Army.

The graduation class is composed of young men who have been tested in every field and under all conditions that the army requires of them as officers. Their graduation is proof of their successful training.

A cadet’s typical week might include infantry and weapons training, physical training, weapon training, map reading and plotting, gymnastics, and first-aid.

WHAT IS STUDIED

He studies the organisation and work of every arm, of every branch in the army. Lectures are given to supplement practical experience, and the subjects studied include the theory of leadership, management, hygiene, welfare and amenities.

These are taught so that cadets will have the control and respect of the soldiers they will command after graduation. The rest of the week is taken up with academic subjects.

Cadets are allotted to one of two academic sections - arts or sciences - and on graduation they will be the responsible authority for the treatment of any political questions which may arise.

The earliest possible advice will be essential on the part of the college, and it is hoped that the commission can make the necessary arrangements.

New Ruling On Burial Of V.C. Holders

Advice has been received from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to the effect that the Australian Government has decided that all war graves for both British and Australian service in France, Belgium and the Channel Islands will be treated as in the same way as those in the USA and in Britain.

This decision is due to the request of the British Minister of State for War, Mr. Ernest Bevin, that all graves be treated alike.

A ceremony was held at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on November 11.

Other staff-cadets who were appointed to the commission included Lieutenant-General Sir Geoffrey Crowe, Major-General Sir Ronald Fisher, R. N. L. Hopkins, Major-General Sir John Campbell, Major-General Sir Ronald Wedderburn and Major-General R. K. Nightingale.

Original admission to the college was by open competitive examination, and this was the main basis for selection for many years. More recently, qualifications were changed to the Public Service and by examination grades.

However, the ability to pass examinations is only one of the conditions to entitle a young man to enter the army. The high standard of health and physical fitness has always been a matter of acceptance and during the term at the college.

This year's graduation ceremonies were attended by the parents of young men who have reached Duntroon for the last time, and the final medal ceremony was held on November 11.

A new medal ceremony was held on December 13.

Netherlands Legion Proposals

Proposals made by the Netherlands Legion for re-erual liaison with the R.S.L. are to be investigated on behalf of the league by Mr. R. H. Bunting.

This was decided at the National Executive meeting on October 28.

Mr. Bunting is a member of the Pen Legion Advisory Council and State President of the Papua-New Guinea sub-branch of the League.

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Nungarin Excels In Host-role

It is difficult to forecast the success or otherwise of group conferences; in the metropolitan area they have been reasonably successful, in the country particularly so.

Nungarin is a first-class example of a comparatively small sub-branch which has exceeded expectations in its role as host to delegates of a conference which was an outstanding success.

The official party comprised State President Lonnie, executive member S. Macnamara, Anzac House accountant Jim Baker and Acting-State Secretary George Sherrington.

Jim Baker seldom undertakes these trips, but as he was a president of the Nungarin sub-branch for four years and rendered sterling service, particularly in the building of the Nungarin Memorial Hall, Nungarin particularly requested that he attend the conference.

As it turned out, the chief reason for the request was to present Jim with a Certificate of Service.

The official party, after calling on the sub-branches at Wyalkatjab, Traying and Anzac House, was welcomed at Nungarin by sub-branch secretary Bill Watkins.

The Nungarin Road Board offered an official reception, and board chairman Ron Herbert, in a welcome address, praised the R.S.L. for its good work in the district.

In reply the State President praised the co-operation between R.S.L. sub-branches and the various road boards in the State.

After lunch with the members of the board, delegates moved into the Nungarin Memorial Hall for the official opening of the conference by Mr. Herbert.

Sub-branch president Ray Robinson welcomed the delegates and then handed over control of the proceedings to the State President.

Mr. Lonnie said that after 40 years of operation the R.S.L. could still assemble a country group to the conference with 40 or more keen and eager delegates.

The conference was closed after theDifferent according to the lay of a wreath by the State President.

Festivities of a very high order commenced a little later in the evening.

Commission Can Help With Grave-care If Death Is War-caused

The following information has been supplied to Anzac House by the regional director of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Brig. A. E. Brown.

Where there are no next-of-kin or relatives the local sub-branch itself is empowered to accept and assume the position of next-of-kin.

This means that every deceased serviceman should receive full consideration and, where applicable, have his grave suitably marked and maintained at Government expense.

Notification of death should be made by sub-branches or individuals direct to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Anzac-Agency for the Pacific Region, 60-62 Bridge-road, Richmond, N.S.W.

COMMISSION ROLE

On receipt of such information the Commission will acknowledge receipt of forward advice to the next-of-kin, setting out the conditions under which it will mark and maintain the grave and suggesting that next-of-kin should enter in to no financial commitment in connection with the matter until a decision can be obtained from the Department of Repatriation as to whether the deceased died from war-caused disabilities.

The commission will seek this information and, on receipt of advice from the Department of Repatriation, will inform the sub-branch of the next-of-kin and forward the relevant forms to the next-of-kin.

This procedure is simple and straightforward, but to achieve any success it is essential that early advice is given.

Meeting Of Sisters

The final meeting of the Returned Sisters sub-branch for 1960 took place at Anzac House on December 1 with 23 members present.

An enjoyable Christmas party took place on the following day, at which the State President and Mrs. Lonnie and representatives from various associations were welcomed.

The veterans' home continues to progress towards completion and the ex-servicewomen's wing will be another project we can be very proud of.

Much thought has been given to the comfort of the veterans.

There are still sisters of both wars eligible to join the R.S.L. who are not yet members. What about them?

Let us try to make 1961 a big membership year. Sub-branches are due in January.

The president wishes to thank all who have so loyally and conscientiously assisted the sub-branch in its various projects of the year, and wishes all a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

The sub-branch next meets on February 2.
Auxiliary Jottings

Visits

Official visits made in November by the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary were as follows:

4th: The State Secretary (Mrs. Ford) attended the Kenwick auxiliary birthday party.

9th: The State President (Mrs. Ames), Mrs. Ford and executive members attended the Thomas W. Scott auxiliary birthday party.

16th: Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Ford attended the Rivervale auxiliary annual meeting.

18th: Mrs. Ames attended an afternoon-tea for C.H.I. centre workers in Boops Chandelier Room.

19th: Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Yeates attended the opening of the R.S.L. Hall at Baywater, and later Mrs. Ames attended the Rose of Park R.S.L. sub-branch annual ladies' night.

21st: Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Ford and executive members attended the City of Subiaco auxiliary's birthday party.

27th: Mrs. Ford attended the memorial service at the South African War Memorial.

28th: Mrs. Ames attended the Nollamara auxiliary annual meeting.

29th: Mrs. Ames attended a meeting convened by the National Heart Campaign organised by Mrs. Stocklin, M.B.E. (immediate-past State President) and guests from over 30 other auxiliaries.

An exceptionally good programme of musical and other items was submitted by social convener Mrs. Joan Thomas, a special feature was a parade of a wedding party dressed in the costumes of 1921 (perhaps every year since) and symbolising the union of the sub-branch and auxiliary.

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Mrs. Burgess was held in the highest esteem by members of the sub-branch and auxiliary. To her husband Mr. J. Burgess (the sub-branch president) and her daughter the auxiliary extends its deepest sympathy.

R.S.L. Games Proposal

At the National Executive meeting in Melbourne on October 28 Mr. W. S. Lonie reminded members that the Empire Games would be held in Perth in 1962. He suggested the possibility of organising a series of R.S.L. games in Perth about the same time.

Under his proposal the State branches would send teams to Perth to compete. Mr. Lonie said the proposal was merely an idea at present stage, and asked that State branches should give some consideration to it and let him know if there were any possibility of giving the proposal effect.

The next meeting of the National Executive will be held in Canberra on Monday, February 13.

Invitation To Americans

A League invitation to the American Legion to pay an official visit to Australia was decided at the R.S.L. National Executive meeting in Melbourne recently.

The executive also resolved to invite the legion to arrange for a contingent of its own to visit this country in 1962 to mark the 50th anniversary of its arrival here in wartime.

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 & Wunderlich Limited, Lord Street, Perth, and they'll send you a free roofing estimate by return post.

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Subiaco Auxiliary Party

On November 21 the Subiaco auxiliary held its 39th annual birthday party in the Subiaco R.S.L. Hall. About 150 were present, including Mrs. Ames (State President), Mrs. Ford (State Secretary), Mrs. Stocklin, M.B.E. (immediate-past State President) and guests from over 30 other auxiliaries.

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Talk Of Revival At Chapman Valley

Attempts will be made soon to re-establish the Chapman Valley sub-branch of the R.S.L., a former post which had been declared at the annual dinner of the Northampton sub-branch. It had been allowed to lapse, but there was no reason why it should not be revived, he stated.

Mr. Cream was supporting the move by Mr. W. Heath of Geraldton, to a toast to Sister Sub-Branches proposed by Mr. J. Reynolds.

There were many guests from Geraldton and the Chapman Valley at the dinner, which was held at the Northampton R.S.L. Hall. They were welcomed by President V. Simpson.

St. Quentin Memorial Incomplete

The bronze figure of an Australian soldier which formerly surrounded the 3rd Division Memorial at Mont St. Quentin, France, and which was removed by the Germans during the Occupation, has never been replaced.

New South Wales State President W. Yeo said this at the National Executive meeting in Melbourne late October to help it. The sub-branch was impressed with the peace time work of the R.S.L. and the world over by the organisation in Geraldton.

It never seems to rest on its laurels. No sooner is one project finished than another is started.

After a busy period on the Western Australian R.S.L. side—during which the combined efforts of legacies and surplus funds raised £153 in support of Miss Elaine Ryan, Geraldton's R.S.L. State President, and Mr. J. W. Yeo, the sub-branch now proposes to organise a Mardi-Gras on the evening of Boxing Day. A committee, comprising Bill Cunningham, Stath Russell, последние и В. С.Bankas, has been appointed to investigate the possibilities.

Remembrance Ceremony At Dwellingup

A highlight of the remembrance and dedication ceremonies at the Dwellingup War Memorial on November 12 was the appointment as wardens of two students from each of the two local schools.

The ceremony began with the playing of the national anthem by the school and the singing of a verse of "At the Going Down of the Sun" by Mr. and Mrs. M. J. White of the State Executive, attended by the students and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whitley, who gave the address.

He directed the attention of those present to the rewards enjoyed by the people of this country through the sacrifice of men and women who died to keep our freedom.
UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

16th Battalion

The committee of the 16th Battalion Association and the women's auxiliary wish all members a happy Christmas and a continuation of good things for the New Year.

At the December committee meeting the men will entertain the ladies of the auxiliary at a small Christmas party.

The year has been a very successful one for both the women’s auxiliary and the association. The women have been particularly successful with sales of war and jumble sales.

The committee members too have earned their ‘leave passes’. The year has been a busy one, especially for the secretary, as all functions concerning returned men have been attended to by “Bill”.

Unfortunately deaths for past years have been heavy up to 50 at the time of writing these notes. Funerals where possible, were attended by a battalion representative.

A wreath was laid on behalf of the association on ANZAC Day.

The battalion was represented at the South African memorial day at Kings Park.

Mr. W. Truran is reported to be in Hollywood Hospital. All wish this happy committee man a speedy recovery.

During the month the ladies of the auxiliary were entertained by Mrs. O. Young and Mrs. W. Newick to tea at the Esplanade Klaxon.

If anyone noticed a happy little gathering of ladies at King’s Park recently it was one of our own members who had their annual little get-together and luncheon. Reports are that the New Year is expected.


11th and 2/11th Battalions

Charlie Mitchell is in Hollywood Hospital, and we all wish him a speedy return to better health. It seems that the 11th Battalion right throughout World War II and should be of great interest, especially to Gavin Casey with the 2/11th history.

Social secretary, Clem Wragg, recently returned to Perth from a vacation in Kalgoorlie. There he renewed acquaintances with many old comrades, who send fellow members their best wishes.

Clem had the misfortune to do-in the big-end of his car in the most desert part of the never-never on his homeward journey.

A long spell in Hollywood—Don Marwick was commended to R.G.I. He says there was brief, and it is our sad duty to inform our readers that he will shortly return to Boulder. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

Our membership list has grown since ‘Legs Eleven Minor’ came into being. Anyone knowing any former 11th or 2/11th man who has not received a copy of the newsletter is requested to contact us immediately.

The R.S.I. Trading Co. has just donated to the Veterans Home furnishing fund.

A cheque for £50 was handed to State Vice-President J. A. Rolfe recently by the chairman of the trading company, Mr. E. S. Whiteley.

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Naval Ship Pioneers Research Off W.A.

On arrival at Fremantle in mid-November the Royal Australian Navy’s oceanographic research frigate Diamantina had completed surveys that took her 23,000 miles in four months.

In a recent Press statement on the surveys, Acting Navy Minister Opperman said the final stage had involved oceanographic research in previously unexplored regions of the Indian Ocean.

Diamantina had sailed 700 miles into the Indian Ocean off Western Australia to pioneer scientific research in these waters. Mr. Opperman said that since leaving from Fremantle in July H.M.A.S. Diamantina had worked in the Arafura Sea and the Gulf of Carpentaria in addition to covering huge areas of the Indian Ocean.

During the four-month period the ship had been in peaks of wind and wave, and the minimum requirement for re-fuelling and storing.

Mr. Opperman said that the detailed survey, which had been taken at depth in the Indian Ocean, had been positively identified as that which originated in the Atlantic Ocean. This meant that currents had the water more than 8,000 miles.

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The scientists themselves, headed by Mr. D. Rochford, returned to Sydney. At the fishery and oceanography branch of the C.S.I.R.O. at Cronulla, the samples would be examined and analysed. An interpretation of the scientific data would follow.

Mr. Opperman said one early incentive to conversion likely to be made by the research was in the fishing industry. Efforts had been made to assist in good and bad seasons for particular types of fish in particular areas.

He added that the surveys of Australia in the front of oceanographic research in the Indian Ocean. Our surveys of the frigate had been performing her other charities as a training ship, and 50 men had been given their first sea-going experience.

After undergoing a refit in Fremantle Diamantina continued her oceanographic research in the Indian Ocean.

A Royal guard, 100 strong, comprising boys from the Navy’s junior-recruit training establishment and veteran Diamantina on her return to Fremantle.

The special guard was in honour of the Governor, Sir Charles Gardner, who had represented the Governor General at the unveiling of the Sydney-Emden Memorial on Cocos Island.

W.A. Too Does Right Thing

It was pointed out in these columns last month that by joining the C.O.P.E. young Australians can now supplement their income by over £20 a year. Knowledge gained from the Commonwealth and the New South Wales and Queensland State Public Service is now allowed, however, to employ employees fully paid during service.

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Cocos Men Farewell
A Founder

From Mr. J. Crisford comes the following account of recent R.S.I. affairs on Cocos Island.

Last month, Dudley Howell was farewelled by the local sub-branch, at a travelling case.

At the time three Cocos men, who were completing a flight round the world, had landed at Cocos and their crews were being entertained by the sub-branch.

Dudley, with Joel Massey and Alf Wright, laid the foundation of the island sub-branch. In the early days, they worked hard, rebuilding an old condemned building which now provides the very comfortable branch quarters.

The improvements were so marked that the building is used for many social entertainments apart from R.S.I. meetings.

Dudley himself used to conduct a Cocos Sunday afternoon service. He also formed a youth club to entertain the children, and when the club met, the building he would see that the "box" was available for drinks.

He would have been pleased with the result of his labours when, during the visit of the Governor recently, it was noticeable that the Governor spent much longer than was anticipated talking to the members in the R.S.I. Hall.

Dudley will be missed by everybody on the island, but wherever he goes, he will carry our good wishes.

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ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION OF W.A. - Anzac House when called. Secretary, G. W. Barlow, 57 Seventh Avenue, East Fremantle.

11TH AND 21ST BATTALION, A.I.F. ASSOCIATION - 158 William Street, Perth, Mr. T. H. S. J. Croft, 55 Meath Street, Secretary.

11TH AND 21ST BATTALION MEMORIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Second Tuesday each month, Railway Institute, Perth.

11TH AND 21ST BATTALION BAYONET DETACHMENT MEETING - Second Thursday each month.

11TH AND 21ST BATTALION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Second Monday each month, 4th Floor, Bradbury Building, 121 Eastbourne Road, West Perth.

11TH AND 21ST BATTALION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Second Tuesday each month, Railway Institute, Perth.

EX-SERVICE MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION - Meeting at 4.30 p.m. last Monday of each month, 121 Eastbourne Road, West Perth.

HAMILTON HILL HAS WIN

Although it is one of the smallest sub-branches in the Fremantle district, indoor-games competitions, Hamilton Hill beat the strong Bicton-Palmyra team and won the Theo Brennan Shield for the first time.

The winning team was victorious in darts, bridge and table tennis, and thus clinched the result by a clear-cut victory.

Prominent players for the winners were Reg. Gray, Lionel Green and Charles Muir.

About 50 ex-servicemen attended the presentation of the shield.

The annual wind-up and presentation of the shield was held in the Ex-servicemen's Club, Hamilton Hill on December 8.

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