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Anzac Day Address — 1981

By L.J. Turner, MBE, JP

Your Excellency, Lady Trowbridge, distinguished guests, members of the Armed Services, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, viewing and listening audiences wherever you may be located in WA.

On this 66th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli we are joined here in WA by ex-service representatives of our sister Dominion, New Zealand, and to these people representing a nation which contributed so much to the Anzac tradition, we extend a warm and sincere welcome.

It is pleasing to note that these units have joined the march for the first time. The 25th Machine Gun Regiment, the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps Association, and the “Wild Geese” International, the latter being the Combat Veterans Radio Communications Group.

Making their initial appearance in this Anzac Day Parade are also the following bands, the Trinity College Pipe, City of Gosnells Pipe, Kalamunda Pipe, Northern Districts Brass and Wesley College Brass.

Thank you all for your participation.

On parade with us celebrating the 40th anniversary of their formation are the Women’s Royal Australian Naval Service, the Australian Women’s Army Service and the Women’s Australian Auxiliary Airforce. Congratulations to you all on reaching yet another milestone.

April 25 is a special day in our calendar year, set aside in order that we may all pause and remember not only the deeds of the first Anzacs, but also of those who paid the supreme sacrifice as a result of subsequent wars and armed confrontations.

The traditional Dawn Service this morning saw His Excellency the Governor, representatives of both Federal and State Governments, Opposition members, Service chiefs, civic leaders, members of diplomatic and consular services and the general public laying wreaths at the State War Memorial where are enscribed the names of West Australians who have given their lives in order that we may enjoy the freedom many take for granted today.

SPECIAL REASON

No doubt many attending the service would have reflected on other dawns, times, places and people, maybe relatives, far removed from the tranquility of Kings Park. To many there was possibly a special reason for attending, but in all probability it was to remember those less fortunate than ourselves, who did not return.

With the support and consent of the Federal Government, the RSL established the annual Anzac Awards, the purpose of which was to give a new dimension to Anzac Day, and to recognise the efforts of ordinary Australians who have given outstanding service to their fellow human beings and the community at large.

Of the two categories, one is the Anzac Peace Award, given to recognise efforts in promoting the concept of international understanding, one only of which will be awarded annually, and the second is the Anzac of the Year Award, seven of which will be awarded annually— to ordinary Australians who have given service to their fellow human beings and the community.

The names of the winners were announced on April 21.

The winner of the Anzac Peace Award is Miss Valerie Browning, of New South Wales, for her work in the nursing profession, in connection with African refugees.

And of the seven winners of the Anzac of the Year Award, one is again a West Australian, nominee, Miss Dorothy Boyle, of Mt. Lawley, for her many activities with the Women’s Service Guild of WA and the community as a whole in numerous ways.

On your behalf, I extend out congratulations to all the winners of the awards and in particular to Miss Boyle.

Some 65 years or so ago when the Returned Services League was formed it adopted as one of its principal objects the need to care for ex-servicemen and women and their families.

This we have continued to regard as one of our basic and fundamental duties, and despite the fact that it is some years since our armed services were engaged in actual combat, the needs of many ex-servicemen and women continue to increase.
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VIETNAM PROBLEMS

Problems associated with our country's armed involvement in Vietnam remains unresolved with regards to its possible effects on the health and welfare of veterans who served in that area. The Federal Government is funding through the Commonwealth Department of Health an independent study of the health of all veterans who served in the Vietnam area and could have had contact with chemical herbicides.

The task is enormous, and the final findings may never prove conclusive but the RSL has assisted and will continue to assist in every way possible to protect the rights of ex-servicemen and women and their dependants.

While as an organisation we supported the study it was on the understanding that short-term interim reports would be issued. Unfortunately this has not eventuated to date. Therefore we must continue to exercise as much pressure as we can to speed up the study and arrive at positive conclusions.

The League is deeply concerned in the area of national security, which was allowed to deteriorate over many years.

The past year has seen a serious adverse trend in the international situation, especially in Australia's own area of strategic interest.

In the Middle East, the Soviets have consolidated their military position in both Ethiopia and South Yemen and have units poised on the borders of Iran and Pakistan and in a matter of hours could have Indian Ocean outlets, thus placing a stranglehold on the oil fields of the Middle East.

Instability continues in both Africa and South America and offers fertile fields for foreign diplomatic manoeuvring. The world has cause for grave concern at events in Poland, where instability has existed for some considerable time. In the cause of international peace, we hope and pray that political solutions can be found to that country's problems.

While applauding the announcement by the Commonwealth Government last year that a greater amount of money would be expended on extending and updating defence facilities, inflation and obsolescence are major factors to be considered, having regard to the level that our defence capabilities were at the time of the announcement.

Defence should always have been an on-going obligation and should never have been allowed to deteriorate to the extent that it becomes a matter of urgent necessity.

AREA OF CONCERN

Defence against external attack certainly is one area of concern, and could be the lesser of two evils we may have to face in the future. Primarily, the other is organised internal and disruptive attacks under many guises from within our own borders, by individuals or minority groups whose overall objective is to undermine or destroy the will of our people to resist outside intervention.

It has been proved conclusively in the past that if the will of the population of a country is undermined or internally destroyed it is only a matter of time before it is open to external attack.

Progressively through the years, more and more people have become obsessed with their so-called rights, but at the same time fail to observe that with rights come duties and obligations to society, which in turn will not be strong and prosper or perhaps survive unless all elements are recognised and practised.

The most unsettling single factor in a concerned society today is inflation; it has little or no regard to the past plans of many, and clouds the thinking of all with regards to the future. Its most detrimental effects is on those people or groups of people least able to withstand its erosion of values.

While the ultimate control of inflation is mainly a matter of policies pursued by Governments the population can ease the task by less excessive demands on all fronts by various groups within the community.

It has been stated that a national never achieves true greatness unless it is permeated by high national ideals. If future generations of Australians endeavour to emulate the generous aspirations and intense patriotism of those who died so willingly and so freely for Australia, then the future of our heritage is secure for all time and our heroes will not have died in vain.

From time to time, or on occasions such as this, it is well to pause and consider, what we have accomplished in our short history as a nation, where we stand in today's world, in what direction we are heading, what are our hopes and aspirations for the future.

On this day, above all days, it is fitting to recall the English translation of the words of the Greek orator Pericles and which was reiterated some years ago by the late Field-Marshal Smuts, in a famous address on freedom delivered at an English university:

"They, only, deserve freedom who are prepared to defend it."

PEACE PRIZE AND RSL ANZAC AWARDS

The winner of the coveted RSL ANZAC Peace Prize and the winners of the seven RSL ANZAC Awards for 1981 were announced in Canberra, by the National President of the RSL Sir William Keys.

The winner of the Peace Prize is Miss Valerie Browning, of Sydney, who was nominated for her humanitarian work as a nurse in Ethiopia and the Sudan and for her work in Eritrea, and her work as a humanist in fund-raising for refugees and in setting up and organising the Eritrean Relief Committee.

The winners of the Anzac Awards for 1981 have also been selected from the list of Australia-wide nominees. These are:

Miss D.M. Boyle (WA); J.F. Favies (Northern Territory); P.P. Gorman, (Victoria); K. Hall (NSW); K. Hile (ACT); F.L. Watts, MBE (NSW); and J.W. Wilson (Victoria).

Miss Browning will receive an antique silver medallion and the others a bronze, both with the inscription for "exceptional service to the Australian community demonstrating compassion, endurance and dedication" on the one side, with a relief of "Simpson" and his donkey at Gallipoli, on the other.

The official presentations will be made in each State capital in the near future, with the Anzac Peace Prize expected to be presented by the Governor-General.

DOROTHEA MARY BOYLE was born in Kelmscott, WA, and has been active in women's affairs and is presently State president of the Women's Service Guild - a position which culminates some 26 years of service to that organisation.

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It would be fair to say that Miss Boyle has been a major factor in the setting-up of a variety of Societies and Institutions and the formation of legislation covering these areas. Miss Boyle is also active in other societies working for the benefit of the community as a whole. She is honorary secretary of the Single-Unit Flats Movement, a member of the National Council of Women, the Australian American Association, the Victorian League, the Royal Commonwealth Society and the Catholic Women’s League.

She lives in Mt Lawley.

Returned Ex-Service Women's Sub-Branch News

The Returned Ex-Service Women’s Sub-Branch’s Special 33rd Anniversary Luncheon Committee under the leadership of Mrs Joan Dowson, MBE, has been working very hard to raise money to be distributed equally between the Restoration Fund of the State War Memorial, and the furnishings of new Anzac House.

On February 2, 1981 the Luncheon Committee organized a delightful afternoon tea for members of the Sub-Branch and friends who were entertained by talented artists at the beautiful Fremantle Sailing Club overlooking Success Harbour. We even had a US Navy aircraft carrier in the background to add to the interest!

On March 13, 260 members and guests attended the Anniversary Luncheon at the Golden Ballroom of the Sheraton Perth Hotel.

We were honoured to have with us State Governor Sir Richard Trowbridge and Lady Trowbridge (whom we are delighted to have as a member of our Sub-Branch).

Official guests included B.J. MacKinnon MLA, representing the Premier, and Mrs MacKinnon, R. Davies MLA and Mrs Davies, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Perth, Councillor Burston, and Mrs Burston, J.P. Hall, BEM (senior vice-president RSL), and Mrs Hall, representatives of the Armed Services and other distinguished people.

The Ballroom looked beautiful for the occasion with floral displays; flags, static displays by the three Services, members of the Red Cross Service Corps who acted as ushers, and the magnificent uniforms of the 5th Military District Band under the baton of Captain M.W. Allis, who entertained us to some stirring as well as nostalgic music.

Melville Mayor Jack Howson OBE was the very able MC for the occasion, and we were treated to a beautiful meal in a lovely setting with congenial company. What more can one want?

Miss Sylvia Perry MBE said grace, and Mrs Dowson; as Convenor, welcomed the guests. Mrs Joan Tonkin gave the Loyal Toast. We then enjoyed an entertaining address by His Excellency.

Mrs L. Fealy, the senior vice-president, proposed the toast to the RSL, which was responded to by Jim Hall, who then proposed the toast to our Sub-Branch.

Mrs Cecile Hinton BEM, president of the Sub-Branch, responded giving a brief history of the founding and activities of the Sub-Branch.

We were treated to some wartime favourites, beautifully rendered by Mrs Kath McCulloch, a visitor from Tasmania. Mrs Ruth Donaldson toasted absent friends, and this was followed by the Last Post, the Ode and Reveille.

Lady Trowbridge drew the raffle and the winners were very pleased with their prizes. We are very grateful to the donors of the raffle prizes and to anyone who in any way helped with this wonderful day.

As a joint result of both efforts the raffles conducted, we have raised approximately $1,300.

CECILE HINTON, President

Mrs Cecile Hinton, president of the Returned Ex-Service Women’s Sub-Branch, and Mrs Joan Dowson, Convenor, at the 33rd Anniversary Luncheon. (By courtesy of the West Australian Newspaper).

Chidlow — Mt Helena Notes

Though the Anzac Day Commemoration at Eastern Hills Senior High School at 2.30 p.m. on April 24, was only a short ceremony, it was full of purpose. The school band, conducted by Mr. Karl Jorka, played “The Royal March” as the school principal Mr. R. Stewart, arrived with several guests. Then they played “Advance Australia Fair” after which the principal welcomed the guests. Included among the guests were the staff and students of the Mt Helena Primary School, Ken Clements (President), and Jack Thompson (Secretary) of the local Sub-Branch.

Another item was given by the band and then the dignified wreath laying ceremony was conducted by a girl and boy student of both schools. The ‘Last Post’ was then sounded by a student, Ian Klashot, who gave an excellent performance. Following this was two minutes silence, ‘Reveille’ and a short address by Mr. Thompson. The address was well received, and one thing that impressed the writer was the absolute quiet during the address. The proverbial pin-dropping would have sounded like a hand grenade exploding.

‘God Save the Queen’ brought a well-conducted Service to a solemn conclusion. Home sweet home at 3.00 p.m.

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MASS GRAVE TO BE RESTORED

A group of men, all former members of a special secret unit in the World War, made a vow when they met for their Anzac Day reunion this year.

They are going to raise enough money to restore the mass grave which contains the bodies of 13 people who were killed by the Japanese for helping Australian soldiers on Sarawak (now part of Malaysia).

Eight of the 13 were beheaded for helping Australians in the Sandakan prison camp.

It was from here, the infamous Borneo death marches of 1945 began.

Members of the Z Special Force Australia are planning to restore the grave which is behind the Roman Catholic Church in Kuching. The grave has been badly neglected and is overgrown with tropic grass and weeds.

The chairman of Z Special Force Jack Sue, said that members had worked closely with the 13 people during the Japanese occupation.

They were part of an underground movement that smuggled in medical supplies, food, clothing and radio parts to Australians in the prison camp.

SECRET GROUP

"The Australians there also had their own secret group operating," Mr Sue said. They were led by Capt Lionel Matthews, a South Australian, and had a radio operating behind barbed wire.

"But the 13-man civilian group was betrayed. They were arrested by the Japanese military police and taken to Kuching for trial.

"Eight of them were beheaded and Capt Matthews was crucified before being executed. He was posthumously awarded the George Cross."

Mr Sue, who was one of those involved in the secret operations, said after the radio-in the prison camp was found most of the officers were removed to Kuching where they remained until the war ended.

The remaining 1800 Australians were sent out on four separate marches between January 28 and July 10, 1945.

SICK MEN KILLED

But before that happened, 300 men too ill to go on the marches, were machine-gunned to death.

Only six of the prisoners survived the marches, along a 240km tortuous track between Sandakan and Ranau.

When the Australian War Graves Commission retraced the march route in 1946, they found the track strewn with Australian equipment... slouch hats... water bottles... and personal possessions.

Mr Sue said his association had been promised support for its project by the management of the Holiday Inn Hotel in Kuching. "We are hoping to get support from the public," he said.

"Those 13 civilians who gave their lives to help our men provided an invaluable service.

"Our prisoners where living under horrifying conditions. They had suffered cruelty and privation at the hands of their Japanese captors for three years.

"I know a long time has passed since then, but we feel these men deserve some dignity for their last resting place.

"It is the least we can do."

Change in Act

The Repatriation Act is to be amended to reduce delays in certain cases before the Repatriation Review Tribunal, the Acting Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator Peter Baume, said recently.

Legislation has been introduced in Parliament to change section 107VL of the Act, which requires the tribunal to refer back to the Repatriation Commission any additional evidence presented to the tribunal not already considered by the Commission or a Repatriation Board; but which the tribunal considers would have been relevant to the making of the original decision by the Commission or Board.

Senator Baume said this had led to protracted consideration of certain claims. The amount of additional evidence being presented, and the frequency of new presentations had resulted in unacceptable delays.

The Government had received complaints about the delays from the ex-service organisations and the proposed amendment to the legislation was in response to these.

He said the proposed amendment was expected to reduce delays by conferring on the Tribunal power to consider further relevant evidence without having to refer it back to the Commission or a Board, before reaching a decision on a claim.

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Change in the Name

As all members will be aware, the Government of Papua New Guinea has introduced a public holiday for the purpose of celebrating Remembrance Day. The date selected is April 25.

Following a request from the Papua New Guinea Branch of the RSL, and personal interviews with Senior PNG Officials, by our Deputy State President, Ben Moide, the Government has co-operated whole heartedly by Gazetting that date which has hitherto been known as Anzac Day.

Under the original Anzac Day program, the RSL organised both a Dawn Service and a Morning Service for the general public, to permit the latter to demonstrate its awareness of a sacred day devoted to those who had not only offered but given their very lives towards safeguarding the heritage of their country.

It is assumed at this stage that Governmental authorities will desire to organise a morning ceremony. Should this prove to be the case then it would be greatly appreciated if sub-branch members could offer their knowledge and assistance to the organising officials.

As for the Dawn Service, this is purely a League function and should be organised in the normal fashion. As a courtesy gesture of course, it would be appreciated if sub-branch Officials would invite both PNG Government Authorities and the general public to attend.

Unfortunately the first gazetted Remembrance Day of this nature, fell on a Saturday, which tended to deter the presence of school children.

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The bi-plane service which carried less than 600 passengers in 1934 has become the only regional jet service in Australia today, carrying 380,000 passengers in the last 12 months.

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The change of name has been given even greater significance by the introduction of a local Board of Directors.

The strengthening of the Western Australian identity of the airline will also have major advantages as it continues to press for opportunity to reach beyond the State across regional international waters to new destinations.

Just as the name MacRobertson Miller will be forever associated with the first half century of the airline's history, so the name Airlines of Western Australia will be seen in the future to have marked the opening of a great new chapter in commercial aviation in Australia's fastest growing State.

The airline's new symbol is in a stylised red and green Kangaroo Paw—Western Australia's floral emblem.
Sembawang Association

The Sembawang Association is anxious to contact former members of the RAAF who served in Malaya and Singapore during 1940-42. We are particularly keen to get to know the widows or next-of-kin of the men who were killed in action, died as POWs or have died since our service overseas.

This group were the first Australians into action against the Japanese, suffered the first casualties and became the first POWs.

Branches of the Association are active in Victoria, NSW, Queensland, South and WA.

This request is necessary because there are few official records available of the theatre of war in which they served. Since our formation in 1946, every avenue of information has been researched but our list is not complete which has handicapped our work, particularly for the next-of-kin of deceased personnel.

Please contact H. Gridley, 75 Bonne St., West Coburg, 3058, Victoria.

"Who Was There?"

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has advised that the Holocaust Memorial Council, a US Government Agency, is planning to hold an international conference in October this year in Washington to honour the Allied Forces which liberated the Nazi concentration camps.

The Council has asked for assistance in obtaining the names of any Australians who may have been present at the liberation of the camps. Unfortunately, neither the Department of Defence nor this Department is able to identify interested persons, and it would be appreciated if your organisation could assist in this matter.

Interested persons who were present at the liberation of these camps should write to: Mr. A.J. Behm, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Edmund Barton Building, Macquarie Street, BARTON, ACT. 2600.

Reunion Luncheon

A combined Ex-Servicewomen's Reunion Luncheon will be held at the South Perth Civic Centre on Sunday, August 9, 1981 from noon to 4pm.

Tickets will be available from mid-June, and numbers are limited to 300. Interested ladies should contact Mrs. N. Carlson on 457 3984 or Mrs. A. Weetman on 272 1446 to obtain tickets.

Last year's function was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Humour in Uniform

During the World War a young RANVR sub-lieutenant, classified as "troppo", was shipped south from New Guinea. As he was quite harmless and was expected to recover, a place was made for him at Navy Office, Melbourne.

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NEW RSL SECRETARY

Sir William Keys has announced the appointment of Peter
Young, the well-known defence commentator, as assistant
national secretary and national secretary-elect of the RSL.
He took up his appointment in February, and it is planned
that he will take over the top job from retiring National Secre-
tary Ken Schultz towards the middle of the year.
Sir William stated that the Executive welcomed the appoint-
ment of a post-World War conflict and Vietnam veteran and
saw it as an indication of the League’s aims of keeping abreast
of a changing membership and changing events.
He said that the greater complexity of modern warfare and
new approaches to conditions of service, together with welfare
needs, made Mr Young’s appointment particularly appropriate.
The increasing public interest and concern in defence high-
lighted the value of having an officer of the League with a
background of involvement in national defence matters and
one with such close links with the national media.
At the time of the announcement, Mr Young stated that he
had been most impressed with the forward thinking attitude
of the members of the National Executive and saw the League
facing an even greater challenge than it had in the past.

OLD ANZAC REMEMBERS: Roy Caporn, president of 10th
Light Horse Association, at the State War Memorial on Anzac
day. (Photo by courtesy of The Western Mail).

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Looking Forward to Conference

Conference 1981 will be over by the time these notes are read, but I am sure it will be a successful one. The agenda, though small, has items which should bring interesting discussion and we look forward to a good attendance of Delegates.

On February 26, I attended the annual meeting of the Nollamara-North Perth Auxiliary to present retiring president Mrs Critchley, with a gift of appreciation from the members.

Mrs Critchley served 20 years as president and had won the esteem of her auxiliary for her leadership and dedication. The Sub-Branch also showed their appreciation by a small gift. George and I attended the official opening of the second phase of the Pearson Village and the War Veterans' Home birthday party on March 15.

Members from a number of Auxiliaries joined in the games at the Bellevue and City of Perth Auxillaries' Fun and Friendship Day held at Bellevue on March 18. This was a happy day with much laughter and chatter and too many goodies on the luncheon tables.

My thanks again to the League for their invitation to attend the Geraldton Group Conference on March 21.

Here I was able to meet the local girls, also Mrs Monks (Morawa), Mrs Gattely (Perejirri) and two ladies from Dalwallinu. Perhaps we may have an Auxiliary formed there.

Mrs Taylor and I were among the many guests invited to attend the Sword Presentation as part of the Air Force Association's 60th Celebration Year.

On March 28, Mrs Bettridge and I attended the Waroona-Hamel Auxiliary dinner, where I presented Life Membership to Mrs Hardisty. Thank you, Phyl, for our accommodation.

I received a warm welcome from the Armadale Auxiliary when I paid a surprise visit to their meeting on April 8. I was pleased to see them again and to bring them up to date on Auxiliary matters.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY STATE EXECUTIVE: State President: Mrs Ford, 7 Read St, East Victoria Park. Tel. 361 3867; State Secretary: Mrs Sullivan, 49/9th Avenue, Maylands. Tel. 271 9724.

Gunners’ Reunion — Darwin 1982

At the recent annual reunion of ack-ack gunners held in Perth, a suggestion was made that a reunion be held in Darwin in 1982, as near as possible to February 19, which will be the 40th Anniversary of the first bombing raid by Japanese aircraft on that city.

The organiser of the annual reunion, Ken Forsyth, with the able assistance of Vern Donegan and other members, has worked hard over the years to keep the annual event a going concern. This year saw the attendance of a number of men who had not been to any of these gatherings, and for the first time in almost 40 years met their former army mates.

All ex-ack-ack gunners and wives who are interested in making the above trip, please contact Vern Donegan (phone 09 446 5380) 207 Hale Road, Wembley Downs, WA, 6019, or Len de Grussa (phone 09 276 7253) Box 215, Post Office, Morley, WA, 6062.

M.C. (MIKE) HALL

RSL Bowls Championship

Almost 200 bowling enthusiasts from all over WA competed in the Great Southern Region’s championships at the Albany Bowls Club recently. The men were battling for the Frank Gomm Perpetual Trophy. Our photograph shows Mr Piggott and Mr Gomm with the Trophy. Photo by courtesy of the Albany Advertiser.
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The official opening of the Pearson RSL Village (Stages 2 and 3) was held on Sunday, March 15.

Senior vice-president J.P. Hall conducted the procedures after apologies for the absence of the State President Len Turner, who was in Canberra attending the quarterly meeting of the National Executive.

The credit for the construction and administration of these magnificent accommodations go to a number of staunch, dedicated individuals who must have felt wonderfully proud when Mr P. Pearson unveiled the Plaque.

Chief Secretary W. Hassell was among those present.

The occasion marked the 20th birthday of the RSL War Veterans' Homes.

Air Commodore N. Ashworth with the sword presented by Wilkinson Sword Company on 60th Anniversary of the RAAF. The sword is made of a steel formula dating back to 1820, depicting planes flown by RAAF members. (Photo by courtesy of the RAAF, Pearce).

Duane Wallingford-Earl and Alison Murray, accompanied by Assistant Warden D. Dargie and State Warden Lt Cdr L.V. Goldsworthy GC, DSC, GM, lay a wreath at the State War Memorial. (By courtesy of The West Australian).
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Utakarra War Cemetery

Utakarra War Cemetery, where 83 servicemen killed or died during the World War are buried — 42 RAAF, including 22 airmen killed in four separate accidents in one year, near Geraldton, 16 Army from NSW, 15 Army from WA, 9 Army from Victoria and 1 Army from Queensland.

Geraldton Sub-Branch conducts a pilgrimage once a year on the nearest Sunday to Rememberance Day, placing poppies and flowers on each individual grave.

(Below) Presentation of new colours to Naval Cadets of TS Moscow by Geraldton Sub-Branch President Graham Till.

Chidlow-Mt Helena Sub-Branch

The final of the Ted Townshend Memorial Shield Games was played at Baskerville Hall on Friday, May 1, 1981, when Upper Swan Sub-Branch was the host. A fairly good roll-up was welcomed by Terry Bates, who also welcomed Mike Hall, Liaison Officer for various sub-branches who is a regular visitor from the State Executive and who was present primarily to present the Shield to the winning team.

Organiser Ken Clements who read out the fixtures for the night, started a discussion about the possible termination of the 'Townshend Shield competition' (which was begun by the late Mr Townshend 27 years ago and kept alive after his death by his wife, Mrs Thelma Townshend, who also died about five years ago). Those of us who had been regular attenders for all of those 27 years could not help but feel sad as every games night for the last few years saw a few less, and we all knew that the end of these wonderful social evenings was getting closer as the years went by.

During supper, the discussion continued and a suggestion by Mr Hall that our various sub-branches discuss the possibility of running one social evening a year, play one set games and the winners of the games to be the custodian of the Shield for that year. This suggestion was agreed to by all present.

The games were played in the same spirit that has prevailed over the years, though Upper Swan were never in danger of defeat. A round of applause greeted the presentation and the congratulations were as genuine as if the winners had only just managed to scrape home instead of nearly doubling the points score of the nearest competitor.

After the presentation, Mr Bates thanked Mr Hall for attending and doing a good job of representing the Executive. Mr Clements moved a vote of thanks to the ladies of the various competing sub-branches who helped keep the games alive for so long. A vote of thanks to Upper Swan members for putting on such a good night as a fitting finale to a great social enterprise that had endured for well over a decade.

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GOOD ATTENDANCE AT MOORA SERVICE

Despite the long weekend public holiday, the Anzac Day commemorative service and march organised by the Moora Sub-branch of the RSL was very well attended, with a total of 24 ex-servicemen marching.

About 150 adults and children took part in the service in the Moora Town Hall, and the president of the Moora sub-branch, Mr K.G. Topham, gave a very stirring address.

Prayers were offered during the service by the Minister of the Uniting Church in Moora, the Rev Ken Devereux, and the Moora district parish priest, Father Trevor Callahan.

Following the service a very impressive wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial took place, with wreaths being laid on behalf of the Moora sub-branch by Mr Topham and Mr R.L. Taylor; the deputy shire president, Cr C.R.H. Reid, and Cr L. McKinley on behalf of the Moora shire; the president and deputy president of the Dandaragan shire; the Moora branch of the Red Cross Society; the Moora branch of the CWA; the Central Midlands Senior High School and the Moora Cub group.

At the invitation of the Moora sub-branch, those attending the parade and service attended a barbecue lunch at the Moora Bowling Club, which was most enjoyable.

After lunch, those wishing to took part in a bowls afternoon with a picnic atmosphere. Proceeds went to Legacy.

The format for the day was an innovation for Moora. It was most enjoyable and successful and will no doubt be repeated next year.
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The annual wreath-laying ceremony of the Mt Lawley-Inglewood Sub-Branch was held on Anzac Day 1981 at the Mt Lawley War Memorial.

A detachment of 109 Signal Squadron Army Reserve mounted a catagalque party whilst the rest of the detachment lined two sides of a triangle in front of the memorial and members of the sub-branch formed the base.

The president of the sub-branch (Frank Turrell) laid the first wreath followed by Ross McLean, Federal Member for Perth, Councillor Terry Tyzack (representing City of Stirling) and students from the Mt Lawley Senior High School, the Coolinias, St Pauls, Mt Lawley and North Inglewood Primary Schools, and the Perth College Junior School.

The Last Post was sounded by Bugler Horrie Hardy (ex 2/11 Bn), the Ode was recited by the Sub-Branch President.

A short address was given by Chaplain-Capt. Ken Drayton and the President thanked all for participating, particularly relatives and friends of members of the general public.

This service is always held early on Anzac Day to enable members to attend the parade through the City later in the morning.

At 1pm members attended a Buffet luncheon in the Mt Lawley Bowling Club, where sub-branch meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month.

On Sunday the 26th, the annual Church service was held in St Giles Church, where a number of members and their families participated in the service conducted by the Rev Cliff Lambert and wreaths were laid by a member of the Church and the President of the Sub-Branch.
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ACCENT ON YOUTH

A feature of the 1981 Anzac Service organized by the Bellevue Sub-Branch was the emphasis on participation by youth in all phases of the ceremonies. School children, scouts, guides and members of the Boys' Brigade all played an active part in making the Services a day that will be remembered for many years.

The Anzac Eve Services consisted of the school children's and the sunset Service. More than 600 children from schools in the vicinity of the Blackboy Hill commemorative site attended a moving service organized by Greenmount Primary School. Father Laurence, Parish Priest at Bellevue, led the Service which included items from St Anthony's School choir and the Greenmount School brass band. M.C. Hall, JP, of the State Executive, delivered the Anzac address.

Youth played a very important role at the Sunset Service and Night Vigil also. More than 100 scouts and guides from Dianella Scout Group, assisted by groups from Darlington and Mundaring, assembled for a brief period at sunset and heard Ean McDonald of Highgate Sub-Branch, explain the Spirit of Anzac.

Members of the Dianella Scout group gather around the remains of their campfire prior to breaking camp on Anzac Day at Blackboy.

Following the reading of "In Flanders Field" and the playing of the Last Post and Reveille, scouts prepared for the Night Vigil.

While scouts stood vigil, other scouts established their campsites, sat around campfires yarning or greeted others who arrived to swell their numbers. This typical scene continued through the night until just before dawn, when all quietly moved into file and marched in silence to their stations for the Dawn Service.

At dawn, Boys' Brigade member Stephen Gaynor of Greenmount sounded the Last Post, introducing a period of silence for remembrance. The Reveille, the wreath-laying and march-off by the scouts drew to a close an activity by youth that will be one they will look forward to in future years.

Monique Bell and Warren Hall, of Greenmount Primary School, with trumpet player Stephen Gaynor at the Bellevue Service.

A combined choir from Churchlands Senior High and Perth Modern Schools during an Anzac Service at the War Memorial on April 24. (Photo by courtesy of The West Australian).

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Old Anzac Marches

At Belmont on Anzac Day this year, as in nearly every other year, Roley Edwards (centre) turned out for the march. He lined up with his friends outside the Belmont Pool and marched with them, head erect, around past the Squash Courts to the memorial.

Roland Skewes Edwards, a Gallipoli veteran who landed on the beach on the first day, will be 97 next October. Belmont sub-branch secretary Harold Haimes did not sound too surprised about it. “Roley has been marching for years,” he said.

Roley’s son Gordon, from Epsom Avenue, laughed and said: “You wouldn’t be able to stop him.” Indeed you wouldn’t Roley Edwards not only marches every year, he goes dancing twice a week in Perth with his wife Edna. (Photo by courtesy of The Belmont Times).

Manning President’s Report

Last year — 1980 — was an interesting and challenging year and it was an honour to be president of such an active sub-branch.

The Amelioration Committee and other helpers continued to deliver sawn wood to the needy in the district and 25 members recently turned out to assist in transporting further supplies of logs from Kings Park to the saw site at Clontarf.

The Chairman of this committee, Tom Beard, continued his work of visiting members who were hospitalised and there were also a number of backyards cleared up for those persons who needed assistance in this regard.

The widows of members were taken to lunch at the Windsor Hotel during December and earlier in the year we entertained a number of pensioners and widows at a barbecue at McDougall Park.

Anzac Day is an important day for the RSL and in a similar manner to previous years our Sub-Branch was represented at the dawn service organised by Legacy at Fremantle and we marched as a Sub-Branch at the South Perth district ceremony.

Wreaths were laid at both ceremonies and in addition we donated a wreath which was laid by the Manning Girl Guides. Many members marched with their unit organisations in the main ceremony in Perth.

The Sub-Branch has agreed to assist with the organisation and establishment of a Senior Citizens’ Centre, to be built near the corner of Ley Street and Downey Drive and we have also agreed to donate some furniture or equipment to the centre after it is built.

Other highlights of the year included the following:
- a lecture by Senior Constable King on house security.
- the presentation of an Australian flag and cassette of national songs by Peter Shack, MP.
- the presentation of Certificates of Service to Laurie Tapper and Jim McIvor.
- the conduct of an essay competition in the three local primary schools.
- an increase of the death benefit payment to $100 and the introduction of a sliding scale for new members.

The Sub-Branch is indebted to the Committee and to many other members of the Sub-Branch and also to members of the Bowling Club who are not members of the RSL, for the way in which calls for assistance are answered, also to the individuals and sub-committees who organise the Poppy Day collection, the Sub-Branch raffle and the many successful social functions which are held.

I am pleased to be able to record the debt owed to these willing workers. This willingness to help is one of the ties which binds our Sub-Branch and ensures its successful and continuing existence.

D.W. Sexton (President, 1980)

“C” is for Cockburn

C is for Cockburn and though our Sub-Branch is small,
O stands for memories we share
C is for comrades which we are one and all,
K is for our kindness we’ll not spare,
B is we are building
U United we will stand
R is the reason,
N needs no special season

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Anzac Day, 1981, was, in the opinion of the Branch, one of our most successful functions. It was held in two parts, first the parade of almost 40. Veterans were backed up by many scouts, brownies, guides and other service groups.

City of Cockburn Mayor Don Miguel inspected the Parade, and later, accompanied by many of his councillors and their wives, took the salute at the March Past. Almost 300 people joined in the Commemoration Service conducted very sincerely by Pastor A.J. Smith. Hymns were sung by music supplied by the Fremantle Salvation Army Band. President J. Bavich read the Anzac Requiem, wreaths were laid by the RSL and many other organisations, including the City and the Legion of Ex-Servicemen.

After the March-out, veterans and their ladies joined the Mayor for one hour of the City’s hospitality. Afterwards, 140
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members and friends adjourned to the RSL Hall where the ladies had prepared a beautiful lunch which included an abundance of Army Stew and mashed potatoes.

A very convivial afternoon concluded at about 4pm and a very happy group of our members congratulated themselves on a most successful day.

Heading this article is a short poem by Mrs Thelma Bavich, indicating the spirit of our Sub-branch.

Donnybrook News

On Anzac Day, a large contingent of members, scouts, cubs, girl guides and brownies, led by the Salvation Army Band and WA Regiment soldiers, marched to the memorial where the address was given by Mr G. Anderson, a former RAAF member.

The parade was in the capable hands of Cpl. M. Tolson (permanent Army) - which was fitting, as his father, member M. Tolson, celebrated his 61st birthday.

RSL members manned the bar at the Easter Apple Festival and thanks go to all who helped especially T. King, G. Gibbs, A. Collins and D. Browne, a good profit should be made when all expenses are paid and a percentage is handed to Apex.

The club has upgraded the Kirup Memorial and surrounds - a move that was commended by the local shire.

Mr Anderson and Mr E.M. McCobe have been elected Legacy legates.

We again supported the pensioners Christmas party and donated to Legacy and other worthy causes.

Office-bearers for 1981 are: President, D. Browne; vice-president, T. Fargall; secretary/treasurer, F.T. Williams; assistant-secretary, T. King.

We all wish vice-president Ted a great time on his long-awaited trip East with his wife Eileen.

Kojonup News

The attendance at this year's march was excellent considering the extra holiday gazetted for April 27.

As in past years, the men and women assembled at the Royal Hotel at 2.45pm. The parade was in charge of J. Cartwright, one of our 50-year veterans.

The music was rendered by the junior and senior members of a composite Katanning and Katanning Salvation Army Band.

In all, three Great War veterans marched including J. Cartwright (marshal), L. MacBride and W. Starr.

At the Memorial Hall, T. Perkins (president) mentioned the passing of three sub-branch members since last Anzac Day. They were Sam Crook, W. Wooldridge and Lionel Cartwright.

Wreaths were then laid on behalf of the sub-branch, the women's auxiliary, the Shire Council, the scouts, cubs and brownies, and a private wreath.

Our president gave the address at the RSL Hall during the memorial service and this was followed by an afternoon tea provided by the ladies' auxiliary.

G.R. MEYERS (Secretary)

New Polish Centre

The new Polish Centre at 33 Eighth Avenue, Maylands, 6051, (tel 271 2036), which houses the new office of the Sub-branch No 9 of the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association, was officially opened on April 12, 1981.

The funds for the building and its renovation were raised by a number of Polish associations in WA, including the Sub-branch No 9.

About 400 people attended the official opening which was performed by Ross McLean, MHR, representing the Federal Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs. The traditional blessing of the building was performed by Rev Father Boleslaw.

Among the official guests were the Regional Director of the Dept of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs J.B. McKay and Mrs McKay, the Lord Mayor of the City of Stirling, G.J. Burbett, as well as representatives of Croatian, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Slovak and Ukrainian communities, Migrant Emergency Fund and World Freedom League.

Members of the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association have, once again, played an active part in this year's Anzac Day celebrations. Vice-president Z. Krolikowski laid the wreath during the Dawn Service at the War Memorial.

During the mid-day march-past a nearly 50 strong contingent was led by president George Redziejowski MC, whose bemelled figure is now a familiar sight to Perth spectators.

The marchers subsequently attended the annual get-together and a soldier's meal, held at the Polish Centre, where they were thanked for their participation by the member of the State Executive of the RSL, Z. Kwiecinski.

Two major functions will be held later this year to mark the 25oth anniversary of the founding of the Sub-branch:

SATURDAY, July 11: A free supper and a get-together at 7pm at the General Sikorski Memorial Hall, Bellevue. Members and their wives only. SATURDAY, August 15: A 25th Anniversary Ball at 8pm at the Morley Community Centre, Walter Rd, Morley. Admission $15 per person, inclusive of dinner and drinks. Display of folklore-dances. Members and guests welcome.

Further information about both events from the Hon Secretary - K. Milczarek (tel. 271 7238).

Dr. W. GORSKI

Museum Donations

A framed record in colour of the first AIF Forces in the Great War and a complete record of all units and colour patches and theatres of war, has been offered to Geraldton Sub-Branch.

Secretary of the Wubin-Dalwallinu Sub-Branch Bill Atkinson told the April meeting at Geraldton that having enjoyed the hospitality of the Geraldton Sub-Branch at the recent Northern Group Conference, he had observed the efforts being made to establish a small war-history museum at Birdwood House and he believed that the framed record of the first AIF Forces would be of interest.

He said he had received a framed souvenir also included King George V, as well as a nursing sister, flanked by the Australian emblem.

The Geraldton Sub-Branch accepted the offer with thanks.

B.J.B

Rupert Ashe Honoured

In 1980, the Claremont Town Council announced their inaugural award for the "Claremont Citizen of the Year" and nominations were called for. The winner was a Service Member of the RSL, and was nominated by the Claremont Sub-Branch. Rupert Ashe suffers from multiple sclerosis and is confined to a wheelchair. He has been resident at the Alfred Carson Hospital in Bay Rd, Claremont for the past 15 years.

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During the commencement ceremonies, President Eric Walker of Pennsylvania State University told the graduating students: "I'm not going to tell the older generation how bright you are. Nor am I going to say we've made a mess of things and you are the hope of mankind. I'm going to reverse the progress."

Then, quoting some facts gathered by Dr Bergen Evans of Northwestern University, he said:

"These, your parents and grandparents (watching this ceremony), are the people who within just five decades — 1919/1970 — have, by their work, increased your life expectancy by approx. 50 percent.

"These are the people who, while cutting the working day by a third, have more than doubled per capita output.

"These are the people who have given you a healthier world than they found, and because of this you no longer have to fear epidemics of flu, typhus, diphtheria, smallpox, scarlet fever, measles or mumps that they knew in their youth. And the dreaded polio is no longer a medical factor, while 'TB is almost unheard of."

DEFISSION

"Let me remind you that these remarkable people lived through history's greatest depression. Many of these people know what it is to be poor, what it is to be hungry and cold.

"And because of that, they determined that it would not happen to you, that you would have a better life, you would have food to eat, milk to drink, vitamins to nourish you, a warm home, better schools and greater opportunities to succeed than they had.

"Because they gave you the best, you are the tallest, healthiest, brightest, and probably best-looking generation to inhabit the land.

"And because they were materialistic, you will work fewer hours, learn more, have more leisure time, travel to more distant places, and have more of a chance to follow your life's ambition.

"These are also the people who fought man's greatest war. They are the people who defeated the tyranny of Hitler, and who, when it was all over, had the compassion to spend billions to help their former enemies rebuild their homelands."

RESPONSIBILITY

"They built thousands of high schools, trained and hired tens of thousands of better teachers, and at the same time made higher education a very real responsibility for millions of youngsters — where once it was only the dream of a wealthy few.

"While they have done all these things, they have had some failures. They have not yet found an alternative to war, nor for racial hatred.

"Perhaps you will perfect the social mechanisms by which all men may follow their ambitions without the threat of force.

And if your generation can make as much progress in as many areas as these two generations have, you should be able to solve a good many of the world's remaining ills.

"It is my hope and I know the hope of these two generations that you find the answers to many of these problems that plague mankind."

"So in closing — try to do as well as your parents and grandparents have done. It won't be easy. And you won't be easy. And you won't do it by negative thoughts, nor by tearing down or belittling.

"You may do it by hard work, humanity, hope and faith in mankind.

I hope that you appreciate his address.
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A record number of about 50 ex-service men and women led by P. Tomlinson, K. Hasleby, R. Fullarton and W. Burgess marched from Olivia Tee down Robinson St to the war memorial at the apex of Robinson, Frances and Stuart Sts, where a record crowd had assembled to commemorate Anzac Day last Saturday.

It was indicative of the troublesome times besetting all nations of the world today, not only on war fronts, but also the political and industrial fronts, that such a large number of people turned out in force to observe Australia's national day of remembrance — Anzac and to honor those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the First and Second World Wars, Korea and Vietnam.

Also the civilians on the home front, victims of bombing raids which is part of any conflict today.

The assembly with Pastor B. Yesberg, of the Church of Christ, who led the prayers, prayed that the conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran, and the crisis in Poland, do not escalate in a third world war which could mean total destruction to the nations engaged, should nuclear weapons be used.

FREEDOM ERODED

Unfortunately, how many who regard it as a holiday, irrespective of what day Anzac Day falls on, give a thought to those who made it possible for them to enjoy their freedom — freedom which is becoming eroded with everyday industrial disputations throughout those nations who regard freedom as a national heritage.

Let us not forget those brave men and women, and instill into our children, and their children, that Anzac Day is a historic day — a day when our nation was born on the bloody shores of Anzac Cove on April 25, 1915. It is a day to be proud of, and not just another holiday.

Mr R. Fidock, shire president, took the salute at the Civic Centre for the parade down Robinson St.

The ex-servicemen and women contingent was followed by members of the Naval Association, Cubs, Brownies, and a large contingent of cadets of TS Koolinda and TS Gascoyne. A vehicle was provided for those ex-servicemen unable to march.

NAVAL CADETS

Naval cadets took up guard on the steps of the memorial while the laying of the wreaths was conducted. There was silence, as one by one names were called out and representatives of a wide section of the community placed wreaths at the foot of the cenotaph.

Naval Cadet Marcus Lee-Steere sounded the Last Post and Reveille, accompanied by Mr Devenish on the drums.

Anzac Day in Carnarvon. Parade of ex-servicemen and women.
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**FRINGE BENEFITS.**

Eligibility for fringe benefits will be lost where income equals or exceeds $69.00* per week for a married couple and $40.00* per week for a single person. Only one-half of any disability pension received will be treated as income.

*The amounts will be higher if you have eligible children.

**Note:** If you have a child or children in your care, custody and control, a deduction of $6.00 per week from your income is allowed for each child.

### Weekly-Rates of Disability Pensions

(Effective 14 May 1981)
(Rounded to the nearest cent)

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At our annual meeting, attended by more than 50 members, the following office bearers were elected: President, Bob Mack; senior vice-president, Bill Brown; junior vice-president, Denis Marimich; secretary, Alan Silke; treasurer, Bert Jarvis.

In his presidential address, Bob thanked all committee members for the help they had given him during the year. He stated that meetings had been very well attended and all branch social functions well supported and enjoyed by members and their wives.

At one of the functions, service awards had been presented to Bill Fish for 60 years unbroken membership of the Sub-Branch, and to John Joyce for his past service to the Sub-Branch as President.

Branch finances are in a sound position, due mainly to the efforts of our Treasurer, but anticipated expense in the joining-up of the hall to the town’s deep sewerage scheme could be a reason for concern in the future.

This year’s Anzac Day march and service went off very well, and according to press reports, one of the biggest crowds ever took part in the ceremonies. In the afternoon, members took part in a bowls competition at the Busselton Bowling Club.

We turned this year’s annual dinner into a barbecue in the hall grounds, as a departure from our usual procedure. The event proved quite a success, and the cabaret dance which followed at the Bowling Club, was enjoyed by all.

We look forward to the rest of the year, and the planning of further projects to keep members interested.

JOHN JOYCE (PRO)

RSL GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST QUEST

The Returned Services League’s “Girl of the Golden West” Quest in aid of the War Veterans Home was launched by its Patroness, Lady Court, on May 15.

The function was held at the War Veterans Home in Mt Lawley when over 100 guests and sponsors were invited. The quest, to raise funds, will run until November when the judging will take place. Any girl over the age of 18 years is eligible to enter.
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Social Security Matter

EXEMPT 50% WAR PENSION SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION: “That the Social Security Act be amended to allow for the assessment of only 50% of War Pension in assessing eligibility for invalid or aged pensions, thereby giving the ex-service men not eligible for the Service Pension the same benefits as the ex-servicemen who are eligible for Service Pension.”

ABOLISH MEANS TEST OVER 70: “That the Means Test imposed on increases in pensions since November 1978, for persons over 70 years of age, be abolished.”

ABOLISH MEANS TEST EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL – 65 YEARS OF AGE: “That Congress recommend that the Social Security Aged Pensions now payable free of any means test at 70 years of age, be payable to ex-service personnel at 65 years of age.”

COMMENTS: I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter on behalf of the National Congress concerning various pension matters.

I would like to explain that the more favourable position which is accorded to service pensioners by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs is relative to the compensatory element involved from service to their country. This compensatory element separates the forms of repatriation benefits from social services payments which are of a social welfare nature.

On the basis of equity therefore, it is not possible to extend more favourable treatment to ex-servicemen who are in receipt of social service pensions. As far as the social security system is concerned, it is important that every Australian feels that he or she receives the same treatment as every other Australian.

I am advised that under the terms of the Repatriation Act, service pensions are income-tested up to age 70 years in the same way as social service pensions.

The additional cost of abolishing the income test for persons aged 70 years and over would be approximately $113m. Doing this would mean that the assistance available for other welfare areas such as education and health would have to be reduced.

F.M. CHANEY (Minister for Social Security)

National News Digest

FOREIGN DECORATIONS

There has been a suggestion that the League request the Government to prepare a Royal Warrant to be forwarded to the Queen seeking official approval for Australians to accept and wear decorations awarded to them by foreign Governments. Such a Royal Warrant was prepared in 1971 for this very purpose but the Whitlam Government did not send it on.

The decorations concerned are mainly USA, South Vietnam and Korea. Certain Australian Service personnel should not be deprived of honours awarded for services rendered. The US Legion of Merit rates 8th in an Honours List of 70, it is considered rare.

Gen Vincent, the RSL Defence Committee Chairman, has been awarded this Honour, so have five other Australian generals.

US awards include one DSC, 20 Silver Stars, 64 Bronze Stars and 20 medals of Valour. The Vietnam awards include 17 National Orders, 78 Crosses of Gallantry, plus a host of Armed Forces Medals of Honour.

AUSTRALIAN WAR HISTORIES

A complete set of Bean’s History of the Great War is now a collector’s item. However, Vol VI is still available at the War Memorial. The Queensland University Press are re-printing Bean’s volumes and hope to have Vol 1 on sale shortly. The price will be about $30.

Stocks of World War Histories are also running out and of the Army set of seven, only Vols 1, 4 and 6 are available. Incidentally, Vol 1, “To Beghazi”, is still selling at its original price – 25 bob.

Of the Navy Series, only Vol 2 is available. In the RAAF Series, only Vol 4 is posted missing. All the Medical Series is present and correct.

Sub-Branches who wish to present volumes of Australia’s War Histories to school libraries had better be quick.

RSA COUNCIL MEETING

An invitation has been received from the RSA’s Dominion President to attend their Council Meeting in Wellington in June this year.

National Executive have appointed Mr Jack Neil to represent the National President at this Meeting. Jack was appointed State President for SA in December, 1980, following the sudden death of Eric Smith.

ACCENT ON WOMEN

For Anzac Day that is, not what you think. The graphic artist at the War Memorial has just completed two diaramas featuring the women’s services for display at the Bank NSW in Sydney.

One shows Sister Savige tending the wounded on a raft upon which were some survivors off Centaur. This hospital ship, clearly marked according to the Geneva Convention, was torpedoed in May, 1943, as she was afloat Stradbroke Island.

The second diagram shows Jap machine-guns ready to mow down nurses, including Sister Bullwinkel, from the bombed Vyner Brooke as they made seaward. It is the first time these two incidents have been depicted by diorama.

REPATRIATION REVIEW TRIBUNALS

When members receive advice that their case has been listed for hearing, please notify Jim Giblett, the League’s Advocate IMMEDIATELY.

EXPLANATION

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