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"The Returned Services League is deeply concerned in the area of national security, which was allowed to deteriorate over many years", the State President, Mr Len Turner said in opening the 65th Annual State Congress in June.

"Instability continues in both Africa and South America, and the world has cause for grave concern at events in Poland, where we trust in the cause of international peace, a solution can be found to that country's problems."

"The Commonwealth Government announced last year that greater amounts of money would be expended on extending and updating defence facilities."

"While applauding this announcement, the amount involved, to be expended over a number of years falls short of the amount deemed to be necessary, having regard to inflation and obsolescence."

"One of the main problems for the future is to educate the community, generally, to the fact that adequate defence is necessary and condition thinking to the realization that it has to be paid for."

"It is evident that one of the important elements in the nation's approach to foreign policy is the potential effectiveness of the national defence forces and the ability of the nation to sustain and expand its capability, without such forces the effectiveness of foreign policy initiatives is necessarily lessened, and the national view and voice so much the weaker."

ANZAC DAY
"The 66th commemoration of the landing at Gallipoli was, once again, fittingly observed. A record number of 5,690 persons were on parade, marching through the city streets to the Esplanade, where the traditional solemn service of remembrance was conducted, and His Excellency, the Governor of Western Australia, Sir Richard Trowbridge, took the salute in the course of the march-past following the service."

"To all those people and organisations who, through their efforts ensured the success of the day, we extend our sincerest thanks.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
"The customary commemoration service was conducted at the State War Memorial, and buglers sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille" at City intersections."

"Poppy Day Sales, wreaths and donations netted some $16,600, distributable between various welfare funds. To stimulate public awareness of this day, media time was made available to the League."

ANZAC AWARDS
"The names of the winners were announced on April 21. The winner of the Anzac Peace Award for 1980 was Miss Valerie Browning of New South Wales, for her work in the nursing profession, and of the seven winners of the Anzac of the Year Award, one was again, a Western Australian - Miss Dorothea Boyle of Mt Lawley for her many activities with the Women's Service Guild of W.A."

RAFFLE
"The running of a major raffle was an initiative taken in the year under review and resulted in a net return to the League of some $12,750. This was commendable and all those responsible, under the direction of Mr Jim Hall, are to be congratulated for an excellent result."
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Repatriation Benefits Increased and Extended

The following increases and extensions in Repatriation benefits for entitled veterans and dependants were approved in the 1981-82 Budget.

Service Pension for Australian Mariners
The Service Pension is to be extended from 4 February 1982 to Australian mariners who served in a theatre-of-war during the 1939-45 War. The Service Pension is similar to the Department of Social Security age pension but available to veterans who served in a theatre-of-war and have reached 60 years of age in the case of males or 55 in the case of females, or have become permanently unemployable at any age.

Disregarding Disability Pensions in Income Tests
The proportion of any disability pension disregarded when assessing eligibility for Service Pension and fringe benefits is to be increased from the present 50 percent to 60 percent from 1 January 1982. The income test has disregarded 50 percent of disability pension for Service Pension for some years but for fringe benefits only from 1 January 1981. The main effect of the increased proportion will be to make more persons eligible for the Service Pension and to enable those who became eligible for it and fringe benefits this year to retain them.

Supplementary Assistance (Rent Allowance)
The maximum amount of Supplementary Assistance (known as the Rent Allowance) payable to a Service Pensioner is to be increased from $5 to $8 a week from 4 February 1982. Supplementary Assistance is payable if a pensioner pays rent or pays for lodging or board and lodging but from 4 February it will only be paid, if rent exceeds $10 per week, at a rate of 50c for each $1 of rent over that amount.

Benefits for Members of Peacekeeping, Observation and Monitoring Forces
Repatriation benefits are to be extended to members of peacekeeping, observation and monitoring forces representing Australia under United Nations or other recognised international arrangements. This will apply only to members with service in such forces after 1 November 1981.

Benefits for P.N.G. Policemen
Disability pensions are to be paid to former members of the Royal Papuan Constabulary and the New Guinea Police Force who served under the control of the Australian New Guinea Army Unit from 7 December 1941 to 31 December 1945. Although these police were not members of the forces they were subject to Army discipline and control. Benefits will be paid, from the date of assent to the amending legislation, under the same conditions as apply to indigenous members of the Australian forces during the Pacific War.

Funeral Benefits Increased
The maximum rate of funeral benefit paid in respect of the death of eligible veterans and some dependants in certain circumstances will be increased from $300 to $400 for deaths on or after 1 November 1981.

Other Benefits Increased
The following Repatriation benefits will increase from 12 November 1981.

Additions to Pensions for Amputations or Loss of Vision

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INCREASED REPATRIATION PENSION RATES

In addition to the changes announced in the Budget Speech, increases in the main Repatriation pensions will apply from 12 November 1981. They flow from the rise in the Consumer Price Index in the six months to 30 June. The pensions affected, the increases and the new weekly rates are:

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Annual State Congress

Officially opening the Annual State Congress, the governor of Western Australia, Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Trowbridge, K.C.V.O., K.St.J. told more than 400 guests:

"Although I have never been to your State Congress before, I need hardly remind you that we are far from being strangers. As you will recall, in the middle of March, I had lunch with the Ex-Servicewoman's Sub-Branch at the Sheraton Hotel. Early in April, a great many of us were together, in King's Park for the Rats of Tobruk Service; ten days after that, I had lunch with the Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs and, of course, at the Dawn Ceremony each other, mostly in the dark or in the fog; and I suppose, later that day, at the march-past, I must have seen nearly all of you and nearly all of you must, most certainly, have seen me, unless for some reason you were not able to be there.

"A very large proportion of ex-servicemen and women are now over sixty-five years old and, of course, the World War I veterans are well over eighty. Not all are fortunate enough to own their own homes, and many depend entirely on their Service Pension as well, which means that if they have to pay rent, they can get into difficulties should any emergency arise."

"But monetary help is not the only problem in a number of cases. Many are in poor health, requiring sympathetic counselling and advice and budgeting and family problems are equally important. As an example of what this means; last year, on the welfare side, there was an increase of more than 15 percent, over 1979; and this, regrettably, is a figure which is bound to increase as each year succeeds the next."

"So you are in the situation where demands on all your facilities are increasing, and increasing quite rapidly, while it would seem that your capacity to meet this increased demand is equally rapidly being reduced because you are all getting older and the only way, it seems to me, to solve the problem is by persuading more, and younger people, to join the R.S.L. and I am sure it must be apparent to all of you that every other issue facing your organisation pales into insignificance by comparison with this one; because, in your ability to recruit more and younger people, lies your ability to compete with the increasing load you have to bear."

"In 1976 you changed your rules to allow serving personnel join, and since that time, I am told, there has been a small, but steady increase in the number of active service members who have joined. But this isn't a big enough increase, by any means, to meet the requirements; and you will have to look elsewhere because time is getting short and the need is getting greater and, if nothing can be done, its inevitable that the R.S.L. will fade away into an organisation of limited effectiveness, and that will be a tragedy in more ways than one and, in particular, for the increasing number of ex-servicemen and women, who look to you for their support."

"And so, State President, members of the Returned Services League, in declaring this 65th Annual State Congress, open, I ask you all to look more carefully into every aspect of this threat to your future, and I offer you all, my sincere good wishes, that your deliberations may reach a successful and lasting conclusion."
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The entrants from Geraldton and Albany were unable to attend because of commitments in their own areas but, from reports received, both are proceeding well with their fund-raising efforts and are sure to be near the top when the final judging takes place in November.

From left: Pina Lumia, Helen Readhead, Lady Court, Helen Goldsmith, Susan Thorson, the entrants with their certificates and sashes.

Victory Pacific Dinner

The Annual Victory Pacific Dinner-Dance by the Mt Lawley-Ingleswood Sub-Branch was held on Friday, August 14, 1981.

Guests, including the State President, Mr. L.J. Turner, M.B.E., J.P., and the Deputy Premier, Ray O’Connor, were greeted by the Sub-Branch President, Frank Turrell, in the foyer of the Mt Lawley Bowling Club.

M.C. for the evening was Treasurer, Ron Miller.

Both the State President and the Sub-Branch President, in their speeches, made particular note of the need to keep up the call for membership. Frank Turrell made mention of the fact that there are some 260,000 members countrywide in the League at present, no doubt the largest organisation of its kind, spread over some 8 states, with 2,000 Sub-Branches.

The toast was made to the Sub-Branch by Mr. Ron Stone, A.M., J.P.

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Flying Officer J.E. Stewart of the Air Training Corps says that the port will have great appeal to the collectors of limited issue wines.

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Memo From: Tasmanian Command “Islanders delighted at expectations of Mainland Invasion — Mooring lines made fast to Island — prevent submergence”.

The above circular sent to those attending the Reunion.

In November, 1941, 200 Members of Voluntary Aid Detachments in Australia (including 25 from Western Australia) who had been enlisted into the A.I.F. arrived at Port Tewfok on board the troopship “Queen Mary” to take up duties in Australian General Hospitals in the Middle East.

After their return to Australia and later to civilian life at the end of the war, members formed an Association to keep in touch with one another and, since 1961, reunions have been held in each Australian State except Tasmania. This year, over 140 members and husbands of the original contingent will meet at Wrest Point, Hobart from November 19 to 22 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of their arrival in the Middle East.

A very active committee comprised of the 11 resident members in Tasmania, under the leadership of Mrs Ray Gabriel and Miss Phyll Daymon, has assured visiting members, their husbands and friends, of a most enjoyable four day stay in Hobart.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME
Thursday 19: Welcome on arrival in Mess Room, Wrest Point Hotel Cauhio.
Friday 20: Guests of the Department of Veteran’s Affairs at luncheon at the Repatriation Hospital. Mess Dinner at Wrest Point Hotel in the evening.
Saturday 21: Excursion to Port Arthur and Lunch.

Western Australians who will be attending the reunion are: Mr & Mrs R.L. Pigott, Mr and Mrs R. Christian, Mr & Mrs E.C. Kneebone, Mr & Mrs W. Harvey, Mr & Mrs W. Carvill. Mesdames J. Dowson, L. Fealy, J. Munt, P. Payne, M. Hasleby, I. Jones, & Misses B. Morrison, L. Pike and E. Fullarton.

The Western Australian-Middle East V.A.D. Assn are all members of the Returned Services League.

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Due for release in November, the book (both editions with colour cover) is expected to retail at $17.95 (hardcover) and $12.95 (soft-cover).

Inquiries to Mrs J. Dowson, Tel: 384 6712.

KOREAN WAR HISTORY PRAISED

The first volume of the two-volume official history “Australia in the Korean War 1950-53” by Dr Robert O’Neill, which was launched at the War Memorial on 24 April by Sir William Keys, National President of the RSL and the Korean and South East Asia Forces Association, has received good reviews. Sir Howard Beale wrote in the “Weekend Australian”: “This book, scholarly, detailed, and clearly-written, reveals enormous industry ... its value is enhanced by (the author’s) detachment; he is concerned only to tell the facts as he has unearthed them, free from prejudices, bigotry and tendentiousness which unhappily afflict so much of so-called historical writing in Australia nowadays.” And Professor Brian Dickey in the “Advertiser”: “This fine volume ... maintains the high standards set by Australia’s Official War Histories written by C.E.W. Bean, Gavin Long and their distinguished collaborators. ... The tale is gripping, compulsive reading, hardly the normal experience when scanning diplomatic history. [O’Neill] has made a major contribution to our understanding of Australia’s foreign policy in the early 1950’s and cast great rays of light on the calculations of the Government of those days. All this along with a careful general account of the structure of the Korean War, ably mapped and well illustrated. A fine piece of history, well worth the money, to add to its predecessors. I look forward to the volume on combat operations with anticipation.”

Govt reassures RSL on Hollywood

The Services of the Hollywood Repatriation Hospital would not be amalgamated with the Gairdner Hospital without reference to the State Returned Services League.

This undertaking was given yesterday by the Federal Minister for Veteran Affairs, Senator Messner.

Senator Messner was in Perth to inspect the Gairdner Hospital after a suggestion from the State Minister for Health, Mr Young, that the services of the two hospitals could be amalgamated.

Senator Messner gave an assurance on the future of Hollywood to representative of Vietnam veterans who spoke to him for an hour.

RSL branches have strongly opposed any amalgamation of the services, which they see as leading to Hollywood’s eventual closure.

24 HOUR SERVICE

Senator Messner outlined Government plans to set up a 24-hour counselling service for veterans and indicated that Perth might be one of the first cities to have the service.

But he again refused a request to release the findings of the pilot study which is being carried out in Sydney and should be completed in March.

He said that he had not received any scientific evidence that herbicides used in Vietnam had any adverse effect on Australian soldiers.

About 400 children with birth defects had been born to West Australians who served in Vietnam. The fathers represented about 10 percent of the total number of West Australians who fought in Vietnam.

Senator Messner said that this was about the normal birth-defect percentage and it did not prove that the cause was chemical.

A spokesman for the Vietnam Veterans, Mr Bob Stewart, said that he was happy with reassurances about Hollywood Hospital, which was expected to be under peak demand from Vietnam veterans between 1983 and 1990.

He also welcomed the 24-hour counselling service.

A spokesman for the Vietnam Veteran’s Family Association, Mr Frank Donovan, reiterated Mr Stewart’s sentiments on Hollywood and the counselling service.

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**Cup Winners Again**

The Geraldton Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League has again won the Collett Cup by being chosen as the country sub-branch with the most meritorious service in 1980.

The Sub-Branch President, Mr Graham Till, received the huge silver cup from the Officer in Charge of the RAAF at Pearce, Air Commodore Norm Ashworth, following the opening of State Congress by the Governor, Rear Admiral Sir Richard Trowbridge, at Government House Ballroom on June 19.

The Geraldton Sub-Branch has now won the Collett Cup 18 times in a competition based not only on work for the benefit of ex-service personnel and their dependents, but also on service to the community generally.

It was another “double” achievement for Geraldton, the Women’s Auxiliary having recently received the Country Cup for the 19th time as the outstanding Country Auxiliary of 1980.

The Albany Sub-Branch, which has won the Collett Cup four times, finished only one point away from Geraldton in the latest competition.

**GOLDEN WEST QUEST**

The Geraldton Sub-Branch has a candidate in the Girl of the Golden West Quest — the Sub-Branch Secretary, Miss Pam Burgess.

In seeking the support of neighbouring sub-branches in this regard, the Sub-Branch President, Mr Graham Till, announced at the annual reunion on June 27 that the proceeds from the State-wide Quest would be divided proportionately between the Mount Lawley War Veterans’ Home and the Geraldton Regional War Veterans’ Home.

The new State Senior Vice-President, Mr Jim Hall, said the League was seeking the support of all sub-branches, including those without entrants, because Legacy had withdrawn from the annual Girl of the Golden West Quest.

A highlight of the annual reunion was the presentation of Certificates of Service to two members of the Geraldton Auxiliary, Mrs Lottie Schneider and Mrs May Till, by the State Auxiliary President, Mrs Joy Ford, and a Membership Pennant to the Secretary of the Dongara Sub-Branch, Mr George Smith, by the State Senior Vice-President, Mr Jim Hall.

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**28TH V.C. DONATED**

The first Victoria Cross to be donated since the opening of the Hall of Valour by Prince Charles on 13 April was handed over in simple ceremony at the War Memorial on Saturday 9 May. The V.C. is the 28th on display in the Hall of Valour, which houses the world’s largest collection of V.C.s.

The medal donated was awarded to Private William Matthew Currey, of the 53rd Australian Infantry Battalion, for actions at Peronne, France, on 1 September 1918. The presentation was made by his daughter, Mrs J.E. Lotton of Peakhurst, New South Wales. Currey single-handedly captured a field-gun, killing its crew, and later an enemy strongpoint. Finally he volunteered to crawl out into No Man’s Land to recall a company which had been cut off. His respirator was riddled by enemy bullets and he was gassed, but he succeeded in the mission and survived to return to Australia in 1919. In 1941 he became the first V.C. to be elected to the New South Wales Parliament, as Labor Member for Kogarah. He retained the seat until his sudden death in 1948, at the age of 53.
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IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP DECLINING?

About 25 ex-servicewomen from Australian and Allied Navy, Army, Air Force and the Nursing Services have now formed an official Ex-Servicewomen's Group within the Darling Range R.S.L. Sub-Branch.

The Sub-Branch covers the area through Darlington, Kalamunda, Gooseberry Hill and Lesmurdie to the foothills.

The main reason for coming together as a group within the Sub-Branch are:

- The “Girls” prefer to meet in the daytime at their local R.S.L. Hall.
- They wish to foster community projects and help and console each other in time of need and bereavement.
- Each wishes to make friendships with ex-servicewomen who served in services other than her own.
- They wish to co-operate with the R.S.L. and its Women’s Auxiliary, but still retain their identity as ex-servicewomen.
- Some were unaware of their need for ex-service companionship until they became involved in a women’s ex-service group.

The group comprises women from Army, RAAF and Rhodesian nursing Services, WAAF, RAAAF, AWAS, WRAC, WRAAC, Scottish WREN, Rhodesian Air Force and the ATS.

There is also one younger member who served in the post-war regular army.

In 1962 “The West Australian” stated that 17,000 Western Australian women had joined the wartime services and by now this number would have increased with the influx of Allied ex-servicewomen as migrants.

Now that the R.S.L. considers that ex-servicewomen who served only in the Australian mainland are eligible for “service” membership there is an untapped reservoir of potential members who could give a new impetus to the R.S.L.

The way to do this is to follow the example of the Darling Range Sub-Branch which has now noticeably increased its active membership.

Obviously non-members do not read the Listening Post and many are unaware that they are now eligible for returned or service membership. In the Darling Range this information was publicised by using the local suburban newspaper and inviting ex-servicewomen to meet other ex-servicewomen at a special daytime meeting.

The Darling Range Ex-Servicewomen’s Group of R.S.L. believes that Sub-Branches in country towns and the other suburbs would be doing a service to themselves, to ex-servicewomen and to the community by following a similar plan.

Ex-servicewomen have much to contribute to each other, the R.S.L. and the community. As mothers, they have strong opinions on defence and other matters concerning veterans which could well support R.S.L. pleas on these subjects.

Heraldry Relics Donated

Several significant donations were received by the Relics Section during May and June:

- A further five medals awarded to Lieutenant-Colonel L.C. Maygar, V.C., including his D.S.O. and Queen’s South Africa Medal, presented by his niece Mrs H. Kerr. They will be displayed with his V.C. in the Hall of Valour.
- Over 150 hobs and dies for various army badges from 1880 to 1960, given by the Department of Defence, Army Office. Many represent badges that are extremely rare. All the hobs and dies were made by Stokes (Australia) Ltd, a firm founded in Melbourne in 1856.
- The Military Medal and campaign medals of Private R.K. Paterson of the 5th Field Ambulance, A.I.F., from Mr R.L. Foster, of Victoria. At Polygon Wood, near Ypres, on 27 September, 1917, Paterson went out three times under heavy artillery and machinegun fire to rescue wounded.
- Two oiled parchment circles from the Boxer Rebellion, bearing Chinese characters, donated by Mrs Sinclair of Sydney. The circles were worn by Chinese soldiers on the front of their tunic to show their rank, unit and command.
- The medals of William Raymond, who served in the Crimean War and later migrated to Australia. The medals include a Victoria Volunteer Long and Efficient Service Medal, which was unique to the colony of Victoria and issued to members of the Victoria Colonial Forces between 1881 and 1901. These were received from Mr P. Raymond.
- A large collection of World War II uniforms and equipment relating to his service with the pre-war Militia and with commando units in the Second A.I.F., by Mr R.A. Littlejohn.

BOOMERANG FIGHTER ON LOAN

The War Memorial has been offered by the R.A.A.F. a Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation (C.A.C.) Boomerang fighter, A46-30, on loan. This aircraft has been restored by C.A.C. in Melbourne. It will be on display at the Museum from early September. The Boomerang was Australian designed and manufactured, the first ones being produced in 1942. It saw extensive service in New Guinea from 1943 and later in the South West Pacific area. The Boomerang offered to the Memorial is a CA-12, received by the R.A.A.F. in February, 1943. After service with Nos. 83 and 85 Squadrons, it appeared in a film about Sir Kingsford Smith and was given to the Australian Air League in Sydney in 1946.

Appreciation

Without our Hospital Visitors, the welfare activities of the League would fall short of its function.

To Bill Rattigan, who has been a tireless worker in this field for many years, we are most appreciative. We know that a great deal of Bill’s time is spent visiting patients and nothing is a trouble to him if someone requires anything done for them. The League’s other Official Visitor is Sylvia Phelps, and we are very grateful to her quick response when needed.

The Women’s Auxiliary visit Hospitals and Nursing Homes and gives that little bit of extra attention that so brightens up our long term patients who sometimes become rather lonely and look forward with enthusiasm to their monthly visitor.

(It was with much sadness we noted the passing of Ron Boyes, who was a constant visitor for many years. Ron will be sadly missed by us all.)

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Who is eligible to apply?
Australian veterans are eligible to apply if they have served in a theatre-of-war, which includes areas in and around Australia during prescribed periods. An Australian female veteran who has served in a theatre-of-war, or served abroad or embarked for service abroad is also eligible to apply. Australian merchant seamen who served under Admiralty Agreements T124T or T124X may also be eligible.

British Commonwealth veterans who have resided in Australia for 10 years and have served in a war or war-like operation in which Australian Forces were involved may be eligible to apply for the service pension. It is necessary that they served outside their country of enlistment during the conflict or qualified for a campaign award. (e.g. Burma Star) if their only service was in the country of enlistment. Merchant seamen who sailed under Admiralty Agreements T124T or T124X may also be eligible.

Regular Allied Forces veterans who have resided in Australia for 10 years and have served in a war or war-like operation in which Australian Forces were involved can claim the service pension providing they did not serve with an enemy force at any time.

Rates of Service Pension
The maximum rate payable to a single pensioner is $133.30 per fortnight. The maximum rate payable to married pensioners is $111.10 per fortnight each.

An addition of $20 per fortnight may be paid in respect of each eligible child. A "guardian's allowance" is payable to a veteran who is single, widowed, divorced or living apart from his wife if he has a child in his care. Due to cost-of-living adjustments, the pension is generally increased every May and November. The pension and allowances are subject to an income test.

What is the Income Test?
Income includes such items as gross wages, gross superannuation payments, bank interest, income from property, half of any disability pension in payment.

The maximum rate of service pension is payable when the income of a single pensioner is no greater than $40 per fortnight, or the gross combined income of a married couple does not exceed $69 per fortnight. An additional $12 per fortnight margin is allowed for each eligible child.

Leaflets are available from the Department of Veterans' Affairs showing the rate of pension payable for different levels of income.

When a married couple is separated because of the illness of one or both partners, each may qualify for the single pensioners rate.

Supplementary Assistance
Also known as "rent allowance", supplementary assistance of up to $10 per fortnight to a pensioner who pays for accommodation and has income of less than $312 per year.

Fringe Benefits
Medical treatment under the Pensioner Health Benefit Scheme, a telephone concession and travel concession are the fringe benefits that are gained when a single pensioner's income is less than $80 per fortnight or a married couple's gross combined income is less than $136 per fortnight. Income includes half of any disability pension in payment, but does not include service pension.

Other concessions are available from State and local government bodies on production of the Pensioner Health Benefit card.

Applications for Service Pension
Service pension application forms are available on request from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, 11 William Street, Perth. Telephone: 321 0131.

Written notification of your intention to apply for a Service Pension will be treated as an informal claim providing the formal claim is then lodged within the following three months. The Service Pension cannot be paid in addition to a pension from the Department of Social Security. However it is an easy matter to transfer from a Social Security pension to a service pension and this is of particular benefit to:
(a) The Australian veteran as he may receive additional medical services if he qualifies for fringe benefits,
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Free Urgent Hospital Care
Veterans' organisations are reminded that free treatment may be provided at Repatriation General Hospitals to Vietnam veterans requiring urgent medical attention.

This offer applies to all Vietnam veterans who present to the Department for treatment irrespective of whether the condition is accepted as being related to their service. They will have access to Departmental institutions if:
- medical investigation indicates that the condition requires urgent treatment and it is appropriate to provide the type of care necessary as an in-patient and
- there is spare bed capacity in the Repatriation hospitals.

It is emphasised that the provision of in-patient treatment along the above lines does not depend upon acceptance of the condition as being related to service in Vietnam. The provision of treatment will depend on the judgement of a medical officer as to the necessity for urgent treatment of the condition.

The granting of this treatment, however, will not prejudice claims for treatment and pensions which might be before the Repatriation determining authorities, nor will it mean the authorities are committed to granting claims for treatment and pensions because of this offer.

If a Vietnam veteran requires urgent hospitalisation, the veteran's local doctor should be advised to contact the Admitting Medical Officer of the Repatriation General Hospital in the capital city of that State. For veterans in the Northern Territory, the Regional Medical Officer of the Northern Territory Department of Health should be contacted.

COUNSELLING SERVICE
A special counselling service for Vietnam veterans and their families was initiated within the Department early this year to identify problems of veterans which cannot be handled within normal Departmental arrangements and facilitate their access to existing community services, including Repatriation services where appropriate and practicable.

The following officers of the Department of Veterans' Affairs were nominated as persons to whom Vietnam veterans and their wives could have immediate personal access. All are professionally qualified and experienced social workers and their location is noted alongside their names.

PERTH
Mr Bill Edward or Mrs Joan White, Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood. Telephone: 386 0011.

Circular from National Headquarters
Following on from the last meeting of the National Executive at the National Headquarters in Canberra, at which Victoria spoke to a motion calling for the clarification of the wearing of medals, it was resolved that all R.S.L. members should wear only those medals as decorations awarded or recognised by the Queen.

In view of this resolution, it would be appreciated if this direction could be circulated as widely as possible throughout all branches and sub-branches.

There is, of course, no rule that can be applied other than the reputation and the standing of any member of the League who contravenes this direction.

We are presently attempting to obtain from the Government a list of all foreign decorations and awards accepted by the government, which, as we understand it at the moment, may be worn separately from the Queen's medals on the right hand side of the wearer's chest.

Funeral Benefits
The League receives many enquiries about Funeral Benefits and a great number of members and non-members are under the impression that the League gives financial assistance for funerals, but this is not so.

The only financial assistance available for veterans, if they are not in a Funeral Fund, is from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, if eligible in certain cases from Social Security.

However, the Welfare Officer is always available to advise with the choosing of funeral directors and give support and assistance in other ways. Very often it is found that families have committed themselves for expensive funerals they can ill afford, when just a phone call to the Welfare Officer, at that time, could have saved them hundreds of dollars.

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This day is open to any servicemen — Army, Navy or Air Force, and their wives and friends who wish to attend.

Further details can be obtained by contacting Len de Grussa, 43 Pitt Street, Dianella, W.A. 6062. Phone 276 7253 or Vern Donegan, 207 Hale Road, Wembley, W.A. 6014. Phone — 446 5380.

**Whereabouts of Arthur (Whitty) Whitmarsh**

A former Warrant Officer II, Peter Turnbull flew with the R.A.F. in World War II in Lancaster bombers.

One of the crew was an Australian — Group Captain (?) Arthur (Whitty) Whitmarsh.

Peter Turnbull, who will be coming out to Australia later in the year, is very anxious to get in touch with Arthur Whitmarsh.

It would be appreciated if anyone could find the whereabouts of Mr Whitmarsh and advise the Headquarters in due course.

**Corps of Commissionaires**

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But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street;
Bouncing along on care-free feet.
His smile was full of joy and fun;
"Lady", said he "may I have one?"

When she'd pinned it on he turned to say,
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day,
And the poppy there is symbol for
The gallant men who died in war.
And because they did, you and I are free
That's why we wear a poppy, you see."

"I had a boy about your size,
With golden hair and big blue eyes,
He loved to play and jump and shout,
Free as a bird he would prance about,
As the years went by he learned and grew
And became a man — as you will too."

Author Unknown
A personal message from L. J. Turner, M.B.E.

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Most of all, discuss it with your family. Their response will certainly be all the encouragement you will need.

I hope you will recognise this for the exceptional opportunity it is, and give the literature the most careful attention it deserves.

Yours faithfully,

L. J. Turner, M.B.E.

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CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Report from Mrs Joy Ford

The RSL Women's Auxiliary held its State Conference in May and it proved very successful with a good attendance of delegates, many attending for the first time.

It was opened by the State President of the League, Mr L. Turner, who thanked the Auxiliaries for their continued support of the League. Guests included the Hon. Gordon Masters M.L.C. and Mrs Lyila Elliot M.L.C.

Mr Turner presented Certificates of Merit and gold badge to Mrs Allison Cayley, Mrs Phyllis Wood and myself. We will treasure these and thank the League for their recommendation.

I presented cheques to Mr Turner for the War Veterans' Home and the State War Memorial, being donations received from Auxiliaries during the year.

We were entertained by our friends Shirley Mistieh, June Elward and Mr Gobba, supper was served by Executive members. Agenda items were well debated and altogether we had an interesting and rewarding Conference.

After attending the opening of the Crafts Exhibition by Mrs Turner at the War Veterans' Home, delegates and Auxiliary members enjoyed the Conference luncheon and entertainment provided by Cockburn and Mandurah Auxiliaries.

Three of the Executive members retired and we thank Lorrie Ryniker, Kath Adams and Nell Windsor for their service on State Executive and we wish them well in the future.

We welcome Allison Cayley, Gwen Mortimer and Joan Evans as the new members and hope they will enjoy their term on Executive.

State Executive members for 1981-1982 are as follows:
State President: Mrs G. Ford. Immediate Past President: Mrs A. Rowe M.B.E. Vice Presidents: Mrs G. Rolfe B.E.M. Mrs L. Freedy. Hon. State Secretary: Mrs M. Sullivan. Hon. State Treasurer: Mrs H. Holder. Committee: Messrs Angel (Bullsbrook), Baker (Wanneroo), Bettridge (Scarborough), Chilcott (Cockburn), Cayley (Wembley-Floreat), Evans (Vietnam veterans), Hall (City of Perth), Johnson (City of Perth), Minson (City of Perth), McPartland (Bassendale-Guildford), Mortimer (Cockburn), Taylor (Millsen).

Since my last report Executive members and myself have attended a number of functions. On May 5th Kojoonup Auxiliary held a successful "At Home" day with visitors from as far away as Albany. Mr and Mrs Angel, Mr and Mrs Hall and Mrs Adams represented Executive, and by reports I received, it was a happy and friendly day.

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Bassendean-Guildford Auxiliary celebrated their 58th birthday on May 8. Representatives from Executive and Auxiliaries attended this happy occasion, and I had pleasure in giving Mrs Jolley her Life Membership Certificate and Badge.

On June 17, Bellevue Auxiliary held their Birthday Lunch-time which was enjoyed by all attending. Mrs Gould received a Certificate of Service.

I attended the opening of the League Congress and I gave my report to Congress during the business sessions. Catering for the Congress was supervised by our Social Convenor, Mrs Taylor, assisted by Executive members.

Mandurah Auxiliaries were represented and I presented a Life Membership to Mrs Watts and a Certificate of Service to Mrs Hobbs.

Mrs Sullivan and I were guests of the Geraldton Sub-Branch and Auxiliary Dinner on June 27, and I had pleasure in presenting Mrs Till and Mrs Schneider with their Certificates of Service.

My husband, George, and I enjoyed the Armadale Dinner on July 4 and we attended the League’s Reception for the Governor Sir Richard Trowbridge and Lady Trowbridge.

Mrs Minson and I went to the War Veterans’ Home Bowl Trophy night to present the Auxiliary Trophies to the appropriate winners.

I was made most welcome when I attended the Cockburn Auxiliary meeting on July 23rd.

On July 23, I went with the League members to attend the Group Conference at Kambalda, we called in for a welcome cup of tea with the Northam Sub-Branch and Auxiliary members and I thank all the girls for coming out on such a dreadful wet day.

It rained all the way to Kambalda, but was fine for the Conference, which was well attended. I was pleased to see the Boulder Auxiliary girls and to meet Mrs Muntz from Bruce Rock and some of the Kambalda wives. After the Conference, the Perth and Bruce Rock contingents ventured down a nickel mine, dressed in overalls, tin hats and lamps — not the most glamorous of apparel. (I am waiting to see the photos). Driving down and around the mine was a most interesting experience, but I don’t think it is quite my scene. This was followed by a tour to see the huge crusher at work and on to see the Memorial which is a 7 tonne block of stone set in a concrete base with a plaque attached. Bearing the names of war areas, sited at the East Kambalda Shopping Centre. A most enjoyable dinner for the delegates and ladies finished off a well conducted Conference.

Kambalda Sub-Branch is newly formed and received their Charter during Conference. We wish them well in the future.

On the way home the next day, we called in to see Mr and Mrs Martin, who are members of the Yilgarn Sub-Branch and auxiliary and live at Bodallin.

Executive members are kept busy with their hospital visiting, and as buying for the Xmas Cheer parcels is just around the corner, don’t forget to send in your donation soon.

The Girl of the Golden West Quest entrants are working hard, so don’t forget to give your support to the Quest.

Any enquiries address to: State President Mrs G. Ford, 7 Read St., East Victoria Park 6101. Tel: 361 3867. State Secretary Mrs M. Sullivan, 49 9th Avenue, Maylands. Tel: 271 9724.

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**EXTRACTS FROM HANSARD**

**War Service Pensions: Eligibility**

Mr Beazley (Swan) asked the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs about:

1. Has the Minister seen correspondence in the West Australian of December 6, 1980, from H.O. White of Rushbrook Way, Thornlie, on the question of rights to war service pensions for volunteers for overseas service who were not sent to war zones.

He asked if the Minister would consider extending war service pension eligibility to persons who accepted the possibility of service overseas during World War II by joining the Australian Imperial Forces.

2. Is it a fact that eligibility is apparently extended to servicemen whether or not they were volunteers for overseas service, on Rottnest Island, Western Australia.

3. Has eligibility been extended to servicemen serving on other Australian island possessions; if so, which ones.

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Mr Thomson, has provided the following answers:

1. The service pension was introduced for those veterans who served in a theatre of war to compensate for the indefinable and intangible effects of war service. Eligibility for the service pension is therefore dependent upon service in a theatre of war, which is defined in section 23 of the Repatriation Act 1920 as follows:

“Served in a theatre of war” means served at sea, in the field or in the air, in naval, military or aerial operations against the enemy in an area, or on an aircraft or ship of war, at a time when danger from hostile forces of the enemy was incurred in that area or on that aircraft or ship of war by the person so serving.

The extension of eligibility for the service pension to persons who did not serve in a theatre of war would be contrary to the purposes of this benefit.

2. Members of the Forces, regardless of the terms of their engagement, who served on Rottnest Island may be regarded as having served in a theatre of war, provided service there was for a continuous period of not less than three months between September 3, 1939 and May 5, 1944.

3. Eligibility may be conceded to a member of the Forces who

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served during World War II on other Australian island possessions at a time when danger from hostile forces was incurred in the area concerned. The declaration of certain areas at certain times as theatres of war is related primarily to known enemy activity in and around these areas. In many cases, an island itself was not subject to enemy activity and may be considered not to have been a theatre of war. However, a veteran who served on such an island may be deemed to have served in a theatre of war, not because of actual service on the island, but because the veterans’ passage to the island may have been through an area of known enemy activity. In determining eligibility for the service pension, or the basis of such service, it is necessary to consider each case on its individual merits. For this reason, and because there are a number of islands involved, it is not practicable to provide precise information requested by the honourable member.

**Merchant Seamen**

Senator Kilgarriff asked the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, upon notice, in March: What social or other facilities are available for the use and enjoyment of merchant seamen who served in the various theatres of World War II.

Senator Messner replied:

Merchant seamen are eligible for payment of pension and provisions of medical treatment, under the Seamen’s War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940, in respect of injuries directly associated with enemy action or in consequences of capture or detention by the enemy. Merchant seamen entitled to benefits under this Act may use the facilities of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs in the same way as any eligible veteran but my Department does not provide social facilities for veterans.

Q. Are any merchant seamen recipients of service pensions; if so how many?

A. Although the Seamen’s War Pension and Allowances Act 1940 does not provide for payment of the service pension, certain merchant seamen may receive the service pension under the Repatriation Act 1920, if they served under T124X or T124T Agreements. Service under the terms of these Agreements is considered analogous to that of members of the Forces and those who served under such Agreements may be conceded full rights under the Repatriation Act 1920. Merchant seamen in receipt of the service pension are treated as members of the Forces and are not separately defined. It is, therefore, not practicable to specify the number of merchant seamen who are recipients of the service pension.

Q. What are the similar entitlements of Aboriginal people who served, or were employed by the Australian services, in areas declared as war zones in World War II.

A. The entitlements of Aborigines who served in the Australian Forces during World War II are the same as those of other members of the Forces. In respect of those who were not actually members of the Forces, it is necessary to consider each case on its individual merits. In any case in which eligibility is conceded, the entitlements of the person concerned are the same as those of a member of the Forces.

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**Health Insurance — Impact on Repatriation Beneficiaries**

Repatriation beneficiaries, who are presently eligible for treatment at Departmental expense, will continue to be provided with the full range of treatment through the Department of Veterans’ Affairs under the new health insurance arrangements to be introduced on 1 September 1981.

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Senator Tony Messner, said in July that beneficiaries who hold a Personal Treatment Entitlement Card (P.T.E.C.) will not need to consider insuring with a health fund, unless they wish to arrange for some aspects of their health-care outside the Repatriation system or they consider it necessary to provide health insurance coverage for their dependants.

On any occasion when Service Pensioner P.T.E.C. holders lose their entitlement because of movements in their income beyond fringe benefits levels, they may choose to insure with a registered medical and hospital cover without any waiting period.

Senator Messner said that beneficiaries, who do not hold a P.T.E.C. but are entitled to treatment for service-related disabilities or who suffer from tuberculosis or cancer, will continue to receive free treatment through the Department for those conditions. They will be responsible for costs associated with the treatment of any other conditions, unless they hold a Pensioner Health Benefits card or a Health Care card.

These beneficiaries should consider the advisability of being insured with a health fund. The normal two months waiting period before benefits are payable will be waived during the period 1 September to 31 October 1981.

More complete details of the operation of the new health insurance arrangements are included in a Department of Health pamphlet, “In Sick and In Health — Better Value for Your Dollar”. Copies are available from offices of the Departments of Veterans’ Affairs, Social Security and Health and are expected to be available soon from post offices, doctors’ surgeries, private hospitals, chemists and health insurance funds. Particular enquiries may be referred to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs in each capital city.

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Born at Albany, Bill lived all his life on a farm at Bornholm, until retiring to Albany a few years ago.

During World War II, he served in the Australian Army, 2/4th Machine Gunners and was taken P.O.W. at the fall of Singapore. Like many others, he suffered in health from this period of his life at Changi, Burma Railway and later in the coal mines in Japan.

Bill was well known locally, serving the people and district as a Shire Councillor (on many of it’s committees), Slow-Learning Children’s Committee, a legacy man and, of course, very active in R.S.I., being a past president of Albany Sub-Branch.

He passed away on March 14, 1981.

Bill was of a humorous nature and well liked by all, which was testified by the very large representative gathering at his funeral. He was 66 years old and leaves a wife and daughter, to whom we extend our sincerest sympathy.

H. Riggs

VALE – BILL HOOD

Bill, who was known as the “Father” of the City of Perth Sub-Branch, passed away after a very long illness in the Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood, on June 27, 1981.

Bill served in the Royal Flying Corps in World War I and spent most of his serving time in Mesopotamia and the Middle East. He could tell some hair-raising stories of flying the old bi-planes, held together with glue and wire, in the terrific heat of the desert.

After the war, he enlisted in 1919 for the Russian Volunteer Force to fight the Bolsheviks and rescue the Czar and his family. The force was chased from the north to the south of Russia. The sovereign a day he was promised was never paid, but he was awarded the Komluff Medal by the White Russians.

In 1924, the Hood family migrated to Australia under the group settlement scheme and settled in Northcliffe, living in tents. Bill had six children and brought them up under very hard conditions, and a tribute must be paid to his wife, Lottie, who shared all the hardships. Bill joined the Northcliffe Sub-Branch and rose to President; he worked hard for the settlers.

In 1931, the family came to Perth and Bill joined the City of Perth Sub-Branch, serving us faithfully and capably in all positions for half a century.

In World War II, after much difficulty due to age, Bill joined the R.A.N. Bill was a fitter and boilermaker and held a ticket in steam, and he became an engine room artificer, serving on many ships, including the “Mercedes”. He was a chief petty officer on HMAS Swan, which took the Japanese
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Harry Holder

VALE — MARGARET JULIE CALDWELL

Margaret Caldwell, who died on March 25, 1981, at Fremantle Hospital, was a World War army nursing sister with a long-standing membership of the Returned Sisters' Sub-Branch, R.S.L., having joined in 1951.

In 1929, Miss Caldwell commenced her nursing training at the Perth Children's Hospital (now P.M.H.) and after graduating in March, 1932, travelled to England to further her studies. She subsequently joined the Territorial Army Nursing Service (T.A.N.S.). During World War II, she served in England, Ireland and North Africa.

After the cessation of the war in Europe, Sister Caldwell came back to Australia and returned to civilian nursing. She later became clinical supervisor at the Swan Districts Hospital until ill health necessitated her retirement.

Margaret Caldwell, or Peg as she was known to her friends, was keenly interested in young people and was an active participant in the Girl Guide Movement, especially in Mundaring, where she was domiciled. She later moved to Safety Bay, where she entered into many local activities. Her special interest was in books and she was a valued member of the Book Club. She was also a staunch supporter of her Church in the parish of Rockingham and worked with the Benedictine Order in a Lay capacity. A Requiem Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman-Catholic Church in Rockingham on March 27, 1981.

A large print book has been placed in the Library of the War Veterans' Home by the Returned Sisters' Sub-Branch in her memory.

Victoria Hobbs

for the Returned Sisters' Sub-Branch, R.S.L.

VALE — KATHLEEN HOPE BARNES

On July 22, many members of the Returned Sisters' Sub-Branch, R.S.L., together with friends and colleagues of the late Miss Kathleen Barnes, gathered at St Columba's Presbyterian Church, Peppermint Grove, to pay tribute to her at a Memorial Service conducted by the Rev. A. McAuliffe.

Kathleen Barnes was one of the first group of 11 nurses from Western Australia to be posted for overseas service with the 2/2 Australian General Hospital, based at El Kantara. She saw service in Egypt, Palestine and Syria.

In 1942, the unit returned to Australia and its nursing personnel were seconded to camp hospitals and C.C.S., where they had to care for patients under almost primitive conditions. Subsequently, Sister Barnes was again posted for overseas service, firstly in New Guinea. In 1945, she was in charge of a Casualty Clearing Station at Jaccquinoit Bay in New Britain. They were the first nurses to return to New Britain since the Japanese invasion in 1942. For her war service, Kathleen Barnes was mentioned in despatches and awarded an A.R.R.C. She retired with the rank of Captain.

On return to civilian life, Miss Barnes joined the Silver Chain and Bush Service and worked for a time as a district nurse, an experience which gave her first-hand information on the problems of the disabled. Her outstanding ability was soon recognised and she was appointed Supervisor of Cottage Homes and Assistant Superintendent.

In 1950, she became Supervisor of the Alfred Carson Hospital and, subsequently, became Superintendent of Nursing of the Silver Chain organisation at the time of its rapid expansion, following increased government aid.

For her service to nursing, Kathleen Barnes was awarded the MBE in 1963. She was also made a Fellow of the College of Nursing, Australia.

Besides being a stalwart of the Returned Sisters' Sub-Branch, Kath was a foundation member of the War Nurses' Memorial Association and took office as Treasurer. She was actively involved in the inauguration of the "Clifton Wing" for nurses and ex-service women at the War Veterans' Home. She was a member of the Committee of the Army Museum of W.A., and a key worker in the arranging of the War Nurses' Gallery of the museum.

A person of ability and steadfast purposes, Kathleen Hope Barnes will be sadly missed.

Victoria Hobbs

Returned Sisters' Sub-Branch, R.S.L.

APOLOGY

The death list in a previous issue contained the name H.V.W. Gundy. This should have been H.V.W. Gundy.

W.B. Lamond, W. Kununoppin, WX 15154, 2/11 Bn. was incorrectly shown as being deceased in December, 1980.

B. Larsen, WX 18386, 56 Port Craft Co., Bussleton, was incorrectly given as B. Larkin.

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The President, Mrs C. Hinton, B.E.M., presented a cheque for $590 to Mr Turner for the new Anzac House Furnishing Fund and Mrs J. Dowson, M.B.E., presented a cheque for $590 to Lt. Commander Goldsworthy, Warden of the State War Memorial, towards the restoration fund for the State War Memorial. Mr Turner expressed the thanks and appreciation of the R.S.L. for the efforts of the members of the Sub-Branch in raising so much money to assist the League.

Mrs Joan Dowson, co-organiser of the Retained Ex-Servicewomans’s Sub-Branch luncheon, presenting Lt. Commander L.V. Goldsworthy, Warden of the State War Memorial, with a cheque for $590, being a donation for the restoration of the Memorial. Mrs Hinton, President of the Sub-Branch is standing in the rear.

Mrs Cecille Hinton, President of the Retained Ex-Servicewomans’s Sub-Branch, presenting Mr Len Turner with a cheque for $590 towards the refurbishing of Anzac House.

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Kambalda Memorial Unveiled

The Kambalda Sub-Branch was presented with its Charter by the State President, Mr Len Turner, at the Group Conference held in August.

President, Len Turner, Harry Noonan and Mike Hall attended, accompanied by Joy Ford, State President of the Women's Auxiliary; John See, Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Veterans' Affairs and John Fry, Acting State Manager for Defence Service Homes Corporation.

The Conference was opened by the Sub-Branch President, Mr Peter Green, ably supported by the Secretary, Mr Syd Cox, both Vietnam veterans. There was a total of 42 present, representing seven Sub-Branches, with the Eastern Goldfields Country Vice-President, George Hayhow, leading them.

Mr J. See, Deputy Commissioner for Department of Veterans' Affairs, and Mr J. Fry, Acting State Manager for Defence Service Homes Corporation both spoke on their respective departments and each address was well received. The State President, Mr L. Turner, covered the League Finances and War Veterans' Homes and these subjects gave a clear picture of the League as a force in action.

Mr H. Noonan, Chairman of Welfare, spoke on Welfare and Veterans' Affairs and the delegates asked many questions and showed a great interest in both these matters, and were much enlightened.

Mike Hall spoke on membership which was received with great interest by all. This address was given as if everyone present was a salesman, selling the League to those who were not members. It was pointed out that if anyone did not know product knowledge they would have little chance of recruiting new members. Objections by prospective members could be overcome by explaining what the League had to offer.

The State President and guest speakers assured everyone present that they are available at all times to assist in any problem that may arise.

As this is the first year of office by both the President and Secretary of the Kambalda Sub-Branch, congratulations must go to them on the magnificent job they did to make the conference the success it was. The membership of the Sub-Branch has now grown to 23, two members joined that day.

Associated Ladies Committee

A trip to Alcoa's operations in the Darling Ranges and Pinjarra to entertain wives of delegates to State Congress and other ladies who may have an interest in R.S.L. activities was arranged this year despite inclement weather. Everyone declared that it was a happy and interesting day.

Members of the committee cut lunches to take along and the inevitable "cuppa" was provided. With the weather cold and so wet and muddy underfoot, Alcoa gave permission to use their reception area to have both morning tea and lunch. This gesture was greatly appreciated.

A tour guide joined each bus at the site and on the trip throughout the complex gave a very interesting account of various aspects of the mining of bauxite. An eye opener was the plan to rehabilitate the forest by planting thousands of trees in the areas that had already been mined and to landscape surrounding areas. The species of trees used include Marri, Wandoo and Blackbutt along with Red Mahogany, Sydney Bluegum and Spotted Gum which are found in the Eastern parts of Australia.

The new memorial at Kambalda. The land was provided by the Shire and the Sub-Branch members. The Western Mining Company provided the metal plaque.

The State President, Mr Len Turner, presented the Kambalda Sub-Branch with its charter at the Group Conference held at Kambalda on August 1, 1981. Pictured here are: Syd Cox, Hon. Secretary and Peter Green, President.

Photos by Mike Hall
ANZAC Peace Awards

CATEGORIES
1. Anzac Peace Award
   One only of which will be presented to an Australian citizen each year, to recognise outstanding efforts in promoting international understanding and, in so doing, making a contribution to world peace.

2. Anzac of the Year Awards
   Seven will be awarded annually to recognise the efforts of ordinary Australians who give service to their fellow human beings, and to the community, in some positive and compassionate way.
   It will recognise the efforts of those, who in their daily devotion to their routine responsibilities, have demonstrated the human qualities of doggedness, tenacity, endurance and constancy to an exceptional degree.

ELIGIBILITY
   Eligibility for both awards is extended to any Australian citizen, or one who has made an application to become an Australian citizen of either sex and of any age.

THE AWARD
   The award will be in the form of a plaque, approximately 6" in diameter, that is suitable for either hanging or standing, for display purposes.

Bassendean — Guildford
   An open invitation is extended to all League members and former members of Bassendean Sub-Branch to be present at our Kenny Street Hall on Sunday September 27, to help, celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Sub-Branch formation, and the 21st Anniversary of the opening of the hall.
   The function commences at 2 p.m. and Secretary, Dudley Robinson, 279 2752, would like to hear from anyone who has stories to tell about the R.S.L. in Bassendean or Guildford.
   The welfare part of our activities is continuing at an ever increasing pace and we are pleased to report that up to date, we have been able to meet every challenge.
   Our membership roll shows a 20% increase, with more and more men and women, getting with the strength. Attendances at meetings (1st Wednesday — 8.00 p.m.) have gone up 50% on last year.
   The popularity of our Club Night (3rd Wednesday — 8 p.m.) is gaining momentum. The evening is designed as a relaxing get-together with no meeting; no business and no regimentation.

Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch Sells Hall
   The Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch has sold its hall and will now meet at the North Perth Bowling Club, Farmer Street, North Perth.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESENTATION
   The names of the eight people to receive the awards will be announced by the National President of the R.S.L. on Anzac Eve, in time for winners to be included in media coverage on Anzac Day morning.

NOMINATIONS
   Nominations must be received at State headquarters by December 15, 1981. Nomination forms are available from State headquarters.

SPECIAL POPPY DAY FUND-RAISING LUNCHEON
   for
   Men and Women

This is to be held on Thursday, November 5, 1981, at 12.15 p.m., at Anzac House, St. George’s Terrace, Perth

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   Naval Officer Commanding West Australia Area and
   Commanding Officer HMAS Stirling

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   Telephone: 384 6712.

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