Fewer Delays with War Service Homes Finance

The National President of the R.S.L. (Mr. A. J. Lee) said today that the announcement of the provision of sufficient finance for war service homes enabling the removal of the existing waiting periods was very welcome news, and would in many cases save the ex-service member substantial sums of money in interest charges on temporary home finance.

Mr. Lee explained that a home purchase proposal submitted by an eligible applicant for W.S.H. finance was approved by the Division, the applicant was then placed on a waiting list for the necessary finance for varying periods of up to eighteen months. However, the letter of approval from the Division indicating that the loan was approved and stating when the money would be available was sufficient to enable the applicant to get temporary finance from various sources so that he could take possession of his home immediately.

The trouble was that this temporary finance was only available, in some cases, grossly exorbitant and at very high, and in some cases, unreasonably high, interest rates. A form of "cashing in" on the home hungry ex-service man, said Mr. Lee.

The elimination of the waiting time to little more than the time taken to process applications would correct this position and save many ex-service men large sums of money in interest charges.

but higher maximum loan will be sought

Mr. Lee warned, however, that the financial allocation for War Service Homes was still not satisfactory because the maximum W.S.H. loan was only £2,750, a sum which had been pitifully inadequate for many years based on the actual cost of homes and home building. The R.S.L. had repeatedly sought an increase in the loan to the more realistic figure of £3,500.

Debating Society will argue "Apartheid"

At a meeting of the R.S.L. Debating Society held at Anzac House May 24 the chair was taken by Mr. Ivor Birtwistle, O.R.E., the well known writer, R.S.L. and Y.M.C.A. leader.

"That Apartheid is justified in South Africa," should produce keen debating and thought provoking arguments.

The Press sub-committee will take the "affirmative" side of the debate. Such a contentious subject should provide a most instructive and lively evening.

Mr. Birtwistle will be the adjudicator, and all are invited to attend as the audience. Give support and encouragement to the first two teams to take the floor: June 15. Don't forget—8:00 p.m. (or before) Thursday.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE

More entries for the Public Speaking Classes, soon to commence, are required. Many younger members of the League, as well as older members, can well benefit by attending these classes. How to speak in public; how to control a meeting; Committee procedures; a few of the useful subjects to be explained.

Further information will be given as soon as arrangements have been made for the commencement of the lectures.

The Minister for Repatriation (Mr. F. M. Osborne, D.S.C.) is to visit this State between June 5 and 9 and arrangements have been made for him to meet members of the State Executive on Thursday, June 8, in the Board Room of Anzac House at 5:30 p.m.
State Executive Nominations, 1961-62

Compared with last year the nominations for the various executive positions in the State branch of the League vary somewhat, the differences referring to trustees and serving members of the Executive.

Mr. W. S. Lonnie, the present office holder, is yet again unopposed for the position of President.

Once more four nominations have been received for the two vice-presidential vacancies, but six nominations (as against eight last year) for the three trustee positions.

Twenty-one of the present State Executive have nominated for re-election and there are six new nominations. This compares with 27 for re-election last year and the same number of new nominations.

The full list of nominations is as follows:

(War Service in parent.)

PRESIDENT:


IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:


VICE PRESIDENTS (3):

E. C. TOWNSHEND, M.B.E., present Senior Vice President (1941-48).

E. MACLEOD, present Trustee (1939-45).

H. B. MARRIS, present State Executive member (1939-45).

R. J. STODDART, present Trustee (1939-45).

TRUSTEES (3):

H. A. LESLIE, present Trustee (1941-18, 1939-45).

J. B. WHITE, present State Executive member (1939-45).

J. S. SERISIER, present State Executive member (1939-45).

E. MACLEOD, present Trustee (1939-45).

S. A. McNAMARA, present State Executive member.

STATE EXECUTIVE

The following retiring members are seeking re-election:

R. DAVIDSON (1939-45).

J. B. WHITE (1914-18).

H. A. LESLIE (1914-18).

W. GUMMERY (1914-18).

R. B. MARRIS (1939-45).


J. MENDRIK (1939-45).

W. JAMES (1914-18).

R. L. RUTTER (1939-45).


R. J. STODDART (1939-45).

P. PEARSON (1939-45).

W. WALTERS (1939-45).

J. R. DUNCAN (1939-45).

S. A. MAGNAMARA (1914-18).

J. F. GRAHAM (1914-18).

S. R. KING (1939-45).

B. J. FLANAGAN (1939-45).

J. S. SERISIER (1939-45).

A. C. KELLY (1939-45).

(Deliberations)

S. D. BISHOP (1939-45).

Darling Range Sub-Branch.

C. B. VINCENT (1914-18).

Franklin City Sub-Branch.

Past Secretary Wyola Club.

S. J. ELLIMAN (1939-45), present President, Speewood Sub-Branch.

M. C. HALL (1939-45), City of Perth Sub-Branch (Treasurer, previously Claremont).

S. WHITE (MISS) (1939-45). Retired Sisters Sub-Branch. Member of State Executive 1939-60.

H. HOLLAND (1914-18), Applecross Sub-Branch.

N.B. Country Vice-Presidents are nominated by the State President and are subject to endorsement by the State Congress.

League National Trustee Welcome in Perth

Mr. H. C. Newman, C.B.E., Auditor General for the Commonwealth of Australia, visited Perth towards the end of last month and was entertained by the State President at Anzac House.

Mr. Newman is one of the three National Trustees of the R.S.S. & A.L.A.

He enlisted in 1914 and went overseas with the 9th Light Horse Regiment and had seven calendar months of unbroken service on Gallipoli, spending his 19th birthday in that enviable position.

During the retreat, he was captured on the march in the mud and snow on the Beaney. He was a prisoner until the armistice, when he was discharged in October 1917.

Mr. Newman was a financial member of the League for almost 44 years, he has been transferred to Western Australia towards the end of 1952 and immediately joined the Nedlands Park Sub Branch and occupied the President's chair in 1935-36. During that period the League was elected to the State Executive and in 1937, in company with President A. V. Russell, was representative of Western Australian Branch of the League at the Federal Congress in Hobart.

During his recent visit, Mr. Newman took the opportunity of visiting the State headquarters at Mt. Lawley and was greatly impressed with the efficiency of the volunteers. He expressed his appreciation of the spirit and courtesy of those in residence.

The visit was of particular interest to Mr. Newman as he recalled that when he was the prime mover in 1936 in the League's successful campaign for the removal of what was then known as the Old Men's Home at Claremont housed in a separate building which became known as the R.S.L. Ward. He paid tribute to members of the sub-branch parks for the outstanding effort in having the allotted hut painted and renovated and furnished, and to the Women's Auxiliary of the sub-branch for underwriting the cost.

The “Listening Post,” the League’s monthly official journal, needs more patrons for the advertising space available.

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Congress Delegates

Secretaries are again reminded that nomination of delegates to Congress is now an urgent requirement, and that any expression of submission will be appreciated.

In those cases where an appointee is NOT a member of the sub-branch, he still retains the status of an official delegate and not that of a proxy.

A proxy delegate is one who acts, if called upon, in the tempest in the mind of an accredited delegate. An erroneous impression still exists in the minds of many sub-branch secretaries in spite of repeated efforts to clarify the position.

If, for instance, a member of a metropolitan sub-branch is requested to act for more than one country sub-branch, he becomes in effect the official delegate for each sub-branch, and is issued with voting tickets in accordance with sub-branch strength entitlement.

In Business

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NOW that the Veterans' Home is a going concern, it is imperative that we avoid sluggishness in facing up to the self-imposed obligation for its adequate maintenance. The League has every reason for pride in its achievement, but the upkeep of a project of this nature must of necessity be a slow process and one requiring a degree of self-sacrifice.

THE STATE EXECUTIVE's recommendation to State Congress for acceptance of full responsibility by the League was wholeheartedly endorsed, and it behoves every sub-branch and every member to ensure that those of our aged comrades who can no longer fend for themselves are maintained in comfort and security.

TO DO THIS is well within the capacity of our organisation and a modest target of 10/ per member per year has been set. The methods adopted by sub-branches to reach the target is purely a domestic matter and will be dependent upon local circumstances.

GRATITUDE is expressed to the many staunch sub-branches which have already honoured their obligations for this year. Others have promised full support and an encouraging response to the sub-branch amelioration investment fund is also in evidence.

PERHAPS it is appropriate to quote the following descriptive feeling of one aged Veteran:

"Only when age catches up with you do you realise—Old Soldiers don't die. They go around with a sort of empty feeling inside them looking for someone to talk with—for someone who can understand that peculiar something which is known only to Veterans... and if they don't find that someone... well, they just fade away into a little world of their own—made up of memories and loneliness."

THIS could one day be YOU.

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**Subiaco enjoyed a 'House Party'**

Principal news from the Subiaco sub-branch for the month of May is the meeting held on May 10. It was a house party because it was held in a hall.

The party was a very bright affair and thanks of all are due to those who supported it in supplying numbers and to the astonishing amount of harmony which kept the rattle of the cards quite unper- ceived between dances. A very good effort on the part of the ladies and probably far beyond the deserts of the sub-branch.

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

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For table reservations contact Anzac House. Your co-operation is earnestly requested.

**BALL COMMITTEE:**

Chairman—B. M. Flanagan.
Committee—Mesdames—J. Ames (State President R.S.L. Women's Auxiliaries), Lucille Walters, Marjorie McQuillan, Messrs. J. White, J. Mardrik, W. Walters and J. Wallisley.

**REMINDER!** Closing date for nominations and agenda items for State Congress—May 17th.

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**Social-Dance at Mt. Lawley**

The Social Committee of the Mt. Lawley-Ingliston sub-branch wish to remind all members of the social dance to be held in the Sub-Branch Hall on June 16 at 8 p.m.

A good programme has been arranged. However, a successful evening can only be assured by the attendance of members and their ladies.

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**Returned Sisters' Membership Increased**

Thirty-five members were present at the meeting on June 1 of the Returned Sisters' sub-branch. It was noted that membership had increased compared with last year. But a few subscriptions had still to come in. It was hoped that these would be received before the Congress in July.

At a talk which followed, given by Miss Fry and illustrated with colour slides, on the work of the Save the Children Fund in Korea, friends, and at the conclusion a cheque was presented to Miss Fry as a donation to the Fund.

The issue of a Newsletter again is being considered and higher postage rates are the difficulty and members are being asked to make suggestions to overcome this.

The July 1 party (3.5 p.m.) will be held at the Nursing Centre, Kings Park road (fee 7/6) and Mrs. Ferguson (R.C.H. Hollywood) should be notified of those who will be going, otherwise catering becomes difficult.

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Comment For The Month
-from G.A.S.

Major General I. R. Campbell, C.E.M., D.S.O., and bar, represented the R.S.L. Australia at the unveiling of the Duke of Gloucester on May 13, of the Children’s Memorial in the Phaleron Cemetery, Athens, to British Commonwealth servicemen who were killed in the Greek/Cretan Campaign but have no known grave. Major General Campbell, who was a lieutenant colonel in this campaign commanded the 2/1st Australian Battalion in the fighting in Greece. Later in Crete he continued to command his battalion, but also a Battle Group of Australians, Greeks and Cretans in the successful defence of the vital Retimo Airstrip, which was the centre of the three airstrips on the island. Among Colonel Campbell’s Battle Group at Retimo (Ret-mo) were the following Australian units: the own 2/1st Battalion, 2/11 Battalion (Western Australian Infantry), 3/2/10 Artillery Regiment. At the ceremony, Major General Campbell was wearing for the first time, the Cross of Knight Commander of the Royal Order of the Phoenix, a high decoration awarded to him by Greece. General Campbell regards the award as a recognition of the gallantry and courage with which the troops he commanded fought.

The Anzac Club teams are performing well this season. In the first match of the year, the team lost 1 to 6. In the 1961 season, the Anzac Club “A” Reserve Team played 10 matches and the team by 5 games to 2. The Clubs “B” Reserve team defeated the Imperial Hotel team 4 games to 3. In Billiards the Anzac Club lost to Claremont but in its next engagement defeated the Civil Service Club 3 games to 1.

An interesting feature of the last National Executive meeting was the unveiling of a plaque in the foyer of the National Headquarters Building, by the Prime Minister, commemorating Sir George Holland’s ten years of national leadership of the League. The Prime Minister’s comment paid high tribute to Sir George’s achievements and emphasised the prestige the R.S.L. had obtained under his leadership.

Now this is an announcement you won’t hear for the next eight weeks! The first Annual R.S.L. Ball will be held in the Anzac House Ballroom on July 21, 1961. This will be the Ball of the year and tickets will be limited to 1,000 to ensure the comfort of patrons. The tickets will cost £2/10/ and £1/10/ respectively. Net proceeds will be donated to the R.S.L. War Veterans Home. Assist a worthy cause and buy your ticket, at what should be the Social event of the year! For further information—Contact Anzac House.

Already the Veterans Home has had a “busy bee” over the bowling greens, which was only planted last November. The Mount Lawley Bowling Club, Alexander Park Bowling Club, Inglewood Bowling Club and members of the Mount Lawley R.S.L. all turned up on Sunday morning and endowed the bowling green in two hours. A magnificent front and our sincere thanks to the members of the above organisations who participated.

Well, it’s on again. Yes, I mean the “Miss Crowningshy” Day Contest with all its fun and games. Serious though, this Competition is an yearly event which materially assists the Legacy children and the R.S.L. veterans. What better cause could you have than the children of fallen soldiers, the veterans who have served their country? Sub-branches are asked to nominate a candidate and if this is not possible, to co-operate with a sister sub-branch in selecting a representative for the competition.

On his way through Perth recently Padre Harry O’Brien was entertained by the W.A. Branch of Ex-P.O.W. and Relatives’ Asso., who was returning home to Sydney on the “Oriana” after six months in New Zealand where he was returning from New Zealand.

In the last Annual General Meeting of the Civil Service Club, which was held on Thursday, August 3rd, a large number of representatives from all over England and is a most impressive ceremony. The Bishop of Birmingham conducted the service and was the lection. He had some excellent photos of the occasion and they will be of interest to many.

More than 2,000 Army school cadets had eight days’ training at Northam during May. They went to camp at Northam in two groups. On Friday, May 5 nearly 1,000 boys from seven schools began their training. Christian College, Geraldton, and Kalgoorlie arrived on Thursday, and Aquinas, Christchurch, Hale and Narrogin. The College cadets moved in the next day. The second camp began on Friday, May 12, and catered for more than 1,000 boys, mainly from country schools. Albany No. 75, Bunbury 140, Collie 119, Collie Technical College 135 and Geraldton 80. Other schools with cadets will be catered for during the August holidays. During the eight-day camps first-year boys do basic training, but older boys do more on working in the field. A doctor, with two nursing sisters and four medical orderlies set up a hospital at Northam during the camp periods. The cadets are reviewed by the Commanding, Western Command, Brigadier S. H. Brown on Sunday, May 7, and the second camp by the State President, the R.S.L. Mr. W. S. Lonne on Youth Sunday, May 14.
A Great Night at Bellevue

On Saturday May, 27, the Bellevue sub-branch held its Annual Re-union Dinner, and among the distinguished guests were the State President (Mr. Lonnie), the senior State Vice President (Mr. Townshend), the State Past Presidents (Messrs. Chaney and Hunt), State Executive Member (Mr. Duncan), the State Secretary (Mr. Webb) representing local Governing Bodies was His Worship the Mayor of Midland Junction (Mr. Doney), and also present was Honorary Padre for the sub-branch (the Rev. R. Quinlan).

Neighbouring sub-branches represented included Midland Junction, Upper Swan, Darlington, Glen Forrest, Guildford and Wyola Fremantle.

The Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Bob Masters.

The sub-branch President (Mr. Rolfe), in proposing the toast to the State Executive, said: "You have on many previous occasions heard speakers eulogise the work done by the State Executive and place emphasis on the tremendous amount of their own personal time that they give to League work at executive level.

"Tonight I wish to depart somewhat from this path and endeavour to convey to you the tremendous responsibility that evolves on the rank and file of the League in selecting the State Executive. Too often do we find members leaving it to their delegates to Congress to vote as they wish. Instead of giving definite instructions. Again we find that members themselves display little interest in nominating men who could well serve the League in an executive capacity. This is an important task and is in the interests of all ex-service men.

"If you wish, Mr. Bob Masters, as I am sure you will, to get earnest consideration of your nominations and from whom the nominations you must vote.

"Nominations for the next Congress year have, of course, closed, but I do sincerely hope that, next year and the years to follow, you will make sure that the best men available are nominated.

"We are indeed honoured tonight in having with us as well as the State President, Mr. Bill Hunt, a former State Vice President and the Immediate Past President, Mr. Bill Web, a former State Captain, and the present President, Mr. Bob Duncun, a former country Vice President. Mr. Bill Webb our State Secretary. We offer our continued loyalty to the cause of ex-service men and to the State Executive in the furtherance of that cause.

"Tonight, Mr. State President, we have with us a number of comparatively young men of the sub-branch, as well as a number of social members, and I would like to mention a few who have achieved great things in the sub-branch since its foundation.

"In June, 1951, just over three years after our formation, we were offered a property in what is now known as Parawine Place, for £100. We built our building on this site because we asked the members for a place free of interest and with no definite date of repayment. In 15 minutes we had paid off the mortgage. Then we bought a registered club, bowling green and sub-rooms and have had the repayments by this time.

"In the way of welfare work, four appeals for members for our dependents have been successful and this year, in the vicinity of £200, there came the War Memorial Medical School for £4, Child Accident-Victims Appeal £20, N.S.W. Flood Relief £50, V.C. Appeal £25, War Veterans Home £120. In addition, we commenced conducting Christmas parties for our children, and they have cost £87.

"We also raised the balance to build the Bellevue Memorial Infant Health Centre £3,500 and in our War Services Committee, we tested, raised, we added a total of £7,850. All in all, we have raised a total of £8,839 which is approximately £300 per year or rather less than 45 bob a week over a period of 13 years.

"The great moment at Bellevue when Mr. Bill Hunt handed over to the State President (Mr. Lonnie) a Certificate of Membership. Just after this the Badge of the League was pinned to the President's lapel. Great applause followed and all Mr. Lonnie could say was "Thank you..."

Narrogin's Annual Report

In his Annual Report to members of the Narrogin sub-branch, the president (Mr. N. L. Powell) mentioned that 1960 has proved an active period for this sub-branch, "many aspects of progress have been satisfactory, but in other ways some members have displayed an apathy, that is not conducive to encouraging their elected officers.

Membership, he said, was reasonable, after taking into consideration the fact that the source of supply is drying up, by the qualifications membership and the passing of time.

Anzac Day was the most important event on the yearly programme, during the year, the State Executive in the presence of approximately 210 members and local dignitaries.

The Annual Reunion, which was held in July, was not regarded as satisfactory, and the cost of money, to organize, the attendance of the members, and the encouragement of the committee concerned. But on the brighter side the evening was most enjoyable and the State Executive representatives (Messrs. Dodd and the Narradina sub-branch secretary (Mr. Don Kidd).
London Club Offers Membership

The Victory Ex-Services Club in Seymour-street, London, deserves to be better known to those Australians who served in the Forces and are thinking of going to London.

Membership is restricted to those who produce a Release Document from the Forces—or Mr. Thompson, Australia—House, Strand. London, can endorse an application if he is satisfied as to the ex-service status of the applicant.

Wives (or husbands) of members can join the Club under a special scheme, and for both officers and other ranks the subscription is £1 per year.

The Club was founded in 1917, but in 1944, following a National Appeal; in England, substantial funds were received and in 1948 the old Comnaught Club was bought and re-named. Over the years the membership has increased from 2,000 to 33,000 and is still increasing.

In 1954 the Duke of Edinburgh laid the foundation stone of a Memorial Wing, and that new wing added 102 more bedrooms to the accommodation available. Of these 59 were double rooms, and this brought the total accommodation to nearly 300 bedrooms.

With the completion of that Memorial Wing the Club was able to offer its members all the amenities of a West End club. Besides the bedrooms accommodation there is a ballroom, café, restaurant, bar and lounge, billiards room (with three full-size tables), lounge and library (run by the Women's Volunteer Service and free to members), a residents' lounge and a ladies' drawing room.

The current charges for accommodation, etc., seem very modest. For double rooms for married couples the charge is £3 13d per day; for single-rooms (either sex) £2 5s 0d weekly. Smoking rooms (men) 6/10 to 7/10 per day; for women, the same. Drinks are £1 8s 6d per week. Breakfast £2 10s 0d weekly, luncheon 3/6, dinner 5/6. In addition there are goods. All prices are quoted in sterling.

Some brochures and membership forms have been made available at Anzac House, but in addition they can be obtained from the Secretary, The Victory Ex-Services Club, 670 Seymour-street, London.

Scholarships for Army Applicants

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Cramer) has announced that approval has been given for the establishment of scholarships for the Royal Military College in 1963. An allowance of £500 will be given for the first year, and £1,000 per year thereafter.

The closing date for all applications is May 26 this year.

All candidates would be interviewed by a Selection Board which would tour all States.

Mr. Cramer said that all applicants for both RMC entry and for the scholarships would be required to be of an approved medical and educational standard and must be in the requisite age group.

Full details of these requirements were available from Army Headquarters in all States, he added.

Bedford-Morley Park To Build New Hall

Holding their existing premises at the Bedford-Morley Park, the hall committee now meet (by kind permission of Bayswater Road Board) at the Bayswater Lesser Town Hall and, as usual, on every second Tuesday. Management and committees are meeting to consider new premises and the committee have decided to hold a meeting to consider the possibility of a new hall.

The Bedford-Morley Park is located at 51 St. Dunstan's Road, Bayswater. All members are required to attend, as the main problem is the building of the new Memorial Hall on the corner of St. Dunstan's Road and Craven-street, Bedford Park.

The Hall is for the members. Building is expected to start in the very near future, but in the meantime members are being urged to attend the monthly meeting and give their committee the support that is possible.
New Secretary at Mundaring

At the monthly meeting of the Mundaring sub-branch on May 22, Mr. W. W. Goode was unanimously elected to fill the vacant position of sub-branch secretary. (He can be contacted at the Mundaring District Council or Box 5, Mundaring.)

It was also decided to commence monthly meetings at 7.45 p.m., instead of the usual 8 p.m. and get the business over as smartly as possible in order to indulge in fun-and-games. "Dry-undust" meetings are definitely out.

At the next meeting on June 28 a feature of the evening would be the showing of coloured slides of the South-West by Charlie Brown, so come along and enjoy yourselves.

The special Hall Committee is embarking on an ambitious fund-raising campaign. They are busy laying the floor and completion of the hall probably the laying of the floor and completion of the hall probably and sanitation will follow. Both the Building Committee and the 'Ladies' Committee would appreciate the generous help of members and friends in all their social activities.

When these notes were written, member Les Norris was in Hollywood, and all join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Smoke-signal from Cocos

"Following an extremely impressive Anzac Day parade, we appear to have lapsed into a state of complacency. Only one 'House' evening has been held in the Donga. However, a ball is planned for the near future and we are soon to be organising things."

"Having little to do this month among the coconuts and cowries, some of us have been over a beer or two. We came to the conclusion that our branch should have a sort of record. Of a population of approximately one hundred and fifty men, women, and children, we have nearly forty members. Now that's about twenty-five per cent of the total population!"

"We think that’s good going. We have representa- tion from the R.A.N. and R.N. and from the R.A.A.F. and R.A.F. The Australian Army is represented by the 9th Divvy, A.W.C., R.A.E., 2/11 Field R.M.C., and the 28th Inf. Bn. The British Army is represented by the Royal Scots and the Royal Corps of Signals. We have both Australian and British Merchant Navy men, a Serviceman from the Papuan Inf. Bn., and one Nursing Sister. That’s a pretty mixed bag for any branch."

"Pat Kelly, has returned as usual after a visit to Perth. He had a good time there, and was full of praise for the fraternities in Perth. He was sorry to have missed our Anzac Day parade, but books the parade in Perth was nearly up to our standard!" (Pat was one of our founder members, and we are glad to welcome him back to the fold.)

"We still have another founder member with the branch. He is Jock Ogilvie, who is a most extremely good treasurer. It is due to his steady work that we are in a happy financial state."}

Geraldton toasts "The Ladies"

- The first Anzac Day Service at the War Veterans' Home, Mt. Lawley, on April 21, was attended by residents of the Home, members of the State Executive, representatives of local Boy Scouts and Girl Guide units, children from Coolibinna School (right) and local residents.

- The Women’s Auxiliary was concerned not only with the sub-branches, Mrs. Amos continued, for it had its part in R.S.L. affairs generally. She reminded listeners that the auxiliaries had raised over £5,000 directly to assist in the new War Veteran’s Home.

- "We are proud of that," the Geraldton women could be proud of the way they had worked to this end. However, we will be asking for more yet, for it will be a big job to keep the home going, she warned, and said all branches could expect constant demands for their help.

- She thanked all who had helped in the trip which she and Mrs. Ford were making in and concluded saying: "We have not had a dull moment since we came to Geraldton."

- In proposing the toast to the R.S.L., the Geraldton Auxiliary President (Mrs. W. A. Cunningham) said that that organisation consisted of married women from all branches of life working together for comradeship, for the more fortunate to aid the less fortunate, conducting hospitals and homes, caring for the widows and children.

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As the deadline for entries in the 1961 Telephone Directory to be issued in August is June 15, 1961, sub-branches are asked to inform R.S.L. Headquarters not later than June 12 if they require an insertion to be made on behalf of their sub-branch or any alteration to the present listing under the heading of "Returned Servicemen's League." Anzac House, as printed on page 171 of the 1960 Directory.
Belmont

Although the Anzac Service this year at Belmont was conducted on Sunday morning April 23 it lacked nothing of its dignity and sincerity.

A good muster of ex-servicemen from the Belmont sub-branch augmented by a party from the Rivervale sub-branch attended services held at various local youth organisations, marched to the Memorial Service and returned to the Road Adventist Silver Band, to the Memorial at the conclusion of Services and Great Eastern highway where a service was conducted by Rev. V. Harrison. The attendance by the general public, although good, was not up to the standard of previous years.

After the service, the assembly was entertained by the Belmont Road Board in the Road Board Hall.

Bellevue

At 8.45 a.m. on the morning of Anzac Day, the members of the Bellevue sub-branch, attended the services held at their sub-branch rooms and led by the Midland Junction Scottish Pipe Band combined their usual routine to the Memorial.

It was heartening to see the old Bellevue to see 44 members march, with 15 unable to march waiting at the Memorial, and with the wives of members and the people of Bellevue attending Services in addition 100 men and women showed us in Bellevue Anzac Day should not be held while we had these people to believe and gain by the sympathy with that we may enjoy the freedom we have today.

The service was of necessity short, but lost none of its significance through it.

Once again those members who did not attend the Anzac Day Services in the City assembled at the Gurney's and enjoyed each one another's company.

In the evening the sub-branch had the honour of entertaining two members of the New Zealand R.S.A. delegation.

Bickton-Palmyra

It appeared to members of the Bickton-Palmyra sub-branch that the arrangements for Anzac Day were bringing the public more into sympathy with the spirit of the commemoration; or is it that the R.S.L. has brought its thinking more into sympathy with the public? Whatever the reason it was obvious that the ceremonies were better attended, even allowing for other conditions that prevailed.

The address at the dawn ceremony was of great expression, starting at the memorial flagpole outside the hall was attended by thirty-four, not only our members and their wives and children, but also other residents with no connection with the R.S.L.

Not many are aware of the Bickton-Palmyra War Memorial. The ship of this thoroughfare which is well on the way to becoming a great shopping and trade area, and for recreation area. With the cooperation of the Melville Road Board and honorary warren Cyril Burrow a great deal has been done in this area.

Boulder

The Boulder sub-branch, once commemorated Anzac Day with that reverence which is usual to attend the parade—from the afternoon to the morning to the sun but one difference to the number which were present at both the Dawn and parade. Scouts, Cubs and Guides were also present.

The march was led by a member of the local A.M.P. and a paper (Mr. D. McKay) and the music of a brass band was broadcast along the streets by a series of loud-speakers.

However, the parade in the Boulder sub-branch held at the same time did materially make a difference from the point of view of the parade being spectacular, as there is only one band and one military unit on the Goldfields, and Kalgoorlie was not in a position of obtaining their services. It is hoped that an arrangement will be made between the sub-branches to correct this next year.

Brookton

This forty-sixth anniversary of Anzac Day was commemorated at Brookton with an impressive service under ideal weather conditions. The service commenced at 11.00 a.m. and was well attended by the general public, but the numbers of diggers on parade was slightly down on last year. Noticeable absence being the 1914 diggers whose age, no doubt, is starting to tall. It was pleasant hearing, however, to have our Boer War Veteran (Mr. H. W. Merrett) lead the way.

The address was very ably given by the sub-branch President (Mr. E. M. McPherson) and was broadcast.

After the Service, morning tea, to which the public was invited, was served by the Auxiliary who, as always, did a sterling job.

Carnamah

Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies, led by a march of ex-servicemen to the memorial service at Carnamah. The ceremony which was held in the Town Hall, was conducted by Rev. W. E. Alston, of Three Springs, and the address was given by Mr. R. Solling. The presence of the R.S.L. (Mr. L. Singleton) led the march.

Wreaths were laid on the memorial by members of the sub-branch, the Women's Auxiliary, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, schoolchildren and by residents.

Coorow-Waddi-forest

Dongara

At Coorow approximately 100 people attended the Anzac Day Commemoration Service, there being fewer in attendance than in previous years, no doubt being caused by trains in the district resulting in much earlier departing operations.

Twenty-one ex-servicemen, led by the sub-branch President (Mr. E. T. Rhodes), led the parade. Scouting, Cubs and Brownies marched to the Coorow Road Board Hall where the Service was conducted by Mr. W. V. Brown. The address was given by Mr. George Gordon, an ex-member of the executive of the Coorow R.S.A.

At the completion of the address all present adjourned to the R.S.L. Memorial Hall where refreshments were laid on behalf of the sub-branch by Mr. Clinic, the Women's Auxiliary by Mrs. McGilp, and the Scouts, Cubs and Brownies. The Last Post and Reveille were rendered by Mr. John Read, a member of the sub-branch.

Cottesloe

Cottesloe reports good support for their Anzac Day Commemoration. One hundred and twenty persons assembled at the Memorial Day Civic Centre and were conducted by Mr. E. C. Coates, to the Memorial Plaque of the War Memorial Town Hall. There proceeded to follow the lines of the State War Memorial, Kings Park, Dawn Service.

Boy Scouts from No. 1 Cottesloe Troop served as Wardens and the bugle calls before and after two minutes silence were efficiently sounded by David Birks.

Official wreaths were laid by representatives of Cottesloe Municipal Council, the State Road Board, and Cottesloe and Swanbourne sub-branches and the Women's Auxiliary.

Sub-branch officials are pleased with the public response and the arrangements making this form of observance the pattern for the future.

The Rev. W. Cobrey conducted a Memorial Service at the Rev. W. Cobrey conducted a Memorial Service at the Rev. W. Cobrey conducted a Memorial Service at the Rev. W. Cobrey conducted a Memorial Service at the Rev. W. Cobrey conducted a Memorial Service at St. Peter's Church on Sunday, April 30. There was a large congregation which included many ex-servicemen and veterans wearing medals and decorations and for whom special pews had been allocated.

Post and Reveille were supervised by Mr. A. Cousins and Mrs. B. Clark and played the organ.

Maylands

Anzac Day observances began in Maylands on the Sunday before Anzac Day, when members of the R.S.I. and the Women's Auxiliary assembled at the War Memorial where the Memorial was entered for the march to the Maylands War Memorial. The attendance was not up to less than half that of 1953. Although the arrangements for Anzac Day were responsible. However, the 1st Maylands Boy Scouts and Cubs met at the War Memorial where the arrangements were laid by Mr. M. Power (President of the Maylands sub-branch) and by members of the local mayors of the Salvation Army band led the march. The address was given by Mr. M. Power.

On Monday the Maylands State School linked up with the Service in Kings Park, Messers. Coulls, Burns and Arthington there representing the sub-branch.

Of Anzac night, the sub-branch arranged a re-union dinner for members and wives and expected to be an outstanding success and is expected to be an outstanding success and is expected to become an annual event.

The present were Mr. Fred Chaney, M.H.R. and Mrs. Chaney, Mr. Herb Robinson, and Mr. Len MacNee (President of the Perth Road Board) and Mrs. MacNee.

At 9.00 p.m. the replica of the War Memorial was illuminated and there was a two minute silence. This event, like every year, was of great importance.

Mingenew

The parade, led by Mr. L. P. Pettitt and the chairman of the sub-branch (Mr. W. C. K. Pearson) proceeded to the Mingenew Hall for a re-union dinner and "Last Post" were sounded by Mr. D. Fletcher, an ex-serviceman and member of the sub-branch.

In his address Mr. Pettitt spoke to the young people of the school to one part in the world
North Beach

Following on a decision of the North Beach sub-branch of the R.S.L. to commemorate the Anzac Day, the service was well attended.

The parade headed by the R.S.L. Standards and the Anzac Day Service proceeded to the Anzac Day Parade, which was in attendance.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. H. R. Lewis, and the R.S.L. standards were in attendance.

Piñarrara

One of the most impressive and certainly the largest attendance in the history of Pinjarra took place at the ANZAC Day parade. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. G. McQueen, and the R.S.L. standards were in attendance.

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Rockingham

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Yandanooka

At 10.45 a.m. a large crowd of ex-service men and women assembled at the R.S.L. rooms in Gardiner-street, Moora, together with members of the Boys Club and Girl Guides, the largest gathering yet seen on Anzac Day in Moora. The parade moved off, the president of the R.S.L. sub-branch Mr. Ray Reid, and many others were in attendance.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. G. McQueen, and the R.S.L. standards were in attendance.

A new and most pleasing feature of the service was the Moora Junior High School Choir which gave a most welcome lead to the singing.

After the service the parade marched to the War Memorial for the wreath-laying ceremony and the service.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of the R.S.L.; Mogumber sub-branch R.S.L.; Women's Associate Auxiliary; Rockingham (Mayor, R. A. Reynolds); Mother's Auxiliary; Moora CWA; Women's Hospital Auxiliary; Central School; Gillingham School; and private wreaths.

It was pleasant to welcome representatives from Binbintho, Vegworth, and Mogumber sub-branches R.S.L. and many old friends.

Three Springs

Three Springs, 1961. The High Commissioner for Australia (Sir Eric Harrison) is seen in the foreground.

The attendance at the ceremony at Three Springs was smaller than in former years. Fourteen citizens gathered at the war memorial before the procession began. Shortly after, a small group of citizens gathered at the war memorial before the procession began.

The service was conducted by Mr. J. McLeod, and the wreaths were in the S.A.S. and the R.S.L. standards were in attendance.

Members of the Three Springs-arrived sub-branch of the R.S.L. marched from the Road Board office to the memorial where the ceremony was conducted.

The ceremony was conducted by the leadership of the Sub-branch president (Mr. J. Thorpe).

Following the singing of "Land of Hope and Glory", wreaths were laid by Mr. J. McLeod, on behalf of the R.S.L., and Mrs. M. C. Maley, for the Women's Auxiliary. The sub-branch, whilst the chairman (Mr. C. Maley) performed the ceremony as the last on behalf of the Road Board.

Larger Crowds at Anzac Day Commemoration In London

The crowd which came to see the wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in Whitehall on Anzac Day was much greater than in previous years.

The Band of the Royal Marines (Plymouth Group) was in attendance and rendered a programme of solemn music, conducted by their Director of Music (Capt. J. Neville, R.N.M.): Buglers of the Royal Band sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

After the two minutes' silence the ceremony terminated with the Band of the Royal Marines playing the National Anthem.

At noon the Anzac Day Commemoration Service was held in Westminster Abbey and the attendance was so great that the doors were closed a quarter of an hour before the Service commenced.

The First Lesson was read by the High Commissioner for New Zealand (Mr. T. L. Macdonald).

The Second Lesson was read by the High Commissioner for Australia (Sir Eric Harrison, K.C.V.O.).

The address was by the Right Rev. J. D. McKie, M.A. Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Coventry.
Proud Record of P.M.G. Sub-Branch

Mr. J. L. Mackenzie, (President of the P.M.G. sub-branch) hands a cheque for £100 to State President (Mr. Lonnie).

AN ARMY LECTURE TOUR

An Army lecture team, complete with own transport, is to tour Western Australia to establish closer liaison with schools and parent organisations.

Major Les Franklin, MC, a widely experienced officer from Army Headquarters, Canberra, will be the lecturer, and he has as his assistant a bombardier driver and projectionist.

The pair were flown over with a specially fitted staff wagon by RAAF Hercules.

Major Franklin hopes to pass on information on Army career prospects to schoolchildren, P and C associations and service and community organisations. He will particularly refer to the Royal Military College, Duntroon; Officers’ Cadet School, Portsea, Victoria; and the Apprentices’ School at Balcombe, Victoria.

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Raising £100 for the War Veterans’ Home, enrolling 89 members, selling 850 poppies and holding a Remembrance Day day at the General Post Office for the first time ever were some of the proud achievements of the P.M.G. sub-branch during the 12 months of its existence.

To celebrate its birthday the sub-branch held a party at Anzac Club on May 24. Distinguished guests included Commonwealth Public Service Inspector (Mr. Head), the Director of Posts and Telegraphs (Mr. Cousins) and the State President of the League (Mr. Lonnie). Members and guests who attended numbered 80.

During the evening Mr. Lonnie accepted a cheque for £100 from sub-branch President (Mr. Mackenzie). The money was raised from a raffle, which was drawn earlier in the evening by Members, Head and Senator.

Mr. Lonnie told the gathering that the contribution meant that a bedroom at the War Veterans’ Home will be known for all time as the P.M.G. room. He spoke of the appreciation which exists at League Headquarters for the achievements of the P.M.G. sub-branch during the short time since it was formed and for the quality of its members. He said that seldom, if ever, in the League’s history had such progress been made by a sub-branch in such a short time.

When the League’s Senior Vice-President (Mr. Townshend) presented Mr. Jack Mackenzie during the evening, he paid tribute to his never lessen-}

ing enthusiasm for the League. Mr. Mackenzie, who will retire from the Post Office towards the end of this year, held a commission prior to and during the 1914-18 War in the Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders. As long ago as 1940 the “Listening Post” reported him as being the driving power and inspiration behind the progressive Manjimup sub-branch, of which he was then president, and in the intervening twenty-one years he has lost none of his ability to further the League’s interests in a most effective manner.

It was announced at the function that the sub-branch will sponsor an entrant in this year’s Crowning Glory contest. As sub-branch secretary (Mr. Bern, Buckle) pointed out, the Post Office cannot afford to have girls of the quality of its telephoneists, machinists and typists lose out of a competition of that nature. Mr. Roy Ward, who won a raffle held during the evening donated ten shillings of the prize money as a start towards the £1,000 which was raised to qualify a Post Office girl for inclusion in the judging.

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Resettlement Scheme

Employment of Ex-Members of the Services

The Minister for Labour and National Service (Mr. McMahon) has announced that, to assist his Department in the task of arranging civilian employment for those retiring from the Permanent Forces, a number of leading citizens had accepted appointment to Resettlement Advisory Panels.

In Western Australia the civilian members of the Panel are:

Mr. F. T. Boon, O.B.E., Chairman of Directors, Boons Ltd.
Mr. A. H. Christian, B.A. (Oxon.), A.A.S.A., Resident Director and General Manager for Australia, Hillman Timber and Trading Co. Ltd.
Mr. C. Newbery, F.L.C.A., Fuller, King and Co.
Mr. C. T. Pullan, General Manager, Industrial Extracts Ltd. and Pillamar Ltd.
Mr. J. A. McCaughey, Director, Co-operative Wool Brokers, Ltd.

The Minister said he was confident that the help and advice that would be given by Panel members would do much to aid the transition from Service to civilian employment.

This transition can present problems for those who had had long Service in the Permanent Forces, though many of them in their Service career had acquired training and experience which could be of real value to industry and commerce.

Mr. B. A. L. White, the Department's Regional Director in this State, said that this Department is responsible for the administration of the Resettlement Scheme which covers advice and information about resettlement, including pre-discharge and post-discharge vocational training, and assistance in obtaining employment.

The organisation, he said, meant that Service personnel facing retirement could be assured of the maximum assistance in effecting the change from Service to civilian employment.

The Services have nominated Service Resettlement Officers for each Unit and Department has designated a staff member in each State as a Resettlement Officer who works closely with both Service officers and employment officers on the Department's staff.

With the assistance of the Panel members, said Mr. White, close cooperation with industry and commerce has been effected so that the whole field of liability between industry, employment officers and Service officers has been effected.

Energy and Initiative at Perenjori

Pilenjori, one of the keenest sub-branches, has submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the year ending March 8, 1961, which reflects the energy and initiative of this group of R.S.L. supporters. This sub-branch, finished with a credit balance, after a very busy year, of £619 9/2. Most of this amount, of course, was raised from their cropping scheme which has been a great success. Eventually the proceeds will be devoted to the sub-branch building fund and it should not be long now before Perenjori has its own building.

If any sub-branch says—"What can WE do?"—their answer lies in following the example of Perenjori, which did not sit and wish, but went out to attain its objective!
NORTH-WEST CORNER

(A new feature to encourage N.W. sub-branches to make regular contributions to this journal)

Roebourne

Thirteen ex-servicemen marched to the War Memorial in Roebourne on April 25, which was two less than last year. They were marshalled by Mrs. E. Bruce (1914-18), Mrs. P. Grant (Great Britain and Korea), and Mrs. M. Stove (Nurses). In all a very small but impressive parade. All children on and off the parade were treated to cool drinks at the conclusion.

Through these columns the members would like to send a 'cheerio' to Cpl. Harvey, and to Bob Fickling, who left the district owing to work.

At the monthly General Meeting, held on Friday, May 12 at the residence of Laurie and Mrs. E. Bruce, Point Samson, with nine members present, it was decided to go ahead with plans to build a R.S.L. Hall in Roebourne.

Hall's Creek

Anzac Day ceremony in Hall's Creek was held at the new Memorial at 11am. A large number of ex-servicemen were present and ensured a fitting observance of Anzac Day.

It is 46 years ago today since the landing on Gallipoli and the name Anzac was first heard. The majority of those who earned that proud name have now passed on and gone to join their comrades who gave their lives on Gallipoli and in the following bitter years—both their children and their grandchildren have given their lives and service to defend their country in its time of need, but let us not rest on their laurels.

Onslow

While on their North-West tour, the State President (Mr. Lonnie) and Dr. Hanrahan enjoyed meeting members of the Onslow sub-branch, together with local identities of the town, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clarke, whose present at this annual evening were Onslow sub-branch President (Mr. George Madigan) and Mrs. Madigan, secretary of Onslow sub-branch (Mr. Jim Proctor), the host and hostess (Mrs. and Mr. Bruce Black), the social chairman (Mr. Roy Moodie) and Mrs. Moodie, Mrs. H. Hanson (P.W.D. Foreman) and Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Don Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smirk, Mr. Bill Carlyon, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Rines, Messrs. Sandy Warner, Gerry Hammond, Buster Brown, Hugh Burns (Treasurer), John Taylor, Matron Flo Mallett. The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Ian Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Des Byrnes, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Clark, John Seaborn, and Mrs. Smart, Dr. Gullan and Pilot Bob Faulks. It was at receptions, such as these that Mr. Lonnie and Dr. Hanrahan were able to visit the warm-hearted hospitality of the North-West.

Wittenoom

During their recent visit to the North-West the State President (Mr. Lonnie) and Dr. Hanrahan, North West Vice-President, were entertained by the Wittenoom sub-branch, at an informal evening at the Fortescue Hotel. Among those present were the State President (Mr. P. McKenna), the secretary (Mr. Lionel Mathieson), Messrs. Sam Moseley, Don Eacott, Will Pearson, Bill Eats, Rob Butler, Fred Webster, E. McKenna, G. Milkey, M. Sheahan, Mrs. Bene, Mrs. D. Eacott, Mrs. S. Moseley, and Mr. W. Beecroft.

Australia Day Significance

The Geraldton sub-branch feels that in Western Australia generally the significance of Australia Day is being lost.

The sub-branch will submit a motion for the Minister of Education to press for July in the near future for the celebration of Australia Day, our national day, as having nationhood and the capable guardianship of Bill Pearson, the sub-branch, at the Town Hall.

The sub-branch is of the opinion that the time is ripe for such a move, seeing that Australia Day is given its due significance in their own communities.

Among those present at the Geraldton sub-branch (Mr. Allen Young) said the significance of the day should be stressed. Mr. Young said that its significance should be that the people of Australia should be proud of their country and that the people of Australia should be proud of what they have achieved as a nation.

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 Did You Know...?

asks C. R. Collins

TWO famous generals in one British, and one French, commenced their service in the Waterloo Campaigns, but in different circumstances. The Frenchman, Marshal Ney, did not receive an official appointment to join Napoleon's army until June 11, just a week before the Battle of Waterloo, so he had a private conveyance and followed the army, then well on its way to Belgium, and did not put his uniform on until he had been given command of the left wing of the French Army. The English general, Sir Thomas Picton, had been one of Wellington's most competent divisional commanders in Spain, and the Duke insisted on his appointment to the British forces in Belgium. Picton received belated news of the appointment and travelled post-haste to Brussels, well ahead of his battery, and was in his uniform when the fighting started. Placed in command of the Duke's division at the Battle of Quatre Bras, with the name of a younger brother, he went out to take command of the British forces in the north of Spain at the age of 67.

SOME of the toughest fighting in the South African War occurred during the Relief of Ladysmith. The town which stood on the banks of the Umgeni River, after the siege, was raised by the Government, while the garrison was captured by the Boers. The relief column from the Cape Colony from 1899 to 1903, under the command of Lord Roberts, advanced and relieved the garrison at Natal on the Orange Free State, was named after the Governor Smith, a veteran of Wellington's campaigns in Spain, Waterloo, and further fighting in India and South Africa, first met his wife, a young Spanish lady, when, as a subaltern of the 95th (Rifle Brigade), he saved her and her companions from molestation by drunken soldiers, after the storming of Badajoz. Their marriage soon followed and in "the Spanish Bride," as she was called, accompanied her husband throughout his subsequent service.

THE Rumanians claim descent from a Roman colony, and Latin is the basis of their language. Both ancient Romans and modern Rumanians use the same word for virtue and valour. In 1918, Rumanian decorations were awarded to the troops in Palestine, but, unlike decorations of western countries, the third class of a Rumanian decoration is the highest, and the first class the lowest. Consequently, there was much unseemly levity among all ranks when, through a translator's error, it was announced in General Routine Orders that the very high and proper decoration of an Australian General Hospital had been awarded the Rumanian Order of Virtue, 3rd Class.

THE retiring age for generals did not seem to worry anyone in older wars. Enrico Dandolo, the Doge of Venice who led the Fourth Crusade, was 83 when his Crusaders captured Constantinople in 1204. His successor was 73 when he was rallying his defeated Prussians, after their defeat at Ligny, in that action, Blucher was unhorsed and ridden over twice by French cavalry yet, within two days, he was urging his army forward to join Wellington at Waterloo. That junction was effected and Blucher then took over the pursuit of Napoleon's routed forces. An Austrian Field Marshal, Johann Joseph von Blamberg, had been appointed to command the French forces in Spain, and travelled post-haste to Brussels, well ahead of the rest of his battery, and was in his uniform when the fighting started. Placed in command of the Duke's division at the Battle of Quatre Bras, with the name of a younger brother, he went out to take command of the British forces in the north of Spain at the age of 67.

7th A.L.T.M. get-together at Maylands

The coming of Mr. H. J. Rodgers to Western Australia (as Commissioner of the enquiry into devastating fires in the State) recently gave Mr. A. E. Downesborough the opportunity to invite some of the members of the 7th A.L.T.M. Bty. 1st A.I.F. to a get-together at his home at 80 Stuart Street, Maylands. Present were Messrs. G. T. Rodgers, Mick Foster, Les Cox, Ernie Dalziel, Bill Ridley, George Hodgson, and A. E. Downesborough. Some of the boys had not seen each other since they were in France and other incidents (good and bad) were brought back to memory, souvenir photographs were handed around, and a toast drunk to Mr. Downesborough. When leaving all congratulated Mrs. Downesborough on the success of the get-together time they had all much enjoyed.

Nollamara gets its Hall site

At last the Nollamara sub-branch has been given notice about their block, which is at the rear of the Picture Theatre. A notice to this effect is to be placed on the block as soon as possible. It is now up to members to do something about a Hall, and this can be done by attending the socials which are conducted monthly and by helping in the preparation for the Fete which is to be held on September 23. With the assistance of the Ladies' Auxiliary it will be a great success. Games nights are drawing a few members along, and they are thoroughly enjoying themselves. Nollamara lost to Perth in the first game, but avenged it at Cottesloe's expense. Potential members should be put in touch with either the secretary (Reg Craig, 32 Easton St., Nollamara) or Lord of the Manor (Mr. R. W. H. Robinson).
How the New Merged Means Test Affects Pensions

This is a brief explanation of the new Means Test, together with examples showing the effects on various income groups.

The principle involved is to remove the present ceiling limit on allowed assets (now at £2,500 or £4,500 for a married couple) and to apply a formula to assets, which will have the effect of converting assets into an income.

The Merged Means Test will be determined by totaling the assets of an applicant for Service Pension, subtracting £200, and dividing by 10. The answer will be the sum regarded as the applicant's income per annum from his assets.

An example is an applicant possessing assets worth £3,000, £200 is deducted, leaving £2,800, and this divided by 10 is £280.

The applicant is therefore considered to have an income of £280 per annum in his assets. Any other actual income must be added to this figure to determine the income for the Merged Means Test.

A single person may receive a maximum Service Pension of £5 per week, or £60 per annum, and, in addition, may have other income of £3/10d per week, or £182 per annum.

To revert to the example quoted, the method of deciding the rate of pension is to calculate the maximum permissible income (i.e., £260 per annum plus £129 allowed income equals £442). From £442 is deducted the assessed income of £280, leaving a pension grant possible at the rate of £162 per annum, or £3/9d per week.

In the case of a married couple, the principle of combining assets and income and arriving at the maximum total of which is regarded as the assets and income of each of the married couple is to be followed. Thus, a married couple with £6,000 between them have an effect of £2,500 each.

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All pensioners would have, in addition, the actual income derived from their property.

BARUNGA REMINDER

This is a special reference.

For years the survivors of the S.S. Barunga which was torpedoed on July 15, 1918, have celebrated their survival of the disaster with a dinner party which was held on the nearest Saturday to the date of the event, and always at the Criterion Hotel, in the early afternoon.

Norm Stehn organizes the party and his only worry is to ensure that all survivors are advised in time to make arrangements to attend.

All "Barunga" survivors are asked to advise Norm Stehn if they can attend. His phone number is 67-2065 (or write to his home address, 12 Hobbs Avenue, Guildford). Last year the old hands misled the faces of Messrs. E. W. Whittington, S. C. Connolly and J. E. Keightly. It is hoped to see Messrs. Keightly, A. Robinson and the other survivors at the celebration this year (these chaps are over 80 but always brighten up the party).

Tobruk Rats at Windsor

Members of The Australian Tobruk Rats Association and their wives were guests on May 4 of the directors and staff of the Australian Tobruk Annual Dinner in London on April 27.

With them was Major General C. E. N. Lomax, C.B., E.E., D.S.O., M.C., who organized the Tobruk Annual Dinner in London on April 27.

The tour of the vast factory was conducted by one of the directors (Brigadier G. E. Creedy) and the firm's hostess Mrs. Simon. All departments of production were visited as well as the laboratories.

Lunch was served at 12.30 during which the band of the 11th Hussars rendered a programme of popular music, commencing with "Waltzing Matilda." At 2.30 it was time to leave for Windsor and at the party left the factory and went for a happy few hours in the Royal Borough.

On arrival at Windsor they were met by Mr. Beatty, the city's guide, and the Royal Household Staff who took them on a specially arranged conducted tour of Windsor Castle and the Royal Apartments.

At 4.30 p.m. it was time to proceed to The Guildhall to be welcomed by the Mayor of Windsor (Aldeian J. Stanley) who said how pleased he was to welcome the Australian members of The Tobruk Rats Association and their wives and how happy a few hours they had in The Royal Borough.

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Col. Dina Werth Welcomed At Informal Gathering

Colonel Dina Werth, Commander in Chief of the Israeli Women's Army, was the guest at an informal gathering on Friday, May 26, in the President's room at Anzac House.

Those present included the State President (Mr. Lonnie) and Mrs. Lonnie, the senior State Vice-President (Mr. Townsend), Col. R. D. Ireland, the Secretary (Mr. Webb) and Assistant State Secretary (Mr. Blair), the President of the W.A. Jewish Ex-Services Association (Mr. Kriss), Messrs. T. Ansman, J. Bensky, W. Zinner, B. Rockman, J. Vandevelde, W. Walters and the President of the W.A. Zionist Council (Mr. Troy).

In a preliminary conversation, Colonel Werth mentioned that in 1948 the unusual circumstance arose in Israel that women were commanding battalions of Palen men, but today women commanded women, and the girls in the military were taught to handle rifles and small arms; there were courts martial apart from drilling and being educated in every sense of the word before leaving the forces.

Colonel Werth went on to say that the women's forces were now known as the "Women's Liberation Army," and that they had taken a great hand in the establishment of settlements and developing the land.

One of the main difficulties was that the girls would not gall in the forces after their compulsory two years, during which period they learned something and helped in their studies in engineering and to university degrees.

Mr. Lonnie then proposed a toast to Colonel Werth, welcomed her to West Australia and congratulated her on the difficulties that Israel had to overcome in facing this situation, for Israel was, unfortunately, surrounded by enemies on all sides.

He felt sure that, with time and patience and hard work, all their obstacles would be overcome. He assured the Colonel that he, himself, and speaking on behalf of the Australian servicemen, would always hold memories of the great 1918 2nd Battle of Amiens, when Israeli soldiers today, whom he fought beside, were fighting the last war. Their courage was the main support and salvation of the State of Israel.

Colonel Werth, in reply, thanked Mr. Lonnie and said she knew what a small way her presence here might provide for the debt the women of the Australian servicemen. She was not only grateful to attend this gathering but happy to pay that debt for those who could not be with her tonight.

She hoped that Mr. Lonnie would inform all Australian ex-servicemen that the women in Israel had wonderful memories of the Irish soldiers.

She said that when the boys were in Israel and eventually left they were not forgotten, and their memory would be held forever sacred. "Our Israeli boys fought alongside the Aussies, and when the old timers knew I was coming they asked me to please come and thank them."

He felt it important to record that in the Middle East during the later war, Colonel Werth, then Sergeant Major in the British Army, was stationed several miles from Mr. Lonnie. However, the two never met at that time.

A reception closed on a very cheering note.

South African Veterans’ President Dies

The annual meeting of the South African and Imperial Veterans’ Association on May 15 began on a note of sadness when it was announced that the President of the association, Mr. David Mitchell, of North Beach, had died early that morning.

The late Mr. Mitchell, an old soldier of the Highlanders, had served with the Gordon Highlanders during the Second World War in South Africa and with the same regiment on the Western Front in the War of 1914-18.

He settled in Perth after that war and was employed at the East Perth Power House until he retired.

An early member of the W.A. Pensioners’ League, he was keen for the organisation and for a number of other welfare services.

He had been president of the South African and Imperial Veterans’ Association and the late Mr. Alf. Yeates.
The 1961 Pensions Plan

Writing from Canberra, the National Secretary (Mr. K. V. Newman) reports that:

"The 1961 Pensions Plan was presented to the Cabinet sub-committee by the National President and members of the Pensions sub-committee yesterday (April 27).

"You will recall that the February meeting of the Executive decided to keep details of the Plan confidential until seven days after the date of its presentation to Cabinet. Accordingly, publicity may be given to the Plan on and from 3rd May, 1961.

"Those present receiving the Plan were The Ministers for Repatriation, the Navy, the Army, and the Air, for Health, for Social Services, for Immigration, for the Interior, The Postmaster General, and Brigadier Chilton, Chairman of the Repatriation Commission.

"The R.S.L. delegation comprised the National President, National Secretary and Messrs. Yeo, McKay and Elliman."

1961 Pensions Plan and recommendations of the Sub-Committee

1. "That the General Rate War Pension be increased from £5/10/ to £6/10/ per week."
2. (a) "That the War Widows Pension be increased from £5/10/ to £6/10/ per week."
(b) "That the Domestic Allowance be increased from £3 to £3.15/ per week."
(c) "That the pension payable in respect of each dependent child be increased to £2 per week."
3. "That the pension payable to Service Pensioners be increased from £5 to £6.50/ per week."
4. "That to correct the present anomaly which results in war pensioners newly discharged from Repatriation Hospitals having to revert from medical sustenance at the T and TM rate to their original rate of war pension, despite the fact that a period of convalescence at home is necessary, the Government be requested to authorise sustenance at £2/5/ per week during the whole of the period for which the war pensioner is certified by the L.M.O. to be unfit to resume normal employment."
5. "That as the pension payable to widowed mothers has not been increased since 1953 the pension of £2/6/ be increased to a minimum of £4 per week in adjustment."
6. "That having regard to the fact that pensions payable to the wives and children of war pensioners have not been increased since 1952, the Federal Government be asked (a) To increase the pension paid to the wives of War pensioners from £1/15/6 to £2/15/ per week; and
(b) To increase the pension paid to the children of War Pensioners to a minimum of £1 per week."
7. "That the special rate war pension paid for T and PL be increased from £1.5/ to £13/5/ per week."
8. "That the pension payable in respect of double dependents be increased to £3/10/ per week."
9. "That the amount of funeral allowance be increased to a minimum of £50."

16th Battalion Association Notes

Owing to the absence on holiday of the President (Mr. Young) of the 16th Battalion Association, and the fact that the secretary (Mr. Newick) was on the sick list, the chair at the May meeting was taken by Mr. Sladen, with Mr. N. Steph acting as secretary.

A letter was read from the O.C. 1st Royal West Australian Regiment stating that arrangements were made between 16th Batt., C.M.G., 1st Australian Regiment for the latter to take over the 11/44th 16th and 26th Battalions on ceremonial parades, each to be carried in rotation. The letter said that the colours would be carried by the 11/44th. The committee decided to discuss the matter at a future date.

Prize-winning Essay on Anzac Day

April 25 is a day that is well remembered by most Australians.

Some people do not know the meaning of Anzac; we should try and tell them all we can.

The people of this country should always remember the Australians who fought to keep Australia free from its enemies.

There have been two world wars. Let us hope there will never be another, but if there is, we too will be willing to fight for our country.

by Kaye Marshall
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Bakers Hill-Clackline School

One of the men whom no one should forget is Private Simpson and his donkey Murphy. Private Simpson died helping other men who were wounded. He would carry them away on his donkey and he was typical of the brave who have fought for what they believe is right.

We should think, too, about the Nurses, sailors, airmen and all those who helped to get our men home.

It is a good idea to have a quiet moment to remember those who gave their lives to keep our country free.