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New Year Reflections

Have you ever thought that perhaps the chap you see walking unsteadily across the street might have been with you on the Peninsula, in the Desert, at the landings, on the Menin Road, the Burma Road—or wherever battles have been fought, lost and won—and said to yourself: "There, but for the grace of God, go I?"

If you have experienced the rigours of battle you must have, at some time or other, come up against something that brought back a memory—perhaps a sound, a voice from the past, a scene or something on television.

You relive the now dim and distant days of your youth, far removed temporarily from your present routine in the daily grind of life.

"Oh, I am sitting pretty," you may say to yourself. "And why? Because I have looked after myself."

NOT AS LUCKY

But have you ever stopped to realise that there are vast numbers of people who are not as good as you, not as lucky as you if you like—those who could not stand up to the present-day pressures of life, to unemployment, sickness, marital troubles, to which a weaker man may cause untold misery and mental anguish.

In the war days these were minimised by the nearness of your fellow men or women wearing the same uniform and talking the language you all understood. "C'est la guerre" (it's the war). But what about now, today, tomorrow, next year?

The forgotten men and women of war are not in the same category as the forgotten men of 1922, because the cause of humanity (and its problems) has been thrust upon the world by radio and television. But what is this knowledge if it does not reach the proper source, the human understanding, the material sympathy?

Organisations all over the world are trying to ease the burden of the afflicted, and in some cases the forgotten. There should not be any hardship among those who sacrificed their youth to fight, or volunteer to fight, for their country, but even here in our glorious Australia cases do come to the notice of the R.S.L., every day, that give rise to the thought of those in contact: "Can we help?"

Can we cause help to be given? Has this person helped him or her self, or has adversity knocked too hard?

Personal problems of this kind are considered by the executive, in time freely given, and by the small band of unpaid workers who visit the sick and give a little help when it is badly needed.

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TAKING PART

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Chiefsy, you will know that for hundreds of thousands of the humanitarian work—of helping one of your old mates or his family in their time of need, and at the same time that for the cheapest premium in the world you are insuring yourself and yours for the days that lie ahead.

This thought was brought about by meeting an old mate the other day who said: "What do you know? Some kind bloke has sent in the quid for my 1962 sub. Who ever it was, it was a very nice gesture and Christmas present too."

Address Wanted

Would anyone knowing the whereabouts of C. R. Gottschalk (Regimental No. 2387, 27th Battalion, Ist A.I.F.) please pass on the particulars as soon as possible to the R.S.L.'s State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth.

Give that some thought when you are thinking how lucky you are and how well the world is treating YOU. Ask yourself: How well is it treating the other fellow—perhaps one who was your mate in the war days? Worthwhile reflecting on—don't you think?—(Contributed).

Sacred Plot At New Home

Following the Remembrance Day ceremony at the R.S.L. Veterans' Home, Mt. Lawley, last year residents and visitors laid symbolic wooden crosses in the Plot of Remembrance.

* Seen paying his tribute to wartime mates is Mr. Ernest Smith, of Mt. Lawley.

Situated close to the Fountain of Memory, the plot was dedicated by Bishop C. L. Riley prior to the observance of the two-minute silence.

A large gathering was present for the occasion.

The cross-placing in the Plot of Remembrance is to be conducted as part of the Remembrance Day observance each year.
NORTH-WEST CORNER

Memorials - Drive At Marble Bar

Before 1961 had run its full course the Marble Bar sub-branch started its recruiting drive for 1962 by sending out the following letter - bearing the signatures of President W. Nichols and Secretary P. Smith - to all members:

With the New Year comes our responsibility to join in again to make your membership or joining the sub-branch. (Subscription is £1 per year.) It is very gratifying to know that during the year we enrolled 25 members, but there are still a few in the district who are good members of the forces and who could become good members of the sub-branch. So please let us have your subscription and what is probably just as important, your company at the monthly meetings.

In the year under review, we worked hard to beautify the children's and pionner's park. To this end we can tell you that the necessary materials have been ordered and are coming in. How we hope it will not be long before the scheme is in full swing.

Our efforts in running the refreshment bar during the rally again this season have been received with great commendation and we desire here to thank all those who have taken an active part in that particular money-gaining effort.

Poppy Day this year was a big success and our allocation of 250 poppies and two wreaths was all sold and the full revenue from the selling of poppies went to the War Memorial House, with their grateful thanks. The sub-branch, too, benefited to the extent of £8/8/8 through the generosity of poppy buyers.

The sub-branch furnished a room in the War Veterans' Home and afterwards subscribed to its upkeep. We have pledged to join with other sub-branches, to do each year 10/- per family towards this amount we hope to raise by your generosity.

This short report is a review of our activities for the past year, and we implore you to join in 1962, and do your best to persuade everyone you can to join us too. Let us retain the maitship we all had in 1961.

Wishing you all a very happy New Year. In a covering letter Mr. Smith said: "I am very broad-shouldered individual but I am getting a bit tired of NORTH-WEST CORNER on them. So what about you other N.W.C. branches getting in and helping me with your news."

Memories Revived At Corrigin

By Eric Fry

It was a most enthusiastic team of Rover-Scouts that kept my eye on at Corrigin in those years. Reg Larke had leased a cottage on his property and we met there frequently.

It was there I suggested a sub-branch to the President (Dr. Jones) who welcomed Mr. Lonnie and myself. The President who arranged the supper the sub-branch extends its grateful thanks. The following Mr. Lonnie and I were taken up to the memorial and 1 was astonished at the action taken by the sub-branch to recondition it. At 5 o'clock there was a big muster and two lines of ex-service men were formed up.

The President called on me to lay a wreath, on the memorial, after which W. Nichols and Secretary P. Smith took three signatures of President W. Nichols and Secretary P. Smith to all members:

A Tribute To Bob Maguire

At the 2/32nd Battalion Association gathering following the parade last Anzac Day those present unanimously "kicked-in" for a headstone and kerbings for their old mate Bob Maguire's grave.

Bob, though black of skin, was generally regarded as the whitest man in the battalion and a credit to his country.

In 1957 - the year he carried the battalion flag at the Anzac Day march - he was killed in a fire at his home at Boddington and was buried in a concrete grave marked only by a small wooden cross.

Association President Tom Hamilton reminded members of this at the gathering and Secretary Bob Cleland saw to the purchase of all materials required. On November 1, a working-bee comprising Tom Hamilton, Bert McLean, Jack Mead, Ernie Smith, Jack Nesb, Col. Edminson, Les Paget-Owen, Jack Mclean, and Harry King - accompanied by wives and kiddles - journeyed by bus to Boddington.

The party was met by local members Mick (Kibble) Taylor and Len Price, who had handled all arrangements at their end. That afternoon Jack Mead worked on the grave completed and, in the presence of a small band of Bob's relatives, the president conducted a brief ceremony of remembrance. The satisfaction of those who saw this final tribute to Bob Maguire carried out was quite evident.

"It isn't always what you get out of life, but what you do in life that counts."

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NEW YEAR YEARNINGS

A HAPPY and prosperous New Year to all! It is the duty of every one of us to see that our organisation does enjoy a happy and prosperous 1962. An essential ingredient is a concerted effort on our part. Let every one of us make it our aim to bring at least one new member into the League this year.

EVERY suburb, every country district, has eligible ex-servicemen who have never belonged to the League or have fallen by the wayside, not realising how important it is for the League to have the greatest number of members possible. It is YOUR duty to point out the advantages of membership, including comradeship, and above all that strong membership enables the League to carry out its main function of protecting the interests of ALL ex-servicemen.

TOGETHER we can achieve much, so let us resolve this year that we shall again add to the illustrious records of the past. Many tasks lie ahead, and by unity and strength a successful outcome is assured.

LET US enter into the New Year with a determination to carry on the good work and with confidence in our ability to "maintain by strength in '62."

P.O.W. Reunion Planned

From Mr. E. Frazier, president of the 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion comes the following account of an event planned for next month, which should interest those who were prisoners-of-war in Japanese hands.

"As February 15 is the 20th anniversary of the fall of Singapore a reunion has been arranged for all Japanese ex-P.O.W.'s concerned, to take place on Saturday, February 15, at the Dinghy Club rooms, Hackett-drive, Crawley (behind the University).

"You are asked to be seated at 7 p.m. sharp and medals, ribbons and decorations will be worn.

"The organising committee have gone to a lot of trouble to make this evening a great success. We anticipate a roll-up of 250, so come along and meet some of your old mates.

"As this reunion is being catered for you, you are urged to reply to your intentions as soon as possible to the organising committee.

"If you have any old photos or souvenirs obtained while P.O.W., please forward them on loan as we are having a display of souvenirs during the evening.

"On Sunday, February 18, a service will be held in King's Park at 11 a.m., followed by a wreath-laying ceremony, so come along with your family and relations and pay your respects to your fallen mates. Let us hope that we have often said you would not have done it for you.

"Ex-members of "A" Force and many ex-Japanese P.O.W.'s will be sorry to hear of the death in Queenland of Sg t. Lorrie Lee, who was a well-known figure on Headquarters Staff. "A" Force. A good friend to all, his fighting ability and gentlemanly ways will be always remembered by those who had the good fortune to know him."

History Instalment Held Over

Because of pressure on space in this issue it has been decided to withhold publication of the fifth instalment of Mr. J. R. Duncan's history, "The League in Western Australia," until February.

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Transfer for Mr. Duncan

A prominent member of the Returned Service Men's League, Mr. John Robert Duncan, will be taking over as headmaster of the Allendale School at Geraldton shortly.

For the past two years he has served as deputy-headmaster at Wembley.

Mr. Duncan was a Country Vice-President of the R.S.L. when headmaster at Three Springs three years ago and has served on the State Executive for the past two years.

He is the author of the history of the R.S.L. in W.A. currently appearing in this journal and wrote it as a thesis for higher qualification in his profession.

An Impressive Year's Work

An impressive list of League achievements for 1961 was outlined to members of the Swanbourne sub-branch recently by State Vice-President R. B. Marris.

The list included the following items: 1,000 repatriation cases, 450 housing problems, 3,000 hospital and medical cases and 360 hospital and home visits. In addition civil defence and ambulance courses were inaugurated.

Swanbourne members were highly impressed by what Mr. Marris told them. For their part they felt very that the vice-president left their meeting with a favourable impression of the sub-branch.

Top-Line Visit to Narembeen

A visit by the State President to Narembeen on November 19 was cut short by the need for him to be back in Perth for the crowning of the queen ceremony at Anzac House that evening.

In a two-hour meeting with the sub-branch Mr. Lonnie answered numerous questions, which dealt mainly with membership, land settlement, repatriation and finance.

Narembeen members were delighted to have Mr. Lonnie in their midst and felt that his visit had ironed out a lot of little wrinkles.

The sub-branch executive looks to better-attended meetings this year.
Did You Know...?

(asks C. R. Collins)

♦ ALTHOUGH Wellington is supposed to have said that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton and Harrow, he showed neither aptitude nor liking for games when a schoolboy himself. His contemporaries at Eton have described him as an idle dreamy lad who preferred solitary walks to games and showed no desire to become a soldier. What Wellington really did say were the words he spoke to an anxious British tourist in Brussels, at the beginning of the Waterloo campaign. The tourist was trying to pump Wellington about his chances of defeating the French. The Duke interrupted him by pointing to a passing British infantryman and saying: "There goes the fellow who's going to beat Napoleon."

♦ NAPOLEON was once blackmailed—by the wife of one of his marshals. Many plans of the marshal were Pierre François Lefebvre, who had been a sergeant in the Royalist army at the outbreak of the Revolution. He became a marshal in 1804 and three years later commanded the forces besieging the Prussian fortress of Danzig. When all the drill-book siege methods failed, Lefebvre placed himself at the head of his grenadiers and stormed the castle. For this exploit Napoleon created him Duke of Danzig. His wife, who had been a Parisian laundress before her marriage, was the heroine of the operetta "The Duchess of Danzig."

After Napoleon divorced Josephine and married the Austrian, Princess Marie Louise, he tried to force his marshals to divorce their wives and marry into European aristocratic families. The Lefebvres refused to separate, and when Napoleon started to apply pressure, the Duchess confronted him with a bill for washing she had done for him when he was an impetuous subaltern, and which had remained unpaid throughout the ensuing years. The Emperor renented and the Lefebvres' happiness remained uninterrupted.

♦ THE ORDER "Tral Arms" was originally "Tral Pikes." Given in the days when pikemen constituted the bulk of an infantry force, the order was carried out by the pikeman sliding his hand up to the head of his pike and lifting the long shaft tral behind him. After the introduction of fire-arms, musketeers were mixed with pikemen and the order was then "Tral Arms."

♦ THE FIRST Australian warship to go abroad on active service was the gunboat Protector, which was then a unit of the pre-federation South Australian Defence Force. In 1840, New South Wales and Victoria sent naval brigades to China to form part of the International force that suppressed the Boxer Rebellion. With them went the Protector. Before that, another Australian warship—the Queensland gunboat Gayundah—figured in a sensational event in home waters. During a big flood in 1849 Gayundah was washed from her moorings in the Brisbane River and, when the floodwaters receded, was left high and dry in Brisbane's Botanical Gardens. Many plans, including the digging of a canal, were suggested for utilising her, but before any of them could be put into operation Dame Nature solved the problem. Another flood, about six months afterwards, washed the Gayundah back into the river.

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The Sydney-Emden Epic

By J. A. Faulkner

A recent press message that a ceremony had taken place in Sydney on November 9 commemorating the destruction of the German cruiser Emden by the Australian cruiser Sydney 37 years ago will have plucked the memory chords of a still large (though rapidly dwindling) number of residents in this State who were indirectly connected with the event in the following circumstances.

On October 31, 1914, Western Australian troops comprising the 11th Battalion A.I.F. embarked at Fremantle. About 800 members of the original 11th Battalion were embarked in the Blue Funnel liner Ascension (12,000 tons) along with the balance of the battalion (250 men) making up Western Australia’s quota towards the 12th (Tasmanian) Battalion in the White Star liner Medici (A7). The Ascension had already embarked 1,000 men of the 10th (South Australian) Battalion.

On November 3 the two transports proceeded to the west, where they rendezvoused and joined up with one of the largest convoy trains in the history of the war. It consisted of 38 troop transports and four escort vessels. The convoy, consisting of the Ascension as the escort, the Cocos Islands and roughly 40 miles to the east, the Minotaur went ahead on a special scout patrol while the Melbourne was brought up to the convoy leaving the Sydney and Ithuriel at their former stations and moored at the rear for the time being.

This was the disposition early on the following day. Not until a few days later did the Minotaur, bearing the unmistakable contents of this message, approach the Cocos Island signal station, announcing that the Sydney was en route.

As the message ended, efforts at further communication failed. It was decided to send the Sydney to investigate.

Excitement spiralled later in the morning when the Sydney signalled that she was engaging the Emden close to the islands.

As a precaution the Melbourne and Ithuriel were placed on the left flank between the convoy and scene of battle. The outcome of the encounter awaited with a grim tenseness which only such a situation could provoke.

When a talker, if somewhat lachonic, message was received from the Sydney shortly after 11 a.m. to the effect that the Emden was “bat” and done, to say that pandemonium reigned aboard the Sydney would be an understatement.

All training parades were naturally cancelled for the day and with the aid of youthful patriotic-enthusiasm, martial music, extended canteen hours and spontaneous personal efforts of all descriptions the victory was suitably celebrated.

The Governor, Sir Charles Gairdner, last year visited Cocos Island and unveiled a plaque commemorating the Sydney’s epic victory. The Sydney’s “achievement” in the battle—of battle—of completely destroying the Emden, with comparatively little casualty or damage done in return was the hallmark of a magnificent contribution to Australian history as was also another baptism of fire for the young men who during the following months later at Gallipoli when the Western Australian and Tasmanian troops mentioned in this article were there in garrison.

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After Harvest Atmosphere At Lake Grace

The Lake Grace sub-branch held its Christmas party and a send-off on December 6. There was a good attendance of 21 members and an “after-harvest” atmosphere, though some farmers had not finished.

Singing ranged from typical service songs to “I’m forever blowing bubbles” and “When the rag cut out.” However, song leader Tom McDonald was astonished when the bandboys châssed the boys to sing “Silent Night.”

Members expressed regret that battalion Major Molloy—transferred to Redcliff early in the new year.
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WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

December Visits

Official visits made on behalf of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary during the month of December were as follows:

**Tuesday 5th:** The State President Mrs. J. F. Ames and assistant-secretary (Mrs. C. Brown) were guests of the Christmas party of the Returned Soldiers' sub-branch.

**Friday 8th:** Mrs. Ames attended the Soldiers' Children's Education Board meeting.

**Saturday 9th:** Mrs. Ames attended the official opening of the new Central Library in the South Perth R.S.L. Hall.

**Sunday 10th:** Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Rowe attended the Christmas party of the Returned Soldiers' sub-branch.

**Tuesday 12th:** The State President and Hon. State Secretary Mrs. J. F. Ames attended the opening of the Perth annual meeting.

**Wednesday 13th:** The State President and Hon. State Secretary Mrs. J. F. Ames attended the Christmas events of Perth and presented 50 new library books and Christmas cheer parcels to all residents. In the evening Mrs. Ames and executive members were guests at the Christmas party of the West Leederville-Wembley Auxiliary. Certificates of Service were presented to Mrs. M. Young and Mrs. F. Chawla.

**Thursday 14th:** Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Rowe were guests at the R.S.L. State Executive Christmas social.

**Friday 15th:** Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Rowe attended the Ex-service women's sub-branch Christmas party.

**Saturday 16th:** Mrs. Ames and Mrs. C. Brown were guests at the Blackboy sub-branch and auxiliary Christmas party, and Mrs. E. Sandercott at the Waroona auxiliary Christmas party.

**Sunday 17th:** Mrs. Ames attended the War Veterans Home Christmas party.

**Tuesday 19th:** Mrs. T. Cullen attended a garden party for patients at the Claremont Mental Hospital.

Christmas Cheer

State Executive members packed and delivered approximately 1200 cheer parcels valued at about £15 each to ex-service men and women in hospitals, institutions and homes in the metropolitan area last month.

To the families who donated to the Christmas Cheer fund, and thus make these parcels possible, go the sincere thanks of the executive.

Fine Christmas Gesture

Members of the Mingewar-Yandanooka auxiliary are being congratulated on a very fine Christmas gesture.

Each member took a gift to their Christmas social and placed it on the Christmas tree.

After the party all the gifts were packed and sent to ex-service personnel at the Claremont Mental Hospital.

Prior to their Christmas social, an executive of the auxiliary re-elected the president (Mrs. T. D. Mann), secretary (Mrs. D. Fletcher), treasurer (Mrs. L. P. Pettit) and vice-president (Mrs. M. Heelan).

The new vice-president is Mrs. V. Rowland—B.J.B.

Anniversary At Kenwick

Kenwick on November 24, celebrated its 15th birthday with a party. For such a small sub-branch the attendance of 26 adults including representatives of 12 other auxiliaries was a surprising result. The Auxiliary President Mrs. Ames, was present and the function was represented by Messrs. MacLeod and Shearing. Shire Councillors and their wives were also present.

Dancing, sketchs and a mannequin parade were the main events of the evening. Supper was a sumptuous affair, provided by the ladies.

Mrs. Ames presented Certificates of Merit to Messrs. P. Moss and Blox, both foundation members of the auxiliary.

Leadership-change At Swanbourne

After many years of sterling work Mrs. Dulcie Bosworth has resigned from the presidency of the Swanbourne auxiliary.

Her mantle has fallen upon Mrs. Joan Anderson who is assured of the wholehearted support of the sub-branch.

The auxiliary has been thanked for a donation of £30 to the sub-branch building fund in addition to a further donation of £70 to the War Veterans Home, making a total of £100 for that worthy cause.

Resignation

Mrs. G. Ford tendered her resignation as Hon. State Secretary on November 29. Mrs. L. Rowe was elected to fill the vacancy.

A Memorial Library Suggestion

The Geraldton R.S.L. is investigating a suggestion that a memorial library be established in the reading room at Birdwood House.

Recently the sub-branch discovered a 1950 newspaper cutting showing that the Minister for Repatriation approved the unexpended balance of the Unemployed Services Welfare Committee in Geraldton (amounting to £35) being handed over to the council and kept in a special account. This was to be applied towards the establishment of a municipal library partly for the benefit of ex-members of the fighting forces and dependents of members of the 1939-45 war.

It is understood that the amount originally donated was increased to over £1,300.

At the December meeting of the sub-branch Mr. D. Harris said he thought the library should be a memorial in subject as well as object by being of a historical nature and covering the activities of Australia's service in all wars.

Mr. A. Hopson was instructed to investigate the proposal and forward a report to the annual R.S.L. meeting on January 15.

B.J.B.

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National Congress Resolutions

The following are the resolutions carried, or carried as amended, at the 46th annual National Congress of the League held in Canberra between October 30 and November 3. The sponsoring branch is noted in parenthesis at the end of each motion.

A total of 197 motions were submitted, of which 71 were carried, 24 lost, 79 referred, 16 withdrawn and seven ruled out-of-order.

REPARATION ITEMS

"That the South Australian Government be requested to ensure that the 1961 Pensions Plan submitted to the Commonwealth by the National Executive be supplemented with all members of the nursing services of the 1914-18 war be retained in hospital and dental benefits through the Reparation Department without restriction." (Vic.)

"That at the appropriate time the National Executive implement nationwide press publicity on the subject of the Act." (Qld.)

"That the education grants available to restricted categories be increased to 10 hours per week for each child from the commencement of school up to 12 years, together with school requisites and fares." (Qld.)

"That the Commonwealth Government be requested to review the reparation grants for educational allowances for children of deceased "ex-servicemen, and to adjust present conditions." (N.S.W.)

"That all children over the age of 12, as a matter of receiving a reparation education allowance be entitled to the services of a dental treatment." (Qld.)

"That this Congress protests against the direction given by the Reparation Commission that any entitlement to Social Service benefits be applied for, and that such benefit be deducted from the E.P.F. or funeral grant." (N.S.W.)

"That the Commonwealth Government be requested to provide that any ex-serviceman or woman who has been granted a special benefit of medical or dental illness, in addition to all its ramifications and repeatedly enjoy the Federal Government to accept such service personnel as being war-caused." (Qld.)

"That the representations made to the Commonwealth Government, requiring that the repatriation authority necessary to war personnel who are medically passed "A" and "F", in the course of their services or after discharge, manifest a neuro-psychiatric state.

"That the representations be made to the Commonwealth Government that they be amended to make such personnel eligible for full age pension benefits at the age of 65, instead of the present qualifying age of 60." (Qld.)

"That the representations be made to the Minister for Repatriation to amend the Repatriation Act to allow the treatment of chronic and incurable diseases suffered by patrons of repatriation hospitals under Regulation 68." (S.A.)

"That Congress deplores the fact that large numbers of returned servicemen have been denied admission to Heidelberg Hospital owing to the closing of wards caused by a shortage of staff and urges the Repatriation Commission to take every step to improve nursing conditions in order to prevent transport to the city, which in some cases is responsible for more suffering than the causal injury." (Vic.)

"That it be a recommendation that their sub-branches institute a drive to obtain a general hospital for Returned Servicemen in New South Wales." (N.S.W.)

"That representations be made to the Australian Government for the purpose of obtaining all returned servicemen of wars, free repatriation hospitals and medical benefits, and that they be able to prove their illnesses or conditions to be war-caused, and free of charge." (Qld.)

"That the Commonwealth Government approach the British Government for the purpose of obtaining the possibility of appointing a pension panel in each State, who shall examine pension claims of British ex-servicemen resident in Australia and its territories." (Qld.)

"That the British Minister of Pensions be requested to give consideration to amending its pension procedure to provide that, on the death of a pensioner at 63 or over whom a 100 per cent war pension was provided, a supplemental pension be granted for unemployability, and a constant attendance allowance of $1 per week for five years immediately preceding his death, and where the supplemental pension is not payable by a medical practitioner to have been materially hastened to his officially-registered war service disabilities, his widow shall receive such pension as she would have received had the war disability been the direct cause of death." (Vic.)

"That the National Executive be empowered to draft Part 2 of the Repatriation Act that will remove the interpretation of "patron" as being war-caused by this Congress." (S.A.)

"That the War Pensions Commissioner be requested to give consideration to amending the Repatriation Act to remove the word "patron" as being war-caused by this Congress." (S.A.)

"That the Federal Council urge the British Minister of Pensions to the British Medical Association to be considered taking up with its counter-part in England, for submission to the British Minister of Pensions, the urgent need for reconsideration being given by the British Ministry of Pensions to certain medical officers referred to by the Federal Council of B.M.A. in December, 1953, when a medical officer, British ex-servicemen resident in Australia in the period of age of acceptance of their illnesses or disabilities as war-caused for their degrees of pensionable liability." (Vic.)

"That when ex-Imperial service men and women have resided in Australia and its Territories for 25 years, they become qualified to apply for the Service Pension." (Qld.)

"That whilst, recognizing that a difference exists between the principles governing New Zealand War Veterans' Allowance and those of the Commonwealth, the Australian Service Pension, Congress urges that New Zealand returned servicemen living in New Zealand who have resided in Australia and are eligible to obtain a New Zealand War Veterans' Allowance in New Zealand be accorded benefits equivalent to those available to New Zealand returned servicemen in New Zealand, and that the Australian Minister for Repatriation take the initiative in approaching the New Zealand Government for reciprocal arrangement that will meet this requirement." (N.S.W.)

"That to provide a safe-guard to an applicant for repatriation benefits from the misquotation of any statement given, to any officer of the department, any form in connection with the same, the applicant be read the statement as it was found correct, signed to that effect, countersigned and dated by the repatriation officer at the time when the applicant supplies a statement on Repatriation Form "Q" or "R"." (Tas.)

"That the Repatriation Commission be requested to issue identity cards to T. P. I. personnel at the same time as the member receives the identity card, that he has been a T. P. I. Also that all personnel already issued with identity cards be reissued with identity cards." (Queensland Chilron Hill and Teachers' Union of Queensland.)

"That, in the 1962 Pension Plan, consideration be made to the Government that the Age Allowance provided for in the Income Tax legislation be payable tax-free income only, and not on net income, and that this Age Allowance be a separate net income benefit to be granted to war pensioner's Dependents' Allowance separate net income benefit shall be granted to war pensioner's Dependents' Allowance." (A.C.T.)
CHRISTMAS with the LEAGUE

The usual mid-afternoon reception was held in the Anzac House ballroom this Christmas, and here you see some of those who were welcomed to the party by State President Lonnie.

(Left to right) Commodore R. Rhoades (Naval Officer-in-charge, W.A.) and Messrs. H. F. Holland of Applecross, W. Webb (R.S.L. State Secretary) and J. L. Mackenzie of South Perth.

Derby sub-branch president R. Markham (left) and Dr. R. J. Wheeler of North Perth.

(Left to right) R.S.L. auxiliary members Mesdames E. Ames (President), M. L. Delany, of Melville, L. Rowe, of Wembley, and S. V. Stockman (Immediate-past-president).

(Left to right) Messrs. W. J. Hunt (a former State President), L. Collett (son of a former State President), C. G. Ferguson (a former assistant-State Secretary), D. C. Munro of Dalcross, E. Waring of Fremantle and J. M. W. Anderson (a former State President).
The Old And The New
10th Light Horse
By "Hummy"

The president, secretary and scribe of the 10th Light Horse Association recently witnessed a fine exhibition of drill and marching by their C.F.M. counterparts of today—as guests of the regimental C.O. Lieut.-Col. Tom Edmondson.

The evident pride in their unit which came over them slouching by even the newest recruits was an eye-opener. It makes one think that more of the "old mob" who had been invited did not drag themselves away from their bowls and cards to witness the events.

After the troops had made everything in, out, and round their H.Q. all snug, and army style for the long vacation over Christmas, with nearly all vehicles R.T.S. (returned to stores) and general fire presentations carried out, they assembled in the main drill hall, witnesses listening for the screening of the colour film of the handing-over ceremony at Kings Park five years ago. Just to show and explain to them the reason for their unit accepting the future care of the memorial.

Afterwards the president Frank Radford was thanked by acting C.O. Major Fisher for Christmas gifts to the regiment, and all to the officers and N.C.O.'s.

These took the form of water-colour paintings, one of a present-day trooper in black beret, plume and yellow cravat, with a background in shadow—exactly as were the troopers heads of a slouch hat and plume, in correct "dress" style, and bearing the title "A Son of his Father"; another of a posella personifying the C.O.C. at Serapeum Camp—"The Bull"; a third depicting a Sar-Major reminiscent of the one that bolted across the desert at Cairo when the Turkish plane threw over a cricket ball, burst and missed the camp by about two miles.

The visitors were then attended to in no uncertain manner in the officers' mess and were introduced to several new recruits who seemed very self-conscious for some reason.

A grand night was had by all.

Guiding Hand Retained
By Hills Sub-branch

Returned unopposed at the election of Mundaring sub-branch officers last month were president Allen Trew, secretary Walter Goode and treasurer Bob Davison. The vice-presidents are Henry Morgan and A. B. Robb.

These officers will act as a committee together with Messrs. Pittard, Atkins and Jones.

Mr. Goode, who took over from Mr. H. Morgan as secretary early last year, was congratulated on a splendid job as secretary.

The last year set a good example to members by attending all sub-branch business and social gatherings.

With over $200 in its accounts the sub-branch is now considering quotas for the installation of lighting in the hall and for repainting the floor.

The dinner and reunion will be held on January 20. Already donations of food and cash have been more and more gratefully accepted. Dinner charges are 25/; single 15/; all money expenses will be donated to the War Veterans' Home.

"The Maid of the Mountains" festival date has been tentatively fixed for March 17. The sub-branch will be

Second Annual Meeting
Of P.M.G. Sub-branch

The second annual general meeting of the P.M.G. sub-branch will be held at the Anzac Club on Wednesday, January 24, at 8 p.m.

The aims and objects adopted by the sub-branch for new year are to:
- Organise a ceremony at the G.P.O. in commemoration of Anzac Day every year.
- Sell at least 1000 poppies every year.
- Take part in hospital visiting organised by the League.
- Assist sick members' families and relatives of ex-members.
- Hold a game or social session, or an organised talk or discussion after the conclusion of the business at every meeting monthly.
- Organise social and cultural activities in the interests of members and their relatives and friends as deemed necessary.
- Support the maintenance of the War Veterans' Home.
- Provide an annual gift of new year cards and gifts to members of the League and the Legacy combination.
- Contribute to the range of activities to which the League and the Legacy combination are devoted.
- Support any other money raising activity that the League and Legacy combination may introduce in place of the Crowning Glory contest.

Some reasons for belonging to the League are that the League helps all who have served their country and that through itคอม�nship carries on.

In 1961 the League in Western Australia—
- Handled 1,000 Repatriation cases,
- Assisted 450 Housing cases,
- Afforded financial assistance in needy cases to the value of £6,000,
- Built the War Veterans' Home at a cost of £300,000,
- Made provision for 3,000 West Australians to receive hospital and medical benefits,
- Visited 360 ex-service men in hospitals and homes,
- Conducted courses in civil-defence training for safeguarding in emergencies,
- Provided one of the finest clubs in the State with no annual dues.

These are good talking points and in the membership drive the sub-branch intends to make it known within the Post Office this year.

You can help by passing on this copy to somebody who is eligible to join the League but is not a member, or to a P.M.G. man who might be interested in another sub-branch, and who may care to join the P.M.G. sub-branch as an associate member for an annual fee of 5/-.
CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS (continued from Page 8)

"That the Repatriation Department be requested to appoint a resident officer of the department in each country centre and territories of Australia." (Q.).

"That the condition of the War Service Homes Act from £2,750 to £3,500, to help absorb the considerable increase in the building costs due to the present maximum of £6,000 in a country area, as well as for the erection of new houses, and to provide special accommodation for the present long delay in constructing such houses as may be required." (Q.).

"That the Repatriation Department be requested to make arrangements through the War Service Homes Division for the taking-over of existing mortgaged properties into the service of the Commonwealth at such time and on such terms as may be considered best for both parties." (Q.).

The Requisite Ingredients

Good fellows, good music and good refreshments are the three ingredients necessary to make a good night, and they were there in plenty on December 18 when the West Leederville Wembly-Floreat sub-branch held its Christmas party.

With that old maestro Jack Christie at the piano, good music and harmony were assured.

The sub-branch talent scout produced Bob Alderson and Joe Quilty as old army number and Ernie Tomkinson surprised with his vocal efforts. Varia, which was added when Ted Pinnell recited a Banjo Patterson monologue, was a hit.

All this, together with four songs by Eric Elsegood, added up into an excellent entertainment.

The sub-branch extends to all members of other sub-branches best wishes for the New Year.

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Activities At Maylands

State President Lonnie has agreed to speak on civil defence in the Maylands R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Wednesday, February 14, at 8 p.m.

Invitations have been sent to the Legion of Ex-Servicemen, the Red Cross Society, Scouts and other local organisations, and a good attendance is expected.

Sub-branch treasurer Messrs. Southey, who have been given short talks on the subject to various organisations in the surrounding districts, hopes to see a civil-defence group formed at Maylands.

The final sub-branch meeting for 1961 ended on a convivial note.

The annual general meeting will be held on January 15.

The next bridge and rummy evening will be held on February 1, at 8 p.m.

The sub-branch regrets the continued ill-health of Mrs. A. Farnham, a sterilization worker.

A special effort will be made this year to increase membership. A printed card with an imposing list of achievements in 1961 tells what the League has done. This big question for ex-servicemen is: What have you done in the past? What can you do in the future?

The least an ex-serviceman can do is to be a member.

CONGRESS (continued from Page 11)

involved in the change advocated. (A.C.T.)

"That the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. approach the Commonwealth Government, requesting that assisted passages to Australia be offered to selected persons of full European descent in South Africa who are desirous of migrating to Australia." (Q.)

"That Congress strongly urges the Commonwealth Government to encourage British and northern European people to migrate to Australia to help open up the vast expanse of useful and our Commonwealth Health." (Vic. Australian)

"That the Department of Immigration be asked to continue to exercise greater care in the selection of non-British migrants." (S.A.)

"With the large influx of migrants to this country, and the possibility of the production of hundreds of thousands of Australian born through this channel, this Congress asks the nation to keep under careful watch the Commonwealth Government as a matter of urgency, to take the necessary constitutional steps to have the Australian Communist Party declared an illegal organization." (S.A.)

DEFENCE, CIVIL DEFENCE AND COMMUNISM

"In view of the imminent threat to world peace, and consequently to Australian national security, presented by international communism, and in view of the Australian Communist Party's clearly-defined activities here to aid this international plan and to bring about the destruction of democratic government in this country, this National Congress of the R.S.L. requests the Commonwealth Government, as a matter of urgency, to take necessary constitutional steps to have the Australian Communist Party declared an illegal organisation." (S.A.)

"That this Congress urges the Commonwealth Government to make immediate steps to implement a vigorous campaign to fully inform the people of Australia of this menace in its many branches and territories of the subversive activities of the dangerous danger of international communism to the Australian way of life." (S.A.)

"That Congress resolves that it is its unserving opposition to communism, and requests State and national councils to continue their efforts to awaken Australians to its danger." (Q.)

"That this Congress expresses its most serious concern over the neglect of a national civil defence policy in Australia, and calls upon the Commonwealth Government to implement, without delay, a unified civil defence plan, including active training and recruitment for the population, and further, that annual sum of at least £500,000 be made available to the States, to immediately carry out a programme of this nature." (W.A.)

"Every endeavour shall be made to have a greater proportion of R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. members included in the Mt. Macedon civil-defence reserve." (S.A.)

"That this Congress urges the Prime Minister, Chief of the Australian General Staff, and the Defence and Service Departments to maintain a properly manned defence force, armed with the necessary equipment, to ensure the safety of this country and our nation." (S.A.)

"That the report of the National Defence Committee contained in the 34th Annual Report of the National Executive, 1958-59, be referred to all sub-branches, and that this Conference, by resolution, give its whole-hearted support to the League National Defence Committee to bring about and adequate defence of northern Australia and New Guinea." (Q.)

"That the Federal Government be urged to re-introduce compulsory military training." (S.A.)

"That as C.M.F. and R.A.R. have similar functions and obligations, regard the defence of Australia, that recommendation made through the appropriate authorities to have these forces placed under one organization, in the interests of the armed forces." (Q.)

"That the attention of the public be directed to the fact that some units are not, issuing discharge certificates as intended they do, to discharged personnel of the C.M.F." (Q.)
Realistic Exercises For Local Troops

Australian Army paratroopers are combining with a British Marine commando force in helicopter and landing boat ship-to-shore assault exercises on the West Australian coast this month.

Announced by Army Minister Cramer recently the exercises were known as "Swan Schooner". They were scheduled to take place between January 10 and 31.

Members of the 1st Special Air Service Company, based in Western Australia, are co-operating with more than 1,000 commandos and British Navy personnel of the assault carrier H.M.S. Bulwark.

The commandos are members of the 42nd Commando Royal Marines. Australia's army component has been strengthened by the addition of armoured vehicles and troops of the Light Horse Regiment (C.M.F.).

Mr. Cramer said the visit of H.M.S. Bulwark, Fremantle and Mandurah in January would afford an opportunity of exercising Australian troops with the ship.

It was proposed that the S.A.S. would be given the opportunity to parachute from helicopters for the first time. It was also proposed that the R.A.A.F. would provide aircraft for paratroop jumps.

There would be three main exercises in the exercises.

Firstly, Exercise "Tombstone Territory" would be a joint two-sided exercise with the Special Air Service Company acting as a guerilla force in opposition to a commando landing in the Cervantes area on the coast between Perth and Geraldton.

The second would be the demonstration "Sky Rider", a short demonstration in the Mandurah area by the visiting Bulwark complement for the Australian Services. Third phase would be a landing by the S.A.S. Company opposed by a ground force provided by 42 Commando Royal Marines.

WANTED: One regalia collar (Past Grand I.O.O.F. Would anyone having one for sale please advise S. D. Smith, 183 Barrack-road, Subiaco (ex-601, 28th Battalion)."

Naval Ships Expected At Games-Time

The White Ensign will be prominent in Western Australia in November when the Commonwealth Games are held in Perth. The Minister for the Navy, Senator Gorton, said recently that six Royal Australian Navy ships would probably be at Fremantle then.

Two Royal Navy submarines based on Sydney are expected to join the Australian force, and the naval visit to Western Australia will be combined with a series of anti-submarine exercises along the southern coastline of Australia. The Commonwealth Games will be opened by the Duke of Edinburgh, who is an Admiral of the Fleet in the Royal Australian Navy.

The United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, India and New Zealand have been invited to send naval ships to Fremantle for the games.

The Royal Fleet auxiliary R.A.N. ships likely to visit Fremantle are the Daring Class destroyers Voyager, Vampire and Vendetta, the anti-submarine frigate Quickmatch, the Battle Class destroyer Anzac, and the cadet-training H.M.A.S. Wannan.

P.S. At the Commonwealth Games, the Australian naval contingent will be subject to the same rules and regulations as in the South East Asia, but the new Type 12 frigates, commissioned this year, are now available for duty with the Commonwealth Strategic Reserve.
Applications Called By City Of Perth

The very much alive committee and secretary of the City of Perth sub-branch are calling applications for the pleasant job of joining the League for 1962. Membership fee of £1 will get you into the liveliest sub-branch in the metropolitan area.

The greenback is also the key to the best-run club in the State (considering the diversity of its members) for the League badge it secures guaranteed entry to the sub-branch. No badge, no entry.

Applicants for entry to the sub-branch regret the passing of Jack O’Brien who always worked like a robot. His absence will be keenly felt in the coming months.

Saturday-night dances under the control of Charles Straw show how the wrist and the wind is blowing by being patronised and popular.

Volunteers for the job of "bouncer" on the side exit doors would be welcome as gate-crashers have been in evidence through the season.

An entrance charge of 5/- per person is allowed to bearers of pension cards.

The sub-branch represents the State Executive is Mr. C. Hall. popularly known as Mick.

The annual picnic at Perth will be held on Sunday, February 11 this year. Starters should give in your names by the last to Bill Holder, as he has to requisition transport and all the other publicity details.

There is no fear of any toddler getting more than a mouthful of Indian Ocean.

Aub Tompkins will be there to instruct in the arts of keeping the kids out of trouble. Every sub-branch will be held on Saturday at the official opening of the Anzac House base.

The sub-branch Christmas carnival will be held on Saturday at the official opening of the Anzac House base.

Every member can help The League

Fund raising has become one of the increasing important tasks the League has to face up to every year. Rising costs, War Veterans’ Home obligations, and an ever-growing demand for welfare assistance, force the State Executive to investigate every avenue by which it can obtain finance.

Every member can help. Support your sub-branch in its efforts to co-operate with the executive, particularly in organised appeals or fund raising efforts. Make every effort to bring back into the fold those members who have fallen by the wayside. If every member enrolled a new or former member, our worries would be over.

The building of such a hall will be the target of the sub-branch. The hall, built at a cost of £15,000 will be the center of a 25-year subscription, with the proceeds going to the R.S.L. building fund.

£5,500 HALL OPENED AT SOUTH PERTH

Though transacting League business at Roebourne at the time the recent applications have been done in N.S.W., it can be seen that the Hall is indeed in the South Perth.

Building of such a hall when the sub-branch was formed in 1948-1957. Mr. W. C. G. Thomas, the sub-branch president will resign. The function for the hall was raised by the sale of bottles collected by members and by regular dance-nights run by the Social Committee.

Though the sub-branch has existed for 29 years this is the first building it has owned for use as its headquarters. The occasion was thus a memorable one for members.

The next sub-branch meeting will be held in the new hall and as 1962 membership fees are now due a large attendance is expected.

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10TH LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION—Anzac House bimonthly, 3rd Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November. Secretary, Mr. Howard Beard, Subiaco (2-93263).

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION of W.A.—Meetings held at Anzac House, 1st Tuesday in April, June, August, October and December. Secretary, G. W. Robinson, Subiaco (2-93263).

10TH and 2/11TH BATTALION A.F.P.—Association—Meetings monthly at Railway Institute, President, Mr. H. T. Baldwin, 41st Street, East Victoria Park, Secretary, Mr. W. H. T. Brown, Subiaco (2-93263). Presidential address at the official reunion of the 10th Bn in Subiaco on the 21st June 1962.

The annual Christmas party held at Anzac House on December 22 was a success from all viewpoints. Among the visitors were six all-rank representatives of the L.A.D. and 15 from the regiment proper including former C.O. Lieut-Col. Keith Howard who once did a number for his boss, Colonel Tom Edmondson—trapped by a previous engagement.

The women's auxiliary with the help of Taff Ansell, W. G. Davis, Don Ricketts, Frank Radford, Fred Eversden, Sid Johnston on the piano, Miss Hall and Miss Dawson, Mrs. Lucy Davenport (C.O. Swan) did an unbeatable job, while Nick McQuon and "Taff's" Beard did the cleaning-in. A good cavalry night!

2/32nd Battalion

All financial members of the 2/32nd Battalion Association had their names placed on the mailing-list. The last copy of the association news sheet, "Two Bar Three Two New", last month.

The newsletter contains the culmination of ideas and suggestions from members past and present and attempts to "draw the old gang a bit closer together for just those few days each year." It deals largely with battledress personal tales of plans for sending an Anzac Day contingent to Vic., and 1916 describes the recent refurbishing of the grave of Bob Maguire and underlines the following dates:

• Annual dinner—last Friday in July each year.
• "Anzac Day" and "do" afterwards at the Masonic Hall, Roberts-road, Subiaco.

Former battalion members who would like to receive the news sheet should write to the secretary, 10th Bn, Perth.

FOUND: Campaign Medals belonging to R. Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin has been traced to an Anzac House member, Mr. Clark.

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Chance Of New League Tie

The present League Tie may be re-designed following a decision at National Congress late last year, Congress Resolution No. 180 read: "That National Executive consider the formation of a committee to reconsider the design of the present R.S.L. Tie."

The National Executive meets in Canberra next month.

All State branches have been invited to submit suggestions. Any member with bright ideas in this direction may pass them on to the State Secretary, to arrive no later than February 1.

The two main factors are that the colour-scheme of blue and gold must be retained and that the design will allow of production at a reasonable price.

WORD OF THANKS:

The State President wishes to thank all sub-branches and members who sent condolences on the death of his father, the late Peter Lomie, R.H.A.

Among the principal guests were the Deputy High Commissioner for Australia, Sir Allen Brown, C.B.E., and Lady Brown, the Agents General of all the Australian States and their wives, the Worshipful Mayor of Chelsea, Councilor John Tatten Brown, M.A., J.P. and the Mayor, the Assistant General Secretary of The British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, Major H. L. Rawlins and Mrs. Rawlins, the General Secretary of the British Legion, Captain D. E. Coffer and Mrs. Coffer, and the senior members of the Australian Army, Navy and Air Force stationed in England.

Christmas Treat For Chelsea Veterans

Over 200 of Britain's old soldiers, wearing scarlet coats and tricorn hats, assembled in the Great Hall of the Royal Chelsea Hospital on December 13 for the presentation of a massive Christmas cake, the gift of the Queensland branch of the R.S.L.

The cake (pictured below) was made with Australian ingredients and weighed 150 lb. Its decorative motifs included the R.S.L. badge and the Queensland coat-of-arms.

The presentation was made by Mr. M. McCaul, President of the Queensland branch, to the Governor of the Hospital, General Sir Frank Simpson, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.D.

After the presentation the oldest pensioner, St. Joseph Jones (97) formerly of the 14th Fusiliers and a veteran of the 1882 Egyptian campaign, was called upon to assist in cutting the first slice.

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Gathering Of Women At Christmas

The Returned Ex-Service women's sub-branch held its Christmas party at the Victoria League on December 15. Among the avoidable absence of the president, Miss Margaret Laing, members and guests were received by the vice-presidents, Misses Helen Morrison and Sylvia Perry. The R.S.L. State President was represented by Mr. E. C. Townsend, and among representatives of various organisations present were Mr. Howes, superintendent of the War Veterans' Home, and Mrs. Howes.

During the evening presentations were made by the treasurer, Miss Peg Hall, for her splendid work over many years for the sub-branch, and to Miss Cecile Baptiste, who was that evening flying to Canberra to take up her new post.

At the close of a very busy year, the vice-presidents thanked members for their support and cooperation and for the happy spirit which exists among members of the sub-branch, and all looked forward to an active year in 1963.