Mr. Lonnie’s Anzac Day Address

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LADY G A I R D N E R, D I S T I N G U I S H E D GUESTS,
LISTENERS AND VIEWERS OF WESTERN
AUSTRALIA:

Today, as free men and women, we re-enter the holy groves of memory, reflect in sorrow and pride upon the sons and daughters of our race who, in the flower of their youth were cut down, almost on the threshold of life. Sorrow there will be in countless homes across this country and beyond. As we join together in the O. P. O. service, we are united in the grief which we must share. 

Yet, in this grief, we can be proud of the manner in which our loved ones lived and died, and in this, we are moulded into one of the world’s most formidable fighting forces. With their comrades-in-arms, the Kiwis, the Australians, the Americans, the Poles, the Dutch, the Norwegians, the Danes, the French, and others, the men of Australia were worthy members of that grand Alliance of Nations which valued human freedom above all other possessions.

Memories Abound

Yes, memories surround us today—in the quiet reverence of the dawn, in the solemnly observed minutes, in the hauntings strains of the 1st Post, and the inspirations which the spirit and courage our mates of other years, their code of honor, and the loyalty with which they served them allantly and firmly to the end.

From the quiet peace of its lovely clay memoraless on the battlefield of the world—the scrub-covered slopes of Gallipoli, the mud of France, the shimmering deserts, the snow-capped mountains, the darkness and death of the jungle, the floods of storm and seas, and the battles for the skies.

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Outlined in stark silhouette against a Singapore sunrise the venerable memorial at Kranji War Cemetery provides a significant Anzac background for Australian soldiers who lost their lives in Singapore and Malaya during World War II.

EACH ANZAC DAY AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND TROOPS BASED IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYA AS PART OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA STRATEGIC RESERVE ATTEND A SOLEMN DAWN SERVICE UNDER THE MEMORIAL MONUMENT.

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Blackboy Memorial Progress Report

An interim report on the Blackboy Hill Campsite memorial appeal has been presented to the State Executive by committee chairman R. Nicholas.

At the April meeting of the committee, Mr. Nicholas said that after three years of effort the committee had raised about £2,000, which fell considerably short of the target for the modified design approved by Congress last year.

He said it had been originally planned to build a memorial structure that would serve as a standing tourist attraction and also as the venue of an annual sunset ceremony to be held on Anzac Day.

Both those ambitions had been realistic. The facts of the situation—namely, the former by the disappointing response to the appeal and the latter by the changed observance of Anzac Day.

The committee had felt that with the introduction of sport after 1 p.m., it would have been a sunset service at the memorial would have to be abandoned.

Mr. Nicholas added that he had personally sent out 5,000 appeal letters and that the response to the main tourist and personal visits involving a considerable amount of travel.

Concern Over State of Crown Lands

Many Great Southern farmers are concerned at the ravages of vermin and other fauna emanating from the protective cover of Crown lands.

Mr. R. Messenger, Country Vice-President for that region, said this at the State Executive meeting last month.

Mr. Messenger said that vermin position was very bad. He had counted 30 emus in one crop this year, to say nothing of kangaroos.

Many farmers, ex-service and otherwise, considered that with fauna reserves there would be vermin-proof fences.

There had also been complaints of treachery in areas falling on fences of adjacent farms.

Mr. Messenger said these matters had been raised frequently during a round of visits he had made to sub-branches, including those at Boyup Brook, Koombana, Williams and York.

Housing-Loan Proposal Politely Declined

League efforts aimed at persuading the British Government to make available $1,000,000 of loan money for the housing of British migrants to Australia on the same basis as provided by arrangements with the Italian and Dutch Governments have brought the following reply from the U.K. authorities:

In recent years the Government have been asked to provide official funds for this purpose, but the proposals put forward have revealed that there are legal and other difficulties.

A general consideration is that it would be inequitable to offer assistance to a State, which is not available to another country, to persons who are not in a position to pay taxes here, particularly while there is still an acute shortage of houses in Britain.

It is a well-established principle that the immigration of migrants is essentially a matter for the Government of the country. It is not understood that the current Australian population is 9,000,000, and the building of some 80,000 homes per year has been geared to economic conditions that are likely to remain for some years to come.

Even if external finance were available for British emigrant housing it would be necessary to increase the number of such schemes, it would be best if it could be made more people could compete for the available accommodation.

Further, it is considered that existing Australian building-society arrangements are adequate for attracting private and institutional investment for financing home ownership.

The appeal made by the Netherlands Government for financial support for their nationals in Australia has, so far as is known, been unsuccessful, mainly because of its similarity in the context of the problem of unemployment in Italy. This consideration may be transferred.

The Australian migrants officials in this country have not entered a point of principle that if it were to emigrants housing in Australia is short, so that publicity material they distribute and at interviews.

Minister Stalls N.G. Bid To Ban Sect

Commenting on a report that the R.S.I. State Congress in New Guinea had requested the banning of Jehovah's Witnesses, Territories Minister Hasluck said in Canberra recently:

"The motion carried by the R.S.I. Congress is along come lines and would only continue the serious difficulties that we have encountered in the past. We are trying to build up the cooperation of the Jewish people on various occasions.

"The objection to Jehovah's Witnesses appears to be largely due to the fact that Jehovah's Witnesses have become adherents of other churches. This they are not, that they are right. They have come to believe that there are different ways of looking at things.

"Under our long-established principle of freedom of worship, the Australian Government would find it difficult to justify the legal action and the only remnant on this point is that a security issue. They would have to show evidence that the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses are carrying out their own judgment and that they are carrying on a leadership of this denomination or the leadership of the missionaries that is, they are better acquainted."
THE LISTENING POST

MAY, 1962

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Sub-branch Anzac Services

Despite the Easter holiday arrangements at this year's Anzac Day observances, the atmosphere was one of solemnity, and the service at Anzac House was characterized by a high degree of respect and reverence. Following are the sub-branch reports on the subject that were received in time for publication in this issue:

APPLECROSS

For the Applecross sub-branch, the Convocation Hall was packed to the rafters this year. A large number of people, including many veterans, attended the service, with the president, Mr. J. C. Ford, and the secretary, Mr. R. L. Piggott, addressing the gathering. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. J. C. Black, and the choir sang with enthusiasm.

BELLEVUE

Anzac Day in Bellevue was marked by a moving service, attended by many veterans and their families. The president, Mr. W. J. Robinson, and the secretary, Mr. A. J. Guest, were in attendance, and the service was conducted by Rev. Dr. J. C. Black.

BUNBURY

The Bunbury sub-branch held a moving service, attended by many veterans and their families. The president, Mr. W. J. Robinson, and the secretary, Mr. A. J. Guest, were in attendance, and the service was conducted by Rev. Dr. J. C. Black.

GASCOYNE

The Gascoyne Anzac Day service was well attended, with many veterans and their families in attendance. The president, Mr. W. J. Robinson, and the secretary, Mr. A. J. Guest, were in attendance, and the service was conducted by Rev. Dr. J. C. Black.

GERALDTON

One of the biggest crowds of the day was at Geraldton, where the president, Mr. W. J. Robinson, and the secretary, Mr. A. J. Guest, were in attendance, and the service was conducted by Rev. Dr. J. C. Black.

BAYSWATER-MELTHAM

There were many favourable comments on the way in which the Bayswater-Meltham sub-branch observed Anzac Day. The president, Mr. W. J. Robinson, and the secretary, Mr. A. J. Guest, were in attendance, and the service was conducted by Rev. Dr. J. C. Black.

EX-SERVICEWOMEN'S

On Anzac Day eve the Returned Ex-Servicewomen's sub-branch was represented at the Sunrise ceremony at the Veteran's Home by Mrs. R. L. Piggott, who has been the chairman of the Branch's Furnishing Committee for the Clifton Wing.

Below: Some of the veterans at the service.

VETERANS' SUNSET SERVICE

And think you this shall be the end?
And do you deem the story done?
Not while Australians blood shall send
Its pride and best from sire to son.
There's not a lad whose fighting power
Amid the iron hail was proved
Who did not, in his dying hour
Raise guards for the land he loved.
There's not a man whose body lies
Broken near the alien mould
But from his side a rose shall rise
And spread its seed as hundredfold.
Through them shall boys now born recall
One truth to keep their spirits pure;
The life that freest spends
This, and this, only shall endure.

With these words Anthony Howes (son of the superintendent) concluded his address at the Anzac Eve Sunset Service at the War Veterans' Home at which he was assisted by Alan Forsyth (younger son of the president of the War Widows' Guild) and nine-year-old Trevor Clapton.

The whole theme of the service was based on the enthralling heritage that the younger generation should keep alive the spirit of Anzac Day, and this was emphasised in the spoken words. The youth of Australia must keep the Anzacs and their memories as evergreen as our gum trees.

To softly-played background music (arranged by Anthony) the assembled gathering watched as representatives of the League and kindred organisations surrounding the ground crossed on the Field of Remembrance.

The tribute of flowers placed by Mr. W. Patience on behalf of guests of the home bore a card on which was inscribed the names of late residents who had received the call to higher service.

Memories flowed through the minds of the assembled gathering as the Last Post was played by Cpl. T. Robertson and the minute silence was broken by the sound of Reveille from a distance by Drum Major B. Tetheridge. Both buglers are members of the W.A. University Regimental Band.

As the multilingual chords of Handel's Largo softened, a number of nineteen-year-old Trevor Clapton was heard, reciting the Remembrance Ode, so far in advance that the lads of today "will remember them."

Four junior Scouts of the 1st Tuart Hill Company were on duty throughout the ceremony, standing at the base of the flagpole raising the flag at the appropriate moment. The boys were carried out with dignity, the tasks allotted to them.

KULIN

Just to let you know we had a successful parade. For the first time ex-servicemen joined in the Anzac Day parade at Kulin. There were also many members of the Guild, the Wildcats and the Cubs. The usual number of ex-servicemen accompanied by the buglers, and the cheerleaders also participated. The only original Anzac on parade led the way. The attendance was very good, possibly a record. Reg. Davies, M.M., gave the address.

NORTHAM

At Northam this year a contingent of 57 ex-servicemen, led by president Norm Ridgway, headed the parade which was well supported. The parade included the Northam Shire Band, the F.A.A.O.C. (6 C.A.D.), the Northam Cadets, St. John Ambulance Cadets, Northam Volunteer Fire Brigade and the local Public School bands.

The service was held at the memorial Hall to Bernard, Park where the ceremony was commended by 1st Mayor Rushton led the proceedings. O'Sullivan, S.M., addressed the audience.

On Anzac Day address the sub-branch president, Mr. K. F. McDonald said it was a community obligation to honour the men who fought, and suffered so that others could live in peace and freedom, and to look after the needs and dependants—R.J.B.

GLYN FORREST

Fourteen ex-servicemen marched to the hall for the commemorative Anzac Day Service. President Frank Beadle took the service and conducted it.

After the service refreshment was provided for all. About fifty people attended. The miniature cenotaph and hall-stage were decorated with flowers for the occasion.

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Mr. J. R. Duncan's history of the

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The Work of Amelioration

An important aspect of the League's work has always been assistance to the sick, the needy, and the unemployed ex-service-man and his dependants. This dates back to its earliest existence.

In 1921 an amount of £3,029.2/1 was granted to the Department of the Imperial Service. This was used to provide shoes, clothing, fares to employment, tools, meals, accommodation and so on, but in very few cases was cash given to those applying for assistance.

During the next few years the actual amount is not recorded, although this was administered to extend its activities through a separate bank account and subject to audit by the League's auditors.

In its early years the financial position of the League was very different from today. Total expenditure for all purposes in 1921 was about £1,000 per annum. The idea of conducting an Art Union to assist those in need of increasing funds was explored, and this became an established feature of the League in some years and in some cases of augmenting income for a number of years.

At first the proceeds were paid into general funds but by 1926 it was realised that the practice had prevailed of making it necessary for Diggers to seek assistance outside the headquarters of the League.

Art Unions

Among the organisations offering assistance were the Red Cross Society and United Service Funds. The purpose of providing funds for the alleviation of unemployment and difficulties was to be conducted and resulted in a net profit of £1,900, the main cost being the provision of food and clothing and assistance to members and their dependants. The outlay of providing them with tents, blankets, sustenance and fares.

An interesting point about this stage was the effort of the R.S.L. to obtain by other sections of the community and for this purpose the League conducted further Art Unions to provide funds for special hospitals, which received 75 per cent, and for country hospitals which received 50 per cent. This not only benefited the hospitals of the State but brought the R.S.L. into the position of the most efficient agency for the conduct of an Art Union.

A number of men who had been assisting for years had become aware of the League's position, and its medical and financial officers were able to provide relief to applicants. It was stated that the percentage of applications made by non-members of the League had been consistently helped over a period of years with the recognition from the person assisting as to the ability of the League. The number of applicants was recorded as 700, while the number of men who had been assisted made donations to the fund when they became able to do so.

These, however, were in a minority because it has further reported: "It is a significant fact that the most remarkable and difficult applicant is the man who has paid into the League. For these cases have worked enthusiastically for the welfare of the League and have not accepted the assistance of any other organisation."

Sympathetic Assistance

Despite this, every applicant then, and has since received sympathetic consideration from the trustees, a fact which made the prestige of the League among those who know the League.

During 1930 the W.A. Aged Sailors & Soldiers' Relief Fund, came into being by means of an Act of Parliament. This was to be built during the ensuing years by allotment of half the proceeds of Poppy Day collections.

"Until that time proceeds had been used as a source of amelioration funds by branches with a small amount being apportioned to R.S.L. relief funds. The following years saw a gradual increase in these funds and no grants were made for relief from them until 1949. At that time they had amounted to £1,508.10/8, insufficient to meet the expenditure, and the maximum reached was £1,650.10/4 when the total was £40,232.4/5.

Meanwhile an Act of Parliament had set up the Lottery Commission to conduct all Art Unions in the State. This meant that the source of finance was now denied to the League, and to compensate for this the Lottery Commission made substantial donations to the League Fund, of which was credited to the Melioration Fund.

Due to the effects of the Depression, calls on the League increased and once more the Red Cross Society, Blackboy Hill officials, the War Council Relief Fund, the State Women's Auxiliary and R.S.L. sub-branches gave much assistance.

From 1931 to 1941 records show that 13,019 applicants received relief. Of these only 1,511 were given £3.7 per cent were members of the League.

Many others who received assistance although in a position to join the League, had never recognised the organisation until they were in trouble, and then adopted the attitude that it was their right to receive assistance and were surprised when they found that the relief they were receiving was made possible by the efforts of members.

In this ten-year period a total of £16,947.13/3 was made available to these applicants.

Fund Disbursements

The Aged Sailors' Relief Fund, which had been accumulating, began to make funds available for applicants in 1943. Within a few years the amount being granted exceeded the income and it became necessary to draw on the capital funds. Careful administration had resulted in an amount of £63,013.7/4 on 31st December, 1959. This, together with the R.S.L. Relief Fund, stood at the same time at £111,794.6/10/6.

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Age-allowance Case Is Put And Answered

The vexed question of the age allowance provided for in the Income Tax legislation was the subject of a League submission to the Federal Treasurer recently.

The League asked: "That the Age Allowance provided under the Income Tax legislation be based on taxable income only and not on net income and that in the section relating to Dependant's Allowance separate net income shall be deemed not to include a war pensioner's dependent's allowance."

Mr. Holt has replied: "I refer to your letter of 15th March, 1962, making representations on behalf of your National Executive for the amendment of those provisions of the Income-tax laws which govern concessions for aged persons and allowances for dependents.

"As you may know, both of the proposals mentioned in the executive's resolution are matters which were considered by the Commonwealth Committee on Taxation.

"In its report to the Government the committee recommended that the age-allowance concessions be calculated on a taxable-income rather than a net-income basis. However, no recommendation was made on the question whether the exempt income of a dependent should be disregarded for concessional deduction purposes.

"This matter was considered to be one of Government policy and therefore outside the committee's terms of reference.

"I am hopeful that the Government will have an opportunity of examining in detail the sections of the report which relate to the age-allowances and concessional-deduction provisions during the preparation of the 1962-63 Budget. At the same time, representations which have been made direct to the Government will be 'reviewed and your executive may be assured that its views on the subject will be kept in mind.'

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Operation Reconnoitre  
At Bicton-Palmyra  

April 16—the allotted date—saw the Bicton-Palmyra sub-branch playing its part in Operation Reconnoitre—the League's doorknock campaign for recruiting new members and瞭解ing former members.

Several sub-branch members were on the job and made initial contact with a number of eligible residents, who are to be visited again. Membership is desired in the League generally—in the Bicton-Palmyra sub-branch for the following reasons:

- To help reduce the over draft on Edinburgh Hall, the sub-branch headquarters. New members bring new ideas, and ideas and active help are needed to balance the ledger.
- To help the sub-branch play a greater part in general League activities as the War Veterans' Home.
- To extend the social-welfare work for women and their dependants.
- To do more for youth and the general welfare.
- To help the sub-branch deal with employment problems.

The sub-branch is optimist about its membership prospects and reports a record enrolment this year. "This happy state of affairs," says president T. Lee, "is due mainly to the efforts of our new membership secretary, Mr. Hazlett."

At the last general meeting it was decided to extend Operation Reconnoitre in the Bicton-Palmyra area.

On May 20 three or four members will stand by their phones to receive inquiries and give any information required. Phone numbers and addresses of the people of inquiry will be advertised in the press in due course. Those genuinely interested in the League will either phone, call, or write.

Programme At Boddington

The Boddington sub-branch is obtaining quotations for the construction of an outside toilet block at the R.S.L. Hall. It was decided at the April meeting to hold this year's reunion dinner on Saturday, June 30, and neighbouring sub-branches are asked to keep this date open. Final details will be released later. Mr. G. Keen has received a letter from the sub-branch asking for a "more home" in coming.

The last meeting was held on Sunday, May 6.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1961

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books of account of the RETURNED SAILORS', SOLDIERS' AND AIRMEN'S IMPERIAL LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA (W.A. BRANCH), for the year ended 31st December, 1961, and report that, in my opinion, the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and exhibits a correct view of the state of the affairs of the League as at that date, according to the best of my information and as shown by the aforesaid books and account. I have received all the information and explanations required for preparing the Balance Sheet.

J. L. MITCHELL, Chartered Accountant.

(For Inspection Contact—H. & N. PERRY, Estate Agents, Waterfront—Mandurah, Tel. Mandurah 301.)

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CONGRESS-ITEMS DEADLINE

Sub-branch officials and members are reminded that nominations and items for inclusion on the agenda for this year's State Congress must be lodged at Anzac House from July 16 to 19.
Annual Accounts continued

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1961

INCOME

1960

In accordance with the Cost of Party

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### Trust Funds of the League

The Trust Funds consist of:

- The Blackbey Camp Commemoration Appeal Fund, which as at 31/12/60 was 1,623 £ 16
- To which was added:
  - Interest: 64 £ 8
  - Donations: 138 £ 0
  - And from which was deducted:
    - Appeal Expenses: 27 £ 9
  - The Fund as at 31/12/61 therefore was: 2,005 £ 16

- The Disaster Relief Fund, which was opened in Jan. 1961, and includes Contributions from Sub-Branches, etc.
- Life Members Grant
- N.W. Branch Grant
- Interest: 27 £ 0
- And from which was deducted:
  - Lord Mayor’s Disaster Fund: 817 £ 9
  - Dwellings Grant: 200 £ 0
  - Emergency Relief: 200 £ 0
  - Appeal Expenses: 1 £ 8

- The Fund as at 31/12/61 therefore was: 607 £ 8

- The Hills Welfare Committee (Lakeman Trust), which as at 31/12/60 was:
  - To which was added:
    - Life Members Grant: 14 £ 0
    - Interest: 33 £ 0
  - And from which was deducted:
    - Annual Subscriptions: 71 £ 0

- The Fund as at 31/12/61 therefore was: 628 £ 7

- The Staff Provident Fund, which as at 31/12/60 was:
  - To which was added:
    - Interest: 11 £ 0
  - And from which was deducted a grant of 304 £ 0

- The Fund as at 31/12/61 therefore was: 326 £ 10

- The State War Memorial Trust Fund, which as at 31/12/60 was:
  - To which was added:
    - Interest: 35 £ 0
  - And from which was deducted:
    - Grants of £ 40 £ 6

- The Fund as at 31/12/61 therefore was: 427 £ 14

- The Sub-Branch Investment Fund, which was established to account for Funds No. 43, 35, and to which was transferred:
  - Transfer from League General Fund: 221 £ 14
  - Contributions from Sub-Branches: 71 £ 0
  - Interest: 71 £ 0
  - Discount on Stocks Purchased: 1 £ 1

- The Fund as at 31/12/61 therefore was: 1,631 £ 15

- The Total Trust Funds of the League as at 31/12/61 therefore were: 6,873 £ 12

### Statement of Receipts and Payments of Sundry Funds

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| To which was added Donations | £ 10 0 0
| And from which was deducted Expenses | 278 £ 9 3
| The R.S.L. Caravan Park, P.E. | 191 £ 19 8 |
| Physical or Administrative Costs, including Agreed Costs | 2,655 £ 11 8 |
| To which was added: Improvement Fund as at 31/12/60 | 462 £ 5 3 |
| Expenditure on Incomes over Expenditure 1961 | 677 £ 4 3 |
| The Fund as at 31/12/61 therefore | 3,730 £ 4 4 |
| The R.S.L. Welfare Fund which includes the Welsh Legion Fund as at 31/12/61 was | 1,099 £ 19 8 |
| To which was added: | 149 £ 1 0 |
| The Requests Fund at 31/12/60 | 40 £ 0 0
| To which was added: | 57 £ 8 3
| The total of which was transferred from the Trust Funds Account as at 31/12/61 | 5,961 £ 1 0
| To which was further added: | 317 £ 19 5 |
| The R.S.L. Relief Fund which as at 31/12/60 was | 11,194 £ 1 8 |
| To which was added: | 433 £ 15 3 |
| Poppy Day Proceeds, 1961 | 386 £ 1 1 |
| Clothing | 31 £ 17 0
| Clothing | 12 £ 6 0
| Food | 114 £ 10 8
| Hospital Visiting | 1,095 £ 9 3
| Wages to Wheel Chair | 97 £ 1 6
| R.S.L. Grants | 37 £ 6 0
| Administration | 300 £ 0 0
| The total of the Relief Fund as at 31/12/61 was | 3,251 £ 4 0
| The total of the Relief Fund as at 31/12/61 therefore was | 15,724 £ 6 0
| The W.A. Branch Reserve | 23,024 £ 3 7

### W.A. AGED SAILORS, SOLDIERS & AIRMEN’S RELIEF FUND TRUST

#### Statement of the Fund for the Year ended 31st December, 1961

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<td>The Fund as at 31/12/61 therefore was</td>
<td>40,818 £ 7 3</td>
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#### EXPENDITURES

- Grants: £ 4,844 0 0
- Commonwealthe Treasurer’s Loans: £ 600 0 0
- Commonwealth Treasurers’ Loans: £ 4,600 0 0
- Total: £ 5,444 10 5

#### SUNDRY CREDITORS

- The Sundry Creditors of the W.A. Branch were:
  - Trade Accounts: £ 3,046 £ 0 0
  - Provision for Land Tax: £ 1,000 0 0
  - Contributions from Sub-Branches: £ 460 £ 0 0
  - Excess Water, Light and Power: £ 3,000 £ 1 2
  - Subscriptions—Annual: £ 200 £ 0 0
  - Capitation Fees: £ 577 £ 0 0
  - Total: £ 6,826 £ 16 6

- Total Sundry Creditors: £ 6,826 £ 16 6
**Annual Accounts continued**

**War Veterans' Home Account**

The War Veterans' Home Account 1960/61

- **Income**: £141,709 18 1
- **Expenditure**: £141,709 18 1

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**Furnishing Account**

- **Transfer to Building Account**: £675 10 11
- **Discounts Received**: £89 14 2
- **Donations**: £1,015 4 8

**Total Furnishing Account**: £1,167 5 10

**Donations to the Account**

- **From which was Deducted**
  - Building Account: £575 10 11
  - Operating Account: £229 3 3

**Total Operating Account**

- **Income**: £146,018 17 3
- **Expenditure**: £146,018 17 3

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**Total Net Income**

- £851,917 5 10

**Balance Sheet**

- Capital: £1,285 1 5
- Reserve: £632 1 1
- Total Net Income: £851,917 5 10

**R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary**

**Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1961**

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**R.S.L. CARAVAN PARK—FT. PERON**

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Italian Howitzer For Australian Army

The first issues of the new 105mm. Italian pack-howitzer had begun in Australia, Army Minister Cramer said in Canberra recently.

The new weapon would be used in Australian Military Force field regiments and would be complementary to the American 105mm towed gun which was already on issue to some units in Australia, he said.

Both equipments fired the same shell.

The only Australian unit previously issued with the pack-howitzer was the 103rd Battery in Malaya.

The new pack-howitzer had the maximum range of about 11,000 yards, but only weighed 3,000 lbs. It was extremely mobile and could be towed by vehicle or animal, reduced to 12 mule loads, put into an aircraft either in pieces or assembled. It could even be slung under a medium helicopter.

At the worst the howitzer could be carried by men for short distances and, without the aid of artilleries, could be assembled by five men in six minutes. Its heaviest part weighed 300 lbs.

This Italian howitzer could engage targets with high-angle fire, allowing it to fire out of clearings in jungle or to search for targets behind hills. It was ideally suited to jungle and mountain fighting and was capable of employment of mountain guns of the second world war.

The weapon had been adopted by the British Army as a field artillery weapon for use in tropical areas.

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**DID YOU KNOW ...?**

*(asks C. R. Collins)*

- THE SOUTH African War of 1899-1902, popularly called the Boer War, ended with the signing of a peace treaty at Vereeniging, on May 31, 1902. The war was the first in which troops from every State in Australia served, and the first for which the Australian Commonwealth, inaugurated on January 1, 1901, raised forces. The main terms of the treaty included the Boers acknowledging themselves subjects of King Edward VII. In return, they were promised self-government as soon as possible. That promise was kept with the result that the Union of South Africa, with Dominion Status, was inaugurated in June 1910. The British Government made the Boers a grant of £3,000,000 to reconstruct their homes and farms, which had been ruined by the war. This was a rare, not the only instance in history, of the winners of a war paying reparations to the losers. Two years after the signing of the Treaty of Vereeniging, a Boer contingent was serving with the British forces against the Mad Mullah in Somaliland.

- BOTH Wellington and Blucher have had boots named after them. The beloved woollen jacket called the "Cardigan" is named after Lord Cardigan, who commanded the Light Brigade at Balaklava. The Anthony Eden hat had its prototype in a brown, colourised, wider-brimmed hat which used to be called the Dr. Johnson, early wearer, Dr. L. S. Jameson, who led the unfortunate Jameson Raid in which did so much towards making the Boer War inevitable. During the South African War, the flat-brimmed, peak-crowned hat—also known as "Gingerbread"—was named the Baden-Powell party after the defender of Malakoff. That style of hat is of American origin. In his book on the Battle of Tsitsikamma, of 1838, he called it "the cowboy hat" and recommended it as the most suitable headgear for scouts.

- WELLINGTON has been described by some of his soldiers because he described the army he commanded at Waterloo as an "infamous" army. When Wellington applied that adjective he used the word "infamous" in its literal sense as the opposite of "famous." The majority of men who fought at Waterloo were partially trained depot battalion who had no previous experience of war. The units of his continental staff, who were inexperienced and therefore, not famous.

- THE ONLY man to win the V.C. in peace-time was a quietly O'Hea of the 1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade. In 1866 O'Hea was member of military guard in Canada carrying 200 German immigrants and a supply of gunpowder from Quebec to Lake Erie. A fire broke out in the ammunition truck into which O'Hea climbed and directed the fire-queening of the V.C. O'Hea came to Australia after he left the Army and lost his life along with other members of a party who were searching for traces of the missing major who had been lost. His V.C. was exhibited for many years in the Sydney Art Gallery. It was eventually handed over to the Rifle Brigade Museum where it rests now.

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**Mr. Townshend Heads New Anti-Red Body**

State Vice-President E. G. Townshend has been elected president of a newly formed West Australian branch of the Australian Asian People's Anti-Communist League.

He reported this at the April meeting of the State Executive.

Mr. Townshend said he had attended the inaugural meeting of the WA. branch of the organisation as representative of the R.S.L. State President.

He said the anti-communist league had not long since conducted a congress in the East with representatives of 34 nations in attendance.

The Australian national secretary of the organisation was Senator Fairman and the West Australian representative Senator Bran. The Perth meeting had been held in the McKinnon Hotel Hall late in March.

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**Girl's penalty At Kenwick**

The entrance-fee for an Apron afternoon social conducted by the Kenwick women's auxiliary recently was a penny per inch of apron. The penalties were placed in the pocket of a miniature apron handed to each guest and duly collected with the "conscience-money" intact.

At the close of the afternoon the aprons—made by Mrs. Rainer—were presented to the small daughters of those present.

The entertainment included some novel games and some songs sung by Mrs. Frank Stevens.

Mrs. Boyle accompanied at the piano for some community singing and as well played several solo items.

The auxiliary funds befitted handsomely from the proceedings.

**LOST: 1913-15 Star on Anzac Day, between Ozone and Wattle Park—Anderson, No. 8253, 16th Btn.**
ANZAC DAY AT SEA

From Mr. Cyril Fletcher comes the following account of an Anzac Day commemoration service on board the liner Oranje on route to the United Kingdom via Panama.

On departure from Wellington, New Zealand, I received word that there would be a quite a number of ex-service personnel on the ship and for "Oranje" we were about holding a service. All thought it a grand idea and passed the back to me to try to arrange something. I said to the chaplain who understood the captain, and that as far as he was concerned he would not only be quite willing to conduct the service but would consider it a privilege and honour to do so.

In conjunction with Ted Thompson, the purser, and the manager of the Claremont branch of the N.Z. Bank, we formulated the Order of Service. Ted promptly invaded the purser's book to order a copy, which was dutifully submitted to the chaplain and Chief Purser. Two excellent Dutch gentlemen got busy and suggested that instead of four copies they would use blank menu cards with a picture on the front and text on the back. They were most enthusiastic and co-operative.

The only snag was the sounding of the "Last Post" and "Revelle"—there was no bugle or bugler on board the ship. The purser suggested that they try at the various ports to obtain a bugler on board, but unfortunately no one seemed to have one. We had to substitute our own memorial verse, "They Shall Not Grow Old.

The cinema-lounge, which seats about 150 people, was cleared of all its merchandise, with white paper to cover, and four large speakers and a microphone. No one seemed to mind as they could be heard by the passengers on board. The music was played, and the service was held at 10 a.m.

Charming Gesture

At the conclusion of their Anzac Service on Thursday, April 26, six children of Coolinabla School, accompanied by parents and Citizens Association president Miss White, brought flowers and a magnificent wreath to the children in the War Veterans' Home. The wreath measured 62 in. in circumference. With reverent steps, four of the youngsters carried the large wreath and placed it on the Federal War Memorial, together with a wreath, from the Coolinabla Parents and Citizens Association. Then, accompanied by members of the home, they visited various buildings and distributed bunches of flowers to the occupants.

Long Probe On P.O.W.

Research into the medical problems of ex-Japanese internees of war would be continued as soon as a suitable repatriation medical officer became available. Repatriation Minister Swartz said recently.

He said a special committee had been undertaking a protracted study of the problem up to the recent establishment of the committee's chairman, Dr. C. W. Nye. The committee's investigation would be continued and would be recommended as a suitable medical replacement for Dr. Nye was appointed. Mr. Swartz said an investigation into the re-establishment of ex-Japanese P.O.W.s had been carried out in 1917 by a panel of medical officers headed by Sir Albert Coates and Repatriation administration officers.

The committee had recommended a test survey of 10 per cent of the Australian prisoners of war, and in an Australia-wide survey on that basis 12,000 ex-P.O.W.s were interviewed. As a result of the survey a special booklet on the experiences of ex-P.O.W.s had been widely circulated among hospitals and other medical people.

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They Deserve To Be Remembered

The names of 22 Australian soldiers who lost their lives in the Korean campaign whose last resting place is unknown are to be inscribed on a memorial in the United Nations Cemetery at Pusan.

Commonwealth governments have agreed to the marking of all Commonwealth Graves in the U.N. Memorial Cemetery with a plaque set on a concrete pedestal, and to provide a memorial to commemorate those without a known grave.

Details to be embodied on the plaques, and the panels which will be prepared by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in conjunction with Central Army Records Office.

They are about 2,000 war dead from 11 nations buried in the Pusan cemetery, and about 1,400 are from the British Commonwealth. In Korea there are 267 Panels of members of the Australian Military Forces, and the names of 22 other P.O.W.s whose graves have never been located, will be inscribed on the proposed memorial.
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Gratitude Shown By 'Rebab' Man

A great many West Australian ex-servicemen have had the benefits of post-war rehabilitation training. Here is an instance of thanks recently received by Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation Humman from one of them—John Joseph Doust.

Dear Mr. Humman,
I've addressed this letter to you by name simply because I want you to be the first to read it.
I have completed the requirements for the degree of B.Sc. in the University of W.A., and have recently been appointed lecturer in Physiology at the Perth Technical College under the most generous conditions. This is due to the efforts of yourself and your staff towards securing my rehabilitation, which I now believe is complete.

Please convey to all the officers concerned my deepest gratitude and warmest best wishes.

Very sincerely,
(Sgd.) John Doust.

N.Z. Sub-branch Formed

At a meeting at Anzac House on April 30 it was decided to form a branch of the New Zealand sub-branch.

The secretary for the time being, Mr. J. E. C. T. Thomas, said that the new sub-branch will be held in the Visitors' Room, Anzac House, on May 11. Until further notice all correspondence should be addressed to Mr. T. W. Smith, Secretary, Anzac House, Perth.

Digger's Ashes Laid At Rest

A simple but impressive service took place in the military section of the Karakatta Cemetery on April 6 when the ashes of the late Lieut. C. P. (Dick) Cornish, D.S.O., were laid at rest.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Ralph Thomas, the officiating priest being Dick's widow and son.

A large number of old 44th Battalion comrades and Carnarvon friends were present, as were members of the 28th and 16th Battalions.

A brother-officer, Mr. A. G. L. Smith, president of the 44th Battalion Association, and Mr. C. McIntosh who organized the proceedings, headed the cortège.

So rests a soldier whose devotion to his country, and its cause, and the inspiration to his comrades, will remain with them for years to come.

Tribute To Kamikaze Victims

A simple ceremony in Leyte Gulf recently paid tribute to the sailors and marines who were killed in the first Allied landings in the Philippines in 1944.

The memorial service was held aboard the Australian destroyer HMAS Voyager, en route to a visit to the Philippines to prepare for an important maritime exercise.

A wreath was lowered into the water near the spot where a Kamikaze aircraft crashed into the R.A.N. cruiser HMAS Australia on November 21, 1944.

Australia was helping to provide close cover for the landings and was the first ship damaged by a Japanese suicide attack at Leyte. Six Australian sailors were killed instantly, and another 24 died of wounds.

At the service in HMAS Voyager's ship's company gathered to hear a roll-call of those who died in HMAS Australia 15 years ago.

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Japanese Seeks Contact With P.O.W. Officers

A Japanese who served as an interpreter among Australian prisoners-of-war on the Burma Railway in World War II made the following request late last year to the Australian Broadcasting Commission, which has passed it on through the W.A. Branch of the Ex-Prisoners' Association for publication in these columns.

Dear Sirs—I beg your pardon to introduce myself. My name is Takashi Nagase. I am keeping a little English institute teaching you people.

Of course, I listen to your broadcasts from 5 o'clock to 8 o'clock at eleven points in the afternoon. It may not be so clear for my radio-set in other time.

Now, I am writing to ask your favour. The reason is as follows. Would you please read my humble letter?

I was an interpreter of Japanese Army. I think you know the notorious story of Japanese Army at the Burma-Siam Railway during the war. I was then under the command of "Kemper-Tai" there. After the war, I accompanied the Allied searching party to locate the cemeteries of the dead prisoners of war along the railway for nearly a month.

This year, on the 31st July, I was conducted by the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation to Broadcasting Station of S.W.B. in Hagi, or "S.W.B." in Japanese. I am writing this letter, but I have heard nothing from them until now.

I found it hard now to do this. I must have some cooperatives. Therefore I am asking your LH. to find the Australian officers. One is Mr. Hills who was a cap- tain then, and I.P.O.W., and another was lieutenant. I have forgotten his name, but I think I am sure about them. I shall like to correspond with them about the matter.

I am still dreaming sometimes of some thousands of P.O.W. and workers are buried in the jungle, and it is my duty to console their souls by all means.

Imagine English people taught me to be the master of everything. Would you please help me with this? Thank you very much for reading this letter.

Yours truly,
Takashi Nagase.
No. 779 Higashi-machi,
Kurashiki, Okayama Pref.
JAPAN.
Victoria Park Highlights

The next general meeting of the branch is on Friday, May 18, at 8 p.m., at the hall in Salisbury Street.

The Big Move

Sub-branch Moves At Geraldton

A move by the Geraldton sub-branch to have the Anzac Day breakfast moved to March, instead of April, was rejected by the State Executive.

The decision was taken to give the usual support which the sub-branch is taking to the need to defer the ceremony to April 26 because of the extended Easter holiday period.

State Secretary Webb said it was obvious that teachers in the area were seeking additional training opportunities and making for greater efficiency.

It will also point out that the sub-branch students in the north have sought to give to the sub-branch students in the south.

The sub-branch will be down by 100 students at the Muresk College of Agriculture in the Geraldton area.

The move has been made to give the students a more responsive training centre.

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ABBOTT, A. E., 44th Bn., Bayswater.

ARMSTRONG, C. G., 9th Bn., Northcote.

ASTIN, A. E., 11th Bn., Victoria Park.

BICKFORD, J. L., 11th Bn., Northcote.

BORENDE, W. B., 3rd Bn., Warrill, Claremont.

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GUTTFIELD, L. D., 11th Bn., Berrendale.

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DICKSON, A. A., 2/4th, Dalgety.

SMITH, F. M., 21st Bn., Brune Rock.

DUGGAN, P. J., 1st Bn., Northcote.

EDWARDS, M. C., 28th Bn., Northcote.

FENNION, P., 3rd Bn., Esperance.

HARPER, G. F., 34th Bn., West Leederville.


HUTCHINSON, W., 9th Bn., Balure.

ISANES, C. F., R.A.F., City of Perth.

JAMES, L. Mc, 28th Bn., Mt. Hawthorn.

JORDAN, M., Cottesloe.

JONES, E. A., 10th L.H., Northlands.

JOHNSON, R. R., 18th Bn., Narrogin.

KING, H. R., R.A.A.F., Cottesloe.

KNOTT, H. G., 50th Bn., Fremantle.

MARCHANT, C., R.A.A.F., Mount Lawley.

MARTIN, H., 6th S.A. N.S.W., Narrogin.

MOFFETT, J. K., 10th L.H., Northlands.

MOORE, R. H., 18th Bn., Narrogin.

HOME, R. R., 28th Bn., Kooralup.


McWHINNIE, A., 1st Bn., Northcote.

McADAM, P. E., 51st Bn., Fremantle.

McKELVEY, M. H. P., 3rd Bn., East Fremantle.

SLEIGHT, J., 11th Bn., Darlington.

SMITH, T. W., 1st Bn., Riverway.

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Lots On At Bayswater

The general meetings of the Bayswater-Melville sub-branch are held on the first Sunday afternoon of each month, and the games night on the third Tuesday. The meetings commence at 8 p.m. Card evenings are held from time to time.

The next cabaret night falls on May 19 (patrons are asked to bring refreshments). The Bayswater R.S.L., Hall, built for the most part by members themselves, is available for hire at most weekends and during the week. Arrangements should be made through secretary G. Bayliss (71 4536). The sub-branch is conducting a raffle to help reduce the debt on its hall and seek the support of local residents. First prize is a marcasite watch with brooch and earrings to match.

Ladies=

Send It In For Publication

Sub-branch publicity officers and individual members, this journal provides you with an opportunity of addressing League members throughout the State!

If you have anything of interest to do with your sub-branch and its activities, or by way of personal reminiscences, send it in. But note the deadline for any issue—the 28th day of the previous month. Submissions must be in the hands of the Editor, "The Listening Post," Anzac House, Perth, by that time.

What Does Anzac Day Mean? asks Premier

Giving the Anzac Day addresses at Morawa, Perenjori and Gutha this year the Premier, Mr. Brand, said the 47-year period since the birth of Anzac Day was a very long time and that people might well take the opportunity of asking what Anzac Day meant to them today.

Unless it inspired and stirred them to follow the lead of the Anzacs and their successors in fighting for freedom then the bliss of ceremonies and commemorations today must have a hollow ring.

Mr. Brand said the present generation should acknowledge the sacrifices that the Anzacs and their successors had made. They could do this by taking advantage of the present freedom to ensure that countries like Australia shared their prosperity and happy lives with the rest of the world, and that they protected the freedom for which their forefathers had fought by ensuring that there was no fertile bed for Communism, which could have the same effect, in a different country, as the enemy at Gallipoli.

MEMORABLE

April 24, 1962, was the 21st anniversary of a memorable Anzac for Mr. Brand, for it was at 8 p.m. on April 24, 1941, that he got out of Greece after fighting a rear-guard action with other members of the 2/11th Battalion on Crete in a British destroyer.

Mr. Brand was wounded during the rear-guard action and nearly the whole of the 2/11th Battalion were captured by the Germans on Crete. Mr. Brand was finally evicted to Alexandria in a hospital ship—B.J.B.

Search For A Mr. Grover

An inquiry has come from the Geraldton V.F.A.O. Sub-branch concerning the present whereabouts of Mr. N. L. Grover. The inquirer believes that Mr. Grover is at Geraldton during 1916—1917, and that he was then a commercial traveller.

Would anyone with any knowledge of the man kindly communicate with the R.S.L. State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth.

A Pensions Move Is Rejected

The League has failed with a plea that the wife of a pensioner who receives his service pension on grounds of age should be given service pension for herself, as is the case with a pensioner whose eligibility that he is permanently unemployed.

In his reply to a League submission on the matter Minister Swartz says: "The general conditions for service pensions for those for age and invalid pensions, and acceptance of the values of a similar change in the conditions under which a wife's allowance is paid under the Social Services Act.

"An age service pensioner who is permanently incapacitated would have his eligibility altered to that of permanently unemployable, in which case his wife would be eligible for service pension."

"I should point out to you that the same measure of disability applies for service as for invalid pension under the Social Services Act. An ex-serviceman incapacitated to the extent of 65 per cent, as mentioned in the Social Repatriation Act, regards himself permanently unemployable.

"In the circumstances I am unable to support the resolution.

City Of Perth's Easter Gift

City of Perth Sub-branch Secretary G. Grover reports that the usual Easter Gift was drawn as follows:

First ($20) — Ticket number 2397
Second ($10) — Number 773
Third ($5) — Number 603
Ticket-holders should lose no time in reaping their reward.

Patrons and book-sellers are thanked for their help. Financial guardians of the Hall are pleased with the result.

Old Tin Hats To Serve War Veterans

Two hundred obsolete army helmets donated by the League recently are being converted into collection boxes for the War Veterans Home with a view to their distribution among hotels and clubs throughout the State.

This was reported at the April meeting of the State Executive by Mr. B. Flanagan on behalf of the Fund Raising Committee.

Mr. Flanagan said the "tin hats" had been procured from the firm of J. Krasanoff and Co., Ltd. Another firm of hat manufacturers had been asked to convert 50 of them free of charge. Their distribution and the handling of the donations placed on them would be a matter for the various sub-branches, he said.

Still Another...

Our list of subalterns to be considered for the D.S.O. in World War 1 has been extended by this month's addition—submited by M. M. P. McRae of the Cottesloe sub-branch:

Lieut., Harry B. McRae, 13th Bn., 4th Bde., A.I.F.
Lieut. Baker was awarded the D.S.O. for conduct in the attack on the Delville Line on September 18, 1918.