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Defence Of Our Northern Areas

Improved mobility was an important aim in current defence planning for northern Australia, Defence Minister Townley told the League recently.

He was replying to representations based on a resolution of the 47th National Congress of the League.

The resolution was worded: "As there is no apparent adequate defence of north Australia this Congress requests for more naval, military and air bases to be established in north Australia."

The Minister, in his reply referred to the following passage from a statement he made in Parliament on October 24:

Security

"There is one matter to which I like to refer briefly before I close, because it is so often the subject of discussion. That is the defence of the northern areas of Australia. Defence preparations are necessary to ensure the security of these areas." He went on to say that the overall plan for the defence of Australia and its territories was an important consideration.

New Projects

A number of major new defence projects were proceeding or would commence in the present three-year programme, including: the completion of the new Daintree Road, Darwin, with its associated taxways and hardstanding area; the new airfield in the Darwin area; airfield reconstruction and extensions at棠merley, now building and works at the Townsville base.

The importance of adequate defence preparations for Australia’s north was fully appreciated. The Government was alert to the defence implications of international developments, and the defence policy and programme were kept under constant review. The record was that more were assigned to the northern area of the country in recent years.

Victoria’s Leader Honoured

At their January meeting of the Victorian State Executive, members of the Victorian State Executive applauded their leader, Charles Holly McKay, C.B.E., on a knighthood conferred on him in the New Year Honours List.

The senior State Vice-President of the Victorian branch, Mr W. H. Hall, said the honour conferred on Sir Charles, who had proved himself a popular and energetic president, was richly deserved.

"Under his guidance the Victorian branch has won the respect of the community and of the Federal and State Governments. Sir Charles is the first country member of the League in Victoria to hold the position of president," Mr Hall added.

Sir Charles joined the R.S.L. in 1919 and was president of the Rippon branch for 22 years, a State Councillor for 23 years and a State Executive member for 13 years.

He was Country Vice-President and a member of the Land Settlement Committee for nine years and had held the position of State President since July 1956.

A senior member of the Melbourne Harbour Trust, Sir Charles is also a trustee of Anzac House, Melbourne, and of the Shrine of Remembrance, and is a member of the War Veterans’ Homes Trust of Victoria.

He enlisted in World War II as a private with the 5th Battalion, A.I.F., and was later commissioned and transferred to the 12th Battalion.

At the executive meeting last week, Sir Charles congratulated State Councillor member Sir Ernest Samuel Reeve on the award of Member of the British Empire in the Honours List.

SIR CHARLES MCKAY
(Victorian R.S.L. State President)

THE ANNUAL STREET APPEAL

The annual R.S.L. street appeal is drawing near. From April 26 and the need for volunteer collectors is most urgent. The appeal is in aid of the League’s welfare and relief work, which grows greater with the passing of the years.

Collectors are wanted to man either the central city blocks or the suburbs. Even if you can spare an hour or two every little helps, and you will be helping your fellow ex-servicemen in less fortunate circumstances.

So please lend a hand! Write (or telephone) your name and address to Tom Marshall, Anzac House, (22 2771).

Collection this will be available a day or two before Appeal Day. Help the League—you may need the League’s help yourself one day.
League Seeks White Paper
On Australian Communism

THE GOVERNMENT is to be congratulated on the highly successful investigation of Russian spy activity by the Australian Security organisation and the disclosures presented to the public by the National Executive of the R.S.L. at the conclusion of its meeting in Canberra recently.

THE DISCLOSURES, while demonstrating the efficiency of the Security Service, should not surprise any thinking Australian. The League believes that the primary function of Russian embassies throughout the world is propaganda, indoctrination and espionage. The Embassy in Canberra has consistently been one of the most active in these cold-war techniques.

FOR THE past 12 months the R.S.L. has been requesting the Commonwealth Government to publish a White Paper on Communism in Australia. An official request will be made to the Prime Minister that action be taken. This should now, as the League has already published material—distributed throughout Australia—indicating the way in which the Communist Party in Australia functions as an agent for the international communist conspiracy.

IT IS the League’s belief that in the light of recent events the Government should now take action to tell the complete story on Communist Party activities.

IT IS an established and clearly-demonstrated fact that the danger facing the free world today springs from the aggressive designs of international communism. It is the League’s belief that in this broad picture the Communist Party in Australia plays its part. Australian citizens are entitled to the full story.

A MATTER OF HONOUR

The average former member of the Australian, British and Allied armed forces is the last man to miss out when it’s his turn to buy a round; but there are far too many who, by not joining the R.S.L., fail to accept a very real responsibility to ex-servicemen and their dependants.

The League—

* Protects the rights of returned men, fights for just rehabilitation and pensions and helps those (and their dependants) who are in need. It was largely due to the League that the housing, land settlement, pensions and rehabilitation programs which exist today were provided.

* Cares in many ways for the aged and those in hospital.

* Fosters the spirit of comradeship which prevailed in the armed forces.

* Provides, in Anzac House, a first-rate club which is open to all the League’s financial members. There is no additional fee for club privileges.

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Glen Forrest

The last monthly meeting of the Glen Forrest sub-branch was held on February 21 with Frank Beadle in the chair and Stan Lawrence as secretary. Treasurer Albany Wells was unable to be present. The usual dozen stalwarts were present.

Anzac Day will be observed locally as in the past with a service in the new hall at 3 p.m.

After the service afternoon-tea will be served, with cool drinks and other good things for the children. All are welcome.

The fall-in is at the post office, with the march-off at 2.45 p.m.

This year the younger generation is being invited to join the parade.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21 in combination with ladies’ night.

Volunteers Wanted

PURPOSE: To man the R.S.L. Flying Squad.

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Miss Perry Reports On Activities
Of Ex-servicewomen's Sub-branch

At the annual general meeting of the Returned Ex-servicewomen's sub-branch—held at Anzac House on February 8—the report on past year's activities was presented by Miss Sylvia Perry, the senior vice-president for 1962.

Miss Perry, in her report, paid a high tribute to Miss Margaret Laing who had been a most active president for two-and-a-half years. Miss Laing was married in Sydney recently and will remain in the Far East for some time.

Gordon Perry said that membership had increased by 10% during the past year, and extended a welcome to new members, Mrs. Roberta E. Wilson, and Mrs. Harold Nelson.

She said country members had been kept in touch by newsletter from time to time.

Coincident trips were the Hon. Mrs. Nancy Craig and Mrs. E. Ford. Following the march, a visit to the Hollywood Rehabilitation Hospital, among them sub-branch member Mrs. Hurley, who had been in the hospital for many months.

VISITS AND GIFTS

Visits and gifts had been received by invalid members from the Women's Auxiliary of the Returned Soldiers' Association of Australia, and Christmas gifts sent to all occupants of the Clifton Village for the War Veteran's Home.

Members had continued to extend and provide support at the regular meetings of the War Blind Association.

On Anzac Day the sub-branch had entertained 200 guests from Sydney to Miss Claremont Mental Hospital, the Edith Miller Home, drama and others at a luncheon at Anzac House.

Other Anzac Day activities were the laying of a wreath at the Dawn Service, the placing of crosses placed at the War Veterans' Home Recreation Grounds by the sub-branch, and the attendance at the Reunions dinner at the Esplanade service and annual barbecue.

PRACTICAL support had been given to Torquay Bathers for League, the R.S.L. street appeal, the R.S.L. hospital visiting fund, the War Blind Association, the War Veterans' Home, and the Poppy Day appeal.

The sub-branch had been most grateful to Mrs. J. E. Lloyd for her able representation at Congress for the third successive year. The motion for funds for the purchase of homes and flats for returned ex-servicewomen without dependants had been most capably handled by Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. S. McNamara, executive-committee representative, had been asked for his interest in and help to the sub-branch.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Continuing, Miss Perry said that five members had completed the Local Civil Defence course during the year. The sub-branch had won the Newdegate Cup for the third time, and the members were to be congratulated on their united efforts.

The sub-branch was conducted in a manner that would be most grateful to her. The sub-branch had again successfully supported the Christmas party at the Victoria League rooms and had been elected by several kindred organisations to share their Christmas hospitality. Those occasions had been greatly enjoyed by members.

Miss Perry concluded her report to the office-bearers for their excellent support during the year, and extended thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and the social committee and to all members of the sub-branch for their continued hard work and the spirit of service for the welfare of ex-service men and women.

In the following election of office bearers, Miss Perry was unanimously re-elected president, with Miss Mary Meares as senior vice-president, Mrs. R. Donaldson as the other vice-president, and with Mrs. M. McManus and Miss Pag Hall retaining office as secretary and treasurer respectively.

Reducing The Debt On A War Memorial

One of the main subjects discussed at the annual meeting of the Morawa sub-branch was the local war memorial. About £120 is owing on the war memorial, which was provided at a cost of about £125.

The sub-branch will conduct a few functions to help offset the outstanding amount. It is hoped that a number of donations will be forthcoming.

Retiring president Reg. Fitz, and secretary-treasurer Ernie Underhill, were re-elected, but the new senior and junior vice-presidents, Mrs. Ron Baker and Kitch Keown—both vociferously, are new to office.

The Morawa sub-branch has a financial membership of 33 but the secretary feels that many more people will join the sub-branch and so help the sub-branch in its successful war work. —R.B.J.

Upper Chapman To Continue

At a meeting of ex-service men recently it was decided that the Upper Chapman sub-branch should continue to operate.

The new president is Mr. Tom Jones and the secretary-treasurer Mr Bert Lindon.

In endeavouring to carry out their duties to the credit of the League they hope to do the utmost for the men and their families and other eligible people in the district. Special attention has been given to extending sub-branch meetings.

Cremation is no longer official rules to enter the Lodge, but the criteria for any member, the last
Spy Revelations
No Surprise, Says President

The revelations on spy activities emanating from the Russian Embassy would surprise no one, R.S.L. National President A. J. Lee said recently.

He was commenting on External Affairs Minister Sir Garfield Barwick’s disclosures early last month regarding the first Secretary of the embassy, Ivan Fedorovich Skripov.

The Government gave Skripov seven days to leave the country for having engaged in elaborate preparations for espionage here.

Decree was a recognised communist weapon, Mr. Lee went on.

The details made public by the Government had not gone far enough. The R.S.L. had been pressing for a long time for the publication of a White Paper to give the Australian public the full story of communist subversion in this country.

Activities at the Russian Embassy in espionage and in disseminating propaganda were only a small part of the story.

The R.S.L. had revealed only recently how the Russian Embassy was distributing Communist indoctrination material to Australian schoolchildren.

The Government should proceed forthwith to publish the complete details requested by the R.S.L.

Well Fitted-up At The Home

A resident at the War Veterans’ Home, Mt. Lawley, recently gave notice of his intention to leave.

Asked if there was any thing wrong he said: “Oh no, nothing, like that. When I came here about 18 months ago I was run down and good-for-nothing, but I’m feeling well fitted-up now and I want to go out and look for a job.”

This was reported by State Secretary Webb at the last executive meeting.

Salutes To
The Queen

As the Royal Yacht Britannia enters port at Fremantle on March 25 for the commencement of the Royal Visit a 21-gun salute will be fired by the Army.

Similar salutes will be fired on the Queen’s arrival in Perth, and on her departure.

The procedure as to the salutes, which was explained by Army Minister, Mr. Cramer last month, applies to all States and Territories of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Cramer said it had been arranged for the Army to provide guards of honour and bands at Perth—as for Adelaide, Hobart and Brisbane.

The Central Command Band from Adelaide had been assigned to Her Majesty’s visit to Alice Springs, and the pipe and drum band of the Pacific Islands Regiment would be flown from New Guinea for the visit to Darwin.

Mr. Cramer said trainees from the Royal Military College, Dunrobin, and the Officer Cadet School, Portsea (Victoria) were to participate in the services parade for Her Majesty at Manuka Oval, Canberra, on March 12.

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Interpretation Of Onus-of-proof Clause Still In Dispute

A League request for a modification of the Repatriation Act that would lead to the acceptance of a greater percentage of repatriation claims has again been rejected by the Minister.

The request concerns the interpretation placed by the appropriate repatriation authority on the Act dealing with "onus of proof" and with "benefit of doubt".

The case submitted by the League to the Minister was worded as follows:

The National Executive of the R.S.L. reports that Section 47 be amended by inserting the following paragraph immediately following Clause (b) Sub-section (A).

"In all cases a doubt shall be deemed to exist where the origin of any disability is not properly determined or where authoritative medical opinion is required to determine the origin of the disability."

Section 47, as at present constituted, clearly states that the onus of proof for a claim rests with the determining authority, and that the applicant shall be given the benefit of any doubt that exists in his case.

In analysing these benefits, the immediacy that immediately come to mind are:

(a) Those who believe the determining authority should provide to properly discharge the onus of proof, or the "butter''?

In the R.S.L. view there is increasing evidence that the determining authorities do not adopt a common approach to the problem and therefore it is necessary to introduce an amendment which would provide that which will more clearly define the determining authority's duty in interpreting the section.

League View

In examining question No. 1 above it is the League's view that war-service cannot be disregarded as the cause of an ailment, or as a contributing factor to an ailment, unless the determining authority has been made quite clearly where the complaint originated and what has influenced its development.

At the present time this is not so. The doctors tend to recommend against applications under section 47 on the grounds of "Origin considered long since," "Condition considered pre-existing," "Degenerative conditions ascribed to age," and so on.

To an increasing extent repatriation doctors ignore the evidence of a man's service even though it may have been extremely arduous. Judging from cases on the League's files there seems to be a tendency to reject an application if association with war-service is not shown or if in simple terms the onus of proof is being placed on the applicant.

Furthermore, if a condition is normal in a man of a given age then the application may be rejected on those very grounds rather than in the condition of his service to ascertain if the service must have in some way causing or contributed to the condition.

Again we state that the onus of proof can only be completely discharged if the origin of the complaint is quite clearly demonstrated.

In the second question the League views it increasingly important that a "doubt" be more clearly defined.

In the League's view, if there is a difference between two bodies of medical opinion, then a doubt should be deemed to exist.

We have on record a number of cases where authoritative medical opinion has expressed the view that war-service could have caused or contributed to the condition.

"Doubt Issue"

Furthermore, the various determining authorities have a different conception in mind in applying section 47 so at present an applicant's case may well be determined in his favour by one tribunal and against him by another.

In the League's view every effort should be made to establish a common basis for decision in matters of this kind, and for the well-being of an ex-serviceman it is essential to provide for a dependant or dependants. To achieve this, therefore, the League recommends amendments as follows:

Reparation Minister suggests following:

I have given my careful consideration to the matters raised in your letter and the attachment concerning Section 47 of the Repatriation Act, and in the League's suggestion for the amendment of the section.

As you are aware this subject has been very fully canvassed in correspondence between the League and the Minister, and has been debated in Parliament. I have myself carefully examined the opera conditions and the league has made a very comprehensive report. I note that the percentage of acceptances of claims has been fairly constant in recent years, and this in itself would suggest that any amendment in dealing with disabilities occurring long after service is medical, and that determining authorities are not over-emphasising the factor of advancing years.

There seems no reason why a doctor should adopt an unreasonable or partisan attitude in the discharge of his duties.

I shall of course, always be glad to investigate any specific complaints the League may have made. What I am saying I am mindful of the fact that the percentage of acceptances of 1914-18 claims has been fairly constant over a long period of years. I think it may fairly be said of the League's proposals for amendment of Section 47 that they raise no issues of principle which cannot be dealt with in earlier correspondence.

The effect of the proposed amendments, although. of course, to legislate for the automatic acceptance of medical reports of disability in cases of unknown or uncertain origin, and this has already been rejected by the Government.

Again, I could not agree that a conflict of medical evidence necessarily implies a doubt; it is the duty of the determining authorities to ascertain the evidence as a whole, and if they then believe that the evidence points conclusively to the origin of the disability, then it must be resolved in favour of the ex-serviceman.

After careful consideration I cannot accept the assumptions on which the amendment is founded. In my opinion the amendments would involve the introduction of acceptance or rejection of conditions of disability and interpretation of the words acceptance or rejection of Section 47.. The League seems to be seeking compensation for a condition which it seems does not wish to remove, and which is or may be in existence.

"Doctor's View"

The section goes on to provide that if the doctor entertains any doubt on these matters he is to say so, and indicate as far as practicable the nature and extent of the disability.

It is a matter for the determining authority to ascertain if a doubt should be given to such reports as evidence in accordance with the regulations under Section 47.

Every opportunity is taken to ensure that our young men are made aware of the conditions of service which obtained in the various theatres of war. The more senior doctors and officers have themselves active service.

The claimant also has the opportunity, when being examined by a doctor, to state any details of his war service which are relevant. The doctor's opinion as to the lethargy of a particular service, or of a fact, or of a matter for impartial and reason'ed judgment of the extent of damage is dependent on the basis of sympathy.

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As the matter seems to be a lack of uniformity in decision by different determining authorities, I think it is sufficient to point out that each claim must be determined on its own facts, and rarely will there be two identical cases.

Phone-concession Bid Brings Polite "No"

A recent League request to the Government for telephone rentals to sub-branches to be charged to the residential rather than the business rate has brought the following reply from Postmaster-General Davidson:

"Careful consideration has been given to your representations concerning the classification of telephone services provided at sub-branches of the R.S.L. as "business lines." In classifying telephone services as business or residential lines the guiding principle will be whether the residence renting the service is, of course, a matter for impartial and reason'ed judgment of the extent of damage is dependent on the basis of sympathy.

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ONE MAN'S WAR

By El Adem

(Taken from "Reveille"—January, 1963)

The appointment of "Chota" Carey as its Australian representative (Aero Engine Division) points up the insistence of Rolls-Royce on quality in men as in the famous product that bears its name.

For this diminutive Englishman, a specialist in Hurricane planes and the R.A.F.'s most noted fighter pilots during WWII.

If his action-packed career could be contracted into a sentence, it could be said that he rose from Sergeant to Group Captain in one of the famous "few," flew 600 odd operational sorties, and was shot down over and with another 20 probably destroyed or seriously damaged. Among the decorations he'd take quite a time to polish come an annual reunion.

Born at Brixton, London, In May, 1912, the son of a property manager, he had an early ambition to fly. He joined the R.A.F. as a private in 1933 and three years later was posted, as a mechanic, to 43 Squadron.

But it was not until 1934 that he got a chance for his wings. Graduating from the Hurricane Training School (Wiltshire), he was posted to 135 Squadron as Sergeant Pilot in August, 1935.

Here, he settled down to the trade of combat flying.

At the beginning of 1939, 43 Squadron was sent to Tanganyika. In December, 1939, it moved to Burma and six years of war that lay ahead.

The shooting started; his first assignment was on protective shipping patrol of the Malayan coast.

Immediately, he made his presence felt. His skill and tenacity were noticed by his superiors, and two districts were added to his old Squadron—No. 42. He was posted to 222 Squadron.

In the fury of that protracted battle, where the R.A.F. pilots were matched against a numerically superior enemy over the entire front, his courage and skill were commended by his highest superiors.

He rejoined the Squadron in September, 1940, after it had been called to the aid of the Royal Australian Air Force. He was again posted to 43 Squadron.

The first assignment was on the coast of Persia, where the Japanese air force posed a real threat to the Allied forces in the Middle East.

In the Second World War, Carey flew with the R.A.F. over every front from Russia to Burma.

After the war, he was posted to the Middle East, where he served as a flight instructor in the R.A.F. He later joined the Group Captain Frank Carey as a member of the Australian Air Force.

The squadron was disbanded in 1948, and Carey went on to become a flight instructor at the Central Fighter Establishment in the United Kingdom.

One man's war, and the history of Rolls-Royce in the air force, is not complete without the name of "Chota" Carey.

Discussion At Walpole

On Civil Defence

At the well-attended annual general meeting of the Walpole sub-branch on February 14 the League's civil-defence indoctrination course was discussed at some length.

It was finally decided to arrange with the Danish sub-branch for interested members to attend at that centre.

The secretary, who was also the sub-branch's course officer, spoke at length on the matter.

A letter of appreciation was received from the Walpole Ladies' Guild on the sub-branch's work for the free museums' conduct at their meeting.

The financial report showed a credit balance, and the building debt having been liquidated.

In the election of office-bearers for 1963, Messrs. E. J. Clarke, A. W. Proctor and W. H. Pierce, and the committee members of Messrs. H. Allen, C. B. C., and J. F. Thompson were confirmed.

The secretary was authorised to procure paint for the building, but that was too late for the present council to consider it.

When accepting the position of secretary-treasurer, Mr. E. J. Clarke, it was considered that the position should be changed to a full-time one.

Mr. Clarke said he felt he was entitled to a greater consideration from the members, and that if this was not forthcoming he might have to reconsider his position.

Among the items of business considered by the meeting were a number of the members who attended the R.I.L. conference.

It was also decided to increase the insurance on the building.
Faded Documents Come To Light

Some documents relating to Australia's early naval history have been unearthed in an old trunk in the garage of a Canberra home.

The faded parchments are records of appointments in the Victoria Rifles during the early days of the Commonwealth.

The Minister for Defence and Acting Minister for the Navy, Mr. Mighell, has served in the R.A.N. for more than 30 years between 1919-1951. Shortly after joining the R.A.N., he helped in the Navy transfer from the old William Navy Depot in Melbourne to the new Flinders Naval Depot.

During the war, Mr. Mighell had found the documents abandoned in the gunbin Proserpine. He said recently that the papers had been handed over to the Navy by former naval rating E. L. Mighell, of the Canberra suburb of Turner.

A year's Summing-up At West Leederville

The past year has been most successful both financially and socially, Mr. E. Mcguirk said in his presidential report at the annual general meeting of the West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park sub-branch. He went on:

"It is with some regret that I deliver my final report after five years as president, and I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Jack Dixon on his election as president, and hope he has as pleasant a time as I had."

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"My thanks to Eric Elsegood, Johnny Morrison, Jack Ward and Jack Christlie for their entertainment."

Colours, And Tie, For Men Of Gallipoli

After arriving in Egypt in 1916 the survivors of the Gallipoli peninsula campaign were pressed to purchase a new national, or "Anzac" flag, manufactured on board to be worn by all those Gallipoli veterans who were then informed that the star was Towney to be authorised after all.

The little pieces of ribbon were thrown aside and forgotten—until late last year when W.A. Gallipoli Legion officials thought it would be worth while to print some of that ribbon as still in existence.

It was the Legion purchased sufficient to provide each financial member with enough of the small association colour.

At the annual meeting on February 1, Towney adopted an motion endorsing the action of the committee and directed to Towney to establish the association's very own—ex-officio, to have a gold "G" embroidered on the centre.

The motion was also authorised the adoption of an association tie, based on the colours of the ribbon, and to be available by Anzac Day, when members will wear it in conjunction with that epic campaign.

From these small ties several officers are donating an association flag to any office of the Legion.

The new executive will do as much for Jack."

Civil Defence Courses Catching On

Since the headquarters of defence circular to sub-branches, requests for lectures have been made from the R.S.L., Northampton, Cunderdin, Upper Dunsborough, Mundaring and even as Esperance.

The support is a pleasing indication of the latent interest which exists in this all-important subject, and is very heartening to the sub-committee charged with the administration of the lectures.

This became due, on January 1.

"Mr Mighell also authorised the adoption of an association tie, based on the colours of the ribbon, and signed in 1907 when Admiral Creswell was Director of the Commonwealth Naval Board.

The papers are themselves milestones in the careers of men who contributed to naval history.

One document refers to the appointment of William Clarkson, who helped supervise the building of the first R.A.N. fleet and was the first Third Member of the Australian Naval Board. He was later knighted.

Another refers to the disbandment in 1867 and to the James Feakes from the torpedo boat Parramatta, who was later made rear-admiral and to serve as Second Member of the Victorian State Navy.

The oldest of the documents was signed on board H.M.S. Nelson, in 1893, and certifies the qualification of a lieutenant of the Royal Navy.

Mr. Townley said the documents were of historical significance to the Navy and would be preserved by the Navy's Archival Branch.

At least then you will be able to hold your head up, as you wear that badge, knowing that you have done some small part in keeping the movement up to full strength.

Renewed Your Membership?

Having regard to the membership-position at the end of last year and the current position—as revealed by the capitulation-returns from sub-branches (or the lack of them)—it is apparent that far too many men are continuing to wear the R.S.L. badge without having paid their subscription.

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A Year's Summing-up At West Leederville

The past year has been most successful both financially and socially, Mr. E. Mcguirk said in his presidential report at the annual general meeting of the West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park sub-branch. He went on:

"It is with some regret that I deliver my final report after five years as president, and I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Jack Dixon on his election as president, and hope he has as pleasant a time as I had."

"I wish to thank the office-bearers who helped me so much, and feel that the new executive will do as much for Jack."

"The bi-weekly figures have grown and now number 260."

"During the year several valuable members passed on."

"The sub-branch competed in the A.R.M.S, games competition but was unable to make the final four. My congratulations to the representative who won the shield."

"The annual luncheon was well attended by all members of the sub-branch at tea in the hall."

"Our ladies' auxiliary gave us solid support once again."

"The sub-branch put on an excellent show at the annual general meeting, which was held in the Leederville Town Hall and witnessed the unveiling of the new sub-branch."

"I feel sure that 1963 will carry on its success."

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The report hereunder has been submitted by Mr. P. W. Lyon M.M., the League's representative on the Land Settlement Board. It should prove of interest not only to settlers but to League members generally.

Being your representative with the Land Settlement Board, I took advantage of my activities with the Classification and Allotment scheme to take this opportunity to report to my associates in the League the progress made to date by the Land Settlement Board as part of the Commonwealth's overall scheme for the rehabilitation of ex-service men.

The War Service Land Settlement Scheme was inaugurated in 1944 and the Commonwealth endeavored to ensure that a reasonably uniform approach was taken throughout Australia in the location of farms and selection of settlers.

The basic principles to be adhered to were those which were laid down at the Premier's Conference in October, 1944, and matters of administration and procedure were discussed at Sydney and Adelaide conferences of ex-servicemen.

BOARD DUTIES
It was recommended that the State assume responsibility for a number of things, and it was decided to appoint a Qualification Board to carry out the following duties:

- To prepare circular letters and questionnaires for distribution among service personnel, and to be available on the Departments of Lands, Surveys, and its country agencies.
- To receive and consider the qualifications for settlement in the Commonwealth.
- To interview applicants after discharge from the Forces and examine their qualifications.
- To furnish such reports on the progress of the classification of applicants as may be required by the Director.
- To issue a printed explanation of the present position of ex-service Land Settlement Board members between the Commonwealth and South Australia, Western Australia, and similar boards in other States (and other things such as the keeping of records).

It was decided that the Board should comprise:
- A representative of the Department of Lands and Surveys.
- Mr. A. G. Mackie (Secretary to the Board) or an officer appointed by him.
- The principal of an Agricultural College to be nominated by the appropriate University Board.
- A representative of the R.S.L. to be nominated by that body.
- The Commonwealth Deputy Co-ordinator of Rural Training (Mr. Woodhouse) or his nominee.

The result of an approach to the various bodies concerned was the following original appointments were made on the 28th July, 1946, at the first meeting of the Classification Committee:

- Mr. J. L. Langfield (Department of Agriculture) - chairman, and the first meeting of the committee was held on 10th September, 1946.
- Mr. J. H. Langfield (Department of Agriculture) - member.
- Mr. L. C. Yeates (R.S.L.) - chairman.
- Mr. F. Robertson (Department of Agriculture) - member and secretary.

At this stage the forms of application, with questions to be answered, were decided on, and the first meeting of the committee was held on 10th September, 1946.

CLASSIFICATION
It was proposed, therefore, that the forms should be started on the 10th September, 1946, for the Classification Scheme to come into operation.

The Commonwealth representative was unable to work with the full time basis, the Commonwealth Director of War Settlements having requested him to be an ex-officio member.

As had been done in other States, all applications were being received at a rapidly-increasing rate. It was necessary to increase the committee, a further five members being forthwith added, the classification scheme being set up.

The classification committee, following the discussions on the 11th September, 1946, decided to initiate a proposal that had been put by Mr. A. G. Mackie, and to consider the classification, and allotment, board, being reconstituted.

The following ten years of my association with the Board resulted in bringing the scheme much nearer to a satisfactory conclusion.

During this period the opportunities afforded for ex-service men who had had war service in the Korean and Malayan campaigns to apply, for assistance under the scheme, and a total of 62 applications were received in respect of service in those campaigns.

At this time many of the ex-service men from the 1939/45 war had the right to become regular applicants under the scheme, many of them due to the expiry of the time allowed by the Commonwealth government for the rate of applications being received tapered off considerably, applications being submitted in this period to bring the total up to 1,125, of which 700 were allotted farms, and the remaining 425 applied for as "fairgoers" and miscellaneous applicants.

Many of these applications were completed and qualified applicants in other States who wished to transfer to W.A.

END FORETOLD
To ensure that all interested W.A. applicants were made aware of the eventual closing of the application forms after the allotment of the remaining farms then being developed, a certain amount of publicity was given through the Press and through ex-service men's journals and organisations.

This brought about a great response, particularly from applicants who had allow their applications to lapse and now wished to re-apply.

It was resolved that all applicants should be given the opportunity to re-classify but that whenever required by the Board, the applicant would be given the opportunity of an appeal against the decision of the Board, and in this respect I was strongly supported by the other members of the Board.

A thorough check was made to determine if the ex-service men who had been qualified could legitimately claim to be so, and as a result this afforded an opportunity for inclusion in the scheme.

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A Question Of More Patriotism

"In our country we want times more respect for our flag and Australia itself," said State President Longmore in an address to the Rockingham sub-branch on January 6.

On Anzac Day we should pause briefly at whatever we might be doing to give a toast to Australia, he said. Mr. Lonnie said that when in America recently he was greatly impressed to see how Americans regarded those matters. He intended to bring up the idea in official League circles.

While in the United States he had spent nine days inspecting civil defence arrangements and had been very impressed by the Americans' keen sense of responsibility and their state of preparedness.

Thousands of shelters had been pin-pointed in various parts of the country. These included basements, some capable of holding 150 people.

Upwards of 200,000,000 dollars had been spent in staff costs, and a 300,000 dollar shelter programme was contemplated.

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Commonwealth Role In Assisting Education

To a League request for more Commonwealth spending on education Federal Treasurer Holt has replied:

"The position of the Commonwealth in the field of education is described fully in the paper entitled "The Commonwealth and Education" tabulated in the House of Representatives by the Prime Minister on 6th November, 1926. A copy of the paper is enclosed.

"As you will see, the paper makes clear that notwithstanding the constitutional responsibility of the State Governments for the education of the citizens of the States, the Commonwealth Government is making a very substantial contribution, directly and indirectly, to educational expenditure in this country.

"The Prime Minister has said that the Commonwealth will continue its liberal treatment of the States by way of general revenue grants, and assistance to loan funds, and will seek to bring to completion the very important tasks it has itself undertaken in the field of tertiary education in recent years."

[The paper referred to gives in very great detail expenditure by the Commonwealth Government in education. A copy of this can be obtained from the League's national office on request.]
**DID YOU KNOW . . . ?**

*(asks C. R. Collins)*

- **THE MOST popular march of the first world war** was "Colonel Bogey," written in 1914 by J. R. Ricketts, who was then a medical orderly in the 2nd Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. When he published the song, he had composed, he used the pen-name Kenneth Alford.

- **TROOPS** have stepped off with the left foot since the days of ancient Rome. The Roman legionaries carried the shield on the left arm and, when advancing, took the first pace with the left foot to obtain maximum protection from the shield by bringing it to the front first.

- **RECENTLY**, soldiers with a mine detector were used by the police in the search for a rifle supposed to have been used by the Criminals killer. A year ago, when military specialists were demonstrating a mine detector at the Claremont Royal Show, they were appealed to by a civil policeman, and other a flock which was trodden into the sand. They brought the detector to action and the coin was recovered. An other unusual use of the mine detector occurred recently in the English city of Chester. A connoisseur ostrich, called Covald, was unable to eat. The aid of the Army Involved and performed it, it only took 20 seconds and prolonged French resistance for several months.

- **THERE have been several instances of women disguising themselves as men and enlisting in the regular Army. None of these had a longer or more useful career than the woman who called herself James Barrie. Posing as a boy she entered the Medical School of Edinburgh University and, as a man, she was accepted, was the first British woman to qualify as a physician and surgeon. She served as an army surgeon for 46 years and was in the West Indies, Canada, the Mediterranean, St. Helena and South Africa. In 1939 she went to Africa where she fought a duel with an officer who resented remarks she had made about the Governor of Cape Colony. The duel was a night fight and was arranged by the Inspector-General of the South African Department, with the relief of the Major-General. The woman discovered as well as the fact that she had once born a child. What happened to the child has never been disclosed.

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**A Confident Password At Victoria Park**

As difficulties arise so shall they be overcome: this seems to be the password at Victoria Park these days.

The latest job to fall to the hands of the volunteers—the sub-branch was the building—the rear of the block—of the quite presentable barbecues. The driving force, and incidentally the only source available at the time with sufficient know-how was Mick Wajch (and to Mick a big thank-you on behalf of the sub-branch!)

The lawn looks quite nice. The rubbish has been disposed of, poles erected, wire strung and coloured lights installed.

Any sub-branch, private persons or individuals can now hire quite a good little barbecue set-up simply by applying to the Park Sub-branch of the R.S.L.

**A House party held on the behalf of the sub-branch recently. (To raise funds for repaying the loan) by Mr Harold Hawthorne was quite a success.**

Harold did a wonderful job of organizing. Fortunately the rain held off and things ran very smoothly from go to whoo. (Thank you, Mr and Mrs Hawthorne, for the use of your house and all your help in the show.)

Many thanks, too, to the people who attended and those who contributed generously to constant attacks on the pocket books.

Well members, there is a good chance of the activities conducted by your branch. Let's see you along to do your bit. The next general meeting will be held on Friday, March 15th.

For greater Strength and Unity—Join the League in '63.
No Change Of Policy On Civil Defence

To League representations—based on determinations at the last National Congress—for more Government expenditure and control in civil-defence measures, Interior Minister Gordon Freeth has replied:

"The question of civil defence policy was the subject of my reply to your letter Wednesday, March 12. Since then there has been no change in the strategic situation as it affects Australia and consequently our civil defence policy remains unchanged.

"In this financial year we are again providing civil defence equipment for the States to a value of $160,000. All States are provided with the same type of equipment in accordance with their requirements.

"In regard to the specific points raised in your fourth paragraph my comments are as follows:

1. In present circumstances funds for civil defence are necessarily limited. It is considered better to use available funds for equipment, or other resources which can be augmented, and to keep recurring charges for permanent staff to a minimum.

2. Civil defence in Australia is co-ordinated by the Commonwealth Director of Civil Defence through the Commonwealth and States Civil Defence Committees, through continuous consultation with State and Federal Treasurers.

"The question of civil defence authorities and through the teaching at the Civil Defence School at Marlo, in my view these arrangements are to be preferred as central authoritarian direction.

3. The proposal that civil defence be transferred to the Ministry of Defence has been considered by the Government on several occasions and has always been rejected on the grounds that it is essentially a civil activity which should be performed by ordinary citizens and not by the military. This burden of civil defence is already, in the light of wartime responsibilities has found, and would fall again on civil defence in peacetime.

4. The States have been provided with a full range of equipment to enable them to undertake training in civil defence. A majority of the State representatives are already being held in some States and in the Territories.

"In conclusion, I would emphasise that in the present strategic situations a large expenditure on civil defence and undue calls on the public cannot be justified.

Tax Advantage Sought For Ex-servicemen

A League move to have the age-allocation provisions of the Income Tax Law extended to ex-servicemen five years sooner than to other tax-paying civilians has been considered by the Government during its next review of proposals for the League. Federal Treasurer Holt said in reply to representations for extending the allowance to ex-servicemen at the end of the war.

"The matter has been raised previously by the League and also by individual ex-servicemen, but so far the Government has not found it possible to accede to the requests.

S.A. BOWLERS: The South Perth, Como and Kenwick clubs had a successful combined to entertain members of the South Australia Bowling Association at a barbeque and dance at the Como R.S.L. Hall on March 14 (68 Pts).

Big Move Made By Rivervale

Perhaps the most important step ever taken by the Rivervale sub-branch was the signing of the lease of the Norwood-road hall, now known as the Rivervale R.S.L. Hall.

"This was a very big undertaking indeed, and calls for the utmost co-operation of every member and not just the usual few.

"The lease of the hall was taken out in January and to date the bookings have been quite steady and promising.

This hall is open for bookings to anybody interested, at quite cheap rates on application to Secretary W. Binns (56 Balamoral).

Sub-branch members should make it a point to be at the last general meeting to change the meeting-place to their new hall on Thursday of the month.

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14 (68 Pts).

Mundaring Sub-branch Officers Installed

At the annual meeting of the Mundaring sub-branch on February 4 the new office-bearers were installed by State President Lonnie.

There was a good attendance of members along with representatives of the Wooreen; Mr. Helen G. Forrest and Darlington sub-branch.

Accompanying Mr Lonnie were State Senior Vice-President B. Novice and Vice-President M. Elphick.

Recent Events At Geraldton

State President Lonnie attended the sub-branch reunion at Geraldton on March 9.

Mr. Peter James has agreed to the formation of a League sub-branch at Tenterfield, N.S.W.

Mr. Lonnie was in charge of the meeting on League affairs generally and also recounted some of his experiences as leader of the overseas mission to recruit skilled tradesmen for W.A.

Mr. Townsend dealt with the important matter of League membership.

"In regard to the specific case by the deputists and beneficiaries, Local public bodies will be urged to adhere to the plan of the League's officers instalment of the R.S.L. Hall and the floor being completed, and it will cost of $350. A similar sum is to be spent this year in installing toilets and other amenities.

"Tingira" Men Lose Their President

The late president of the H.M.A.S. Tingira Old Boys Association, Dere, was elected President of the South Perth Community Hospital on January 27.

"He passed away, after a long illness, at the South Perth Hospital, and in his place the R.A.P.

Born in North Fremantle at the turn of the century, he enlisted in the R.A.P. in March, 1915, at the age of 14 years nine months and joined the training ship Tingira.

"He went overseas in November, and served in H.M.A.S. Melbourne until return on August 14, 1919, when he joined the submarine service.

With the adorning of Australia's submarine flotilla under the Washington Treaty, Mr. Lonnie was appointed to command H.M.A.S. Adelaide for some months.

"In business when World War II broke out, Mr. Byford was appointed to command a submarine in 1942 as a telegraphist. He was demobilised in November, 1945.

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New Scheme To Lower Home Costs

A scheme which will enable people desiring to build houses to avoid the cost of architectural supervision has been introduced by the War Service Homes authorities.

Broadly speaking, the scheme will provide for finance to be made available during the course of construction of the home, on the basis of a set number of inspections carried out by the State Housing Commission's officers, on request, without requiring the applicant as a condition precedent to obtaining a loan, to engage the services of an architect to supervise construction.

An applicant will still have the choice of proceeding without supervision and progressing at his own speed, or of employing the Commission to supervise.

The new scheme does not apply to cases where the applicant requires the preparation of special plans where a home is of a very elaborate nature, or to any unorthodox construction where the home is erected on a site where, by its nature, might make a professional appraiser necessary.

LAND SETTLEMENT REPORT (continued from Page 8)

for allotment and as the scheme will not be extended to prevent speculation in the work of the Classification and Allotment Board, I have been able to proceed with a successful conclusion.

Every association with it has been a very interesting experience and in concluding any report I can conscientiously say that at all times, in conjunction with any other agencies, endeavoured to act with strict impartiality.

(Signed) P. W. Lyon, R.S.L. Representative, Land Settlement Board.

An interesting report was also submitted by Mr. P. W. Lyon, outlining the various statistics and figures pertaining to the scheme as a whole, and the advantages and disadvantages of the various types of leasing arrangements.

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An Understudy For Mr. Hall

It was decided at last Tuesday meeting of the State Executive that Mr. T. R. Marshall should underwrite the expenses of Mr. Hall in his assessment tribunal work with a view to the future purchase of the office interviews. Staff Committee chairman Mr. Fieldhouse said that after July from December last year Mr. Hall had undertaken a new lease for his own accommodation which was to be available to the office interviews.

Mr. Hall had been under the impression that he was to be relieved of some of the duties of the other officer, but this was not the case, and he was to continue in his present capacity.

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**League Asking For Defence Overhaul**

The R.S.L. National Executive will seek an early meeting with the Minister for Defence to urge an overhaul of Australia's defence measures.

This was stated by R.S.L. National President A. J. Lee, in the conclusion of the National Executive meeting held in Canberra recently. Mr. Lee said that Australia's security inevitably depends on regional conflicts and situations of the world. Recent months have seen events which are most disturbing evidence of this instability. The League believes that while the broad background of Australia security inevitably depends on regional conflicts with nations of the free world, we must never drift into a state of apathy or complacency. The important principle that the first responsibility for the national defence rests with Australians themselves.

**Busy Days At Bellevue**

At the February meeting of the Bellevue sub-branch, all officers were duly installed by the State President. Omitted from last month's report were the names of Miss Y. Smale (vice-president) and C. Meaden (treasurer).

A visit was made to the new Bellevue social on February 15 by Mr. Lonsdale, on his recent trip to England, Scotland and America. The Bellevue women's auxiliary prepared a wondersome supper for the visitors.

Next day the sub-branch entertained 58 men and women members at the West Croydon and Killenny sub-branches in South Australia.

Quite a few of the Adelaide people were suffering from the heat, but Bellevue proved a good "watering hole" and at 6 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Tubby Allen made their home available for a barbecue.

All enjoyed the cool of the evening after such a hot day. Bellevue has gained a member, particularly lost when Jim Budge moved to Greenmount. Jim is now a member of Bellevue sub-branch.

**Shenton Park Hopes For A Better Year**

The Shenton Park sub-branch has commenced the present year with a good committee, and under the chairmanship of Mr. Garrett, the sub-branch activities with a good committee, and under the chairmanship of Mr. Garrett, all the sub-branches have had their meetings and contributed in ideas and goodwill.

The sub-branch social functions are well in hand, and should make for good fellowship.

The women's auxiliary, always ready to help the committee, could do with more assistance.

Sub-branch subscriptions are well in hand, and should be made for good fellowship.

**Staunch Leader**

A complaint was paid at last month's State Executive meeting to the management in which Mr. M. F. Park, sub-branch president, had received an improvement in that area of the League's activities. It was reported that although he had undergone a severe operation about six months ago, Mr. Doyle had persevered in carrying the sub-branch to greater strength.

**High-level Naval Recruiting**

The Navy recruited 322 men in January—more than in any month since the Korean War ten years ago.

Of these 120 were adults, 180 juniors and 82 naval apprentices, and the intake of junior recruits and apprentices was all-time records.

Commenting on the recruiting figures the Minister for the Navy, Senator Gorton, said they were particularly encouraging at a time when the Navy had to face many new commitments.

Eight new vessels had joined the fleet last year, and two new ships should be completed in Australia this year. Future commitments included the manning of two guided-missile destroyers.

He said the career opportunities offered by the junior-recruit training scheme and the apprenticeship scheme had contributed to the strong recruiting, or had employed the greater opportunities for ratings to advance from the "lower set" to the manner for an overhaul of defence measures.

**Mentally Sick Diggers And The Pension**

The League recently received the following reply from Social Services Minister, Mr. Robertson to representations concerning ex-service pensioners who undergo treatment in mental institutions.

"The question of the payment of social service pensions to inmates of mental hospitals is not one that has been considered by successive Governments in Australia, and as noted by the League, the view has always been taken that the maintenance and care of patients in State mental hospitals who would otherwise receive social service pensions is the responsibility of the respective State Governments.

"The resolution, of course, is specifically concerned with the position of ex-service pensioners. Special provision for such persons is made in the Veterans' Repatriation Act under which service pensions, or non-service pensions, may receive pensions at a rate not exceeding £22.50 per annum. The question of the inmates of mental hospitals is one with which this particular provision is not concerned, and it is not possible to give any advancement on the matter at this time."
Ceremony Recalls Loss
Of H.M.A.S. Perth

Two Australian warships returning last month from service in South-East Asia paid tribute to a famous R.A.N. cruiser lost in World War II.

The frigates Quiberon and Queensland held a memorial service in the Sunda Strait at the spot where H.M.A.S. Perth was sunk by the Japanese 21 years ago.

A signal received at the Navy Office, Canberra, said that the two frigates conducted the ceremony in the early hours of Feb. 11 at about the time when Perth went down on March 1, 1942.

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

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The annual Singapore Day commemoration service was held at the Red Cross Park on Sunday, February 14, at 11.30 a.m. and was conducted by the Very Rev. Ralph Thomson.

In a short but impressive address, Father Thomson said:

"As we stand here on the hill and survey our rapid approach to certain new buildings and civic centres, great scientific advancement, everything that makes life easy — we realise much progress has been made.

"The many P.O.W.s who died during the war would have been proud of what their countrymen are doing, and the way in which our country is moving on.

"The youth of today is restless, the crime wave is rising, the State is losing the real way of life.

"The spirit of Anzac, Singapore and the Burma Road is not with us any more. Too often we shrug our shoulders, say we have not had our day and leave it to the next generation.

"We should try to help restless youth by showing them that under the guidance of the young people of their costly heritage and encouraging them to emulate the courage of their fathers."

After the service there was a march to the State War Memorial where wreaths were laid on behalf of the Government, Western Command, the Ex-P.O.W. Association and Army Units. A sub-committee of the Association and Red Cross conducted the ceremony. The diminutive girls of the Anzac Girls' Brigade led the procession.

Tin Hats With A Purpose

In hotel bars up and down the country there are an estimated 128 tin hat collections, a box for donations from which to sell the hats. The home maintenance fund.

This was disclosed by a sub-committee chairman, Mr. Davidson, at the February meeting of the State Executive Committee.

Mr. Davidson said that arrangements would be made shortly for the collection boxes which had accepted responsibility for the boxes to return to quarters.

A good many more tin hats had been collected by the clubs, and donations were now available for distribution to sub-branches.

Collectors were urgently needed for the R.S.I. street appeal to be conducted shortly.

Remembering Singapore

DECEMBER LIST

ADDITION, C. J., 51st Bn., City of Perth.
ARUNDELL, J., 11th M.T., M.E. Subaco.
BARRETT, F., 11th F.C., 4th F.C., 2/11th F.C.
BELL, W., 12th Bn., Edith Park.
BROWICK, T. H., 20th Bn., Ashfield.
BROWNING, W., 28th Bn., Fremantle.
CONGDON, S. H., 2/28th Bn., Fremantle.
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

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FEDERATED T.B. SAILORS AND SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (W.A. BRANCH)—Second Floor, Wellington Building, 158 Williamstreet, Perth. Second Monday, President, L. Syner, Secretary, G. Pinley.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION—Second floor basement, third Monday at 7 p.m., President, A. Glass, 93 Main-street, Osborne Park, Secretary, R. A. McAlpin, 50-52 Kent-street, Bassendean (79 1404).


44TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Committee meets when called. Annual reunion Show Week Monday. President, S. W. White. Secretary, W. E. G. Lawless, Victoria Park. Annual reunion Show Week Tuesday.

48TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Meets 4th Frid. in January, April, July and October at Anzac House. President, Syd Macleod, 111 Carroll-avenue, Dalkin, Secretary, H. H. Morris, 19 Kingsland-avenue, City Beach.


5TH BATTALION A.F.L. ASSOCIATION—President, E. Fraser, 20 St George's Terr., Perth. Secretary, T. W. Walton, 260 Herbert-street, Armadale. Meetings first Tuesday, third Friday.


EX-PRISONERS OF WAR AND RELATIVES' ASSOCIATION OF W.A.—President, W. Bentley, 72 McMillen-street, Victoria Park, Secretary, Mr. P. Miners, 2nd Floor (23 3364). Committee meetings as called.


BRITISH EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION INC.—Meets second Tuesday in Forestville's Hall, cnr. Francis and Macquarie streets, Perth. 8 p.m. President, J. M. Marson, Secretary, D. Black (Bot S 1547, G.P.O., Perth).

COALING OF UNIT ASSOCIATIONS—President, E. MacLeod, 55 Mead-road, Applecross (74 1053). Vice-president, S. R. Harvey, 56 McKenzie-street, Wembley. Secretary-Treasurer, S. C. Harrow. Committee meets as called.

32ND BATTALION (1st A.F.L.) ASSOCIATION—President, R. H. Godfrey, Flat 2, Somerby, St George's Terr., Perth. Secretary, C. L. Shaw, 11 Clive- road, Midland (71 3311). Committee meetings as called. Annual reunion nearest Friday to December 30.


GALLIPOLI LEGION OF ANZACS—Meets in Y.A.L. Rooms, Perth, at notice. President, J. Geddes, 44 St George's Terr., Perth. Secretary, G. D. Shaw, 71 Leake-street, Belmont (60 2203).

RATS OF TOWBRUK ASSOCIATION (W.A. BRANCH)—President, E. Holmes, 276 Cambridge-street, Wembley, Secretary, Joe White. Extension, 25 2732. Meetings held at Gugerati-street, Claremont, third Tuesday.

KOREAN VETERANS' ASSOCIATION—Meets second Tuesday, President, J. Gerke, 12 St George's Terrace, Como, Secretary, M. H. Finn, 5 Valentine-street, Morley.
Aussie Thoughts Turn Homeward
At Height Of London Freeze

(From Frank A. Kennedy, R.S.I. Press Information Officer in London)

Despite bitterly cold weather over 1,000 Australians attended the Australia Day commemorative service in London’s St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church at Trafalgar Square this year.

Among them was Miss Tricia Rosccke—Miss Australia for 1962.

The service was held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Austin Williams.

Others present were the High Commissioner for Australia (Sir Eric Harrison) and Lady Harrison, the Deputy High Commissioner (Sir Allen Brown) and Lady Brown, Viscount and Viscountess Slim, the Agents-General for all States and their wives, Major-General Sir Rohan Delacombe, Governor-Designate of Victoria, the Mayor and Mayoress of Westminster and many R.S.I. visitors and their wives.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Williams, Sir Eric Harrison, R.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., read the Lesson—Epistle to the Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 10 the writing.

The address was given by the Right Rev. J. D. McKenzie, M.A., Th.D., Assistant Bishop of Coventry, who will no doubt be remembered by many ex-service men as Chaplain to the Australian Forces.

The service ended with the singing of the hymn “It’s the Church’s One Foundation.”

During the afternoon Sir Eric and Lady Harrison gave a tea party at Australia House to celebrate the day. The guests came from all parts of the Commonwealth.

A diplomatic reception was held on Monday, January 28.

The following evening the Australia Club held its Australia Day dinner at the Dorchester Hotel. The guest speaker was Lord Mountbatten of Burma, and Lord Slim, a former Governor-General of Australia, presided.

Young, But Effective

In the two years of its existence the S.E.C. sub-branch with only a small membership has achieved more than many sub-branches which are numerically and financially stronger.

It has provided a number of books for residents at the War Veterans’ Home at Mt. Lawley. It installed decorative lighting there for the 1961 Christmas season and last Christmas improved this and placed it on a more permanent basis for subsequent years.

The sub-branch candidate in the 1962 Miss Crowning Glory contest—Miss Diane Miller, of Accounts Branch—was the winner and, perhaps more important, raised over £400 for the two worthwhile causes which benefit from the funds raised by the competition.

Congratulations were freely offered to Diane, from many quarters and she and her active committee can be very proud of them.

The purpose of the sub-branch also did a good deal of work in support of her candidature.

Well done, S.E.C.

Quarterly for MAIMED Diggers

Full accommodation is available for maimed ex-service men at Malea House, 79 Colin-street, West Perth—headquarters of the Maimed and Limbless Ex-service Men’s Association, popularly known as the “Wingles and Stumpies.”

The president is A. E. Bingham and the secretary H. W. Glick.

The association holds its meetings on the first Thursday of each month except January.

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