**LISTENING POST**
The Official Organ of the Returned Servicemen’s League (W.A. Branch)

**Repatriation Education Allowances Explained**

In reply to further League approaches concerning children eligible for assistance under the Soldiers’ Children Education Scheme and at present receiving benefits both from the Repatriation Department and the Services Canteens Trust Fund the Minister for Repatriation, Mr. Swartz, has explained the education allowances provided through his department.

The League had asked for complete initial assistance to be granted by the Repatriation Department and additional assistance, where necessary, by the Services Canteens Trust Fund.

The Minister said:

"Since World War 1 the Commonwealth has accepted responsibility for the children of ex-servicemen who have died as a result of war service. This is primarily discharged through payment of pension to the widow and to the child, subject to the usual Allowance paid to the widow with children under 10 years of age.

"In addition, to encourage a child to continue with secondary education and to subscribe to the idea of taking advantage of tertiary education, an educational Allowance is paid at rates varying according to age and whether the child is able to live away from home or not.

"Substantially higher at the tertiary level of education, and fees and other disbursements are made.

"As secondary education is provided free of cost by the State, the educational Allowance paid at this stage is towards the additional general cost of keeping a child at school, including such matters as books, fares, special equipment, etc. The education allowance has never been directed towards the reimbursement of the cost of specific items and, indeed, allowances on this basis rather than as a general rate would be exceedingly cumbersome from the administrative point of view and double the trouble to the widow.

"The rates of war pensions and education allowances are, of course, adjusted from time to time and the Government believes that the current rates reasonably provide for the upkeep of the child, including fees incurred in tertiary education. However, I should always be glad to consider representations from the League if it considers that the present allowances are inadequate and this is a matter which could best be submitted as part of the League’s Pension Plan.

"The grants made by the Department have never been taken into account in determining Repatriation education allowances. The rates are no doubt regarded as very adequate and beneficial from a fund to which all ex-servicemen contributed during their service.

"The way in which the Canteens Trust makes payments is, of course, a matter for the trustees to determine. No doubt there have been good reasons for making payments on the basis of specific items of expenditure for education, but it is quite wrong to assume that such payments are in respect of items which are the Commonwealth’s responsibility.

"As I have shown above, these items are covered by the general allowance which the Commonwealth pays."

**£3,000 Seen For The League**

It is anticipated that the League and Torchbearers Legacy will this year each receive £3,000 as a result of the Miss Crowning Glory contest. This was said by State Vice-President J. A. Rolfe at last month’s executive meeting.

The League share in the proceeds of this year’s competition—the fourth in the series—has again been earmarked for the defraying of War Veterans’ Home running costs.

Mr. Rolfe said it was apparent getting around that the home and Legacy ought to be supported. More than 40 girls had entered the competition this year and at least six of the entrants had nominated themselves.

The Executive, on the motion of Mr. H. G. Holdoer, put on record its gratitude to the organising committee for the welfare and future of the girls. The judging of the competition was held late for the inclusion of the results in this issue.

**Deferred Meetings Of Executive**

This month’s meeting of the executive was deferred for a week, to November 14 because of the absence from the State President E. C. Townshend and State Secretary W. Webb.

They, and chairman of trustees H. J. Stoddart, were guest of the Melbourne branch at National Congress in Brisbane.

The October meeting was also held over for a week because the regular meeting coincided with the People’s Day arrangements for the Royal Visit.

**Membership Figure Best For Years**

In the first ten days of last month League membership in W.A. rose by 180 to 16,518, the highest point reached during the last five years.

On September 30 the official figure stood at 16,338. This was stated by Mr. E. A. Dodd in his membership report to the October meeting of the State Executive. Mr. Dodd said a brochure was being prepared to give executive members talking points for their visits to sub-branches.

Referring to this year’s membership-drive, Mr. R. Rutter said that Operation Reconnoitre—the series of recruiting visits paid by sub-branch personnel to ex-servicemen residing in their areas—had brought in a number of new members. Where the campaign had tended to fall down, he said, was mainly in the matter of lalans. That must stem from Anzac House; each member of the executive must be prepared to act as a liaison officer.

The Membership Committee’s brochure for giving guidance in this matter had been based on the League’s slogan for the current year—Remembrance. Service, Loyalty too maintain by Strength in 62.”

A point of the first importance was to encourage sub-branches to be active in their community. Mr. Rutter said it was considered that the men of the first war had been more generally behind the League than those of the second war, although there were some bright points in the general picture today.

One of these had been the great success of a recent social conducted by the Millicent sub-branch, a relative newcomer to the League.
The Great Communist Danger
(As The League Sees It)

The greatest of all the dangers in Communism lies in the faults of its opponents. In theory, we all oppose Communism and no doubt we would fight if Communist invaders ever threatened our freedom and our independence. In practice we do nothing at all.

Through stupidity, or selfishness, or ignorance or laziness we let the Communists engage in a world-wide campaign of political warfare and we take no steps to counter it.

There is no country of which it is true that Australia, almost every Australian detests Communism, really understands Australia's methods and ever fewer of us try to stop them.

That is why the R.S.L. has attempted to bring to the attention of its members, and of Australians at large, the true nature of Communism. The activity within Australia.

There is a pattern to this activity wherever it is found. There are the words of anyone who professes to detest Communism to understand.

To summarise, here are the Communists' nine great weapons of political warfare:

**Propaganda.**

All told, the Communists spend £1,000,000,000 a year to influence the Free World by direct and indirect propaganda. There is an unending flood of Communist propaganda in presenting the world's greatest experts in propaganda. To counter this flood of propaganda there is in Australia... what? The answer is—nothing!

**Infiltration.**

The Communists also attempt to infiltrate any other organisations that might be of use to them. If they have even tried to infiltrate the R.S.L. Throughout the area of Australia, secret Communists (or open Communists, or sincere but not the bodies of the Communists) infiltrate schools, universities, trade unions, political parties, Government departments, newspaper offices, radio and TV stations, publishing houses and even the churches, police forces and armed forces.

Activist Cells

The Communists have perfected a most efficient, organisational weapon in the cell, in which small groups of believers may work within the Party or its fronts, but also infect our democratic institutions and political parties.

**Popular Fronts.**

Whenever they can the Communists form alliances with various hard-left parties. If they form such an alliance they can use its strength and spread favourable stories about the Communist system. The Communists have succeeded in Australia.

**Attacks.**

One of the most successful Communist weapons is to attack, the character and possible the career, of anyone who successfully denounces Communism. One of the main tasks of the Communists is to denounce any possible means those who have seen the real nature. Their efforts have succeeded in Australia, and so it is considered worse to be a strong anti-communist than to be sympathetic to Communists or indifferent to them. Special schools.

Throughout the world the Communists have established thousands of special schools in subversion. In the Communist countries themselves, thousands of pupils from all over the world—including Australians—have been given “brain-washing” courses, sometimes lasting for years. The product of these schools run the world's Communist parties. Violence Communists in Australia do not use the methods they use in other countries but the world—widely known as the world. The main work should be completed by the middle of this year.

**Free Tours.**

The Communists run a great many tours of their organisations to countries that make appeals to the peoples. They do not count on the people to whom they give free trips to see, but to spread favourable stories about the Communist system. The Communists have succeeded in Australia.

Boer War Man At Bunbury

A welcome visitor to the October meeting at Bunbury, sub-branch recently was 89-year-old Boer War veteran, one of six brothers to return from Bunbury.

Mr Shnorah was served in the 1914-18 war and is a life member of the sub-branch. Two-twenty members of the volunteers, attended by President L. R. L. Nisbett.

Secretary Harold Birch reported on the arrangements for the annual dinner day, which was on the morning of the 3rd, and the proposed march in the afternoon. The march was on the cliffs near Southerly Beach, and was planned to start at 11.30.

Sub-branches, which last year made 73 visits, have special schools for 85 visits during the January-September period of this year.

Many Visits Made To Sick From Country

During the July-September quarter this year 289 ex-service men and women from country districts were visited by members of the League’s Corps of Hospital Visitors while undergoing treatment in metropolitan hospitals.

This was reported at a meeting of the Corps at Anzac House on October 17.

It was regretted that Mr. Jacobs, an active member of the Corps, was himself an in-patient at Hollywood Hospital.

The Corps welcomed new members including W. C. McTigue and K. M. Morrice as new members.

The resignation of Mr. M. J. Ballard because he was leaving the Army was regretted, and members recorded their appreciation of the valuable assistance he had given.

Auxiliaries and sub-branches of the Corps, in metropolitan hospitals and institutions, and the thanks of Mr. C. T. C. Brown, the public relations manager of the sub-branches, to those of their members who in this way display interest in the welfare of sick-ex-servicemen.

Sub-branches of the Corps made 341 visits during the period from July 1963 to 1/6, a total of 1,092 visits in the period from July 1961 to 1/6.

This work has been financed by an appeal in 1959 for funds, to inaugurate the scheme, to which sub-branches subscribed a sum of £30.

This money has now been spent, the main item having been £25 for the provision of comfort for ex-service patients at LeMerton, Heathcote and the Claremont Mental Hospital.

To enable the work to continue, an appeal for further funds was made. Each sub-branch last month with the following results:

- Dongara, $10
- South Perth, $30
- Narrogin, $10
- Naraleo, $10
- Mount Hawthorn, $5
- Mandurah, $10
- Tamlin and West Leederville-Venylly-floreat, $23
- Bruce Rock, £1/1/6

TOTAL: £51.
Thoughtful Address at Social

A thoughtful address by Mr Hugh Guthrie, M.L.A., was among the highlights of the annual smoke social of the West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park sub-branch on October 26.

Among those present were Lieut. Plummer (representing Mr R. J. White, the State President), Mr E. D. Dunstan (representing Mr G. Sherrington, Acting State Secretary).

Seance entertainment was provided by talented artists such as Messrs Morgan, Warthen, Elsegood and Christie.

Mr Guthrie told the gathering that he had been a member of six R.S.L. sub-branches and that the West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park sub-branch was high in his estimation of the branch's experience.

Mr R.S.L. was in a position similar, in point of time, to that of early 1939. For over 17 years had expired since the end of World War I.

There was a comparison to make. Although at the moment the world position might appear to be just around the corner, it was far from inappropriate to hope that the world today might be spared the horrors of further trials of strength and be allowed the blessings of a just and lasting peace. With the threat of nuclear war casting its grim shadow over the nations to-day the peace-ideal so earnestly felt 44 years ago seems sweet indeed.

Because this issue of "The Listening Post" was in process of being printed during the Remembrance Day weekend it was not possible to include reports of the services of the Public Service, the Public School, the Archdeacon of Perth, Dr. R. W. H. Moline, officiating—and the Miss Crowning Glory competition, wind-up concert at Anzac Hall during the evening.

Keen Interest Is Shown In R.S.L. Building Society

All money sought by the R.S.L. Building Society from the Commonwealth had been granted, Mr. E. J. Stoddart of the State Executive last month.

Mr Stoddart said a further 20 applications to the society for loans had been received and that fresh inquiries were being dealt with each day.

Interest in the scheme was particularly keen in country centres.

The society had made application to the State Housing Department for further funds. As well it had applied to the Commonwealth Savings Bank for funds under the Guarantee scheme and was also in touch with insurance companies which might have funds for lending.

Battalion In Training For Colour Ceremony

Citizen Military Force members of the 1st Battalion, Royal West Australian Regiment, are undergoing a three-week course of rehearsals for the official opening of C.A. F. colours on the morining of Saturday, November 25.

The Queen's and Regimental Colours are to be presented by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

Meanwhile men from as far afield as Albany and Geraldton are travelling to Perth each Sunday for the rehearsals.

For the ceremony the regiment will parade four guards each of 62 men and four officers with eight subalterns to carry the old Colours.

The remainder of the battalion, consisting of four platoons, will be in the parade ground.

Members of the regiment have been training locally on parade-ground, each weekend and metropolitan companies have been drilling at Wellington Park each Tuesday night.

On the day itself the task is expected to demand the training for two more important duties during the Games period.

On November 10 the regiment will parade to the Royal Guard of Honour for the opening of the Para-olympic games in front of His Excellency, Sir Charles Gardiner, and is to provide another force of 1000 for the British Commonwealth and Empire Games at the Duke of Edinburgh on November 22.

Meeting-date Change At Mundaring

Owing to the November 25th State League elections and the wonderful evening the Mundaring sub-branch was holding on a holiday and Christmas Eve respectively it was decided at the October meeting to alter these dates from the fourth Monday of the month to the third Monday.

As these two meetings are among the utmost importance the branch suggests members would be wise to make a note in their calendars to see a full roll-up of members.

The November meeting nominations for office bearers were taken and the election of officers will be carried out at the December meeting.

The sub-branch hopes to make a start in the very near future on the new hall for the new hall. The committee feels that essentially it is up to the members new hall and the election of officers will be carried out at the December meeting.

Apart from the complicated movements and the delays of the Presentation of Colours ceremony regimental members have also been training for other important duties during the Games period.

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Good Course At Mt. Macedon

Mr S. Bishop reported at last month's State Executive meeting that the country defence course he had attended at the Mt. Macedon course was very well worthwhile.

He said he had been most overwhelmed by the hospitality he had received as a guest of the Caffyn family just before his return to W.A.
DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

(asks C. R. Collins)

- THE DUKE of Norfolk now in Australia as manager of the M.C.C. team, has a long line of distinguished members of a family that has always been distinguished in peace and war. The first holder of the title, John Howard, served with distinction in France in the days of Joan of Arc and fought on the Yorkshire side during the Wars of the Roses. He was made Duke of Norfolk and Earl Marshal of England by Richard III in 1483 and, like Richard III, was killed at Bosworth two years later. His title was attained by Henry VII, but a reversal was secured by his son, Thomas, Earl of Surrey, who became second Duke in 1514.

- He was the Earl of Surrey who defeated the Scots at Flodden in 1513. The third Duke, also Thomas Howard, served with his father at Flodden. He fought against the Scots again in 1523 and against the French in 1543. Imprisoned on a charge of treason in 1546, he was released by Queen Mary in 1553 and his dukedom, which had been taken from him, was restored.

- His eldest son, Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey, one of the first English poets to write sonnets, was executed on a false charge of treason by Henry VIII. His son, another Thomas, succeeded his grandfather as Duke of Norfolk but was executed for plotting against Queen Elizabeth I and the title again fell into abeyance.

- The title was restored by Act of Parliament in 1600, when the office of Earl Marshal was made hereditary in the family.

- Another distinguished member of the Howard family was Lord Charles Howard, of Effingham, who was in supreme command of the English fleet which defeated the Spanish Armada.

- The fifteen Duke, who held many public offices during his lifetime, was elected (by an English volunteer in the Battle of the Dunes) as Major in the 4th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.

- Despite his many faults, Henry VIII was a great Englishman. He was the creator of the Royal Navy. He throttled the Admiralty and the Navy Office and fixed the salaries for commission officers and executive officers. He brought to England three Italian shipwrights to design vessels and he himself invented and designed a rowing galley.

- The “Great Harry,” built in 1488 and named after Henry VII, was the first ship constructed with two decks. A vessel of approximately 1,000 tons, she carried 72 guns and a crew of 700. After 65 years of service the Great Harry was accidentally burnt in 1553.

Club gets TV

The State Executive last month adopted a recommendation for installing a television set at the Anzac Club for a trial period. It was decided to take delivery of the set in time for the M.C.C. fixtures in Perth and to retain it at least until after the Commonwealth Games period.
League and Minister Differ Over Pension Matter

To grant a League request for an amendment of the pensions sections of the Retirements Benefits Act would be counter to the interests of many beneficiaries, according to Senator Shane Patridge.

The senator's case turns on the danger of increasing powers under the Act.

He claims that the chances might interfere with the powers of the League, on the other hand believes that they would continue to apply.

The request for amendment was based on the case of a discharged member who had remained in the service he would have been receiving a salary of £2,120 a year. After discharge he obtained employment at a wage of £900 a year.

The Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act states that a discharged member does not exceed two-thirds of the pay he would have received if he had remained in the service, then he is entitled to a pension of £500 a year. So this member was receiving £800 and an addition of £150, or an income of £1,150 per year.

He obtained promotion in his employment which gave him an income of £1,000 a year. The Board has certified that as he had substantially exceeded his two-thirds pension, this meant that his promotion had resulted in a drop in total income from £1,150 to £1,000.

The amendment which the League recommended to the Federal Treasurer was that on passing the two-thirds level the pension should be tapered off instead of being cut-off completely.

In his submission the League referred to certain discretionary powers, which still apply and that they did not affect the general principle.

Replied to the League's last approach in the matter, Senator Patridge, and Acting-Treasurer, said:

"In this reply the Treasurer mentioned in a letter of 14th March, 1962, there is no basis for considering payment of an 'invalid' pension when an ex-service man is able to engage in satisfactorily remunerated civil employment. Tapering only applies to the pension until it ceased when the ex-member received remuneration at the same rate as he received prior to his retirement. The principle that an invalidity pension is not payable when the ex-service man is satisfactorily employed. An invalidity pension under the Act cannot be regarded as normal income of a pensioner: it is paid because he is unable to engage in suitable civil employment and the continuation of all, or part, of the pension when that position is achieved would be a direct rebuke to the Act."

"The introduction of a procedure for automatic adjustment of pensions in remuneration would inevitably impinge upon the discretionality prescribed by the Board in the existing legislation. As the Treasurer explained in May, 1960, "the ex-service man who can find employment and is in a position to engage in suitable civil employment and continue to receive his pension, it is felt that the ex-service man not only is not entitled to vary the same but will be to the disadvantage of other pensioners."

Excitement In Hills Area

From a Glen Forrest sub-branch spokesman comes the news of the outbreak of affairsthat are.

Attendants at the Town Hall in Denmark throughout the season have been very good, with the excitement reaching a peak at the Fling.

The teams at Darlington last month, Chidlow, on the other hand, have enjoyed by those present.

At Glen Forrest on November 3 Miss Gill Moran conducted another cake stall in support of her candidate in the Miss Crownhill Glory contest. At a previous event her helpers took over £12.

The annual meeting of the Glen Forrest sub-branch will be held on the second Wednesday of every month. Ticket sales for tomorrow's meeting (December 13).

Reparations Will Cost £7m. More This Year

Because of an increase in the extent of treatment, reparations will cost £7m. more this year.

Minister for medical benefits, there had been additional payments for the treatment of service and provided outside the department's institutions.

This year it was estimated that the services would cost £915,000, an increase of £1,100,000, a rise of almost 3 per cent.

Caravan Park Tenancies

Future tenancies at the League's Pt. Peron Caravan Park are to be on a four-year basis with renewal limited to a three-month period.

This was decided at last month's executive meeting on the recommendation of the Caravan Park committee.

A recommendation that the charge for sites should be paid in advance the second week of every month was also adopted.

Reporting on behalf of the City of Fremantle sub-branch to take over the park had been deferred, the dwelling house as a result of proposed to be erected, the risk of the dwelling house being fire is a reasonable one for him to undertake.

In those propositions where the applicant's intention to build a house is possible under the War Service Homes Act to provide assistance for building a house on a farm that loan-approval is subject to the applicant being able to comply with certain conditions, the most important of which are:

• The applicant must be an eligible person under the War Service Homes Act.
• The home is to be erected must be held in fee simple or be leased for a period of not less than 21 years and at an annual rental of not less than £1,000 per annum.
• No assistance can be given on any unencumbered property.
• The dwelling house and land covered by the security of the division must provide a good credit for the War Service Homes Division, and must be in a locality which is not more than 100 miles from the capital.
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SOME HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD
(from the State President, Mr. W. S. Lonnie, O.B.E., M.V.O., M.C.)

I will start off by telling you something about this particular day. This morning The Hon. Mr. E. Hoar, the Agent-General, picked me up and, accompanied by Mrs Hoar, we paid an official visit to the Chelsea Royal Hospital.

This, as you know, is the most beautiful hospital in the world, in the world, and it certainly lived up to that reputation. We were called there this morning.

Fortunately it was the day of the Festival of Empire, and it was wonderful to arrive there in time to see the initial part of the ceremony. The red-coats were there with their “phlegm” and their “address”, it was really a striking parade.

There are one or two funny little ideas here that the governorship of the home seems to start from. The Governor incorporates a Lieutenant-Governor, Adjutant and the Company Commanders.

THE PROTOCOL

The home is run on a military basis although the discrimination is irksome, and seems to fit in very well. The Governor is a major-general, and the Adjutant this morning was a brigadier, though in his capacity of adjutant his rank of brigadier doesn’t seem to count for very much in the company I was with.

The Company Commander takes the parade. Just an aside regarding this morning——the brigadier is junior in status to the Captain of the invalids, who has been here a longer period than he has, so that seniority in the service doesn’t count so much as seniority in length of stay here.

IN CHURCH

The church was wonderful, with the beautiful choir and the harvest festival, the whole church was decorated most beautifully with agricultural products, wheat, flowers, fruit, apples and so on.

The singing by the very excellent choir was most impressive. The church had a military flavour and it was interesting to see the Chelsea pensioner boys doing the little choir of the collection, and the little ruddy faces of the soldiers standing up in the aisles and waiting for the singing to begin.

With considerable, just before we went into church, I met Major-General Wilson, the Chief of Staff for a short visit at Chief-of-Staff, designate of the Australian Armies, who had already seen some years ago. It was nice to meet him and make himself known to the commanding of the hospital service.

LONG TRADITIONS

After the service we were taken to the inspection of Royal Chelsea Hospital and this, indeed, something. The building is nothing under 500 years old, and a magic condition which is inseparable from that of a building of this kind. It was fascinating to look round the walls of the various coloured and attractive tablets fixed there.

Not even the least interesting is one commemorating the life of the famous soldiers of the troop-shiip Birkenhead. You remember, on this ship the ship was sinking and they were a mixture of Sea and Highlanders and other Scottish regiments, plus some English troops- lads.

They were paraded on deck, and given orders to stand on deck until the women and the sick were embarked, and they did so, apparently with their discipline unbroken, and with the corps of the distinguished component went down with the ship.

Of enough significance is the recording of those killed in the naval raids of World War I and World War II.

The Royal Hospital itself suffered from these raids in both wars. Altogether, I think some eight people were killed in the first war and 19 in the second.

Going out of the gateway afterwards one saw a large building on the left. Apparently the Government has not yet found the time and trouble to return the building to its previous state.

Then from the church through the wards, as they are called. It is true this institution is called a hospital, but the hospital is only a part of it. It is a Home of Remembrance.

Each veteran has his own cubicle, and as the system is one that has been in operation for the Chelsea Pensioners in December, it is not to be taken that this is not one of the most important parts of the institution.

I am sure it would go over very well, and take the comments of a few of the veterans I met today (although many of them, especially where Australia is) that the feelings towards us are very warm.

Now, having inspected the Great Hall, we were taken to the kitchen. The story of the kitchen is that of very attractive staff lined up there and also saw something of the day — mainly chowders and a mixture of hot and cold lunches.

The kitchen is not a patch on ours at Mt. Lawley; the fact that it is a little on may have something to do with this. However, the happy spirit of service and the relations of staff and pensioners are evident.

I mentioned the military background: 500 years and the paymaster of the force was a member of the Commission, and said that 50 years ago he had killed in battle.

Next door to him is a bright young fellow from the Cameron Highlanders.

THE GREAT HALL

From there into the Great Hall, the dining-room for all who are mobile and have their meals in cafeteria style.

Around the walls of the Great Hall are records of famous battles fought during the British Flag. I am not too sure why, because it doesn’t seem to fit in with the British Flag.

The Great Hall is full of pictures which is entirely appropriate. The R.S.L. Christmas Cake is presented each year. This year the W.A. branch will be supplying the cake.

I believe the ceremony is one of the most enjoyable—about 300 of the Chelsea Pensioners in their red coats and top hats, with medals, along with the W.A. Branch, Marines and about 100 distinguished guests present.

The cake itself weighs 60 lb. and is covered with the supply of intoxicating liquor to the boys.

I asked the Governor who had been in the town, and he said that they were aware that anyone stepping on the line is asked to leave. The quality of the category over the years is infinitesimal.

I can understand that because everyone certainly has something.

It is difficult to make a large dining room and our own Veterans’ Home in Western Australia.

This is so old; it is a deep-rooted, and the military tradition is one of the oldest.

The boots and shoes are all lined up in rows (as they call them) and the smaller rooms are set up for inspection by the Orderly Officer and the R.S.M. of the day, plus the R.S.M. and the various companies.

I asked the question: “How many people is it a patch on ours at Mt. Lawley?” The person concerned was given a large amount of work for the week and, after a period, his debts exceeded his credits, and he was not much put up to standard.”

There is one in Beaufort, but that is for general circulation, and it happens to have a form of Australian historical section for inspection by Home. It would be a very good thing.

VETERANS’ MUSEUM

At Chelsea is a museum of historic section and there mounted in cases, are medals of many campaigns. A great number of any kind are in cases. There are two kinds of Mara, and also — regarded with the British officers’ club and there is the wooden slab upon which the Duke of Wellington rested after his death and prior to his death and prior to his State Funeral in London.

THE GREAT DUKE

The Duke of Wellington apparently has a great interest in the town, and a great deal of the museum is devoted to pictures of Waterloo, his inspection of the battlefield, the actual death of the great man, and finally Wellington returning as a much older man to the scene of the battle.

An amazing character picture there is William Hazlitt, and his caption for various queens and kings of England to 80 years. He served first in the Guard, hill, during the Civil War.

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Visiting R.A.A.F. Band To Give Two Concerts

The City of Perth submarine war crier, Laurence H. Hicks, L.R.A.M., A.B.C.M., Director of Music, Royal Australian Air Force, who has had a long and distinguished career as a musician, will be visiting the R.A.A.F. Band in the next few days. (see picture at right.)

The first of these will be held at the Capitol Theatre, Perth, on Sunday, November 18 at 9.30 p.m. (admission 10/- and 5/-) and the second at Fremantle Oval on Sunday, November 25 at 8.15 p.m. (admission 4/-).

The R.A.A.F. Band has the reputation of being the finest in the Southern Hemisphere and will be under the baton of its leader, Mr. Hicks, who has had a long and distinguished career as a musician.

S/L Hicks was born in England and has lived in Australia. He is a proficient musician and as a lad displayed a keen interest in music.

At the age of ten he began to learn the cornet and soon mastered the instrument. At 14 he joined the British Army as a boy musician and was selected to go to Kneller Hall, the Royal Military School of Music in London. He returned to Kneller Hall after the war. In 1934 he returned to Kneller Hall for a three-year course during which he learned to play several instruments and was taught every facet of the musical profession.

He specialised in clarinet and cello and was the principal clarinetist at Kneller Hall during that period.

S/L Hicks also completed two sections at the fashionable Hurstbourne Club, London, and Kneller Hall light orchestra, as well as the Royal School of Music in London.

In 1933, during the Australian tour, an approach was made to S/L Hicks to join the R.A.A.F. to form a band. He accepted and came with his family to Australia in February 1933. The two concerts in this State will give band music lovers a wonderful opportunity to listen to a great band presenting first-class music. Be sure not to miss these concerts.

Staggering Crowd At Cabaret

Millen officials were somewhat staggered when they confronted with a roll-up of 200 people at a cabaret evening conducted by the sub-branch recently. But the organisers, comprising President Frank Byfield, Secretary John Backland, Toast Master Ted Griffiths, Gordon Baker and Rob Rutten, were more than equal to the task set them. Though the capacity of the Victoria Park sub-branch hall was fairly fully sized for the occasion, everyone seemed to enjoy the fun.

Good music, excellent entertainment and ample refreshment in the way of food and drink made this one of the best sub-branch shows ever staged in the metropolitan area.

The State Executive were well represented by the following members: President; E. C. Townsend, Countryside Vice-President R. Messenger, Assistant-State Secretary, G. A. Sherringham and Terry Le Mesurier. The evening was a success and the question now being asked is: “When is the next one?”

A Non-Member Is Fed

A special guest at a rollicking party at Yarloop recently was Mr. John Ballough. Mr. Ballough, who has been transferred to Perth, is not a League member but his family has been of great assistance to the sub-branch, among other things helping to raise money for the Yarloop War Memorial. Members therefore invited him along to wish him well.

Also present—and also about to leave the district—was Mr. Les Berry who was sub-branch secretary for several years. Les was taken by surprise when presented by Assistant-State Treasurer George Sherringham and State Executive member, Mr. Jack Mack with a Certificate of Service.

A Question Of Nomenclature

Mr. John Gould, of tilbrook-street, Glen Forrest, has written as follows:

“The conflict of 1899-1902 is strictly termed by the historians as the South African War to distinguish it from the earlier Boer War. This is quoted by Mr. W. E. Sheppheard in his ‘A Short History of the British Army’ which can be found in any A.A.E.C. Library.”

AFFILIATION: Continued League affiliation with the T.B. Association was decided on by the State Executive last month.

Remembered For His Service

Members of the West-Leederville-Wembley-Cottesloe Park sub-branch and the 16th Battalion Association were shocked to hear of the death of George Newton, a past secretary and member of the sub-branch.

George rendered yeoman service in its interests and those of the League in general. The respect and affection which the committee has for him in hand and as soon as the date and venue have been arranged will advise those interested.

Civil Defence Courses Have Been Resumed

The R.S.L. Civil Defence Course (No. 4) which commenced on Thursday November 8, in the Anzac House ballroom was designed to give elementary knowledge on civil-defence matters.

It is hoped that these participants will go on to future studies and be in a position to help in any national emergency if required.

Civil-defence services are being organised and are being offered at the request of the local authorities. The number of participants is limited and it is advisable to enrol in good time before the event of floods, fires or other natural disasters.

With a little planning rescue teams will be invaluable in meeting such emergencies.

Part of the role of civil defence is the control of resources for dealing with the fires resulting from nuclear attack, and these resources will be available for dealing with other fires as well.

The welfare organisation could provide for the homeless and for the men of the operating services.

The headquarters and communications organisation would provide control.

Much of the advice given is based on fire and first-aid work and applies in many respects to natural disasters generally.
LEAGUE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

By J. R. Duncan

The Land Settlement Story

(Continued from last month)

Many millions of pounds of government money were spent on soldier settlement due to revaluations and increased agricultural prices. The method of applying for land was to fill in a form and present it to the nearest Land Settlement Board. The process was slow and cumbersome, and not all those who wished to apply were successful in securing land. The Land Settlement Act was introduced to facilitate the process, and many thousands of acres were set aside for soldiers and ex-servicemen. However, the Act was not without its criticisms, and the process of settling on the land was not always easy or successful. The experience of land settlement was tough, and many settlers faced difficulties in farming and adapting to life in the bush. The committee's recommendations for the future were that the government should provide more assistance and support for settlers, and that the Act should be amended to make it more effective.

LESSONS LEARNED

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Naval Appointment

Of Interest

A former Naval Officer-in-charge in Victoria is to take over the same duties in Victoria for the next few months.

The Minister for the Navy, Senator Gorton, said recently that Commodore R. Rhodes is to be appointed to carry out the duties of Naval Officer-in-charge there until March of next year.

Commodore Rhodes is now the Commodore-Superintendent of Training at Flinders Naval Depot, Victoria, and will assume his new duties in addition to his training establishment.

Commodore Rhodes succeeds Captain R. S. S. Ingram, D.S.C., R.N., who has been serving as Naval Officer-in-charge in Victoria while on exchange duty in Adelaide, and in Victoria.

A permanent appointment as Naval Officer-in-charge in Victoria will be made next year.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics, at Canberra, was responsible for the initial recommendation and it was apparently clear that many settlers were faced with difficulties in farming and adapting to life in the bush.

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SETTLERS HELPED

Every possible endeavour was made on behalf of applicants. It continued on the economic and administrative side, and besides items of broad policy, the committee also made many recommendations regarding the special needs of the settlers. It also made recommendations regarding the provision of housing for the temporary accommodation of the allottees, and the provision of loans to assist with the purchase of land.

The committee finally recommended that the government should establish a scheme to meet the expected deficiency in available land.

NOTE: It should be borne in mind that Mr. Duncan was not present at the time of this discussion, so that any allusions to the present reflect in fact to that period.
New Wing Takes Name Of Lonnie

The residential block under construction at the War Veterans Home, Mt. Lawley, is to be known as the Lonnie Wing.

This was decided by the State Executive at last month's meeting.

Work on the new wing, which is for male veterans, is expected to finish before the end of the year.

State Vice-President J. A. Rolfe told the executive that although the Social Services Department had been opposed to remitting from taxation the expenditure on building furnishings, the Minister had ruled in favour of League submissions. The amount involved was about £600.

Mr. Rolfe said that for the Veteran's Day programme for November 25 the S.E.C. sub-branch had undertaken to install a somewhat elaborate lighting display.

The cost of the equipment for this (about £150) would be borne by the Norcross Fund.

Mr. Rolfe also said that a gratitude programme was to be undertaken at the home.

[State President Lonnie is expected to return from his Government-mission abroad early in December.]

Flag Bridge Popular
At Maylands

The flag-bridge sessions conducted by the Maylands sub-branch have ended for 1962 but will be on again at the end of the bowls and croquet season.

The final night of the bridge season was made a party occasion by the ladies and everyone received a small memento.

The president, Mrs. Farnham, thanked patrons and the ladies' committee for their unfailing support, and Mrs. Smith for her excellent organisation.

Mr. Syd Burns, responding for the players, said the bridge afternoons would continue through the summer at the Maylands Autumn Club.

The sub-branch has paid tribute to Mrs. Farnham, who is behind the scenes at every R.S.L. Ball excursion as well as playing her part on Poppy Day.

A sub-committee was elected at a recent meeting. It includes Messrs. S. Price, M. Perks, T. Halse and J. Spillman, and is ready to assist in a local Civil Defence programme.

Fate Of Keg Decided "in the nick"

Refreshment—in the form of a 10-gallon keg—was "on the house" for contestants in this year's A.R.M.S. Games grand finals at Anzac House on October 10.

But only just: the decision to provide the keg was made earlier the same night by the State Executive, which was meeting a week later than usual because its normal meeting night was the first Wednesday of the month, clashed with the Arscl Show people's night fixture at the Showgrounds.

Executive members were invited to attend the games and to make an early decision on the fate of the keg, which was to be destroyed later than usual because its normal meeting night of the year was the first Wednesday of the month.

Many of Perth's visitors to the Commonwealth Games this month will be seeing the State War Memorial for the first time.

This recent picture of the massive monolith captures something of the solemnity and dignity of its parkland setting overlooking city and river.

On Anzac Day and Remembrance Day each year the memorial is a focal point of solemn acts of national remembrance and of pride in the valour of Australians who have fallen in their country's service.
Plenty Doing For City Of Perth

Although the City of Perth sub-branch missed out on a major place in this year's A.R.M.S. Games competition, it can still hold its head high knowing that a lot of strenuous endeavour went into all the events.

The sub-branch had as its guests recently about sixty members—with their wives and lady-friends—for a fun-and-games night. The volunteer pianist had a night off as the gathering was engrossed in the various games to worry about the lack of music.

Under its president, Mrs. Brown, provided a tasty supper while Jack Brown and Bill Gilchrist kept the frig. and clanging up. President Harry Holden and senior vice-president, Bill Hood, kept the ball rolling in all departments.

During a spell from table manoeuvres, Harry took pleasure in handling the trophies to the respective winners of games events.

Another pleasant duty performed by him was the presentation to Charlie Straw of an envelope with a token of esteem for services rendered to the sub-branch over the year. Charlie suitably replied and was cheered for his speech.

The Saturday-night dances are beginning to realize the committee's hopes-packed houses for the time being, with preparations for a record season next winter.

The Irish Night Carnival was a huge success, and is to be followed (on December 1) with a Scotch night. At present on the secret list is the programme.

On November 19 (Sunday) in the Capitol Theatre band-music lovers will be entertained by the night super-musicians, Sir the famous R.A.A.F. Band, under the baton of Wing Commander Hicks. A capacity house is hoped for and signs are encouraging of this.

On the following Sunday night the same band will appear at the Fremantle Oval—again under City of Perth sub-branch and Legacy sponsorship. Both bodies will gain from these events. Carnival are listed for the following dates: Saturday, December 1st—Scottish Night (kilted not essential, though welcome). Saturday, Dec. 22, and again Monday (Christmas Day). Then the ball starts rolling for the following Saturday (December 29) with the following Monday a real New Year's Eve.

Don't let out of any of these.

Another important fixture for the Junior Colours was to be conducted by country and metropolitan women auxiliaries of the W.V.A. Home on Sunday, December 26.

Every ex-service man is urged to go along and empty the stalls (after paying for the admission). It is reported that the general public is keenly awaiting this year's bonanza—"Hummy."

Re-equipment Of Navy
Sets Service Record

The Navy's big re-equipment programme this financial year is setting a record in armed service expenditure.

Navy Minister, Mr. Gorton, said last week that during the past year the Navy would spend a quarter of its entire budget on new ships and aircraft.

This was a record for an Australian service and would rate among the highest capital equipment percentages in the budgets of any service in the world.

The Minister said that out of an allocation of $194,900,000, the Navy would spend $12,000,000 on new "hardware."

This year's equipment expenditure would include further payments on two new anti-submarine frigates being built in Australia (Warramunga and Wivenhoe) and on six minesweepers ($42,000), two new Australian-built guided-missile destroyers ($3,000,000), two new guided-missile destroyers ($5,000,000) and on 27 anti-submarine craft ($2,600,000).

This year's expenditure of approximately 25 percent on new equipment compares with 18 percent last year.

Senator Gorton said the last programme of an arm service was to keep itself in top fighting trim. The entire budget on modern equipment and the Navy was meeting the challenge.

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Battalion Association Notes

16th Battalion

At the annual reunion of the 16th Battalion Association this year it was decided to appoint a committee representative of the association to keep in touch with members outside districts.

Mr. J. McNamara was appointed for the Goldfield members and Mr. J. A. Wilson for the awaiting answers from members written to in other areas.

Colour badges may now be obtained from the secretary on a cost of 3/- plus postage.

The association has applied for tickets for the ceremony at which the Duke of Edinburgh will present Queen's and Regimental Colours to 1st Battalion R.W.A. Members desiring tickets should get in touch with the secretary.

Messages of sympathy have been sent to relatives of the late Ron Ford and A. L. Brown, who recently died in South Australia recently.

A picture of Simpson and his pony, presented to the association some years ago, is missing. Any information regarding this matter should be welcomed by the committee.

Mr. W. Cornelius has returned to Mt. Magnet after a three-year absence. Welcome home.

Reported sick: Messrs. A. Slater; W. Dearden; J. H. Browne; L. Gledes and F. Maher.

11th and 2/11th

It is imperative to have these moves advertised for the 11th history, and unless these requirements are handed in promptly, the near future there is every prospect of this very important date falling by the wayside.

Do it now please; let’s have your names and thirty-bob return mail!

These notes are being penned at Hollywood Hospital. George Murray (Ward 10) and George Prestedge (Ward 7) should be home in hospital by the time you read this.

It was with real sorrow that members of this association heard of the death of 2/28th Battalion Association president Ben Norman. Ben was a gentleman in every sense of the word and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Members were down for this year’s annual reunion, and we therefore express the hope that next year they will start and the rise in price.

The secretary would welcome any information about those who stayed away.

25-Pounders At Gunners’ Day

Two 25-pounder guns acquired by the Royal Australian Artillery Association during the year were a feature of the Gunners’ Day ceremony at Guildford on November 15.

The association extends its thanks to the 3rd Field Regiment and the Guildford Shire Council for their help in this matter. The luncheon was held at the Guildford Hotel and the afternoon tea was provided by the Guildford branch of the Red Cross Society.

$100 More For Home

The 10th Light Horse Association made a second donation of $100 to the War Veterans’ Home.

This was presented to the last month’s R.S.L. executive meeting by Acting State Commandant, Mr. John Land, who was presented with a cheque for that amount at the annual R.S.L. luncheon during Show Week.

Brighter Note Sounded At Victoria Park

In a somewhat longer communication than usual, Victoria Park sub-branch publicity officer George Ford has quite a bright note to sound this month.

The next general meeting of the sub-branch will be held on Friday, November 16, and all members are reminded that they should attend at the headquarters.

Notable among the absentees at this meeting will be Messrs. Sydney W. Simpson, the Cad brothers, and a few others who were on the sick-list.

This year’s list of departed comrades, comprising 38, is larger thanusual, in previous years the losses have been over 20.

A letter from Greg Brown to the boys in Sydney says the church service will be held at the old church.

This winter produced a fairly heavy sick-list of members but according to reports most of them have shaken off the "wog" and are about again.

Battalion List

The compilation of the list of 28th Battalion members shown the latest War Memorial was carried out by Mr. Charlie McIntosh with the help of Mr. Roy Collins, and not—as stated in these columns last month—by Mr. Lee Collins. says association secretary H. Brownie: “This was a colossal undertaking and reflects the greatest credit on both Charlie and Roy.”

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Elections At Bellevue

Next Month

Bellevue members are reminded that nominations are now being called for the December 10 meeting.

The Bellevue women’s auxiliary has again proved its worth to the sub-branch during the year and it confirms the hard work of Mrs. E. P. Carlier, who has been appointed as sub-branch president.

The sub-branch Christmas party will be held on December 15 (Father Christmas).

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of Stuart times, and died at the age of 112 after having lived in the War Veteran’s Home for some 15 years.

A further point of interest was that William Heselden, Mayor of the City of York at the age of 100. There is no record of any descendant of that particular marriage.

Everything at the Royal Valkyrie was impressive, to the fact that it stands on about 36 acres of ground in Cheltenham, and the £8 million London—gives one a feeling of being miles away in the old days.

One gets the impression of tremendous kindness as part of the administration. Our Company Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Hassett, was simply known to all and all knew him and gave him a card with the old chaps.

The service is as good as it was. For church and social and the usual services the men wear the black uniforms and the buttons and brass stripes. They are buttoned right up to the neck, the tails have the effect of completing the show. Red trousers are worn, with a white and gold band right down the side.

ON AND OFF PARADE

On parade (I noticed) they go through the normal drill—marching, drilling, right—left—right, right—left—right, marching again, open—order—march, ready—formal inspection—which I don’t think is too strictly—closed—order—march and then right or left turn and march into church.

Looking at the group, I would say that the average age would be 75 to 80, and when you get men of that age, with their boots absolutely old—and their trousers—buttons shining, medals—shining, and still carrying them—such a sight makes it do make you feel there is something in being an old soldier.

That would also apply with equal force, of course, to the Navy or the Air Force.

RISE IN THE NUMBER OF WAR-BLINDED

The number of ex-service men classified “blind as a result of war-service” has risen from 373 to 457 in the past ten years.

Repatriation Minister Mr. C. W. Swartz told the League recently: “I said 221 of the men were from World War II and 15 from World War I. They are one from the Korean—Japanese operations.

All of the men who have had repatriation training had now completed their courses, and many had successfully established themselves in trade or professional employment. The courage and persistence of those war veterans in learning a new occupation or adapting themselves so that they could retrace their previous work, was amazing.” Mr. Swartz said repatriation Department had provided 210 talking-book machines to war-blinded ex-servicemen.

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Meeting The Demand For Naval Careers

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Junior recruits undertake an initial period of twelve years in the Royal Australian Navy.

New Cheque System And Pensioners

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Nor would banks make charges against traders who cashed cheques as a service to pensioners, provided the cheques were grouped separately when paid in.

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Some Thoughts On The Badge You Wear

In an article in "Multif"—official journal of the Victorian State branch—recently Mr J. Cashmore had this to say concerning the R.S.L. badge.

The R.S.L. badge carries a clip which shows that the wearer is actually paying for the privilege of wearing his comrades in peace as in war.

It also shows that he is continuing to help in the great work rendered to the disabled, the aged, and the bereaved.

The League's badge is not a boast of war-time service, but rather a mark of unsung service to less fortunate comrades. It is also a symbol of readiness to render service to Queen and country if needed, as well as to former comrades.

Men who served this country during the dark days of the British Commonwealth, and will turn to civilian life, members of the League with the object of retaining some of those fine qualities which were adopted and cemented while serving with their mates in a foreign land against a very formidable foe.

Neither wealth, influence, nor social standing can purchase the badge; it can only be lawfully worn by those who qualify to wear it by serving on an operational front at a time when the nation is at war.

The qualifications needed for eligibility are exceedingly high, consequently it gives the wearer a very high sense of pride, and especially is this so at present because of the great principles and traditions which have been built up by the members of the League under this coveted emblem of service over the last 45 years, or since the first world war.

Many ex-service men are only just realising what the badge does represent. Perhaps that is the main reason why many are reliving after a lapse of years.

Others have never bothered to join the League at all are now doing so.

The upward trend in membership is significant and it is hoped that old and new members will do everything in their power to assure the future of the organisation.
Northam Prepares For
Its Annual Dinner

The Northam sub-branch has invited the local
branch of the Air Force Association to co-operate
in conducting the annual ex-servicemen’s dinner
in the R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Northam, on Friday,
November 16.

Three R.S.L. members have been appointed to
form a sub-committee to make the necessary ar-
rangements for the dinner and the A.F.A. has been
invited to appoint two representatives.

Catering for the dinner will be placed in the cap-
able hands of the sub-branch auxiliary, as in past
years.

In accordance with a sub-
branch decision to arrange for guest speakers for the
monthly meetings Major R. L. Phillips has been
asked to arrange the service and the role of the sub-branch in it.

The dinner will be taken to organise and con-
duct a Rescue Section.

Major Phillips said that anything he did or said in connection with the Nor-
thorn Voluntary Emergency Service was said or done
purely in his capacity as an Australian citizen and
must not be construed as having any connection what-
soever with his position as the holder of the Queen’s
Commission as a major in the Australian Regular
Army.

Incidentally Major Phillips reported that he has been a great acquis-
tion to the sub-branch since he was posted to C.A.D. at the beginning of the
time, has just been appointed to the Dental Com-
mand of 6 C.A.D., Spring

hill, and Area Command Northam Military Camp.

In the latter capacity he will take over from Major
L. C. (Tim) Howes, another valuable and popular mem-
ber of the sub-branch.

It is with the greatest regret that Major Phillips said he will regrettably
see Major Howes leave the district in order to take up
a leading dairy company in the city upon his retire-
ment from the Army.

Regrettably the loss of Tim Howes will not be con-
fined to the R.S.L. and his interest and contribution to the
community was widely recognised. However, the loss of
Howes will be Kalamunda’s gain, as that is the place
where he will now reside. (Darling Range sub-branch, please note!)

Sub-branch
Officials

The following R.S.L. sub-
branch appointments were con-
formed by the State
Executive last month.

Appointments: President, Mr
N. Wood; secretary, Mr. M.
Carnahan; treasurer, Mr.
Coteless; president, Mr.
Stafford; secretary, Mr.
Baker.

Limb Centre Moved
To Hollywood

On November 5 the Re-
stitution Artiﬁcial Limb
Centre was moved from its former loca-
tion at the corner of Murray and George streets, Perth, to new premises in
Verdun street, Hollywood, at the rear of the Religion General Hospital.

The new telephone num-
ber is 96 6221.

Sports Night
With A
Difference

As a sequel to this year’s
McKinley Shield games
competition— in which final
honours went to the St. Ken-
wick ladies runners-up—
the R.S.L. sub-
branch last month, in con-
junction with its auxiliary, enteiuned a combined
team from Swanbourne
at a game-night at Kenwick.

The teams were evenly
matched and the games
were closely contested.

Supper was supplied by
Kenwick and served by the
ladies. Mrs Rainer, the Ken-
wick president, welcomed
the guests.

Swanbourne has invited
Kenwick to a return-even-
ing in similar style and
the invitation was accepted
on the spot.

Many other sub-
branches and auxiliaries could
combine in similar functions.

POPPO DAY: The pre-
Poppos Day dinner of the Met-
ropolitan sub-branch presi-
dents and secretaries was
held in the R.S.L. main
ballroom on Tuesday, Oc-
tober 13, this year.

Visit To Malaya
by
Ex-P.O.W. Official

From Ex P.O.W. Association publicity officer
H. Brown comes the following account of a recent
journey he made to Singapore and Malaya.

Travelling on the “Kuala Lumpur” he endeavoured to
improve his time on board the R.S.L. sub-
branch’s ship by visiting the Changi
War Cemetery and took
photographs for relatives.

The war cemeteries, being
splendidly maintained and
a credit to all concerned;
more lawns and shrubs are
still being planted.

Any ex-P.O.W. visiting
Singapore should not fail
to visit the Changi War
memorial chapel, which is
a memorial to all ex-P.O.W.
who died in the prison and
which has been furnished by donations from various
branches of service associa-
tions throughout Australia
and Malaya.

What impressed me in
Singapore generally was
the large number of multi-
ple widows and orphans un-
certified accommodation
problems, and in the people’s standard of
living.

Leaving Singapore I made a
to Penang which was new to me and
and other for Penang which
and other forts which had shown us marvellous
hospitality.
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Sub-branch Secretary Still Active at 80

To show his appreciation of the fine work of its secretary, Mr G. V. Dennis, over many years the Rosa Brook-Rosa Glen sub-branch recently held a reception to celebrate his 80th birthday anniversary.

Mr Dennis has not only earned the respect and affection of all members of the sub-branch, but also that of the residents of the district.

He joined the Merchant Service in 1906 and served in sailing ships.

On August 4, 1914, he joined the Gloucester Regiment and served in France until 1915 when he transferred to the Royal Navy.

As a lieutenant he served with the Dovers Patrol until his discharge in 1919.

Mr Dennis has been secretary of Rosa Brook-Rosa Glen for 11 years and has organised the sub-branch's annual ball—the highlight of the social season in the Margaret River area—since its inception.

He attends the Anzac Day parade each year and still insists on marching although confined to a wheelchair, for ex-servicemen who find the march beyond their physical ability.

Mr Dennis endeavours to spend a few days in Perth each year and enjoys meeting friends at the Anzac Club.

Mr G. V. DENNIS

Those at Anzac House join with the State Executive and the sub-branch in adding their appreciation of the splendid work done, and the loyalty shown, by Mr Dennis.

Club Manager Appointed

The management of the Anzac Club has been taken over by Mr N. Fraser, former president of the Albany sub-branch.

Mr Fraser, who served with the R.A.A.F. in World War II, commenced duty at the club on October 8.

With his predecessor, Mr R. Novell, he attended the State Executive meeting on October 10. He was then introduced to the members by Mr B. Pearson, who wished him well in his appointment.

Mr Pearson also expressed the thanks of the executive to Mr Novell for a job well done.

TWO BAND CONCERTS

The City of Perth sub-branch is organising two band concerts this month.

One will be held at the Capitol Theatre, Perth, on Sunday, November 18, and the other at Fremantle Oval on November 25.

Papuan Sailor Selected For The Games

A member of the Papua-New Guinea division of the Royal Australian Navy has been selected to compete in the British Commonwealth Games in Perth next month.

Announcing his selection recently the Minister for the Navy, Senator Gorton, said that the Papuan sailor, Able Seaman Peter Miasikar, had been chosen as a sprinter in the Papua-New Guinea team.

The 6ft, all-round athlete is training under team managers R. Gosper in Rockhampton and A. D. Seaman, at Mataranka, and joined the Navy two years ago and works in the shipwright shop at the Manus Island Naval Base. He was born in Mataranka, 26 years ago and was educated at the Lae Technical School.

Senator Gorton said Able Seaman Miasikar could be a surefire of plenty of Naval support in Perth next month.

Some 4,000 sailors from eighteen warships will be in Fremantle during the Games. Eight of the visiting warships will be under the operational control of the R.A.N. while the others will be from the Royal Navy, Royal Navy of the Netherlands and the Indian Navy.

What's Doing At Subiaco

At the last two meetings of the sub-branch president, Joe Burgess has been unavoidably absent and vice- president, Ken Young, has cracked the whip over the gathering.

Subiaco has been handled expeditiously and the necessary chores which crowd on the committee at this time of the year are well in hand.

The annual reunion has been set for Friday, November 23, and the charge has been cut to 10/ per head. It is thought that by the exercise of good management this year's economics the sub-branch can turn on a first-class evening at this charge.

All members are asked to attend so that a good night can be enjoyed both socially and financially.