For greater Strength and Unity join the League in '63

40 Girls Raised £7,000 For League, Legacy

A sum of £6,924 was raised by means of the Miss Crowning Glory competition this year and after meeting all expenses there should hand over more than £5,000 to the League and Torchbearers for Legacy.

This was reported by the State Executive last month by State Junior Vice-President, Nancy Rolfe.

The competition, in which 40 girls participated, was conducted by the State, S.E.C. sub-branch, and the winner was Miss Diane Miller, who also took home a watch valued at £50. Miss Miller said she was most pleased to have won the prize.

Mr. Rolfe told the Executive that in the four years of its existence the competition had raised a total of £2,500 which had been shared equally by the two sponsoring organisations.

The League's share of the takings, which amounts to £1,250, has been added to the League's account and has, in the long term, helped fund the League's activities.

The competition was a most effective fund-raiser, and it is estimated that it produced a handy sum by means of it. This year there were 40 finalists as against only 26 last year and the whole undertaking, including the crowning ceremony and concert, had been an outstanding success.

Miss Miller's winning of the title confirmed the popular belief that she was the most likely candidate.

The eight final placings, with the sponsoring body in each instance shown in parentheses, were as follows:

1. Diane Miller, North Perth (S.E.C. sub-branch).
2. Anne Wilson, Narrogin (Torchbearers, R.S.L. and Hi-Fi Club, Narrogin).
3. Ann Dorn, Joondanna (P.M.G. sub-branch).
4. Joan Thornley, West Leederville (Margaret Salon).
5. Rose Fragram, Bayswater (Boans Ltd., Morley).
6. Carol Anderson, Moorio (Moora sub-branch and Torchbearers).
8. Eileen Kuba, Como (Boans Ltd., Perth).

War-grave Touches Please Members

On their annual visit to the War Memorial Cemetery, the members of the Geraldton sub-branch were pleased to note that a considerable number of headstones had been placed on the graves of ex-servicemen who died from war-caused injuries.

The sub-branch secretary, Mr. Buckle said that he had noticed a great increase in the number of headstones during the past year. He added that the sub-branch was responsible for the placing of the headstones on the graves of ex-servicemen who died from war-caused injuries.

Sub-branch members had placed flowers on the graves during their annual pilgrimage and had taken part in the ceremony at the head of the eleventh day of the eleventh month 1918, which was chosen as the most appropriate date for the remembrance.

Miss Diane Miller was the cynosure of all eyes as she received the crown of her head and declared her to be the winner of the competition.
Publicity Was A Feature Of National Congress

A noteworthy feature of this year's National Congress in Brisbane last month was the amount of publicity it was given by the local press, radio and television services.

Acting State President E. C. Townshend and Mr. R. W. Rowan addressed the point on the Congress proceedings to the State Executive. Mr. Townshend said the Queensland president, Sir Raymond Hulse, had worked on the various publicity media for months prior to Congress and the coverage had exceeded that given by any other State.

Distinguished and prominent Australian television in their midst during an address given them by a New Guinean native.

Congress had been outstanding at and Western Australia had fared well with its items. The delegates had been accommodation in self-contained suits at Anzac House, Brisbane.

Summarising the proceedings the State Secretary Webb said the official opening had been performed by the Queensland Governor, Sir Henry Abel Smith. Guests included the Queensland Premier and Opposition Leader, and several Federal parliamentarians.

Among the agenda items dealt with were 51 dealing with representation, 48 with defence, 15 with communists in 1964 with the League's constitution and 22 of general nature.

Mr. Webb said it had been a term "White Australia" with "restrictive migration policies.

A West Australian item concerning eligibility had been referred to the League's national membership sub-committee. Of the 29 West Australian items submitted 16 had been carried.

The social arrangements had been on a generous scale and had included a day's tour of the Gold Coast. It had also seen the approval of State branches to a meeting in Canberra early next year of their secretaries.

Mr. R. J. Stoddart— the other W.A. delegate—said the organisation of Congress could not be faulted. Of the matters debated, he said, was provision of a naval base in a western State.

A proposal for an allowance to pensioners living in the North West and Far North on an "on the island" basis was being going into.

The standard of debate had been very high. It had been decided to hold next year's Congress in New South Wales.

Name-change For R.A.A.

The Queen has approved the change of the Imperial Artillery will in future be known as the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

In addition the Queen has approved the official title of the Australian Army's branch be changed from Colonel-in-Chief to Captain-General of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

An announcement of this recently Army Minister Crinan said the adoption of the formal address and title "Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery" brought Australia into line with Great Britain, Canada and New Zealand.

The title of Captain-General was already used by the Queen in relation to the artillery of those countries, and the title Captain-General, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, was now appropriate with due precaution by gunners everywhere.

The New Slogan

The League's slogan for the coming year— For greater Strength and Unity in 63 — was submitted by Mr. W. Inwood.

A member of the West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat sub-branch, Mr. Inwood served with the 28th Battalion in the World War I. He has been awarded a prize of £5 and with this the thanks of the State Executive for his interest and help.

Condolence In Viceregal Bereavement

Over the signature of National President A. J. Forrest in London, the Queen was sent on November 16 to His Excellency the Governor-General of Australia to convey the League's sympathy on the loss of her ladyship.

All members of the RSL throughout Australia were moved to extend the news of your sad bereavement.

An address with the words of His Excellency was also in due course received by the League and passed on to all State branches.

Hospital-visiting Donations

The following donations have been received in date in response to the State Executive's appeal for funds to assist the League's hospital-visiting work: Previously acknowledged, £5.

Mr. A. Connor, Ormiston, £1/12/6; Kalgoolie sub-branch, £3/5/6; Westminster, £3/5/6; East Fremantle, £3/5/6; West Swan, £5/5; Bassendean, £5; Dowerin, £5/5/6; Mundaring, $6/5/6; Pickering Brook, £2/2/6; W. A. Radio Temple, £2/6; Moornawoong, £2/6; W. A. C.I.O., £2/6; Kallangur, £2/6; Guildford, £2/6; Quinlup, £1/1/6; Geminer's sub-branch, £1/1/6; Milbrook, £1/1/6; Mingenew/Kandana, £5; Kaangaroo, £5/5/6; Gascoyne, £5/5/6; Yarloop, £2/2/6; Mullewa, £2/2/6; Meckering, £2/2/6; TOTAL: £15/19/11.

MEDAL FOUND

A bronze medal in the name "A. P. T. \\
W. C. W. Court, Wa. 36/52. A.T.F."

was found recently by a boy at Beulah, Victoria, having been lost in the "Herald" in the last year of the World War I.

Inquiries concerning it should be directed to the RSL Assistant State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth.

Increased Expenditure On The Three Arms

Increases in expenditure and manpower for all three Australian armed forces have been foreshadowed in the three-year defence programme for 1962-63.

Speaking on defence to the House of Representatives, the Minister Townsley said that the three-year programme could "not be viewed in isolation."

The Minister said "the three-year programme should be seen as a continuous and progressive pattern of development of our armed forces and the situations that might confront us in future years."

It was estimated that the actual expenditure in 1963 and 1964 would be £29,000,000 and in 1964-65 and about £22,000,000, on the following pattern:

RITE HAND:

1. Aircraft: £13,500,000
2. Royal Australian Navy: £7,000,000
3. Royal Australian Army: £8,500,000
4. Royal Australian Air Force: £8,000,000

5. TOTAL: £37,500,000

Membership Best Since 1954

The R.L.S. membership figure for this State on November 7 stood at 18,000, the highest level since 1954.

Reporting to the State Executive last month Mr. R. A. Ackerman said it was hoped to reach the 17,000-mark by the end of the year.

At the executive meeting on December 5 Mr. Ackerman said the official figure had been raised to 16,000 and that the target would be exceeded.

This was the National Congress determination extending eligibility for League membership to all W.A. servicemen eligible to hold the Defence Medal should the league drive, he said.

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THE LISTENING POST

DECEMBER, 1962.

THE MARK of 17,000 members for 1962 has been passed. Through the team efforts of many sub-branches and an energetic membership sub-committee, plus the drive and guidance of State President W. S. Lonnie and Senior Vice-President—now Acting-State President—E. C. Townshend, this year has been the best membership year since 1964.

THERE is no intention of a "rest easy" for the coming year. Plans have been made to intensify efforts with the goal of enrolling every eligible ex-service man and woman. This can only be done by team work in the sub-branches and between the State Executive and the sub-branches. THE PLAN for the 1963 Membership Drive envisages:

1. The formation of a "Flying Squad" working under the direction of the Membership Committee.
2. Publicity in the local Press and full coverage in "The Listening Post."
3. 1963 Membership Display Cards.
4. A membership-drive by all sub-branches.
5. Quarterly reports on unfinancial members will be requested by Anzac House. Sub-branches must be co-operative in forwarding these reports.
6. Target for 1963—every eligible person.
8. Introduction in the December "Listening Post" and the December Presidents and Secretaries' meeting.
9. A pennant will be awarded annually at Congress to every sub-branch increasing its previous year's membership figure by 20 per cent or over at June 30 each Congress-year.

REMEMBER the 1963 slogan—
For greater Strength and Unity,
Join the League in '63.

Glen Forrest Gleanings

The Glen Forrest sub-branch report this month strikes a bright note and includes a reference to the Townsend Shield games night in the local hall on November 15.

As usual the evening was a great success socially, but Glen Forrest members were also very successful in one event—darts.

Acting-State President E. C. Townshend, representing the State Executive, was unable to attend, but under the opportunity was taken to ask Mr. Townshend to present the certificate of Service to Glen Forrest secretary Stan Law.

The applause and congratulations were genuine and unstinted as Stan and his wife are very popular couples.

Mr. Lonnie Returns

State President Lonnie, who for the last 4 months has been leaving the Government mission abroad for the receipt of skilled service labour for the State's industrial programme, is due back by Wednesday, December 19.

He plans attending the League Christmas Party that afternoon at Anzac House, where a warm welcome awaits him.

Concessional Fares For Service Pensioners

Concessional travel passes issued by the W.A.G.R. to service pensioners will be due for renewal on February 1, 1963, and will be available from January 14.

For the convenience of members wishing to renew their passes from the W.A.G.R. the Repatriation Department will arrange for the printing of as many certificates as possible and these will be available in the entrance foyer of the department at the Department of Repatriation (113 William Street, Perth) from January 14.

Applications may also be made on writing to the Repatriation Department, in which case the certificates will be posted to members. As only member service pensioners are eligible, it is not possible for the certificates to be issued in the same manner as adopted by the Department of Social Services (as an enclosure with the fortnightly cheque). However, with a view to causing the minimum of inconvenience to those eligible, the Repatriation Department will adopt the following procedure:

Each week will be in attendance in the entrance foyer of the department's premises as from 14th January, 1963. He will have certificates of their own or in the name of known to be eligible for the concession, and these will be available on quoting name and regimental number.

Those for whom a certificate is not held will be required to sign an application form and the certificate will be sent to them through the post.

The political changes in Papua-N.G.

Commenting recently on the Interim Report from the Select Committee of the Legislative Council for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea on political development of the Territory, the Minister for Territories, Mr Hasluck, said that the Government would await the consideration of the report by the Legislative Council itself before expressing a view.

He assumed that after considering the report the Legislative Council would pass a resolution expressing its views in the form of a recommendation to the Government.

He was sure that the Government would adopt the resolutions of the Legislative Council for further political advancement in the Territory.

The Government had also maintained consistently the view that the wishes of the people of the territory should be sought before any changes were made and that the appropriate resolution for the communication of these views was the Legislative Council.

For this reason it had encouraged the setting up of the Select Committee last March. He was therefore also sure that the recommendations of the Legislative Council would be received by the Government as authoritative.

Changes in the membership and structure of the Legislative Council would require an amendment by the Commonwealth Parliament of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea Act, 1949, which was virtually the Constitution of the Territory.

Changes in electoral procedures would be effected by legislation in the Legislative Council for the Territory. It had been planned for some time that what was known as "the road map" would be put into legislation in 1963, so that the making of the road map could be followed by a period of intensive consultation on the new procedures among the native people before the first elections for the Legislative Council were held about March or April of 1964.

Experience after the elections made in 1960 and 1961 had pointed to the great importance of this education in electoral procedures.

The leaders of the native people, to ensure that the new system was understood and properly applied.

The interim report of the Select Committee appeared to cover the major proposals for reform but it was the Government that the report the committee would need to give attention to in future.

The report covered such methods of voting, size of electorates and so on.

Seasonal Greetings

The State President, members of the State Executive and of the Anzac House staff extend cordial greetings and the best of good wishes for Christmas, 1962, to all League members and their families.

May the Festive Season prove all that can be desired and the New Year bring joy, health and happiness!
**DID YOU KNOW...?**

*(asks C. R. Collins)*

- **THE FIRST Royal visitor to Australia was an earlier Duke of Edinburgh, Alfred, second son of Queen Victoria. He reached Sydney in H.M.S. Galatea on January 15, 1838, after touching at Albany and other ports. After a picnic luncheon at Coogee, at Sydney Harbour pleasure resort, on March 12, he was fired at from a distance of two yards by an Irish fanatic named H. F. O'Farrell. The would-be assassin fired two shots, one of which struck the Duke in the back, a little to the right of the spine. The other wounded a by-stander in the foot. Only police action saved O'Farrell from being lynched by an infuriated crowd. Fortunately the Duke's wound was not serious. The bullet was easily extracted and he made a rapid recovery. O'Farrell was tried for his offence and hanged on April 21, 1838. Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, was named after the Duke, who remained in Australia just over 12 months. On his homeward journey he visited Fremantle and Perth. On February 15, 1839, he was elected a life-member of the Perth Literary Institute to which he had made a donation of £10.**

- **THE CUBAN crisis must have brought back memories to Sir Winston Churchill, now happily recovered from his accident some months ago, Sir Winston, who was gazetted to the 4th Hussars after passing out of Sandhurst, has had experience of war in every continent except Australia. In 1895 he was attached to Spanish forces campaigning against Cuban insurgents, and while in Cuba he acted as a war correspondent. In 1897 and 1898 he served with his regiment on the North-West Frontier of India. In the latter year he was attached to the 21st Lancers in the campaign that led to the fall of Khairpur. When the South African War broke out, Churchill went to Natal as correspondent for the "Morning Post." He was captured by the Boers on November 15, 1899, but escaped from Pretoria into Portuguese territory, whence he made his way by sea to Durban. As a lieutenant of the South African Light-Horse he served through the Relief of Ladysmith and the advance to Pretoria. His South African experiences are related in his book "London to Ladysmith via Pretoria." During the trench-war period of World War I he commanded a battalion in France for a short while.**

- **GUANTANAMO, the American base in Cuba which came under discussion during the Cuban crisis, was one of the landing places for the American forces in 1898 during the war against Spain, which eventually won for the Cubans their liberation. The shores of Guantánamo Bay were the scene of a dogged and successful action by the U.S. Marines who covered the disembarkation of 16,000 American troops.**

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**The Listening Post**

December, 1962
SOME HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD (2)
(from the State President)

To refresh our minds: Harefield was, of course, one of the great hospitals in Great Britain during World War I, and many Australians passed through it. Apparently they endeared themselves so much that the people there have never forgotten that Australians once were living there, receiving treatment at the then Harefield Hospital.

About 150 Australians who died while undergoing treatment there are buried in the Harefield district. There are a number of interesting and striking facts about them. First of all, Sir Francis Newdegate, who will remember, was Governor at one time of Tasmania and was Honorary Colonel of the Harefield district. Sir Francis apparently endowed a small part of the very impressive monument commemorating the Australians. I saw the graves of two Western Australians in the cemetery. It was Private George (28th Bn.). His inscription on the stone was a little difficult to read, but the name appeared to be Cookersley and he belonged to the Harefield district. There are quite a number of South Australians and Tasmanians in this little cemetery, and all States are represented.

The history of the Anzac Day ceremonies is remarkable. It seems to have started way back in World War I, when a number of Australians were buried just preceding the original Anzac Day. The vicar, at that time thought of holding a small service and discussed it with the local schoolteacher who apparently was a fellow with a very good idea. He realised that the death of these young Australians so far from their country had significance and discussed it at some length with the vicar.

Without any direct prompting from him, but quite spontaneously, the children of the school at the time had erected the cemetery on Anzac Day with flowers they had gathered. The ceremony was attended by the vicar and schoolteacher and was held in the cemetery around the graves. Since that time this act of remembrance has become a regular feature of Anzac Day services. After nearly 50 years the children still rally around on Anzac Day and bring flowers for each of the graves.

Returning some of the inscriptions on the small tombstones gave rise to a strange thought, for instance, that the children who are not yet even born there are buried in Harefield. However, they were very grateful and the money enabled them to effect repairs to the roof of our own chapel, which was in danger of caving in.

The church itself raised over £1,000 under its own roof, and with the aid of our £500 the job has been completed. Other donations are being received, but the cost has been defrayed and there is no debt.

The young padre, the Rev. Desmond O'Connor, is an outstanding fellow, tremendously keen on the Australian Chapel. And here a thought, since Anzac Day and Harefield are closely associated, it would be a worthwhile gesture on our part to receive a small sum of money from Australia to the Vicarage. Harefield, ex-patriate good wishes obviously from Western Australia.

For the big day, as I said in my address, there are quite a number of occasions which I eluded to in the main address, and then back to the church, where the Australian Chapel is the hub of all activity. The service concluded with the singing of 'We'll Remember Them.'

The A.I.F. hat on the floor was worn by a district resident, Captain Whiteman, his wife, and I spoke to them. He was a World War II man.

The cushion on the altar cloth was done by a local lady. The Australian Flag flies there constantly and it is, indeed, a little touch of Australia so many many thousands of miles away from there. You will recall that the League was able to raise £500 for the restoration of the chapel. This is probably one of the nicest things we have ever done, although we were not properly aware of its significance at the time.

The news that I was coming had apparently spread far and wide, and quite a number of people came along to meet me and show appreciation for Australia's generosity in starting off this appeal through the State branches. One point missed was that when our Agent-General, Mr. Hoar, wrote to us about £500, he was thinking of £500 sterling, but of course we didn't catch on to that, so that the amount we raised became about £800 by the time it was approved for Harefield. However, they were very grateful and the money enabled them to effect repairs to the roof of our own chapel, which was in danger of caving in.

Our visit was most rewarding and was a further object lesson in the tremendous generosity of the U.K. with Australia. Of all the nations in the British Commonwealth, it seems to me that Australia is closest to the heart of the British people.

This is never more evident than in Harefield, probably because of the long-term association with the church, and I understand, because a number of Australians married girls from that district.

Whatever the reason we certainly have a very warm spot in our hearts for the people of this particular part of England—and what a beautiful part it is!

This was a fairly extensive day spent in service activities. There is no escaping that the R.S.L. in Australia is far closer to service activities in Australia than people generally, than the case here in the U.K. We have a tradition that Governments reprove us in, or whether it is that tradition has it that we are frequently before the public, whatever the inevitable we can take some pride in the fact that Australia is certainly much more active in all service fields than other organisations which I have been able to contact so far.

So much for Harefield. It's a remarkable fact that the villagers have put up, and here is the most impressive, the continuing care and attention which has been taken upon the cemetery by the children of the district.

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December, 1962.
League’s Influence Increasing,
Says Repatriation Minister

The address given by Mr. Swartz at National Congress this year gives some indication of the prestige that the League enjoys in influential quarters. Mr. Swartz said:

"Living as we do in a world where we face threats of devastation previously unknown because man had never in the past time, the means of total self-destruction, we need more than ever the salutary judgment of ex-servicemen who know the cause of freedom yet know the full horror of war."

"More than ever does Australia depend upon the R.S.L. and other ex-service organisations for advice and guidance which is based on mature consideration and experience."

"Your agenda today, dealing with matters of international and national importance, indicates that the R.S.L. has more than accepted the responsibility of ensuring that the influence of the organisation in the community shall be exercised.

"Reference must be made to the R.S.L. campaign to maintain servicemen’s homes, to the dangers of communism. International communism is the old spectre of war, peace, and the tensions which exist between Europe, the Middle East, the Indian frontier, South-East Asia and now India, are only the results of communist aggression and expansion."

Reparation Minister

Mr. Swartz then outlined the various activities and aspects covered by his department. He concluded:

"So far as the R.S.L. is concerned the battle of the Peace through the Cold War is being fought, and all occasions new territory and enslaving our enemies."

"It is only by strength and resolution and that this tide can be halted and it is only by our people being aware of dangers, externally and internally, that we, as a nation, can be strong and united."

"In this way, as in many others, the R.S.L. is an organisation of great importance in Australia."

"The R.S.L. has been closely associated with the growth of the repatriation system in Australia, and in the maintenance and continuing co-operation which exists between your organisation and my department."

"I am sure you will be aware that the proposition by the Commission and all officers of the Repatriation Department of arrangements to see that this happy and mutually helpful relation continues."

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WHAT THE LEAGUE DOES

At this period of the year planning for the coming year’s membership-drive is under consideration, and it is also an appropriate time to look back on the League’s record.

The R.S.L. was formed in 1916. Its objects were to protect the ex-servicemen’s rights on the matter of war pensions, as a result of war service, service in the armed forces, and to avert any other problems which beset men after years of active service away from their homes.

As time went on more and more problems were tackled by the League, and their strength and influence grew. From its representations to the government on service land settlement, employment preference, and the like, the League has enabled the rehabilitation of ex-servicemen to take place as smoothly and quickly as possible.

In other words the R.S.L. did one thing: it could to alleviate the appalling plight so many ex-servicemen found themselves in as a result of volunteering to protect the freedom and ideals of our democratic way of life.

With a well-organized and firmly entrenched R.S.L. in existence, the veterans of World War II had a strong voice in the community.

Further recognition of the sacrifices made in wartime were obtained. The League goes from success to success, and grows each year in strength. Through this strength the Australian ex-serviceman can claim the present repatriation system in the world.

The R.S.L. claims that the League is the most powerful force in Australia."

WHAT THE LEAGUE DOES

Reminder On P.O.W. Rally

A final reminder to all ex-prisoners of the Japanese returning through the wide Ex-P.O.W. Rally to be held at Hobart on February 28, 1942.

Those who have not already done so and who intend making the trip are advised to contact A. Westby (Secretary, 22 McMillan-street, Victoria Park (phone 6442), so that overload transport arrangements may be made. Checks were taken of 50 gallons of petrol and Assent-A.A.P. concession fare for Melbourne and Tasmania.

A further reminder of the League’s efforts in the field of ex-servicemen’s rights.

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Club Candidate Tops Poll

Miss Jess Walsam, who represented Anzac Club in the combined inter-district Glori competition, topped the poll for the most money collected.

With a total amount of 6931/85 Miss Walsam and her supporters can take pride in having done a job well done. Of course Jim Walsam, the intrepid and father of Jess, was an ardent worker, but it is fair to say that he is the happy family of Shaw (painted at right) as he is included in the most money group. Walsam has been associated with.

Ray worked incessantly to promote the cause of Jess Walsam, and with other able assistants was largely responsible for the splendid result.

Games Men At Northam Ex-Services Dinner

Two prominent Games men from Papua New Guinea were guests at the annual Ex-servicemen’s Reunion Dinner held in the R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Northam, last month.

They were Mr. Les Michel, president of the Papua New Guinea Commonwealth Games Association, and Mr. Leona Gari, captain of the Papua New Guinea Commonwealth Games team.

Mr. Michel is an assistant police officer in Papua New Guinea, and competed in the 100 yards and 440 yards sprints.

The reunion was organized by the Northam branch of the Air Force Association.

Other guests were the R.S.L. Acting President and Secretary (Mr. E. C. Townson and W. Webb respectively), Air Force Association State President (Mr. J. Nicholls, Mayor), Mr. A. V. Badger (State Manager of Northam R.S.L. and Country Vice-President), Mr. G. O’Connor (State Vice-President), and Mr. J. B. Ashdown, Northam Life-member.

The auxiliary had contributed over $1,000 to the building fund and in addition had made substantial donations to many worthy causes. Major Phillips read a lengthy list of charitable and other worthy causes which had been added to the auxiliary.

A proposal to expand the auxiliary to include members of the Rhodesian team was met with approval. It was also decided to offer support to the "Service Men’s Association" both for town and country.

Salaried employees and the need for close co-operation between the two organisations was emphasised. It was suggested that the aid of the able and vocal members who have been added to the auxiliary.

Visitor Wishes To Meet Old pals

Mr. Ern Harrod of New South Wales (ex 56 O.B.E., A.A.P.) was a visitor to this State and would like to meet old comrades. His friends are asked to advise Anzac House to contact Mr. Harrod direct at 2 Lakeview, Claremont.
Blackboy Hill Camp Commemorated

On Sunday, 8th December, the Blackboy Hill Camp Commemoration Committee witnessed the culmination of four years' effort when the Industrial Development Minister Court, O.B.E., unveiled the commemorative arches erected on the site of the old Army training camp.

At Blackboy 32,000 members of the first A.I.F. had their initial training and famous W.A. battalions were formed there.

Ten of the trainees won the coveted V.C.

The unveiling was followed by a dedication ceremony conducted by Bishop C. L. Riley, C.B.E., V.D.

A commemorative plaque below a replica of the well-known A.I.F. "rising sun" insignia is surmounted by three steel arches.

The arches symbolise the first and second A.I.F.'s, and those who served in Korea and Malaya.

During the ceremony the flags of 11 units which trained at the camp during World War I were displayed.

The final duty of the day was the handing-over of the Memorial Register, to the request of the committee chairman Reg. Nicholls—of custodianship of the new memorial to Acting-State President Townshend, M.B.E., who then appointed Blackboy Hill sub-branch president J. W. Maughan as warden, and six members of the sub-branch as sub-wardens.

Designed by Perth architect Evan McKnight, the arches are set to face directly into the setting sun on April 25 (Anzac Day).

ABOVE: Mr Court, standing at the base of the memorial arches with Mr Townshend, addresses the large gathering.

BELOW: Bishop Riley, formerly a chaplain at the camp, inspects the A.I.F. insignia beneath the arches with veteran trainees R. A. Nicholas (left) and Julius MacLeod.

Veterans United

Recently, Mr Emlie Pierrepont, chairman of the council of the World Veterans Federation had this to say:

"In every country war veterans constitute a social elite who, in the dangerous conditions of war, have given proof of a spirit of devotion and sacrifice in the service of their country.

"After every war, veterans have returned to their homes and resumed their occupations.

"However, they have found it necessary to remain united, not only to defend their material and moral rights, but also to maintain the friendship which arose among them during combat to develop the civic spirit of their citizens and to spread abroad among the idea of peace and freedom in which they have believed and which they still believe necessary to carry out.

"Moreover, knowing the horrors of war—the ruin and mourning it brings, in its wake—they have realised the stupidity and the need of establishing a reign of peace in the world, but a peace which is not the yoke of any economic or ideological domination.

"In every respect the R.S.L. in Australia is living up to these tenets and therefore it is up to every eligible ex-service man to join the R.S.L. and bring the strength of the League to its zenith. By this way we shall be able to safeguard all that its members fought for.

Office-bearers at Geraldton

A former member of the State Executive of the R.S.L., Mr Bob Duncan, has been nominated for the position of secretary of the Geraldton sub-branch in 1931.

The present secretary, Mr. Jim Buckle, is planning to move to Perth in the near year.

Nominations for the various positions are being posted on a notice board in the hall of Birdwood House.

The annual meeting will be held on Monday, January 21.

The sub-branch will support the Carnamah sub-branch in its application for a grant conference early in March. —R.J.B.

Leave Granted: Leave of absence from State Executive sittings up to the end of the current Congress has been granted to Mr. E. C. Hall, who is spending several months in England with his wife.
Origin, aims and achievement of the
LEAGUE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

By J. R. Duncan

War Service Homes

The early history of the provision of war-service homes was not a happy one, but this was rapidly altered and now the record of success of the Board is very gratifying.

Under the original Act "an A.I.F. soldier who was accepted for service is entitled to the maximum advance of £400 with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. An applicant may build under freehold or leasehold or freehold or leasehold and the soldier retains control of his estate and the title remains in his own name.

A deposit of 10 per cent was necessary for the Board to have full responsibility for the building and cheap insurance was available.

Many complaints were made of bad workmanship and disrepair and the Board was at fault for not obtaining the necessary supervision by the fact that delays in finalising applications and payments by the department had to be accepted by the Board. The deposits eventually reached the amount of 10 per cent and the Board was forced to accept the responsibility.

FULL INQUIRY

Such a state led to the League making representations to the Commonwealth Government and a full inquiry by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Accounts resulted.

The Federal Government then nominated a committee of State Workers’ Homes Board and operations in Western Australia were vested in this Board.

At the Federal Congress of 4th August 1929, Mr. J. R. Duncan M.I.C., expressed the opinion: "In his State it was after a frenzied financial gallop that matters had been brought into line and the Board had a success to show."

The Board was charged with the management of War Service Homes. Whether the board would prove a success few cared. Soldiers were fed up. Within a radius of half a mile an expenditure of £24,000 was made available. 40 War Service Homes were built and manned and likely to be the envy of any military camp.

The position was to be reviewed in 1935. The Minister to the subcommittee appointed evening meetings and the necessary legislation was completed. As a result of the committee’s findings.

By 31st December, 1935, 8,777 applicants had received assistance worth £2,816,573 in this State. By 30th June 1941 the total number of homes provided amounted to 3,942 and it then became necessary, due to war conditions, to suspend all building activities.

The war was given, however, that servicemen returning from World War II would have assistance extended to them when activities were resumed.

At the conclusion of hostilities it was estimated that at least 700 homes would be required in Australia in the transitional period. Most of these would be needed by ex-service men.

AMENDMENTS

An agreement between the Commonwealth and States attacked the problem. During the war, new amendments were passed to the War Service Homes Acts and which was one increasing the maximum allowance on home and home to £1,250 and also the discharge of encumbrances on existing homes.

Another important section of the amendments allowed an ex-service man to apply for a loan from the Commonwealth Government to finance the purchase of a home.

BUILDING CEASES

Early in 1939 there was a cessation of War Service Homes activities owing to the building of new homes did not take place until 1936, when £24,435 was made available by the Commonwealth Government.

During the two previous years, small advances had been made to provide extra facilities such as sewerage and water and also for the repair of homes. Of the total, over 90,000 homes had been completed, but the Commonwealth Government still had to look after the repairs of the old homes in that area.

The Board was also responsible for the repair of homes, with the maximum period of repair being 45 years. The Board was recommended to this committee that to meet the difficulties of purchasing the maximum the annual budget of £2,500 and there was a substantial degree of interest in the increase of annual budgets.

Allocation of annual amounts for Western Australia had been made on many occasions—approximately £2,000.

By 1923 the League was successful in having a representative on the Repatriation Committee and the Board was able to get the appointment of R.T. and other representatives.

The administration of the War Service Homes section of the Commonwealth Government has continued to be satisfactory and consistent. The R.S.L. has always obtained what it has asked for and has been successful in obtaining the result that has been its desire.

In 1935 the figures published in the -1958 Annual Report (See table below) were very interesting and it must be borne in mind that these figures are more or less representative of the whole Centre. The figures show that 24,575 homes have been built, and 4,765 homes are now in the process of construction.

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The League’s part in them has been the representa- tion of the Committee’s findings. The League has long been interested in the welfare of the ex-servicemen and the results are grateful at the reduction in the rate of employment and the increase in the number of homes completed.

Repatriation Benefits

The Australian Repatriation Act provides Australian ex-service men and women with repatriation benefits more than comparable with those of any country in the world.

This is in no small measure due to the interest and action taken by the R.S.L. in presenting cases to a sympathetic Commonwealth Government on behalf of ex-service men.

Concern was felt because it was concluded that "a man who has been fighting in this country is entitled to attend a test which is not done by his family," Little progress was made with representations to the Repatriation Minister that this would be changed.

An important decision was made in 1927. The League had often sought permission to see the files of returned soldiers at the Repatriation Department to assist in the preparation of cases. The Repatriation Commission’s decision, and indeed the decisions of the Repatriation Minister, were not really warranted. This privilege was now granted and was of considerable assistance to the Pensions Sub-committee of the R.S.L.

During 1927, War Pensions Appeal Tribunals were set up mainly as a result of the original suggestion by the Western Australian branch for their establishment - the amenity of appealing to a board which had originally refused an appeal by another tribunal was an assessment of what was looked upon as a minor allusion. The usual sick parade was shunned and the right of appeal was taken to the Repatriation Department as a result of the representations.

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Life-membership For Brig. Arnold Potts

At the Kojobup sub-branch reunion on November 17 Brigadier Arnold Potts was the recipient of a richly-deserved reward for services rendered— in the shape of a life-membership certificate and badge.

It would be difficult to select a member with a broader record of both League and civic activities than Arnold Potts, D.S.O., M.C., O.B.E. His League membership dates back 42 years, throughout that period, apart from World War II service, he has been actively associated with ex-service interests.

His qualities of leadership and wise counsel are without question and his achievements are manifold. He has served as a delegate to a wide range of meetings and as a delegate to the State Congress for many years.

As a private with the 16th Battalion in the first world war, Arnold Potts saw service at Gallipoli, in France (where he was wounded) and Egypt. After reaching commissioned rank he was awarded the M.C. and mentioned in dispatches.

In 1919 came appointment as 2/1/C of the 2/18th Battalion and service in Syria and the Western Desert. During the Syrian campaign a D.S.O. was added to his decorations and he was made a lieutenant-colonel.

Subsequent to the Middle East campaign promotion to the rank of Brigadier was gazetted and resulted in appointment to the command of the 21st Brigade. The latter, supported by the 30th Brigade, stemmed the Japanese advance at Kokoda.

In private life a farmer at Kojobup, Brig. Potts still retains a keen interest in defence matters—alloyed with support for a co-ordinated programme of civil defence—in addition to his undoubted enthusiasm for League projects.

Prior to the presentation, Kojobup president Sam Crook spoke in glowing terms of the staunch and loyal service given by Brigadier Potts to the sub-branch, and expressed his personal thanks for the benefits attendant upon a close and friendly relationship over many years.

To State Secretary Bill Webb fell the privilege of presenting the life-membership certificate and badge, and he complimented the brigadier on a fine record of service. Few men, he said, had achieved the distinction of playing a leading role in military, civic and League affairs over so long a period.

The award was an appropriate recognition of his services, and the presence of many members of the branch who had served overseas was noted.

Rendezvous For Air Veterans

No. 77 Squadron Veterans' Association, in conjunction with the associations of Nos. 75 and 77 Squadrons has arranged a 21st anniversary luncheon at the Rex Hotel, Macleay-street, Potts Point, Sydney, for Sunday, March 27, 1963.

The three squadrons were formed on March 16, 1942. An excellent luncheon with refreshments, has been arranged for a cost of $2/2/ for members of each of the squadrons, including members of No. 77 Squadron who served in Korea or Malaya.

Further information may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. E. Frankel, No. 77 Squadron Veterans' Association, 3 Ryan-street, Dundas, N.S.W.

The Narembeen Reunion

League trustee Jack Seri-er and Assistant-State Secretary G. Sherrington were guests at the Narembeen sub-branch reunion dinner on November 24. The event reflected great credit on sub-branch president C. Osborne and his committee.

The ladies' auxiliary lived up to the reputation of all auxiliaries and were responsible for a splendid spread. Among the toasts honoured during the evening were: The Queen, Fallen Comrades, State Executive and Local Government Bodies. Mr. Andrew Roach emphasised the close link between the League and local-government bodies throughout the State.

Remembrance Day For Veterans

This year's Remembrance Day ceremony at the War Veterans' Home, Mt. Lawley, was conducted by the Rev. E. W. H. Nolane, D.D., M.C.—virtually on the eve of his retirement as Archbishop of Perth.

Residents and their friends gathered at the Fountain of Memory for the occasion, and afterwards laid crosses in the Field of Remembrance, which forms part of the rose garden at the home.

In the TOP PICTURE His Grace is shown re-dedicating the Fountain of Memory. BELOW, Mr. Reginald Irwin, a veteran of both world wars, is seen laying crosses in memory of friends who did not return.
Victoria Park Activity Kept At Fever Pitch

Enthusiasts of the Victoria Park sub-branch have had their space—time fully occupied lately, cake stalls, the raffle, Poppy Day and the Victoria Park Rotary Carnival having kept activity at fever pitch.

Harry Orkney, assisted ably by the sub-branch’s returned brigade—Messrs. Lee, Ashbolt, Jennings, Chandler, Hansen and Edmunds—and the sub-branch’s own secretary-treasurer, has done their job of work which promises to make the annual raffle the most successful ever.

Cake stalls organised by energetic executive officers continue to bring in much-needed money.

Poppy Day was a reasonable success, the turnstiles and a large part of the Park being well man- ned to be best of the sub-branch’s ability.

More helpers could have been used to good effect, so make it a date to help next year and boost the sub-branch’s ability.

The stall at the Rotary carnival was managed by a group of ladies from the Auxiliary. Unfortunately, the reward for so much work was not large, but if the sub-branch did nothing for the sub-branch and the general public know that it is still alive and kicking.

Small improvements are still being made at sub-branch premises. The latest is an incherator, a very well built by Mick Walsh. This is a definite asset, and the same man has signified his intention of building six barbecues for the sub-branch to use in the near future.

The condition of the lawn at the rear of the hall is improving rapidly and the sub-branch should soon be in a position to hire out to Perth’s social clubs a really nice set-up for barbecues and other uses.

The local games competition terminated on November 16 with the winner of the Milne and Tilley Trophy. After a very close struggle Rivervale emerged as the victor 8 points to 2.

There will be no annual reunion this year. Instead a barbecue will be held on March to welcome visitors from South Australia.

The next general meeting will be held on Friday, December 21.

The president and members of the Victoria Park sub-branch extend to members of all other sub-branches the most sincere of seasonal greetings and wishes.

Why Belong To The R.S.L.?

Under the above heading a member of the Glen Forrest sub-branch has submitted the following considerations concerning the value of League membership.

There are many good reasons why every returned soldier should become and remain a member.

In recent years I have visited the Eastern States and New Zealand on several occasions and every where the badge ensured an introduction to other returned men from whom I obtained much information and help.

To illustrate: One Sunday morning a friend and myself were making for the Freeport Town Hall an very excellent institution. We were spoken to by another returned man who asked us if we would like to go on a fishing cruise around Bruny Island. We both thought it a good idea and the result was a most delightful day’s outing, returning well satiated and happy.

Then again, on shipboard, in trains and hotels we drifted into groups and discussed many topics of general interest—farming, politics, travel and so on, and I formed the opinion that most of my comrades who had not much thought into the subjects discussed. After all we were mature men who had travelled overseas, had lived with our own kind and seen the lives lived by people of other lands.

Now I feel that, sticking together, members of the R.S.L. can wield much power to promote the welfare of our country, not entirely for the own benefit but also for the wellbeing of their fellow-countrymen.

The Spirit Of Paraplegics

It is interesting, in conjunction with the Paraplegics Games held in Perth last month prior to the British Empire and Commonwealth Games, to note that this series of competitions for the physically handicapped had its origin in England in 1948.

It was organised in England in 1948 by 16 paraplegic ex-service men who had undertaken archery as part of their rehabilitation.

From this small beginning the games have reached international recognition.

This year saw 103 competitors—men and women—paraplegic ex-service men and women from nine member nations of the British Commonwealth.

The spirit of determined endeavour and the skill of the competitors has been such that the games should soon be established as an annual event.

The sports covered were swimming, archery, javelin throwing, basketball, shuttlecock, ball games, and the games have reached a really good standard.

Spectators came away realising the meaning of the words "courage" and "spirit.

Executive Told That Settlers Seem Satisfied

Mr. E. D. Mann told the State Executive last month that on a recent tour embracing the Great Southern and Midlands districts, he had formed the impression that settlers generally were satisfied with the War Service Land Settlement Scheme.

He had found the Albany sub-branch very happy and had visited several farms at Ongerup, met various groups at Kojoneup and attended a social at Jerramungup where he had had conversations with a number of settlers. He had also visited Dongara and attended a function at Minerven.

Mr. Mann, who was elected to the executive at this year’s State Congress, said the hope of the committee would be able to do more in an advisory capacity.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: The League’s Christmas party this year will be held in the Angas Basin Hotel from 8.30 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13.

For greater Strength and Unity join the League in ’63
Yealering Retains President

Despite his protests, Mr. Charlie Hickmoit was re-elected President (unopposed) at the annual meeting of the Yealering sub-branch.

Mr Phil O'Callaghan carries on as secretary-treasurer.

Other officers for the ensuing year are vice-presidents R. Ekon, J. Hills and B. Blackman, executive committee J. Hills, W. Caruthers and V. Hovell, and members T. Tuckfield and flag officer and auditor W. Honeymann.

Mr Kingston, a staunch member of the sub-branch, died in Perth recently after a long illness. Mrs Kingston, who had been in hospital at Yealering since September 1926, served in the Middle East with the 2/32nd Battalion. He was a native of Dublin, and a popular figure in the district. Many local residents and members of the sub-branch motored to the city to attend his funeral at Karrakatta.

The sub-branch has been very active in community work during the year, and over the years has contributed hundreds of pounds for the upkeep of hospitals and other good works, both large and small.

A Year Of Success At Geraldton

Another cup-win as outstanding country auxiliary for the achievements of the Geraldton Auxiliary this year. This was reported at its annual meeting recently.

Another highlight was the appointment of the president, Mrs. W. J. Cunningham, as a Country Vice-President.

During the year members served afternoon tea each Wednesday to patients of the District Diabetic Hospital. In addition to which Mrs. S. W. Buswell and Mrs. W. Heath regularly visited excise personnel in hospitals.

The meeting decided to continue providing £10 for each ex-service man in hospital at Christmas, and to make donations of £50 for the War Veterans' Home, £50 for Christmas Cheer and £10 for the Auxiliary.

Gardens for the new year include the president, Mr. W. J. Cunningham; senior vice-president, Mrs. W. M. Walker; junior vice-president, Mrs. S. Russell; secretary, Mrs. A. L. Dwyer; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Bell; minute secretary, Mrs. A. N. Wilson; and treasurers, M. W. Heath, K. Atcher, W. A. Fowler, and F. P. Cunningham.

Pension Payments

The League has informed that Commonwealth and pension cheques cannot be exempted from the new bank collection charges.

Eligibility of ex-Imperials

By a resolution at National Congress eligibility qualifications for League membership have been modified for ex-Imperials.

All ex-Imperial ex-servicemen who were awarded the Distinguished Service Medal or the Distinguished Service Cross will be allowed to join the R.S.L.

It is anticipated that this change will result in making eligible many hundreds of ex-Imperials previously denied the privilege of membership.

Women Help To Soften Blow

The Geraldton women's Auxiliary held an annual meeting to donate food and services to the Commonwealth's Program. The women contributed £200 to the town on November 17.

The auxiliary had catered for the luncheons for athletes and officials.

A spokesman for the auxiliary said the women had decided to make the donation after hearing a news item over a local radio station that the organizers of the preview estimated a loss of £700 or more.

They hoped other organizations would also help the Athletic Club, because the big athletic meeting had given widespread publicity to Geraldton.

Missing Persons

Would anyone knowing the whereabouts of either of the following please get in touch with the R.S.L. State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth.

Mr. Frank Watley, ex-service man, Portland's former mayor, at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. E. R. Heath, late of York Road, Midland Junction.

Poppy Day at Busselton

Poppy Day at Busselton this year was a great success due, mainly, to the splendid effort of a number of our local girls and boys who were holidaying at the Legacy camp.
Garden Party Successful

The War Veterans' Home by members of the S.E.C. sub-branch recently were described at last month's meeting of the State Executive as "most effective and very beautiful." A vote of thanks to the sub-branch was recorded.

16th Battalion

At the November meeting of the 16th Battalion Association, a special meeting was held to raise funds for the association and its women's auxiliary. The hospitality of the association was extended to Mr. F. Maher, through the amelioration fund Christmas parcels will be provided for all members in hospitals and institutions at that time. It is also planned to visit members who are sick in private homes.

Mr. Anderson of the War Veterans' Home has presented the association with a wreath for a future service.

A communication has been received from Captain of the Australian General Hospital regarding the laying up of bodies. When this matter was brought up some time ago it was decided to lay them in the crypt of the State War Memorial. The committee decided to adhere to the original resolution.

A wreath was laid on the State War Memorial on Anzac Day.

SUE-BRANCH RESISTS RESUMPTION

The Geraldton sub-branch has refused to give the Birdwood House Trust that it would strongly oppose any re-summption of land for road widening in Forrest-street. The sub-branch Christmas party was held on December 8.

Free Quarters For The Right Couple

The North Perth sub-branch requires an active member to act as resident members at Memorial House, View-street, North Perth, prior to January, in return for free quarters, electric light, gas, telephone, etc.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. J. G. Tinklin, Hon. Secretary, North Perth Sub-branch, R.S.L., P.O. Box 99 Chrysostom Street, Trigg Island.

Congratulations For Mayor

For his part in the arrangements for the Royal Visit to Geraldton on December 24 next Mayor Charles Eadon-Clarke has received the congratulations of the local R.S.L. sub-branch.

When moving for such action to be taken Mr. B. J. Bardon said that many people took such efforts for granted.

The Duke of Edinburgh is a member of the League.

Poppy Day Story

Poppy day returns received at Anzac House to December 3, and covering 92 sub-branches, indicated receipts of £4,022/5. Reporting this at last month's meeting of the State Executive, Mr. N. Davidson said the committee was confident of exceeding last year's returns.

The figures had disclosed a disposal of 63,751 poppies, 505 wreaths and 833 cards.

The cards had proved popular with sub-branches.
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THE LAST POST

BAKER, J. P., 2/4th M.G., Toodyay.
BROADON, A., 3/14 and 2/3rd Fld, Amb, North Perth.
BRENNAN, T., 28th Bn., N.E. Fremantle.
CONWAY, S. W., 8th Bty. Moorman Park.
CROSS, P. G. H., R.A.A.F., Rivervale.
CROUCH, F., 28th Bn., York.
CUBBON, S., R.A.S.C., Ross.
DENMPSTER, E. A., Brook-Ross, Como.
ELLIS, F., 44th Bn., Subiaco.
EVANS, A. E., 44th Bn., North Perth.
GALE, F. T., 11th Bn., N. Perths.
GARDINER, W. M., R.A.N., Benevolent.
GREEN, R. L., 38th Bn., Yarloop.
GUPTA, A. H., 3rd A.M.C., and 10th L.H, Bungaree.
HANSEN, T. A., 28th A.I.B., W. Guildford.
HIGGINS, J. A. S., 11th A.I.B., Cannington.
HOU, A. W., 44th Bn., Bannister.
HYDE, W. H. C., 6 A.I.R., Corrigin.
IZOD, R. A., 31st Bn., Wickenstein.
KINGSTON, S., 2/1 Motor Amb, Yarloop.
LOCKYER, V. R., 2/16th Bn., Northam.
MOODY, R. S., Halls Creek.
MULLIGAN, W. F., 4th M.G., Collie.
NOCk, L. W. J., 51st Bn., Fremantle.
NUGENT, J. A.M.C., Fremantle.
PATTERSON, A., 2nd M.G., North Perth.
QUINN, D., R.A.A.F., Perth.
RICHARDS, H. H., 10 Ord. Stores, Fremantle.
RIPLEY, J. J., 9th LH, Armadale.
SPENCE, J. A., 52nd Bn., Fremantle.
WATERS, L. L., 1 D.A.C., Bannister.
WATSON, L. J., 2/32nd Bn., Northam.
WILKINSON, A. A. W., and 10th L.H, Bungaree.
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New Trophy Brings Keen Competition

The following account of one of the newer inter-sub-branch sports competitions—that for the Milne and Tilby Trophy—has been supplied by the Victoria Park sub-branch.

The "Games" seem to be the main topic of conversation everywhere these days, especially after launching a new competition. The idea, originated by Rivervale sub-branch, was to have a competition for the sub-branches too weak to enter a team in the J.H. Ganesa.

The first season (1960) was a trial-and-error one. No trophies were provided and Rivervale was underdog for the season.

In 1961, with the Milne and Tilby Trophy at stake, the team from the River-wy team went through undefeated and the trophy was their due. The result of the season was a little separated the two teams.

On this year (1962), another small competition for each sport—tennis, bowls and football—was held. The results were:

- Tennis: Milne and Tilby
- Bowls: Milne and Tilby
- Football: Milne and Tilby

The Milne and Tilby Trophy will be held by the Victoria Park sub-branch.

Shield Win To Bicton Team

The grand final of the Tye Gomans Shield competition between the Edinburgh and Bicton sub-branches resulted in a victory for the former by a narrow margin.

The game was played out in fine weather.

Better News for League Members

League members who have expressed concern on defence-matters in recent times have been pleased to learn that the Navy's big re-equipment programme this financial year is setting a record in terms of new equipment and service expenditure.

The Minister for Navy, Senator Gordon, said recently that during 1962-63 the Navy would spend a quarter of its total budget on new ships and aircraft. This was an unprecedented amount, he said, and would rate among the highest capital expenditure percentages in the budget of any service in the world.

President of the Defence League, Mr. P. W. G. H. (P. G. D. H.), said that the big increase in expenditure was due to the need for new equipment to meet the challenge of the modern world. The Alliance was a modern world war.
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SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION—Anzac House. Second Monday at 8 p.m. President, A. Glass. 65 Mainstreet, South Perth. Secretary, R. A. McDonald.


ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION of W.A.—Meetings at Anzac House when convenient. A. Australian Army, 59 Wanneroo-street. President, S. E. Grigg, 260A Victoria Road, Nedlands 18-1269. Secretary, A. H. F. Fysh, 16 Maddering-road, Maddington, Nedlands 18-1204.

11th and 2/21st BATTALIONS A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—President, E. McDonald, 43 Waterford-street, South Perth. Secretary, T. J. C. Goss, 260A Victoria Road, Nedlands 18-1269. Treasurer, E. G. Goss, 407 Grove Road, Forrestfield, Nedlands 18-1269. 10th Tuesday, annual reunion Show Week Tues.

12th and 22nd BATTALIONS A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—meets monthly in Railway Institute. President, Arthur White, 61 John-street, Cottesloe. Secretary, H. E. E. Bedford, 434 Kalamunda Road, Kalamunda. Treasurer, S. J. A. Norrie, 71 South Perth Road, South Perth. 10th Tuesday, annual reunion Show Week Tues.

16th BATTALION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY—President, Mrs. Ketterer, Commissary for Decorations, Perth. Secretary, Margaret B. W. Lilley, 53 Chapple Avenue, Forrest Park 18-4000. Treasurer, E. E. Pedley, 71 South Perth Road, South Perth. 10th Tuesday, annual reunion Show Week Tues.

5th GATEWAY COY A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—President, J. L. Fuller, 1 Milnmore Avenue, Nedlands 90000 (Tel). Secretary, Bill Gosling, 11 Milnmore Avenue, Nedlands 90000 (Tel). Annual reunion Show Week, Friday.

2/26th ANTI-TANK COY ASSOCIATION—President, J. M. Edwards, 44 Royal-street, Tuats Hill, Secretary, A. Anderson, 26 Killebeere Avenue, Nedlands 90000. Treasurer, E. J. Jones, 92 Ashford Street, Campion "Fagan Post" quarterly with notice of meetings.

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6th MARINE COY A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—meets 3rd Monday in March, June, September and November. President, E. Powell, 207 Kick, Secretary, H. S. Brown, 223 Second Avenue, Mt. Lawley. Treasurer, J. L. Fuller, 1 Milnmore Avenue, Nedlands 90000 (Tel). Annual reunion Show Week, Thursday.

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The following account of this year’s Remembrance services in London comes from the League’s Press information officer on the spot, Mr. Frank A. Kennedy who, for the first time, was able to arrange for a R.S.L. detachment to participate in the parade on November 11.

Thursday, November 8.

Today hundreds of ex-service men and women with relatives assembled at The Field of Remembrance, Westminster, for the opening service of Dedication. The Service of Remembrance, was conducted by Canon Michael Stancliffe, M.A., Rector of St Margaret’s Church, and the Very Rev. E. S. Abbott, M.A., Dean of Westminster.

After prayers, terminating with the Benediction, the chairman of the British Legion poppy factory, Mr. M. Stewart, M.S.M. invited Mr. Marshall of the Royal Air Force Sir John Salmond and Air Commodore Sir Arthur M. Longmore to plant special crosses commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service.

The Last Post and Reveille were then sounded from the steps of St. Margaret’s Church by trumpeters of the Royal Air Force.

Crosses were then planted in the Memorial Space of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League by members of its Commonwealth council.

The Deputy-High Commissioner for Australia, Sir Allen Brown, C.B.E., planted the R.S.L. badge-cross on behalf of the R.S.L. He also planted a wreath-cross in the Australian section on behalf of the Government and people of Australia.

Crosses were also planted “to the memory of fallen comrades” by many members of the R.S.L., relatives and friends.

Saturday, November 10.

The British Legion held its annual Festival of Remembrance in the Royal Albert Hall and over 5,000 ex-servicemen and women attended.

The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the Royal Family were present as well as the High Commissioners of the Commonwealth. The first part of the programme consisted of displays by teams from all branches of the armed forces, and marching and counter-marching by the bands of the Royal Marines followed by community singing, music being supplied by the massed bands of the Brigade of Guards.

The Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mr. Wilson, Bishop of Birmingham (a former prisoner-of-war of the Japanese).

Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry (Life Guards) sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

Sunday, November 11 (Remembrance Day).

Ex-servicemen, from all parts of the United Kingdom assembled on the Horse Guards Parade. The parade, the Cenotaph, the Whitehall, for the Remembrance Day Service led by the bands of the Brigade of Guards, Royal Air Force, Royal Marines and Metropolitan Police.

A detachment of members of the R.S.L. representing all States took part in the parade and marched to the Cenotaph led by Lt.-Col. Donovan Joynt, V.C., and Mr. W. Lonnie, State President of R.S.L. in Western Australia.

On the first stroke of 11 o’clock by Big Ben the two-minute silence commenced. At its conclusion trumpeters of the Royal Air Force sounded the Last Post, the Queen stepped forward to lay her wreath and was followed by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Gloucester and other members of the Royal Family. Wreaths were also laid by the Commonwealth High Commissioners and representatives of service and ex-servicemen organisations.

Buglers of the Royal Marines sounded Reveille. The parade then marched to Wellington Barracks to dismiss.