SPECIAL ANZAC DAY ISSUE

Truest Homage

Their was the spirit that in a momentous crisis led them to lay aside lesser and transitory things of life in the presence of higher and lasting issues, and to meet a common need with common effort. To be loyal to this example in whatever changes or trials time may bring to our national life is the truest homage we can pay to the Men of Anzac.

From the 1934 Anzac Day message of Governor-General Sir Isaac Isaacs.

LEST WE FORGET

As we remember, with deep gratitude those who suffered pain and gave their lives for us; let us resolve to do all in our power to preserve the freedom we hold today.
ANZAC FLAStBACK

This picture—from a photograph sent in by Mr. T. B. Stanley of "Ghuzireh," Brunswick Junction—was "taken under unusual circumstances" in the front line at Walker's Ridge, Gallipoli, in 1915.

It shows "Big Mac" McKenzie and the late Mr. H. L. (Pat) Roche (head only, showing).

Mr. Stanley says: "There are still a few left who will remember Big Mac, and many more who know Pat Roche whom we knew as Lofty. He was no dwarf and how he got down that listening-hole is a mystery.

A still greater mystery is as to who took the picture, since cameras were taboo. Perhaps Stan Howard, Tommy Renton, the Weatherall brothers or maybe the Dugdale brothers, or others, could give a clue.

"My kindest regards to all who care to know!"

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ANZAC Day Observances

On ANZAC Day (April 25)—49 years to the day since the epic landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli—the State Branch of the League will conduct its traditional observances in Perth.

The League invites all ex-service men and women, and the general public, to participate in these solemn observances.

DAWN SERVICE

The parade for the Dawn Service will assemble at the Queen Victoria Monument in King's Park at 5.30 a.m. to be led to the State War Memorial by buglers and drummers. The "Still" will be sounded when the column is halted at the memorial.

Wreaths may be laid on behalf of the various associations and other ex-service organisations at the conclusion of the official wreath-laying.

After the ceremony of silence private wreaths may be laid. Official wreaths may be left overnight at the King's Park Lodge.

Those attending the Dawn Service are asked to observe strict silence and to refrain from flashing lights and using cameras. The service will be broadcast as usual.

CITY PARADE

As in last year's parade on the Esplanade, there will be a salute by three R.A.A.F. Vampire jets.

For the parade through the city to the Esplanade the associations will be allotted assembly points.

LATE NEWS

Anzac Services

Darling Range—April 26, at memorial, 3 p.m.; Fall-In at Honiara Avenue 2.30 p.m.

Guildford—April 25, war memorial, 2.30 p.m.; Fall-In 2.15 p.m., outside Council Chambers.

Perth—April 25, Dawn Service, assemble "Kappo" corner, Wilson Street—Move-off 3.30 a.m.; Day parade assemble R.S.L. Hall, Dugan-street; move-off 10.30 a.m., to memorial via Maritana-street, Hannan and Wilson streets for service at Smoke social 2 p.m. at R.S.L. Hall on Friday, April 25.

Tentative Order of March

The Chief Marshal for Anzac Day is Col. J. E. Mitchell, and the Order of March is as follows:


The parade will march from the War Memorial, through the streets of Perth, to the King's Park, where the final service will be held.

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BEYOND THE MISTS

"With faith in their hearts and hope on their lips they passed beyond the mists that blind us here. Their yesterday makes possible our tomorrow. They came from the four quarters of the world; but whatever the land that gave them birth, under their stark white crosses they belong now to Australia."

THESE WORDS, used by General Douglas MacArthur on the second anniversary of his arrival in Australia, applied to those who had fallen in the South-West Pacific, but they could apply with equal aptness to those who fell on Gallipoli.

IT IS with poignant and personal memories that we honour these men and remember them with feelings of pride and gratitude when we commemorate Anzac Day each year.

TO US, although they have gone on before, they are still living personalities. We remember them as they marched beside us with faith in their hearts and hope on their lips." Age has not withered those personal memories, nor can the years efface the comrade's smile and the touch of the vanished hand.

A Hero’s Passing

Commander of the Allied Forces in the Pacific in World War II and of the United Nations Forces in the Korean War, General Douglas MacArthur died on Monday, April 6, at the age of 84 after a severe illness.

In the words of President Johnson: "One of America's greatest heroes is dead."

A brilliant soldier of outstanding ability, General MacArthur, after defending the Philippines against a vastly numerically superior Japanese force, was ordered to leave and establish his headquarters in Australia. He kept his famous promise, "I shall return," and took the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay after three years of solid campaigning and brilliant strategy.

Viscount Alanbrooke, Britain's wartime Chief of the General Staff, and a notable soldier himself, said of MacArthur: "He was the greatest general."

THE LISTENING POST

APRIL, 1964

The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.

SUB-BRANCH ARRANGEMENTS

Details of Sub-Branch arrangements are supplied by them—for their Anzac observance is as follows:

APPLECROSS: April 26 — A ceremony will be held at the memorial hall, Kintail-road, at 3 p.m. Members will march from the Rev. B. J. Bremner, St. John's, Kintail-road, to the hall, where wreaths will be laid and a brief address given by sub-branch president J. W. Roberts. The public is invited to join the wreath-laying and service (un-denominational). Afternoon tea in hall following the ceremony.

BASSENDEN: April 26 — Dawn service at Bassendean War Memorial Commemoration Service, 8.15 a.m. Bassendean Town Hall.

BEDFORD-MORLEY PARK: April 26—2.30 p.m., fall-in at sub-branch hall, cnr. Craven-street and Grand-promenade. 3.00 p.m., Service at Bedford-Morley Park Memorial, cnr. Beaufort and Salisbury streets, B.P. unveiling of plaque to soldiers and friends for service at 3 p.m.

BELMONT: April 26—11 a.m., usual remembrance service at the Belmont War Memorial, Parade commences at 10.45 a.m. A special wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial on Anzac Day (9.15 a.m.).

BELMONT: April 26—9 a.m. Belmont Memorial Uniting Health Centre. Address by President T. J. Gurney, Rev. L. S. Quinan, officiating. Bugler and organist. Fall in 8.45 a.m. outside Belmont Returned Service Men's Club.

COTTESLOE: April 25—7 a.m. War Memorial Hall, Cottesloe Civic Centre.

BLACKBOY HILL: April 25—Dawn service at the Blackboy commemorative site, Wreaths.

CANNING: April 25—fall-in at 8 a.m. outside Canning War Memorial offices, march to the memorial for service.

FREMANTLE CITY: April 26—service at Memorial Reserve; assembly in Memorial Park at 2.45 p.m. move off 3.00 p.m., arriving at memorial 3.10 p.m. Order of Service: wreath-laying, 3.15 p.m.; service, 3.30 p.m.

GERALDTON: April 26—5.45 a.m. assembly outside Cultural Trust, move off 5.45 a.m. for Dawn Service. Cultural Civic commemoration, assembly outside Cultural Trust, move off 11 a.m. for 11.30 a.m. commemoration. Two original Anzacs will be on the saluting base with Mayne. Eady-Claire.

MAYLANDS: April 26—2.45 p.m. fall-in at railway station. 3.00 p.m., Service at memorial, 3.15 p.m. service at Memorial Hall.

MIDLAND: April 26—assembly Midland Railway Station, move off 8 a.m. to Midland Town Hall; service 8.15 a.m.

MOSEMAN PARK: April 26—5.35 a.m. dawn service in Memorial Park; assembly Palmerston-street gates 5.30 a.m.

M.T.T.: April 26—11 a.m. The travelling of palms will be followed by service (office, Adelaide-terrace).

NOLLAMARA: April 19—service B.S. Memorial Hall 10.30 a.m. (non-denominational). Rev. Brian Smith of Nollamara Congregational Church to conduct service assisted by sub-branch members.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE: April 25—an annual blessing of Flowers ceremony at Fremantle Cemetery 9.30 a.m.; service at North Fremantle War Memorial 11 a.m.

NORTHAMPTON: April 25—5.50 a.m. dawn parade; 10.50 a.m. Anzac memorial service. Meet in front Shire Council offices.

SHERTON PARK: April 26—service Sheroton Park Memorial Hall 7.30 a.m. April 26—parade of members at Methodist Church 10.30 a.m.

SPEARWOOD: April 26—service 11 a.m. Spearwood Memorial Hall.

VICTORIA PARK: April 25—service Memorial Gates corner Harvey-street and Albany-highway. All members and organisations invited. Service will be brief to allow time to attend main service in Perth.

W. LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY-FLORET: April 26—9.30 a.m. service at Service Memorial Church, Woolwich-street Leederville; 2 p.m. assemble North-Westerners. April 26—march Leederville Town Hall for service at 3 p.m. 7 p.m. assemble Salvation Army Hall, corner Brookdale-street and Salvador-road, Floret Park, for service 7.30 p.m. Medals on all occasions.

Association Services

51ST BATTALION

Wreath-laying in St. George's Cathedral: II

The Dean of Perth, the Very Rev. J. Payne, has approved, as in previous years, of the association laying a wreath at the foot of the 51st Battalion Villers-Bretonneux Memorial Cross in the Soldiers' Chapel, prior to the Anzac Day march.

The Fremantle Ladies' Highland Pipe Band, to lead the association in the march, has been invited to be present at the ceremony. Association and band members will assemble at markers adjacent to the cathedral entrance in Cathedral-avenue at 9.40 a.m. for the service at 9.45 a.m.

A wreath will be laid at the foot of the Cross by the association president and the "Lament" piped. Members at the conclusion will proceed to assembly points in Cathedral-avenue preparatory to joining the main parade.

JEWISH SERVICE

W.A. Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women's Association Services

The association will conduct a service at 4.15 p.m. on April 24 at the Jewish War Memorial in King's Park.
Air-Minded Victorian Lads Enjoyed Visit To Perth

A party of 22 Victorian boys—members of the Hawthorn Squadron of the Australian Air League—who spent a holiday in Perth earlier this year were delighted with the hospitality extended to them here.

So much so that their commanding officer, First Officer M. R. Lindsay, has written to one of their benefactors—State Executive member R. J. Flanagan—in the following terms:

"Dear Barney—It is with heartfelt thanks I extend the appreciation of the Staff, cadets and parents of this Squadron to you for the wonderful time that you showed us while we were in Perth for our Annual Camp. Never before—in the history of this Squadron, has such a wonderful camp been had and I am sure that all the members will remember it for the rest of their lives.

"With these thoughts in mind I wish to inform you that the Council of the 'Hawthorn Boys' Squadron of the Australian Air League would be delighted if you were to accept the honorary position and title of 'Squadron Instructor' at this Squadron. I am enclosing an Air League badge which I hope you will wear with pride that you are associated with and preface it very much if you were to give written confirmation of your acceptance of the above position.

"I extend to you and your family a hearty invitation to visit with us any time that you come to Victoria as you will always be a very welcome guest. Thank you again for your troubles on our behalf."

THE STORY

During the squadron's visit Mr Lindsay attended a meeting of the State Executive and outlined the aims and history of the Air League.

The Air League quickly spread throughout N.S.W. and in early 1939 was started in Victoria. Since its inception some 40,000 have passed through its ranks. 10,000 of the cadets having joined the three services, many serving with distinction.

Normal training on parade nights includes drill, physical training, first aid, theory of flight, navigation, airmanship, aerology, model aircraft building, Morse and Aids signalling and other allied subjects.

Cadets are taken to places of interest such as telephone exchanges, broadcasting studios, R.A.A.F. bases, naval and merchant ships.

Camps are held under canvas regularly and bushcraft and mapreading are among the subjects catered for.

In addition an annual visit is organised to Sydney for the Federal Review and members are billeted in the homes of N.S.W. cadets.

Organised sports such as football and cricket are played.

INDEPENDENT

The Air League is a non-political youth organisation and is not affiliated in any way with the Armed Services or with the Department of Civil Aviation, but it is recognised by the R.A.A.F. inasmuch as camping equipment is readily on loan to the League.

It receives no financial assistance in any form from the Federal, State or local Governments.

Attendance of members at their respective churches is encouraged during camp meetings.

No payment is made to any member. The uniforms and instructional materials are paid for by the individuals and their squadrons.

The uniform is well known, being both practical and attractive and can be seen on such days as Anzac Day and Empire Day.

The three groups are: Junior Cadet Section (10 to 13 years); Cadet Section (13 to 16); Senior Section (16 and over).

Members, on passing prescribed courses, can qualify to the rank of Leading Cadet, Corporal, Sergeant, Squadron Sergeant, Warrant Officer and finally to Officer rank.

LEAGUE THANKED

In a letter to the League Mr. Lindsay expressed his thanks for the great assistance rendered and especially to Mr. Flanagan—had his organisation in the starting of its first camp in W.A.

He said: his own members were hoping to be able to do as much for members of the proposed W.A. branch of the Air League who might visit Victoria in the future.

Navy Intake Is Better

Navy Minister, Chaseney says recently that 129 adult recruits had entered the recruit training at HMAS Cerberus, in Victoria, last month.

This represented a 24 per cent increase on last year, when 97 recruits began training in March.

The February entry of 126 had been one of the biggest monthly intakes for a considerable time.

As announced earlier a record number of 200 Junior recruits from all parts of Australia began training this month at the Junior recruit school at the same station.

The present personnel strength of the Navy is about 11,800.

EVER READY: Red Cross is always ready to assist the statutory authorities in time of emergency or natural disaster. It can provide personnel well trained in first aid, home nursing, and civil defence with particular emphasis on welfare.

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This year's Crownings Glory contest was officially opened at a Sundown Party at Anzac House on March 25. Among an attendance of about 140 were the first two candidates for 1964 (pictured above). They are: Mt Hawthorn RSL auxiliary entrant Robyn Hall, and Beans (Morley) Social Club entrant Marian Abeleen (at right).

At left of picture is competition secretary Stan Hunter.

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Ex-POW Reunion Project

At its meeting last month the committee organizing the 1965 ex-P.O.W. reunion in Perth drafted the following proposed itinerary:

Thursday, September 23, 1965: Morning—civic reception by the Lord Mayor of Perth. Afternoon—reception by the R.S.L.

Friday, September 24: An organised sightseeing tour.

Saturday, September 25: Morning free. In the evening a reunion-dinner.

Sunday, September 26: Wreathlaying ceremony at Kings Park.

Sir Thomas Meagher said he was prepared to arrange a conducted wildflower tour of Kings Park. Arrangements will be made to cater for the wives of visitors, particularly from the Eastern States.

It is hoped to ratify this proposed itinerary at the next meeting to be held at Anzac House on Monday, April 20, at 8 p.m.

Inquiries can be made from secretary H. Brown, 122 The Strand, Bedford Park.

Last month's meeting was attended by representatives of the ex-P.O.W. and Relatives Association, Ex-Naval Association, 2/4th M.G. Battalion, 2/4th M.T. 2/6th Field Park Co, and British Ex-Service.

Visited the Anzac Club Lately?
The P.M. on Preference

The following letter from the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, is in reply to League representations for an “Extension of a measure of preference to returned servicemen not less generous than that contained in the Victorian Preference Act of 1943.”

“I refer again to your letter of 4th December, 1953, forwarding the text of a resolution of the 48th National Congress of the League which requested the enactment of legislation to extend the preference now granted to returned servicemen under the Commonwealth Public Service Act.

“You will be aware that the Government accepted a recommendation of the Committee of Enquiry into Public Service Recruitment that the minimum educational requirements for appointment to the Commonwealth Service should be fixed and applied evenly at the various levels of recruitment.

“Nevertheless, in adopting this recommendation, the principle of preference was retained in the Public Service Act. Thus, where two candidates for appointment to the Commonwealth Service are equally qualified, and one of them is an ex-serviceman, he will be offered appointment first.

“In addition, returned servicemen enjoy valuable advantages in that they may enter the Service up to the age of 51 years against a somewhat lower age limit for other categories, and with somewhat lower medical standards than normally required.

“There has been no change in policy as regards ex-service preference in the event of re-employment of Commonwealth employees.

“You reference to the ‘Commonwealth Defence Act’ is assumed to relate to the preference provisions contained in Part II, Division 2 of the Re-establishment and Employment Act, 1945-1959.

“As you say, these provisions were ruled invalid by the High Court in 1959 but, notwithstanding that decision, the Commonwealth Government may and does determine its policy as to preference in relation to its own employees.

“I am sure you will agree that the Government’s present policy represents a considerable concession to ex-servicemen.”

The Anzac Day Races

This year again, as in the past three years, a special Anzac Day racing programme will be staged at the headquarters’ race course, Ascot, at the conclusion of the morning parade in the city.

The entire proceeds will go to swell the Anzac Day Trust Fund for distribution to the various service organisations listed with the Trust.

A joint committee of the R.S.L. and Torchbearers for Legacy has been working for some time now on the programme of special attractions which have become a special feature of this event.

The attractions include a Marching Girls display, a mannequin parade (including male models) and the Western Command Band.

The Governor, Major-General Sir Douglas Keay, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., will be in attendance and is expected to present the trophy to the winner of the principal event.

This is a day for all of the family including the children, and special attention will be given to such matters as providing refreshments. Patrons may have lunch on the grounds prior to the commencement of racing, and tea or snacks during the afternoon.

This is a Race Day you should attend if you can; your patronage will help swell the proceeds for the benefit of service organisations.

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Representations based on a National Congress resolution asking for encouragement of ship and aircraft building within the Commonwealth "with the joint objectives of reducing unemployment, improving the income and assisting the defence programme of the country" have brought the following reply from Supply Minister Fairhall:

So far as the aircraft industry is concerned, as you know the Government has just embarked on a programme of production in Australia of the Mirage fighter aircraft for the R.A.A.F.

This programme will provide direct employment in the industry for a considerable number of people as well as work for a large number of contractors and sub-contractors.

In deciding to undertake the Mirage programme in Australia, the Government was influenced by the need to provide technical support to the R.A.A.F. and also by the broader question of sustaining the aircraft industry.

I might mention that the aircraft industry in Victoria, as Government aircraft factory in particular, is engaged on a number of new developments in defence equipment.

NEW WEAPONS

The items concerned are the Jindivik guided aircraft, the Malkara anti-tank missile and the Ikara anti-submarine missile for the Royal Australian Navy.

These items have attracted considerable interest overseas and in fact sales have been made. Malkara have earned several millions in export income as well as providing employment in Australia.

With regard to shipbuilding in Australia, naval and merchant vessels are the responsibility respectively of the ministers for the Navy and for Shipping and Transport, and you might like to bring the R.S.L. resolution to their notice.

Shipping and Transport Minister Freeth has replied as follows:

Since the present Government came into office it has done a great deal to assist the industry by means of subsidies, and by prohibiting the importation of ships to ensure that tonnage may be built for the coastal trade has been built locally.

SUBSIDISATION

The Australian shipbuilding industry has been subsidised since 1946, the maximum subsidy being initially 25 per cent. The need of the industry for assistance was further considered by the Government in 1955, following a report by the Tariff Board, and it was decided to increase the maximum subsidy to 33 1/3 per cent of the cost of building ships over 500 tons gross for use in the coastal trade.

The matter was considered again in 1959, following a further examination of the industry by the Tariff Board, when it was agreed to.

A further reference to the Tariff Board was made last year and the board recently submitted its report to the Government. You may be assured that the Government will sympathetically consider any recommendations the Tariff Board may make with respect to assistance to the shipbuilding industry.

As you may be aware, it was recently announced that tenders, closing this month, had been called for the construction of four 47,000-ton bulk carriers.

In addition, it is the Government's policy that as soon as practicable all coastal cargoes of petroleum shall be carried in vessels built in Australia and manned by Australian crews employed under Australian conditions.

As a result of this decision it is expected that orders will be placed with Australian shipyards for the construction of a number of tankers totalling approximately 150,000 deadweight.

As shipbuilding activity in Australian shipyards has increased in recent years has averaged about 35,000 tons deadweight you will appreciate that the Industry subsidises can look forward to sufficient orders to keep them fully employed for several years ahead.

In direct assistance to the shipbuilding industry the Commonwealth Government paid subsidies totalling $17,050,000 between 1952-53 and 1962-63, and it seems likely that the Industry will continue to receive substantial payments in the vicinity of $2,000,000 yearly.

I think you will agree that this assistance, particularly when considered in relation to the Government's consistent policy throughout its terms of office of supporting the shipbuilding industry, is clear evidence that the shipbuilding industry is already receiving the encouragement envisaged in the resolution carried at the 48th National Congress of the R.S.L.

Call To Anzac

It is a clear obligation on the part of all sub-branches to ensure a continued continuation of the annual commemoration of Anzac Day.

The main service in Perth is conducted each year by the State Executive of the Prime Minister, and in addition metropolitan and country sub-branches are expected to take a leading part in local Anzac Day arrangements.

If possible, the sub-branch president or other senior officer should give the address.

Order-of-service sheets suitable for local use are available from your local Commonwealth branch.

The support of sub-branches is requested for Anzac Sunday church services.

Any advice required for the successful carrying out of Anzac Day arrangements will be readily supplied on application to headquarters.

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W.A. Troops Had Major Role At The Landing

By J. A. FAULKNER, formerly of 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

Although volumes have been written in history and story of events connected with Anzac Landing at Gallipoli since this epic feat of arms occurred 49 years ago it is open to question if it is generally known, especially among the younger generation, that troops from Western Australia played a major leading role in the spearhead of the original landing and attack at Gaba Tepe, or Anzac, as it became more familiarly referred to subsequently. Some recitation of events leading to troops from this State being so selected and honoured is of interest.

When war broke out on 4th August, 1914, urgent action was taken throughout the far-flung units of the British Empire of the time to recruit armed forces to supplement the regular and conscript forces of Britain and her Allies.

In Australia, in the remarkably short space of about three weeks, the call for volunteers to form a division of troops was successful.

The division, of three brigades, consisted of 12 battalions of infantry (each about 1000 men) plus ancillary units of artillery, engineers, transport, supply service, medical and hospital, also the divisional administrative staff, the total divisional strength being about 16,000 men.

The 1st Brigade of this First Australian Division A.I.F., as it was officially designated, comprised of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th infantry battalions, plus ancillary units, was wholly recruited in New South Wales while the 2nd Brigade, comprised of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th infantry battalions and attached units, was completed in Victoria.

3rd Brigade

The 3rd Brigade, in which Western Australians were particularly interested, had a wider field of recruitment, the 9th battalion being from Queensland, the 10th battalion from South Australia, the 11th battalion from New South Wales and the 12th battalion was made up of companies from Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia respectively.

When the First Australian Division sailed from Alexandria on March 2. It's destination was the small island in the Aegean Sea near the 40th parallel of North latitude and 24 miles from Gallipoli.

It was from this point that the division came ashore on April 25. With the loss of two ships, the English light cruiser Eumenides and the French light cruiser Eventail, the French landing was to be merely a diversion with no specific objectives other than to draw enemy fire and draw forces away from the other landings.

Mudros Harbour rapidly developed some reputation as the build-up for the major operations approached, its climax shortly before Anzac Day. The huge harbour became crowded with British and French naval vessels whilst invaluable troopships, including many of the former's landing craft, poured in troops and munitions.

Remarkable

The fact that such an enormous concentration could take place right under the enemy's nose, as it were, without observation or molestation of air, is an indication of the remarkable development in air warfare since that day.

The original intention was that the landings should take place at first daylight on April 23 after a night bombardment by the fleets.

A late decision altered this plan to provide for the landings just before, during any preliminary bombardment, hoping to take the enemy completely by surprise.

Also, unfavourable weather delayed the attack until April 25. At midday, the German cruiser Goeben covered the Anzac landing the 3rd Australian Brigade embarked on warships at Mudros.

One half of each of the 9th, 10th and 21st battalions were placed aboard the 12-inch gun battleships Queen, Prince of Wales and London, respectively. The remainder of these battalions, also the whole of the 12th battalion, which was the reserve unit, were taken aboard the destroyers Ribble, Usk, Chelmer, Scourge, Hoxhound, Coïn and Beagle.

The embarkation was completed the three battleships, seven destroyers, supply troopships and naval warships for escort — including the pride of the

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Delegates From 12 Centres At Gnowangerup Meeting

Delegates from the Albany, Borden, Brookhill, Gairdner River, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Katanning, Mt. Barker, Needilup, Nyabing, Ongerup and Tambellup sub-branches attended the group conference held at Gnowangerup on March 14.

It was an outstanding success which reflected great credit on the host sub-branch.

The headquarters party—State President Lonnie, Membership Committee chairman H. Holland and Assistant-State Secretary G. Sherrington—was accompanied by Deputy-Commissioner of Repatriation A. Panton.

Before opening the conference, Gnowangerup Shire Council (E. B. Norrish) and councillors entertained the executive party at civic reception and luncheon, which was much appreciated.

Mr Panton gave a clear outline of repatriation policy and activities which was much appreciated by the delegates. As usual the open-forum was an interesting part of the conference. The Mt. Barker delegate described the cattle-agistment scheme that has raised over £4,000 for his sub-branch in three years.

Delegates used this hour to good purpose in relating experiences or proposing new ideas, and it seemed evident that the open-forum would have a permanent place in group conferences.

Mr Holland gave details concerning membership difficulties which were causing his committee some concern. Mr Lonnie dealt with current League affairs from the State and National angles and emphasised the League's national-defence policy.

He forecast action to promote compulsory cottage yoghurt and child migration, and left his listeners convinced of the importance of the League affairs in W.A.

The League's appreciation has been expressed to all concerned, not forgetting the ladies who, as usual did a wonderful job. The Gnowangerup Golf officials who allowed a barbecue to be held in the club grounds, sub-branch president Keith Richardson made a gift of a 400lb. steer for it, and vice-president Ivan Ball donated refreshments.

A full report on the Wongan Hills group conference has been received for this issue but will be published in May. From all accounts the conference was also very successful.

American Gifts To "Voyager" Fund

At a ceremony in Canberra late last month two cheques from officers and men of the United States Navy were officially presented to the R.A.N. for the "Voyager" relief fund.

One cheque for £1,050 (£270) was from the staff and trainees of the U.S.N. Guided Missile School at Dam Neck, Virginia, and the other was a sum of £504 from the office of the American Naval Attache in Canberra.

The two cheques were handed to Rear Admiral V. A. T. Smith, Second Member of the Naval Board, U.S. Naval Attache Captain J. Mooney, Admiral Smith, who is chairman of the R.A.N. Relief Trust, accepted the cheques for the Sydney Lord Mayor's Voyager Appeal.

In making the presentation Captain Mooney said the Voyager tragedy had deeply touched the hearts of officers and men of the U.S.N.

Big Response To Appeal

The public appeal to raise £3,000 in Australia towards construction of an Anzac Memorial Chapel at the Royal Naval Dockyard, Duntroon, has been overwhelmingly accepted.

Naval Minister Chaney said that in addition to contributing to a very worthy fund the U.S. Navy cheques demonstrated the close relationship between the men of the United States and British Navies. The bonds of respect and friendship forged in the World War had been strengthened by exercises together in peace time.

Many Australians will soon be at the Dam Neck Guided Missiles School in Virginia to train for the R.A.N.'s new Charles F. Adams-class guided-missile destroyers.

To be received in donations from all sections of the community.

The response had been extraordinary and indicative of the public's generosity and support of a project that would both honour the dead and serve the living, Mr. Bunting said.

The Australian-wide appeal had so far yielded £31,000 towards the £45,000 estimate, W.A. achieved its target by December 31.

The Queensland and South Australian targets were reached subsequently.

Work To Start Soon On Resting-place For Famous Colours

After long negotiations a firm decision to place the regimental colours of now-defunct army units on display in the undercroft of the State War Memorial has been reached, and construction and installation of the display cases is to start shortly.

The colours are those of the 11th, 12th, 16th, 2/16th and 2/28th Battalions.

Structurally, the plans envisage the closing of two centre sections between pillars on the north and south sides of the undercroft. The external stonework is to be brickassing and waterproof rendering.

To provide housing for the Colours two copper-felted boxes will be constructed, each of which will contain two sections and forming accommodation for the four sets of Colours.

Transparency is to be provided by the use of either 3/16in. perspex or armoured plate-glass.

As a security measure it is proposed to install either solid sheet-steel or steel-mesh screens for lowering during the hours of darkness.

A damp-proof housing has been assured by the honorary architects, Messrs. Hobbs, Wimmin and Leighton, and if considered an advantage a vacuum condition will be created.

The laying up of the Colours within the premises of the War Memorial will provide a suitable and safe resting-place for these famous Colours, which also afford visitors to the memorial an opportunity to see them.

Memorial At Albany Was Dear to Him

Advice of the death of Mr. Ross-Steel has been received with regret and sadness.

For many years a member of the Albany sub-branch, and of late years of the Albany sub-branch, Ross was well known as the executive officer for the dedication to the Albany site for the Duntroon Mount Memorial.

His active partisanship and work prompted many people to take an interest in the plan to re-erect the memorial on the Mt. Clarence site at Albany.

Although Ross suffered from indifferent health over the past few years he gave of enthusiasm for the memorial project kept him going, and it was everyone's wish that he at least be spared long enough to witness the ceremony which it was hoped would be the culmination of his own fondest wishes.

That was not to be. But his efforts will not be forgotten when the ceremony is held on the Mt. Clarence memorial in the future one will think of Ross-Steel by his efforts helped to make this possible.
Mt. Hawthorn Sub-branch Loses Two Stalwarts

Since the annual meeting of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch early this year two of its staunchest members have passed on—President A.B. (Nobby) Clarke and trustee H. Whitehouse.

Mr. Clarke was prevented by illness from attending the annual meeting and the annual report for 1963 was therefore presented by seconder vice-president J. Rawlings, who praised the president's work for the sub-branch.

Mr. Rawlings's report reads:

Membership: Membership figures are a few short of 1963 figures but I am sure that an extra effort by all will ensure us an increase for 1964. There are quite a number of men eligible in our district and it is up to us to get them back to the fold.

A.R.M.S. Games: After an exciting tussle with the Swaunbourne and City of Perth, the shield was won by our sub-branch 64-6. The win was due to excellent teamwork and we must congratulate both Swaunbourne and City of Perth for their efforts. A very pleasant feature of the series was the friendly manner and attitude in which both games were contested.

FUND RAISING

Royal Show stall and Melbourne Cup stall: These two fund-raising efforts were very successful and improved our finances considerably. This result was also brought about by teamwork and co-operation.

In all things there is room for improvement and we have a few ideas in mind which we hope will make the coming year's stall even more successful.

Poppy Day Appeal: Another successful Poppy Day appeal with figures on a par with 1962. The efforts of our membership and contributions well to the Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Relief Association.

Hall Bookings: Hall bookings showed quite a big improvement and further renovations could make the hall more popular. This is something we hope to do in the coming year.

Euchre tournaments: It is regretted that owing to lack of support the euchre tournaments have been discontinued since the end of 1963.

Congress: The sub-branch was well represented at the 1963 Congress. The three delegates who attended brought back valuable information of the work being done by the League and sub-branches in general.

Anzac Day: The wreath-laying ceremony conducted on Anzac morning was most impressive. Owing to the time (9.30 a.m.) the attendance was not very large and I am hoping for an improvement this year.

PASSED ON

Obituary: It is with regret that I have to report the death of Mr. Lawley High School Memorial Library to perpetuate his memory. This gesture is preferable to sending a wreath. The library has now been brought right up to date and relatives have been advised.

Donations: I am very pleased to report that the sub-branch has made a donation of £100 to the War Veterans' Home this year, plus several smaller donations to worthy causes.

C.M.H. and Hospital Visiting: Claremont Memorial Hospital has been visited a few times this year and Hollywood Hospital more often. This is a job to be kept up because these visits are very much appreciated by the patients concerned.

Annual Smokes: This function was well organised and conducted with good entertainment and speeches, but is disappointing to have such small attendance.

Assistance: To members to patronise functions of this nature as it brings us together in a happy social atmosphere where the harmony is good.

Ladies Nights: Ladies nights, which took the form of game evenings, were another of our social functions during the year. They were most enjoyable to all and fairly well attended. No dances this year as we were rather busy and show our womenfolk that we are not altogether selfish in our work. I think we should do more of both sexes attending these functions in the future.

ASSISTANCE

Women's Auxiliary: My report would not be complete without reference to the excellent work and assistance rendered to the sub-branch by the Auxiliary. Although they are only small in numbers and have several specialities of their own they are always on hand to assist the sub-branch.

During the year this Auxiliary assisted by supplying collectors for Poppy Day, selling Melbourne Cup tickets, preparing suppers for at home A.R.M.S. Games fixtures and Melbourne Cup draw, preparing and serving up tables and food for the smoke.

In conclusion I wish to thank all members for their co-operation and assistance to those whose health is not at the best. I wish a speedy return to better health.

I would also like to see some of the younger members taking a more active part in the running of the sub-branch to ease some of the older members, who have done an excellent job for years.

Mr. Rawlings is now sub-branch president.
DEFENCE POLICY SUMMARISED

Featured in these columns last month was the League's policy on national defence. Following is a summary of that statement.

The principal items of R.S.I.O. Policy contained in this document are summarised as follows:

1. Re-enlistment Bonus

That there should be a re-enlistment bonus of £100 for every man due for retirement after six years' service.

2. Officer Cadets

That the age limits under which officers are required from the services should be reviewed and raised considerably.

3. Australian Regular Army

The A.R.A. should be expanded and a divisional strength and further increases made as circumstances require.

4. Units of the Regular Army

That units of the Regular Army should be trained on a rotational basis in northern areas of Australia and New Guinea.

5. The C.M.F.

That the concept of integrating the A.R.A. and the C.M.F. be discontinued and the C.M.F. be divided into at least two divisions.

6. That all service pay of members of the C.M.F. be free of income tax.

7. That the Government should take the lead in obtaining the cooperation of employers in granting leave for annual C.M.F. camp.

8. National Service

That national service should be re-introduced and should be accompanied by cabins for service overseas in fullfillment of Australia's commitments under the SEATO and ANZUS Facts.

9. Cadets

That no limit should be imposed on cadets and that every school that can satisfy the basic requirements should be encouraged to establish a cadet unit.

10. That cadet activities should be expanded to include the establishment of cadet units on all parish and district school premises.

11. Papua and New Guinea

That the Pacific Islands Regiment be expanded to at least three battalions.

12. That the scheme to expand the F.N.G.V.R. to ten regiments should be expedited.

13. That permanent training bases should be established in the Territory to carry on the full-time training of units of the Australian Regular Army and the C.M.F.

14. That suitable courses be commenced in Australia for training units of the Australian Army and the C.M.F.

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16. That the monthly meeting be held on the first Friday of each month.

17. That the C.M.F. should be a permanent force.

18. Royal Navy, the 15-inch gun super dreadnought "Queen Elizabeth" left Lemnos and steamed in the Aegean Sea. It will not be used at all, as the Channel has been launched in about nine miles from the Turkish coast, while the battleships stood in slowly to make an approach by dead reckoning navigation to the points where they should meet the troops to the shore.

As this progressed the seven destroyers with their precious cargoes followed within sight.

Shortly after midnight the task of placing the troops into the small boats and the formation of the towing of the naval steam-ramshackle to rush through the end of the night.

When it is recalled that this had to be done mainly by use of rope ladders and the bodies of men lying in the gear, also that the troops were heavily burdened with a five-inch shell, and gun with a heavy pack, it is possible to understand the situation.

Right on the appointed time, the troops were dispatched from the battleships and destroyed on the beach before the crack of dawn.

The program was for the W.A. (11th) battalion to form the left flank, the Queensland (9th) battalion to form the right flank, with the South Australians (10th) battalion in the centre, whilst the composite (32nd) battalion formed a reserve to meet contingencies.

On reaching the shore the commanders of the forces became aware that through some mischance in the navigation the troops had been beached about 1,000 yards to the north of the spot intended, however, the enemy was not able to make use of the situation.

Fortunately the complete surprise hoped for did not occur, but how this gallant brigade in the face of stiff opposition gained the beach and fought its way up fiercely-defended positions is a matter of great pride to the men who fought for the troops following is now national history.

By the time the headland was reached and the troops were landed and the advance was made, it was broad daylight and the many thousands of Australian and New Zealand troops of the covering force had been assembled under cover of darkness in a huge armada of transports at the rear of the enemy's covering force. The assault force had followed the attack initiated by the 9th Brigade.

It was not within the scope of this article to appraise the magnificent performance of all units of the A.I.F. and New Zealand forces, also the Royal Navy, in the pursuit of the campaign at Anzac from the first landing day on 25th April until the ultimate evacuation began, but it is the heroism efforts and sacrifices of our British, British Empire and Commonwealth forces in the other phases of the Gallipoli campaign overlooked.

These have all been described and acknowledged in national and world histories.
Minister Replies On Defence

The League has received a reply from Defence Minister Hasluck to defence representations arising from deliberations of the 48th National Congress.

At this stage, Mr Hasluck said, he did not wish to comment in detail on the League's paper, which was being examined preparatory to discussion by the sub-committee of the League at an early date.

He said the submission by the League covered such a wide range of subjects that it was only natural that he would not find himself in agreement with the League on all points.

He could say at once, however, that the League's aims were for the greater part in accord with the Government's measures to increase defence preparation.

Many of the proposals were existing Government policy or were already under close examination.

The defence of this country and its island territories continued to be a major concern of the Government, which was watching developments in South-East Asia closely. In doing so the Government had political and military advice available based on the fullest information from many sources.

By its decisions during the past 18 months the Government had embarked on a considerable expansion of the defence services. Strengths in all three services are being built up as quickly as practicable.

New guided-missile destroyers, submarines and other ships had been ordered for the Navy.

Fighter, bomber and transport aircraft and radar units, all of the most modern conventional weapons, land transport, light aircraft, water craft and other army stores.

Some of the results of this large expansion could already be seen in the increased operational capability of all three services.

It was, however, a continuing process, and the full effect of the measures approved by the Government would be progressively realised over the next few years.

Defence expenditures would be over $260,000,000 this financial year and would rise to substantially higher levels in future years as strengths increased and new equipment was delivered.

The guiding aim of the Government was to ensure that effective forces were readily available which were capable of supporting our allies, in the common defence of, if necessary, of operating by themselves in the initial phases of an emergency.

Mr Hasluck said he welcomed the report of the R.S.L. and wished to express appreciation of the interest which the League continued to show in the important question of national defence.

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A HOME—FREE

Wanted for suburban (3 miles from City) R.S.L. building, ex-serviceman and wife as resident members. Free accommodation; man able to do light work in garden. For further particulars phone 257427.

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Letter From Japanese Expresses Apology


Dear Mr S. Clayden,

Have you received my Christmas card last December? I hope you are well again and your family are all well.

Two years ago you were kind enough to write to me, but at that time I could not answer it. Because soon after that I was married, too busy, moreover your letter was wet a little at some part when I got it. So I could not read it well through. Your address too I am still afraid of this letter being in your hand. Although, now, am going to go to the Thai-Burma Railway this summer to apologise and give my hommage to the dead. My wife will also go with me, whose brother was killed by the River Syri- tang in Burma just about the end of the war. I wish we could meet each other at Kanji, a town in Thailand where the cemetery is. I have made every preparation for that. My government allows Japanese to go abroad by this April on excursion trips. So I have kept waiting to go there more than 18 years.

Please tell my best regards and respect to your wife and children, and your ex-P.O.W. friends about this.

I'm sorry if you are still not in good health; let someone know me your condition as soon as possible by air mail if you can.

As for your children, if you wish to have something Japanese, write to me; I should like to do for them anything I can do.

Enclosed my photo; now I sincerely hope you will go on your life peacefully.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Nagase Takashii.

Please excuse my bad typing.

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Payment Of Fares For Visits To Hospital

At last year's National Congress it was decided to ask for amendment of the repatriation regulations to provide for payment of fares to next-of-kin of patients in repatriation hospitals who are classified as seriously or dangerously ill.

The matter was referred to Repatriation Commission chairman Brigadier F. O. Chilton, who has replied:

Although not specifically provided for in the regulations it has, since 1922, been the Commission's policy to make this benefit available.

Present arrangements provide for the payment of fares and certain travelling expenses to the next-of-kin for the purpose of visiting an ex-serviceman who is:

(a) In a departmental or other authorised hospital;
(b) Receiving treatment for an accepted disability;
(c) Is on the dangerously ill list.

In the circumstances I feel you will agree there is no justification for an amendment to the regulations.

Keep strength and service as the core by wearing the Badge in '64
Membership At Belmont Is At Record Level

After a very successful year membership of the Belmont sub-branch has reached a record level of 219, an improvement of six throughout the period.

This was said by president S. J. Thornton in his annual report for 1963. Mr Thornton attributed this result to the main to the recruiting enthusiasm of members and to the untiring efforts of the secretary, Mr Harold Haines, and members-secretary Carl Pforter.

But, he went on, 25 members had become unfinancial and calculations at meetings had declined somewhat.

Much of the year's accomplishments had been due to the close cooperation of the women's auxiliary, particularly in fund-raising.

THE HALL

Progress on the hall was proceeding to plan. Fluorescent lighting had been installed in the kitchen with the help of our ladies.

Hall rental to the end of October had amounted to £150 and bookings were good until the end of the year. The total amount still owing on the hall stood at £77.50. The hall floor fund amounted to £103, £50 of which had been donated by the women's auxiliary.

BELMONT BUGLE

The sub-branch journal, Belmont Bugle, had been put into circulation early in the year on the advocacy of secretary Haines.

Editor Les Day had done an excellent job in keeping the sub-branch news up to date. This had been an assigned member in keeping them in touch with sub-branch activities.

However, attendance at meetings and functions still left much to be desired.

Donations to the Bugle to date totalled £3/10/4. Last year's Anzac service at the Belmont War Memorial had been well attended by the public and various organisations, but the number of members was down a little.

VETERANS' HOME

The sub-branch had made a donation of £10 to the War Veterans' Homes and assisted the State Women's Auxiliary at the fete held on November 2.

On the same day the sub-branch through a raffle, had raised £50 for the widows of the Belmont shooting victims, namely Mrs McDonald and Mrs Isles.

On Poppy Day the sub-branch drew a fairly good position in the draw and concentrated on the Belmont district. Total collections were £101/12/-, about 5/- less than last year. This amelioration fund would benefit by £35/10/4.

With the help of Les Sturcke the Belmont had made its presence felt in the sporting field, but unfortunately had not brought home any trophies.

FUNCTIONS

During the year the sub-branch had run two barbecues, two dances, one car rally and Mrs Plett put on a concert. The concert was well attended, but attendance was not so good as at other functions.

There were two car excursions with inmates from the Edward Milne and Sunset homes. The highlight of the week was the ladies' tea by the ladies and then entertained by volunteer artists.

The patients, as usual, appreciated these outings.

Members had attended social functions at Pearce (R.A.A.F. Sgts. Mess), Riverton sub-branch, Vic. Returned sub-branch, Milne sub-branch and Maylands. On each of these occasions a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

The annual dinner had been well attended and was a huge success.

Hospital visiting had been carried on mainly by Mr Downsbrough, and many a patient's outlook had been brightened by Albert's smiling face and cheery manner.

Memorial Inscription Not To Be Changed

A League request for an alteration to the inscription on the Great War Memorial to the Second Division, A.I.F., at Mont St Quentin, France, has been refused.

The request, stemming from last year's National Congress, sought deletion of the words 'by the German Army' from the Inscription which would then read: 'The bronze figure of an Australian soldier which originally mounted this memorial was removed during the second world war, 1939-45'.

In reply to Leagues representatives the director of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Brigadier E. Brown, said: 'I can now advise that the recommendation of the National Executive has received very serious consideration, but in view of the circumstances it is not possible to amend the panel as suggested. 'One of the main reasons for not adopting the recommendation of the Congress is that the wording was chosen in consultation with the 2nd Divisional Association and was approved by the Government. The committee which handled this matter (and of which at the time I was secretary and executive member) consisted of representatives of the Government, the three service departments, the Returned Servicemen's League and the official war-historian.

The second reason is that the present wording is an historical fact. It is not considered desirable or necessary to endeavour to rewrite history by amending the wording in the manner suggested.

Two further objections have been raised, these being that (a) if the wording suggested was adopted the question would immediately be raised as to whether the figure of an Australian soldier was removed; and (b) why, if the figure was removed, cannot it now be replaced?

All in all, I feel you will agree that the suggested wording leaves an ambiguity which is not only undesirable but would undoubtedly cause confusion in years to come.
Support The Jumble Sale
All sub-branches and auxiliaries are requested to make a special effort to provide goods suitable for a jumble sale being organized by the State Executive of the Women's Auxiliary in conjunction with the League. The sale will be held in the Anzac House Ballroom on Friday, May 4, commencing at 10 a.m. and all proceeds will benefit the 'War Veterans' Home. The types of goods required include clothing, furniture, crockery, hardware and pictures, and also cakes, jams and pickles—in fact, anything that can be sold. Please consign or deliver goods to Anzac House. If you can collect a worthwhile consignment within the metropolitan area, arrangements can be made for collection by phoning 23 2271.
A successful result is dependent on the support received, so let all make this a MUST.

THE LAST POST

| ARCHER, H. 16th Bty., Victoria Park | CARTER, H. W., 4/4 Bty, Swanbourne |
| BARNARD, C. E., 3rd A.M.G.S., Gnowangerup | MEARES, M., 2/28th Bty, Kensington |
| BOWLING, G. R., R.A.N. N.E. Fremantle | MOORE, H. J., 12th Bty, 4th M.G., Armadale |
| BROWN, C. W., 2/5 A.G.H., Mundaring | MOORE, L. J., 44th Bty, Central |
| GREEN, J. F., A.A.S.C., Cottesloe | MORRIS, C. H., 11th Bty, Mullaloo |
| COPE, H. W., 24th Bty, Mosman Park | MORT, J. W., 2/16th Bty, Kensington |
| DUNN, R. H., 28th Bty, Cranbrook | Ogilvie, A., 143 Ed W. Shops, Bedford-Morley Park |
| DUTHIE, S. H., 38 Bty, 4th R.A.A.F., Central | O'Neill, P., 51st Bty, Swanbourne |
| EDWARDS, H. M., 10th Bty, 8th Field | PAGE, A., 11th Bty, South Perth |
| FELSTEAD, C. F., A.F.C. City of Perth | ROBERTS, F. S., 16th Bty, Gloucester Park |
| FRICKER, W. A., R.P.C. York | RUWOLT, A. P. W., 10th L.H., Welshpool |
| GAGE, C. H., 60th Bty, Como | SKUTHORP, A. R., R.A.A.F., Moosman Park |
| GUISE, J. F. W., R.N. Nullagine | SOUTHEE, M., 105 Light Fld Amb, Floreat-City Beach |
| HAYNES, J. H., 16th L.H., Mt Lawley | STEELE, R. S., R.F.A., Albany |
| HERMON, F. 2/4 M.P. Harvey | STRANGE, W., 9th L.H., Armadale |
| HUMMERSTON, L. G., 2/5th Tank W.Shops, Bedford Park | THELMAN, C. H., 11th Bty, West Perth |
| HUNSTEIN, R. K., 8th Bty, Busselton | WALLACE, E. A., 5/6th Bty, City of Perth |
| JACKSON, E. F., F.E.L.O., Mt. Lawley | WELLER, S. J., 16th Bty, Waroona |
| KENNEDY, J., 3rd Tun Cooy, York | WHITE, W. J., 2/11th Bty, Mt Hawthorn |
| KINNINMONT, A. E., 11th Bty, City of Perth | WHITFIELD, T. C., 11th Bty, Rockingham |
| L. H. Mt Lawley | WOLFENDEN, A. W., 11th Bty, Northam |

A Telegram-My Buddy
By Orby F. Dandois, Green Bay, Wisconsin (U.S.A.)

Around the corner I have a friend In this great city that has no end But the days go by and the weeks roll on And ere I know it a year has gone; And I'll need to see my old friend's face For life's a swift and terrible race.

He knows I admire him just as well As I did in the days when I rang his bell And he rang mine. We were younger then; But now we're busy, tired men Tired of trying, too, to be a fool. Tired of trying to make a name.

"Some day," I say, "I'll call on Jim Just to show I haven't forgotten him." But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes; And the distance between us grows and grows. "Here's a telegram, sir." Jim died today.
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

FEDERATED T.B. SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (W.A. BRANCH)—Meeting every Monday, at 7.30 p.m., at the Government Buildings, 158 William-street, Perth. Second Monday and Thursday every month. President, A. A. Fairley, Secretary, J. L. Wykeham.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION (Anzac House base)—Pacific Hotel, High Street, Fremantle. Meetings every Tuesday at 8 p.m., and also on the third Saturday of each month. President, J. W. H. Roberts, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

ROYAL ARMY ASSOCIATION—Meetings at Anzac House base every second Thursday at 5 p.m. President, J. L. Wykeham, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION (W.A.)—Meetings at Anzac House base every second Thursday at 5 p.m. President, J. L. Wykeham, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

ROYAL NAVY ASSOCIATION—Meetings at Anzac House base every second Thursday at 5 p.m. President, J. L. Wykeham, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

ROYAL ARMY PAY ROLL — Meetings at Anzac House base every second Thursday at 5 p.m. President, J. L. Wykeham, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

ROYAL NAVY PAY ROLL — Meetings at Anzac House base every second Thursday at 5 p.m. President, J. L. Wykeham, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY—Meetings at Anzac House base every second Thursday at 5 p.m. President, J. L. Wykeham, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

ROYAL AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (W.A.)—Meetings every month at Anzac House base every second Thursday at 5 p.m. President, J. L. Wykeham, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

ROYAL NAVY PAY ROLL—Meetings at Anzac House base every second Thursday at 5 p.m. President, J. L. Wykeham, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

WARRIORS OF THE WORLD—Meetings at Anzac House base every second Thursday at 5 p.m. President, J. L. Wykeham, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

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2/28TH BATTALION—24TH M.T.TANK COY., ASSOCIATION—Meet Anzac House base, 88 Colin-street, West Perth, on the first Tuesday of every month. President, J. L. Wykeham, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

COUNCIL OF UNIT ASSOCIATIONS—President, E. H. MacLeod, 55 McLeods-road, Applecross (64 1053). Secretary, T. E. McCallum, 31 North-street, Swanlea. Meetings held on the first Monday of each month. President, J. L. Wykeham, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

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32ND BATTALION (1st A.I.F.) ASSOCIATION—President, R. E. MacKenzie, 31 North-street, Swanlea. Meetings held on the first Monday of each month. President, J. L. Wykeham, Secretary, W. J. Reed.

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MAIDEN AND LIMBLESS EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION—Meetings held on the first Monday of each month. President, E. H. MacLeod, 55 McLeods-road, Applecross (64 1053). Secretary, W. J. Reed.

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KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION—Meetings held on the first Monday of each month. President, E. H. MacLeod, 55 McLeods-road, Applecross (64 1053). Secretary, W. J. Reed.

M.I.A.—Meetings held on the first Monday of each month. President, E. H. MacLeod, 55 McLeods-road, Applecross (64 1053). Secretary, W. J. Reed.

British Ex-Servicemen's Club—Meetings held on the first Monday of each month. President, E. H. MacLeod, 55 McLeods-road, Applecross (64 1053). Secretary, W. J. Reed.
CONGRESS ITEMS DUE BY MAY 20

Members are advised that the closing date for receipt at Anzac House of agenda items and nominations for State Congress is May 20.

All nominations for the position of president, vice-presidents, trustees and committee members shall be made by sub-branches at a properly constituted meeting. The nominations shall be in writing and made by the State Secretaries not less than two months before the opening of Congress, and all sub-branches shall receive notification of all nominations received not less than one month before the opening of Congress.

All nominees must be financial members of the W.A. branch and must sign the nomination, to be accepted by the office. A nominee for the position of State President, and members of the State Committee, shall be in writing at the time of nomination, shall not subsequently be withdrawn from any ballot conduct for the position.

The nominations for office bearers shall be made by the W.A. State branch and not merely members of the nominating sub-branch.

It is important for sub-branches to consider potential agenda items to ensure that the subject matter comes within the scope of League activities. Particular care must be taken with constitutional items, and a clear and specific indication given as to the rules which it is desired to alter.

All sub-branches have been advised by the State Secretaries to send nominations for State Congress matters, and especially those which are of vital concern.

THE CONTEST ON AGAIN

The Miss Crowning Glory competition is on once more. A State-wide competition is being sponsored again this year in behalf of the R.S.L. War Veterans Home and the children whom Legacy calls its wards.

This competition is open to any female, 18 years or over, married or single, nominating on her own account or nominated by any organisation.

There is a big prize list, the first prize being a return air-fare (Perth to Sydney) for two weeks at the Hotel Australia (or Chevrons Hilton), Sydney, a wardrobe valued at £5 and £50 spending money, also a modelling course.

The total value of the first prize is £125/0.

There are many other prizes, not least being an award of a 50-guinea marksheet to any candidate raising £50 or over.

The organisations which stand to benefit are both faced with the responsibility of raising sufficient finance to carry on their obligations. Full information can be obtained from Anzac House Office or Torchbearers for Legacy, C/O Boans.

The Secretary of the Joint Committee is Mr. R.S. Houghton, Box N1097, G.P.O., Perth.

Part-time Job
For Members

Any member of the League interested in part-time work with the League's Corps of Commissionaires should call at Anzac House and ask for Mr. N. R. Gash, League Welfare Officer.

Red Rule Today

Statement from RSL Headquarters

Communism is a world revolutionary movement and has as its aim the domination of the world.

There is a contradiction in the statement that a revolutionary movement recognises the right of people to choose their political institutions, that revolutionary action does not imply conspire to impose communism, or that a centrally directed international revolutionary movement does not imply the export of revolution.

That this is so is patent and evident from communist action (both past and present).

The revolutions which have brought Communists to power have recognised, and continue to recognise, no freedom of choice. TheRussification and communising of the peoples in Central and East European countries where communist rule has been, is and can be expected, are guaranteed by Soviet arms.

Tibet has had communist rule imposed upon it. China, South Vietnam and South Vietnam is today a victim of communist aggression from North Vietnam. This is the guise of a peoples liberation movement.

To accept communism is to accept domination by either a Russian or Chinese dictator and therefore it has no place in Australia's mode of living and inherent love of freedom.

Digger At Rest

From the Moora sub-branch comes notification of the death of the late Harry William (Bill) Scrase, 67. Mr. Scrase, who had been ill for a long time, served with the 110th Battalion of the Australian Imperial Force in the Great War.