Building Society Progresses

At last year's State Congress the State Executive was authorised to proceed with the formation of a R.S.L. Building Society, and the society was duly registered on September 5.

The directors are—Messrs W.S. Lonnie, CBE, MVO, M.C., E. C. Townshend, M.B.E., J. Bolte, G. R. Barlow, and R.P. Stoddart. Funds totalling £4,750 have been made available under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement Act for the year 1962-63. From these funds, 18 loans have been made, mainly to ex-imperialists including one at Manjimup.

These loans were made on the basis of interest at 5.5 per cent reducible quarterly over 25 years, with a maximum of £3,000.

The monthly repayments of a loan of this nature amount to £18/3/6.

In addition to the sums made available by the Commonwealth the Victoria Insurance Co. Ltd. is advancing £40,000 to the society and the bulk of this loan has been allocated. It is anticipated that there will be 12 new houses involved. It will be notified from the advertisement in this issue that the society has been invested in the Mortgages Savings Bank and that the repayment of the loan of the Commonwealth Savings Bank will be guaranteed by the Treasurer of W.A.

It has been necessary, in order to handle this loan, to form a separate society which is R.S.L. Building Society No. 2. In addition, application has been made to the State Housing Commission for a further allocation of Commonwealth funds out of the 1963-64 allotment, and it is hoped that this application will be favourably considered.

A further 18 loans will be available from the Commonwealth they will be under the same terms and conditions as the first loan.

Eligibility applies to all Australian, British and Allied ex-service men and women who served in one of the services (including the Merchant Navy) during the war, or in Malaya or Korea, but who are not now eligible for War Service Homes assistance. The fact that they have been previously assessed is no absolute bar to an advance.

The society is limited, with a capital of £20,000. It is proposed to advance £3,000 but this limit is not imposed on applications from other sources—such as the Victoria Insurance Co. Ltd. Loans of £5,000 have been allocated, repayable over 23 years at 63 per cent reducible quarterly.

Repayments in such a loan amounts to £24/10/ per calendar month and may be made up to 90 per cent of the Society's valuation.

Loans of £3,000 repayable over 25 years will be available from other sources interest in this case being 51 per cent reduced quarterly, and with monthly repayments of £17/11/3.

The secretary of the society is Mr G.S. King, 27 St. George's Terrace, Perth.

Since the formation of the company, 23 people have received loans and there should be a further 18 for the allocation of any new grants that may be made.

The society has enabled people who could not otherwise have owned their own homes under reasonable conditions.

It will be noted that a resolution on the 1963 State Congress Agenda proposes the formation of a permanent Building Society, and this could give the opportunity for members and sub-branches to invest surplus funds.

Custodian Of War Graves Is Old Friend

A Malayan who frequently defied Japanese sentinels to smuggle food and clothing to Australian prisoners-of-war is now caretaker of the Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore, where 1,000 Australians are buried.

The caretaker, Tan Tiong Thor, is the proud possessor of a commemorative letter, signed by Lord Mountbatten, recalling his valiant acts for the Allied cause. According to Mr. Tan he had worked with the R.A.A.F. men, who served in the Pacific and was wounded in the opening of the Burma campaign. He served in the 3rd Australian Guards, and was captured in 1942. After the war he escaped to British Malaya where he worked in various capacities, including as cook in a hotel.

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Staff Chief To Speak At Congress

Air Marshal Sir Frederick Scheyer, chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee in the Defence Department, is addressing the Congress this year on defence matters—probably on Tuesday, July 28.

Sir Frederick's Perth visit will be of particular interest to ex-R.A.A.F. men, who served with 1st Tactical Air Force in the Pacific in World War II.

What Sir Frederick has to say should be of considerable interest to all sub-branches.

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DEFERRED: The Broome sub-branch's annual rodeo— to be held on July 26—has been postponed until September 22.

A VP Social

The Mt. Lawley-Ingleswood sub-branch is holding its annual YP Night smoke on its premises at 7 p.m. on August 15. Members are urged to bring along a male friend and enjoy an evening of conviviality.
Buoyancy Of P.M.G. Sub-branch

The P.M.G. sub-branch membership is very buoyant and seems likely to pass the 1962 total of 114 plus 15 associate members.

This year, the sub-branch has nominated Miss Genevieve Leid to represent it at meetings of the P.M.G. "Department.

Genevieve was selected by members of the Master Hairdressers' Association from 17 entrants. All members are asked to give their support in all efforts on her behalf.

Don't leave it all to some one else! Raise at least £1 on your behalf, and remember that all monies raised goes to Legacy and the War Veterans' Homes - a sure way to get leg up for those who served, and ex-service man can help.

Please send your donations, on the forms attached, to the secretary of P.M.G. Sub-branch, c/o Drafting Section, 4th Floor, G.P.P. Perth.

P.O.W. Reunion Planned For Perth

At the Ex-Prisoners of War and Relatives Association, a meeting was held at Anzac House recently. It was proposed to hold an Australian wide reunion of all ex-P.O.W.s. (Navy, Army, Air Force and Allied Services of World War) in Perth during 1965.

It is planned to hold the reunion at Anzac House.

Interested ex-P.O.W.s are asked to contact Mr. A. J. Leafe, on the corner of Westley, of 72 McMillan-street, Victoria Park; or Mrs. E. Miners, (phone 23.3564 - day time only).

Up-and-coming Sub-branch

One of the newer sub-branches, Milten, now has about 60 members.

This was reported to the State Executive on July 3 by Mr. N. Davidson.

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Sparking activity was kept up and there was to be a camp meeting.

The sub-branch was considering the formation of a more efficient organisation.

Milten representatives would be visiting the Belmont sub-branch shortly.

Repatriation Services Greatly Extended

The number of war and service pensions being paid to ex-servicemen and their dependants had increased by more than 55 per cent since the end of World War II. Repatriation Minister Swartz said in Rockingham.

He said that at the end of the last year the Repatriation Department was paying 400,000 pensions to ex-servicemen and dependants.

By March this year the number had risen to 731,000.

Mr. Swartz was officially opening the annual Queensland and R.S.L. Congress.

He told delegates that the rise in the number of pensions had been followed by an equally spectacular increase in the demand on repatriation medical services. Between 1947 and this year the number of patient attendances had increased by almost 210,000 a year.

In Rockhampton (Qld.) the number of patients had risen from 850,000 to more than 2,800,000 a year.

In 1946 the department used the services of only 790 doctors in its local medical scheme, but in Rockhampton there was now a shortage of 5,100 doctors in the scheme.

Mr. Swartz said the ageing factor among ex-servicemen and their dependants was an important factor in the demand on medical services and that the repatriation medical scheme was not expected to cost the government more than 550,000 a year.

He said that the department also gave adequate opportunities to the medical and social activities.

Cost of the department scheme was $2,700,000 a year, and the department had increased its annual budget to $2,700,000.

A social gathering of delegates will be held in Rockhampton at 8 p.m. on July 25.

LATE NEWS

Congress this year is to be addressed at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, by Air Marshal Sir. F. C. Croker, and at 2.30 p.m. the following day by Civil Defense Director Captain A. E. Buchanan.

National President A. J. Leafe will also be present.

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N. Beach Scribe Tells Of Solid Progress

Joe Saunders, official Beach sub-branch, has submitted a glowing account of R.S.L. progress in his area.

He says the local ladies' committee is doing its greatest to assist the sub-branch.

Last Mother's Day a flower stall was held in Morehead Street and the public response a sum of $34 was raised.

The Anzac Day ceremony, held in the sub-branch's reserve building which was tastefully decorated, was a great success.

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Transport passes for disabled
The Acting Under-Secretary, Premier's Department, advises that the renewal of railway and bus passes is due for disabled ex-service men commenced on June 2 in the main hall, Treasury Buildings, ground floor, St. George's Town entrance. Passes are being issued from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

Membership
Sub-branch secretaries will have received the membership renewal booklets. This gives all categories of eligibility, which should help them considerably in determining the standing of new applicants in that regard. Sub-Branch presidents and secretaries are particularly requested to make every effort to increase their sub-branch membership in the next few weeks.

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State President at Unusual Gathering
Among the League's most ardent supporters at Boyanup are non-member Wilf Rogers, J.P.—the local postmaster—and his wife.

After their meeting on June 6 sub-branch members, presumably with the assistance of George Smale of the Supreme Court, presented the sub-branch with a framed enlargement of one of Damián Parer's photographs taken during the Salamauna campaign. Here are Mr Rogers' own words explaining his reasons for making the gift:

"This evening was arranged and given by my wife and myself in appreciation of the work that the R.S.L. has done for us. We fully realize that we could not be in the position we are in today had it not been for the men who fought in two world wars. We owe our freedom and the freedom of our all for us, the free dom and comfort we all enjoy today.

"When the war was on everyone thought of help, camp comforts and so on, but, when the country was in no danger, in many instances the men responsible for this safety were forgotten. If this is a debt we will not, and cannot ever, be paid.

"I wish to thank Mr Lonnie and members of the State Executive for having travelled so far to meet with us this evening.

"The picture which I now present to the Boyanup sub-branch is an enlargement of an actual photograph taken on the Salamauna campaign by Damien Parer. This picture revives many memories, but three in particular: the jungle backdrop which reminds us of many battles fought in this hard country and the many men left behind; beneath this soil, the temporally blinded soldier reminds us of the suffering caused by war and the hardship endured by all the troops in all campaigns, with one thought—peace.

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Unofficial Colour Patches
UNIT COLOUR PATCHES WORKED IN FLOWERS

The Silver Chain Nursing Association will be conducting its annual Flower Display on Friday, September 13.

Business houses and shops where this display will be held are still being decided, and any shops will once again be gaily decorated and there will be an entry for the Perth Town Hall with 10 small displays.

Advice: Early entry is requested as, due to inclement weather, their very beautiful work was at times quite blown away. However, judging by the displays which have reached the Town Hall will be set aside for such exhibitors to create a new display. Only one display will be allowed per club, and the entry fee is $1.50, the prize being the Prebend of the Eastern Suburbs of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In those days, the displays were held outside and many exhibitors felt discouraged, as, due to inclement weather, their very beautiful work was at times quite blown away. However, judging by the displays which have reached the Town Hall will be set aside for such exhibitors to create a new display. Only one display will be allowed per club, and the entry fee is $1.50, the prize being the Prebend of the Eastern Suburbs of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Advertising Rates
Advertising rates in this journal within 12 months are as follows: contact Rate-4/100 inches $10/6.

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LET'S SEE WHAT THE LEAGUE IS DOING

Let's look at some of the services provided by the Returned Servicemen's League for its members and their dependants, and for the community in general.

Welfare: The R.S.L. is the largest welfare organisation in Australia, and in W.A.—through its State branch and 225 sub-branches—spends thousands of pounds each year on welfare funds in relief to servicemen and their dependants in distressed circumstances. Mistfortune can strike suddenly and without warning. The R.S.L. calls this emergency aid—never charity.

Pensions: The R.S.L. in W.A. maintains an efficient pensions set-up guided by officers who are specialised in all details of service pensions, claims, and appeals. You have only to write or inquire and your pension problem will be attended to.

Pension Advocate: The State branch of the R.S.L. maintains a full-time Pensions Officer to act as Advocate for ex-servicemen and women, and widows, before the war-time pension tribunal. The compilation of essential evidence and undertaken without one penny cost to the appellant. The R.S.L. Advocate's assistance is sought by many.

Hospital Visiting: State branch and sub-branch visiting committees arrange visits to ex-service inmates of hospitals and institutions to assist in every way possible, besides distributing regular issues of cigarettes, tobacco, sweets, literature, and other requirements.

Assistance General: For instance, in employment, housing, land-settlement, services' trust funds, veteran's homes, and where necessary assistance with funeral of deceased ex-service men and sympathetic help to their families.

Defence: An active and expert Defence Committee exists within the framework of the R.S.L. to keep the government informed of the returned men's opinions on the need for adequate defence forces to ensure the nation's security in sudden emergencies.

Civil Defence: The R.S.L. regards civil defence as vital and has been the leading force in campaigning for more public training and preparation. Many R.S.L. members have already been trained in civil defence.

Commemorative Services: Anzac and Remembrance Day services and ceremonies are organised by the R.S.L. to keep alive the memory of the fallen, also to remind the public, and the new generations, of the spirit and tradition forged in war.

Anti-Communism: The League is vigilant on the real dangers of Communist infiltration. The book "Subversion" has been hailed by many organisations including the strongest trade-union groups.

Community Spirit: R.S.L. sub-branches encourage community efforts in youth clubs, memorial halls and education and encouraged to take an active and leading part in public affairs.

Children's Essays Excel

A small but very loyal and hard-working sub-branch, Bake's Hill, reports some excellent results from the essay competition which it sponsors each year and which is open to primary-school children in Bake's Hill and Clackline schools.

The subject this year was: "An Outstanding Soldier of the Australian Army." Susanne Searles' essay—"Liet. Derrick"—which won first prize in the Bake's Hill division of the competition was a splendid effort, showing a lot of promise for the future.

Two 4th Grade children were second in each division. "Liet. Colonel Murray, V.C." and "Liet. Freeman, V.C." were chosen as the subject. Liet.-Colonel Murray, V.C., and Liet. Freeman, V.C., also wrote a splendid essay.

The children are to be congratulated on the quality and standard of the work and for the obvious care taken in making the facts used in the essays.

The four prize-winning essays are published on Page 11.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK
PROVIDES FURTHER £50,000 FOR HOUSING

The Commonwealth Savings Bank is providing another £50,000 of housing finance through the R.S.L. Group of Building Societies.

This was announced by Mr. C. G. L. Billon, the Bank's Manager for Western Australia.

He said that the Bank has played a major role in alleviating the post-war housing shortage. In fact, one out of every eight houses erected privately in Australia in recent years has been built with the assistance of a loan from the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

At the present time, the Commonwealth Savings Bank is making housing loans totalling over £200,000 each working day. Total lending for housing by the Commonwealth Savings Bank in 1963 will reach £250,000,000.

Mr. Billon said that in making direct Housing Loans, the Bank naturally recognised that it had an obligation to help its own customers.

Mr. Billon concluded by saying that it must be widely recognised that the ability of the Commonwealth Savings Bank to continue its very material contribution towards the provision of housing finance was largely dependent upon the continued support of its depositors and the acquisition of new business.

The R.S.L. Building Society

The above finance is for new homes only with a maximum advance of 75%. The repayment terms are 4% over 25 years or 4% over 30 years. On a loan of £3,000 the monthly repayment including interest amounts to £17/11/3. Further information and applications should be submitted to the General Manager, Mr. G. S. King, 57 St. George's-terrace, Perth.

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W. S. LONNIE: (overseas 5 months) Belmont (2); M.T.T.; P.M.G. (2); Mandurah-Belleslie; Corrigin; Como (2); Rockingham; Bicton-Palmyra; Yarloop; Claremont (2); Fremantle City; Busselton; West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park; Cottesloe; Brookton; Scarborough (2); Bassendean; Wellington (2); Gutha; Mosman; Geraldton; New Zealand; Victoria Park; Ex-Service-Women's; Carnamah; City of Perth; North Dandalup-Keysbrook; Pingelly; Madrenge; Benger; Bossereek (2); Yarloop; Busselton; Millen; Rivervale; Guildford; Dundasburg-Yalluping; Taxation; Dardanup; Highgate; Beverley; Gidgegannup; Northcliffe; Boyanup.

E. C. TOWNSEND: Mt. Pleasant-Brewton (2); Bellevue (3); Rosa Brook-Rosa Glen; Margaret River; Cottesloe; Highgate; Ex-Service-Women; (2); Mt. Lawley-Inglewood; Slewton-Kwoylin; Carnamah; (2); Nedlands; Scarborough (2); Public Service (5); Claremont; Mt. Helena (2); Carlisle (3); Glen Forrest; Northam; Returned Sisters; (4); Blackboy Hill (4); Mundaring (3); Darlington (4); S.E.C.; North East Fremantle; Bedford-Morley Park; Maddington (2); Kukerin (2); Gidgegannup.

J. ROLE: Applecross; Geraldton; Katanning.

R. J. STODDARD: Cowaramup; Pemberton; Kelmscott; Mt. Barker; Moora; Riverton; Subiaco; Bunbury; Dardanup.

S. A. MACNAMARA: Bicton-Palmyra; Cowaramup; Pemberton; Kelmscott; Nedlands; Belmont; Subiaco; Harvey; Northam; Boyanup.

J. SERISSER: Blackboy Hill (3); Applecross (2); Como; Mt. Hawthorn; Quairading; Narembeen; Hyden; Karlsgarin; Kondinin; Rockingham; Mount Helena; Subiaco; Busselton; Maylands; Cunderdin; Mosman Park; Armadale; South Perth; Collie-Carth.

J. WHITE: Nedlands; Claremont (3); West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park; Bassendean; Osborne Park; Northam; Boyanup.

S. WHITE (Sister): Swanbourne (2).

P. PEARKSON: Glen Forrest.

F. SIBLEY: Childwood; Mundaring (3); Bayswater-Melham; Cunderdin; Bellevue.

E. A. DOOD: West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park (2); Applecross (3); Cunderdin; Mundaring (2); North Dandalup; Mt. Lawley-Inglewood; Subiaco; Cunderdin; Cottesloe; Northam; Narembeen; Carnamah; Geraldton; Public Service; M.T.T.; Mt. Hawthorn (2); Millen; Yarloop; Mosman Park; Blackboy Hill; Jerramungup; Ongerup; Brookton; Gnowangerup; Maylands; Mt. Pleasant-Brewton; Shenton Park; H. HOLLAND (overseas 4 months); Hamilton Hill; Fremantle City; H. LESLIE: Childwood.

E. O. DAVIES: Yealering; Mt. Hawthorn; Rosa Brook-Rosa Glen.

G. BARON-HAY: Shenton Park.


J. L. MACKENZIE: (resigned 8/1/63) Narembeen.

R. RUTTER: Yealering; Corrigin; Mt. Pleasant-Brewton; Rivervale; Jerramungup.

R. B. MARRIS: Dumbleyung; Darling Range; Millen; Cottesloe; Maylands; Cunderdin; Mosman Park; Mundaring; South Perth.

T. PLANACAN: Cunderdin.

S. K. ELLIMAN: Bumbury.

E. MONK: Narrogin.

A. J. WATSON: Osborne Park (3); Osborne Paik (4); Glen Forrest (2); Carlisle (2); Claremont; Mundaring; Wooroloo; Murray; Upper Swan (3); Maddington; T.T.; Busselton; Gidgegannup.

S. MENDRIK: Maddington; Gosnells.

J. WALMSLEY: Cunderdin.

T. MANN: Albany; Jerramungup; Dongara (2); Carnamah (2); Gutha; Three Springs-Arrino (2); Coerow.

F. B. SUMpter: Bassendean.

H. HOLDER: Rockingham (2); Cunderdin (2); Maylands; Mt. Hawthorn; Upper Swan.

A. MAYOR: Cunderdin.

H. J. C. HANRAHAN: P.G.W.

F. GOMM: Goose Registration (2); Northam (4); York; Goonalling; M.T.T.

M. WILLIAMS: Koorda; Carnamah (2); Mingenew-Yandahooka (2); Northam (2); Geraldton (2); Gutha.

M. PEYERS: Cunderdin.

R. MESSENGER: Dumbleyung (2); Millen (2); Kukerin (2); Lake Grace; Narrogin; Wagon; Brookton; Pingelly; Woodanilling.

State Branch Membership

The 1962 membership figure of 17,062 was the best since 1954 with an increase of 118 members. Approximately 565 members by death, showed a remarkable improvement in the 1961 figures of 16,321. During the year a strong Membership Drive Committee operated, which was aimed at both assisting Sub-Branches in their membership drive and maintaining the best membership figures ever achieved. Many Sub-Branches are still failing to send a regular capitation return into the State Office and this has resulted in embarrassment to members who have paid into their Sub-Branch, but because the Sub-Branch has not forwarded a return, are shown as unfinancial in the records at Headquarters—see Rule 24(4) of the Rules, By-Laws and Standing Orders of the W.A. Branch.

In an effort to boost membership a supplement in the "Sunday Times" dated 24th March, in this current and financial year, was organised and paid for by advertisements, and in this the various activities of the League were described in the four pages available.

Membership figures as at the end of 1963, reveals a deficiency of 578 as against the June figures for 1962. This is disappointing, especially as there are approximately 4,000 members who were financial in 1962 but who have not up-to-date renewed their membership. These figures speak for themselves and direct the attention of all Sub-Branch Presidents to the necessity for constant pressure to be maintained in membership matters.

The Chairman expresses his thanks to the members of this Sub-Committee for their untiring effort in this most important phase of League activity, and to the Presidents and Secretaries of Sub-Branches who have been responsible for increased membership.

Life Membership

In recognition of outstanding service to the League the following members were honoured with the award of Life Membership during the year:

Mr. A. W. POTTS—Kojonup Sub-Branch.
Mr. L. J. BARTLEY—Frementle City Sub-Branch.
Mr. F. E. WOOD—Nollamara Sub-Branch.
Mr. J. DORRIGH—Boulder Sub-Branch.
Mr. P. MEIKLE—Kulin Sub-Branch.
Mr. W. L. LEWIS—South Perth Sub-Branch.

Certificates of Service

Seventy-one (71) Certificates of Service were approved by the State Executive during the year.

Conferences

During the 1962-63 Congress year two Group Conferences were held in country areas, the first at Carnamah and the second at Corrigin. Each event was successful and resulted in reliable information being distributed.

This year introduced the open-forum method of conducting these conferences and it proved very popular. The second Group Conference, held at Corrigin, was equally successful.

It has been recommended to the incoming Membership Committee that a decision re Group Conferences for 1963-1964 be made at the first meeting of the Membership Committee.

The proceedings of the two conferences held in the metropolitan area and the last one held on 22nd May, was the most successful for a considerable period. Again the open-forum system was used to the general satisfaction of all concerned.

It is emphasised that it is considered much more preferable to organise Presidents and Secretaries' meetings for the metropolitan area rather than Group Conferences, which have proved a failure in the past.

Receptions

During the Congress year the State Executive extended receptions to the following:

Mr. S. C. JOHNSTON, High Commissioner for New Zealand, DELEGATES attend the Federal Naval Association Conference.

NEW ZEALAND Amac Day delegation.


HIS EXCELLENCY the State Governor, Sir Charles Gairdner, K.C. G.S.E., K.C.S.I., K.G.M. Farewell gesture prior to his retirement as State Governor.

REAR-ADMIRAL A. W. McNicholl. CAPTAIN PEAK (H.M.A.S. Melbourne) and Senior Naval Officers.

In the interests of public relations the State Executive, on behalf of the League, extended courtesies to representatives of a number of kindred and allied organisations with close League affiliations.

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State War Memorial

We are again deeply indebted to the Wardens (Mr. D. A. Freecorn, Assistant-Warden (Mr. E. C. Townsend, M.B.E.), the Sub-Warboys (Jewish Ex-Services Asn.) and the Director of King's Park for their dedicated application to duty during the period under review.

A demonstration staged by the Committee for Nuclear Disarmament as a protest against war. Some ex-service participants became so incensed that they became aggressive. In my opinion the incident received considerable publicity through the Press and on Television.

Anzac Day 1962 the Education Department conducted its annual service for schoolchildren and this reached the very high standard of previous years. A significant address was given by Mr. H. E. O'Callaghan, Principal of North Sydney Girls High School, and items were given by the John Forrest High School Choir assisted by the Western Command Band. The musical direction was entrusted to Mr. Edgar Nightingale.

We extend congratulations to the Department for the excellence of the arrangements and the impressive manner in which the ceremony was conducted.

Anzac Day

Ideal weather conditions were a contributing factor in the 1963 observance of this important Annual Commemoration. There appears no sign of a diminishing interest either in the Dawn Service or in the main parade, both of which attracted record attendances.

The was a roll call of Australian Forces in the wars. In memory of those fortunate enough to have witnessed them. A blood- red glow suffused the surface of the river and gave an added signification to the significance of the event. Anxiously, we had to report the glow was due to dust particles in the sky as an after-effect of a volcanic eruption in Bali some days previously, causing considerable public alarm. However, I believe the crowd was well satisfied with the show. Whatever the reason it is very unlikely that a similar phenomena will coincide with an Anzac Day Dawn Service again.

The final public appearance of His Excellency the Governor at an Anzac Day Service, plans were made for an ever-denominational service. Sir Charles had agreed to deliver the address. A large demonstration of the service, an inspection of all personnel on parade. Unfortunately, His Excellency's war work had given rise to concern and he was forced to withdraw from all public engagements necessitating standing for prolonged periods.

The students attended with a parade organised by University Students on Anzac Eve were officially condemned by the State Executive because of the implied reflections on the sanctity of the day. A student, but dignified protest was forwarded to the Chancellor of the University.

In his reply to the League's protest the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Mr. J. B. Birkeet Cles, expressed the Senate's regret and stressed that members were especially critical of the article in the "Sunday Times" which was considered thoughtless and in bad taste.

The Senate was assured by the President of the Guild of Undergraduates that the article was not meant to be offensive, nor did concerns with that wish to show any disrespect for Anzac Day. The Guild of Undergraduates, addressed to the Acting Vice-Chancellor, emphasised that the offending article and caption was not meant as an attack on the War Memorial or on ex-service people.

Anzac Day Trust

The amount available for distribution under the provisions of the Act amounted to $8,463 per year for each year of operation.

From the proceeds of the 1962 collections the League was allocated $4,400 of which $800 was credited to the Aged Soldiers' Fund, $600 to the Relief Fund, $1,000 to the War Veterans' Home operating account and $2,000 to the War Veterans' Home capital account.

Returns from the 1962 sporting activities and other sources appear likely to be in excess of 1961 and 1962.

Blackboy Camp Commemoration

On Sunday, 9th December, 1962, the Blackboy Hill Camp Commemoration Committee witnessed the culmination of four years' effort when 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. Nowadays, however, installations were formed there. Ten of the trainees won the coveted V.C.

The unveiling was followed by a dedication ceremony conducted by a combined A.I.F. and Indian A.I.F. A commemorative plaque below a replica of the well-known A.I.F. "raising-arm" insignia is surmounted by three steel arches. The arches were erected by New South Wales and those who served in Korea and Malaya.

During the ceremony, the flags of 11 units which trained at the camp were unfurled and War 1 I ringed the arches.

The final duty of the day was the handing-over—by Mr. Court, at the request of the Committee, the Blackboy Hill Camp Commemoration Committee to the new memorial to Acting-State President Townshend, M.B.E., who then appointed Blackboy Hill Sub-Branch presi-
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We refer you to our annual report to the

the value of

Should the eventuate it is intended to devote the whole of the Company's earnings to the War Veterans' Home.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of the State President, Mrs. E. A. Ames, the Auxiliary is fully justified in claiming yet another year of fruitful enterprise.

Income over expenditure was £425 greater than that of the preceding year, which permitted once again to provide something for the welfare of ex-servicemen and women. We are pleased to add that the finances of the Branch continue to exhibit a healthy condition.

The years' income was less than that of 1956 by £685, but the expenditure was also lower by the sum of £1310, so that the excess of income over expenditure was £425 greater than that of the preceding year, which permitted once again the transfer of £1000 to Stabilisation Reserve.

The 1962 increase of £47,440 in the value of the assets of the Branch is explained by the additions of £1,000 to accumulated funds, £35,220 to the War Veterans' Home account, £1,090 to Trust and Spe-

Anzacs House & Club Board of Management

Both Anzac House and Anzac Club continue to show satisfactory results. Rentals received were £628 more than for 1961 and the Maintenance Reserve now stands at the sum of £4,223.

Anzac Club turnover improved by £1,241 and gross profit by £453.

The percentage of gross profit to cost was 54.6 per cent compared

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with 54.7 per cent in 1961; net profit, however, was £477 less than that of the preceding year. This was due to increase of £200 in the League's expenditure, a reduction of £210 in the cost of providing homes, and expenditure was reduced by £210. This unavoidable rise in costs made it necessary for the Board of Management to authorise some price increases towards the end of the year, but members continue to enjoy the benefits of generally-pruned prices.

Patrons were well maintained throughout the year and the fund-raising campaign for the new camp cost of £228, continued to provide a welcome and popular amenity.

Party Nights were successfully conducted throughout the year when billiards and darts continue to be prominent features of the sporting programmes. The entertainment and social function of Anzac Club was the successful operation of the Amenities Fund. This fund supported the candidates of Miss Australia and Miss Canberra. For the contest entries, a total of £61, sponsored by the Club, was provided, and £61, a total of £100, was paid to the Charlie Mitchell room at the Royal Hotel. The funds, the Home, paid all the expenses of party-entertainments and final year with a balance of £184/10/6. Congratulations for this very successful effort are due to the chairman and the Gratitude is expressed to the Sub-Branches, no less than to the Messrs. Novell and Fraser, each of whom was. In succession, Anzac Club manager during the year.

After two years of successful and harmonious association Russ Novell left us in September 1962 to return to hotel management, where we wish him every success. He was succeeded by Norm Fraser to whose capacity and experience must be attributed a satisfactory conclusion to the year's operations.

The thanks of the League are due, and are extended, to the chairman and members of the Anzac House and Club Board of Management, who were entirely given to League activities and for the success which has attended their efforts.

**War Veterans' Home**

The past year's operations have continued in the same satisfactory pattern previously set, and with the extensions recently completed the present capacity will accommodate 132 residents.

Gratitude is expressed to the Sub-Branches and Auxiliaries that have contributed so generously to the support of the home. There is a strong indication that this generosity will be maintained and this is necessary in order that the Board may have the means to continue its programmes of progressive and essential development, in addition to meeting the normal maintenance commitments. A perusal of the financial statements reveals that £8,000 was required to run the home in 1962.

Final cost of the extensions recently undertaken is not yet known, but it is estimated at £5,000, an adequate indication of the financial burden.

The extension comprised a new accommodation block known as Ronnie Wing, which offers for an additional 28 beds; enlargement of the dining-room to seat another 60; a staff recreation room and additional storage space. On March 16th the Hon. R. Hutchinson, M.L.A., Minister for Health, declared the extension and commented the League on its remarkable achievement in this field.

There is a continuing demand from aged veterans for the type of accommodation possible at the home.

The successful functioning of the home is in no small measure due to competent supervision by Major-Owen Howes, assisted by a willing and loyal staff. And one change during the year resulting from the resignation of the housekeeper, Mrs P. Mitchell. Her successor is Mrs T. Clarke, who is carrying out her duties in an efficient manner.

Mr D. Whybark is reported upon the additional intake of residents, together with an urgent need to afford the supernumerary some relief, a senior male Staff Assistant, Mr Bruce Passfield, was appointed.

Mr B. K. Dewar, Advertising Agent, has generously sponsored the football team in the 1963 season.

Several Sub-Branches and Unit Associations have organised teams for competitive play and the residents have expressed appreciation of these visits.

To increase the comfort of the dining-room three large fans have been installed for summer use.

The S.E.C. Sub-Branch for a major contribution to the home by the installation of points and permanent wiring for external illumination on special occasions.

Members of the Sub-Branches and Unit Associations have taken their time and skill and so kept the cost of installation to the barest minimum.

**Housing**

During the past Congress year the Housing Sub-Committee held 21 meetings. The State Housing Commission has had representatives on the staff. The chairman of the Housing Sub-Committee was Mr D. Whybark and the vice-chairman, Mr T. Clark. The year requests for assistance to obtain rental accommodation increased to a marked degree and the State Housing Commission has coped with the extra demand. The provision of new homes is comparatively better than at the same period last year.

The R.S.L. Building Society was formed after last Congress, has already received £5,000, and has been allotted from the Commonwealth. The Victorian Insurance Company, a larger amount, for which applications are already being considered.

Fifteen ex-service men and women have already received loans as members of the V.I.S. The Society has made an important role to play, especially in regard to the British ex-service men. This year's State Congress will be asked to consider the formation of a Permanent Building Society.

**Land Matters**

For general information, the final figures relating to allocation of farms under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme are recorded.

With the disbandment of the Classification and Allotment Board there can be no further changes to the statistics supplied. All available farms have now been allotted.

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Notes: The total number of applicants who have qualified for assistance under the Scheme is 3,696.

An interesting comparison may be drawn from final figures in 1961. In Queensland the War Service Land Settlement Scheme was discontinued in 1954, up to which time 470 farms were allotted. The demand in N.S.W. was greatly in excess of the ability of the State to supply and the comparatively small number of 3,041 was the final allotment.

Authorities in Victoria consider that all interested applicants have been accommodated in the present block of 3,041 farms. Ten farms have yet to be allotted in South Australia, making total of 1,024.

In Tasmania some developmental work is proceeding and it appears likely that the total reached in that State, including King and Flinders Islands, will be 579 farms.

The decision to implement a Land Settlement Scheme in Papua and New Guinea was made in 1958, and since that time loans have been granted to 246 ex-servicemen.

Of these loans 128 were made to Europeans and 112 to Papuans and New Guineans who served with the armed forces in World War II.

Requirements for obtaining a loan were satisfactory military service and residence in the Territory for five years before the introduction of the Scheme in 1958. Applicants also had to have a knowledge and experience of agriculture. Loans granted under the scheme amounted to £3,000,000 and cash grants reached almost £2,000,000 as at 31st December, 1962.

**Publicity**

The "Listening Post" has been produced every month and has endeavoured to record the important news or information affecting League affairs.

Since Mr. Dewar, Advertising Agent, resigned, constant endeavours have been made to obtain the services of a suitable representative to increase the advertising income of the journal.

The A.B.C., was contracted in 1963, and the Committee feel sure he will increase the advertising income of the journal.

There is ample editorial material forthcoming: in fact it has been embarrassing, but efforts are made to give every Sub-Branch a share of the columns for Sub-Branch news.

Radio Stations 6AM-PM, 6KG Kalgooリー, 6KY-NA and 6GN Geraldton, currently donated banding time to the League, while Channel 2 and Channel 7 have been most co-operate in publishing League activities through the television medium. The A.B.C. has also granted to 246 ex-servicemen.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the management and staff of the above broadcasting stations, Mr. J. Tillett and Mr W. Parkinson of W.A. Newsletters for their help and guidance.

**Pl. Peron**

As from the 1st June, 1963, the City of Perth Sub-Branch assumed responsibility for the control and administration of this League project.
The transfer was approved by the State Executive after protracted negotiations, and under conditions laid down by the State Executive. A five-year agreement which absolved the League from further payments involving the transfer (in 1960) of 2,500 shares held by the Sub-Branch in the R.S.L. Trading Co. was concluded.

The 1960 agreement required payment by the League of an annual premium of £200, and the indebtedness of the League to the Sub-Branch at the end of the period.

Under the new agreement the League remains the lessee of the land at Pt. Peron and all reasonable safeguards are incorporated.

**Reparation**

Representations concerning Reparation Items are submitted by the League to the National Executive for discussion and recommendations as to the representations to be submitted to the Government.

Following the absence of Reparation concessions in the 1962 peace negotiations, the Executive recommended that the 1962 Pensions Plan which was again submitted to the Federal Cabinet during March, 1963, namely:

**PENSIONS PLAN 1963**

1. That the General Rate Pension and Dependents' Allowances be increased as follows:
   - 100 per cent pension from £5/15/ to £6/10.
   - Wife from £1/15/ to £2/10.
   - Children from £1/9/ to £2/5.

2. That the War Widows' Pension and Domestic and Orphans' Allowances be increased as follows:
   - War Widows from £5/15/ to £6/10.
   - Domestic from £3/2/6 to £4.
   - Children from £1/1/ to £1/6/.

3. Double Orphans are granted to £6/.

4. That the Special Rate T.P.I. pension be increased from £13/5/ to £15/.

5. That all returned servicemen of the First World War and previous Wars be granted Free Reparation Hospital and Medical Benefits.

6. That the Funeral Grant be increased from £25 to £70.

7. That Widowed Mothers' pension be increased from £2/5/ to £3/.

8. That all returned servicemen aged 20 and over, on the average, 12 days a year in Reparation Hospitals, but those aged 60 spend an average of 63 days a year.

9. The new Reparation Artificial Limb and Appliance Centre in the grounds of the Hollywood General Hospital was opened during the year. The cost of providing this with the most up-to-date Artificial Centre in the Southern Hemisphere.

**PENSION APPEALS**

As anticipated, the number of claims and appeals steadily increased.

During the period under review 926 appeals were advocated by the League before Tribunals, in addition to appeals submitted in writing to the Reparation Board and Commission.

Your Committee regrets that renewed representation has, to date, failed to obtain Commonwealth Reparation Benefits for British ex-servicemen.

The State Government also declined to agree to your Committee's submission that these ex-servicemen should be granted the same travelling concessions as granted to the wives of Invalid pensioners.

**MEDICAL TREATMENT**

The demand for treatment continues to grow, one of the main reasons being the additional demand occasioned by the medical facilities granted to Service pensioners, which came into force in 1954.

These men are in the older age group and naturally require more frequent and longer medical treatment.

Entitled ex-servicemen aged 86 spend, on the average, 12 days a year in Reparation Hospitals, but those aged 60 spend an average of 63 days a year.

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**APPRECIATION**

Your Committee desires to express its gratitude to Mr R. A. Hurman, Honorary Secretary; Mr H. P. Webb, Assistant Secretary; Mr C. J. Robson, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, and Officers of the Reparation Department for the continued assistance and advice so generously given. Appreciation is also expressed to the assistance given by the Director, Department of Social Services, and members of this Department and to the members of the medical profession who have assisted with the cases and dealt with applications.

The Committee also desires to place on record, its appreciation of the excellent services rendered by the League's Pensions Officer, Mr H. Hall.

With his wide experience and expert knowledge, Mr Hall is admirably fitted to represent appellants before the various Tribunals.

**Hospital Visiting**

_Corp. of Hospital Visitors: The members of the Corps have continued on the League's behalf to visit sick ex-servicemen and women in patients at the Repatriation and Metropolitan Hospitals. The primary object of the Corps is to visit sick patients from country centres and this has been the major aim throughout the year during which the Corps made visits to 1,272 individual ex-servicemen and women.


It is pleasing to record that a number of letters have been received from sub-branches conveying their thanks and appreciation of the efforts of the Corps.

Sub-Branches: Metropolitian Hospitals and Institutions are visited in regular rotation, and numbers are limited.

The thanks of the Hospital Visitining Committee is conveyed to the members of Sub-Branches who have participated in visiting the sick, and assisting in their war work.

Appreciation is also expressed to the Women's Auxiliary and to Mrs. A. Macnamara, the State Executive representative, for frequent visits made to the Royal Perth and other Hospitals.

The appeal made in October for financial assistance to continue hospital-visiting resulted in donations being received from Sub-Branches and individuals amounting to £2,900.

This fund is utilised mainly to reimburse Sub-Branches who visit the mentally sick patients.

Hospital-visiting is growing and there will be a continued need for Sub-Branch assistance and further enrolments in the Corps of Hospital Visitors.

**Welfare and Relief**

The success of this important phase of League activity is largely due to the enthusiastic and hard work of the Sub-Committee which meets every second week to deal with applications.

The Committee's work covers disbursements from three separate funds: the Aged Soldiers Fund, the Relief Fund and the Welfare Fund.

At the end of 1962 the total of the Aged Soldiers' Fund was £36,936 with an income of £4,470.

The Relief Fund had a capital balance of £11,150 with an income of £3,775, which was adopted a grand of £600 from the League's allocation under the Anzac Day Appeals.

The Welfare Fund is a comparatively recent innovation and is a consolidation of several funds with the object of assisting 1935-45 Ex-Servicemen and Korean and Malayan Veterans. A Constitution, to provide for a term of accumulation and future disbursement, is now in course of preparation.

Conditions of eligibility for assistance under the Aged Soldiers' Fund are laid down by a special Act.

Grants from the Relief Fund may be made to any Ex-Serviceman or his dependants, irrespective of age or League eligibility.

As at the end of the period under review 926 appeals have been considered and a number of grants approved.

In the year 1962, at the end of December, 1962, the Aged Soldiers' Fund increased by £1,579 from an opening balance of £35,383 to a closing balance of £36,936. This was mainly due to a reduction of outstanding claims of £3,944 paid to 169 recipients in 1961, to £2,938 paid to 157 recipients in 1962, plus an addition of £600 from the Metropolitan War Service Trust.

All recipients are subject to a periodical review of their circumstances to ensure that the grants available are disbursed to the best advantage.

As stated in the 1961 report the aim of the Trustees is to "conserv[e] the capital of the Fund and, if possible without detriment to the interests of existing and future grantees, to build up the capital to a state whereby the capital, with interest, may meet the demands of the present and future of the Trustees."

In 1962, this objective was successfully achieved in, being indicated by the published figures.

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Civil Defence

During the period under review the Sub-Committee has on nine occasions and has endeavoured to encourage an interest in civil defence. 

In August, 1962, following the poor response to a proposed No. 4 Induction Course at Anzac House, the State Executive accepted a recommendation from the Sub-Committee for the conducting of either evening or one-day courses under Sub-Branch auspices upon request. As a consequence the following country and metropolitan Sub-Branches have been visited: Mundaring (14th March), Gosnells (14th March), Mosman Park (2nd April), Mundaring (6th April), Collie-Carnarvon (3rd May), Upper Swan (30th May). In addition, Northampton and Arthur River Sub-Branches have requested lectures later in 1963.

The following Sub-Committee members have been nominated to attend courses of instruction at the Civil Defence School, Mr. Macdonald, Victoria; Msrits, J. F. Serisier, N. Davidson and R. B. Martin.

Full credit is due to this Sub-Committee for its persistence in the face of an obvious apathy on the part of members. The fact that lecturers are prepared to give up their leisure time to impart their knowledge and infuse interest into Sub-Branch programmes should be sufficient to warrant a much greater interest.

Youth Welfare

"Operation Stand-In"—Father's Day, 2nd September, 1962: once again the League acted as hosts for the day to 100 Junior Naval Recruits from H.M.A.S. Leeuwin Reserve Training Establishment, Perth. 

Mr. Beitson, the Warden, Mrs. Yvornie Richardson, who for many years has endeavoured to harmonious relationships have been made. 

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A.R.M.S. Games

The 1962 Games proved popular among those Sub-Branches (12), entering teams.

Congratulations are extended to Nollamara, winners of the shield, and to George Fletcher, a Nollamara man, who won the Spotphill Trophy.

This year's games are well under way, with eleven teams, comprising 67 officers, competing.

M.T.P. have, unfortunately had to retire from the competition due to a lack of playing members.

Staff

We acknowledge with appreciation a continuance of the loyal and capable Service rendered by the office staff and believe that the existing harmonious relationships contribute in a marked degree to the consistent endeavours towards achieving an efficient service to Sub-Branches and members generally.

There have been no staff changes throughout the year, but most regretfully we announce the impending departure of the senior stenographer, Yvonne Robertson, whose personal reasons are due to leave as soon as Congress is over.

During her 38 years association with the League Mrs. Richardson has dealt in a competent manner with the heaviest of demands, and any emergency and with a total disregard of personal interests. She will be missed and certainly difficult to replace. This opportunity is taken of wishing her every happiness in the future.

The increasing demands on the Pensions Officer, Mr. H. Hall, prompted a decision designed to relieve at least some of the pressure and Mr. B. Marshall has been allocated on a part-time basis, as a Pensions Officer learner.

This move should afford some relief to Mr. Hall and also enable Mr. Marshall to acquire a gradual knowledge of Repatriation and Pensions procedures.

Obituary

We regret to record the passing of two prominent League members, Mr. D. M. Benson (State Secretary 1925-47) and Mr. J. M. W. ANDERSON (State President 1945-47).

With 23 years service as State Secretary to his credit Dave Benson was well known to many thousands of League members and maintained a staunch member until his death on 21st December, 1962.

Jim Anderson had a distinguished career and was a former Secretary of the Returned and Services League of Western Australia. It was during Jim's term of office as State President that the appeal for the War Veterans' Home was successfully launched. He passed to Higher Service on 11th January, 1951.

LEST WE FORGET.

Conclusion

It is a truism that no organisation remains static; either it goes forward or loses ground. We in the League are backed by a host of creditable achievements and it is imperative to ensure a continuing forward move.

As essential ingredient is a buoyant membership, and every Sub-Branch and every member should recognise the need for increased membership as a fundamental requirement.

All ex-service men who are eligible for Sub-branch membership should exercise the privilege of belonging to an organisation that is unique and which by capable and moderate leadership, has gained the respect and admiration of the whole community.

It cannot be too strongly emphasised that League service to members is sincere and effective and that such effectiveness is restricted only by circumstances beyond the League's control.

Much of the work carried out is due to a specialised nature.

This applies particularly to Repatriation and Pensions, Housing, Civil Defence, Land and Welfare—to name only a few of the services available to members.

The organisation and administration of the League is based on Sub-Committees drawn from members of the State Executive, and it is appropriate to record an appreciation of the voluntary and willing service rendered and the sacrifices of what would otherwise be leisure time. In this category we would include visits to Sub-Branches, visits which, in the main, are carried out during weekends and entail considerable travelling.

On a final note but most important, we wish to record our sincere appreciation of the helpful and co-operative assistance received from a number of good friends who, during the past year, have supported our cause; to Federal and State Government Departments, for their support, who have for a long time been custodians of the welfare of our veterans, to the A.B.C. and radio stations 6AM-PM; 6KY-NA; and 6KG, whose sincere thanks are due for their goodwill in the field of publicity.

W. S. LONNIE, State President.
W. WEBB, State Secretary.

State Executive Attendance (12 meetings)

Mr. W. S. Lonnie, C.B.E., M.V.O., M.C., 7; Mr. E. C. Townshend, M.E., 5; Mr. A. M. Bowning, M.C., D.C.M., F.M.C., 2; Mr. R. J. Stoddart, 11; Mr. S. A. MacNamara, 9; Mr. J. Seiler, 11; Mr. J. White, 11; Mr. S. M. Gillmor, 10; Mr. W. H. Beaton, 8; Mr. D. A. Dodd, 8; Mr. W. J. Wilson, 8; Mr. H. Holland, 6; Mr. H. Leslie, M.P., 6; Mr. E. O. Davies, 6; Mr. G. E. Baron-Hay, 10; Mr. M. C. Hall, 4; Mr. J. L. MacKenzie, 4; Mr. R. L. Rutter, 10; Mr. W. H. Martin, 6; Mr. B. J. Flanagan, 9; Mr. S. R. Eilman, 5; Mr. E. Monk, 12; Mr. A. A. Cooper, 12; Mr. J. Mendles, 6; Mr. J. Wainwright, 5; Mr. E. B. MacKenzie, 6; Mr. T. D. Mann, 8; Mr. E. B. Sandford, 9; Mr. H. Holder, 12; Mr. A. Mayor, 7.

Country Vice Presidents: Dr. H. Hanrahan, 6; Mr. R. Messenger, 10; Mr. A. V. Badger, 3; Mr. M. R. Williams, 4; Mr. F. Gomm, 11; Mr. P. H. Myers, nil.

If Only...

If all the seas were full of beer,
And all the earth were cheese,
And crayfish grew already cooked
Like leaves upon the trees:
If banknotes fell instead of rain
And all the grass were gold;
If houses sprouted in the night
And motor cars cost nil,
And everyone was full of vim
And no one ever ill;
If fowl's laid ninety eggs a day
And were only five cents a dozen;
And everybody lived and loved
Three thousand years and nine;
If every man had thirty wives
And all the earth was heated;
And diamonds grew like hazel nuts
And cows provided rum:
If cigarettes were three feet long,
And politics were tumbler heads;
And loaves of bread were thick as logs
And measured by the yard;
Ah—the busy, happy world,
But some perceived owl—
Some pessimistic ruddy fool—
Would find some causes to growl!
OUTSTANDING SOLDIERS—Essays by Under-age Children

Lieutenant T. C. Derrick, V.C.
By SUZANNE SEARLES, Baker's Hill School—Grade 6

One of our bravest soldiers was Lieutenant Thomas Cuthbert Derrick, V.C., who used to win the Victoria Cross. His first of all became a serjeant. He became a lieutenant.

Lieut. Derrick was born on Newlands Estate, near Adelaide, on 20th March 1914.

In June 1940 he enlisted in the A.F.P. and after being trained he was sent with his mates of the 2/48th Battalion to the Middle East.

He fought so bravely in the retreat from Benghazi and the defence of Tobruk that none of his mates were surprised when El Alamein in July 1942, he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for the bravery of taking over a machine gun outpost and personally capturing 100 of the enemy.

Japan entered the war and the 2/48th together with a number of other A.F.P. units were sent from the Middle East to help defend Australia from the Japanese.

At Sateberg in New Guinea Sergt. Derrick was captured in a fierce fight. His bravery in destroying ten Japanese officers and killing three other fighting. His bravery in destroying ten Japanese officers and killing three other fighting. His bravery in destroying ten Japanese officers and killing three other fighting. His bravery in destroying ten Japanese officers and killing three other fighting. His bravery in destroying ten Japanese officers and killing three other fighting. His bravery in destroying ten Japanese officers and killing three other fighting.

Later he had his V.C. awarded by the British Government. He was in the lead and the enemy territory. His mates—Jim Throssell was a污染 area and Ron Lacon—were more often the leading men, but even he knew he was in the lead. He was awarded the Victoria Cross.

When the stretcher-bearers arrived next morning he had to work with the wounded men first, although he knew he was not wanted there. The enemy had only carried them back to the first-aid post where there were no blood transfusions, but all in vain. That day, May 23rd, 1945, he died.

He was buried in a big cemetery on Linkas Beach. Then at the end of the war he, together with all those who were killed fighting on Tarakan, were moved to a big cemetery on the western side of the Tarakan oil field adjoining the swimming pool.

Captain H. V. H. Throssell, V.C.
By ROBYN DEMPSTER (11), Clackline School—Grade 6

A 10th Horseman, Captain Hugo Throssell of Northam, was the younger son of the Hon. George Throssell of Northam.

He sailed to Gallipoli in V.C. Price. He was taken on Lone Pine. He jumped off the trench and ran towards the Turks. His brother Eric was wounded, but he seemed to be in fine condition. For his deed of exceptional gallantry at Hill 60 on the 28th August, 1915, Throssell gained the honour of being the first West Australian to be awarded the V.C. in the 1914-18 war. Then he was very ill and was invalided out to Australia.

He was given a great welcome at Northam. Old Private Alfred College boys gave him a dinner at Muresk before it was all over. There he had his V.C. It is a roughly-stamped Maltese cross with a V.A.R. on it which is a Maltese cross written on it and a crown in the middle.

How Guy Gibson Won The V.C.
By PAM NEWMAN, Baker's Hill School—Grade 4

In England, in 1943, a German plane was shot down by Guy Gibson and his crew. Gibson was the pilot and the German plane wasekt. Their plane had to fly through thousands of miles of screen on its way to Germany. The first two dams were bombed successfully. When they arrived to bomb the other two dams. With great danger to himself and his men, Gibson and his crew managed to bomb the other two dams.

One of the places he was shot down was the nearby Kapunda, near Mount Brown. Many of the dam men were not able to get back home. The crew was led by Mr. Berry Maddren.

The sub-branch has again decided to conduct the entertainment at the recreation ground on the opening day of the Sunshine Festival—Saturday, August 24, 1944. It is going to include a fancy dress parade and a pageant. The children are invited to participate in the fancy dress parade, and the pageant will feature local talent. The children are encouraged to participate and show off their creativity.
West Australian Sees Guide Ceremony In Malta

Mrs. Haines, a former Guide Commissioner in Western Australia now holidaying in Malta with her son, was invited to take part in the annual wreath-laying ceremony by the Girl Guides at the Capuchin Cemetery, Kalkara, on Maundy Thursday.

This ceremony is held every Christmas and Easter Sunday.

Wreaths are laid on the graves of Australians and New Zealanders who were buried in Malta during the war. This year a special wreath was also laid on the grave of Michael Munro, the husband of a Guider who was killed in a fall at Bailey Yard Land, February.

The Guides, under Miss Margaret Boonello. were taken across Grand Harbour in a Guider's island chapel.

Did You Know... (asks C. R. Collins)

Reunion At Brunswick

Brunswick could not have pooled a worse night as far as the weather was concerned for the annual reunion on June 8.

However, the weather did not prevent representatives from Bunbury, Busselton, Capel, Collie, Dardanup and Harvey from attending. Messrs. N. Davidson and C. Cooper represented the State Executive.

Tom Stanley, well renowned for long speeches, was given a job of computing for his toast to the State Executive and surprised everybody by finishing with two minutes to spare. Though he strayed from the actual toast once or twice, his praise of president Claude Cribben for his wonderful work for the sub-branch was well merited.

Craiben is a real stalwart of the sub-branch who has worked hard and continuously for the RSL. Mr. Davidson gave an enlightening address on such matters as membership figures, the Agricultural and Sporting Fund, the War Veterans' Home, the Miss Crown Mourning and Special Competition and Civil Defence.

He was supported by Mr. G. K. Brown, who stressed the importance of representation at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Victorian branch. Sub-branch secretary Jack Bland returned home from his holiday trip to France just in time for the reunion.

Recognition Sought For Italian Ship's Master

The minister of the Flinders-street (Melbourne) Baptist Church, the Rev. L. J. Gomm, has expressed the intention of writing to the Prime Minister's Department asking that official recognition be given on the action of the master of the Italian passenger ship Castel Felice on Anzac Day.

Mr. Gomm was migrant chaplain in the ship, which berthed in Sydney recently.

The captain, an Italian, arranged that all other chaplains to conduct an Anzac Day service, which, because the migrants knew nothing about the day, consisted mainly of explanation.

Mr. Gomm said later: "As the service closed, the captain, to our amazement, announced that there was a blast on the ship's siren which would sound the "wreath into the sea."

"After a minute's silence there were three long blasts from the siren. Then the ship began a complete circle, the biggest tribute any vessel can pay. It was an overwhelming experience for us who knew the ship, the event and the location of the Great War, but we could not forget the great circle of water made by the ship's wake, how it circled the spot where the wreck had been cast.

Time and tolerance work wonders and it is fervently hoped that the spirit of mutual respect for human dignity will eventually prevail throughout the world.

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DEFENCE PROPOSALS (Part 2)

NATIONAL SERVICE

It becomes increasingly apparent that if Australia is to be adequately prepared to meet our nation's demands and responsibilities, we must have a national service scheme that is fully implemented. This is especially important given the current geopolitical landscape.

Here is part 2 of the report on the League’s defence proposals submitted to the Minister for Defence on May 15, 1963.

The first part, published in the June issue of The Listening Post, covered the introduction, strategic concepts, and organization of Australian National Service. This part covers Defence Measures in Papua and New Guinea, and Conclusion.

The provision for the expansion of Territorial forces along the lines suggested above will have the following beneficial effects:

1. A substantial increase in the technical capacity of the Territory.
2. The provision for a military training system in which training programmes for the Regular Army and the C.M.F. could be expanded.
3. The development of the C.M.F. in the Territory would provide the means of continuity of service and training for those individuals who have served in the P.I.R. and have been subsequently discharged.
4. The provision for increased military training for the Indigenous would be important contribution to the broader need of raising the standards of the armed forces and increasing their sense of responsibility.

CONCLUSION

In this document the R.S.I. has attempted to make a frank and impartial analysis of Australia's defence needs, in relation to the existing world situation, and has made recommendations for improvements to our defence forces that are necessary to meet a reasonable degree of potential threat to this country's security.

It is not possible to give an accurate assessment of costs. However, figures would indicate that the additional land forces recommended could be provided for approximately £2 to £3 per head of population.

Australian pay less per head on defence than any other country in the Western alliance with the sole exception of New Zealand.

Subiaco Keeps A Stiff Lip

The Subiaco sub-branch continues to function in spite of being divorced from its parent organisation.

Meetings are held in the Library Annex at Rockeby Road on the usual time—the first Wednesday in each month at 8 p.m.

As things are these days the meetings have been well attended.

The sub-branch effort in the street appeal on April 30 was nothing to write home about but not too bad in view of the snuffling of one life star collectors by a rival sub-branch.

Ian Munro was top-scorer; Ted Monk runner-up.

The thanks of the sub-branch are due to all collectors.

The May meeting witnessed quite a lively debate on the iniquity of "chopping" education and service pensions in relation to war pensions.

The sub-branch was glad to see Mr. H. Eaton (River Vale sub-branch) and wish him prosperity in the future at Subiaco.

A tribute was paid to the memory of "Woogie" Honner (2/11th Bn.) who died at Horsley Hospital on May 21. Many members attended the funeral.

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UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

16th Battalion
Secretary C. C. Young has returned to duty after a holiday in Darwin.

The attendance at the Anzac Day march and at the Railway Institute afterwards was well up to standard.

The committee has ordered 100 metal colour patches for the trees representing fallen men in Kings Park.

In the past the cardboard colour patches used required annual replacement.

The metal ones should be permanent.

During May an association bowls team lost a match to.

against the War Veteran's Home.

Miniature colour patches to attach to R.S.L. badges (3/6 plus postage) are obtainable from the secretary.

The death of Mr C. Taylor was announced with deep regret.

2/32nd Battalion
All 2/32nd Battalion Association members should note that the annual dinner will be held in the Anzac House basement on Friday, August 2, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Originally the dinner was to have been held on July 26.

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Early in the year we experienced the sudden and loss of one of our foundation members in Benno Saul. The members rallied strongly to appeal to all who could give an immediate cash grant and a little later the total raised — totaling £125/13/1.

During the last 12 months £10/10/0 was paid to members by way of relief and cigarettes for elderly members.

A further £10/0/0 was paid to the War Veterans' Home in the hands of Mr. Gurney and I would like to extend our grateful thanks.

The sub-branch's Miss Christmas Pageant was successful in raising £350. Mrs Irene Gould was responsible for the pageant and is to be congratulated.

We wish to put on record our appreciation of her efforts at this time, particularly towards the threatened committee.

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Although we did not win the new Nevadine Cup we were successful in winning the Merry Williams Trophy — in its first year of presentation — for raising the most money for the War Veteran's Home.

The Christmas party was a very successful entertainment, as usual, being about 20 children present. There was also a brick game, Christmas party, ice-cream, cool drinks and toys. The duties of Father Christmas were again carried out by Mr. F. M. Mather, to whom we extend our grateful thanks.

And so, gentlemen, another page has been written in the history of this sub-branch, and the activities of you which you can justly be proud of, have been ranked among the members.

An Important Date For Vic. Park Members

The third Friday in July is of particular importance to Victoria Park sub-branch members — for that night they elect their office-bearers for the ensuing 12 months.

Members are urged to come along on July 19 and show some interest — up to the policy of nominating even a little notice would be appreciated. Nominations for the various offices do not close until election night.

The amount of work being accomplished by a few willing volunteers in the sub-branch is highly pleasing, but so much more could be done with only another dozen or so to help.

Flancie's are gradually improving and here is one way to increase the membership. It is shown that the Victoria Park Race has a hall with a good kitchen facilities, dance floor, etc.

See if you can improve the hall bookings and so increase the income.

The hall committee is working hard to repay the money and do alterations. In just over 22 months they have raised £240. Their various accounts, amounting to £260.

Mr. Lee a Trustee of Memorial

National President A. J. Lee has accepted an invitation from the Minister for the Interior to join the Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial.

The invitation was not extended to him, as a representative of the League, although his position as National President of the Victorian branch, if considered, would have helped to initiate the approach.

No organisation is specific to the League to join the board, but this invitation is taken as a compliment to the League and a result of the League's close interest in all matters connected with the war memorial.

As a matter of interest Mr. Builwinkle and Sir Frederick Gurney, who are both trustees of the Memorial, have also been added to the Board of Trustees.

Sub-branch Uses Film Evening To Raise Funds

At a film evening conducted by the Boulder sub-branch on June 26 donations by patrons were received at the sub-branch funds.

A full colour programme comprised a Commonwealth Games film and the Cinemascope film "Love is a Many Splendoured Thing".

The money raised was over £20.

An Honour For Mr. Dobrigh

A large and well-attended social gathering was held in the Boulder Memorial Hall on Saturday, June 8. Members and their families witnessed the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate and badge to one of its most esteemed members, Mr. Jack Dobrigh, past president of the sub-branch for many years.

The number of those who attended and the congratulations given to Jack were a grand tribute to him.

All his numerous friends wished Jack many more years of active service, and active association with the R.S.L. and the committee of the sub-branch in particular.

Mr. Dobrigh has been a Grand Treasurer for many years.

Mr. Dobrigh was addressed as President and his work was commended to all.

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TROOPING THE COLOUR

From Frank A. Kennedy, honorary Press Information Officer in London for the R.S.L.

Vast crowds gathered in London on June 8—official birthday of Her Majesty the Queen—in beautiful summer sunshine for the Trooping of the Colour.

At 11 a.m. Her Majesty, with H.R.H. Prince Philip, arrived on the Household Cavalry parade with the Queen's Escort of the Household Cavalry.

After the Royal Salute and the inspection of the guards and the Queen's Escort, the Queen's Colour was trooped down the line. Then came the march past Her Majesty first in slow time, then in quick time, to the music of the massed band of the Brigade of Guards conducted by Lt. D. A. Pope, Senior Director of Music, Brigade of Guards.

The Household Cavalry followed, first at the walk, then at the trot, to the music of the mounted band of the Life Guards conducted by Captain-Director of Music W. K. Jackson.

The Colour was trooped by 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards, for the first time since 1940.

At the termination of the parade Her Majesty placed herself at the head of the Guards and proceeded down the Mall to Buckingham Palace.

The Queen Mother, Princess Ann and other members of the royal family watched the ceremony from the windows above the Horse Guards arch.

Also present was the High Commissioner for Australia, Sir Eric Harrison and about 400 Australian visitors who had been successful in the ballot for tickets.

At Australia House, London, on June 7, Kennedy was presented by Sir Eric Harrison, with the League's Certificate of Appreciation—an award in recognition of valued services rendered by non-members.

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