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Bushland-touch Idea
For Distant Graves

If League hopes are realised native trees and shrubs of Western Australia will find a prominent place in North Borneo of particular significance to Australians.

They are the war cemetery on Labuan Island and a proposed memorial park on the slopes of the 13,450 ft. mountain, Kinabalu.

Many young Australians made the Supreme Sacrifice in those areas in the later stages of World War II.

At the State Executive meeting on September 4 it was resolved, on the advice of the Ad hoc Committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of sending plentiful supplies of various plant species for incorporation in the beautification plans at the centres concerned.

Dr. Hannahan, who had just returned from a visit to North Borneo, told the executive that while on Labuan Island he visited the war cemetery.

He had found it “a place out of this world.”

The caretaker was an Australian, and a large number of flowering shrubs and shrubs were growing there including—had he been told—some wattle from New South Wales.

It seemed to be the policy to produce an abundance of bloom on one kind or another all the year round.

The information concerning the war cemetery had fired him with the idea of introducing a great many other Australian plants into the exceedingly lovely setting.

ARRANGING FOR TALKS ON CIVIL DEFENCE

Sub-branch secretaries are reminded that the League's Civil Defence Committee is always ready, willing and able to visit sub-branches with a complete set of lectures on civil-defence matters and answer any queries.

Those interested should contact the nearest Sub-branch as early as possible to ensure the arrangement of as much notice as possible.

The Governor-elect, Sir Douglas Kendrew.

League Plans Welcome To New Governor

Tentative plans are in hand to extend an official League welcome to the Governor-elect, Sir Douglas, Anthony, Kendrew, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., on the morning of Saturday, November 16.

The programme for the reception is likely to follow the custom of inviting the Governor-elect and his wife to visit the Anzac House on April 14, 1966.

On that occasion a guard of honour comprising 100 sub-branch presidents and secretaries was formed and commanded by Colonel J. E. Mitchell, and several hundred loyal League members with their “wives” congregated in the Anzac House ballroom to welcome the distinguished guests.

The new Governor promises an imposing record as a soldier and sportsman in the Army as “General Joe” is one of a select band of officers who have won the D.C.O. four times.

The Distinguished Service Order, with two bars, was awarded for outstanding courage displayed when commanding the 6th Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment in North Africa during World War II.

His third bar was gained in Korea while in command of the 29th Infantry Brigade.

Six feet tall and built in proportion, our new Governor had a distinctive record as a rugby footballer and captained the English Schools XV in 1935 and earned three international caps between 1935-36. When only nineteen he was the youngest member of a British team which toured New Zealand.

After joining the Royal Leicestershire Regiment in 1931 he played five seasons with the British Army team.

In March, 1961 he became Chief Liaison Officer to the U.K. Liaison Staff in Australia, and while serving in that important role undoubtedly have absorbed a great deal of the “Aussie” atmosphere.
Tell Your Children Of This Deadly Peril

With the approach of warmer weather a warning should be given to children as to the extreme danger of handling unexploded ammunition found when playing in open country.

Parents and teachers should co-operate to ensure this warning was given, and understood. Officials of the State Education Department, including Superintendent of Schools Mr. J. J. Crampton, have reminded all teachers that the threat of children playing near unexploded ammunition is very real.

A bomb, which was recently found near a school, could have caused serious injury to the children playing nearby. The bomb was not detonated and the authorities were notified immediately.

The list of potential dangers includes:

- Bombs: Unexploded bombs are dangerous and can explode without warning.
- Grenades: Unexploded grenades can be easily exploded by children.
- Mortar shells: Large and heavy, mortar shells can be very dangerous if not handled properly.
- Rocket fire: Unexploded rockets can be dangerous if they are fired into areas with people.

Children should be taught to report any unexploded ammunition they find to adults immediately. This helps prevent accidents and ensures the safety of others.

Our London Representative

Very Much A Member

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I have just received the July issue of "The Listening Post" and was very pleased that space was found for an article on Trooping the Colour, also the mention of the Certificate of Appreciation by the London branch.

But what had me rather puzzled was the last paragraph: "an award in recognition of valued services by non-members..." that is, the case I should not have received same because I have been a member of the Victorian branch for over 40 years.

I am well known to Mr. C. J. Joyce, CBE, the State Secretary, who was in the same brigade of A.I.F. as myself. He is an original of the 6th Bn. and I am of the 8th Bn. My father was in the 5th Bn., my best friend the late Mr. J. Gordon, the 7th Bn.

I would be arriving in U.K. this week to see Trooping the Colour and the Garter Ceremony at Windsor Castle. My work covers a lot of ground and I enjoy every minute of it. In fact, words I enjoy a great kick out of my efforts on behalf of the R.S.I. Yours sincerely,

Mr. E. Smart, Hon. Public Information Officer, R.S.I. & A.I.L.A.

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THE LEAGUE Warns Against Complacency Over Reds

The R.S.L.'s National Executive at its August meeting warned against complacency over the ideological split in the Australian Communist Party.

A statement released by the executive says that while the split could mean the ultimate breaking of the Communist trade unions, under the same roof, the other hand, merely result in the adoption by the Australian-Communist Party of the tough-line policy of Comrade Tse in China.

At present both factions in the Communist Party were manoeuvring for control but the fact remained that both groups were still dedicated to the final destruction of the democratic way of life.

Communist plans could only be finally defeated by united and vigorous action by all people and all organisations to protect the democratic and humanist way of life.

The statement reads:

What do the expulsions and resignations of high-ranking Communist Party leaders mean? The significance of these sensational events can be over-estimated or underestimated. Their importance can only be truly estimated. To say that they have had no significance at all is to deny any of life will be easy. A disagreement of great depth and seriousness has taken place within the Leninist-Communist movement.

In the field of world communism, the United States has taken the greatest knock in its whole history. There is no sign of this unity being restored to the Communist movement in its own house.

In Australia, it will take all the ingenuity of communist trade-union leaders to paper over the cracks.

Communists now find it hard to say we work on the other side' Whose side? Kirchhoffer's, or Mao Tse Tung's? A hard question.

To Australians who are concerned about the political future of their own country and of South-East Asia the ideological split could be good news.

It could be good news if the genuine ideological transformation movement takes advantage of the Communist dis-union in its own house to deviate the communists into the split in their own house.

In the unions that give the party all its political influence, the split is a danger to the party's economic support.

The trade-unionists must be united against the Communist split. The trade-unionists must support the leadership of the Australian Communist Party.

The lack of a telephone circuit would preclude the immediate provision of telephone and telegraph facilities for the meetings which the split would be over-estimated when an approved radio-link telephone circuit had not been established. The split would provide a non-metalled circuit between Enecabba and Three Springs.

The League and his supporters have the advantage that there is a Soviet Embassy this country to help them. Sharkey and Dixon in their Moscow meeting will have no doubt seek and receive the same sort of assistance.

So we have these possible alternatives: either we will have two warring communist parties—one advocating "peaceful co-existence," the other advocating immediate and unlimitedly undeveloped operations of which we are in South-East Asia. For all those who want to see unfolding the advisory and right to develop their own way of life and possibilities for neighbours the way is obvious.

Within Australia we must continue to destroy the trade-union and defeat communists; externally we must actively prevent all outside influences from affecting the aspirations of both the non-aligned and the non-aligned states.

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Annual Meeting At Boulder

The annual meeting of the Boulder sub-branch was held on Thursday, August 22 at the Memorial Hall.

A good roll-up of members resulted although weather conditions were not favourable.

Tom Castlehow was re-elected president and thanked the women's auxiliary for their support towards the Women's Association, the committee and all members for their good work during the year.

The sub-branch continues to progress and the membership has grown. The health of Messrs. E. Bous- low and J. Edwards is given as being popular as a 'hiring proposition."

The new committee comprises president Tom Castlehow, vice-presidents T. J. Davidson, E. Crock, treasurer E. Bouslow, and secretary, E. McManus.
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The closing-date for applications for Service Canteens Trust Fund education awards this year is October 15 at the trust's head office in Melbourne.

Applications are now being invited by the trust in respect of three categories of children of parents who served with the Australian Armed Forces between September 3, 1939, and June 30, 1947. The categories are as follows:
(a) Any child whose ex-service parent is DECEASED and who will attain 15 years of age or over during 1964. Age of any child if the child is not eligible for Repatriation Department (Department of Veterans' Affairs) benefits and who will attend secondary school in 1964.
(b) The child of any other ex-service man or woman who will attain 15 years of age or over during 1964.
(c) In exceptional circumstances, for example, children of families in receipt of full service pensions (Invalid, Civil, T.D. and Age), children who must leave home to receive the required education by children of deceased, divorced or separated families where the mother is in receipt of statutory benefits. In these cases, consideration may be given to children who will attain 13 or 14 years of age in 1964.

The object of the assistance is to enable eligible children to remain at school to pursue courses of education for which they are suited and qualified and which will assist them in their choice of occupation.

Education awards will not be granted for primary courses except the 7th and 8th grades in Queensland and all grades in New South Wales and Western Australia.

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Owing to the large number of children eligible and the limited number of awards, the awards are granted only on a basis of maximum gross income and come as set out in the table below.

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The student's Mother is included as a dependant in all cases. The ex-service man and his wife are living apart.

Gross Family Income is the total income of the father (or stepfather) and mother and student from all sources (excluding Child Endowment and allowances but excluding Repatriation Department pension of $30 per child or over) for the year ended June 30, 1963.

Applications should be made on a prescribed form, obtainable along with further particulars from the trust's regional secretary at Swan Barracks, Perth, in time to reach the head office in Melbourne by October 15.

HIGHER-TRAINING AWARDS
The trust is also inviting applications from children of parents who served in World War II for awards for post-graduate studies and services ancillary to Medicine, Welfare and Science.

Further details may be obtained from the regional secretary through the regional secretary at Swan Barracks, or by writing to the Head Office in Melbourne.

POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
Applicants must hold a degree in medicine, dentistry, or one of the sciences or be an ex-service man or woman who will attain 15 years of age or over during 1964. The scholarship is valued at $1,000 a year and is tenable for up to three years.

Applications must be made on a prescribed form, obtainable along with further particulars from the regional secretary at Swan Barracks, Perth, in time to reach the head office in Melbourne by October 15.

Recruiting Army Tradesmen
An army selection board is now engaged in selecting tradesmen who were in most trades covered by the school.

The board comprises the school's commanding-officer, Lieut-Col. C. P. West, and others from both Canberra and Melbourne.

The interviews began in Melbourne on August 26 and are to be concluded there on November 1.

Most basic trades are being taught by the school, and the successful applicants can be employed as vehicle mechanics, fitters and turners, blacksmiths, carpenters and fitters, electrical fitters, electronic mechanics, clerks, musicians and in the wireless, machines and installation, maintenance and modification.

Anzacs—The home of friendship!
Back Along The Wartime Trail

An interesting visitor at the Anzac Club last month was a New Zealander, Ern Rogers. He was passing through Perth on his way home from a quite extensive tour of European and Middle East areas in which he had served with the 6th Field Regiment, 2nd N.Z. Expeditionary Force, in World War II, and was prevailed upon to submit the following account of his impressions.

As promised, here is a brief outline of my recent visit to the Middle East, Greece, Crete and Germany.

We (my wife and I) left New Zealand on the "Canterbury Sea" on April 8, picked up the pilot at Gladstone (Queensland) to take us through the Barrier reef, called at Singapore, Colombo and Aden, and disembarked at Suez.

A dawn-parade service on Anzac Day was conducted by an Aussie padre named Baskin—a very nice bloke who used to come on visits to my folks before things got nasty. He was later on in Tobruk with you, and was killed at Alamein at the Blockhouse.

I believe he was attached to Lofty's then, but that's another—a very good war being at that time (the meat room type).

Anyway, we had a very good time, and were entertained by three Germans, two Italians, eight Australians, and the Englishmen and two Kiwis.

In the evening, the captain and myself were invited to dinner in both the Italian naval, entertained us and later we came back to war and mingle with Padre Baskin as leader.

He had a big one over the "bloody" about the Anzac cemetery, one of the German officers grumbled to the chief purser that the service was only poorly done for "those people who were killed, you know, you bloody Ausies.

The purser called in Batt and tried to peddle him and then called on me to explain the purpose of my visit, and how it was almost a comfort to the dead.

AT SUEZ

At Suez we were the only two to disembark, and we got a good price on the land of the land of the open palm.

First the boatman tried to get me to go to the "Fair Sea".

Then, the taxi to Cairo was the best, but he was out of luck with price; he was out of luck with price.

So we rode through to Cairo is much the same as it was 18 months ago. We had a good time at the Anzac Club.

The town hall, and in the evening, the main reception in the old Tito Hall was the main event of the day.

On Sunday 10 there was a memorial service in the same hall, then after the service we went back to the hall again to get our tickets for the next day's show, and then we tried another, and finished the night off with a torchlight parade.

This had to be seen to be believed. Hordures took part in it in drizzling rain and to see the lights and sound in and out of the dark was very impressive.

On Monday 17, after a grand parade, where we were driven 250 miles to Goslar (in the Harz Mountains) to stay, we had the show put on by one of the paratroopers.

We were still treated as guests and still unable to capture our picture, which tended to complicate our style a little.

A lovely villa, right on the edge of a forest; we spent over a week here, with the Chief Paratrooper Commandant, a very nice bloke, Werner, and his wife, who I had met during the war. We went to Goslar and the show put on by the paratroopers.

In a "let's be friends" gesture we made them honorary members of our association.

They returned the compliment and this year invited any of our staff to their reunion on the 14th, 15th and 16th at Wiesbaden, and as my wife and I had attended the last war, it was decided to go. Our association suggested we should extend our hospitality.

And what a "do" it was! There should have been a record of our association, but our president, one who was in the army, and as such was entitled to obtain a lift by R.A.F., was due to be late and arrived and a week late.

V.I.P. TREATMENT

We stayed at the Hotel de Wiesbaden and received V.I.P. treatment from the moment of arrival—not even allowed to pay for our beer (you can imagine how that would hurt a couple of Kiwis).

Friday 14 was quite a day—and part of the next day passing paratroopers, a lot of whom stayed at some hotel.

Language was a bit of a problem, with signs to suggest that if you wanted a drink, you 'skol' and "O.K. Got Got" was our catchphrase. We got to bed 2 a.m.

Next day there was a reception and a pretty good one, a very nice girl at the Baroness Ofra, who was also beautifully kept.

Left Athens on the Monday (May 19) by the Hellenic Express and later on the Oberburgomminster in the town hall, and in the evening, the main reception in the old Tito Hall was the main event of the day.
Britain's Ever Readies

With acknowledgment to the soldiers' newspaper, "the Australian Army" (August 8, 1963)

AUSTRALIAN engineers met the Ever Readies in Malaya recently—and they paid a visit to the Territory Army.

They met in the wilds of Asahan, Malaya, and in the rigorous work of building a ready-made landing pad, and a big bridge capable of taking out action traffic.

At the end of the joint-engineering project, the engineers who were familiar with the Territory Army had developed an interesting respect for each other's ability.

This meeting in Malaya was an historic one for the Territory Army, which had been established to become the first of Britain's new Territorial Army. It was the first time that the engineers had been associated with the Territorial Army.

To be chosen as an Ever Ready soldier, a man must have been proved by a long series of tests to be physically capable of handling a rifle and other equipment.

Apart from the numbers rejected on recruitment, one in five had to fill the gap through the tough final screening.

Their role is to be ready, at a moment's notice, to drop their civilian jobs and make for the helicopter's landing pad anywhere in the world.

In such an emergency, the power of the Territorial Army could be the difference between victory and defeat.

The engineers also trained to ensure that the strength of the Territorial Army was as strong as the strength of the Regular Army.

They would not normally operate as independent units.

Sub-Branch and Auxiliary In Close Touch At Bieton

The Bieton-Queensland Sub-Branch of the Australian Engineers, which was followed by the Women's Auxiliary, was placed in the hands of the same committee of persons who have been successful ever. The committee has been sponsored by the W.O.T. and the Auxiliary, and the men who have been successful ever have been successful ever. The committee is being sponsored by the W.O.T. and the Auxiliary, and the men who have been successful ever have been successful ever.

Mr Stoddart presented certificates of service to Mr E. T. Lea and Mrs R. Brown. One of the most satisfying achievements of the sub-branch was the presentation of certificates of service to Mr E. T. Lea and Mrs R. Brown. One of the most satisfying achievements of the sub-branch was the presentation of certificates of service to Mr E. T. Lea and Mrs R. Brown. One of the most satisfying achievements of the sub-branch was the presentation of certificates of service to Mr E. T. Lea and Mrs R. Brown.

The sub-branch is a very successful one, and it has been successful ever. The committee is being sponsored by the W.O.T. and the Auxiliary, and the men who have been successful ever have been successful ever.

Armoured Corps Ever Readies have given complete training in jungle operations.

The sub-branch is doing its utmost to assist the R.S.L. which is intensifying its happy relationship with the development of branch facilities. The sub-branch is doing its utmost to assist the R.S.L. which is intensifying its happy relationship with the development of branch facilities. The sub-branch is doing its utmost to assist the R.S.L. which is intensifying its happy relationship with the development of branch facilities.

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Distant Grave Is Tended

A lady has written from Glasgow, Scotland, asking for information regarding the grave of her uncle, who was killed in the First World War and is buried at Fraserglenn in the north of Scotland.

For many years this lady has been searching after his grave, and the information she would be pleased to know that his last resting place is not being neglected.

Any information should be forwarded to A.G. House, Perth.

Meeting Deferred

Because its normal meeting date is deferred, the State Executive has deferred its next meeting to Wednesday, October 2, Show 7 P.M.

A Unit Correspondent sent "Army" a cutting from a recent edition of the Singapore "Sunday Times" in which was a feature article on Britain's "Ever Ready" system. He added this comment:

"I am sure that recruiting in the Far East would be improved if the Ever Ready system were operative in the Australian Army."

"Army" asked Capt. Barry Gillman—Australia PRO in Singapore and Malaya—for a story on the recent Ever Ready activities there. Here it is.

Figu...
Goggles Theory On Richthofen's Death

A letter from a member of the Cross & Cockade-Air Force Historical Foundation of the American Aviation Historical Society puts forward a theory that a pair of goggles jettisoned by Baron von Richthofen just before his fatal crash near Corbie hold the clue to his manner of death.

The letter, written by Mr. R. J. Carlisle, of 215 Nathaniel Street, Wakefield, Mass., U.S.A., says:

I am writing you this letter, seeking information and help. A friend of mine in the first World War I flying ace, Baron von Richthofen. In an examination in connection with the sale of the photograph, there was a story concerning the death of Richthofen. Could you have any idea how I could contact Daggers, who said this about the death.

I am sure you are aware that the Baron was shot down in this sector that day, and that the 44th was made up of men from Western Australia.

The death of the famous airman has been told over and over; however, there are many lesser details that are still unanswered. As an example: Who was the big bowsman who picked up the Baron's goggles?

The goggles are important because the Baron was seen to have thrown them off a few feet from the ground before he crashed. The four doctors who probed the wound reported that the bullet caused instantaneous death. That was the only part of the story that all agreed on. On where the bullet came from they disposed.

My point is: If the goggles can be found and the ownership discovered, it would prove beyond a doubt that the Baron was jettisoned—and by an Australian Digger.

There should be a good chance that somebody in Western Australia has the story. Any information you may have on this subject would be appreciated. If the present possessor can supply the information sought by Mr. Carlisle.

A Plea For Polish Veterans

Polish expatriates living in Australia were in a position to speak up for the fate of the Polish ex-service men who had only a Governor-General's Ex-Service League

The League is an organization that was formed out of service to Australia in time of war, and for the past 47 years its efforts have been devoted to a wide range of activities in the interests of veterans, their comrades and of Australia.

The "Four Corners" programme won praise of League officials.

Building Society Kept Busy

The affairs of the R.S.L. buildings are proceeding satisfactorily. Housing Committee chairman R. J. Sanders reported at this week's meeting that the Commonwealth government, which was recently granted permission by the Industrial Court, had decided that the building society would be allowed to proceed with the construction of the new building.

The committee at its last meeting had dealt with 23 general housing cases of members and had enquired about the future of the new building. The committee was advised that the government was planning to build the new building.

DELEGATES TO CONGRESS

The West Australian delegation to the National Congress this year will comprise State President Lonnie and Mr. F. Pearson. Congress will be held at the Royal Hotel, Mount Gambier, on October 28.

The State President will travel by rail to the Congress meeting on October 28.

From the Snowy Mountains, the delegates will visit Tumut 1 and 2 power stations and visit the Cotter Dam. The group will also visit the Happy Jack's Pondage, Tumbarumba Dam, and the Cotter Dam.

Eastern States Tour For Y.A.L. Boys

The Young Australia League is again making arrangements for a party of boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years to tour the Eastern States during the Christmas-New Year vacation.

The tour will be of one month's duration and will consist of 235 boys from Western Australia and the contingent of 235 boys from other states. The boys will visit New South Wales and the ACT by ship from Sydney, and the tour will end in Melbourne. The boys will visit Ballarat and the Dandenong Ranges and other interesting places.

From Melbourne they will travel by rail to the Snowy Mountains, and from there to the Cotter Dam, the Cotter Dam, and the Cotter Dam.

The last 11 days will be spent in Sydney with visits to the hands of the Blue Mountains, Gosford—in the heart of the citrus-growing area—and the Royal National Park, Manly, boat trips on the harbour and tours of the Sydney surf beaches.

For greater Strength and Unity Join the League in '63

On the other hand the program has been thoroughly distorted and uninformative of all that the League represents:

The final summing-up was virtually in the form of a warning to League members and the community in general that they were not to be swayed by any Senate League officials:

The R.S.L. is not afraid of a demonstration. It will stand on its record. We do ask, however, that when the League is presented to the public in a nation-wide programme of this kind that it should be a balanced one.

It is a matter for some regret that the Y.A.L. staff that could present such a distortion of the programme is not sufficiently objective in its approach to handle an important occasion of this kind.

A strong protest will be lodged with the chairman for the A.R.C.

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The goggles are important because the Baron was seen to have thrown them off a few feet from the ground before he crashed. The four doctors who probed the wound reported that the bullet caused instantaneous death. That was the only part of the story that all agreed on. On where the bullet came from they disposed.

My point is: If the goggles can be found and the ownership discovered, it would prove beyond a doubt that the Baron was jettisoned—and by an Australian Digger.

There should be a good chance that somebody in Western Australia has the story. Any information you may have on this subject would be appreciated. If the present possessor can supply the information sought by Mr. Carlisle.

A Plea For Polish Veterans

Polish expatriates living in Australia were in a position to speak up for the fate of the Polish ex-service men who had only a Governor-General's Ex-Service League

The League is an organization that was formed out of service to Australia in time of war, and for the past 47 years its efforts have been devoted to a wide range of activities in the interests of veterans, their comrades and of Australia.

The "Four Corners" programme won praise of League officials.

Building Society Kept Busy

The affairs of the R.S.L. buildings are proceeding satisfactorily. Housing Committee chairman R. J. Sanders reported at this week's meeting that the Commonwealth government, which was recently granted permission by the Industrial Court, had decided that the building society would be allowed to proceed with the construction of the new building.

The committee at its last meeting had dealt with 23 general housing cases of members and had enquired about the future of the new building. The committee was advised that the government was planning to build the new building.

DELEGATES TO CONGRESS

The West Australian delegation to the National Congress this year will comprise State President Lonnie and Mr. F. Pearson. Congress will be held at the Royal Hotel, Mount Gambier, on October 28.

The State President will travel by rail to the Congress meeting on October 28.

From the Snowy Mountains, the delegates will visit Tumut 1 and 2 power stations and visit the Cotter Dam. The group will also visit the Happy Jack's Pondage, Tumbarumba Dam, and the Cotter Dam.

Eastern States Tour For Y.A.L. Boys

The Young Australia League is again making arrangements for a party of boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years to tour the Eastern States during the Christmas-New Year vacation.

The tour will be of one month's duration and will consist of 235 boys from Western Australia and the contingent of 235 boys from other states. The boys will visit New South Wales and the ACT by ship from Sydney, and the tour will end in Melbourne. The boys will visit Ballarat and the Dandenong Ranges and other interesting places.

From Melbourne they will travel by rail to the Snowy Mountains, and from there to the Cotter Dam, the Cotter Dam, and the Cotter Dam.

The last 11 days will be spent in Sydney with visits to the hands of the Blue Mountains, Gosford—in the heart of the citrus-growing area—and the Royal National Park, Manly, boat trips on the harbour and tours of the Sydney surf beaches.

For greater Strength and Unity Join the League in '63

On the other hand the program has been thoroughly distorted and uninformative of all that the League represents:

The final summing-up was virtually in the form of a warning to League members and the community in general that they were not to be swayed by any Senate League officials:

The R.S.L. is not afraid of a demonstration. It will stand on its record. We do ask, however, that when the League is presented to the public in a nation-wide programme of this kind that it should be a balanced one.

It is a matter for some regret that the Y.A.L. staff that could present such a distortion of the programme is not sufficiently objective in its approach to handle an important occasion of this kind.

A strong protest will be lodged with the chairman for the A.R.C.
Governor-General Opens The New Headquarters

The League's new national-headquarters building fronting Constitution-street, Canberra, was officially opened by His Excellency, the Governor-General, Lord De L'Isle, V.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., K.St.J., on August 7.

The building, for which the tender-price was $62,718, was financed entirely from the proceeds of the sale of the previous headquarters building.

In the words of National President A. J. Leg, the new building is of a standard in keeping with the League's status as a great national organisation.

The Governor-General spoke as follows:

"Mr. President, Ladies and Gentleman.

It is now nearly two years since I had the privilege of receiving—by your hands, Mr. President—the badge of honorary life-membership which you so generously presented to me.

Now I find myself once more at National Headquarters. Formerly, the architects and the builders have been at work; but now the new headquarters has sprung up on a green site—as you have heard from the Treasurer—and now it is my agreeable task officially to open the building itself. Indeed, here in the national capital we are becoming accustomed to one opening ceremony after another, so great is the pace of new construction and so numerous are the organisations and associations of which we are proud to be members in Canberra.

WELFARE CENTRE

The national headquarters of the League is, in a way, a new home, you newcomers, as you have just heard. It has long known a new home as there was being on the spot where the buildings of the welfare section and other headquarters buildings were planned for discussion in official quarters.

Now members of the League from all over Australia—who must form a large proportion of the thousands of visitors who flock here each year—will be able to see for themselves where their national headquarters is located. It is located in the Federal capital in these fine new headquarters on Constitution-street. It is a matter of great pride, and theswift passage of time that the young men of World War II who will come here with their families to gain inspiration and encouragement—now we hope in admiration—will be mostly in their forties.

Mr. President, I am sure it is very regrettable that a large number of our members who will not be present today could not be here.

Are You Eligible For A War Service Home?

As time goes by we must resist the well-known tendency to allow fresh wheat to grow on our backs. We must not delude ourselves that we shall influence the rising generation by the appearance of our reminiscences. It seems to me that the present is the most appropriate moment for self-assessment by every member of the League, by every headquarters and by every branch wherever we may be found throughout the length and breadth of the Commonwealth.

We must ask ourselves the searching question: Are we so proud of our past, as you have heard, as to think that the true sense of that service to which we are called in this field is assured for us all the possibilities of a good life?

By Example

We know, I think, the best way of doing this by which we can convey such a sense of purpose to our younger citizens. It is by example.

Let us therefore resolve on this great day, as for example this new headquarters will become an enduring symbol of the great events in which we had the honour to take part, for it is a point of privilege, to preserve for future generations both the memory and the meaning of the great work of self-sacrifice which we have done.

It is with much pleasure I am declaring this new building open.

The MESSAGE

The sort of memorial, however, that we, the fortunate survivors, who leave in the minds of future generations is even more important.

It is our responsibility to leave with them the essence of the great League and the movement that was made in each war by our fallen comrades—the meaning of the symbol of the League, Flanders, of the Desert, Greece and Crete, of New Guinea, the Islands and Korea and of the innumerable engagements—by land and sea and air and land and sea and air and land and sea and air.

We know that in those years the League has been vigilantly upholding the rights and plans of the nation and its dependants. We know too that those efforts have not been in vain, and that here in Australia, perhaps more so than elsewhere, those plans have been recognised and met by national assistance.

As the average age of our membership inevitably increases, the care for the aged and helpless will form a very increasing heavy responsibility for the whole League and all its faithful members.

Britain's Latest Tank Is Most Formidable

The public debut early last month before the Secretary of State for War, Mr. J. B. Godber, is claimed to be the world's most formidable fighting vehicle.

The new 12mm. high-velocity gun is now going into full-scale production. It is emphasised that the new gun can achieve new standards of effective N.A.T.O. forces seven years ago.

The gun produced remarkable target results before the Secretary of State for War last year, and it is understood that the gun will now be equipped with the "comb" performance.

The new tank is described as being capable of "killing" any known tank in the world at any distance at which it is operationally immune itself.
The Work of Legacy Is Not Yet At Its Peak

The holding of Legacy Week and its termination with a street appeal on Friday, September 6, has drawn public attention once more to the fine work done and to the ideal which lies behind it.

Legacy is not a charity. It is a movement to which every Australians who can do so has made some sacrifice. Careful selection of the widows, who, having themselves no income, accept the obligation of giving guidance, advice and aid to the dependants of their deceased comrades-in-arms.

It should be emphasised that Legacy cares for the dependants of all deceased ex-servicemen who served overseas or in a prescribed operational area in time of war, and who were killed in action or since died of war injuries.

Consequently, Legacy's responsibility will increase very much to increase for many years. In fact, statistician's have calculated that the peak period will be the year 1967.

The work is relatively easy to understand when one considers that the majority of soldiers are young and are now in their middle to late forties and early fifties.

The service the Legacy extends to the children and widows of ex-servicemen is covered by the following:

- **Medical Care:** Legacy maintains its own dental clinic, where a children's dentist is available to give dental care and advice to children of families entitled to its help. Legacy will, where necessary, accept responsibility for dental treatment of children outside the metropolitan area, and arrange specialist dental treatment if necessary.

- **Medical Supervision:** While all families are encouraged to join one of the hospital benefit societies, special medical care—where necessary—is arranged by Legacy. Regular medical and dental examinations of the dependent children of members of Legacy (children of Legacy families) are conducted at Legacy House.

- **Educational Advice:** Members of the Legacy Legal Panel will prepare wills for widows and other legal advice. Legacy also arranges legal representation for any who may become involved in Police Court proceedings. Financial Aid: In extreme or immediate cases, financial aid can be made available to meet housing or medical expenses and where opportunities exist, will assist in obtaining a position of suitable work.

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- **Arrangement for Vocational Guidance:** Arrangement for Vocational Guidance or allowance to the widow, or the direction of children to suitable jobs.

- **Establishment:** The establishment of a sub-branch in the home town of the deceased ex-serviceman where he had his home will be made the new home of the widows and dependants of the deceased ex-serviceman, as the case may be.

A Sub-branch That Is Really On The Move

To describe the many activities of the Millen sub-branch is like accounting for the activities of a chain-store. This active organisation, led by Mr. Ron Rutter with an enthusiastic team behind him, has been so successful that the Bayside branch has been assisted considerably by "moneys raised" of the Victoria sub-branches. It has made the new conference room available for meetings and activities.

A sub-branch would just have to succeed in such pleasant surroundings.

The August meeting was attended by State President Mr. W. M. Davidson, Anzac Club manager Mr. J. F. Davidson, District Officer Mr. B. M. Black and Mr. B. G. Ross, who is the new President. The meeting was very successful and a welcome addition to the sub-branch's activities.

The sub-branch has been meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Millen public hall. The sub-branch is actively working towards the establishment of a sub-branch in the home town of the deceased ex-serviceman where he lived or had the most close connection with his deceased comrade.

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More "Starters" In This Year's "Stand-in" Show

There were many more "stand-in" fathers than usual this year—about 120 in all—for the League's annual Father's Day outing for junior naval recruits at Leeuwin.

As a result 180 of them—nearly twice as many as the previous year—were able to find a home at Leeuwin with families throughout the metropolitan area.

The boys were for the most part from the Eastern States.

Requiring on the "operation" at the State Executive meeting on September 4 Mr. E. A. Dodd said the response of League members had been good and that of the general public quite magnificent.

This had no doubt been largely due to the huge boost from the men of Kirwan Ward.

The offer of performers to entertain the lads had in fact been so copious that Anzac supporters were unable to complete a list of performers. Marshall had made to have last-minute arrangements with Leeuwin for an extra 30 boys.

The Leueuwin authorities had been very pleased with the boys themselves and the stand-in fathers had worked hard for next year. It had been a very satisfactory day.

Navy Boys Are Allowed Weekend Leave

It may not be generally known among League members that Lieut-Commander Storrie, Training Officer at Leeuwin, gives any opportunities to give junior recruits weekend leave—subject to a man's service being completed and to him in advance.

As one member who would have to like to have one of the boys over the coming long week-end had a very pleasant surprise, should apply to Lieut-Commander Storrie who will be very happy to co-operate.

He is most keen to encourage the boys to seek theoutside friends do the boys a lot of good.

Thanks From Leeuwin

The Naval Officer in Charge, Western Australia, Commodore W. B. M. Marks, C.B.E., D.S.C., has sent the following letter:

"It gives me great pleasure to express, on behalf of the junior recruits at H.M.A.S. Leeuwin, our deep appreciation of your members' most heart-felt and most genuine interest in giving us a Father's Day. It was a most generous thought to remember those who would be absent from their own homes.

I shall be very grateful if you will pass on to all those who so readily took part in Operation "Stand-in" our sincere thanks for a most enjoyable day.

Yours sincerely,

W. B. M. MARKS, commodore".

Appreciation Of Padre At Bellevue

In view of the impending retirement from active service of the Rev. L. S. Quinn, Bellevue, members of the Bellevue branch of the League's Certificate of Appreciation, mentioned the idea before passing through Parliament.

That a lot of administrative work was involved in the changing of rates of benefits.

PENSION PAYMENTS TAKE TIME

Reparation Minister Mr. A. M. Swartz said recently that the pension increases and concessions contained in the Budget would be implemented at the earliest possible date after the legislation was passed by Parliament.

"The minister said there was a lot of administrative work involved in changing the rates of benefits."
Cottesloe Report Has Something to Show

This year's annual report of the Cottesloe sub-branch shows what able leadership and loyal support can do, as the following major items testify:

Membership shows an increase of 47 on the figure at this time last year, a total of present to 187.

The target for the year is 200 and the sub-branch seems to be determined to reach it.

The president's comment on membership is interesting:

"There are still ex-service men who do not realise that their membership of the R.S.L. is an insurance policy for their future dependents. Frequently they discount their membership only to learn later of the error they have committed.

Attendance at monthly meetings has been good—average of 29 for the 15 months, a 100 per cent better than reasonable when all ex-service-attraits are considered.

The annual ball organised by Mr. A. Casey and his hard-working committee again proved an outstanding success. The proceeds were donated to the War Veterans' Home.

Many other activities such as, Anzac Day and Remembrance Day commemorations, the annual smoke, social bowls, Poppy Day, cricket, hospital-visiting, etc., raised funds and helped occupy the sub-branch members to their very best.

Mr. Chatfield (the president) and his committee can congratlate the sub-branch on a fine year's work which incidentally finished with a cash gain of £3.

Mention also must be made of the excellent ad. made by Mr. H. Baker (sub-branch secretary) and Mr. A. Martin (treasurer).

Famous Names At Canberra

News has been released that the Army and Navy and Air Force officers will have their names perpetuated in 107 new streets, drives and places in Canberra suburbs.

On will be a Street named after Lieut. Col. Les Maygar, who won the VC in 1916.

While on the subject of VC winners, the only man living holding the Victoria Cross and Bar was guest of the volunteers in Melbourne recently.

He is Mr. Charles Upham, a sheep farmer in New Zealand.

As Captain Upham in the last war, he was awarded the VC in Germany on the Western Desert.

Eligibility Now Covers Suez

By a decision of the August meeting of the National Executive those members of the British Commonwealth who served in the Suez action in 1956 and are in receipt of the DCM medal were made eligible for League membership.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NOTES

Official Visits

The Auxiliary State President, Mr. Bill Heath and Mrs. Kiddy Archer, have been presented with Certificates of Service.

Mrs. Archer received her certificate at the 41st anniversary celebrations of the Auxiliary at Geraldton last week.

However, as Mrs. Heath was in hospital at that time the certificate was presented in her case at her bedside.

During the anniversary celebrations the Auxiliary was congratulated on its excellent work over the years, and on winning up as best country Auxiliary for two consecutive years, and on being runner-up on two occasions.

Please Note!

The attention of all branchies is drawn to the following matters:

War Veterans' Home.

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SOME FACTS ON THE VETERANS' HOME

Auxiliary members do not run the hostel at the War Veterans' Home; it is manned five days a week on a roster system.

Net proceeds of the fetes held at the home last November have been donated to the Miss Crownings Glory quest fund.

A Port Hedland Donation

The Port Hedland sub-branch has forwarded a cheque for £77 which represents a levy of 10/- per member as at 21st December, 1962.

When the sub-branch decided late last year to turn a room at the War Veterans' Home it also agreed to donate annually the sum of 10/- per head of members.

Thank you, Port Hedland!

Bellevue Again

The Bellevue sub-branch candidate for Miss Crowning Glory 1963 is Miss Lorraine Millar.

Fund-raising projects are under way and members are confident that the sub-branch's candidate this year will, as usual, be well to the fore.

Members were very appreciative of West Swan's generous donation of £10 towards Bellevue's candidate.

If they have ability to field their own candidate this year this small, but dedicated, sub-branch will most certainly be a next-best thing—supported another candidate.
Unclaimed Dividends

Mr. J. E. Mitchell, liquidator of the R.S.L. Trading Company whose business was recently taken over by the League, has asked for publication of the following list of shareholders in that company.

His purpose is to arrange payment of unclaimed dividends.

The addresses given are as shown on the company register.

F. C. AHERTON, West Murray.
D. H. DOWNES, 30 Richardson St., West Perth.
G. T. BOLAND, 45 London St., St. Georges.
J. BUTLER, 6 Field St., Mt. Lawley.
A. R. COLE, 32 Lorb St., North Perth.
A. C. CLAPTON, Petrie St., Bletton.
W. R. E. CAMPBELL, 238 Mill Point Rd., South Perth.
J. COWAIN, Bencubbin.
H. HEDLEY, Sunset, Nedlands.
D. COSGRAVE Yelken.
J. J. HARRISON, 1 Stanford St., St. Leederville.
D. S. EDEN, 178 West Coast Highway, Scarborough.
E. L. PLANAGAN, Gnowangerup.
J. GILCHRIST, Kulkup.
J. R. GREIG, Y.M.C.A., Perth.
J. H. HURWOOD, Paddington, Mt. Lawley.
G. T. HSTICK, 5 Griffield Cres., Maddington.
H. C. HOPKINS, 36 Erskine St., Geraldine.
S. P. JAMES, 78 Lincoln St., Perth.
H. KITTO, Kurrawang.
R. E. LEARY, McMaster St., Victoria Park.
W. H. MOORE, Koorda.
H. B. MIDDLETON, Arthur Head, Fremantle.
G. T. MURR, Mundaring.
W. J. MCGREGOR, 71 Chatsworth Rd., Highgate.
E. M. NARRI, 15 Fifth Avenue, Mt. Lawley.
F. W. G. NIX, 131 Edward St., East Perth.
F. V. O'BRIEN, 214 Victoria St., East Perth.
R. O'CONNELL, 46 Francis St., East Perth.
S. V. O'REILLY, Mounts Bay Rd., Perth.
S. A. PAVEY, Boulderton.
C. J. RICHARDSON, 181 St. Georges, St. George's Park, East Perth.
A. L. ROGERS, 345 Stirling Highway, Claremont.
T. H. SHERBROOKE, 13 Grand St., Subiaco.
F. C. SCOTT, Scott Rd., Nedlands.
R. B. STACE, 163 Egina St., Mt. Hawthorn.
T. A. STUART, Tardagin.
A. D. TELKOV, 121 Washington St., Victoria Park.
D. SHANKS, Jarrahdale.
H. W. SHELDRICK, 175 Charles St., Perth.
W. SHELDRICK, 175 Charles St., Fremantle.
A. R. SUTHERLAND, 357L Erskine St., Perth.
H. TUCKER, Childwall.
E. A. TIMMING, 24 Kings Park Rd., West Perth.
R. K. VALE, Flinder's Bay, busselton.
A. C. VAUGHAN, Grey St., Guildford.
A. W. WEED, Koorda.
T. A. WILLIAMS, Bickley.
V. W. WHITE, Narrogin.
G. S. WINDERS, Mandurah.
W. WILSON, East Guildford.
F. W. WAYMAN, Mundaring.

Any information should be forwarded to the liquidator for Mr. J. E. Mitchell, 18 St. George's, City of Perth.

Clarion Call In The Belmont Bugle

The "Belmont Bugle", official publication of the Belmont sub-branch, is now in its second year and is proving to be a popular and interesting little journal.

In the August issue the sub-branch secretary sent out a clarion call for new members which, on top of the fact that the sub-branch numbers are already in the vicinity of last year's figure, seems to be asking a lot; but he is confident of the outcome.

The features of the sub-branch's efforts in the membership field is that it has recruited 11 new members this year, with a steady flow of new members to follow in the months to come.

It is pleasing to know that the sub-branch is reporting progress from the new members, and that the sub-branch will go from strength to strength.

The Sergeant's Mess at the Pearce R.A.A.F. station is still one of the happy haunts of the sub-branch, and particularly good evening was enjoyed there on Saturday July 27th at 6 p.m. Many of the sub-branch members were present, and the evening was arranged probably to coincide with the visit of the Boyanup sub-branch to the station on Tuesday, July 30th.

The time is approaching when the Jumble Sale and Fete will be held on the night of Friday, September 27th at the Memorial Hall, Leederville, and donations of anything that is saleable are still required. If you have any items to donate, please contact any of the following phone numbers: 651665, 659166, and 653463.

Clarion Call In The Belmont Bugle

A Sub-branch Ambition Remains Unfulfilled

The Swanbourne sub-branch has yet to achieve its ambition to be housed in more convenient and commodious quarters; although the Nedlands City Council undertook some time ago to press on with the question the "battle of the plans" has not yet been resolved.

This year is proving one of the most successful for Swanbourne, and the sub-branch is looking forward to achieving its ambition in the near future.

The Swanbourne sub-branch will be conducting a car rally on Sunday, September 22nd, and the first car to arrive at the inclement weather will be rewarded with an attractive prize. A good number of cars are expected, and the outing should provide plenty of interest.

The gardening section of the sub-branch activities has been revived to a temporary extent, and the sub-branch will benefit accordingly.

Members are being encouraged to grow dahlias so that a show can be held next April.

The sub-branch has suffered a loss from one of its members, a very popular and devoted member of the sub-branch.

Whatever your walk in life...
War Veterans' Home Fete

The State President of the Women's Auxiliary has ad
vised that a Garden Party Fete will be held on Satur-
day, 2nd November in the grounds of the War Vet-
ers' Home at 2 p.m. This will be an at-
ttractive event with the usual stalls and refresh-
ments available. Net proceeds will be given to the War
Veterans' Home Fund.

Sub-Branches and Auxiliaries are asked to support
the fete either by attending or donations in kind. Help to make this
successful socially and finan-
cially.

Send it in for Publication

But Be On Time

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

If you have anything of interest to do with your
sub-branch and its activities, or by way of personal
reminders, send it in. But note the deadline for any issue—the 28th
day of the previous month. Submissions must be

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P.O. Reunion
For Perth

A meeting of representa-
tives of various units was
held at the club on the 20th
month to discuss a proposal
for an ex-P.O.W. reunion
in Perth in 1965.

Chairman A. Westley read
the proposal which was
not represented at the meet-
ing.

Mr. P. Watson asked to
find out when the League could
help in the provision of public
services. Mr. Cox (Aust. Legion)
asked several questions and he
represented the meeting.

Mr. Fraser pointed out that
A. A. Leslie, MHR, the chair-
man, had been moved a
resolution that the Lewis
Building is currently being
redeveloped for public
services. Mr. Leslie said he
had received inquiries from
a number of Pelican settlers
inquiring about the future
of the building, and he
represented the meeting.

No Land-Scheme Grant
For W.A. This Year

The introduction of a Bill in the House of
Representatives last month to make £4,550,000
available for the War Service Land Settlement
Scheme in Western Australia in 1963-64 could have
conveyed the false impression that an extra
£1,546,000 would be made available in Western Australia.

Mr. H. A. Leslie, MHR, who is chairman of
the committee appointed by the Commonwealth
this year, said that he had received inquiries
from Pelican settlers, who had been told in an
oral commitment by the Primary Industry
Minister that readmissions would be made.

The Government decided to give £1,125,000
- to the settlers from land rents, interest
payments and the repay-
ment of loan moneys, Mr. Leslie
told the Committee.

For greater Strength and Unity

Join the League in ’63

Black Days Recalled
At Ypres

The town of Ypres has ap-
pointed a special reception
committee to set up a pro-
gramme of events to mark
the 50th anniversary of the
town's destruction, which
occurred in November, 1914.

Events included the follow-
ing items:

- Exhibitions dedicated to the events in the Ypres sal-
  line and the Flanders in the 1914-18 war.
- Emblem of the reconstructed town hall, a stylized
  model designed by a committee of the Ypres front.
- Exhibition of buildings and monuments in the com-
  munity (open to the public on 11th November, 1919) and carillon concert.
- The reception committee will assist to the maximum
  all those who cannot come individually or in groups, and in
  particular will help in the present accommodation, conduct and 
  organisation of the tour of the Ypres front sector.

A special permanent exhibition will be held to recall
the services of the first world war who visited the
slogan, Town Hall, Ypres.
UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

16th Battalion

Members of the 16th Battalion have recently requested to reply to the circular they will receive regarding the annual reunion to be held on October 3 at the Railway Institute, Wellington-street.

An early reply greatly assists the secretary to arrange catering. The committee hopes for as large a roll-up as possible.

The annual meeting will be held on September 10, and not prior to the reunion as in previous years.

At the August committee meeting the chair formerly occupied by the late Mr. H. Gildey who had left vacant as a mark of respect, Mr Gildey had been a kindly man and good committee man.

The secretary is extending his holiday with a view to arranging visits (where possible) the secretary will be pleased to receive notice of any member who is ill or indisposed.

Perth has been received from the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation for naming committee members to visit Canada and establish all members at Hollywood on off-visiting days.

A cheque has been received from Brigadier A. Potts as a donation for the fund for the laying-up of the colours. The writer met him at the recent State Convention and he looked very well.

The secretary has a supply of colour badges attached to R.S.L. badge. Same may be obtained by forwarding 3/6 plus postage.

The women's auxiliary porridge and billy is planned on the lines of that held last year. All members are invited to attend.

2/28th Reunion

The 2/28th Battalion and 24th A/Tank Sqn. Association's annual reunion will be held in the Lord-street Drill Hall, Perth, at 8 p.m. on October 4—the Friday of Show Week.

Business includes the president's annual report and the election of officers.

Subscriptions (10/-) are due on the date of the meeting.

The reunion will follow immediately, and catering will be on the usual generous scale.

The association has recently expanded into a new field, establishing a R.A.P. Fund for the relief of distress among former members of the units.

The fund will be maintained by donation from members and administered by a committee of trustees.

28th Battalion

Members of the 28th Battalion Association are reminded that their annual reunion will take place at the Lord-street Drill Hall on Wednesday, October 2 at 8 p.m.

The committee requests members to forward their names to the secretary so that the catering can be arranged.

At the last meeting the president told of five members who had visited at Hollywood Hospital.

Members wish them the best, and hope they are back to normal health once again.

It may be necessary to supply a boat, should the weather allow it. If not, to bring the Kardinya and Flinders Bay members to this reunion. Remember the date: Wednesday, October 2.

44th Battalion

The 44th Battalion (A.I.F.) Association is holding its annual reunion this year on Monday of Show Week, September 30, in the supper-room basement of Anzac House, at 8.30 p.m. The "Egg and Cook" committee specially welcomes members of the young 44th Battalion to this annual night; so come along, you younger blokes, you will find plenty of your mates there.

A Call Goes Out To Commandoes

Any ex-members of the 44th Australian Commando unit who may be living in Western Australia are requested to contact Mr R. Haynes, 25 William-street, Perth, or the Editor, "Listening Post," Anzac House, Perth.

Death Severs a Mullawa Link

The recent death in Perth of Mr Gilbert Elliott severed a link with the early days of the Mullawa sub-branch of the League.

Mr Elliott was a part-owner of Mullawa Milling Station, became a foundation member of the local sub-branch, and an active member of all branches during World War II.

Mr Elliott was survived by his widow, a son and a daughter.

Drive-in Plans For Darlington

Following the success of a cinema visit to Goldfield at Darlington, a committee of the local sub-branch was appointed to investigate the possibility of regular presentations.

Its report has resulted in the launching of a first-class, full-scale, regular show.

Initially the screening will be in the Darlington hall however, plans are under way to provide modern drive-in facilities on location in proportion to the district's needs.

The first regular programme, consisting of two main features—"Carry on Teacher" and "The Bridges at Toko-Ri"—was presented on September 7.

Meantime the drive-in plans are being completed for regular fortnightly screenings will commence on Saturday, October 7.

A very busy evening of film discussions is planned, and the sub-branch feels greatly indebted.

Liaison With Executive

The League's standing practice of providing direct liaisons with metropolitan sub-branches through the appointment of liaison-officers is being continued by what the President facetiously referred to at this month's executive meeting as "shock troops."

These are executive members who volunteered at the meeting to attend sub-branch meetings—directed by the Membership Committee—where it is felt they can be of some assistance. They are sent in small groups.

The regular liaison-officers will still be available for sub-branch contact at any time.

CABARET NIGHT AT BAYSWATER

The Bayswater-Meltham sub-branch still continues a cabaret-night at the third Saturday each month.

The next one will be held on September 21—at the sub-branch hall in Bayswater, about 400 yards from the hotel.

Good Month's Recruiting

An addition of 724 members this last month was the August figure for 15 years. Membership Committee chairman E. C. Townsend told the State Executive on September 4.

He said that in response to a circular letter sent out during the month 260 former members had renewed subscription presentation was looked for.

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Recipient of 90,000 benefits are expected to benefit by about £13,000,000 this year as a result of the increases provided for in the recent Federal Budget.

Increases are provided for T.P.I. pensioners, most war widows and for children of pensioners and war widows who are receiving allowances under the Societies Children's Education Scheme and are full-time students or agricultural trainees.

There are also increases for a large group of service pensioners and their families.

Widows of ex-service men whose deaths have not been accepted as due to war service will, of course, benefit from the increases in Social Service benefits for widows. The net increase in the weekly payments to one or more children will be £1 a week.

The new T.P.I. rate will be £6.50 a week—and there will be a consequential increase in payments to double- and triple-income families under the first six items of the fifth schedule.

Dependent allowances for war widows is to be increased by £7 6s to £39 10s a week. Over 90 per cent of war widows receive domestic allowance.

The combined amount of dependent and domestic allowances will now be £9 15s 6d a week.

Dependent allowances for children between 12 and 58 years at secondary schools and for industrial and agricultural training will be increased by 15 per cent.

For service pensioners the monthly pension will rise to £3 10s 6d.

**A Beneficiaries Services Appreciated**

The Riverton sub-branch of the Australian National Provident Society, 109 High Street, South Melbourne, has been awarded the Benevolent Society Medal of Merit for the year.

The medal was presented to Mr. W. H. R. Timms, the president, by Mr. H. E. Hamilton, the secretary, at the annual meeting of the sub-branch.

The medal is awarded to the person who has rendered the most meritorious service to the Benevolent Society.

**Visits To Many From Country**

Hospitals to 1251 ex-service men and women from areas were made by members of the League's Hospital Visiting Corps in July. Mr. S. Bishop told the State Executive this month.

The routine visits to metropolitan patients were in addition to this.

Visits to most of the city's hospitals, including the Melbourne General Hospital, were made by members of the League's Hospital Visiting Corps in July. Mr. S. Bishop told the State Executive this month.

Mr. Bishop said the committee was also arranging for the disposal of Remembrance Day poppies through sales of the Fundraising Committee.

The proceeds of the sales of Remembrance Day poppies through the Fundraising Committee.

Another fund-raising idea receiving consideration was a shopping competition.

**Replacement On The Executive**

The seat of the State Executive of Mr. M. C. Hall was declared vacant by the executive at a special meeting and it was resolved to appoint Mr. B. L. Williams to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Williams, who was in England and the action was taken after receipt of a report that he had been appointed to be absent for an extended period.

At the State Congress ballot for executive committee membership, Mr. Williams was elected first of four successful candidates.

**A Transport Offer To Sub-branch Members**

The new management committee of the South Perth sub-branch has set its sights on better attendances, at meetings this year, and on achieving a big improvement on Poppy Day sales.

It is offering to arrange a transport for sub-branch members to the meeting who are finding it difficult to attend sub-branch meetings to contact president J. B. Walshe (67 4270) or secretary (67 4619) in this connection.

Transport is to be provided from and to the meetings.

Members are being requested to approach local businesses with a view to selling them tickets to help the appeal.

In their residential areas and their place of employment.

Two members of the South Perth sub-branch are now serving on the State Executive of their organisation—Mrs. Cullen (State treasurer) and Mrs. S. Bishop (State secretary).

The sub-branch extends its congratulations and best wishes to them and again asks its members to try to induce their wives, daughters, and friends to join in this worthy cause.

Included in the appeal for Poppy Day are the following.

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Friday, 8th November, 1963

To increase the revenue from the appeal, in order to relieve distress among the expanding number of eligible ex-service men and women who are unable to work and though no one pensioner receives more than £50 a week, it is estimated that £5,000 per year, will be necessary.

Clearly explain to the public the aim of the appeal, the means of window displays in shops, offices, factories and garages. Enlist the aid of other organisations. Make sure that city car parks and other busy centres are all manned. Exploit your own town or suburb. Personal contact is of supreme value.

It is seven weeks to zero-day, so get busy.

Please complete the attached order form now and return it to Anzac House.

Adequate supplies of poppies and wreaths are available. Country Sub-branches may obtain their requirements NOW. The program of district Sub-branches has to be arranged with Anzac House on or after Saturday, November 2, and are asked to complete an order form if they desire to be included. In the drawer for city stands. Date of draw will be notified later.

An advice will be sent simultaneously with delivery. Please notify these Headquarters immediately of any changes in the above.

Unsold goods should be returned immediately, as the cost of any not returned by the 21st December, 1963, will be the liability of the Sub-branch.

Two statement forms will be sent to each Sub-branch not later than Friday, November 15. One poppy completed and signed, together with the remittance due, must be returned to these Headquarters immediately by Friday, November 22. Sub-branch approval for this remittance is not required.

The law requires that an audited financial statement be submitted by the Chief Secretary within 15 days. Four earnest co-operation in this regard is requested.

**Tin H e lmets At The Show**

Arrangements had been made by the Fundraising Committee for the display of tin helmets at the Show. Mr. Bishop said the committee was also arranging for the disposal of Remembrance Day poppies through the Fundraising Committee.
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Miss Crowning Glory Competition

There's Still Time To Nominate

As nominations for this year's Miss Crowning Glory contest do not close until October 7 and nomination fees need not be paid until October 21 there is still time for sub-branches which have not yet done so to make arrangements for representation.

But they will need to act with determination.

There is plenty of fun and interest to be gained from the competition, and the causes it serves—the War Veterans' Home and Legacy—should be dear to the heart of every ex-service man.

The competition is now in its fifth year. In the previous four years it has been instrumental in raising a total of $22,000 for distribution.

The final judging this year will take place at Anzac House on Saturday, December 23rd at 6 p.m. The concert and crowning ceremony will be held thereafter the following night.

Following is the list of the candidates to date, with the sponsoring body shown in parentheses:

Gwen Nallard (Western Districts R.S.L. Women's Auxiliaries); Heather Maclean (Anzac Sub-branch); Cheryl Loecht (Legacy Women's Auxiliaries); Eddie Shaw (Anzac Club); Mrs. P. Graham (Lestat's Club); Joan Hoffman (Boans Ltd., Perth); Miss Trotter (Lestat's Club); Bunbury R.S.L. and Co., Bunbury (Torchbearers); Sue Grant (S.E.C. C branch); Jennifer Sambeek (Boans Ltd., Perth); Genevieve Tomter (Miss Sub-branch); Marjann Warro (Warra-Warren R.S.L. Auxiliary); Esther Endreny (R.S.L. Women's State Executive); Johanna Tengman (Boons Ltd., Waverley); Lorraine Greiner (Arthur River R.S.L.); Margaret Wilson (War Engineers' Sub-branch); Elizabeth Godden (Cunderdin Sub-branch); Annette Wheeler (War Veterans' Home); Lea Hall (Central Division R.S.L. Women's Auxiliaries).

These girls will receive all assistance offered.

Veterans Have Nominee In Competition

Sponsoring a Miss Crowning Glory competition entrant for the first time is the War Veterans' Home.

State Senior Vice-President E. C. Townsend told the executive of the Home on September 25 that a small committee of veterans had nominated Miss Annette Wheeler for the competition.

Miss Wheeler is a daughter of Dr. R. J. Wheeler, the honorary medical officer at the Hospital.

Townsend said a cabinet-style show was to be held in support of the candidate at the home on September 25 (8 p.m.). The admission charge of 15/- would cover the cost of the excellent fare to be provided.

A number of sub-branches had nominated an entrant this was against his will, he said. The idea people prepared to help themselves and should be encouraged.

The evening is to be chaired by Mrs. Thelma Townsend.

Brunette From The South

The Manjimup sub-branch has chosen its entrant in the Miss Crowning Glory contest. 18-year-old Margaret Muir, a tall brunette who has a number of sporting and social interests, was nominated at Manjimup and works as a ledger machine in a local pharmacy.

During the winter she plays hockey for a Manjimup team, and in summer goes swimming. When she has hollies is dancing which she greatly enjoys. Margaret was born and educated at Manjimup and works as a ledger machine in a local pharmacy.

Funeral Benefits

The £10 funeral benefit paid in the case of age and illness has now been extended to service pensioners.

This benefit came into operation on July 1.