New State President
Chosen Unanimously

At a special meeting of the State Executive
on March 3 Mr. Percy Pearson was
elected unanimously to the office of State
President.

The meeting had been
called to appoint a suc-
cessor to Mr. W. S. Lon-
nie—whose resigna-
tion after nearly 11 years in office had been accepted
with regret at the pre-
vious executive meeting.

The office of vice-presi-
dent relinquished by Mr.
Pearson was filled by the
election of Dr. Alan King.
The other vice-president
is Mr. R. J. Stoddart,
who for many years has
been chairman of the
League's housing com-
mittee.

SENIOR DEPUTY

Mr. Stoddart becomes
senior vice-president.

Occupying the chair for
the occasion was Mr.
Lonnie, the immediate-
past-president.

His resignation, in his
11th year of office, fol-
lowed his recent appoint-
ment to a senior post in
the State Public Service — that of Under-Secretary
to the Premier's Depart-
ment.

Mr. Lonnie had served
for nine years on the
State Executive before
assuming the presidency.

At the last Congress he
was reported to have
made over 1,100 visits to
sub-branches as State
President, and he is
probably more widely
known personally through-
out the State
than anyone else.

Mr. Pearson, a second-
war man like his prede-
cessor, has been a mem-
ber of the State Execu-
tive since April, 1958,
and is chairman of the
War Veterans' Home
Board.

He is a member, and
former president, of the
Highgate sub-branch.

He is also a council-
member of Kingswood
University College and a
councillor and trustee of
Methodist Ladies' Col-
lege, Claremont.

During the war he serv-
ed with the lst Aus-
tralian Armoured Divi-
sion and the Royal Aus-
tralian Engineers.

He is married and has
three children.

Dr. King, who at the
time of his elevation to
the vice-presidency was
in Canberra representing
the West Australian
branch of the League at
a meeting of the Nation-
al Executive, is senior
medical officer in the De-
partment of Social Ser-
vices in this State.

His service on the State
Executive in recent years
was broken temporarily
by a two-year tour of
duty in Canberra as
Commonwealth Director
of Tuberculosis Control.

Dr. King is married,
with six children.

Dr. King's place on the
executive will be taken
by Mr. Tom Mann. This
is in accordance with
the constitutional provi-
sion by which vacancies
are filled by the calling-
up of supernumeraries,
as needed, on a basis of
the voting at Congress.

Mr. Mann has served
previously on the execu-
tive—in 1962-63.

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The New President
Sets His Course

"This is a proud moment for me," State
President Pearson told State Executive
members following his election to office.

"The position you have
placed me in is one which
a few years ago I never
entertained a thought of
occupying," he went on.

"I realise fully the
responsibility laid on the
president of this organi-
sation, and am mindful
that in accepting office
I accept the trust of a
great many people—
many of them with dis-
tinguished war careers,
while mine was a humble
role in the war-effort.

"I set out to serve you,
and the League, in the
humble hope that we can
work together for the
good of the cause and
of individual ex-service
people throughout this
great State.

"I would reiterate what
a tremendous job Mr.
Lonnie has done to es-
tabl i sh the League's image
throughout the State."

R.S.L. State President P. Pearson

Service At Leederville

Commencing on April
23 the West Leederville-
Wembley-Floreat Park
sub-branch will conduct
its annual Anzac Day
service at 8 a.m.—at the
Leederville Town Hall
memorial.

Wreaths may be laid at
this service.

In the past the service
has been held in the
afternoon.

The spirit of Anzac keep alive;
uphold the League in '65.
The spirit of Anzac keep alive, upholding the League in '65

DOOR-KNOCK MESSAGES
From the R.S.L. National President

"The door-knock appeal conducted by the Returned Servicemen's League throughout Australia and New Guinea has now exceeded £1,000,000," R.S.L. National President A. J. Lee said early in March.

He said the following telegram had been received from the chairman of the appeal, Mr. W. Kilpatrick:

£2,000,000 for the Churchill Memorial Trust will be achieved this week. The greatest single amount collected in the League's history, this unique result was the loyal and energetic support of the R.S.L. throughout Australia and New Guinea.

"Will you kindly accept and convey to all State and branch leaders my deep appreciation of their magnificent support and pass it down the line to all R.S.L. sub-branches. For my part this result makes me even prouder to be a member of the R.S.L."

Mr. Lee said he wished to convey his own personal thanks to all State branches and members of the League for the wonderful co-operation that had made the appeal such an outstanding success.

"I am sure we are all delighted to know that the League's name has been so intimately connected with this great appeal," said Mr. Lee.

"The organisations of the R.S.L., door-knock have not only obtained the cooperation of League members but also received splendid assistance from many other service groups in the community in every sense. It was a united national effort."

From Mr. Charles A. Merry, F.C.A.

Here is a copy of a letter to Anzac House from Mr. Charles H. Merry, F.C.A.:

"Despite all the difficulties it is true that we shall finish the appeal with a mighty satisfactory figure, and I must thank you and your organisation for the major part they played in the operation.

"Without the R.S.L. Memorial Drive, the total collected would undoubtedly have been far less and I hope your many members and their helpers who spent so much effort on the Appeal will feel rewarded by the result.

"Please convey to your members and members the thanks and appreciation of all connected with the administration of the appeal in this State.

"I should like particularly to mention Bill Webb and Jack Vail, who worked so hard for many months prior to Churchill Sunday and indeed are still greatly occupied with appeal matters."

Gallipoli Veterans Sought

The Northam sub-branch is anxious to contact all ex-servicemen who served in the 1915 Gallipoli campaign and are now living in the Northam district.

It is intended to accord them a place of honour in the Anzac Day parade and service on April 25, the 50th anniversary of the landing.

Transport will be provided for veterans needing it.

Would any in the above category please contact President Rod String, secretary John Roberts or any other member.

Ballot For Home-Site In Karrinyup Area

The State Housing Commission is inviting applications—from eligible ex-service men only—for the allocation of Lot 77, Edmondson-street, Karrinyup.

The State Housing Commission is inviting applications—from eligible ex-service men only—for the allocation of Lot 87, Edmondson-street, Karrinyup.

As this land is to be made available at a cost substantially below value, its allocation will be made by ballot to be held on April 1, 1965, and all applications must be lodged (by registered post) with the State Housing Commission, Plain-street, East Perth, by 5 p.m. on March 19.

The envelope is to be clearly marked "Ballot." The successful applicant will be required to lodge a formal application for assistance under the provisions of the War Service Homes Act within one week of the result of the ballot being made known, and must submit plans and specifications to the commission within three months from the date of the ballot result and commence building operations within six months from that date.

The result of the ballot will be published in the "Sunday Times" on April 4, and "The West Australian" on April 5.

Draw For Games

After a absence of several years Claremont has nominated for the 1965 Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield competition, which commences in a few weeks.

Fremantle Districts has withdrawn through lack of shooting facilities.

The first round to be concluded by April 15, comprises the following fixtures (home teams first):

West Leederville v Gloucester Park; Mt. Hawthorn v Claremont; Swanbourne v City Beach; Subiaco v Darling Range; Floreat-City Beach v City of Stirling.

The full draw will appear in the April "Listening Post." All matches are to commence at 8 p.m.

China's Asian Policy—And Us

Following is the final portion of an address given at Anzac House, Sydney, last November—under the auspices of the Australian Institute of Political Science—by Mr. T. B. Millan.

(The lecture was based on a chapter of a book on Australian defence to be published this year).

There is a Chinese proverb which states that a journey of 1,000 miles begins with a single step. China has taken a number of significant steps in the past few years: steps across its borders, steps to stimulate communist insurgency, steps to produce atomic weapons, steps to rebuff in the image of Mao's Marxism not only a nation but international society.

We cannot tell how far these steps will take China or the world, or how long the quarter of the earth's population that lives in China will be content broadly to remain where they are.

But however disturbing the picture, Armageddon is not inevitable. We do not know what a new generation of Chinese leaders will bring, but we have seen in recent years development elsewhere which should give us some hope in regard to China.

On the one hand the Soviet Union is turning away somewhat from revolution and its people demanding peace and prosperity.

On the other, in Japan productivity has expanded faster than population.

Yet the examples of Russia and Japan suggest also that it may be some years before these things happen in China, and the very size of the Chinese population decreases the likelihood of their happening soon.

The United States and Britain still stand between us and China. The United States has committed itself to aiding us if necessary against Indonesia, and our diplomatic efforts is, and should be, directed to helping both Britain and America to stay in the region, complementing and assisting their defence effort with our own.

Yet these are at best negative measures; essential, though they are.

We must also work to several positive ones: educating many more Australians into a greater understanding of Chinese languages, literature, society and politics; building personal contacts; attempting modestly, but hopefully, where we can, to encourage individual Chinese to break out of their ideological prison and see the world at it is, and to encourage the Chinese Government to ease itself, without too much kicking and splashing into the mainstream of international relations.

These things, and more, we must accomplish and not leave the other things undone.

For frightening as China may be, enormous and expanding as it is, we cannot ignore it; we cannot evade it.

Visited the Anzac Club Lately?
Tributes To Mr. Lonnie

"Bill Lonnie will be remembered as the man who accomplished most in his period of office; that is where his value to the League lies."

Mr. Hugh Leslie said this during a round of tributes to the retired leader following the State Executive meeting on March 3.

Proceeding, he said that it is likely to pass from the memory of the League and that it will be remembered with pride of what the League was doing.

The immediate post-war years the League had been immersed in the problems of rehabilitation. Then had come a period in which re-establishment had been largely achieved.

Mr. Lonnie had happened to step into the breach at a time when the League could have faltered through inertia.

His vision in seeing what was needed to keep people interested had put the League where it was today.

Among other tributes were the following:

Mr. SCALL: (State President): He has been immense; I have a lot to learn from him before I can feel secure in this position.

Mr. HOLLAND: I have travelled far and wide with Bill. He went round the State on his own name level. There is one only thing against him—he gets up with the birds.

Mr. MESSENGER: As a country representative I am confident that thanks of country members to both Bill and Mrs. Lonnie. She has done a magnificent job at his side a lot of the time.

Mr. BUCKLE: I fully endorse everything said here. It was Bill who inspired me in the first place.

Mr. BADGER: We have had an outstanding State President. His chairmanship beggars description. His memory for faces and names is amazing.

Dr. HANRAHAN: I am surprised by his energy, his ability, and what he has accomplished. He knows people all over the State and they know of him. As president, I have every confidence in his capacity and guidance.

Mr. HOLDER: His kindnesses have gone with him throughout the State.

Mr. WHITE: It is nice to think Mrs. Lonnie is likely to be seen more of her husband in future.

Mr. STODE OF Perth, who went on to the executive in 1946—at the same time as Bill—and would like to say how much I have appreciated his friendship. He has been an inspiration to all of us.

Mr. BARON-HAY: If one thing has ensured success it is an honest day's work. He has a capacity to be marvellous at for thinking things out. Amid all the turmoil he is able to fix his mind on the ultimate goal and to make people think to speak in the same direction. He is always on alert something the League can do, and like all leaders can get a team behind him. He is not content to push from behind.

Thanking members for their comments Mr. Lonnie said he had been deeply touched, but felt there might have been a tendency to exaggerate.

His 19 years on the executive had been a labour of love and had built up a rich store of memories. He felt that if the League had done nothing other than to have made its mark on defence its efforts had been worth while. It was of note that the League's National Defence Committee had had its greatest influence in the deliberations of the W.A. State Congress.

Over the years 12 out of 14 of the League's major submissions had become part and parcel of national policy.

Service pensions had been achieved and repatriation treatment to which their disabilities were war-caused or not was nearing completion. Prisoners had come in for free medical treatment and other benefits.

First-aid nurses had been accepted for treatment at Hollywood.

Achievements in the State sphere had included the completion of the State War Memorial, involving an expenditure of $2,000,000.

There had been the disposal of surplus land on the Anzac House site and the modernisation of League headquarters at a cost of $66,000, which had all been fully paid off.

Another great achievement had been the establishment of Mr. Lawley's War Veterans' Home, which he believed was the finest veterans' home in the world. The first 200 veterans' widows and widowers had recently been brought to a most successful conclusion.

The re-erection of Albury's Desert Mounted Corps Memorial, which had been brought to a most successful conclusion.

The Miss Crowning Glory competition—now in its seventh year—had so far raised over £2,000,000 which had all been shared with Legacy.

The re-erection at Albury of the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial and the request for the fusing of flags on public buildings throughout the State.

The State War Memorial had added financial stability to the League, with assets valued at £56,000.

Mr. Lorrain, Mr. Holder said that while retrospective thinking might leave a glow the challenge lay with the future.

Membership would have a great role to play and the need for a sustained membership-drive was ever present. Without membership there was nothing.

Concluding Mr. Pearson said to the State President Mr. Lonnie said: You represent some 17,000 fellows in this State—perhaps 70,000 people in all—whenever you make a move.

In conclusion he said he would remember that for ten years he had been privileged to serve the League in Western Australia and would continue to follow its progress with interest and its successes with satisfaction.
VITAL QUESTION: The 1965 Membership Drive was the question at issue before this gathering at Anzac House on February 10 of metropolitan sub-branch membership representatives. Facing the gathering are (from left) the chairman of the State branch membership committee, Mr. H. Holland and Messrs. W. S. Lonnie and P. Pearson.

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The Future Of New Guinea Of Concern To League

Matters affecting the present and the future of Papua and New Guinea are of vital importance to Australia, and therefore are of great concern to the R.S.L.

Thus, a recent statement by the Minister for Territories, Mr. Barnes, that the Australian Government had so far been unable to have an effective voice in the Government of the Territory, was not unexpected. To the contrary, it was obviously one of the purposes of the establishment of the House of Assembly.

In the transitional period prior to self-government the Australian Government continued to have responsibilities in relation to the Territory.

For its part the Government had proposed a position regarding the operation of constitutional or administrative arrangements for the Territory, and would look responsibly to any proposals that were made by the House of Assembly.

Mr. Barnes said that just as the Government were fully ready to preserve the position and views of the elected members of the House of Assembly, so the members would be ready to pay regard to the Government's position.

The question of the Government and the House, namely the good of the Territory, was the same.

Mr. Barnes said he could not comment on the particular proposal for control, which was public service that had been referred to in the House of Assembly until he received details of the proposal and could consider its implications.

However, it could be accepted that both the Government and the House had been at the position in a reasonable light.

The reasons for introducing new public service wage scales and the problems and difficulties involved.

Nevertheless, the Minister said that the Territory's economic situation, set against its movement towards self determination, would remain.

Transfer Of Hall, With Safeguards

The State Executive this month agreed to a recommendation from the trustees that the Norseman R.S.L. Hall be made over, conditionally, to the Norseman Shire Council.

The conditions are that the name of the hall shall be retained and that the sub-branch will continue to have the same use of the hall as hitherto.

Presenting the recommendation, Mr. S. A. Macnamara said the sub-branch would be glad to be relieved of the responsibility of letting and maintaining the hall.

In addition, the council was prepared to spend a considerable amount of money to put the building in good order.

There seemed no chance of the sub-branch facing the amount of money required for that purpose.

Army Flying Training Is Being Extended

Applications for army flying training, called to meet the requirements of expansion in army aviation, closed recently.

At present, the 16th Army Light Aircraft Squadron at Amberley, Queensland, operates both fixed wing aircraft and helicopters.

Defence Minister Patridge has announced that 17 new helicopters are to be acquired by the squadron later this year. Generally, about half of the successful applicants for army flying training are civilians, the others being serving personnel in the army and other services.

Army officers selected for flying training must have a basic flying training school at Point Cook (Victoria) for 8 weeks, and then to Amberley for a three-month operational conversion course.

Enrolment Decline Explained

For the month of February State branch membership records showed a total enrolment of 5,392, down from the 5,412 for February 1964.

For January and February combined, this year's figure was 6,333 and last year's 6,404.

Profit From The Shop

The R.S.L. Shop made a trading profit of about £2,500 last year, bringing the total of profits since it closed over in 1960 to about £2,500.

This was reported to the State Executive this month by the chairman of its controlling body, Mr. S. J. Lonnie.

The shop's board's recommendation that £1,500 or more of the full amount be paid over to the League and the balance be retained as a stabilization reserve was ratified by the executive.

The distributed profits from the undertaking are to be used for War Veterans' Home purposes.
March 27 Is The Date For The Red Cross Appeal

R.S.L. members who gladly participated in the nation-wide Churchill appeal doorknock have, as one of them put it, been putting their feet up with relief.

It is perhaps not an appropriate time to suggest that they take their feet down again for a short period on Saturday, March 27, to help the Red Cross Society with the door-knock which, for some years, has become routine in the fund-raising activities of this organisation.

There are few to whom Red Cross means more than it does to ex-service men and women, although since the cessation of hostilities the Red Cross work has tended to embrace every section of the community in need of help.

Through its blood-transfusion service it has contributed to the saving of thousands of lives in Western Australia alone.

Its vehicles transport sick and disabled people to medical or other appointments; its hospitals, visiting and library services bring pleasure to innumerable patients every year; handicapped and convalescent children are cared for in its Lady Lawley Cottage.

Interest is brought into many lives by its aircraft-instruction department, and there is no end to the humanitarian work the Red Cross gives both at home and abroad.

The late Sir Winston Churchill was one who always supported the work of the Red Cross.

"In peace as in war," Sir Winston once said, "the Red Cross Societies of the world are united in a common purpose for the relief of suffering, working together where great calamities occur, making no difference between race, nationality, class or creed.

"They are helping not only to relieve pain and suffering, but to bring about a better understanding between the peoples of the world."

If any member feels he or she could knock on a few more doors on Saturday, March 27, he (or she) could contact the Red Cross Door-Knock organiser, Mr David Janssen, at Red Cross House. The telephone number is 21,6118.

Further 'Seacat' Fittings

Two more warships of the Royal Australian Navy have been equipped with Seacat sea-to-air missiles.

A Navy Office spokesman said recently that the close-range self-defence anti-aircraft missile system has been installed in the two modern frigates Parramatta and Yarra.

The systems have been fitted during recent refits.

Both ships are due to hold "work-up" trials with the new weapon next month and will conduct test missile firings at pilotless target craft.

In similar trials earlier this year the new frigate Darwin received direct hits on a remote-controlled aircraft.

The "Seacat" is a British close-range sea-to-air missile.

It can be fired in rapid succession and is radio-controlled on its target.

Canberra Man Awarded £3,000 Scholarship

The Services Canteens Trust Fund postgraduate scholarship for 1965 has been awarded to Mr. Douglas Dunnett, of Canberra.

This has been announced by the trustees of the fund.

The scholarship, awarded annually to a son or daughter of an ex-service man or woman of the World War is for postgraduate study overseas.

The scholarship, valued at £1,000 a year and tenable for a period of three years, is one of the most valuable and highly prized in Australia.

Only one scholarship for postgraduate study overseas is awarded by the trustees each year.

Applications came from very highly-qualified students in a great variety of fields of study, and the scholarship was awarded to Mr. Dunnett from an intensely competitive field.

Mr. Dunnett graduated with first-class honours in Science in 1961 at the University of Sydney. Since then he has been engaged in geochemical research with the Bureau of Mineral Resources in the A.C.T.

He proposes to undertake a course of study and research at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London, in geochimistry and exploration-geology, leading to a Ph.D. Degree or a Ph.D. in structural geology and metamorphic petrology.

On return to Australia after completion of his studies Mr. Dunnett proposes to take up mineral exploration and survey work for economic mineral deposits within Australia.

This is a most important field of research to Australia at the present time and Mr. Dunnett's studies should be of considerable importance to Australia in the future.
**Red Cross Floral Occasion**

This year's Red Cross flower-arrangement competition at Boans was opened by Lady Kendrew, who congratulated entrants in the various sections on the high standard of their work.

About 300 people were present.

Before inviting Lady Kendrew to perform the opening, the president, Mrs. John Dawson, commented on the increasing interest in the competition.

This year Busselton entered the competition and it is expected to see more country towns taking part in future.

There was keen competition in a Gentlemen's Choice section.

Mrs. A. Johnstone gave a short talk on terrariums and made a plea for the formation of a Garden Club in Western Australia.

The T. and R. Bank trophy offered for the most outstanding exhibit was won by Mrs. Humphries.

The chairman of the W.A. division of Red Cross, Mr. Henry Cook, thanked Mrs. Dawson and her committee for their splendid work.

The opening of a new Red Cross branch at Exmouth indicated the expansion of the society in Western Australia, he said.

*Pictured above is the most original exhibit, "First Night," entered by Mrs. H. K. Lyon.*

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**Defence-Call Made At Geraldton Reunion**

At Geraldton last month Country Vice-President M. Williams said the League, with the backing of its 260,000 members, should press determinedly for more action on defence preparedness.

He was responding to a toast to the League at the annual reunion of the Geraldton sub-branch.

On behalf of the State President he congratulated the sub-branch for the way in which it was upholding the traditions of the League.

Mr. Williams also paid tribute to the work of the retiring State President.

Mr. W. H. Sewell, M.L.A., proposed a toast to the sub-branch.

Replying to a toast to visitors the Mayor, Mr. C. S. Eadon-Clarke, spoke of the need to instill in the younger generation the necessity for national defence.

Members from as far away as Mount Magnet, Carnarvon and Northampton attended the reunion, at which a special welcome was extended to Mr. A. T. Bishop, former postmaster at Irwin, who was celebrating his 80th birthday, and to Mr. G. Brown, a former sub-branch president, who was celebrating his 77th birthday.

Mr. Brown said that at the first meeting of the sub-branch 40 years ago the secretary had kept the minutes on the back of a cigarette packet.

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**Welfare And Relief**

The R.S.L. Welfare and Relief Committee has had fewer relief cases to deal with recently. Its chairman, Mr. J. W. White, reported to the State Executive this month.

But the committee had authorised 88 grants from the Aged Soldiers' Fund, and had found part-time or long-term employment for 91 applicants.

Best Wishes for the New Year

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THE LONG STRUGGLE IN VIETNAM

By Gerald L. Steinbel in the December issue of the American Legion Magazine (1st installment)

In Korea we fought a huge war to contain communism on Red China's north. It was barely over when the French left a vacuum for the reds to fill, if we'd let them, in Indochina to the south. Here, in all its strange detail, is the complex history of our first 11 years of meeting in Indochina the challenges we accepted in Korea — how and why of our involvement in Vietnam and Laos.

In 1964, the United States had spent about ten years and about 3 billion dollars defending Laos and South Vietnam from communist aggression; and by one, two and three Americans in uniform had died and were still dying there. Yet six out of ten people here at home told the Gallup Poll that they didn't know what was going on there. Of the four who said they did, only one had any opinion on what ought to be done and he was half for getting out altogether, half for getting in further.

STRANGE LAND

It is not surprising that so many people are unsure about their grasp of the Vietnam situation. The Indochinese peninsula is strange country to most Americans. In recent years, Indochina world problems were French, not American, wars.

Before the present dilemma evolved we had no background of tradition there. Even the few families going there changed. The entire region has no well-known, traditional name. It's just "South-East Asia," a land mass hanging down from the south-east corner of China.

It has a fat upper peninsula — Indochina — where Vietnam and the other areas of acute present concern are located. It also has a long, slicing lower part known as the Malay Peninsula.

Our maps show the divisions and trace the name changes. Slam is still on the map, but the Thais have it. The Thais have it. The Thais have it. The Thais have it. The Thais have it.

Then, in the Geneva "Agreement" of 1954, Vietnam became a land drawn straight across it — the "fece-fire line of July 1954" — dividing it into North Vietnam (Communist, with the seat at Hanoi) and South Vietnam (non-communist, with the capital at Saigon).

The hottest problem today arises from guerrilla and political activity in South Vietnam, now a political arm of Red China.

The Indochinese war for independence from France, culminating in the terrible defeat of the French at Dienbienphu in 1954.

In the settlement with France after her defeat the three territories became independent nations of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

The beginning of United States involvement in Indochina and China 1958, even before France was entirely out. The well-organized communists, backed by the Russian aid and aid from China, went bent to turn the communist independence into communist captivity. Built around central Northern Vietnam, closest to Red China, and Laos where a second communist force, the Pathet Lao, controlled an island of territory in the Northern part of the country. It was the first communist and better-organized communists, in powerful "outside aid," would carry the day.

UNION

While France still held China and Russia had been warned by the United States, in September 1953, not to try to overrun the French colonies. This, the United States said, would have grave consequences which might not be confined to Indochina.

That was a part of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' "brick of war" policy.

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Distinguished Visitor At Anzac House

Sea Cadet Unit’s Name Honours Naval Man

A new Sea Cadet unit to be established at Geraldton will perpetuate the name of a distinguished officer of the Royal Australian Navy.

Navy Minister Chaney said recently that the Naval Board had approved the formation of the new unit, which would be known as Training Ship Morrow.

The late Commodore J. C. “Copper” Morrow had an outstanding record as a destroyer captain in the World War, being awarded the D.S.O. and the D.S.C.

He won wide popularity in this State as Navy Officer-in-charge from 1956 to 1959.

He travelled extensively in Western Australia in the performance of his naval duties.

Commodore Morrow retired from the R.A.N. in 1960 after a career of 41 years. He died in 1963.

Mr. Chaney said that as a West Australian he warmly welcomed this gesture to the late Commodore Morrow. It was the first time that a former naval officer had been honoured in this way.

The Geraldton unit has been given “Corvette” status, with a strength of between 30-60 cadets.

It is the 6th Sea Cadet unit in Western Australia, and brings the total number of units in Australia to 39.

The Australian Sea Cadet Corps is run jointly by the Navy League and the R.A.N.

Enthusiasm Goes Far

The enthusiasm with which both newly-elected and re-elected officers take up their duties can be the means of maintaining and increasing the forward impetus of the R.S.L. membership figure.

This was not an unsatisfactory figure last year, but there are still many thousands of eligible ex-servicemen who could belong to our organisation with benefit to themselves and pleasure to sub-branch officers.

These have the right to expect well-attended meetings and full support for the fine work the League is doing throughout the State.

If “backsliders” were to join up and take part in this work they could not help becoming infected with the dedication of the stalwarts who have carried the organisation to the strength and prestige it now enjoys.

On March 4 the Governor-General, Viscount De L’Isle, V.C., made a visit to Anzac House to attend a State Executive reception in his honour.

- He is pictured above (second from left) with the State Junior Vice-President, Dr. Alan King (at left), the State President, Mr. Percy Pearson, and the State Senior Vice-President, Mr. Ralph Stoddart (at right).

His Excellency previously visited Anzac House on May 18, 1962.

A Reminder Of A Famous Soldier

At its February meeting the Geraldton sub-branch was presented with a large sized photograph of Field Marshal Lord Birdwood, after whom the local R.S.L. building is named.

Mr. Nick Pilitis handed the framed photograph to sub-branch president John Spendlove.

In a letter to Mr. Pilot, is, the donor, Mrs. F. Lyde Walker of Attadale, said she was making the photograph available because she and her husband, the late John Walker, who served in the 51st Battalion, had been invited to Birdwood House in 1938.

Mr. George Carter-Brown, who is still a keen member of the sub-branch, was president at the time.

Mrs. Walker will be thanked for her gesture and will be told that the photograph will be hung in Birdwood House with a suitable plaque attached.

-J.B.
Goodwill Message From Lord Slim

On his arrival in Australia last December a visiting Englishman found a letter-of-welcome from Viscount Slim—now Lieutenant-Governor of Windsor Castle—awaiting him.

The visitor was Brig. G. de V. Welchman, who served as a corps commander of the Royal Artillery under Slim in Burma in 1942. In his letter Lord Slim said: “I hope you will like Australia; I am sure you will. It is a great country with an even greater people. Give our love to it and to any Australian you may have met.”

When passing through Fremantle on his way home in the convict con on February 6 Brig. Welchman was greeted by the passengers-terminal by Mr. W. B. C. Loclhin of “The Daily News.”

The two men had struck up a friendship during the war in Tokyo, where the brigadier was connected with the swimming events.

In the few hours during which the ship was in port Mr Loclhin motored to the Applecross sub-branch to pay a visit. He was one of that party, and up to the time that left 1 do not recall of any incident.

Your etc.,

Bert Edwards.

10 Tain-street.

Applecross.

Here’s A Message For Applecross Members

To all members of the Applecross sub-branch comes the following special message from their president, Mr Harry Holland, who is also chairman of the League’s Membership Committee.

The year 1964 is now history and it is my earnest hope that greater interest will be shown by sub-branch members in the events which will take place during the current year, including—with particular emphasis—the monthly meetings.

Just to remind all members that sub-branch monthly meetings are held in the R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Kintail-road, on the second Thursday of the month.

In a recent appeal in the sub-branch newsletter “O.P.P” members were invited to form a roster for watering the roses and shrubbery in the surrounding of the local R.S.L. hall. Believe it or not there were only two volunteers—Jim Bremner and the thanks of the sub-branch go to Jim for his efforts.

Members are reminded that their subscriptions fell due on January 1. It would be appreciated therefore if all those who have not yet paid their dues would make contact, without delay, with either Jim Bremner or George Nelson—or myself.

The co-operation of members with this request would obviate a lot of running around and spending time from the work of the sub-branch.

And don’t forget that this year is the jubilee year of the landing at Gallipoli—a year in which the League looks to the support of every eligible ex-service man and woman.

At a parents’ evening the Applecross Primary School late last year a shield commemorating the founders was presented to the school on behalf of the sub-branch. Mr & Mrs Wilson handed the shield to Jennifer Kells and Bert Townsend.

This is the gist of a reply from Federal Treasurer Holt to represent members of the sub-branch who were present at the meeting of the Commonwealth Government.

All donations of £1 or more to funds for erecting R.S.L. memorial halls to be made deductible for income tax purposes is to be considered at the appropriate time by the Department of Social Services.

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A sincere vote of thanks is given to all who so unselfishly give of their spare time.

Monument At Ubon

(To The Editor)

Sir—If the R.A.A.F. are at the place known to excl,usively because of the likelihood that Australians participated in the erection of a memorial there.

A.I.F. members are always eager to be evacuated from the camp, together with some Malayan volunteers who wished to leave. I was one of that party, and up to the time that left I do not recall of any incident.

Yours etc.,

Bert Edwards.

10 Tain-street.

Applecross.

Christmas Parcels

I, on behalf of eight Australians (W.O.I’s) and their widows, wish to express our grateful thanks to the League for the Christmas parcels which were received.

Apart from the knowledge that we are thought of and that we are remembered, we know that the thinking one receives when one sees a couple of cans of Australian beer and cigarettes in some of these clusters of the way places one finds oneself in. Once again, thanking all concerned.

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Repatriation Head Has Rural Ties

Senator G. Colin McKellar, who was sworn in as Minister for Repatriation on December 22, has spent a lifetime in rural pursuits, especially wheat and wool.

The senator formed a troop of light horse at Gulgandra in 1936, and after the outbreak of war enlisted in the A.I.F. He was transferred to the 1st Armoured Division in Western Australia as a major and at the end of the war was placed with the Royal Australian Ordnance Corps.

On his appointment Senator McKellar said he was privileged to be associated with ex-service men and women through his portfolio.

Already he had visited repatriation institutions in a number of States and had made contact with the leaders of ex-service organisations.

He intended to visit all remaining States as soon as possible.

Senator McKellar said he was delighted to see the close operation existing between the Repatriation Department and all ex-service bodies.

This had played a large part in maintaining the high standard of service the department provided, and he had given the operation would continue in the future.

His aim was to ensure that all standards were maintained.

He said he was following in the footsteps of Sir John Lang who had done much to bring about this close liaison.

Maylands Report Has Hopes For Future

The following report from the Maylands sub-branch publicity officer expresses the hope that 1965 will prove a happier year for members than its predecessor. It goes on:

During the past year we made the “Last Post” for some fine citizens of the League, amongst whom were Messrs B. Farmham, S. Burns and R. Mee. All of these made a great loss to the community as well as to the sub-branch.

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THE LISTENING POST

March, 1965
Occasion Of Note For Commandos

A great-grandson of a Boer War leader who last century formed the first-known commando unit was in a group of 500 ex-service men at the recent unveiling of a memorial to Australian commandos—a cairn at Tidal River Camp, Wilson's Promontory.

It was apt that the great-grandson—Ron Nordhoff, a captain-commando in the South African Army and later of the A.I.F.—should have entered a branch of war service so much favoured by his famous warrior-ancestor; president Paul Kruger of Transvaal, South Africa.

The Wilson's Promontory cairn, unveiled by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Edmund Herring, is sited on the rugged terrain where the first Australian commando camp for the training of Australian commandos was established in the World War.

It was the birthplace of Australian commando units, and the men who were trained there were later in action against the Japanese in Timor, New Guinea, New Britain, New Ireland, and Borneo, and in dozens of Pacific and South-East Asian islands.

How well they acquitted themselves was told by General Herring in his unveiling speech. In particular he stressed that two victories registered by commandos in New Guinea had probably shortened the Pacific War by 12 months.

Describing the courage of commandos as almost unbelievable General Herring said: "It is up to us to see that this wonder-fuolfy of country they fought and died for is kept secure for their children. I warn you that we will keep this and only as we deserve to..."

"The proud traditions they founded must not be allowed to die."

"We and our children, with God's help, will carry on their fight for freedom."


HE WOULD BE GLAD OF SOME VISITS

Mr G. Beecham, who has been an inmate at the Corrigin Hospital, Ley-street, Manning, for the past 14 months, would like any ex-members of the 19th London Regiment to visit him.

VIETNAM STRUGGLE—from Page 8

This was the French Government's position more than four years before General Charles de Gaulle returned to power and adopted the "neutralisation" policy as his own policy.

Other United States voices argued differently, among them Senators Mike Mansfield and John F. Kennedy; Gen. William J. Donovan and Vice President Johnson.

Together with officials of private refugee organisations, they urged that help be given to the new premier of South Vietnam, Ngo Dinh Diem, who had appointed two weeks before the Geneva Agreement.

They insisted that Diem, a staunch anti-communist who had spent many years in the United States, could save his beleaguered country if he were helped.

The Administration sent some economic aid in August 1954, but wrestled with the larger question of permanent policy until late in the fall.

Even as Gen J. Lawton Collins prepared to go to Saigon as President Eisenhower's special representativewashalfway to Washington was still leaning toward a pullout. But the problem of the situation and Collins was ordered to make a definite U.S. commitment.

The first commitment was small, and limited primarily to economic assistance. The United States was then setting up the new "fall-back" position in Asia, panned to the Pakistanis in the Malaysia Philippines are, and embodied in the then new South-East Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO) established at Manila in September 1954.

Dulles induced SEATO to give Laos, Cambodia and South Vietnam one-way guarantees against communist invasion from North Vietnam. (The Geneva Treaties forbade offering them membership in the Alliance itself.)

Though there was little appreciation of what really lay ahead, this hesitant commitment was a historic decision for the United States. From there on, no withdrawal would be possible without the breathing spell thus offered him in South Vietnam and with an substantial United States economic and military aid. Ngo Dinh Diem planned to vindicate the faith of his American supporters.

(To be concluded next month.)

Fine Effort On Hall

Congratulations to the Mt. Barker sub-branch, and its many helpers and friends, for a wonderful effort!

By the end of 1964 the sub-branch had wiped out its debt to the new memorial hall, and commenced 1965 with a useful credit balance.

All concerned with the project are very happy at the result of their endeavours and look forward to a successful 1965.

The hall-achievement says a lot for the endeavours of sub-branch members and their women.

Some Returns In Default

Sub-branch secretaries are requested to keep their sub-branch capitation returns up to date.

At the end of February some sub-branches had made no capitation return.

Let headquarters have them! March is an important month so far as keeping the membership average at top level is concerned.

Those sub-branches who have not rendered a return up to the present can take time off to blash.

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Women's Auxiliary Notes

The State Executive resumed meetings and hospital visits after the Christmas break and the following official visits have been made by the president and executive:

February 2—Mrs. Ames attended Lennox Board meeting.

February 10—Mesdames Cottrill and Cullen attended an at-home at the W.C.A.

February 12—Mrs. Ames attended Mrs. Cullen's Children's Education Board meeting.

February 18—Torchbearers for Legacy meeting attended by Mrs. Ames.

February 26—Sports meeting attended by the president and secretary, Mrs. Yeomans, sports secretary, members of controlling committee and auxiliary sports director. In afternoon Mrs. Ames, with Mesdames Cullen, Fraser and Tomich, visited C.M.H.

With Conference not so far away now—July 12 being opening-date—members are requested to send to their secretaries the address of their home.

Make it an interesting and informative Conference this year!

Donations

The following donations have been received since the end of November:

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Red Cross Juniors Kept Busy

Junior Red Cross members are hard at work organizing a monster fete to be held in the Supreme Court Gardens on Saturday, April 10, to raise funds for the annual Red Cross appeal.

This promises to be an outing which every member of the family can enjoy—from mother, who will be able to buy her weekend vegetables at the produce stall, to the youngest children, who will delight in Punch and Judy shows.

School bands will provide spirited music; there will be exhibitions of national dances, and several well-known T.V. stars will be present.

The fete will be opened at 11 a.m. by the divisional president of the Red Cross Society, Lady Kendrick, and will continue until 4.30 p.m.

The proceeds, together with the other money collected by Junior Red Cross members all over the State, will then be handed to the chairman of the Red Cross Lady Lawley Cottage committee, Mr. D. C. Whyte.

16th Battalion

Members and their wives are cordially invited to attend the 16th Battalion get-together at the Railway Institute, Perth, on Anzac Day.

The committee has made plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the landing of a pleasant party, a pleasant event for all who attend.

Some may be away on the Gallipoli Pilgrimage this year, and it is expected that there will be fewer marchers than in previous years.

Mr. N. Stenh will leave for an overseas trip in May and members will be able to wish him "bon voyage."

The Committee has received letters of thanks from homes and institutions for Christmas parcels.

Many members have been, or are now, in Hollywood Hospital. The writer recently visited Messrs. A. Potts, F. Mahe, and J. Clarke there. The hospital has lost a good committee member in A. "Arty" Williams, who passed on recently. We all send our deep and sincere sympathy to his family.

Mrs. Meagh, wife, of committee member E. Mitchell, has been a steadfast friend of St. John of God Hospital and we wish her speedy recovery.

The welfare auxiliary intends to hold its annual fete in November and saleable goods are welcome.—A. C. Young.

Dumping Of Weapons 
Alarms Experts

There is still a tendency for people to discard live ammunition souvenirs on rubbish tips or vacant ground where they can be found by children.

The quantities thus disposed of—and often the dangerous condition of the ammunition—has alarmed army authorities.

Announcing this recently the Minister for the Army, Dr. A. J. Forbes, said souvenirs which may have been relatively safe 20 to 30 years ago could now be potentially killers due to the possible deterioration of their fillings.

The extreme danger of touching potentially dangerous ammunition should be strongly brought home to children by parents and teachers.

During the last quarter 10,007 items of ammunition—small-arms and detonators to bombs, shells and rockets—were recovered by the Army. Most were "live" and dangerous.

To recover the ammunition and disarm these devices considered more than 14,000 miles throughout Australia. The danger of ammunition souvenirs, particularly to children, could not be over-emphasized, and with the discovery of such objects should notify police or Army experts, who would take steps to have them removed.

Under no circumstances should the public handle them.

Affairs Of Ex-P.O.W.

The annual general meeting of the Ex-P.O.W. and Relatives' Association was held on February 3 at West Perth.

Mr. Zwar, secretary of the S.A. association, representing the federal body, addressed the meeting and answered several questions.

"The proposer and seconder then spoke on the motion and a vote was taken and carried unanimously. Under the Federal constitution only ex-P.O.W. may be elected to the executive.

Elected as joint patrons were Sir Thomas Meagher (Mr. D. Brand), Mr. L. Le Sueur and Mr. T. Bunning.

The other offices filled were president, Mr. A. Westley; secretary, Mr. H. Brown; treasurer, Mr. L. Ople.
Military Cross Won
By W.A. Captain

A West Australian army officer has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in Vietnam.

He is Captain Noel de la Hunty (32), single, of Tenth-avenue, Inglewood, Western Australia. Captain de la Hunty is the first Australian to be awarded a gallantry decoration by the Queen for services in Vietnam.

He was appointed to the Australian Army training team in Vietnam in October, 1963, and served as an aide-de-camp in Quang Nam province in February, 1964. From April 22 to May 10, as a training adviser, he accompanied a Vietnamese patrol of 56 men in the mountainous jungle area west of An Diem. During that period the patrol came under fire from Vietcong guerrillas of up to platoon strength on seven occasions.

Casualties among Vietnamese advisers included three killed and seven wounded. The citation for Captain de la Hunty's award reads: "As a result of these casualties the task of guiding the conduct of operations fell upon Captain de la Hunty. He supervised the retaliatory action of the patrol and the securing of landing zones for medical evacuation of casualties by helicopter. His actions were instrumental in maintaining a high standard of morale among the members of the patrol. On April 28, 1964, he was wounded in the chin by an enemy bullet but remained on duty. Throughout the period of the patrol he showed a high standard of personal courage and professional ability under dangerous and exhausting conditions. His actions during the conduct of the patrol are part of a pattern of consistent performances by him during the three months he has been advising the Vietnamese NVA-4 units. Captain de la Hunty graduated from the Officer Cadet School, Portsea, in 1953, and served with the 14th and 18th National Service Training Battalion before being posted to "A" Field Battery in Malaya. He returned to Australia in 1959 and served as an aide-de-camp in Southern Command until 1961. He was then posted to 1st Field Regiment at Holsworthy until his appointment to the Australian Army training team in Vietnam. He returned from Vietnam late in 1964 and is at present an instructor at the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

The Annual Meeting
At Osborne Park

Twenty-five members were in attendance for the annual general meeting of the Osborne Park sub-branch on February 10.

Stalwart Joe Purcell took the chair for the election of officers, and Merv Girando was re-elected president, with Lou Kramer and Eric Stephens as deputies. Ted Brooke had no opposition for the secretary's job.

The willingness of old committee members to take on the job again was a feature. The meeting was followed by refreshments and supper. The sub-branch's thanks to Geo Kikiros for the preparation of a fine meal, and to the helpers in the back room.

Membership to date is 40. The next meeting will be held on March 24 and thereafter every Wednesday day fortnight.

The following report on the annual general meeting of the Northampton sub-branch has been received from Mr. Peter Bardon, of Geraldton.

Mr. Rowley Charlton was elected president and Mr. Bill McEwen Secretary. Mr. Charlton had been the secretary of the sub-branch since May, 1959. The retiring president's report was submitted by Mr. R. Magee due to the absence in hospital of Mr. L. Ash. The report disclosed that the average attendance at meetings had risen by two, although three members had left the district and two others had died. The sub-branch was still in a sound financial position, and £33 had been handed out in donations—£50 in support of the Geraldton candidate in the Miss Crowning Glory competition, Miss Lorraine McKenzie. The sub-branch decided to adopt a Legacy Ward for 1965 and to send £25 to Legacy for that purpose.

One of the main matters discussed was the Sir Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Appeal, for which the district chairman was Mr. Reg Magee. Mr. Magee outlined the programme for the appeal, after which collectors were appointed for various areas.
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Narragin.

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Boulder.

BUXTON, W. F., 2/10th Bn.
Currie.

CANTHY, A. R., R.A.A.F.
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CHAPMAN, G. W., R.A.A.F.,
Scarborough.

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DEAN, C. F., 265 Bde., Bunbury.

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Big Bell.

DENNY, C., 3rd M. G.,
Bromfield.

DIXON, F. W., R.A.A.F.,
N.E. Fremantle.

GALLAGHER, A. J. C.,
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Canterbury.

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Scarborough.

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Barker.

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STANISICH, M., 2nd Aust.
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WILSON, F., 32nd Bn.,
Railway Workers.

WIMBRIDGE, W. T., R.A.N.,
Wanunda.

White Ensign
Flown At
The Memorial
At a wreath-laying ceremony at the State War Memorial last month the White Ensign was flown for the first time.

The Assistant-Warden, Mr. G. K. Baron-Hay, said this at the State Executive meeting on March 17.

The ceremony was in commemoration of the victims of the Voyager disaster, in which 22 naval personnel lost their lives on February 10 last year.

Mr. Baron-Hay said a request from about 14 "Voyager" families in this State for a private ceremony had been acceded to.

The Highgate sub-branch had provided a guard of honour commanded by Col. Howard, and H.M.A.S. Leeuwin a bugler.

Commodore Marks had been in attendance, and wreaths had been laid on behalf of the Navy and the Army.

Beltmon's President Seeks Assistance

To members of the Belmont sub-branch comes the following presidential appeal for support in the work that lies ahead.

At this early stage of the year I would like to see all members taking a much keener interest in sub-branch affairs, and particularly social functions.

Please don't leave it all to the committee.

While on the subject of keenness it is good to be able to say that the December meeting was fairly well attended, with about 40 members present.

The sub-branch had the pleasure of welcoming Mr R. B. Morris, who was representing the State President, for the purpose of installing the new office-bearers.

In carrying out this function Mr Morris congratulated the sub-branch for its excellent work during the past year.

On December 5 the sub-branch held its annual children's Christmas party with the usual success and a very large turn-up.

As a few of the parents in attendance at the Christmas party would put in a regular appearance at the general meetings the sub-branch should profit greatly.

For 1965 the first thing for every member to remember is that subscriptions became due on January 1.

Prompt payment will relieve the burden on the secretary, and be greatly appreciated.

It is an honour to be a member of the League, and of the Belmont sub-branch, and given the work that you, members of the sub-branch should have another record year for support.

Members can do much to assist the membership by passing on to others the excellent work that is being done to the sub-branch.

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Literary Contest

The Albany sub-branch is organising a literary competition to mark the 50th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings and the birth of the Anzac legend. Entries are being called in two sections, senior and junior.

Senior: Short story of up to 3,000 words. Open to anyone. First prize, books valued at £10; second prize, books valued at £5; third prize, books valued at £2.

Junior: Essay, up to 500 words. Open to W.A. secondary school students. First prize, books valued at £5; second prize, books valued at £2.

Theme: Any aspect of the Anzac legend. Any approach to the subject may be taken, and any treatment within recognised essay form, either factual or fictional writing.

Closing date for entries is April 30. Winners will be announced early in May.

White Ensign Flown At The Memorial

At a wreath-laying ceremony at the State War Memorial last month the White Ensign was flown for the first time.

The Assistant-Warden, Mr. G. K. Baron-Hay, said this at the State Executive meeting on March 17.

The ceremony was in commemoration of the victims of the Voyager disaster, in which 22 naval personnel lost their lives on February 10 last year.

Mr. Baron-Hay said a request from about 14 "Voyager" families in this State for a private ceremony had been acceded to.

The Highgate sub-branch had provided a guard of honour commanded by Col. Howard, and H.M.A.S. Leeuwin a bugler.

Commodore Marks had been in attendance, and wreaths had been laid on behalf of the Navy and the Army.

Beltmon's President Seeks Assistance

To members of the Belmont sub-branch comes the following presidential appeal for support in the work that lies ahead.

At this early stage of the year I would like to see all members taking a much keener interest in sub-branch affairs, and particularly social functions.

Please don't leave it all to the committee.

While on the subject of keenness it is good to be able to say that the December meeting was fairly well attended, with about 40 members present.

The sub-branch had the pleasure of welcoming Mr R. B. Morris, who was representing the State President, for the purpose of installing the new office-bearers.

In carrying out this function Mr Morris congratulated the sub-branch for its excellent work during the past year.

On December 5 the sub-branch held its annual children's Christmas party with the usual success and a very large turn-up.

As a few of the parents in attendance at the Christmas party would put in a regular appearance at the general meetings the sub-branch should profit greatly.

For 1965 the first thing for every member to remember is that subscriptions became due on January 1.

Prompt payment will relieve the burden on the secretary, and be greatly appreciated.

It is an honour to be a member of the League, and of the Belmont sub-branch, and given the work that you, members of the sub-branch should have another record year for support.

Members can do much to assist the membership by passing on to others the excellent work that is being done to the sub-branch.
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

FEDERATED T.B. SALEORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN's ASSOCIATION Inc. - Meets second Tuesday in Forest Hill Hall, cnr. Francois and Museum streets, Perth, 8 p.m. President, R. H. Greedy, Flat J, Somerset, 246 St. George's Terrace, Perth. Secretary, C. L. Shaw, 11 Clive Road, Mt. Lawley (71 331). Committee meets each Wednesday morning. Annual reunion held at Anzac House. All members notified.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION - Anzac House basement, third Monday at 2 p.m. President, J. A. Horsman, 5 Raffles Place, Perth. Secretary, J. Middleton, 40 Collins St., South Perth (67 2067).

10TH LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION - Anzac House basement, fourth Thursday in Jan, March, May, July, Sept. and Nov. President, Jim Fitzmaurice, 11 Mallory Avenue, Doubleview (26 1262). Secretary, J. Brumfield, 28 Marquises Street, South Bentley (68 2946).

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION - Meetings at Anzac House when called. President, L. J. Holton, 16 Brabraham Avenue, Lawley. Secretary, E. B. Powell, 168 Alfred-road, Mt. Claremont (13 1355).

16TH BATTALION AND 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION - Committee meets second Tuesday in Tennyson House, Perth. President, W. Lilleyman, 51 Flinders Place, Perth. Secretary, O. C. Young, 283 Alfred-road, East Fremantle (39 2934).


15TH BATTALION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY - President, Mrs. Ketel, 190 Adelaide Terrace, Perth. Secretary, Mrs. F. Gray, 69 Bennett St., Perth (27 5702).

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR and RELATIVES' ASSOCIATION of W.A. - President, B. Boon. Secretary, Mrs. F. Minors, 20 William Street, East Fremantle (23 1564).

28TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION - Meets Anzac House second Tuesday at 3 p.m. President, 59 Clarence-street, Joondanna Heights. Secretary, V. J. Reddy, 55 Albert Street, Victoria Park. Annual reunion show, Saturday, 27th June.

32ND BATTALION (1st A.I.F.) ASSOCIATION - President, R. H. Geddes, Flat J, Somerset, 246 St. George's Terrace, Perth. Secretary, C. L. Shaw, 11 Clive Road, Mt. Lawley (71 331). Committee meets at Anzac House. Annual reunion held at Anzac House. All members notified.


48TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION - Meets 4th Thursday in January, April, July, October and December. President, Q. M. H. C. Moore, 133 Circle Circle, Dalkeith. Secretary, C. G. Power, 1138 Wandana, Thomas-street, Subiaco.

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BAR VALENTINE'S DAY - President, J. T. Cass, 168 Alfred-road, Mt. Claremont (13 1355). Secretary, M. H. Fink, 5 Valentine Avenue, Morley (21 6673).

KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION - Meets second Monday of each month at the Vic Hotel, Wellington Street, Perth. President, A. K. Bowden, 11 Valley-road, Kalamunda. Secretary, C. A. H. Biggs, 5 Voltaire Avenue, Morley (21 6673).

LIMBLESS SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION of W.A. INC. ("Wingers and Stumps") - President, A. E. Christmas, Secretary, W. A. Glick (21 5882). Meetings, first Thursday of each month.

COUNCIL OF UNIT ASSOCIATIONS - President, E. MacLeod, 55 McLeod Road, Applecross (64 122). Secretary, J. MacInnes, 77 Western Bayswater. President, W. H. Grant, 70 Hobbs Avenue, Como (67 4471). Secretary, A. R. McDonald, 17 Crawbrook Crescent, Manning.

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS ASSOCIATION Inc. - General meetings at 8 p.m. 1st Thursday and Social Meetings 3rd Thursday of each month at the Heads of the River. Railway Institute, West Perth. President, H. Lee, 63 Swanbourne Avenue, Como (67 4471). Secretary, A. R. McDonald, 17 Crawbrook Crescent, Manning.

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Reply To League Plea On Northern Development

A League request—stemming from the 49th National Congress—for the establishment of a special Commonwealth authority for the planning and carrying-out of northern development has brought the following reply from National Development Minister Fairbairn:

With reference to your letter dated 14th January, 1965, regarding a resolution concerning northern development which was carried at the 49th National Congress recently held in Hobart, I believe you will be interested to know that the Government's original decision to establish a Northern Division was later endorsed by the Premiers of Queensland and Western Australia during a meeting with Commonwealth Ministers in May, 1964. Although the suggestion for the creation of a separate Authority is a very interesting one, this type of organisation was not favoured because of the necessity for the Commonwealth to retain control of its expenditure.

The present arrangement was considered to provide the most appropriate machinery for the fostering of closer cooperation and co-ordination between the two States and the Commonwealth in the development of Northern Australia. I trust you will advise your executive that the interest displayed by the R.S.L. in this important national question of northern development has been much appreciated.

The League’s submission to the Government was worded as follows:

"In the absence of any clearly-stated national plan of action, or programme, to develop the Northern Australian mineral, pastoral, and agricultural potentialities, we most strongly urge the Government in cooperation with the Governments of Queensland and Western Australia, to raise the Northern Development Division of the Commonwealth in the development of Northern Australia.

I trust you will advise your executive that the interest displayed by the R.S.L. in this important national question of northern development has been much appreciated.

Women’s Big Part In Belmont’s Success

Much of the credit for a highly successful year at Belmont in 1964 was due to the women’s auxiliary, the sub-branch president said in this year’s annual report.

The sub-branch was awarded the Newlegate as the most efficient metropolitan sub-branch. Membership for 1964 had reached a record 571, which was 15 more than for the previous year. That result had been largely brought about by a team recruiting effort.

The same night the auxiliary had put on a concert.

The annual dinner was successful, though not quite so well attended as usual.

Car excursions had been organised for inmates of the Edward Millen and home followed by tea served by the ladies.

The amelioration fund stood at £85. There had been no calls on amelioration except for a dinner for £25 at the Caxby Club. Poppy Day sales had amounted to £111/1/6, which was about £10 better than the previous year.

Hospital visiting had been carried out by Bert Downshor, in his usual cheerful manner.

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