Gallipoli Pilgrimage On, Next Year

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Anzac Day a pilgrimage to Gallipoli in April 1965 is being arranged, and for members who may be considering the trip, here are the details as supplied by the League's national headquarters.

Itinerary: The party will be moved by air to the Mediterranean where a chartered cruise ship will be arranged.

It is not yet possible to give exact details of the itinerary for the cruise as the type of vessel is to be chartered, and particularly its speed will be principal factors in the number of points at which calls can be made.

It is definite, however, that Turkey, Greece, Lebanon, Egypt and Libya will be visited.

Within the countries calls will be made at Athens, Istanbul, Beirut, Alexandria, El Alamein and Tobruk, and the focal point of the cruise will be the visit to Gallipoli, where a total of two days will be spent so that leisurely visits can be made to a number of historic places.

At Dawn

It is hoped that arrangements will permit the pilgrimage party to land at Anzac Cove at dawn on April 25. This and other arrangements in the area will be the subject of negotiations with the Turkish authorities.

Membership of Party: All persons interested are welcome to apply for inclusion in the party. It was felt that no arbitrary line should be drawn at this stage, especially as many wives may wish to accompany their husbands and many next-of-kine will want to visit the graves of servicemen from both world wars.

It is anticipated, however, that the bulk of the applicants will come from Gallipoli veterans and Great War men, and their wives.

A representative group from the World War I is also expected to join the party.

The R.S.A. in New Zealand has indicated that arrangements are so far with its approval, and it is hoped that a large number of New Zealanders will make the trip. This is essential for the party to have a truly Anzac character.

Budgeting

Cost: The exact overall cost is not yet known but an approximate figure is £500. It includes all fares and meals. An additional allowance would need to be made for personal spending.

The £500 would permit a person to be fully catered for on the trip. The actual cost will be subject to final numbers, on which definite information will be advised, as plans proceed.

Duration of Trip: About three weeks will be spent on the cruise. This also will vary according to numbers. It may well be that if a large number wish to make the trip the additional headquarters at will occupy a period of four or five days.

In this event special arrangements will be made for those with the early to do some sightseeing before the main body assemblies.

Bookings: Firm bookings are required to be lodged at Anzac House if possible by June 21 or 22 to enable a vessel to be chartered in the Mediterranean.

As a deposit on this charter an advance of £50 is required, however, that Turkey, Greece, Lebanon, Egypt and Libya will be visited.

An account of the memorial service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, appeared in last month's issue of this journal. See here leaving the church, at the end of the service are Admiral Wilfred Woods, who represented Her Majesty the Queen, and the Vicar, the Rev. Austin Williams, who conducted the service.

Geraldton Diggers Are Going

At least two Geraldton men will apply for inclusion in the Australian pilgrimage to Gallipoli next year to mark the 50th anniversary of the Anzac landing.

They are Messrs Arthur Milford and Peter Snodgrass, both 11th Battalion at the landing.

The pilgrimage will culminate in a landing on the beach of Gallipoli on the morning of April 25 — B.B.

BADGE FOUND

Returned from active service in 1919, a badge which has been handed in at Anzac House. Owner will be advised as to its return.

Defence Comes First At 48th Congress

Defence items will take pride of place on the agenda for this year’s State Congress business sessions. This was agreed to by the States Executive at this month’s meeting.

Addressing the executive, Agenda Committee chairman H. A. Leslie said the official opening of the Anzac House ballroom on Monday, July 29 — the 48th — would be held as usual this year in 20 (8 p.m.).

The agenda comprised 108 items to be discussed under the following heads: Defence (23), Administration (15), Constitution (15), Anzac Day (7), Repatriation (3), War Services (9) and General (5).

The associated functions this year would include the annual wreath bringing at the State War Memorial and the Lord Mayor’s civic reception on the Monday morning and an Anzac Club party on the Tuesday night.
Some Afterthoughts On Anzac Day

Afternoon Anzac services were a declining phase, the State President said at last month's executive meeting following a report from each member on the services he had attended this year.

Little by little, Mr Lonnie said, sub-branches were parading in the morning.

He felt that early in the morning was an ideal time, but it would be a sad thing if metropolitan sub-branch members got to thinking that attendance at local parades excused them from participating in the main city parade.

Attendance in the city, he thought, might be considered as a point of honour.

The reports before the executive, he said, had showed that its members had attended 43 separate Anzac functions this year.

GREAT THING

It was a great thing to feel that 49 years after the occurrence of the events being commemorated, a speaker could say this had been the best commemoration for years.

Not to be overlooked was the administrative work of the Anzac House staff, which had been greater than usual.

BAND PLANS

This year's band arrangements for the march-past, with two bands stationed at the saluting-base and sharing the playing-turn and turn about throughout the proceedings seemed the only idea for the future.

On the day only two bands had broken protocol, and the general consensus was that the standard of marching had been better than ever. He was sure the unit associations would agree to that.

The executive could perhaps consider the marshalling of all the bands at the saluting-base.

Mr Lonnie said that on Anzac Eve, accompanied by members of the Public Service sub-branch who are currently serving as assistant wardens of the State War Memorial, he had made an inspection of the Honour Avenues in King's Park.

There he had watched the tagging of colour patches to the trees and had been delighted to note how well the vetita had been brought under control along the driveways. He was grateful to the sub-branch for its services.

POINTS MADE

Points made by members in their reports included the following:

- The job done by Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts at the State War Memorial and at sub-branch memorials and at sub-branch marches had been most praiseworthy and had contributed to the solemnity of the observance.
- The fact that one of the lads taking part in the night vigil at the State Memorial—under quite cold conditions—had had a deformed limb said much for the spirit put into the enterprise.
- At Moon the response of the youth of the district had been especially noteworthy. A similar response on a smaller scale was observed at Mogumber.
- The presence of youth groups was a feature of the Belmont service.
- The growing participation of youth in the annual carillons service at South Perth was having a markedly beneficial effect on the adult attendance. Boys had been big school contingents from the district.
- The Sunday-morning service conducted by the Darling Range sub-branch had drawn an attendance of about 250. A football match on the oval nearby had been somewhat competitive but during the sounding of the Last Post in the afternoon had ceased for a stand-to-attention.
- The schools at Carnamah and Callingra were comfortably full for the sub-branch services at those centres.
- There was a growing participation by some of the independent schools, and spectacularly large parades at some of the State high schools.

League Wants Act Adhered To

The State Executive this month resolved to ask the Director of War Service Homes to adhere to the terms of the Act.

The decision was made following submissions by Housing Committee chairman R. J. Stoddart, Under-Secretary of the War Service Homes Act, Mr Stoddart said, persons who served in the KINGS Dominions other than the Commonwealth and who, before enlistment, had resided in Australia, were eligible for assistance.

In the administration of the Act, however, applications for enrolments were declined unless they had served operationally outside the country, he said. That seemed clearly beyond the terms of the Act.

Mr Stoddart cited the case of an unsuccessful applicant who, after living in Australia, had enlisted as an aircraftman in the R.A.F. at Dorchester (Eng.) and had been based at several centres in England and Scotland in the next few years. He had served 4,000 flying hours drawing towed aircraft and had served as an instructor.

He had applied unsuccessfully for transfer to the R.A.F. in 1942. On his discharge he had been repatriated to Australia for demobilisation.

This applicant had been refused assistance under the Act because England was not considered a combat area; yet his application was in accordance with the terms of the Act.

The committee was thus asking for action to see that those terms were complied with, Mr Stoddart said.

Responsibility For C.M.F. Recruiting

Building up the Citizen Military Forces to enable them to play their part in Australia's defence scheme was a national responsibility, Army Minister Dr A. J. Forbes said in Canberra recently.

The responsibility must be shared equally between the youth of the country, employers of industry, he said. Dr Forbes was speaking at a top-level conference of senior Regular and Citizen Military Force officers, at which he had presided.

The conference provided an opportunity for open discussion on a wide range of problems affecting the C.M.F. and finding ways and means of stepping-up recruiting and making part-time service more attractive to young men.

Some recommendations endorsed by the conference will require consideration at Government level; others are to be implemented by the Department of the Army.

A significant problem to be overcome in the C.M.F. the Minister said, was the reluctance of some employers to encourage young men to serve by granting leave to attend annual camps and bivouacs. This attitude had an adverse effect on recruiting and long service, which was essential to provide an efficient and well-trained force.

The support of employers for citizen service was vital.

The lead of those employers who were favourable to C.M.F. service was encouraging the R.S.L. in encouraging recruiting and fostering units in local areas was greatly appreciated.

A lead had been given by the Commonwealth and State Governments by granting leave with pay to attend camps, and this could well be emulated by all sections of the community.

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National Executive Action

The following outline of proceedings at last month’s National Executive meeting in Canberra was reported verbally by State President Lonnie at the State Executive meeting on June 3.

B.C.E.L. Proposal: The British Commonwealth Ex-Servicemen League requested an Australian contribution to sending ex-servicemen from Southern and South-Eastern Asian countries to Malaya—there to be joined by Australian repatriates on the ground of well developed repatriation measures in their respective countries.

The National Executive decided to press for an Australian venue for the conference on the ground of well developed repatriation measures in this country.

Gallipoli Pilgrimage: In connection with the 50th anniversary pilgrimage to Gallipoli next year the executive received reports on air-charter concessions to Athens for an intervening 12-day cruise in the Mediterranean taking in Zante, Fares for the pilgrimage had been estimated at between £60 and £70, depending upon the numbers participating.

Mr Lonnie said there had been some interest in this State, and a lot in New South Wales and Victoria.

The Prime Minister had announced a grant of £20,000 to assist Gallipoli veterans to join the pilgrimage. As well the Low-Cow government had to see that there would be 50th anniversary Gallipoli film made.

Port Said Memorial: After considerable argument the executive reaffirmed its decision that there would be no replicas of the Port Said Memorial, with the consent of the League.

Mr Lonnie said he had made the point that the existence of a replica would mean that the general public to know which was the replica and which was the actual memorial.

Anzac Delegations: The Australian New Zealand, year 11, year 11 about, of Anzac delegations had been considered. Australian delegations had tended to dwindle in size in recent years, due to the fact that New Zealand's turn to send a delegation to Australia next year it was decided to plan for a return-delegation from Australia the following year. There would be the better part of two years in which to plan this.

Voyager Appeal: The Australia-wide appeal had yielded just on £40,000, one-tenth of which had been subscribed in W.A.

On the question of the distribution of relief from the fund, an offer by the Navy to place this with the Naval Relief and Welfare organisation had been passed over in favour of a proposal for the League itself to accept responsibility for this on a basis of States. Several branches were to arrange visits by a contact-officer to the families concerned. There were only about three affected families in this State.

Membership: It had been agreed that ex-servicemen of the Fifth force who had held the uniform could be eligible for League membership.

After lengthy discussion it was decided that the question of native ex-servicemen, of Papua New Guinea, a considerable number of whom had earned the Military Medal, was to be listed for discussion at National Congress in October.

The Ports were in Victoria that had not hitherto been admitted to R.S.L. membership were eligible for membership of the native auxiliaries.

Defence: Representations had been made to the new Defence Minister Senator Paltridge, by Chief of Staff, in an interest in the League proposal for amending the Defence Act to permit of the return of pensions, while overseas. The Act was to be amended this year.

It was encouraging, to reflect that League representations had produced a fairly quick answer in this instance.

Port Said Memorial: The executive had received an assurance from the Department of the Interior that the W.A. State branch would be put on the picture on this.

Reparation: Acceptance of the League's submissions on reparation this year would add about £20,000,000 to the fund. The cost of admission to reparation hospitals of Great War veterans would range up to £3,000,000.

Housing: Among major decisions on war-service housing were those to recommend financial assistance up to 25 per cent. in the new system affecting young people, and the complete elimination of the waiting-period for loans to purchase existing homes.

National Headquarters: The transfer to the new national headquarters building had gone well. The previous quarters had been sold for £83,000 and the new building erected and furnished for £68,000.

Air Bases: The executive had advised that the Government did not sense the need for air bases in W.A.

Recruiting: Consideration had been given to a submission from four Victoria brigades on reformation of the armed forces.

Anzac Day: Next year South Australia and Western Australia would be the only States to hold Anzac Day on the correct day—April 25. In all other States the observances would be held on the following day.

Publicity: A proposal for a series of films and Leaflets on League activities, at a cost of £6,000, had been rejected.

It was decided to seek the view of each State branch on the general question of publicity.

Significant Figure

LEAGUE membership in W.A. now stands at 13,000. In other words 13,000 men and women, tried and true, are still adhering to the ideals they believe in.

THOUSANDS more will come in before the end of the year for in this State to make himself responsible for either a new member or a "re-join." They are there to be got. The New South Wales State branch has reported that new members can be obtained; in 1955 its membership was 7,400, and in 1956 the 100,000 mark was reached.

If THAT State can increase its membership, so can we. Don’t leave it to your president and secretary to do all the work. Membership is the responsibility of every man and woman in the League.

A.R.M.S. GAMES TABLE

(Detail of Results up to May 31)

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Women Members Still Active

An Anzac Day the vice president, Mrs M. Johnson, laid a wreath on behalf of the Ex-Service women’s sub-branch at the Dawn Service in King’s Park.

For many years the sub-branch has provided luncheons for veterans from many institutions on Anzac Day. This year proved to be one of the largest gatherings, when 1,800 veterans (brought in hospital cars) were entertained at Anzac House.

At the May meeting members enjoyed a most informative talk given by Mrs Gerald Cohen on the aims and work of the British Legion of Ex-Service Men and Women. Mrs Cohen is at present holidaying in Perth.

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**Sub-branch Anzac Services**

**APPLECROSS**

A ceremony was held at the sub-branch hall, Kentish Road, on April 25th. Led by the Fremantle Ladies Highland Pipe Band, members of the club attended by Mrs. Oakes, and N.C.E. members marched from St. George’s Hall to the sub-branch hall.

Wreaths were laid and a service held, led by sub-branch president J. Brenner with the support of organist Dick Southern.

Subsequently afternoon tea, to the strains of band music, was served by the sub-branch auxiliary.

**CALINGIRI**

The Calingiri sub-branch annually held its Anzac Service on the Saturday morning following Anzac Day.

The attendance was gratifying.

The service, which commenced with the laying of wreaths at the memorial and then the march to the local hall, was conducted by sub-branch president O. and the address was given by State Executive member Hugh Leslie.

**QUINNINUP**

Sub-branch president J. W. Firth and members attended the Anzac Day commemorative service at the Quinninup State School on Anzac Day.

This year the service was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Cowell, and pupils were present from a well-organised school, which is to be an annual event.

Visitors came from Mandurah, Northcliffe, Shannon and Pemberton.

Mr. J. Rowberry, M.L.A., opened the service, and Mr. M. Dunn addressed the children on the meaning of Anzac Day.

The Last Post and Reveille were sounded.

**CARNARNT**

The revived interest in the League in the Carnamah district was in evidence at this year’s Anzac Day service. The new shire hall was comfortably filled and the parade of 40 ex-service men indicated that the new office-bearers—president Neil Armstrong, and secretary Hugh Dutch—have secured a strong following.

The service was conducted by the sub-branch president and the address was given by State Executive member Hugh Leslie.

**JERAMUNUP**

Although the weather was not promising an extremely good crowd gathered for the sub-branch’s fourth Anzac service.

This year for the first time some women joined the men for the fall-in at the school, and the parade, led by president Doug Angus, and the Rev. Sam Slater, marched to the Rose Garden Memorial for the wreath laying ceremony.

The Rev. Slater, a former army padre and now of Katanning, conducted the service in the hall with a mixture of dignity, humour and the solemnity which the occasion demands. He stirred the memories of those who had gathered to pay their respect.

**MT. BARKER**

The Anzac Day commemorative service at Mt. Barker was the best attended for years, the district hall being filled to capacity.

The parade of ex-servicemen from both wars was also larger than usual, including members of the younger people such as Mr. and Mrs. Barker, whose sons, Guides and Brownies, and pupils from the Mt. Barker High School, the primary school and Sacred Heart and Kendenup schools.

From the civic centre parade, with Mr. Bunell in charge, marched to the district hall behind the Albany Caledonian Pipe Band. The salute was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Venh

After the march-past wreaths were laid on the war memorial on behalf of the sub-branch, the women’s auxiliary and numerous local and neighbouring organisations.

Sub-branch president N. Pearce and the non-denominational service, and Mr. S. Mentha gave the address.

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**GLEN FORREST**

Twenty ex-servicemen and over 20 children of all ages marched at this year’s Anzac observance at Glen Forrest.

Members of the Bowling Club paid attention as they passed. In tribute to the “Day,” the attendance was better than last year, and among those marching were Clarrie Sadler (Late A.I.); his son Terry (2nd war) and two grandsons, Michael and Kim.

Flowers were given and arranged by the Glen Forrest and Magazine Creek ladies and a large float extended across the street with the sub-branch Remembrance plaque in the center.

Wreaths were laid by the local schoolchildren and by president F. Beattie and his wife.

**BELMONT**

This year’s parade at Belmont was one of the biggest and best ever held in the district. With the St. John Ambulance Band in the van veterans of both wars marched proudly to the local memorial gardens followed closely by the biggest contingent of young people to participate ever.

The parade accounted for 198 Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies, 21 Girl’s Friendly Society members and 150 members of the public as well as the ex-servicemen.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. and Mrs. Rutter represented the State Executive.

The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Mr. Noble, sen., and music for the service was supplied by the St. George’s Band. The address was given by president Mr. Thornton.

Many beautiful wreaths were laid on the memorial.

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CAMPBELL, A. W., 11th Bt., City of Perth.
CLARKE, C. J., 28th Bt., Coolgardie.
COOK, F., R.A.A.F., Central.
COOPER, G. H., 2/7 Fd. Amb. 2/26 Bn., Bellevue.
CORLETT, R. F., 11 Bn., Osborne Park.
DIXON, J. C., 2/6th Fd. Amb. 44th, W. Leederville.
DOWNES, C. W., 31st Bn., Mingenew.
DRAPER, R. M., 10th Bty. F.A. Bt. Bell.
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DUNFORD, R. J., R.A., Nedlands.
EATON, W., 3rd Tnrs., Mannington.
FINLAY, G. B., 11th Bn., Albany.
GRAIG, J., 13th Hussars 12th Bn., Trayning.
GREEN, H., 4th Husssars, Gloucester Park.
HALTON, H., 28th Bn., Victoria Park.
HANDLEY, B. J., 48th Bn., Norseman.
HOLT, W. F., 14th Fd. Amb. Cottesloe.
HUGGINS, Mrs M. B. A., Nurses, Returned Sis- ters.
HUTCHISON, A., 11th Bn., Nungarin.
INGRAM, A. W., R.A.A.F., Fremantle.
KEANEY, F. J., 10th Bn., Mandurah.
LIVINGSTONE, J. M., 11th Bn., Darling Range.
LONSDALE, W. J., 2/3 M.G. Bridgetown.

OCTOBER LIST
OCKWELL, T. S., R.A.M.C., Pemberton.
O'MARA, C. J., 1st Fd. Amb., Bayswater.
OSTLE, R., Scouts Guards, Koorda.
PEARSON, J. T., 32nd Bn., Maylands.
POORE, H., Somerset L. Int., Bicton-Palmyra.
PRIES, E. H., Div. Sig. Public Service.
SADLIER, C. W. K., 51st Bn., Busselton.
SMITH, L., 11th Bn., N. E. Fremantle.
SULLIVAN, W. J., 28th Bn., Midland Junction.
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ANDERSON, R. S., 51st Trans. Bn., North Perth.
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ASHTON, F. H., 2/11th Bn., Fremantle.
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FENWICK, H. E., Machine Gunners, Millen.
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KEENAN, J. G., 10th L.H., Maddington.
LAW, A. F., 10th L.H., Mullewa.
MASSEY, J. F., 4th Bn., Yarloop.
METZKE, A. D., 2/11th Bn., Southern Cross.
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REID, C. P., 51st Bn., City of Perth.
REID, G., 16th Bn., Kalgoorlie.
RICHARDSON, E. D., 11th Bn., Public Service.
RICKARD, L. G., 4th Bn. Claremont.
THOMPSON, J., 53rd Bn., Gloucester Park.
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Housing Moves Put On Notice Paper

The State Executive last month endorsed two housing measures for submission to State Congress in July.

The measures seeking the extension of War Service Homes Act benefits to single ex-service women and to ex-service owners of holiday cottages.

The move on behalf of single ex-service women reaffirms existing policy. The second proposal explores relatively new ground.

Housing Committee chairman R. J. Stoddart said that at present ex-service people in possession of beach or holiday cottages were being denied the benefits of the Act on the ground that they already owned a dwelling and that the authorities should concern themselves with those who did not own a habitation of any kind.

The attitude, he felt, was not very realistic as many such habitations were purely shacks and were not in fact resided in on a permanent basis.

It was resolved: "That an ex-service man be not debarred from receiving a War Service Homes loan if in possession of a beach or holiday cottage which, in the opinion of the Director, is unsuitable for permanent habitation due to construction, local by-laws or distance from place of employment."

Back To Alice

After two-and-a-half years at Geraldton well known R.S.L. member Bob Truman planned to leave recently on his return to Alice Springs.

Facing Bob and his family was a long peregrination by van—a trip which occupied five days when they came to Geraldton.

Mr. Truman was junior vice-president of the Alice sub-branch before moving to Geraldton, and during the past 12 months has occupied a similar position there.

His resignation was received with regret at the May meeting at which president W. J. Wilson expressed appreciation of his services.

It was decided to write to the Alice Springs sub-branch, mentioning the good work done by Mr. Truman during his term at Geraldton.—B.J.B.

A Life To Remember

Fred Hadden—founder and secretary of the Bicton-Palmyra sub-branch—who died on May 25 was long remembered in League circles and beyond for his wonderful efforts on behalf of ex-servicemen and their kin facing difficulties and hardship.

A life-member of the R.S.L., and one of its most devoted adherents, Fred had amassed a proud record of service to the principles of the League.

No stone was left unturned when it came to helping an ex-service man no matter how difficult the case. Fred pursued his object until help was provided.

Fred Hadden enlisted at the age of 15 in September, 1915, and after training at Blackboy Hill served with the 2nd Division Signalling Company, the 9th Reinforcements of the 28th Battalion and the 1st Anzac Cycle Battalion.

Most of his 31 years service was spent in France. During the World War (1914-19) Fred volunteered for further service, this time with the V.D.C.

As a League member he served in every official sub-branch position with distinction and his whole outlook was strongly imbued with the principle embraced by the League distinguished in the Constitution in the following terms: "To provide for the sick and wounded and needy among those who have served, and their dependents, including pensions, medical attention, homes and suitable employment."

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Nominations For Executive

This year's nominations for the State Executive show Mr. W. S. Lonnie entering the presidential list unopposed—for his tenth year in office.

There are seven candidates both for the two vice-presidential posts and eight for the three trusteeship positions.

For the 18 State Executive positions to be filled there are 31 candidates in all, which number includes the 24 retiring members and eight new nominees.

In the following complete list of candidates for all positions at this year's elections, their way-service is shown in parentheses.

**PRESIDENT**


H. A. LESLIE (1914-18; 1939-45).

A. A. COOPER (1939-45).

H. G. HOLDER (1914-18; 1939-45).

R. B. MARRIS (1939-45).

J. A. ROLFE, M.B.E. (1939-45), past Vice-President and State Executive member.

R. J. STODDARD (1939-45), present Vice-President.

**VICE-PRESIDENTS**

(3 to be elected)

A. A. COOPER (1939-45).

H. G. HOLDER (1914-18; 1939-45).

R. B. MARRIS (1939-45).

P. PEARSON (1939-45), present Vice-President.

J. A. ROLFE, M.B.E. (1939-45), past Vice-President and State Executive member.

R. J. STODDARD (1939-45), present Vice-President.

**TRUSTEES**

(3 to be elected)

J. R. DUNCAN (1939-45), past State Executive member.

H. A. LESLIE (1914-18; 1939-45).

S. A. MACNAMARA, J.P. (1939-45), past Trustee.

J. A. ROLFE, M.B.E. (1939-45), past Vice-President and State Executive member.

J. F. SERISIER (1939-45), present Trustee.

R. J. STODDARD (1939-45), present Vice-President.

J. B. WHITE (1914-18).

**STATE EXECUTIVE**

(18 to be elected)

The following retiring members are seeking re-election.


J. BREMER (1939-45).

J. BUCKLE (1939-45).

E. F. CHELL (1939-45).

A. A. COOPER (1939-45).

J. H. DAVISON (1939-45).

E. O. DAVIES (1914-18).

E. A. DODD (1939-45).

B. J. FLANAGAN (1939-45).

H. G. HOLDER (1939-45).

H. HOLLAND (1914-18).

H. A. LESLIE (1914-18; 1939-45).


R. B. MARRIS (1939-45).

A. MAYOR (1914-18; 1939-45).

J. MENDRIK (1939-45).

P. PEARSON (1939-45).


B. SANDFORD (1939-45).

J. J. STODDARD (1939-45).

J. B. WHITE (1939-45).

J. WHITE (Miss) (1939-45).

B. L. WILLIAMS (1939-45).

J. W. COBB (1939-45).

(New Nominations)

The League Thanked

(Per the State Secretary)

Sir,—I thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of the 14th instant and note its contents.

I have also since seen your Mr. J. White, who has been a very big help to me—a stranger in a strange land. As an old man I appreciate it very much.

I would like to take this opportunity of placing on record my full appreciation of all that he and your staff have done for me and wish to succeed to many efforts.

With kindest regards.

Your sincerely yours,

"H.D."

Sir,—I have been asked to extend to you the Christian co-operation of the R.S.L. and personally, I offer my sincere gratitude. I assure you that I shall never forget such uplift of soul that was—and is—result of each communication comes to hand.

It frequently brings to mind the beautiful thought that "God helps those who help themselves." and that he has helped others.

How applicable this is to the co-operation of the R.S.L.

My eyes have assuredly been opened for I had no idea that such work was being done here.

For my beloved acknowledgment of all that has been done for me by the League I send a sincere and humble apology, offering ill health as the cause of not communicating with you before.

With many thanks and kind regards.

(Mrs.) "W.M."

Canberra To Have A Hughes Memorial

A move by the Federal Government to install a public memorial at Canberra to Australia's Great War Prime Minister, William Morris Hughes—widely known in his time and since as "the little Digger"—is regarded by many as a little tardy, according to a report in the New South Wales B.S.L. journal Reveille.

Mr. Hughes died so long ago that no doubt many veterans have felt they would have to rest content with the memorial to him of their own arranging—the vacant chair fronting the Australian War Memorial in Martin-place, Sydney.

It was at this spot that Mr. Hughes stood as speaker at the 1st Anzac Day in 1927. It was a great acclamation of the Digger, and his achievement of victory on world battlefields.

The great rallying figures and pathfinders of Australia in the Great War were two Wauke-stone—Lord George, Prime Minister of Britain, and Sir William Morris Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia.

They filled a role so ably recaptured by the Prime Minister of Britain, Winston Churchill, in the West End of London on September 25, 1964, of Welsh parents he was educated in Wales, migrated to Australia in 1869, and died in Sydney on October 27, 1952. Time is short between now and September, so we have to see those influential authorities to get a hustle on.

Migrant

Mr. Hughes, who migrated to Australia at the age of 20, led a humble living in menial trades including repairer of umbrellas and door locks until he emerged as one of the foremost political leaders in Australia by the turn of the century.

He then became a trade union organizer, following this up in 1894 by winning a seat in the N.S.W. Parliament, and a seat in the Federal Parliament, after it was constituted, around the turn of the century.

It was in the stress and trials of the 'Great War and in his post as Prime Minister that he really made his mark, his genius of leadership, his oratory and his methods were put to the test of success— and finally —were a tonic to the people, who saw in him the herald of victory. And so it proved!

The memorial by which the Federal Government will honour the name of Mr. Hughes will be erected in the Canberra suburb named after him. It will be part of a general scheme to include ornamental features in the neighbouring centres of Hurstville, Longueville and Chifley, all of these suburbs perpetuating the names of former Australasian Prime Ministers.

The plan of the Hughes memorial is for a wall inscribed with the names, biographic reference of him together with the relief of his head and with a portrait, and a fountain.

The report states: What has the official mind of Australia in mind about honouring the centenary of the birth of William Morris Hughes? Born in London on September 25, 1864, of Welsh parents he was educated in Wales, migrated to Australia in 1869, and died in Sydney on October 27, 1952. Time is short between now and September, so let us see those influential authorities to get a hustle on.

The Barunga Reunion

On July 18 the Barunga Boys will be holding their annual dinner at the Criterion Hotel, Perth.

This will be the 56th anniversary of the torpedoeing of troopship Barunga D, in the Bay of Cockburn. Letters are on the way notifying all concerned and the organisers will be corresponded with for other good musters (18 out of 25 last year).

A Robinson (Kalumburu), Jim Kelvin (Rochingam) and Jeffrey Kellie (Rockingham), both well over 80, are sure to be there.

Who any who are not on the list please get in touch with Norm Stenn, 33 Robert-street, Como (60 34 15).
Executive Action on Congress Items

Following is a summary of State Executive action on last year's Congress determinations. Apart from one or two items still outstanding appropriate action has been taken in all cases.

LAND

Item No. 1 (Northcliffe) - This item was referred to the R., and I. Bank. There is ample evidence to support the bank's claim that all advances to the D.F.I.S. are made fully aware of the commitments under the scheme.

No. 2 (Pingrup) - An assurance was received from the Hon. Minister under date 1st August, 1963, that a survey of the Pingrup area was planned with a view to the proposed scheme of an excavated dam.

No. 3 (Roky Gully) - Referred to National Congress (Item 9) and ruled out of order.

No. 4 (Pingrup) - The inquiry contained in this item was proved to be incorrect and the sub-Branch was advised of the prices prevailing in other States.

ADMINISTRATION

Nos. 7 and 8 - These constitutional amendments will become operative at the 1964 State Congress.

No. 21 (City of Perth) - National Congress (Item 21) advised that the item was referred to the Standing Committee of the National Congress.

No. 29 (Boulder) - Local industrial awards preclude the item in question from being proceeds of sub-Branches.

ANZAC DAY

No. 42 (Armadale) - This proposal was carried out successfully at the 1964 Anzac Day parade.

No. 45 (Applecross) - Transfer of Pt. Peron project to City of Perth Sub-Branch precluded action.

DEFENCE

No. 50 (Mosman Park) - Became National Congress Item 121. Carried. The item was referred to the Standing Committee of the National Congress.

No. 61 (Floreat-City Beach) - Unanimously endorsed.

No. 85 (Broome) - National Congress (24) - Standing policy; National Congress (123).

No. 66 (Bellevue) - National Congress Item 148 - Standing policy.

No. 81 (Derby) and No. 82 (Broome) - National Congress (38) - Standing policy.

No. 92 (State Executive) - National Congress (180) - Standing policy.

No. 95 (Broome) - National Congress (64) - National Congress (122).

No. 96 (Bellevue) - Standing policy; National Congress 117.

REPARATION

No. 69 (Applecross) - Referred to Sub-Branch for clarification.

No. 76 (Midland Junction) - National Congress (7); referred to National Congress (64).

No. 77 (National Congress (38); Standing policy.

No. 88 (Rosa Brook) - National Congress (64); Standing policy; National Congress (122).

No. 92 (State Executive) - National Congress (180) - Standing policy.

No. 95 (Broome) - National Congress (64) - National Congress (122).

No. 96 (Bellevue) - Standing policy; National Congress 117.

No. 97 (Cunderdin) - The War Service Homes Act specifies that purchasers or borrowers shall be responsible for keeping the property in good repair during the whole term of contract or mortgage. It is not practicable for the State Executive to either allow or require the payment of repairs.

Estado and the Division exceeding the value of the security.

Provision still exists under the War Service Homes Act whereby applicants may apply for standings in excess of the monthly instalments, on which amount they receive interest at the same rate as is charged under their contract with the Division.

The Act provides for the consideration of applications made available for repairs and other outgoings on their properties. The permanent member of the Department's staff is required to ascertain whether the repairs the Division can effect and the amount involved.

No. 85 (Rosa Brook) - National Congress (64) - National Congress (122).

No. 93 (State Executive) - National Congress (180) - Standing policy.

No. 95 (Broome) - National Congress (64) - National Congress (122).

No. 96 (Bellevue) - Standing policy; National Congress 117.
CROWNING GLORY SUPPORTERS: Seen in this picture, taken at the Anzac House cocktail party to launch this year's Miss Crowning Glory contest, are (from left to right) Mr. Dave Preecorn, Mr. Frank Boam, Deputy Lord Mayor A. Curlewis and Mr. Newton Roberts of Bunbury.

All are keen supporters of the competition, which is conducted annually by the League and Legacy jointly in support of the care of war veterans and of war widows and their dependents.

Now in its sixth year, the contest has so far raised £97,000.

Messrs. Preecorn and Boam have both served as President of Torchbearers and as Warden of the State War Memorial.

Flag With A Story

At their December meeting North Beach members discussed a much-autographed Australian flag found in the scratch off the main Ballarat Beach road by a schoolboy.

The flag, in fairly good condition, bore the following inscription in faded black ink: This flag is autographed by men of C Coy, No. 3 Battalion A.I.F. as a souvenir of the march through Northam on October 25, 1940.

Numerous names, with their WX army numbers, are still easily readable. It was decided to send the flag to Anzac House for safe-keeping in the hope that its former custodian would claim it and at the same time give some details of its history.

GOOD AS EVER

Though convalescent, Mr. Bill Wright (84) was fit enough to act as Sergeant-Major for the Darling Range Anzac parade this year. He did not march, but it was reported to the State Executive, subsequently—his lungs were as good as ever.

Many Give Support To Marion

Miss Marion Rainer, daughter of Kenwick sub-branch president Ken Rainer, has been nominated by the Southern Districts auxiliary for the Prenton, North-East Fremantle, Hamilton Hill, Cottesloe and Shenton Park.

Armadale also has pledged its support to this worthy cause.

The fund raising committee seeks the full support of sub-branch and auxiliary members in its activities, the first of which is a social to be held in the Kenwick R.S.L. Hall on June 20 (8 p.m.).

A bridge tournament commencing July 4 will be held on the first and third Saturdays monthly. The trophy will be a canteen of cutlery or two electric wall clocks. The hall is heated and all are welcome.

For further particulars phone 62 2949 or 69 1003.

Affairs At Karrinyup

The May meeting of the Karrinyup sub-branch was held as usual in the private lounge of the Morris Hotel, Innaloo.

President L. Chaffey opened the meeting with two minutes' silence for "Fallen Comrades."

Steward George Arnott kept a record of the proceedings until the election as secretary of Stan Evans.

Stan's enthusiasm and ability augurs well for the future of the sub-branch, and members have assured him of their assistance.

Treasurer Trev Clifford was unavoidably absent. Mr. Chaffey appeals to all returned men in the district to attend the meetings where they are assured of a warm welcome.

A new rule as to drinking is an assurance to non-drinkers that their principles will be respected.

The social arrangements are good.

Keep Strength and Service as the core by wearing the Badge in '64
Mainland Homes For N.G. Residents

From Housing Minister Bury has come the following reply to a League proposal that eligible persons residing temporarily in New Guinea should be enabled to acquire War Service Homes benefits in Australia without the necessary residential qualification.

One of the basic principles of the War Service Homes scheme is that assistance will only be made available in respect of a property which will be used as a home by the applicant and his family.

This principle was, specifically written into the legislation. The War Service Homes Act was placed on the statute book in 1919.

For this reason it has always been necessary for an applicant to show that the property in respect of which the application is made is either occupied by himself and his dependants, or that he will arrange to occupy the home with his family when his application is due for settlement or shortly thereafter.

The proposal put forward by the League would enable an eligible person residing in New Guinea to acquire a home in Australia, although he may have no intention of taking occupation of the home for some years.

While the resolution refers only to persons residing in New Guinea it would, of course, be very difficult to confine the application of the proposal in this way.

FUNDAMENTAL

An alteration in the present statutory arrangements along the lines proposed would involve a departure from a fundamental principle of the Act, after giving careful consideration, to all aspects of the matter I regret that I do not feel able to support the proposal.

However, you are aware, I think, that War Service Homes Division does recognise the special problems confronting mainlanders temporarily residing in New Guinea who desire to establish permanent homes in Australia. In order to meet the needs of these ex-service-

In Memory
Of H.M.A.S. Perth

The Mayor of Fremantle, Sir Frederick Samson, has launched the H.M.A.S. Perth memorial appeal with a target of £10,000.

The proposed memorial is a centre for use by units of the W.A. Sea Cadet Corps, an organisation sponsored by the Navy League of Australia.

A site is being made available by the State Government, as the former statutory war memorial at Preston Park, East Fremantle, adjacent to H.M.A.S. Leeuwin.

Any ex-serviceeman wishing to make a personal contribution to this worthwhile appeal should forward his donation to The City of Fremantle, H.M.A.S. Perth Memorial Appeal, c/o Box 131, Fremantle.

Geraldton Names Candidate

The Geraldton sub-branch will be represented by Miss Lorraine McKenzie, of Northampton, in this year’s Miss Cenotaph (Crowning Glory) competition.

Lorraine, who works at a hairdressing salon in Geraldton, will be helping two worthy causes because the proceeds from the competition are evenly divided between Legacy and the R.S.L. Veterans’ Home.

The main prize is a return air-trip to Sydney for two.

Lorraine has been invited to meet the organising committee to discuss plans for her money-raising activities.

Meanwhile, sub-branch president W. J. Wilson has announced that over £77 was raised by street appeal for the War Veterans’ Home.

Remembrance Touch

Permission has been given to the Geraldton sub-section of the Naval Association to use Birdwood-House upon the death of any of its members.

The R.S.L. sub-branch at present flies a flag at half-mast when a member passes on.

The Naval Association has also granted permission to use the Birdwood House memorial for wreath-laying ceremonies on such occasions as the anniversaries of the Coral Sea Battle and the H.M.A.S. Perth disaster.

Anzac Day In London

(Impressions from Anthony Howes)

It was 10.45 a.m. when I arrived to take up my position near the Cenotaph in Whitehall. It had begun as a typical London day—the sky was hung with clouds looking like someone’s not-so-white weekly wash.

Already there was a large crowd of both young and old assembled. It seemed incongruous, somehow, to see so many wide-brimmed hats sharing the same space as Redcoats and old Feather Hats.

More appropriate to the occasion and the place, however, was the hat worn by a sun-tanned Australian girl—the famous slouch-hat we know so well.

After the arrival of the official cars, and just before the opening of the service (scheduled for 11 a.m.) there occurred a coincidence which impressed me greatly.

Just as our ears began to pick up the straws of the band of the Irish Guard playing "Waltzing Matilda" the sun started to break back, and the Cenotaph was bathed in sunlight.

The High Commissioners of Australia and New Zealand placed their wreaths, as did the representatives of different organisations. Then many of the crowd stepped forward and did the same—others just stood, thought, and remembered.

At the Abbey, not far from Whitehall, was quite full when the commemorative service began at noon. The First Lesson was read by Sir Eric Harrison, and the Second Lesson by Sir Thomas MacDonald (New Zealand High Commissioner).

The address, given by the Rev. A. E. Preble M.A. (formerly Archdeacon of Auckland and Vicar-General of the Diocese of Auckland) spoke of God’s guidance and the need for all—public and private—as reflected through the message of Anzac Day.

As the peal of the Abbey Bells rang out at the conclusion of this very moving service I could not help but think of the anthem (music by Charles Wood and words by C. H. Sorley) sung by the choir earlier, and I can do no better, in my own conclusion, than to quote it:

"This sanctuary of my soul, Uniting, kindred white and whole; Unlatched and lit, if Thou should’st care to enter, or to tarry there.

With parted lips and outstretched hand, And listening ears, Thy servant stands, Call Thou early, call Thou late, To Thy great service, dedicate."

Anzac Day Resolutions

On May 8 Jack Keenan, president of the Maddington's sub-branch, was at Birdwood-House upon the death of any of its members.

The R.S.L. sub-branch at present flies the flag at half-mast when a member passes on.

The Naval Association also has been granted permission to use Birdwood House memorial for wreath-laying ceremonies on such occasions as the anniversaries of the Coral Sea Battle and the H.M.A.S. Perth disaster.

Maddinngton’s Sad Loss

The sudden death on May 8 of Maddington's sub-branch president Jack Keenan came as a great shock to his own and the neighbouring sub-branches.

Sincere condolences go to his family from members of the League throughout the State.

Jack was president at Maddington from 1958 until his death.

He was a great friend and a grand husband, always willing to do his bit, and was ever the life of a social function.
Anzac Services (from Page 4)

PORT HEDLAND
As usual the Port Hedland ceremony was solemn and impressive. About 60 ex-servicemen paraded at the memorial gun, with vice-president Bert Madigan as marshalled. Headed by Bert and two Great War veterans the march was steady and impressive, and drummer G. Frewers did a good job.

The Great North Memorial Hall was packed for the ceremony and wreaths were laid at the honour board by the R.S.L., Girl Guides, Boys Scouts, the ladies' auxiliary and other bodies. Several ex-servicemen attended.

Among the guests were the Hon. Frank Wise, M.C., Shire President Angus Richardson and members of religious orders.

The president's address was sombre, sincere and from the heart.

BROOKTON
The service at Brookton this year was particularly impressive. Careful planning at the memorial area is now taking effect and sizeable pencil pines outline a bitumen area in the shape of a cross, at the centre of which stands the memorial surrounded by sweeping lawns. Scouts and Cubs marched with the ex-servicemen this year. Also in the march were sons of four returned who had died as a result of war-caused disabilities. Their names had been inscribed on a new plaque on the memorial.

This plaque was unveiled by Mr. Vernon Williams of Beverley.

Sub-branch president J. Marchesi, in his address, paid tribute to those who died for their country and stressed the need to assist their dependants.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Brookton Shire Council, the sub-branch and auxiliary, the R.A.O.B. Lodge, the Junior High School.

Mr. Max Higgins sound the Last Post and Reveille and Mrs. S. Rose was organist.

After the service morning tea was served by the auxiliary.

KENWICK
There was a quite a roll-call for the service at Kenwick on April 25 and the usual participation of neighbouring sub-branches. Boys Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides and Brownies were in full voice and colour. The Kenwick sub-branch laid a wreath on behalf of the State Executive, the Blackboy Hill sub-branch, the Women's Auxiliary, 16th Battalion and the Shire Council.

A wreath was also laid by Kenwick sub-branch president Mr. J. M. H. Huxley, of the Honouring of Bert Swannell, a 19-year-old boy, who died as a result of the war. A wreath was also laid by Miss Yvonne Garrett, one of the few young ladies in the district eligible for the competition — the boys started the ball rolling with an initial dance on May 23.

BLACKBOY HILL
The first dawn parade to be held on the Blackboy Hill commemorative stone since 1919 took place at the memorial at 6 a.m. on Anzac morning. Over 80 adults were present.

A troop of Boy Scouts from Dianella kept an all-night vigil at the memorial.

The Last Post was played by an 11-year-old boy, grandson of League stalwart Bert Swannell. Nine of the service members were laid on behalf of the State Executive, the Blackboy Hill sub-branch, the Women's Auxiliary, 16th Battalion and the Shire Council.

At a sunset service on Anzac Eve wreaths were laid by Companions of Legacy and the children of Greenmount State School.

MAYLANDS
This year's service at Maylands was held on April 26, the march from the station being led by the Salvation Army Band, followed by the Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and Brownies of the sub-branch, the Legion of Ex-Servicemen and the local Red Cross.

Wreaths were laid on the memorial by a group of service held in the Memorial Hall.

There were about 150 present and the address was given by sub-branch president Star Power.

The previous afternoon two sub-branch stalls were held at the Brookton & Busselton Scout camp and Biff Laughton, attended the Maylands School Anzac service.

How's This For First-up Try?
By nominating a contestant for this year's Miss Crownings Glory competition the Needup sub-branch is out to prove its worth.

A sub-branch with less than 20 members might be forgiven for shying away, but having decided to put in twice to ensure the success of the venture.

In support of their nominee, local Needup bookkeeper Miss Yvonne Garrett, one of the few young ladies in the district eligible for the competition — the boys started the ball rolling with an initial dance on May 23.

A very successful evening resulted in the sub-branch raising in excess of the £50 required for nomination.

The local committee is fully aware of the generosity of other members and particularly the ladies, who are envious of the girls raising money as good providers within the community.

Other money-raising efforts have been arranged and the sub-branch is making a real bid to be in the fight at the finish.

Gallipoli Parade

In London on April 26 the 25th Division Association held its annual Gallipoli parade.

Members assembled on the Horse Guards Parade and marched to the Cenotaph for the wreath-laying ceremony. Maj. Gen. C. J. Ball, D.S.O., M.C., laid a wreath on behalf of the association.

Viscount Bruce, M.C., who served with the Royal Fusiliers at the landing at Suvla Bay, marched with old comrades of his regiment.

After the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille the parade marched back to the Horse Guards for dismissal.

Later, members attended a reunion luncheon at which messages of greetings from all parts of the Commonwealth included one from R.S.L. National Headquarters, Canberra. The association has decided to disband after the 1965 parade.
League Renews Its Housing Pleas

The National Executive recently discussed with Housing Minister Bury the ways in which ex-service men and women are likely to be affected by the Government's new housing proposals.

Announcing this National President A. J. Lee said that the executive had presented three submissions to the Minister. These were:

- That a mortgage guarantee scheme covering second mortgages and incorporating the benefits outlined by the Government for its general housing policy should be introduced for ex-service men and women.
- That single and widowed returned ex-service women should be granted the benefits of the Service Women's Housing scheme.
- That the waiting-time on loans for old homes, which is at present 27 months, should be eliminated or substantially reduced.

Mr Lee said that these requests were made to remove certain hardships that existed at the present time in what was otherwise an outstanding successful housing scheme.

"Many ex-service men and women are at present paying exorbitant second mortgage interest rates and excessively high interest rates on short-term loans," said Mr Lee.

Single and widowed return ex-service women were a small group who had rendered outstanding service to the nation and were deserving of special sympathy.

These were all matters which the R.S.L. felt should be considered in the Government's general review of the housing situation.

The Minister had expressed considerable interest in the proposals and had undertaken to examine them closely in conjunction with other housing matters.

WELL DONE: Congratulations to Jim Slisson, member of the Belmont sub-branch, on his election as president of the Belmont Shire Council. Jim did his stint with the 2/3rd Field Regiment and was a P.O.W.

Notes of Unit Associations

ASSOCIATION TO CELEBRATE FAMED ANNIVERSARIES

For members of the 11th and 2/11th Battalions Association the dates 1914-1964 and 1918-1964 signify the 50th anniversary of the 11th Battalion A.F.F. and the 25th anniversary of the 2/11th Battalion A.F.F.

It has been decided to celebrate the respective dates together at the weekend of the League of Football grand final. Functions to be held are:

- Oct 9 (Friday): 7 p.m., reunion dinner at Blackboy Hill. 
- Oct 10 (Saturday): 10 a.m., parade and march-past, lunch at George's Cathedral or St. Mary's Cathedral, 1 p.m., lunch at Blackboy Hill.

Re-Union Dinner

This will be in keeping with the occasion—a three-course dinner with refreshments at a cost of £2 a head.

Sunday Functions

The parade will be short so that all triers will be able to see the distance. A light lunch at Anzac House will be served buffet style. The Blackboy Hill function will terminate proceedings. If present plans come to fruition there will be an extension to the memorial in the form of a seat. The structure will have provision for paques to commemorate the 11th Bn. 50th anniversary and the anniversaries of other unit associations as they fall due.

We would like wives to join us on the Sunday. The overall cost for Sunday will be £1 per head, (no charge for wives).

Air Force Dinner

The Federal Council of the Air Force Association is holding a dinner in Sydney on the 14th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of military aviation, and in particular the part played by A.A. Marshall Sir Richard Williams, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., in his history.

Tickets at a cost of £3/3/- per person may be obtained from the Federal Secretary, Air Force Association, Box 2361, Post Office, King-street, Sydney.

Ex-P.O.W. Reunion

At a meeting of the 1965 Ex-P.O.W. Reunion Committee of Anzac House on May 18 the secretary reported progress in arrangements. Parti-Minister Swartz, an ex-P.O.W., has accepted an invitation to attend the reunion dinner and will also attend the wreath-laying ceremony the following day.

Notices are being circulated throughout Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand.

Treasurer, A. Westley, who attended an inter-branch meeting of the P.O.W. delegates in Melbourne on May 25, drew the attention of other States to next year's function.

The Lottteries Commission has granted permission for another sweep, the prize being a return trip to Melbourne generously donated by a leading company. Tickets will be available shortly.

The next meeting will be held at Anzac House on Monday, June 22, at 8 p.m.

South African Volunteers

The South African Veterans Association held its annual meeting in the Anzac House basement recently. Last year's official, Mr. MacDonald, was re-elected, with Mr. J. G. Mac-Donald starting his 13th year as secretary.

About that during the year picnics to Yanchep had been held for members and their wives. Christmas gifts had been sent to widows of fallen comrades and to sick members.

The annual service, at the South African Memorial—conducted by Bishop Riley—was well attended. The B.P. Band assisted.

On Commonwealth Sunday a wreath was laid on the Queen Victoria Memorial and 14 veterans were afterwards entertained by the Victoria League. Thirteen members marched on Anzac Day.

Of the 64 association members 60 are financial. The youngest is the secretary at 79; the oldest is 92.

A luncheon was held on May 22 to commemorate the signing of peace 62 years ago.

Most of the members also to service in the Great War.

Members regret the continued illness of Miss Mary Mears and wish her a speedy recovery.

Popular Dance

A monthly dance being conducted by the Shenton Park sub-branch (second Monday) is proving very popular.

The aim is to provide fun for young and old. For particulars contact the sub-branch secretary (§ 786).

Whatever your walk in life...
A Dramatic Anzac Homecoming

From Cpl. Roy Johnson of the old 8th Battery

Mutiny in Australian waters is such a rare thing that those who watched from the heights of Fremantle an interesting fireworks display from the vicinity of Rottnest Island on the night of Saturday, December 14, 1918, little dreamt that mutiny and insurrection were stalking so close at hand.

If they hazarded a guess as to what all as to what the Very lights meant they possibly concluded that the Third Anzac Furlough Party, lately returned by the Port Lyttleton, was celebrating its homecoming despite the mysterious delay in its landing.

To go back a little farther—to dawn of the same day—the Port Lyttleton, two months from Southampton, with between 800 and 1000 men from various States, had dropped anchor at the end of North Mole. The Western Australian party consisted of five officers and 77 other ranks.

For these 92 there had been no sleep that night. Kits had been packed and equipment polished and brushed, and the men had waited in feverish anxiety for the first streak of light.

No dawn on hills or deepest gorge was ever more beautiful to watch than this one, that seemed to rise on the old familiar port. Even with the long long wave the dawn revealed shell-holes and wire-entanglements, and the waste decoration of No-Man's-Land, grew dim at the sight of the light house, the piles of sand-dawood, the ugly thin roofs and above all the packed mass of watchers on the wharf.

EXPECTANCY

We had spent two months on the homeward trip, two months picturing this one morning when we would stand once more on Australian soil and see again the faces that for four years had been seen only in dreams.

When the anchor was once more weighed, the ship began to move, men stood silent, not daring to betray the feeling of their emotion, and continued for a while still in utter dismay to find that they were now moving not in toward the wharves but out again to sea.

Slowly the ship drew away from the equally dumbfounded waiting crowds, and finally dropped anchor again off Fremantle, thus routing off the remaining hope of landing.

Small wonder the men wept on Saturday, suspense and anxiety reigning supreme, but no move was made. Then came the despatching order: "Weigh anchor and proceed to Melbourne."

If ever the dictates of authority appeared emanate from Bedlam fair might have been a truer word than the tugboats and the men who were nearly lost as the men scrambled out of the ship under the fire of the battleship.

And now a little comic relief was introduced. News of the latest development having been signalled to the shore a number of indignant "heads" put out in the Lady Forrest to settle the disturbance. Arriving within hailing distance of the ship, a spokesman sternly ordered that we on board the tug must get back on the ship at once.

But our determination had not abated a whit by reason of our failure to make way in the boats. After a little further delay another order was given; the officers were told we must come aboard the Transport, but the officers in this case were taking orders from the men.

Then, for some reason, the Lady Forrest drew away to parley with the Port Lyttleton and the Eastern States men, now thoroughly tired of the delay, opened fire with a hail of missiles, consisting of potatoes and lumps of coal. Red tape and officialdom were powerless against the onslaught, and the great men were obliged to seek shelter on the lee of the tug which moved hurriedly to the rescue. But if the potatoes, coal, and brass fell short of their objective there still remained the Verey lights, and when one which was fired point-blank at the Lady Forrest just missed the captain's head that gentleman at least saw no reason for remaining longer and disgruntled authority retired to port to consider, free from interruption, what was next to be done.

But the dispute was practically at an end.

Very wisely, no further effort was made at co-ordination. The men, rejoicing on the Albattross all night, and on Sunday morning, the brig's flag was lowered to us from the Port Lyttleton, we had the satisfaction of seeing that ship pull anchor and away amidst a rousing cheer from the Eastern States troops.

We were taken to Fremantle's Landing stage instead of the shouts and acclamation due to warriors of four years standing, one earnestly inquired: "How far did you get, Digger?"

On the following Friday we were landed at Fremantle and the loss of the sunken lifeboat was levelled against us, but the breach of discipline was tactfully ignored.

When we landed at Fremantle we were taken to base hospital, had a medical examination and were each given £10. The following Monday we had to report again and were then given three months' leave.

Any Problems?

Repatriation officers A. W. Pedler, B. C. Walsh, and others will be available to deal with repatriation problems at the following times during July: Southern Cross, July 13 (1.2 p.m.), Kalgoorlie, 14th and 15th (R.S.L. Hall), Boulder, 16th (all day), Merredin, 17th (9.30 a.m., Ambulance Hall). Northam, 17th (3.30-4.30 p.m.).
Repatriation Visits to South-West

A schedule received at Anzac House recently gave the following details of visits to South-West centres by Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation A. H. Panton:

Tuesday, June 16: Pinjarra (9.15 a.m.) and Harvey (3.4 p.m.).

Wed. and Thurs., June 17 and 18: Bumbury.

Sub-branch secretaries in the areas concerned can supply further information.

Where Is He?

Would anyone knowing the present whereabouts of Mr S. D. Cruickshank (GX 59649) please advise the Anzac House office.

Mr Cruickshank, who is thought to be in W.A., was at Jullia Creek, Queensland, in August, 1963.

He left property there consisting of a transistor, four war medals, private papers, clothing and personal effects. These are now at the Jullia Creek police station.

Womens' Auxiliary

OFFICIAL VISITS

Tuesday, May 5: Mrs. Ames attended the board-meeting at Leemans.

Friday, May 8: Mrs. Ames attended Soldiers' Children's Education Board meeting.

Monday, May 11: Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Rowe attended the club's reception for visiting American General H. Howse in the Town Hall.

Wednesday, May 13: The State President attended the Mental Health Association meeting and was re-elected to the executive council.

Friday, May 22: Mrs. Ames attended the Geraldton sub-branch meeting.

DONORS THANKED

The committee wishes to thank all auxiliaries and sub-branches who so generously forwarded goods for the Jumble Sale, which was most successful. When completely finalised a balance sheet will be sent out.

GOOD JOB

Mr. Bill Heath reported to the Geraldton sub-branch recently that in doing their patient work, members of the local auxiliary had visited 40 ex servicemen and two patients in hospital.

Percy Witney — A Tribute

The following appreciation of the service given to the League by the late Percival Charles Witney, of Wyalkatchem, comes from Norm Mosel, formerly R.S.I. president there.

Norm wrote from the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, where he was a patient:

Recently the remains of the late Percival Charles Witney were cremated at Karrakatta.

Percy was one of the loyal 39 members who did so much to bring the Wyalkatchem sub-branch into prominence in the pre-World War period and later.

Times were tough and money was tight, but there was always a spare shilling or two for any R.S.I. cause.

At any social entertainment, Percy could be relied on to give an item or two.

He could recite the Senimental Bloke (Dennis) from memory and, last but not least, generally could pick something appropriate to any occasion.

His funeral was well attended. Many came down from Wyalkatchem, especially, and most of the retired ex-Wyalkatchem members living in and around Perth came to pay their last respects.

His wife, who was secretary and long-time member of the women's auxiliary, passed away about eight months ago.
Associations Of Ex-Servicemen

FEDERATED T.B. SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND SURVIVING RELATIVES ASSOCIATION (W.A.) INC.
2nd Floor, Wellington Buildings, 58 Williamstreet, Perth. President, L. Symers; Secretary, G. Pleasby.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION—Anzac House basement, third Monday at 2 p.m. President, A. A. Fernie, 468 Murraystreet, Narrogin. Secretary, W. A. Storey, 32 Melbourne-road, Busselton (79 6409).


ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION OF W.A.—Meetings at Anzac House, last week-end in each month. President, Col. J. L. H. Lefroy, 41 Clifton-street, Subiaco, and at Hallett-street, Mt. Lawley (71 2110). Secretary, J. E. Webber, 45 Clifton-street, Subiaco (8 3253).

16TH BATTALION and 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION—Committee meets second Tues. at Railway Institute, Perth. President, W. L. Ingman, 63 Bussell-road, Subiaco (8 3791). Secretary, S. J. H. Phillips, 41 Clifton-street, Subiaco (8 3253).


16TH BATTALION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY—President, Mrs. Ketterer, 190 Addy St., Perth. Secretary, Mrs. F. Gray, 68 Bennett-street, Perth (21 5702).

TOTTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION (T.P.D.) W.A.

23RD BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Meets Anzac House second Thursday at 2 p.m. President, T. Jackson, 39 Clarence-street, Joondanna. Secretary, W. J. Reed, 55 Armagh-street, Victoria Park. Annual reunion Show Week.


2/22ND BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION (W.A.)—President, W. J. Macdonald, 32 Beech-street, Joondanna. Secretary, R. N. Clapland, 28 Charles-street, South Perth. Committee meets Anzac House 4th Tuesday each month. Secretary, W. G. Statham, 28 Charles-street, South Perth. Committee meets Anzac House 4th Tuesday each month.

44TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Committee meets when called. Annual Reunion—3rd Sunday in May. Secretary, A. M. Powell, 168 Alfred-road, Mt. Claremont (3 1355).

48TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Meets 4th Thursday in January, April, July and October at Anzac House. Secretary, J. M. McDowell, 131 City Beach. Secretary, H. L. van der Merwe, 131 City Beach. Secretary, H. L. van der Merwe, 131 City Beach (71 1636).


2/4TH M.G. BRIGADE A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—President, S. S. Grant, 138 Alexander-street, Fremantle. Secretary, T. A. Grant. Committee meets Anzac House second Tuesday.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR AND RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF W.A.—President, B. D. Westley, 72 W. Mitchell-street, Fremantle. Secretary, Mrs. F. Miners, Boats, 2nd Floor (23 3636)

BRITISH EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION—Committee meets second Tuesday in Forestry Hall, cnr. Francis and Regent streets, Fremantle. President, J. M. McLean, Secretary, J. M. McLean, Secretary, J. M. McLean, Secretary, J. M. McLean (Box 8 1547, P.O. Perth).

COUNCIL OF UNIT ASSOCIATIONS—President, E. McLeod, 55 McLeod-road, Applecross (6 1053). Secretary, Treasurer, S. C. Harvey, 3 Webb-street, Cottesloe. Committee meetings as called.


2/5TH AUST. COMMANDO ASSOCIATION—President, C. A. Broome, 41 Bussell-avenue, Como (67 3089). Secretary, H. W. Mulvaney, 212 Clifton-street, Subiaco (71 6907).


RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION (W.A. BRANCH)—President, Eric Holmes, 46 Gregory-road, Subiaco. Secretary, P. M. Kilpatrick, P.O. Box 44, Nedlands. Committee meetings. Monday each month.


MAIMED AND LIMBLESS EX-SERVICES MEN'S ASSOCIATION—"Wings and Stumps"—President, A. E. Bingham. Secretary, E. H. Glick (21 3592). Meetings first Thurs. each month except January.

EASTERN GOLDFIELD GREECE-CRETE WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION—President, R. A. Clark, Hannan-street, Fremantle. Secretary, Mr. Keighley, 148 Bussel-street, Fremantle. Secretary, Mr. Keighley, 148 Bussel-street, Fremantle. Secretary, Mr. Keighley, 148 Bussel-street, Fremantle (21 8730).

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Minister Turns Down Insurance Request

Housing Minister Bury has refused a League request—based on a resolution of National Congress—for an extension of War Service Homes insurance benefits to cover ex-service people who have acquired homes (of acceptable standard) independently of the scheme.

In his reply the Minister said:
When the War Service Homes scheme was implemented in 1919 it was established that as a matter of business prudence all properties in which the Director of War Service Homes had an interest should be insured during the whole period of the loan for the benefit of both the director and the purchaser or borrower.

Such insurance, as well as protecting the ex-serviceman against loss or damage to his home, was considered necessary to ensure that there is at all times adequate security for an advance made under the Act in respect of the property.

THE PURPOSE

The War Service Homes insurance scheme was established that as a matter of business prudence all properties in which the Director of War Service Homes had an interest should be insured during the whole period of the loan for the benefit of both the director and the purchaser or borrower.

The scheme was limited to insurance in connection with the provision of homes under the Act to ex-service people and their dependants. Adoption of such a proposal would represent a major departure from the original purpose and intentions of the scheme.

There are, of course, ample private facilities available to persons who wish to obtain insurance cover on their homes and, as you know, it is not the general policy of this Government to extend its operations into the fields of private industry or commerce, except for the purpose of providing some facility which would not otherwise be obtainable.

I regret, therefore, that I do not feel able to support this resolution.

Commissionaires, Watchmen, Are Now Available

With further recruitment to the R.S.L. Corpo rate of Commissionaires it is again possible to provide uniformed members for duty at functions or for watchmen for buildings. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in city or suburbs, for any period from a three-hour minimum. Each member is thoroughly screened before appointment.

Several applicants for other casual employment as gardeners and cleaners are also available. Staffs are uniformed and are in the general field of insurance.

BIG SHOOT

Delegates to Congress are reminded that the R.S.L. rifle-shooting championship will take place this year on Wednesday, July 22, commencing at 8 p.m.

All country delegates are invited to take part. Nomination lists will be received on the night of the shoot, and rifles and ammunition can be supplied.

Air Force Needs More Men

With the phased introduction of such modern and highly-complex aircraft as the Mirage and F-104 and frequent helicopter flights over the next few years, the R.A.A.F. was faced with the need for a large intake of cadets and apprentices. 450 airmen had been engaged so far, with the March intake of 179 war the highest monthly intake since June 1961. Of this figure 116 were engaged in training in radio and aircraft engineering trades.

The high intake must be maintained as far as possible over the next two years to provide for current and future commitments. R.A.A.F. recruiting staffs are handling the increased numbers smoothly so that there were virtually no delays for entrants.

All inquiries concerning enlistment in the R.A.A.F. should be made to the R.E.A.F.

Passing

Members of the West Leederville, Wembley, Floreat Park sub-branches have suffered a great loss when their president, Jack Dixon, passed away suddenly on April 11.

Jack was so dedicated to his job that he travelled a long way from home to attend to his duties and help where he could.

Two hundred sorrowing friends attended the service at the Karriakatta crematorium to pay a last tribute to a fine man.

Those present were members of the Repatriation Commission and the Leighton Surf Leagues Club in which Jack took a deep interest.

Vale, Jack!