Warm Welcome For A Famous Soldier

During a short stay in Perth early this month the Deputy Grand President of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, Sir Richard Gale, attended two League functions in his honour.

These were a luncheon at the Palace Hotel, Perth, on November 2, and a State Executive reception at Anzac House that evening.

In 1960, State President Lonnie said at the reception, Sir Richard had retired as Deputy Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Before that he had been Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine. He had also been in command of the airborne troops in northern Europe for the D-Day landing in 1944.

He had won the Military Cross in the Flanders fighting in 1918.

In September, 1941, he had raised and trained Britain's 1st Paratroop Brigade.

In May, 1943, he had been promoted Major-General and put in command of the 6th Airborne Division. His parachutists had made the first Allied foothold in Normandy.

DECORATED

He had received the D.S.O. from General Montgomery in the field.

He had played an important part in the Rhine crossing and in 1945 had been made Lieut.-General.

Between the two wars Sir Richard had served in India for 18 years.

After the World War he had commanded the British troops in Palestine, and later in Egypt.

He had been created a Knight of the Order of the British Empire in 1950, Knight-Commander of the Order of the Bath (Britain's highest order of knighthood) in 1953, and Knight Grand-Cross of the order in 1954.

He was also a holder of the Croix-de-guerre with Palms.

Replying to the welcome, Sir Richard said it had been regarding to see the fine work the League was doing on the ground.

His father had referred to Western Australia as "God's Country No. 1."

Sir Richard had been thrilled with the plan and sense of purpose with which the League was performing its work here.

"KEEP GOING"

He hoped the organisation would grow from strength to strength. "In one form or another," he said, "the League must always be kept in service."

On behalf of the League Mr Percy Pearson (senior vice-president) presented Sir Richard with a small memento of his visit.

At the luncheon, which drew a large attendance, Sir Richard said he had seen nothing better than the R.S.L. Veteran's Home at Mt. Lawley.

On the question of defence he said it was necessary to face up to the consequences of the various problems. There were sufficient forces to carry out the policy, and should recruitment be by voluntary or compulsory means?

If requirements could not be met on a voluntary basis some form of national service must be introduced.

The authorities should be prepared to take urgent action and not be placed in the position of "changing horses in midstream."

Touching on the reason for his visit Sir Richard said that the late General Smuts had promoted the idea of a British Empire Services League.

Meanwhile there had been a voluntary discarding of empire, which had led to new conceptions.

The Commonwealth organisation of today comprised 48 member nations with a combined ex-service membership of 17,000,000, he said.

At last year's biennial conference at Ottawa the dark-skinned delegates had far outnumbered the rest.

The organisation's purpose was the fostering of lateral as well as vertical contacts.

At the R.S.L. State Executive meeting on November 4 Mr Lonnie said Sir Richard had addressed the National Congress in Hobart last month with telling effect.

He had had make a strong plea for material assistance for the relatively under-privileged nations within the organisation.

£1,000 GOES TO FLOOD RELIEF

In response to a State branch request for assistance, R.S.L. national headquarters has made £750 available for the relief of distress caused by floods in several South West centres earlier this year.

This was announced by State Secretary W. Webb at last month's executive meeting.

The executive voted an additional £250 from its own relief funds.
League Adopts 4 Legacy Wards

In response to an appeal by the Governor, Major-General Sir Douglas Kendrew, the League has "adopted" four Wards of Legacy for the current year.

His Excellency made the appeal in September at a dinner celebrating Legacy's 46 years of service throughout Australia.

On that occasion, after explaining Legacy's scheme of adoption, Sir Douglas said he had adopted a ward himself and hoped others would do the same. "Adoption" under the scheme involves a payment of $25 a year for each ward adopted, the money so raised being used to help pay for the work Legacy does.

The League's decision to adopt four Wards was made at last month's meeting of the State Executive.

The decision was given effect at this month's meeting when a cheque for $100 was handed over by Finance Committee chairman J. A. Rolfe to Perth Legacy Club president Kevin Healy.

State President Lonnie said that by all means possible the two organisations must endeavour to work closer together still in the future.

"We wish you success in the wonderful job you are doing, and hope this modest contribution will be of assistance," he told Mr. Healy.

Expressing the thanks of Legacy for the League's action Mr. Healy said he considered it the greatest thing to have happened since the Governor's address.

He had great pleasure in handing over to the League a certificate of adoption in respect of the four wards.

Mr. Healy was accompanied by Legacy secretary Coates.

Conferences

The next R.S.L. Group Conference will be held at Three Springs on Saturday, November 21. A good attendance is anticipated.

Headquarters representation at the Kojonup conference on November 7 included State President Lonnie, Membership Chairman Holand and Assistant State Secretary George Sher- rington.

City Sub-branch Has Over 1,000 Members

The City of Perth sub-branch, going from strength to strength, has now passed the 1,000 membership mark.

The sub-branch Caravan Park at Point Peron is getting a good spring-clean ready for the summer season. A new $600 block, under construction, will be ready by December and it is hoped that all caravans will be linked up with electricity.

Two caravans have been purchased and placed in position at the site for sub-branch use on a weekly- rental basis, preference being given to those who have given their services voluntarily at the park.

Pity all Government Servants were not the next-of-kin of Yours, etc.,

K. G. FOSTER (SX 7819).

Bouquet For Secretary

Not all the correspondence received by State Secretary Bill Webb is as complimentary as the following message from the President for the Interior, Mr. J. D. Anthony:

"I am sure you will have been most pleased, as I was, with the Desert Mounts' P.M. Memorial unveiling on Sunday last (October 11).

"That all the arrangements were able to proceed without hitch was due entirely to the close co-operation of all participating in the planning, and I am very appreciative that you persevered in your efforts to ensure the success of the function.

"Please accept my sincere thanks for the manner you played in making the ceremony such a memorable occasion."

VC Next-of-kin

The State Secretary is seeking the next-of-kin of the following two West Australian winners of the Victoria Cross:

C. Pope
A. E. Gaby
P. E. Gravatt.

Particulars to Anzac House, Perth, please.

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Thrust And Parry On Education Grants

To a League request for increased educational allowances Repatriation Minister Swartz suggests that what is being asked has already, to a considerable extent, been handed out.

The request was for increases to cover the cost of books, fares and essential equipment and material so that the Services Canteens Trust Fund allocation for these things could be diverted for wider distribution among World War service personnel, excluded from the Repatriation - Department of Defence scheme.

The ministerial reply reads:

"You may recall that I wrote to you on the 10th October, 1962, about the roles of my department and the Services Canteens Trust Fund in regard to assistance available for the education of children of ex-service personnel."

"Subsequent discussions between the department and the Services Canteens Trust Fund were followed by a request from the Trustees for general increases in the education allowances granted under the Soldiers' Children Education Scheme."

"As you know, the allowances for children attending the second year of school in which the Trustees were directly interested increased substantially in the last year.

"You may be interested to know that the Services Canteens Trust Fund's annual report for 1963, expresses gratification at the action taken by the Government."

Middies Less At The Club

The price of "middies" at the Anzac Club has been restored to 1/- (from 1/1). It had been raised to 1/6, provisionally, a few months ago.

The decision to revert to the old price was made at this month's executive meeting.

All other prices were left unchanged.
Colours Ceremonial

AN EVENT of the greatest significance is planned for 230 p.m. on Sunday, November 29, when the Queen's and Regimental Colours of the 11th (City of Perth Regiment), 16th (Cameron Highlanders), 28th (Swan Regiment) and 44th (West Australian Rifles) Battalions are to be laid up—probably, by not necessarily, for ever—in specially constructed cabinets in the undercroft of the State War Memorial.

THE UNITS, including their World War counterparts, were disbanded on the formation of the 1st Battalion, Royal West Australia Regiment, in July 1964. In November 1916, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh presented Colours to the newly-formedei Regiment on the W.A.C.A. Ground.

The FIRST R.W.A.R. inherited the traditions and battle honours of the above-mentioned battalions dating back to the Boer War.

WHEN the guidons or colours of a disbanded unit are to be laid up it is the prerogative of the last commanding officers to select the site and ensure adequate facilities for protection. If at some time in the future the disbanded units should be reactivated the Colours must be delivered on demand.

THOSE OFFICERS have agreed to a proposal originated by the League for the laying-up at the State War Memorial. They consider that the significance of the Colours, the commemorative purpose and character of the memorial and the undenominational character of both make the selected site ideal for the purpose.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor, Major-General Sir Douglas Kendrew, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., has consented to deliver an address.

THE COLOURS will be formally handed over by Colonel K. D. Howard, E.D., Commanding Officer 1st R.W.A.R., to the State President, Mr W. S. Lomnie, C.B.E., M.V.O., M.C., who will receive them into the custody of the League.

MANY THOUSANDS of ex-members of the disbanded units throughout the State will undoubtedly be interested to learn of the plans to safeguard the Colours for posterity.

New Slogan Chosen

The competition for the State branch slogan for 1965 has been won by Mr. J. L. McKinnay, of 51 North-road, Bassendean.

The slogan, which has won a $5 prize for Mr. McKinnay, is: "Lone Pine".

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Sir Charles Gairdner Opens
49th National Congress

Perth’s former Governor, Sir Charles Gairdner—now Governor of Tasmania—opened the League’s 49th National Congress in Hobart on October 26th and later held a reception for delegates at Government House.

Mr. H. G. Holder said this in his report as co-delegate from W. with the State President.

He said all items sponsored by this State were carried. One of them had sought, an examination of the New Zealand pensions scheme.

Delegates generally had shown their concern on the question of defence, and some searching questions had been put by Army Minister Forbes.

Only two land items had come before “Congress, and one of those was ruled out of order.

Social service and taxation items had been quickly dealt with, although some motions for telephone concessions had been discussed fairly fully.

Discussion of Darby-and-Joan-cottage motions suggested a variance in the rules—from State to State.

Communism had come under consideration and Congress had regarded the recent “peace” congress in Sydney as communist-inspired.

Congress had unanimously reaffirmed League policy—calling on the Government to proclaim the Communist Party an agent of a foreign power and to take action accordingly; to publish an attack on communism in Australia; to plan lecture tours against it; to cease issuing travel-visas to Minto students; and to keep communists out of the public service.

As chairman of the National Defence Committee Mr. Laurie had given a masterly address on the political position of Far Eastern countries. He had also submitted an amendment—carried unanimously—declaring armed forces adequate for the present time.

The League’s treaty obligations and calling on the Government to induce, without delay, selective national-service training with the obligation of overseas service if required; to raise the target for the A.R.A. and other forces; to do its utmost to supply modern weapons and equipment, and to augment the Budget in order to put the recommended measures into effect.

Congress had dealt with some important constitutional items dealing with eligibility and subscriptions.

Captain Buchanan, Commercial Director of Civil Defence, had addressed Congress. Western Australia was now regarded as one of the best States in that field.

Congress had also been addressed by Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Gale on the work of the British Commonwealth Expeditionary Force and had agreed to vote certain funds to assist backward nations in that organisation.

Mr. H. G. Holder congratulated Mr. Gairdner on his coverage of Congress.

Bellevue Sub-branch
Proud Of Cadets

The Bellevue sub-branch president and secretary—Messrs. T. Gurney and L. Warne respectively—and their wives were among the guests at the marching-out parade of cadets at the Governor-Stirling High School recently.

LIEUT.-COL. THOMPSON, of the W.A. University Regiment, carried out the inspection and took the salute on behalf of the Commanding Officer, Western Command.

The credit must go to the instructors of the 5th Cadet Brigade, but it was obvious that the keenness displayed by the lads would have made any instruction job easy.

An excellent display of drill movements by the cadets from under-Officer ranks, was well worthy of the long round of applause they received during the morning parade.

Trophies were presented to individual cadets by Lieut.-Col. Thompson and the President of the Branch was called upon to present the Bellevue sub-branch Shield to the most efficient platoon of the year.

This year’s parade will be held at the Bellevue Chambers Institute-Hall at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 19th December, and the annual river picnic on January 25 (Australia Day).

Members are asked to notify the secretary whether they will be going on the picnic.

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A Rewarding Check-up

Repartee lightened the proceedings at last month’s State Executive meeting when Mr. A. Cooper was reporting on a visit he had made to Norseman and Esperance.

“Mr. Cooper said there had been at least one thin box in every hotel he had entered,” Mr. Cooper quipped.

“Do you remember that?” someone asked.

“Who said, ‘We went in to find out where they had been’?” Mr. Cooper replied.

“An excellent job!” commented the interjector.

THE LISTENING POST

November, 1964
N.Z. Shrine Now Completed

New Zealand's national war memorial, completed this year, commemorates the 28,600 New Zealanders who gave their lives in the South African war, the first and second world wars, and the war in Korea.

Situated on Mt. Cook, Wellington, it consists of a carillon-topped Hall of Memories in which the nine provinces of New Zealand are represented by the coats-of-arms of their principal cities and towns. The different branches of the armed forces in which New Zealanders served are represented by service badges and flags. Two rolls-of-honour containing the names of the war dead are to be added later.

Completion of the memorial brings to a close a project started in 1931 when the foundation stone of the carillon tower was laid and dedicated "to the memory of the New Zealanders that died in the Great War, and in honour of those that served or suffered." A year later the tower was concreted by the Bishop of Wellington.

The construction of the Hall of Memories was deferred for a number of years and again delayed by World War II and the building restrictions that followed. It was not until November, 1956, that the architects' plans were finally approved. Leaders of the New Zealand Returned Services' Association, an affiliate of the World Veterans' Federation, took a leading part in urging completion of the plans.

The association is represented on the official working committee—appointed by the Government in 1956 to supervise the project—by past-president Lieut.-Col. K. W. Frazer and president Hamilton Mitchell, who is a vice-president of the World Veterans' Federation.

Problem at the Home

The Veterans' Home Committee was investigating the "winter-flood" problem at the home, chairman R. Pearson reported to the State Executive this month.

The solution might prove costly, he said. Tenders for the erection of the Derwent and Joash cottages were to close on November 11.

State War Memorial

By Beatrice M. Williams

There on the heights, above the city fair,
Mid parklands peaceful, green and rare,
It stands outlined against the sky;
And whispering winds, caressing, sigh
And this obelisk, this hallowed spot
Seeming to say: Forget me not!

Serene it stands and, when the day is done,
Its upraised cross toward the setting sun
This symbol plain of love and sacrifice
"Nought shall suffice, but that mankind must live in peace; Then only shall all tumults cease.

"Help us, O Lord, our faith to keep With those who in their last long sleep Passed on the torch, we each one Our tasks fulfil and when 'tis done Give courage, Lord, remembering yet How frail is human clay. Let us forget!"

NATIONAL SERVICE

All ex-servicemen would be gratified at the decision of the Commonwealth Government to re-introduce National Service Training, the State President said on November 17.

For many years its restoration had been the top plank in the R.S.L. defence platform. The need for it had been abundantly clear for some time and the R.S.L. could be pardoned for a feeling of quiet pride that its advocacy over many years had proved successful.

But he deprecated the undue emphasis being placed on the word "conscript." A far more logical and practical term was National Service, he said.

The League had stoutly maintained that the youth of Australia, while privileged to share its way of life, should also be encouraged to accept a responsibility for its defence.

He was certain youth would accept the challenge of National Service, which expressed clearly the nature of the obligation.

Christmas Party

The State Executive Christmas party this year will be held on Thursday, December 17, at the Anzac House ballroom from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. as usual.
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Canberra To Have Replica Of The Desert Memorial

A replica of the bronze Mounted Corps Memorial at Albany is to be made and placed in Anzac-parade, Canberra.

State President Lonnie said this at the executive meeting on November 4. It was making a report on the proceedings of the National Executive meeting held subsequent to the National Convention in Hobart last month.

There had been a complete change of view by the League on the merits of the proposal, which had previously been resisted, Mr. Lonnie said. At the October meeting of Western Australia had been the only State to oppose it, the view taken there all along having been that a replica of the famous memorial would only tend to detract from the original nature of the memorial itself.

There had even been a proposal for New Zealand to apply for a reply, Mr. Lonnie said. He understood that the casting of the statue at Albany had cost about £13,000.

Continuing, Mr. Lonnie said that the Queensland State President, Sir Raymond Hulah, had given a glowing report of the unveiling of the memorial at Albany by the Prime Minister. In doing so he had referred to the Mt. Clarence site as the best site in Australia for it.

Mr. Lonnie had also praised the Albany sub-branch for its part in the project. Mr. Lonnie said that about two years ago the vice president of Albany had produced a plan for an archway leading to the memorial, which was now estimated to cost about £600 and the States had agreed to examine the proposal and consider making a contribution. Endeavours had been made at the meeting to have three Turkish veterans brought to take part in the Canberra parade at next year's Anzac Day jubilee celebrations.

Sir Raymond had been chosen as leader of the Gallipoli jubilee pilgrimage, in which about 300 New South Wales members would be participating.

The question of applying for a Royal charter for the League had been raised by the New South Wales State President, Sir William Yeo. In 1966 the League would be celebrating the 50th anniversary of its foundation, and if the word "Royal" was to be included in the League's title it had to be the year to give the proposal effect.

The next meeting of the National Executive, due in February, would probably be held in New Zealand.

It had been reported that Christmas parcels were being dispatched to Australians serving in Vietnam and Malaysia.

Mr. Lonnie said he had appointed chairman of the National Defence Committee.

Sub-branch Holds Its 47th Annual Reunion

The West Leederville - Wembley - Forest Park sub-branch held this year's annual reunion—the 47th—on Friday, October 28.

Mr Harry Holland represented the State President and was the most welcome in that he was sub-branch president in 1941.

Also from headquarters came Mr George Sherrington, who is always welcome. Mr Hugh Guthrie, M.I.A., was present on behalf of the State Parliament, and Crs K. Frame, W. Inwood and W. Titterington, attended for the City Council.


At 9 p.m. in the darkened hall the Last Post was sounded by Warrant Officer Terry Robertson.

Mrs Chas. Lamming proposed the toast of the State Executive and in reply Mr Holland gave a full sketch of the position of the R.S.L. as it is today.

Mr Guthrie, in his usual clear and friendly manner, gave the toast of the sub-branch and extended the esteeem in which it is held. The president responded.

The welcome to the Parliament and City Council members was acknowledged by Cr. K. Frame.

The toast to visiting sub-branches was responded to by Mr Jim Hall, president of Mt. Hawthorn.

The entertainment was in the hands of Eric Gurney, Mr. McGuirk, Jim Harbison and Cyril McGuckin with Allan Robberts doing a fine job at the piano.

The ladies of the auxiliary were suitably thanked by Stan Waldeck, and Mrs Rowe responded on their behalf.


Mr Colorado H. A., 5ist Bn., Kalgoorlie.

The entertainment side was at its very best in the Leake-street hall, the State President and Mrs. Lonnie met the guests and congratulated Bel...

A Good Word For Onslow

A word of praise for the Onslow sub-branch came from Mr. J. A. Rolfe, at last month's meeting of the State Executive.

When visiting the town recently Mr. Rolfe attended a meeting of the sub-branch at which arrangements were made for the annual children's picnic to Minderoo Station.

It was not very long ago that Onslow was struck by flooding. Mr Rolfe said that substantial reduction in the sub-branch funds to about £80 which £80 had been voted for the picnic.

Every child in the district had joined the party.

Welcome At Belmont

A warm welcome awaited Murray members on their arrival at Belmont recently as guests for the weekend of the local sub-branch.

Belmont was making a return for the hospitality enjoyed at Pinjarra earlier in the year.

After a few words of welcome by sub-branch president Stan Thornton the visitors were taken to the airport for a conducted tour—Visits were made to the weathervane station, communications and radar and wireless departments.

The evening was spent at a well-attended social in the Leake-street hall, the State President and Mrs. Lonnie met the guests and congratulated Bel...

On the Sunday the visitors were again welcomed by Bel-
The Desert Mounted Corps Memorial Unveiling

By W. Webb, R.S.L. State Secretary, Western Australia

A threat of rain and cold blustery winds failed to dampen the enthusiasm of an estimated 3,000 people who gathered on Mt. Clarence, Albany, on Sunday, October 11, for the unveiling by the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, of the Desert Mounted

Addressing the assembly, the Prime Minister stressed the significance and importance of the occasion and said that it was a day of history and symbolism for both Australia and New Zealand.

The sitting of the memorial had aroused a spirited controversy at the time it was decided to transfer it from Port Said, but Mr. Robert made it quite clear that he thought Albany was the proper place because King George Sound was the place of departure and farewell for those who left in that first great convoy of November 1, 1914.

N.Z. MESSAGE

High Commissioner L. Hazlett of New Zealand read a message from the New Zealand Prime Minister which said the occasion was one of proud and poignant memory and testified to the lasting bond between the two countries which were formed under fire by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

Following the unveiling by the Prime Minister the memorial was dedicated by Chaplain-General A. E. Begbie, J. A. Morgan and H. Cunningham.

In spite of increasing years nearly 100 members of Light Horse regiments formed a guard of honour to welcome the Prime Minister. Their proud bearing exemplified the undying spirit of the 'Soldiers of the Light Horse' and further evidence of this, if such be needed, was the presence of Major H. G. Palmer, of Harvey, whb, at 91 years, was the oldest veteran to attend the ceremony.

During the days preceding the ceremony a discordant note was struck by sundry "sym-

Chair critics' who apparently derived some satisfaction from voicing adverse criticism of the organisation of the ceremony. It is reasonable to assume that those of the complainants who attended were confounded by the excellence of the arrangements and, in particular, by the efforts made to cater for the comfort of ex-lighthorsemen.

Characteristically, the critics appear reluctant to retract their unwarranted and completely inaccurate statements.

An interesting sequel to protests concerning the accommodation of the Western Command Band.

MAKING ROOM

When the band arrived there was literally no room for it to perform until the police cleared sufficient space and commandeered chairs reserved for the band's use but which had already been occupied by unauthorised persons.

Ex-service representation was fitting to the occasion and men came from as far afield as New Zealand and Queensland.

The Light Horse Associations represented the official party included the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th, and it is reasonably certain that other units had unofficial representation. (It is known that the 14th had at least one representative.)

During the official wreath-laying ceremony wreaths were laid by:

- The Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister representing the Commonwealth Government.
- High Commissioner J. L. Hazlett representing the New Zealand Government.
- Sir Raymond Huish—representing the R.S.L.
- Major-General A. S. Wille—that representing the N.Z. R.S.A.
- The Hon. David Brand—representing the State Government.
- Mayor S. H. Knight—representing the Albany District.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a number of unofficial wreaths were placed on the memorial.

NOT FORGOTTEN

Not forgotten during the proceedings was the major part played in the events leading up to the final campaign by the late Ross Steele.

References were made to Ross's sterling services by both the Minister for the Interior (the Hon. J. D. Anthony) and the Minister for Transport and Shipping (the Hon. Gordon Freeth).

On Saturday, October 10, the Albany sub-branch staged a very successful reunion so successful that many intending guests were unable to find their way into the town.

Five hundred ex-service and their wives enjoyed a bumper evening, one of the most significant features of which was the complete silence prevailing during the traditional Rememberance Ceremony, when the Ode was recited by Bishop Tom Riley.

THE BACKGROUND

It may be of interest to relate briefly the events leading up to the unveiling ceremony.

The original memorial was unveiled on November 11, 1932, by Prime Minister Mr. W. M. (Billy) Hughes.

A proportion of its cost had been subscribed by troops serving in the field, both Australian and New Zealanders, as a commemorative ges-

OBJECT ACHIEVED: The unveiling of the memorial on its new site at Albany by the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, on October 11, wrote "finis" to the years of negotiation and action required to transport it half way round the world and to restore and re-erect it in a place of honour. Sir Robert is seen at the base of the memorial.
The Memorial At The Unveiling

On its site on Mt. Clarence the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial overlooks King George's Sound, from where thousands of young Australian soldiers proceeding overseas in the Great War had their last glimpse of Australian soil.

These pictures of the memorial, taken at the unveiling ceremony, give an indication of the splendour of the setting selected for its re-location and of the interest shown by old Diggers in the unveiling.

*AT RIGHT:* Lighthorsemen take up an honoured position at the memorial.

*BETWEEN:* Scene at the memorial just prior to the unveiling.
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R.S.L. WOMEN’S AUXILIARIES

Official Visits

Friday 2nd: Mrs Ames, with Mesdames Brown and Tomich, visited Claremont Mental Hospital with amenities. Mrs Rowe attended a meeting of Mesdames Zehnder and Critchley.

Tuesday 6th: Lemnos Board meeting was attended by Mrs Ames.

Saturday 10th: Mrs Ames attended the official dinner and social evening held by the Albany sub-branch. Mrs Cottrill, senior vice-president, and Mrs Rowe attended a social evening held by the Nollamara sub-branch and presented Certificates of Service to Mesdames Zehnder and Critchley.

Thursday 16th: Torch-bearers for Legacy meeting was attended by the State President.

Friday 16th: Soldiers’ Children’s Education Board interviewing committee meeting attended by Mrs Ames.

Monday 19th: Mrs Ames visited the Boyup Brook auxiliary, attending a meeting of the auxiliary in the afternoon and a social evening to which the sub-branch, Boyup Brook and Greenbushes auxiliaries and sub-branches were also invited.

Membership—Best Level Since 1952

League membership for Australia and New Guinea has shown a great increase in recent years and is now at the highest level since 1952.

This is revealed in the League’s annual national report in June. Total League membership is now 257,000 and there are 31,520 members of women’s auxiliaries.

The National President, Mr. A. J. Lee, said the figures were extremely encouraging and hoped the increase would be maintained and if possible increased.

“This result is all the more remarkable,” said Mr. Lee, “as we are losing an increasing number of our first-war members.”

“I hope,” he said, “that more and more ex-service men and women who have not previously belonged to the R.S.L. will join and assist us. The League is an integral part of Australian community and national life.

“We have important work to do, not only in assisting and serving the women and men but in matters of national importance, in youth welfare and other things that will render a service to Australia.”

If you haven’t paid your 1964 ‘sub’ yet, please send it to Anzac House and help this State branch do its part in the membership increase.”

Thursday 22nd: Mrs Ames and Mrs Cullen attended North Perth’s birthday party.

Friday 23rd: Sports meeting of McKinlay Shield Games attended by the State President, State Secretary, and executive, committee and auxiliary sports directors.

Mrs Ames and Mrs L. Young visited C.M.H. in the afternoon, taking the usual amenities.

Monday 26th: Mrs H. Tinkler, treasurer of Central Council of Women’s Auxiliaries of N.S.W., who was visiting Perth on a tour, attended the executive meeting and spoke on work carried out by the branches in N.S.W.

At Home

On October 14 the Auxiliary State President and executive held an “At Home” in the ballroom of Anzac House.

Among those present were the Lady Mayoress, Mrs C. Zehnder, representatives of kindred organisations and auxiliaries and 27 past members of the executive.

Past members included two former presidents and six secretaries. The ladies really enjoyed themselves, meeting friends they had not seen for many years.

Items were given by Mesdames Marks and Martin with Mrs McMahon at the piano, and a very nice afternoon tea was served by executive members.

Donations

Donations to hand are as follows:

Flood Relief

Kellerberrin £5, Pinjela £5, Narrogin £5/5/9, South Perth £2/2/, Riverton £2/2/, York £2/2/, Yarloop £2/2/, Applecross £1/1/1/.

Veterans’ Home

Coorow £5, Southlinton £5, Unity Cheerio £2/10/10/10/, Bellevue £5, Kellerberrin £5, Pingrup £1.

Christmas Cheer

Coorow £5, Southlinton £5, Bellevue £10/10/10/10/, Pingrup £1.

Hospital Visiting

Coorow £5, Southlinton £5.

The Royal Visit

The recent announcement by the Prime Minister that their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester has been invited to visit Australia early next year, will be welcomed by most Australians.

In the course of their visit the Duke and Duchess will attend a ceremony in Canberra to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Anzac on Sunday, April 25. The scope and details of the visit will be announced as soon as possible.

The Prime Minister indicated that for the most part the visit would have an emphasis towards informality to provide the Royal Highnesses to revist personal friends and some of the places known to them from their earlier period in Australia.

FLYING THE FLAG

The State Secretary has received a letter from the Premier, Mr. David Brand, advising that the League’s request for a greater showing of the Australian national flag has received consideration by Cabinet.

It has been decided that the flag should be flown from major State Government buildings (excluding schools) in the metropolitan area and country towns during hours of business, and on any specified occasion of national or State significance occurring on any other day.

The flag is to be flown from Government school buildings on the special occasions now applying or as may be determined from time to time.

It is also proposed to introduce a flag-raising ceremony to be observed at schools on days on which the flag is flown.

Arrangements are being made to give effect to this decision as early as practicable.

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wish to advise that Mr. J. Buckle has joined the staff as Rural Representative
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Room For More In Games Contest

With the 1964 series of games concluded the A.R.M.S. Games sub-committee and the sports directors of competing sub-branches are already thinking of the 1965 season.

It is hoped, during the coming year, to make the competition the most successful ever. This aim, however, can only be realised with the support of all metropolitan sub-branches.

A brief history of the competition could possibly provide the information required by those interested in entering a team for 1965.

The competition was inaugurated when a perpetual shield, in honour of the late Arch Bishop Riley, was presented by the Nedlands sub-branch in 1952.

The winning sub-branch holds the shield for the ensuing 12 months.

Every two or three weeks teams meet to compete in small-bore rifle, shooting, darts, quoits, table tennis and bridge. Each team meets its opponents once and points are allocated in each section.

Financial members of the League, are eligible to compete and an average team comprises 16 members as four are required for the rifle, table tennis, six for shooting and bridge and nine for darts.

A minimum team would comprise 12 members and a maximum team 24.

Nominations close on January 31 and the competition fee is £1 per sub-branch.

In the event of a sub-branch not being able to provide at least 12 members it is permissible to combine with another sub-branch to field a team.

With an influx of new and potential members from the United Kingdom many of whom are anxious to find some social life— an excellent opportunity now exists for the recruitment of new members both for the team and the sub-branch.

Further information may be obtained from the A.R.M.S. Games Secretary, Anzac House (23 2271).

Recruits Given Choice

A scheme has been introduced allowing recruits a choice of enlistment into certain corps of the Australian Regular Army.

The scheme will be on trial for a short period.

Announcing this recently the Army Minister Forbes said the corps concerned were the Royal Australian Armoured Corps, the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, and the Royal Australian Army Service Corps.

The scheme would allow, as far as possible, a choice of enlistment for men with certain preferences or family connections with the corps concerned.

Applications would still be required to meet entrance standards and pass all stages of basic recruit-training.

If unsuitable for the corps of their choice, applicants could either seek general enlistment or withdraw their application.

It is hoped that the scheme will provide an additional source of recruiting.

R.S.L. VETERANS' HOME

A recent highlight of social activity at the War Veterans' Home was the Spring Symphony Fashion Parade held in support of the home's Miss Crowning Glory competition entrant, Miss Carol New.

The dining hall, with massed indoor plants, flowers and with the tables covered with a white tablecloth and a flower scheme of blue and pink, provided a pleasant setting for the occasion.

Frocks from the Roslyn frock salon, jewellery from Tiffany's, hats from Madame de Gruyter, furs from Bally's, make-up from Nantes, and hair styles— including a special presentation for this occasion of a man dressed as ''Punch''—by the Mercy Alvia salon—were displayed before the 250 guests by 15 models who voluntarily gave their services.

The organiser of the event was Mrs E. C. Townsend, whose enthusiasm and graciousness contributed largely to the success of the evening.

A very pleasing effect to the presentation of the models by the compere, Mrs L. O'Donohue, was the soft background music provided by Mr and Mrs K. L. Sharpe.

A strong committee consisting of supporters of the home was assisted in offering hospitality to the guests by six charming debutante hostesses, friends of Miss Carol New.

Also assisting for the first time at a social function at the home were members of the War Veterans' Home Tea Younger Section who took an important role in entertaining the numerous guests.

REMEMBRANCE

The Right Reverend Brian MacDonald—Canterbury Bishop of Perth—and a well-respected and honoured padre of the World War officiated at this year's Service of Remembrance and Rededication at the War Veterans' Home on November 11.

At the conclusion of the service veterans and visitors placed wooden crosses in the Field of Remembrance in honour of deceased servicemen.

SAVOY OPERA

An evening of delightfully attractive music, as only Gilbert and Sullivan could provide, was presented at the War Veterans' Home by the West Australian Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

Individual items and chorus work, beautifully rendered, supplied a well-balanced programme.

The president of the society, Mr W. Beecham, commended the show and his wife and the chairman, Mr W. E. Hill and delightful anecdotes added to the pleasure of the evening.

The appreciation of the residents and friends from nearby cottage homes was very evident and it is hoped that before long the Society will stage another such evening.

Remembered By Many

Mr Cyril Longmore, a League member for over 30 years, a past member of the State Executive and at one time president of the City of Perth sub-branch, died on September 22.

Mr Longmore served with the 44th Battalion with distinction in the 1914-18 war and was awarded the Order of Leopold and the Croix-de-guerre.

A journalist of considerable ability, he wrote the history of the 44th Battalion ("Eggs a Cook") and was well known to ex-service men for his "Non-Cen" column in the old "Western Mail."

He was a director of the R.S.L. Trading Co. from 1952 until its liquidation in 1963.

A good citizen and a fine gentleman.

Busselton Day

The annual reunion dinner of the Busselton sub-branch will be held on Saturday, February 6, 1965. R.S.L. members holding in the district are cordially invited.

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A Memorial Seen By Thousands

Pictured here is Augusta-Margaret River Shire Council president, S. C. Smith inspecting a painting of the Augusta War Memorial.

The pioneers’ monument can be seen among the trees, and the Blackwood estuary beyond them.

In its superb setting the memorial has been admired by people from all over the State.

The artist is Mrs Melvina Russ, of Badgebup in the Katanning district, who has a holiday cottage in Turner-street, Augusta.

The council chose the picture out of 11 paintings submitted. No prize was offered but it was decided to invite the painter of the picture selected to name a fee.

GARDENING JOBS ARE AVAILABLE

Several part-time and casual positions are available to members fit and ‘qualified’ to perform mowing, and digging tasks.

Further information is available from the Employment Officer, Anzac House.

Sub-branch Activity At Victoria Park

The activities of the Victoria Park sub-branch continue to keep members—particularly Gil Cairns with his hospital visiting—well and truly occupied.

Speaking of hospitals and homes brings to mind the sub-branch participation in the local women’s auxiliary annual Diggers’ tea.

Between 60 and 70 men from Edward Millen, Sunset and Lemnos, thoroughly enjoyed a high-tea followed by a concert and dance.

Sub-branch committees were for the cigarettes needed, plus transport to and from Edward Millen and Sunset.

The Red Cross office again looked, after the Lemnos contingent.

The volunteer artists were thoroughly appreciated.

It was a very good show and the auxiliary earned the thanks of all for a job well done.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Spot-the-Object window competition which the sub-branch hopes will be a real money-spinner.

This competition has been organised with the cooperation of 14 local business houses in the shopping centre nearest the Causeway.

Members are requested to support the sub-branch and to make sure their friends and relations do likewise by sending in plenty of entries.

All data needed is shown in the entry forms and all shops concerned are identified by a sticker on their window.

Help yourselves by helping the finance committee to make a success of this competition.

The sub-branch cake stall continues to be fairly successful. The last one, thanks to the members who made donations, netted £12.

Great Strides At Esperance

The Esperance sub-branch was in excellent heart and should reach a membership of 100 next year. State President Lonnie said at last month’s executive meeting.

The sub-branch had made £1,200 from the sale of land it had held for only about 12 months, he said.

The Rev Denis Bryant, D.F.C., was sub-branch secretary, and Mr Jack Trestraill the president.

Mr Trestraill had become local shire president last year.

The vigour of the sub-branch was a joy to behold.

All aspects of R.S.L. work are tackled as they arise and the sub-branch committee is kept busy.

The next general meeting is on Friday, November 20, and all members are requested to give full support to the sub-branch by attending and raising the “attendance figures to respectable proportions.

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44th Battalion
Of special concern to a large number of ex-servicemen is the sad news of the passing of the late Captain L. Kehoe, M.G., who passed away at Goodwood, South Australia.

He won the M.C. at the battle of Messines, where he was wounded and gassed. Many old Diggers will remember his devotion to duty and his untiring efforts in behalf of others. He was a popular member of the Gallipoli Club, and was a past president of the Australian Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Memorial Association, South Australia. He was a past president of the Australian Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Memorial Association, South Australia.

He was also a past president of the Australian Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Memorial Association, South Australia.

16th Battalion
At the reunion celebrating the battalion’s 50th anniversary Mr. S. Smith received a life membership certificate for his services. About 130 attended this function.

The Amelia farm fund has received £130 from the Anzac Day Trust Fund.

At the annual meeting of the association of officers were re-elected. President W. Liddleman reported that while the finances were “fairly steady” the association had lost 46 members through death during the year.

He appealed to all members of the old battalion to join the association. The annual subscription is 5/- and the secretary is Mr. C. Young of 28 Oak street, Fremantle. (39 2934). All members are requested to attend the laying-up-of-colours ceremony at the State War Memorial on Sunday, November 29.

The women’s auxiliary held a picnic at Serpentine Dam recently. Members’ wives were eligible to join — secretary is Mrs. F. Gray, 69 Anna street, Mt. Lawley. The association’s condolences to Mr. N. Sten, on the death of his wife.

Ex-P.O.W.

Early invitations will be extended to V.I.P.s — including this at Government House, Major-General Sir Douglas Kendrew and heads of the Air Force — to attend the dinner for the officers on Saturday, September 25 next. A most be accepted for catering.

W. A. Welcomes “You” brochures have been delivered and distributed throughout Australia and New Zealand by the generosity of a leading line company.

Mr. P. Murphy, a British ex-P.O.W. and a new member of the State, attended the October meeting when further progress in arrangements was made.

The committee would appreciate active cooperation from the Air Force, as this is the only service not represented.

Artillery

The Royal Australian Artillery Association is holding a dinner-dance at the M. Lawley, R.S.L. Hall, on Friday, December 4, at 7 p.m. and invites all gunners and their wives to be present and enjoy the evening’s happy reunion.

Dress is informal; tickets are 25/- per member. The committee are asked to notify association secretary, Mr. E. Powell, 168 Alfred-road, Mt. Claremont, by November 18.

XMAS PARCELS

Sub-branches are notified that applications are now being received for annual Christmas parcels.

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SOUTH AFRICAN AND IM- INTER-ARMISTICE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION (George) - Anzac House basement, third Monday at 2 p.m. 93 Main-street, Osborne Park. Secretary, R. A. McDonald, 20 Kenny-street, Bassendean (79 1406).

10TH LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION - Anzac House basement, third Monday at 2 p.m. 16 Tennyson, East Fremantle, (39 2934).

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION OF W.A. - Meetings at Anzac House when called. President, B. G. Shaw, 16 Bray-street, Mt. Lawley. Secretary, E. B. Powell, 168 Oaktree-street, East Fremantle (31 335).

16TH BATTALION and 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION - Committee meets second Wednesday, Balbina Institute, Perth. President, J. Lillehomy, 21 Chandler-street, Fremantle (87 4050). Secretary, O. C. Young, 2 Jupiter-street, East Fremantle (39 2934).


16TH BATTALION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY - President, Mrs. Kerter, 190 Adelaide-terrace, Perth. Secretary, Mrs. Bennett, 190 Bennett-street, Perth (21 3702).


11TH and 2/11TH BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION (W.A.) - President: C. D. Wraga, 38 Hubert-road, Nedlands (71 3457). Secretary, G. R. Butch Durante, 5 Armadale-road, Nedlands (75 2191). Treasurer: John Brown, 60 4495 home. Welfare Officer, Phil Grew (71 1110). Committee meets Anzac House 4th Tuesday each month.

2/32ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION (W.A.) - President, I. R. Hamilton, Vera-street, Mitchell Park. Secretary, R. N. Cleland, 28 Charles-street, South Perth. Treasurer, E. S. Naylor, 141 Stirling-highway, Claremont. Annual dinner last Friday each month.

44TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION - Committee meets when called. Annual reunion Show Week - President: T. Tait, 24 Dalglas-street, Wembley. Secretary, F. Brown, 123 Second-avenue, Mt. Lawley (71 1650).


EX-PRISONERS OF WAR AND RELATIVES' ASSOCIATION OF W.A. - President, B. T. Milian-avenue, Victoria Park. Secretary: Mrs. F. Miners, Box 198, 22 Ann-street, Subiaco.

BRITISH EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC. - Meets second Tuesday in Forestry Hall, Francis and Museum-street, Perth, 8 p.m. President: J. M. Maugham, 131 Clifton-street, Box 1547, G.P.O. Perth.

COUNCIL OF UNIT ASSOCIATIONS - President: E. MacLeod, 55 McLeod-road, Applecross (86 1053). Secretary, Treasurer, S. C. Harvey, 47 Westminster, Bassendean. Committee meetings as called.

32ND BATTALION (1st A.I.F.) ASSOCIATION - President, R. H. Geddes, Flat 3, Somerset, 246 St. George's Terrace, Perth. Secretary, C. L. Shaw, 11 Clive-road, Mt. Lawley (71 3311). Committee Meetings as called. Annual reunion nearest Friday to July 19.

7TH AUST. COMMANDO ASSOCIATION - President: C. A. Brome, 31 Beaufort-avenue, Como (37 3089). Secretary, J. Middleton, 40 Collins-street, South Perth (76 2067).


RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION - President, J. Rust, 16 Second-avenue, Gaylands. Secretary, D. A. Kilpatrick, P.O. Box 44, Nedlands. Committee meetings, second Monday each month.


MAIDEN AND LIMELBAS EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION ("Winges and Stumps") - President, A. Bingham, Secretary, H. W. Gilk (21 5888). Meetings, first Thursday in the month except January.

EASTERN GOLDFIELDS GREECE-CRETE WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION - President, R. Baur, Hamilton-street, Katanning. Secretary, Mike Payne, P.O. Box 246, South Perth. Meetings, first Saturday late in the month and Wednesday at the Criterion Hotel, Kalgoorlie.

12/5TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION - Meets first Friday each month. President, A. Jackson, 61 John-street, Cottesloe. Secretary, L. Anderson, 14 Radium-street, Belmont.

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Huge Roll-up For Albany Reunion

Over 500 League members and their wives from many parts of the State and beyond attended the Albany sub-branch reunion dinner on Saturday, October 10.

The dinner, held in the wintercourt of the Premier Hotel, was the first buffet-style re-union ever held by the sub-branch. It was the first re-union to which members' wives had been invited.

The date of the dinner was brought forward to coincide with the unveiling and re-dedication of the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial.

Sub-branches from Roe, Mill, Kalgoorlie, Esperance and many more within about 200 miles of Albany were represented.

Two Queenslanders who were making a round trip of 7,200 miles by train to attend the unveiling ceremony, also attended the dinner.

They are Mr. P. W. Byatt, president of the 7th Light Horse Association, and Mr. F. R. Barron, secretary of the 11th Light Horse Association. Mr. Barron is in his 80th year.

A nursing sister in the Great War, Sister I. Kamin, who was in the first convoy that sailed from Albany in 1914, was another identity at the dinner.

The Gallipoli Legion of Anzac's of W.A. were strongly represented and included the president Mr. J. E. McKinley of Perth, and Mr. G. Shaw (secretary), also of Perth.

The State president of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. J. Ames and a past president Mrs. McKinnon, also attended.

Among the official guests were the Minister for the Interior, Mr. J. D. Anthony, the Mayor and Mayoress of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Knight, Mr. J. Hall, M.L.A. and Mrs. Hall, and Bishop Tom Riley.

R.S.L. State President W. S. Lorne told those present that it was a historic occasion, because it was a prelude to the unveiling and re-dedication of the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial next week.

He did not know of a greater occasion in the history of the sub-branch.

Emden Survivor Has Part In Ceremony

A German survivor of the Sydney-Emden encounter of 1914, Mr. Hans Harnes-Emden, was brought to Australia to participate in the ceremony conducted in Canberra on November 9 to mark the 50th anniversary of the historic engagement.

Mr Harnes-Emden was selected by the German Bureau of News and Information to make the trip and spend about a fortnight in Australia.

During the action the League was told, Mr Harnes-Emden was wounded slightly and after the sinking of the German cruiser had swum through the darkness to the Sydney where Australian seamen rescued him.

The surname "Emden" was granted as a unique recognition to all those who served in the German cruiser during the engagement.

The commemoration included a wreath-laying ceremony at the National War Memorial followed by an informal luncheon at R.S.L. national headquarters.

The Navy provided a guard-of-honour and band for the ceremony and wreaths were laid by representatives of the crews of both ships that took part in the engagement, by the German Ambassador and the Minister for the Navy (representing the Commonwealth Government), by a member of the Federal Opposition and representatives of both the Australian and German Navies, the Returned Servicemen's League and other organisations.

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