Money Coming In For Veterans' Chapel

Advance-donations totalling $2,188.90 were received by the War Veterans' Home board for its chapel appeal fund, and at the time this issue went to press further contributions had raised the total in hand to $2303.

First in the field was the 10th Light Horse Association with a donation of $200.

The target is $16,000 and plans for the building envisage seating for 74 people plus provision of a northex and vestry.

If funds permit it is intended to provide a paved courtyard and garden setting.

Since the foundation of the home in 1961 accommodation has increased from 104 to 192. This was brought about by the construction of an additional wing of 28 rooms for ex-servicemen and of ten cottages for elderly couples.

An attractive amenities centre has also been built and fully equipped.

To keep pace with these material improvements and to provide for the spiritual needs of the residents the board, last year, obtained the approval of the State Executive to launch an appeal for a non-denominational chapel.

The chapel will have additional significance because its construction will coincide with the 50th anniversary of the League.

As well as providing for the spiritual welfare of residents it will commemorate the most important milestone in the history of the League in this State.

The appeal thus offers a unique opportunity for the community as a whole and for ex-service people in particular to subscribe to the spiritual wellbeing of aged veterans and war widows.

The joint chairmen of the appeal are the immediate past State President, Mr. W. S. Lonnie, and the War Veterans' Home board chairman Dr. Alan King.

Donations, big or small, may be sent or handed to R.S.L. State Secretary W. Webb at Anzac House, or to the Superintendent, War Veterans' Home, Alexander-drive, Mt. Lawley.

Donations are a taxation deduction.

The advance-donations were: 10th Light Horse Association, $200; Public Service sub-branch, $200; K. Broadhurst and Partner, $200; anonymous, $200; Army Medical Unit's Association, $10; Mr. F. O'Halloran, $10; R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, $54.70; 51st Battalion Association, $500; Corrig, in sub-branch, $100; Mrs. A. Kinga, $4.20; proceeds Ark Royal concert, $220.

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To all who served the call is clear
Join the League in its Golden Year

The Royal Australian Navy's missile destroyer H.M.A.S. Perth (commissioned at Boston, U.S.A., in July 1966) is expected at Fremantle on her maiden visit to Western Australia next month.

Metropolitan sub-branches are arranging hospitality for the ship's company, and as usual the Anzac Club will welcome all ranks.
An Asian Looks At Communism

The following article is an abridgement of the keynote speech made by Thailand's Foreign Minister, Thanat Khoman, at the Asian Peoples' Anti-Communist League's conference (its 11th) held in Manila last September.

This is a critical time. Our lives as men and women, living in free societies and unfettered by restrictions and impediments in exercise of our rights and liberties, has been, in many places, threatened and even endangered.

The dark forces of tyranny and aggression aim at sweeping away our freedom and independence by violating the boundary of their imperialistic domination.

In certain areas—South Vietnam and Laos, for example—the collapse of the undermining the existing national structures has been thorough and productive enough to make them to pass on to the next phase of resort to naked force, with the support of the world's superpowers.

At this time, the war raging in Vietnam and Laos, where men are being killed fighting the aggressor, a vicious and lurking danger hangs around us. How did this danger or communism come about?

This movement owes its modern origins to two disgruntled German thinkers, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. In their lifetimes, Marx, Engels and their followers have constantly emphasized how the squall conditions to which the working people in Europe were reduced.

EXPLOITATION

Europe was then seething with the commerce brought about by the industrial revolution. But while the European economy and society were being transformed, the workers were ruthlessly exploited by their employers. In the midst of these sufferings, thinkers like Marx, together with the work of labour arose the exhortations to the working class to struggle against its so-called exploiters, the capitalists.

Whatever the external facts and circumstances may have been, it is by which led these intellectuals and labour leaders in their contemporary society we who live outside Europe cannot fail to note that the theorists who built their doctrines are alien to us and have no roots whatsoever in our own lands.

The ideological contradictions which emerged from their groves minds have absolutely no relevance or relationship to the facts of life in our part of the world.

How then those theories be allowed to play any role in our life? Why should we Asians project ourselves to the dictum of those who are not related to us, either by geography, by tradition or by thought?

The remedies recommended by Marx and his collaborators were designed to cure specific ills which gripped the continent of Europe in the mid-nineteenth century, the root causes of European industrial revolution.

They have no practical application to areas like Asia, which have not been affected by similar adversity.

AMELIORATION

In any case, with the passage of time, the harmful aspects of industrialization have been satisfactorily corrected through better and more effective measures, particularly the strengthening of labor organizations and diverse social dispositions, with the result that both sides, the workers and the industrialists, can share the benefits.

Of what Marx advocated, only dictatorship has come a reality in communist states.

The beneficiaries of the new source of power are not the mass of the communist party officials who, in the words of Milovan Djilas, former communist party official in Yugoslavia, have become the new class in the project classless society and which gets the most substantial benefits.

As to the proletariat, it has the main function of filling the production quotas by officials in charge of the industries.

The workers' needs are taken care of also, but in a peculiar way. They pay a nominal rent for whatever accommodation they may obtain from the state. The education for their children is free and the cost of urban transportation is very reasonable.

However, they have to pay 10 to 20 times more than the imported prices for such items as sugar, coffee, meat, and comparing with outside non-communist markets, exorbitant prices for edibles consumer goods.

In the meantime, the members of the new ruling class live in spacious houses or apartments, even have summer residences and ride in shiny new limousines,

This is the tragic irony of Marx's say that Marx had wanted to build a classless society, he only in bringing to the helm a new class, which clings to power as it has.

MARXIAN AIM

Marx hoped to do away with exploitation of the working class by the capitalists, but not the exploitation that is ruthless before that.

In the Communist Manifesto Marx wrote: "The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win."

The communist objective has hardly changed since that day. On the contrary, communist states which have emerged since Marx's time, after successful revolutions, have been the worst enemies of the working class, and the worst enemies of the working class.

There remains for us to find out how the working class will proceed to implement its policy of world conquest.

But communism in Asia is pressing for immediate and forcible revolutionary conquest. Already this has been translated into practical application in at least two places, namely South Vietnam and Laos.

There, especially in South Vietnam, communists resorted at first to their time-honoured traditional manoeuvres and tactics of breaking treaty provisions by which they are bound—the Geneva accords of 1954 and 1962.

Then they applied infiltration, subversion, sabotage, individual and mass terrorism, guerrilla warfare and insurrection.

Finally, as they must have thought that the time was ripe, they moved in for the coup de grace with more or less open introduction of their armed forces.

The final coup would have been consummated by now, had it not been for the providential and timely decision of the United States to stop in and bar the road to communist aggression.

In accepting the heavy and onerous responsibility of countering communist aggression in South Vietnam, the United States and other nations which have joined in these noble efforts will be recognised by future history as having saved not only the freedom of the people of South Vietnam from being crushed but also the free existence of Southeast Asia.

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Going After Membership

It is planned that by the end of March most metropolitan sub-branches will have been visited by a State Executive member in connection with the current membership drive.

This was decided at the executive meeting on February 2 following a report by Membership Committee chairman F. Holland.

For many years the executive has allocated sub-branch liaison responsibility to each of its members.

The February meeting also approved a guidance brochure which the executive has prepared for the membership drive. Copies of the brochure will be distributed to the State President and to sub-branches throughout the State.

The brochure gives a range of activities which members can do to assist in the membership drive and is aimed at providing talking points in the drive for each member.

The idea behind the brochure, Mr. Holland said, was to provide some authentic material on which to base an approach to potential members.

It was hoped to inspire sub-branches to acquaint their members with this material and encourage them to seek out new recruits by personal contact, he said.

The personal approach, he felt, was essential to success.

Mr. H. A. Leslie said that while a strong membership was invaluable to the League, the spirit of the organisation was even more important. It had built Anzac House when its membership was only 3,000, he said.

Question Time

Ask yourself this question: "Do you already belong in the R.S.L.?"

If the answer is "No" you had better give up. If your reply is "Yes" then your coat off and sell your belief to the wayward bloke.

The job of every member is to make sure Luke warm and wants reminding, or somebody to jog him into renewing his membership.

While most sub-branch membership committees and secretaries are doing their utmost it is past the time when we can pass our responsibilities on to a couple of mates.

Membership, promotion is no longer the function of those alone, but the job of every person who wears a badge.

There is no magic formula to enrol members.

It depends on those who believe in the League, its causes and responsibilities, to ensure a numerical and financial strength which we can claim as the evidence of the work the League has been doing for the past 50 years.

And that is why every member contact some who are awake, and bring them back, and enrol new members as opportunity offers.

Naval Training For Men Outside Cities

Navy Minister Chaney has informed the League that all members of the recently-formed Naval Emergency Reserve Force are being given sea training.

He was replying to a request from the Ministry of Defence seeking provision of facilities for the training of members of the Reserve Force who reside outside the capital cities by permitting them to join training cruises on naval ships operated by the Reserve Force members living outside capital cities.

There were some at Alice Springs, Welpa and Port Hedland.

Several hundred members of the Reserve Force are being trained at sea recently in H.M.A.S. Sydney and other ships.

A large number of other components of the citizen naval forces, such as the Royal Australian Naval Reserve, who were living outside capital cities could apply for annual training.

This was approved subject to Service requirements and the availability of billets in ships.

A factor that had to be considered was the training needed by each member of the reserve in regard to the duties he would be required to perform in the event of war.

It was not possible to train to the same satisfactory standard those without previous experience when their places of residence prevented ready access to shore establishments.

Moreover, members always able to obtain leave from their employment at the appropriate time.

Nevertheless the general idea promptings the League that the work was being carried out so far as was practicable.
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Thought On Reds Who Go Abroad

A resolution at National Congress last year called for withholding the issue of passports to communists in Australia wishing to visit communist-dominatrd countries abroad.

To League representations on the matter Immigration Minister Opperman has replied as follows:

In general Australian Governments have sought to follow a policy which does not infringe the right of the individual citizen to freedom of movement.

From time to time, some restrictions have been imposed but only when particular emergencies or other special circumstances have made these restrictions essential.

In 1950, following the outbreak of war in Korea, the Government decided that passports would be issued without validity for travel to communist countries unless applicants showed a good reason for going there.

Experience proved, however, that the exclusion of communist countries from the geographical validity of our passports did not necessarily prevent the holders of such restricted passports from entering communist territory.

Even the formal cancellation of passports in some instances had no effect, for if it suited the purpose of communist countries itself were quite prepared to allow entry without any travel document at all.

IRRATION

This particular procedure therefore did nothing to restrict the travel of those it was designed to control and only caused delay and irritation to Australian tourists and in 1951 the Government decided to abandon it.

No change took place until April 1954, when it was decided that passports should not be issued to communists, to persons who were going to communist territory without good reason, or to intending delegates to non-partisan conferences.

Again it soon became clear that the new restrictions were not counter to the principle of freedom of travel which the Government regarded as of great importance. These particular restrictions were dropped after being in operation for a year.

Since then passports issued to all applicants have been made valid for travel to all countries without requiring any statements as to the reasons for travel.

The only variation to this general policy of freedom to travel is that, at the present time, Australian passports are issued without validity for travel to North Vietnam.

You will see therefore that Governments have from time to time given serious consideration to the possibility of limiting visits by particular classes of persons to designated countries, but that experience has shown that such restrictions, as well as being objectionable in principle, are not necessarily effective in practice.

Second N.S. Intake

The second intake of national servicemen for 1966 will begin training on March 29.

Announcing this recently the Minister for the Army, Dr. A. J. Ford, said the 2,100 youths to be called up would undergo their ten weeks basic training in New South Wales and Victoria.

Three hundred New South Wales national servicemen and all those from Tasmania would enter the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion at Kapooka, N.S.W.

The remaining New South Wales recruits and all those from Queensland would join the 3rd Training Battalion at Singleton, N.S.W.

All national servicemen from Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia would train with the 1st Recruit Battalion, Puckapunyal, Victoria.

Estimated numbers of national servicemen to be called up from each State were: Queensland, 300; New South Wales, 700; Victoria, 600; Tasmania, 100; South Australia, 220; Western Australia, 200.

Objection To Use Of The Term ‘Conscript’

Following criticism at the last National Congress of the term ‘conscript’ the League requested the Government to avoid its use. In reply Mr. A. S. Hume, acting as Defence Minister, said:

I share the view of the R.S.L. National Congress that the term, as descriptive of national servicemen, should not be used.

As far as I am aware, however, the expression is not, and has not, been used by government members or by Common wealth Departments. Certain all the term is not used in various instruments of legislation, or in notices or other official matters issued for informative, publicity or training purposes.

The expression has been in use, of course, and probably will continue to be used by opponents of the National Service scheme. I am afraid, however, that it would be quite impracticable to endeavour to suppress use of the expression in the community at large, and that appeals or other attempts to do so could well have the opposite effect.

I can, however, assure you that those who are called up for compulsory service under the National Service Act have, and will continue to be described, for all governmental and departmental purposes, as national servicemen.
Talk Now Centres On 1967 M.E. Battlefields Tour

For some time the National Executive has been examining ways in which the 25th anniversary of World War battles could be suitably commemorated by means of an excursion to the Middle East.

Initially the hope was that this might be possible in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the R.S.L. in 1966.

For this purpose the 25th anniversary on April 11th of the commencement of the Siege of Tobruk seemed appropriate. However, the time-factor was against the proposal.

To enable adequate time for any plans to be carried out smoothly it was necessary to have at least two years' preparation.

With this in mind the 25th anniversary of the commencement of the battle of El Alamein—October 23, 1967—has now been suggested as a suitable event around which any trip could be planned.

With this in mind, discussions have been proceeding for the past few months with W. F. and R. K. Swan (Hellenic) Ltd., a British firm of travel agents.

This firm was responsible for the excursions in the Gallipoli Pilgrimage last year and handled these most successfully.

Swan Hellenic has submitted, in very general terms, the following proposal for the League's consideration.

PROPOSAL

Travel Arrangements

Members would travel by Qantas aircraft between Sydney and assembly points, which would be a major capital city in the Middle East.

From there the cruise would be by ship, the suggested route taking in Sicily, Italy, possibly the South of France, Barcelona, the Balearics, Tunisia, Malta, Tripoli, along the north coast of Africa to Alexandria, and then up the Red Sea to Haifa and across to Turkey.

The period in the Middle East would amount to about 25 days made up as follows:

(a) About 15 days in the capital city of assembly prior to embarkation.

(b) Twenty-two days on the cruise (including day of embarkation and day of disembarkation).

(c) About 13 days in the assembly city before embarking for the return trip to Sydney.

The costs can only be estimated as the proposed tour is a two years' itinerary. Individual costs quoted are based on 300 persons participating and are expressed as an average of the wide range of accommodation. How much each individual will pay will depend on the type of cabin he selects.

Estimated Costs:

(a) Air fare Sydney/El Alamein and return based on present prices—$754 (Aust.).

(b) Cost of cruise including shore excursions and accommodation at Athens both at the start and finish of the cruise—$396 (Aust.).

The approximate total cost—$1450 (Aust.).

Agents:

Unlike the Gallipoli Pilgrimage, which was largely organised and coordinated by the League, it is proposed that this protected cruise shall be handled in detail by the travel agents W. F. and R. K. Swan (Hellenic) Ltd.

Cruise Ship

It is envisaged that the cruise ship would have the following facilities—

(a) Buffet service.

(b) Fully stocked duty-free shop.

(c) Three-piece band, ladies and gentlemen's hairdressing facilities.

(d) British doctor (medical services on board to be free).

(f) Most stewards have a sufficient knowledge of English.

(g) Only one sitting for meals; the cuisine is highly recommended by the travel agent.

(h) A library containing between 800 and 1,000 paperback books plus 500 reference books covering the whole Mediterranean area.

In addition, the travel agents would have a cruise staff of eight persons on board.

The earliest possible advice to Anzac House, Pehrg, from those interested would be helpful in further planning.

Gratitude For Visits

A letter from the secretary of the Northampton sub-branch reads as follows:

"One of our members, Chris Overton of the 18th Light Horse, has requested that I write you expressing his gratitude to all those who visited him during his recent spell in the R.G.H., Hollywood.

"Chris was fortunate enough to have his right leg amputated just below the knee. Being far from home, he appreciated visits from sub-branches and others which made his enforced stay more pleasant.

"It is good to be able to publish testimony such as this to the fine work done by hospital visitors, whether they come from sub-branches or the Corps of Hospital Visitors.—Editor."

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"For some time I have been meaning to write a testimonial to Bex Powders so those who haven't tried them can get some of the benefit. I have used them for years and years and can honestly say I haven't found anything to compare near them. I suffer from countless allergies and I depend on BEX for relief."

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Visited the Anzac Club Lately?
New Turn In Drive For More Land-acquisition

At this month's State Executive meeting it was resolved to approach the Federal Minister for Housing (Senator Rankin) with representations for a much-increased rate of land-acquisition for war-service-home purposes.

The decision was made following a report by the committee chairman R. J. Stoddart on the result of an approach by the committee to the State Housing Minister, Mr. McKinnon, on the question. That approach, Mr. Stoddart said, had been made by letter on November 19 as a result of a State Executive decision earlier that the area was understood that there were only eight building-lots available.

The committee had underlined the urgency of the matter and also the likelihood of additional applications as a result of current operations in South-East Asia.

Mr. Stoddart read the letter, which had been made by the Minister in his reply received on December 20 included the following:

- In general the State Housing Commission had not been able to provide land at prices acceptable to the war-service homes authorities.
- The problem was due to the high land values.
- Over the past two years there had been approaches to over 19 land acquisitions without result.
- For that reason the commission had only been able to provide some land to the war-service homes director from its own limited holdings, as in earlier years.

The commission now had to purchase all its land on the open market.

- Recently the commission had made available to the scheme land including 30 sites at Kar-rinyup, 50 acre at Coolibah, 22 acres at Yokine, 23 acres at Wilson and ten acres at Mandurah.
- Thirty-two half-acre lots at Kalamunda had been refused because the value was too high.
- At Wanneroo the land had been released to the war-service home authorities two years ago to acquire R.A.A.F. Fighter Command had been unsuccessful.

Mr. Stoddart said that of 500 acres of land at Wanneroo had been resumed many years ago and at the time some of it was reserved for the scheme.

Some land had been bought at Woodlands for a low figure. However, much of the land acquired by the commission had been sold at very enhanced values.

The commission, Mr. Stoddart said, should apply a curb to the rising prices of land.

Areas resumed at Scarborough, Karrinyup and elsewhere had been very cheap.

It was now difficult to buy land. The commission should have acquired it for the scheme as well as for itself when it had the opportunity.

The State President said that although the position was not so bad as it had been a short while ago it was still far from good.

Mr. Stoddart said that since the previous executive meeting the committee had dealt with 38 applications for assistance and advice. Eight of them had been refused, six were pending decision by the committee and 24 had been accepted subject to the obtaining of new applications or approval of existing applications.

Getting The Record Straightened Out

League representations—based on a National Congress resolution requesting that naval certificates of service should in future indicate whether the holder had served in warlike operations outside Australia—have brought the following reply from Navy Minister Chaney:

The certificate of service of a member of the Royal Australian Navy who served in warlike operations outside Australia has been the issue of the Returned Service Badge, Confirmation of the issue of this badge has been, and remains, readily available from my department.

It is intended that in the future the details of the service of a member of the Royal Australian Navy will be recorded on an electronic data-processing system and that on discharge the certificate will be issued with a discharge certificate.

This system is still in the planning stages and your request will be borne in mind before the format for the certificate is finally decided.
Riverton Sub-branch Entertained 'Devonshire' Men

On December 22 last the Riverton sub-branch entertained about 90 sailors from the visiting British destroyer H.M.S. Devonshire.

About 100 girls turned up to partner the men and a first-class evening was the result.

Music was supplied by Maureen, Fletcher and her Combo.

At this party a bouquet of flowers and a token gift was presented to Mrs. Hamilton as a mark of the very high esteem in which she is held by members of the sub-branch.

On the 26th a further visit was made by 50 navy men and 80 girls. This followed a visit by some sub-branch members to H.M.S. Devonshire during the morning, and the navy men presented a name-plaque of the ship to the sub-branch.

This visit was a sequel to the visit of the same crew to Fremantle last month.

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Surprise Visit

The West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park sub-branch, at its meeting on January 24, had the unexpected pleasure of welcoming Sir John McLean, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir John, who served with the 13th Field Ambulance, has retained a keen interest in ex-service men and women.

He was introduced to the gathering by his old friend Alex Hood—a much respected member of the sub-branch.

Sir John said he had recently visited the battle areas of the Somme and that in many cases that signs of trenches were still obvious.

He had also spent a few days in Cairo, and remarked on the great changes in the city compared with the place the Diggers knew.

Contemporary "Colorado" has three spacious bedrooms, provision for built-in robes, angle kitchen, covered walkway from entrance, carport, driveway, garden, and all the other luxury appointments.
Parcels Were Welcome In South-East Asia

Numerous letters have been received from Australian troops in South-East Asia expressing appreciation of the League's Christmas parcels. Here are some of them.

From Brigadier O. D. Jackson, O.B.E., Commanding, Australian Army Force, Vietnam:
The Christmas parcels donated by the R.S.L. were received in Vietnam in December and were distributed to all members of the Australian Army Force to help them celebrate Christmas.
Both the contents of the parcels and the thought behind them were greatly appreciated. The support of the R.S.L. as you are fully aware, is always valued by troops in the field.
Please accept my personal thanks, and that of all members of the Australian Army Force, Vietnam, for your gifts, and your thoughtfulness.

From Major J. A. Cooper, second-in-command, 1st Battalion, R.A.F.:
Colonel Alec Fiee received parcels earlier but operations prevented him doing so. I would like to thank the R.S.L. for the manner in which it helped us celebrate Christmas.
All who saw the Lucky Stars show thoroughly enjoyed it, and it is appreciated by all our parcels. I might add that the selection of parcels was excellent. I will not try to list all the branches, sub-branches, and societies that enclosed cards with parcels for fear of omitting some, but would like to thank all for their kind thoughts and generous gifts.
It was most encouraging to receive separate letters from sub-branches, unit associations and other allied organisations assuring us of their thoughts on Christmas Day and of their appreciation of the task we are doing.
I can assure you that contrary to some statements I have read in the press, the war has spoilt Christmas. Those of us unable to celebrate on the 25th made up for it on December 31st. Christmas 1965 compared more than favourably with previous Christmas Days.
On behalf of the battalion group I wish all members of the R.S.L. a prosperous 1966.

From II Wayne E. Shumac, Aust, Army Training Team, Vietnam:
Thank you ever so much for the wonderful Christmas parcel, and your sincere words expressed in your Seasonal Greetings card. The many cards of goodwill and the packages sent from friends and loved ones at home serve to remind me of the culture for which we are fighting over here, and also, the feelings of those at home the appreciation for our contributions, and are aware of the many implications of this bitter struggle for freedom.
I only wish it was possible for the minority group of demonstrators who would associate our national defence policies to actually witness but a few of the daily hardships that these people endure—-at the hands of the communists. Perhaps then they would be more realistic about the benefits and privileges offered them by a democratic society such as we enjoy.
In closing I may extend the very best of good wishes for the future and the new year.

From Captain M. J. Carroll, 1st Bn. R.A.B., Vietnam:
I would like to express my appreciation of myself and Support Coy., 1 R.A.R. for the wonderful Xmas Cheer we received from you.
With Xmas and the new year in a couple of days, together with an operation which we did at late, we are left by the time this reaches you, the parcels has not been able to be well worth the thoughts which they have created.
Not only are these gifts most welcome but they are a wonderful morale booster to everyone and it is a credit to the members of the League in arranging these gifts.

From Major J. Stein, R.A.F., Malaysia:
On behalf of all members of this unit please accept my thanks, for the very appreciated Christmas parcels and Christmas wishes.

Commanding Officer Vic Guthrie, E.A.A.F. Transport Flight, in possession of the parcels and the friends who tend to write to us, would like to thank you, for your considerate thought and for the preamble which is made available to each and every member of the flight.
Not only are these gifts most welcome but they are appreciated by everyone in the R.A.F. for the magnificent gift parcels as of for Christmas 1965.

Non-combatant Training Of Conscientious Objectors

National Servicemen who are conscientious objectors but who do not object to non-combatant duties will be trained in the 1st Recruit Training Battalion at Kapooka (N.S.W.).

The Minister for Defence, Mr. Malcolm Fraser, recently that accepted conscientious objectors would be excused all duties connected with weapons, except the training necessary to learn to render weapons safe.

Only those conscientious objectors to be accepted on a Form 10 under the National Service Act would be exempted from combat training.
Form 10 is an order exempting a person from undertaking combatant duties on the understanding that he will be well worth the thoughts which they have created.

It is also an assurance to the R.S.L. that I wish to comply with the information card enclosed in the parcel. I can see the correspondence of interest in the R.S.L. upon our return to Australia.

From Major N. J., Stein, R.A.F., Malaysia:
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The parcles were very well made up indeed and were greatly appreciated by all.
The R.A.A.F. at Ubon thank all again and send hearty best wishes to your organisation for a prosperous New Year.

Gathering Of Old Diggers

On December 22 nine members of the 12th Reinforcements to the 1st Battalion, 1st A.I.F., held a reunion at the Globe Hotel, Perth.
The occasion was the 50th anniversary of their service on the Western Front.

These veterans were most pleased to meet again after so many years, and several brought along photographs or newspaper-cuttings of old events.
The reunion members were: No. 3883 W. C. McAdam; No. 3880 Ted Dameron; No. 3968 Fred Goodwin; No. 3830 T. J. (Tom) Jones; No. 3941 E. (Son) Lee; No. 3987 W. L. (Bill) Potter; No. 4002 W. M. (Bill) Waterman; No. 4040, T. F. (King) Harrison No. 4046 W. H. (Bill) Plummer, M.M. and bar.

Also with them was Erm Tonkinson of the 12th Reinforcements to the 1st Battalion, who was also there on the same trip.

Applications were received from No. 2832 C. F. (Charlie) Hiscock and No. 3829 W. J. W. (Bill) James, who were absent through ill health.

Best wishes to them for the New Year!
Life-membership Award to League Member in England

Question Of Vote For Troops Under 21

To a League request for an extension of voting rights in parliamentary elections to members of the forces serving abroad who are under the age of 21, Mr. A. S. Hulme, acting for the Minister for Defence, has replied as follows:

The Commonwealth and State electoral laws have always provided that persons are not entitled to vote until they attain their legal majority.

In this respect Australia is in line with most other countries.

The question of amending the Commonwealth Electoral Act to give minors in the armed forces the right to vote is one for the Minister for the Interior, and he has this matter under consideration.

I have, however, referred to him a copy of your resolution. The amendment of the State electoral acts would of course be for the decision of the State Governments concerned.

I might add that as national servicemen are not required to register for service until they are 20 years of age, in view of the time that elapses between date of registration and the actual date of call-up many of them are entitled to vote under existing legislation.

The League's honorary information officer in London is Mr. Frank A. Kennedy, with whose name, at least, many readers of these columns will be familiar as it has appeared on occasion with published matter he has submitted.

Mr. Kennedy is pictured above (at right) at Australia House recently being presented with the R.S.L. life-membership certificate by the deputy High Commissioner for Australia, Mr. W. R. Cumming, C.V.O.

Beer Prices At Club

Decimal currency beer prices at the Anzac Club as authorised at this month's State Executive meeting—and operative from February 14—-are as follows.

- Draught beer: glass and middy, 10c.; pot 17c.
- Bottled beer and stout: glass and middy, 22c.; pot, 18c.
- Bottles—Swan and Emu, 38c.; half-dozen pots, $2.20; dozen lots, $4.25.
- Cans—Swan and Emu, 24c.; cartons (2 doz.) $5.50. Cascade 25c.; cartons, 50.
- Kegs—18-gal. $35.95; 10-gal. $20.85; 5-gal. $11.60 (less 5 per cent to sub-branches).

One Name Wanted For Our Fighting Men

At the State Executive meeting on February 2 the immediate-past president, Mr. Lonnie, said he would like to see another League move for the adoption of the term "Australian Military Forces" as a single name in place of the currently-used terms national servicemen, A.R.A., and C.M.F.

"Let there be one name only," he said, "and let that name be the Australian Military Forces."

Admittedly, he went on, League representations of the matter had been rejected, but the general situation had changed since then. Now members of the National Service organisation and of the C.M.F. could be directed to overseas service and there no longer seemed to be the diversity of nature that might once have distinguished the various bodies.

Mr. Lonnie said he would also like to see the existing limit on the nation's cadre forces brushed aside.
Women Praised For Help In Sub-branch Achievement

The inspiring and untiring support of the women's auxiliary played a big part in the success of the Belmont sub-branch's activities last year.

President S. J. Thornton said this in his recent annual report to the sub-branch, the other points of which are summarised below.

**Membership**
The membership for 1965 reached 250, which was a new high and the service to mark the 50th anniversary of the landings was enjoyed by all. On this occasion, Mrs Flett had put on the usual concert for the sub-branch, it was well attended. The proceeds ($24/10/1) were donated by the sub-branch to the Miss Crowning Glory fund.

There had been visits, in the year, to Upper Swan, Millen, Bellevue, Nollamara and Pearce (Sergeants' Mess).

**Hospital Visiting**
This had again been easier carried out by Mr. Albert Downesborough. The keen interest taken in sick members by that gentleman had been most praised.

The report closed with an expression of thanks to the sub-branch committee and members, and to the State Executive, for their help during the year.

Women's Auxiliary Donations

Here is the latest list of donations by auxiliaries throughout the State:

**WAR VETERANS' HOME CHEAPEL**
- Geraldton, $10
- Yarloop, $5
- Rockingham, $5
- Waroona, $10
- West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park, $4/20
- Norsemann, $3/30
- Grahame River, $20
- State Executive, $200

**WAR VETERANS' HOME MAINTENANCE**
- Kalgoorlie, $20
- Cottesloe, $11
- Mandurah, $10
- Yarloop, $20
- Belmont, $22
- Boulder, $10/50
- North, $20
- Childs, $10
- Yarloop, $4
- Bredon, $5
- Moanal, $10
- Southern Cross, $4/20
- Murray Districts, $4/20

**CHRISTMAS CHEER**
- Mt. Hawthorn, $10
- Kalgoorlie, $10
- Coolgardie, $10
- Rocky Gully, $10
- V.F. Engineers, $20
- Cottesloe, $20
- North East Fremantle, $20
- Cottesloe, $21
- Grants of Rock: $20
- Subiaco, $10
- Bullbrook, $5
- Narrogin, $20
- Geraldton, $100
- City of Kalgoorlie, $100
- Shenton Park, $10
- Northton, $20
- Bidon-Palmyra, $4
- Brunswick Jctn, $20
- Narembeen, $30
- Childs, $20
- Yarloop, $20
- Rockingham, $10
- Milil, $10
- Kalgoorlie, $20
- Brookton, $25
- Nungarin, $20
- Grangeup, $10
- Waroona, $40
- Southern Cross, $4/20
- Murray Districts, $4/20
- Boyup Brook, $20
- Geraldton, $5
- State Executive

**Praie From Ward 11, Hollywood**

The auxiliary State Secretary, Mrs Rowe, on December 1st, received a letter of appreciation from 12 patients in Ward 11 at the Hollywood repatriation hospital in the following terms:

Dear Madam, two or your good ladies have sent us the following in the following terms:

For the festive season and new year we extend to you all our best wishes and hope that your efforts in raising funds have been very successful with the success you so richly deserve.

The signatures were

- Misses and
- Mrs. C. T. Armstrong
- J. Allen, Reid, C. Henderson, A. L. Mullins, R. K. Gregory, L. Murphy, P. C. Taylor, W. J. Green, F. Murphy and Hutchin

Resting-place Of The First V.C. Winner

A church in the sleepy little English village of Mereworth, Kent, is unusual in more ways than one.

Its entrance is built in the Paladian style; its steeple (a copy of the steeple at Malmesbury, Wiltshire, London) is unusually large for a church of its size; and it is unique in that in its cemetery lies the body of the first man to win our most coveted decoration for bravery, the Victoria Cross.

He was Major Charles Dorigan Lucas, and he died August 20th, 1857, of a wound suffered at the siege of Lucknow in the Mutiny of 1857. Since then his body has lain in state in the church.

The Victoria Cross was not instituted until 1856, but it was made retroactive, the Victoria Cross being given to him.

The first investiture was done by Queen Victoria on June 26, 1857, and since then this coveted award has been won 1546 times.

RED CROSS APPEAL

The W.A. division of the Red Cross is appealing for organisations and collectors for its annual appeal on Sunday, March 29th 1966.

The appeal, known as "Red Cross Calling," is a house-to-house collection, and the person who can assist in it is asked to phone 216118 or supply name and address to Mr. M. J. Innes, Red Cross field officer. Help this wonderful organisation if you can.
The Jubilee Year

Here is what Geraldton's Guardian newspaper had to say, on the subject of the League's Jubilee Year, in its leading article on January 18:

Fifty years ago a small group of servicemen, returned from overseas during World War I, conceived the necessity for banding themselves together in an effort to achieve adequate recognition by the nation and its government of the special obligations owing to them and to their comrades still in the fighting zone.

From this small start grew the R.S.L., now celebrating its Jubilee Year.

In those days it faced many acute problems. Despite many sacrifices they had made, the dangers faced, the tribulations endured, men of the armed forces soon won the respect and admiration of the community.

Today the R.S.L. ranks with the most useful of service groups. With its support to a large variety of communal causes in a manner that has earned the respect and admiration of the community. Now, in its accepted role of community service, the League has extended many obligations to the returned men and women, it is fitting that the League should be held in high regard by the Returned Services League.

The occasion should be a memorable one.

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通过Canteens Services sub-branches or their members may now send food parcels to individual servicemen overseas at a cost of 2.10 per parcel.

All parcels contain cigarettes, canned beer, cola, fruit, cream, milk, sweets, but additional items vary as follows:

- Chocolate, raisins and peanuts; writing pad and envelopes; razor blades and pineapple juice;
- tooth brush and tooth paste; toilet soap, soap powder and talc.

Send $2.10 plus postage to the State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth, with details of the recipient, and the canteens organisation.

Field Force officers in Malaysia have suggested the sending of large assorted parcels that could be shared among soldiers.

Suggestions regarding the contents:
- A cake, with preserved added, or biscuits (preferably in tins), tinned fruit and frankfurters etc., which could be eaten directly from the tin.
- Small packets of sweets, glazed or dried fruits. Large packets cannot be left open because of ants, sugarine tablets, shaving brushes and pencils and stationery, paperbacks or magazines.

If enclosing a letter address it Dear Soldiers, they are.

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A Big Project At Bunbury

The Bunbury sub-branch has a big project on hand for extensions and improvements to its memorial hall.

The State Executive this month gave its approval to the sub-branch's arrangements for raising £5,500 on mortgage to effect the alterations.

Ex-serviceman Is Sought

Inquiries have been made on the whereabouts of Samuel Michael Denford, who served with 3rd Pioneer Battalion in the Great War. The inquirer was best man at his wedding in England in 1919.

Information to Anzac House, please.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING

At Mundaring

The recent annual general meeting of the Mundaring sub-branch provided an enjoyable evening for an enthusiastic gathering of members and visitors.

Messrs Bruce Williams and C. C. Cooper were congratulated and A. A. Smith, their predecessors thanked, and the meeting was then handed back to Mr Trew who thanked the members of the Executive, visitors and members for attending.

At the close of the meeting an enjoyable supper was served and two toasts honoured—the "Loyal Toast" and that of the League.

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Numbers Are Building Up At Albany

Confidence is the keynote of a recent letter from Albany sub-branch president Frank Cooper who is also regional vice-president for the Great Southern area. He says: "... we now have over 100. I do not think that the increase in fees will make the auditor's report worthwhile but straight- to-the-point members for attending.

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Government Censored By Memorial Board

The board of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra has complained bitterly about the Government's failure to finance extensions to the memorial.

The board's report was recently tabled in the Federal Parliament by the Minister for the Interior, Mr Anthony.

It said plans to expand the memorial were still not nearer to completion than they were 24 years ago.

"It is disappointing in the extreme that apart from the 1939-45 war roll of honor no specific memorial has been provided by the nation," the board said.

"The decision to increase the scope of the original memorial was made in 1941, and this was followed in 1947 by cabinet approval of the expenditure of £250,000."

"The scope of the memorial was further extended to cover all wars in which Australian forces have taken part by amendment of the War Memorial Act in 1952."

"In later years the project was included in the draft programme of works, but money was not provided in the estimates."

The board has continually pressed for the extensions, which seem no nearer than 24 years ago, since the decision to increase the scope of the memorial.

"Meanwhile models, paintings and relics of the 1939-45 war remain in store, and the 1914-18 war exhibits which were removed to make room for some 1939-45 war displays cannot be restored to the galleries."

16th Battalion

The committee of the 16th Battalion Association entertained members of the auxiliary before Christmas. A donation from the ladies of S26 was handed over by Mrs. Ketterer and accepted with appreciative remarks by the president and secretary.

Thiry parcels costing $31.25 were distributed to sick members in December.

Letters of greeting have been received from Charles Williamson and Lennie Rzeszowski.

Advice of the death of Frank Maddigan and of "Ginger" Crooks has been received from South Australia.

Norm Steen is taking a holiday in South Africa but hopes to be back before Anzac Day.

The death of Cecil Bloyester is greatly regretted. He was a tireless worker in association affairs and the deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

The association has been informed that a recently published book called "For Valour" contains the names of all Australian Victoria Cross winners except Messrs. L. McCarthy and J. Axford, and has requested the publisher to amend the omission in any future edition.

An attempt has been made for 50 more colour badges; these may be obtained from the secretary for 50c each (plus postage).

Changes On Executive

At its meeting on February 2 the State Executive accepted the resignation of Messrs. C. D. Dole and J. B. Duncan.

Both had been elected at Congress last year.

A previous term served by Mr. Duncan ended a few years ago when he was posted by the Education Department to Geraldton.

His History of the League in Western Australia was published in these columns about that time.

His latest resignation was brought about by professional commitments.

To fill one of the vacancies created by the resignations the executive confirmed the State President's nomination of Mr. Roy Carter.

Mr. Carter is president of the Public Service sub-branch.

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Award For Gallantry
In Vietnam Foray

The first gallantry award won by a member of the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, since its arrival in Vietnam last May, has been announced by Army Minister Fraser.

He said the Queen had approved the award of the Military Medal to Lance Corporal David Maxwell Munday (21), married of Berowa, New South Wales.

Rifleman Munday was evacuated to Australia after the Viet Cong operation in which he won the M.M. and lost a leg.

The citation reads: "On July 8, 1965, Lance Corporal Munday was the second-in-command of 17 Section, B Company, 1st Battalion, R.A.R., when a rifleman in his section opened fire on 10 Viet Cong guerrillas.

"After the first shot the rifle failed to reload and the rifleman was wounded by enemy fire. L/Cpl. Munday immediately moved to a position where he could support the wounded soldier by engaging the enemy with fire from his machine carbin. L/Cpl. Munday received a gunshot wound which shattered his leg and resulted in its subsequent amputation. Although badly wounded he continued to engage the enemy and direct the fire of his section's machine gun.

"He was again wounded in a shot which shattered his right shoulder but continued to fight by transferring his weapon to his left hand and changing ammunition magazines while holding the machine carbin between his knees. He continued to direct the fire of his section and indicated the location of the enemy to his battalion commander until the action was completed.

"By his extreme courage and devotion to duty, L/Cpl. Munday, although severely wounded, not only ensured the safety of other members of his section and platoon but so inspired them that the attack was carried out with speed and success."

ASHBY, A. E., 3/316, 12th Bn, Moora.


BROWN, W. G., 1890, 51st Bn, Mundaraah.


Cameron, A. A., 315174, Black Watch, Nappygin.

Carrick, J., 22211, Black Watch, Busselton.

CAUNCE, W. A., 2638 and W14915, 48th Bn, 5th Employment, City of Perth.

Colvin, H., 11 and 2/11th Bn, Albany.

Coles, G. A., 522, 48th Bn, South Perth.

Cottingham, D. G., 18235, 2/48th Bn, City of Perth.

Cooper, J. W., WX6477, 2/7th Fd, Amb, City of Perth.

Craig, L. (C.M.G.), 10th Light Horse, Cardif.

Davies, G. I., WZ3000, R.N.V.R., Mt. Helena.

DEAN, H., 83243, 82nd Btn, City of Perth.

DEMPSEY, J., WX75014, 28th Bn, Claremont.


EAKINS, A. (Slsr.), A.A.N.S., Returned Servs.

Fernihough, R. E., 154, 1st A.M.G., S. C. R.

Fingland, W. N., 2635, 51st Bn, North Perth.

FORSTER, A. C., 6996, 18th Bn, Busselton.

Gordon, J. C., 4612, 49th Bn, Belmont.

Halliday, L., WX14464, 2/14th Bty, City of Perth.

HAY, F. H., 947512, R.A.A.F. Yeo.

Hendy, I. J., 1400, 10th Light Horse, Dongara.

Hewett, A. T., 263, 48th Bn, South Perth.


James, L. F., 1846, 34th Bn, Coolibah.

Jones, A. B., 2622, 10th Light Horse, Fremantle.

Law, W. H., 7770, 51st Bn, Subiaco.


Lillywhite, W. B., 72290, Lane, Fas., City of Perth.

Macpherson, H., WX4641, 2/13th Bn, 11th Pl, Amb, Gloucester Park.

Mellor, E., 2101017, 5th North Staffs, Mid.

McCallum, A. A., 2005, 8th Light Horse, N.E. Fremantle.


Norris, F., 2945, 10th Light Horse, Coolibah.


Patridge, Senator S. D. (Sir), K.O.B.E., WX14849, 2/7th Fd, Regt, Highgate.


Perenderger, E. E., 3613, 3rd M.G., Geraldton.

Raggett, A. J., 7066, Mt Lawley.

Ray, W. C., 2879, 44th Bn, City of Perth.


Robertson, J. F., 8018, 16th Bn, Claremont.

ROGERS, T., 2714, 51st Bn, Fremantle.

Sawkins, F. N., WX8936, 2/3rd Bn, Greylands.


Scott, F. M., 2/28th Bn, Yorkarri.

Shields, F., 23925, R.A.N., Geraldton.

Smith, H. L., W292525, 44th Bn, 10th Gn, Bn, Claremont.

Steward, R. J., 1615, 51st Bn, N.E. Fremantle.

Strongman, D. F., 7795, 11th Bn, Shenton Park.

Stutterland, H., 1161, 3rd Aust. Div, Coy, Narrogin.

Tangney, K. J., WX4777, 2/28th Bn, Osborne Park.


Tobin, F. J., 5217, 26th Bn, North Beach.

Treloar, C. L., WX15443, 2/14th Bn, City of Perth.


Turnbull, L. J., 33378, R.N., Armadale.

Tweddle, T. H., 15058, 12th Army Bde., Nedlands.

Ullock, H., 200028, 1/4th King's Regt,

Walton, J. A. B., WX7814, 4th Div, A.A.M.C., Mt. Lawley.

Watkinson, C., WX2836, 2/11th Bn, Fremantle City.


Webe, J., 10043, 3rd Turnellers, City of Perth.


Wight, C. R., WZ34779, 2/48th Bn, Mosman Park.

Wojciechowski, M., PWX223290, Polish Forces, Broome.

Woolhouse, H. T. G., 2280, 43rd Bn, Mt. Lawley.

BEMEMBRANCE: Tendered for constructing a Garden of Remembrance, the cemetery at Karrakatta has been called by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for a last good work would be held at the next days. State President Pearson said at this month's executive meeting.

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SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION - Anzac House, basement, third Monday at 2 p.m. President, E. L. Glass, 93 Main-street, Osborne Park. Secretary, R. McDaniel, Subiaco.

10TH LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION - Meets on the third Wednesday of each month, 9.30 a.m., Secretary, A. H. Smith, 209 West-second Avenue, Bassendean (79 1404).


16TH BATTALION & 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION - Committee meets second Thursday, Railway-street, Perth, President, W. L. Lillie, 52 Chinderavenue, Perth (87 4070). Secretary, O. C. Young, 28 Oakover-street, East Fremantle, Treasurer, W. E. Haywood, (AUS), Subiaco.


2/16TH AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION - President, C. A. Broome, 31 Beaufort-street, South Perth (67 3089). Secretary, J. Mills, 40 Collins-st., South Perth (67 2067).


PARTIALLY BLIND -FIRSOIERS ASSOCIATION - Gathersings at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Social Meetings 3rd Thursday of each month at Retired Men's Room, Railway Institute, Wellington-street, Subiaco. Secretary, H. Grant, 70 Hobbs-avenue, Como (67 4471). Secretary, A. R. Mclndoe, 17 Clare- sway-crescent, Melling (60 4222).

R.A. EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION - Meetings held on 1st Sunday in September, October, November and December, at 10.30 a.m. (Press Pavilion, W.A.C.A. Rooms, Perth. President, V. L. Steffano (24 2434) - Secretary, H. O. Doherty (24 1802).

ROYAL ARMED CORPS ASSOCIATION - Meets every fourth Thursday in Press Pavilion, W.A.A. Grounds, East Perth. President, R. Hayes (66 9646) - Secretary, R. M. Maclaglan (24 1802), Treasurer, R. C. Edmonston, 141 Stirling-highway, Claremont.

GALLIPOLI LEGION OF ANZACS - Meets in Y.A.L. Rooms, Perth, as notified by the nearest Ex-Servicemen's Association. Secretary, D. W. Shaw, 87 2361 H.


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This year's Red Cross flower-arranging competition will be held in Boons Fashion Hall on February 24 and 25.

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Mr. A. S. Hulme said this as acting Minister for Defence in reply to National Executive representations for the removal of Communists from defence projects in Australia.

Mr. Hulme said the Government was well aware of the risks inherent in the employment of Communists at defence establishments.

There was no statutory expression prohibiting the employment of Communists there, but that did not mean that there were no restrictions on the employment of persons whose loyalties were suspect.

On the contrary, he said, quite stringent precautions were taken to ensure that no person who might be regarded as a security risk was permitted to have access to classified information.

Decorations Are Not For Sale

Without the authority of the Minister for Defence no person may sell, offer for sale, or exchange the decoration or any other wise dispose of a service decoration.

Nor may he acquire, accept, or otherwise dispose of a service decoration.

But a member of the family of a person on whom a decoration has been conferred—or other person to whom it has been entrusted for safekeeping—may have such decoration in his possession.

Decorations may be disposed of to the Commonwealth.

The penalty for infringement of the law on these matters is a fine not exceeding £50 ($100). As well as the decoration concerned.

This is the purport of information received at the League's national headquarters from the Commonwealth Crown Solicitor.

The information has been passed on to State branches because of recent Press publicity on the proposed sale of a Victoria Cross.

Conference Of Note

As this is the R.S.L. Jubilee Year, the local organiser of the group convened another at the Geraldton Civic Centre on Saturday, February 26. Mr. Andy McDonald, from Fremantle, will be the chairman.

Flight State Executive members led by president Percy Pearson and the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation, Mr. A. H. Panton, will be present.

Lands Minister Bovell will open the conference, and a civic reception will be tendered to delegates and official guests at noon.

There will be a wreath laying ceremony after the conference, and at 7 p.m. the annual reunion of the Geraldton sub-branch—R.S.L.

Some Steady Progress Made At Darlington

In his survey of the past year's R.S.L. activities at Darlington the sub-branch secretary, Mr. A. Gliddon, indicated some steady progress and a spirit of optimism. He said:

In presenting my first annual report as secretary of this sub-branch—and so far treasurer too—and am pleased to say that my ambitions for the sub-branch are shaping up nicely.

While this report will be brief I will hope give you members who have assisted in the operations during the year and realize that the effort has been worth while.

Membership—In the year under review the membership (including associates) was 29. With the help of the secretary, Treasurer and office bearers, I estimate an increase of about 10 over 1964.

There are still a lot of returned men in the area who are not members or are not affiliated. This matter must be pursued.

Attendance at meetings No meetings have been abandoned because of lack of a quorum, compared with 1964 when four meetings were cancelled. Average attendance for 1965 was 81 compared with 67.5 for 1964.

Townshend Sheld Garnies—The sub-branch is again taking an active part and has been well represented at the three rounds so far conducted.

Anzac Day—As a change from previous years memorial services were conducted in the three Darlington churches.

Poppy Day—Again this year no poppy sales were made by the sub-branch. It is hoped to remedy this in November, 1966.

Finance—At close of operations in 1965 the bank balance showed an overdraft of £54.8/4 and there were outstanding debits of £26/8/11, with a total liability of £80/7/3.

At the end of 1965 total liabilities were £55/1/3. If steady pressure is maintained in seeking repayment of money due to the sub-branch, 1966 should be equally successful. Amounts still outstanding total £67/19/11.

In conclusion, may I express thanks to the president for his guidance, the members who have assisted by their attendance at meetings and functions, and those who have assisted with contributions, especially Mr. Cecil Rhodes who was responsible for donating £4/10/.

Finally, let us all work for success in this present year.