Election Nominees

In this year's list of candidates for election to office at the State Congress in July the only nominee for the State presidency is Mr. Percy Pearson, J.P., the present office-bearer.

Mr. Pearson was made State President following the resignation of Mr. W. S. Lonnie in March.

There are four candidates for the two vice-presidential posts, and three only for the three trusteeship positions.

For the 18 State Executive positions to be filled there are 25 candidates - 18 retiring members and seven new nominees.

In the following complete list of candidates for all positions their respective periods of war service are shown in brackets.

**PRESIDENT**
Mr P. PEARSON, J.P. (1939-45) - unopposed.

**VICE-PRESIDENTS**
(2 to be elected)
H. G. HOLDER (1939-45).
A. KING (1939-45).
S. A. MACNAMARA (1914-18, 1939-45).
R. J. STODDART (1939-45).

**TRUSTEES**
(3 to be elected)
H. A. LESLIE (1914-18, 1939-45).
S. A. MACNAMARA (1914-18, 1939-45).
R. J. STODDART (1939-45).

**COMMITTEEMEN**
(18 to be elected)
The following retiring members are seeking re-election.
J. BREMNER (1939-45).
D. C. BUICKLE (1939-45).
G. E. F. CHELL (1939-45).
A. A. COOPER (1939-45).
E. O. DAVIES (1914-18).
E. A. DODD (1939-45).
B. J. FLANAGAN (1939-45).
H. G. HOLDER (1939-45).
H. HOLLAND (1914-18).
A. KING (1939-45).
H. A. LESLIE (1914-18, 1939-45).
S. A. MACNAMARA (1914-18, 1939-45).
R. B. MARRIS (1939-45).
A. MAYOR (1914-18, 1939-45).
J. C. RANKIN, QSM (1914-18).
R. J. STODDART (1939-45).
R. L. WILLIAMS (1939-45).

(New Nominations)
C. DOIG (1939-45).
S. A. MACNAMARA (1914-18, 1939-45).
W. EVANS (1914-18).
J. R. DUNCAN (1939-45).
R. C. WHITE (Miss) (1939-45).
B. L. WILLIAMS (1939-45).

In this picture, taken with the 1st Armoured Regiment during exercises at Puckapunyal late last year we see two young army trainees from abroad being told about the main gun ammunition for Centurion tanks. They are Officer Cadets Yohanna Kure (left) of Nigeria and Ibrahim Bin Syed Mohd., of Malaysia.

Explaining the projectile is tank commander Cpl. Richard Poule, of South Como, W.A.

Reminder To Barunga Men

The annual dinner of the Barunga Survivors' Association will take place at the Criterion Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, July 17, at 4.30 p.m.
National Executive Made Mobile

The proceedings at last month's National Executive meeting featured: they were carried out not in Canberra as usual but in Papua and New Guinea, and several of the sessions were conducted in the air.

The executive met between May 21 and 26. Reporting on the proceedings to the State Executive on June 2 president Perry Pearson said the reason for the change of venue had been the Repatriation Ministry's desire to have it in Canberra at that time. The Minister had made his aircraft available to the National Executive.

Mr Pearson said he had been very impressed in the R.S.L. sub-branch club on the way north with a remarkable collection of insignia of the military services of many nations. The international aspect of the display was most marked.

The party had been met by an Administration representative on arrival at Port Moresby. The party was driven to the suburb of Boroka to be entertained for the evening by the local R.S.L. sub-branch.

Many of the members present were planters and traders and the visit was described as a form of what the local people were thinking.

First thing next day they had boarded an aircraft for Lae, which they were told was due to be met by the District Commissioner and the local R.S.L. president and given a reception by the sub-branch.

At Lae the party had visited the war cemetery and had also met members of the Australian Army regiment and of the native formation there, the P.I.R.

WAR GRAVES

Mr Pearson said that all that the League had been told over the years concerning the care of war graves had been confirmed by what members of the National Executive had seen on their recent journey. They had visited three, all beautifully kept, in entirely different settings one after another.

They were the best-protected gardens one could imagine, Mr Pearson said.

While at Bulolo, Mr Pearson said, he had called on various officials with National Secretary Keys and had also encountered the Inspection of the W.A. State Secretary's wife, Mrs Webb, staying with a member of her family.

Next morning they returned to Lae and flew on to Rabaul. After lunch they visited the war cemetery about 30 miles from Rabaul, which had an airfield when an early action of the Great War had taken place.

The president of the R.S.L. sub-branch gave the party a reception by the Rabaul Ex-Service Club. Next morning they visited the Provincial Executive at Rabaul. From there they had flown back to Port Moresby where they visited the war memorial.

Port Moresby today was a thriving city about the size of Bunbury though a bit more spread-out, very pretty and well-planned and with a fine array of shops.

In the evening the party made a sub-branch held a reception at its premises, which during the war had housed the headquarters of the W.A. branch.

There had been a two-hour business session during the flight from Lae to Rabaul and a one-hour session between Rabaul and Port Moresby.

DEFENCE CASE

Among the reports considered at the Rabaul sub-branch was one on the League's trip to the Alliance of the League and Parliament had been strengthened.

Percy Pearson, his two outstanding impressions were those of the great care devoted to the maintenance of the League and Parliament and the care for the security of both black and white in New Guinea and particularly of those who were fearful that Australia might, at some time, leave them unprotected.

Mr Pearson said the party had at all times endeavoured to leave the impression that the League was interested in the defence of New Guinea, and the Minister for Repatriation had referred to the region repeatedly as Australia's front line.

THERE had been some murmurs of people from West Irian crossing the border, and he understood there was now an investigation. A close watch was being kept on the border.

There was evidence of increased defence activity —new airstrips and the armed-forces build-up and so on.

It was very clear that the people there were very disturbed and that they were anxious to be reassured that Australia was on their side and regarded them as part of Australia.

Settlers knew they must be prepared to earn their living from their properties, and that they had no hope of selling them at present.

W.A. Representation At The Pilgrimage

(To The Editor)

Sir—In the May issue of your paper, under the heading "Only Three from W.A. Went Back," it was stated that only three of over 500 who joined the pilgrimage to Gallipoli were from Western Australia. Actually there were seven out of 319 from Western Australia. Besides Mr Eric Stump, of Perth, and myself there were two ladies, Mesdames Stump and Keys (Geraldton), Mr and Mrs Eric Stump (Perth), Mrs Wells (Perth) and J. Locke (Pithara.)

Australia's Defence

A new publication entitled "Australian Defence" (by Dr. T. B. Millar) is a searching and authoritative analysis of Australia's strategic position in South-East Asia, according to R.S.L. National President A. J. Lee.

In a recent commentary on the work he said: "The book examines every factor that has any bearing on Australia's long-term security. It presents the clear, unequivocal terms, the dangers we face and our ability to meet them. "It is a readable and expensive book that dispenses forcefully of the arguments presented by the prophets of isolationism, that we cannot defend ourselves, but at the same time leaves no doubt as to the efforts we must make to provide any guarantee of security." "It is a book that should be read by all those who are interested in the future of Australia as a free community." [Dr Millar's book has been previously mentioned and I can thoroughly recommend it as an honest approach to national strategy, brief with implications, clarity and ease of reading make it easy to absorb.—Editor.]
REPATRIATION RIGHTS IN SERVICE ABROAD

Members of the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, due to serve on combat duty in South Vietnam could become eligible for repatriation benefits.

The method was to allow prescription by regulation of areas within which service would qualify for benefit. It was under this legislation that areas in the north of Borneo were prescribed.

The three areas prescribed in the legislation at present were in the south of Vietnam, in the north of Malaya adjacent to the Thai border, and in the Borneo territories of Sabah, Sarawak and Brunei.

Generally speaking, to qualify for repatriation benefits called for special service in a special area.

Special service was defined in the Act as service in a special area while a member of the Navy, Army and Air Force allotted for special duty in that special area; or while a member of, or attached to, a body, contingent or detachment of those forces at any time when it was allotted for special duty in that special area.

Special duty related to war-like operations or a state of disturbance in a prescribed special area.

Senator McKellar said that war pensions were available for members and dependants on the same basis and at the same rates as for ex-servicemen of the 1939-45 war, with the exception of war pension for tuberculosis not due to war service.

General benefits, including the normal range of medical treatment, training, and education benefits in respect of disabled ex-servicemen, and their widows and children and various allowances as under the repatriation regulations were also available in appropriate cases.

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VICTORIAN REUNION: Pictured above at an Anzac reunion in Melbourne this year are members of the Victorian section of the 28th Battalion Association. They are, from left, Messrs. Frank Blyth, Jim Skipworth, John Milburn, John Treanor, Val Morris, John Rowe, Harry Wensack, Fergie Jeffries, Edgar Varney, “Jumbo” Pike, Mick Greaves (kneeling), Ernie Lamb, Frank Coomber and Richard Hassard. Their patron, Captain Jack Roydhouse, was absent through sickness.

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£100,000 Appeal For Youth Has Support Of League

Police Youth Club programmes are being carried on today by 26 clubs throughout the State—eight metropolitan and 18 country. So far the clubs have only provided physical activities. This is because their premises do not lend themselves to other activities.

One of the main reasons for seeking £100,000 from the public of Western Australia is to secure sufficient finance for the alteration of existing clubs to enable them to provide additional programmes such as music, debating, public-speaking, drama, hobby work, etc., with particular emphasis on all-round programmes and training in decent citizenship, especially for the 15-20 age group.

New club centres are urgently needed in suburbs that are not metropolitan areas particularly Claremont and Victoria Park, to give youth the opportunity to develop their sense of right and wrong, to apply them to their daily lives and to learn to accept responsibility towards others.

The need is most urgent: the services and facilities of Police Youth Clubs are needed beyond their capacity.

This is the first time in the history of the clubs that they have had the opportunity of making a major contribution to service among youth.

GREAT SCOPE

According to recent statistics there are 140,000 people between the ages of nine and 20 years and the Police Youth Clubs are only serving one per cent of them.

The clubs must expand, build more centres, train more youth to respect their rights and privileges of others and use their leisure time effectively.

It has been said that the problem-child of today is the problem-child of tomorrow. Consequently, we must think about controlling delinquency in the formative stages. Prevention is better than cure.

Good citizenship means an observance of the laws of the State; therefore, the teaching of principles of good citizenship is the major work of the Police Youth Clubs in this State.

We urge you to give the clubs the support in helping the young people to build a new, set of values, develop a sense of responsibility, respect the rights and privileges of others, develop wholesome friendships, use their leisure time constructively, and assume a responsible family role and find satisfaction in serving others.

Statistically the figures for juvenile crime and delinquency are growing rapidly; in some offences the increase is 400 per cent since 1964.

Let us project our minds 10 years ahead, and what will the percentage of increase be? Note the time: act, prevention is better than cure.

Geraldton Supports Big Youth Appeal

Members of the Geraldton sub-branch have pledged their support to the appeal for £100,000 launched by the Federation of Police and Citizens' Youth Clubs in Western Australia on June 8.

A motion pledging this support was passed at the May sub-branch meeting after an outline of the appeal had been given by the superintendent of the Police and Citizens' Youth Club at Geraldton, Constable Fred Jackson.

He said the appeal was the first combined public appeal made by the federation since it was formed 24 years ago and would enable the federation to extend its activities to help overcome the growing problem of delinquency.

Mayor C. S. Eadon Clarke had agreed to be director of the appeal, and Magistrate Philip Wiksten and Mr. Dick Dyke were treasurers.

In addition, representatives of Rotary, the C.W.A., the Junior Chamber, and other organisations had already expressed their willingness to act on the committee.

Constable Jackson said that if Geraldton raised its quota of £4,000, the local club could further its aim to provide a £25,000 Equipment Fund to replace "existing" premises, because the club would then be in a position to ask for between £12,000 and £15,000 towards the project.

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Who Knows Their Whereabouts?

Would anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of the following please get in touch with Mr. R. J. Freeman, 149 Gladstone-street, Quarry Hill, Sydney, Victoria.

- W. A. Halligan—24th M.C. Coy.—last address (1946) C.O.—Post Office, Kalgoorlie.
- M. S. Scala—24th M.C. Coy.—last address (1950) 197, Tukala—South, Subiaco.
- C. L. Collins—24th M.C. Coy.—last address (1949) Brighten-road, Scarborough.

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Pilgrimage Ends In Hospital

When Geraldton sub-branch member Peter Snodgrass visited the Gallipoli pilgrimage on May 9, he was put straight into hospital. He had a fall during the pilgrimage. However, an R.S.L. inquiry two days later, revealed that Mr. Snodgrass was quite comfortable and that he was expected to be discharged within a week.

SLOW LEARNERS SUPPORTED

Geraldton R.S.L. president John Spence told the May meeting that members of the Slow Learners' group had expressed sincere appreciation to the sub-branch for its valued support. He said he had presented the group with a cheque for £200 as a result of a fete organised by the R.S.L. and given wholehearted support by several other organisations.

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Note From Ex-Service Aussies In England

Here is the text of a letter from Mr. P. W. Flinton, hon. secretary of the Australian Ex-Service Association in England.

Greetings from members of the association, and most particularly from my good friend (and our chairman) Mike Hall.

Our association had a good turn-out at the Cenotaph (Whitehall, London) on Sunday, April 25, when Mike laid a wreath in memory of dear old cobbers. In the afternoon there was a service at Westminster Abbey.

The association held its 29th A.G.M. and dinner in London and a very fine crowd turned up. Although Mike is 2nd A.I.F. here he was well received and was unanimously re-elected chairman. So now there is still something in the world like Western Australia! Much more of this and he will have me believing him!

It was a Sunday and we held our meeting and there were over 50 people who sat down to dinner.

Our guests of honour were: Major Pickering, Australian Army; Brig.-Pleasants, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D., (New Zealand), and Mr. J. O. Yigit (Turkey).

Our fallen cobbers were honoured as only we "uns know how to do it and the words sweetly filled our ears (they shall not grow as we are left grow old.)"

Then came those lumps to one's throat and the eyes were embarrassing-ly warm as we proudly remembered them.

You will be pleased to know that we sent our wreath to the Harefield War Cemetery, that holier piece of land which is Australia for ever more and where a bit of the heart of ANZAC rests.

Mike asked me to ask the minister at the church at Harefield to select a senior school boy and girl to lay our wreath.

To them was explained that there were planning to request the utmost of thousands of families in Australia whose loved cobbers lie peacefully in the Australian War Cemetery among them.
The League’s 1965 Defence Submission

The Returned Servicemen’s League fully supports and commends the Government’s recently-announced defence policy of building up the strength of the Navy and the R.A.A.F. and recruiting national service as a means of expanding the Regular Army to divisional strength.

Overseas service obligations for both the C.M.F. and National Service men and at the same time cater adequately for Australia’s home defence.

C.M.F.

In the situation in which Australia now finds itself, with forces almost continuously tied up to three major overseas commitments, a vastly increased emphasis must now be focused on the role of the C.M.F.


It has been repeatedly proven that small regular forces alone cannot win wars. This was demonstrated conclusively in the Battle of the Marne in World War I, and Dunkirk in World War II. Therefore a strong C.M.F. should be retained as a matter of urgency.

1. It is considered that the Government should allow reasonable time—say three months—to demonstrate that the present C.M.F. of two divisions can be brought to full strength with volunteer recruits, who can be freed from full-time training and be made ready for war.

2. If successful, the C.M.F. should then expand to five divisions equipped and organised ready for combat in units, divisions and corps. The essential to the efficient employment of the C.M.F. is the formation of these units, in which they are committed to full-time training. It is felt that the present policy of the Commonwealth Government is not providing for the registration and the call-up of aliens in the appropriate age groups to be taken with the C.M.F.

3. It is of great importance that the two divisions could not be met by volunteer cadets unless the Government provides national service to the degree necessary to man five C.M.F. divisions. This is possible in the short time available. The C.M.F. has only been expanded to meet the war threat, so that the two divisions can be added to the five-fold expansion of the C.M.F.

4. A coordinated effort should be made by the Commonwealth Government to rouse the nation to an awareness of the need for greater preparedness in defence, so that volunteer enlistment should be shown in no uncertain terms that the Government recognises they are making; they should be given due recognition and status and unreservedly be made to obtain greater employer co-operation in C.M.F. training.

TRAINING

It is the League’s belief that the present scheme, while realistic in concept, is being unreasonably delayed in implementation. It is recommended that the rate of call-up should be increased to keep pace with the developing international threat.

In addition to providing more training for volunteers in shorter time this will facilitate the more rapid establishment of a full C.M.F. draft.

It is felt that the present scheme of the Commonwealth Government is not providing for the registration and the call-up of those who are required to be taken with the C.M.F.

CADETS

It is considered that the quota of 45,000 is a substantial recognition of the League’s policy on the complete abolition of the quota system.

As an incentive to enlistment in the Cadet Corps it is recommended that any cadet who successfully completes the A.R.M. training should have one year deducted from his National Service obligations when these are to be taken with the C.M.F.

It is also highly important that the youth of Australia be encouraged to serve in cadet units and that every opportunity should be given to them subsequently to continue in the full air-military employment of Regular Army units.

It is imperative that interest, enthusiasm and a complete understanding of the need for national service be kept constantly before our school-age population.

A.R.A.

While being in full agreement with the expressed policy of the Commonwealth Government in establishing a Regular Army division, the League is concerned at the delay that will be necessary for the establishment of the division.

A.R.A. training continues to be the cheapest investment in terms of future defence preparedness. The League believes that the scheme for cadet training should be such that it will progressively embrace every youth of eligible age who desires to make this contribution to the security of his country; this can be further implemented by the re-introduction of C.M.F. un-units.

Expansion of the Cadet Corps is hampered by a shortage of suitable commanding officers. There are many ex-Army officers who saw active service during wartime who would be extremely well equipped, for appointment to these positions.

PAPUA-N.G.

The Commonwealth Government’s present plans for three battalions in the P.I.R., and the expansion of the P.N.G. R., meet the League’s recommendations.

It is noted with concern, however, that it will still be some time before these plans are fully operational. It is recommended that, in the meantime, an A.R.A. unit be stationed in a rotation system in the Territory.

This will not only contribute to the defence of the area but will provide essential training to cadets, and also provide for the national service component of the A.R.A. battalions, and necessary acclimatisation.

It is considered that a system of fast patrol craft operating in the waters of Papua and New Guinea is an essential element in the defence of this area. It would seem that the proposal is being adopted by the Commonwealth Government, but that the number of craft appears to be inadequate for the task.

NAVAL BASES

The League believes that the developing threat, especially as it affects Singapore, has accelerated the need for naval base facilities on Australia’s western seaboard and that urgent consideration should be given to the necessary installation by the Commonwealth Government.

We could perhaps best be considered in conjunction with the facilities provided by the United States under the communications station at North West Cape, and also as a service directly affecting fish, steel and oil production in the region.

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THE LONG STRUGGLE IN VIETNAM

By Gerald L. Steinberg in the American Legion Magazine (concluding instalment)

Sending 12,000 Americans to Saigon meant that the United States would accept the conflict even if it stepped up to general war, and communicated to the Reds in advance that they could run into overwhelming force.

But the United States emphasised that it was not taking over the war.

President Kennedy said later: "It is their war (South Vietnam's). They are the ones who have to win or lose it." The State Department took pains to tell the communists that the United States measures are "not a threat to North Vietnam but are merely a response to the communist threat on South Vietnam." The measures were, in other words, not a "rollback" of communist power or "liberation" of North Vietnam from red rule, but a move to stop red expansion.

Thus began our full commitment in Indochina. The first efforts were felt in Laos in the early spring of 1962.

While the 11 nations still sat in Geneva, the "Free Thai" radio-propaganda campaign was stepped up out of Hanoi.

IN THAILAND

On May 15, 1962, the United States moved 5,000 troops into Thailand and made clear they would respond if the Pathet Lao tried to reach the Mekong.

This public threat by the United States to make "our war" worked, and the communists switched back to the bargaining table.

The long-deadlocked Geneva conference came to a quick new "agreement" on June 12, 1962. It set up a Laotian Government which included all three of the warring factions -- communists, neutralists and in theory, reaffirmed Laos' "neutralisation."

In July U.S. troops began leaving Thailand and Laos went back to an uneasy truce punctuated frequently by new clashes between the communists and government "neutralist" troops. The United States meant for the United States to get out without total disaster to its "international prestige."

REMINDE

The previous instalment gave an account of President John F. Kennedy's trip to Vietnam in April 1964 and concluded with a REMINDER that the United States had a choice between "army or sea." In March 1964, President Johnson said the United States would send 1,500 U.S. military men to Vietnam, raising the total to 16,000.

Though it was carefully explained that these men were to be advisors, the Red press unleashed a propaganda war on a scale that was about to be widespread.

On April 26 Secretary of State McNamarra deliberately vague reference to "military actions" against North Vietnam. He said, "Our secret action -- its implications and ways of carrying it out -- had been carefully considered."

Further well-advertised American hints that some kind of initiative against North Vietnam was under consideration followed.

In June, U.S. military leaders met at Honolulu and new stories of impending strikes against North Vietnam were leaked.

The next U.S. reconnaissance planes appeared over sites in Laos, and the U.S.-trained Royal Lao air force also went into action. On June 11, six U.S.-built jets bombed the Pathet Lao base at Kiang Yao, in Laos.

In July the movement of 5,000 more American troops into South Vietnam was announced. U.S. spending increased; $90 million dollars were spent to fight the war.

In June, President Johnson went on the air, as the strike was beginning. It was clear that the U.S. response would be limited and fitful.

He emphasised that "We still need no further war." Publicity was given to Ambassador Taylor's notification of General Nhu that his call for an extension of the war was against present U.S. policy.

This was the first time in the long Indochinese struggle, the two sides had exchanged roles. It had been the communists who had to make what response to make -- or whether to respond at all -- to the United States which had the initiative.

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American Legion Entertained

The national commander of the American Legion, Mr. Donald E. Johnson, and two senior members of the Legion executive arrived in Australia on May 19 for a four-day visit.

The party visited Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne.

The purpose of the visit was to make contact with the R.S.L. and see something of the work of service and sub-branches in Australia.

In Sydney they were the guests of the New South Wales State branch.

In Canberra they stayed at the Rex Hotel and made a courtesy call on Mr Jack W. Lydman at the United States Embassy on the Thursday morning.

They sat in a question time at Parliament House and the the Sir Leslie Morrishead War Veterans' Home as guests of the President of the committee, Mr D. W. Elliman.

After a private luncheon they called at League headquarters and met National President A. J. Lee and other members of the executive.

THE LISTENING POST

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Anzac Pride Survives in Withering Town

Coolgardie's recent annual smoke social was a "must" for Boulder members and although it was cold and wet at the time the welcome received there made the trip a pleasure.

A great crowd of fellows turned out, maybe only a small number but big in spirit.

Their town is going down but it once boasted 26 hotels.

The handful of Digging flying there is far from going down and the sub-branch rooms are one of the old hotels.

The 50th anniversary of Anzac meant a lot to them and called for a big effort.

They attended their dawn service in full strength, but did not march as there were no streets of them.

Still, it was Anzac Day and a march was called for, so they piled into their cars and attended the Kalgoorlie-Boulder parades.

Their Anzac social was a great success and president Phil Baker and his members must have been well satisfied, like all events in the "Old Camp." it was a community effort with visitors from as far away as the Murchison.

The place was packed, it seemed as though every man and woman in Coolgardie was there, and the volunteer orchestra numbered nine instruments.

The tables groaned under a load of good things supplied by the women's auxiliary as well as other branches.

As night fell the tables were finished, the front doors were opened and tables and seats taken into the street. It was dance time, and the crowd threw themselves into the enjoyable task of keeping things going.

What time they all left is anyone's guess, but everyone got back to Boulder cold and happy with the memory of the night.

A thank you," Coolgardie, from the Boulder boys!

Victoria Park Woman Honoured by R.S.L.

At the Victoria Park sub-branch anniversary social on May 28 Mrs Lilian Coleman, of the local women's auxiliary, was presented with the League's Certificate of Merit.

The honour is bestowed for outstanding service to the R.S.L.

Mrs Coleman was made a member of the auxiliary's executive in 1927 and is still an active and enthusiastic member.

During the auxiliary's early years she held office in many capacities, and was a member of the Auxiliary State Execuutive when it first came into being and was assisted by the State Secretary until 1937.

She did her share of hospital visiting and was always available when help was needed.

Housing Demand At High Level

There had been an increasing number of requests for lodgings and tenancies and for private rental homes, Housing Committee chairman R. J. Stoddart reported at this month's State Executive meeting.

The State Housing Commission had cooperated fully with the committee, as usual, he said.

Details To Hand Of Ex-P.O.W. Rally

Latest correspondence gives a clearer picture of the probable representation of South Australia and New South Wales at the Australia-wide ex-P.O.W. reunion here in September.

The N.S.W. party is to include the president in that State Col. J. Williams and Mrs Williams, vice-president R. H. Bland and Mrs Bland, executive member Bill Winter, secretary M. Knocker, assistant-secretary A. D. D'Arcey, treasurer W. R. Davison and Mrs Davison and a number of other members.

A party of 22 South Australian members is to arrive in Perth by train on September 23, while a few who will remain for the conclusion of the conference will lodge at the Grand Hotel.

It is pleasing to have such a roll-up from the Southern States. The Tasmanian party of 30+ is to arrive on September 24.

Tickets are selling well in the Doomben Cup sweep and it is hoped to be a good money-spinner.

Butts must be in by September 21.

Local ex-P.O.W. are reminded that registration for the reunion dinner (the charge being 30/-) closes with the secretary Mr H. Brown, 122 The Strand, Bedford Park, on June 30. Definitely no late acceptances, lapel badges will be issued.

Auxiliary Notes

FRESH START

The Mosman Park auxiliary was reformed on May 19 and the first meeting was held on Thursday, June 17, in the R.S.L. Hall at 8 p.m.

Mrs Green, the secretary, can be contacted at 15 Claremont-crescent, Claremont.

GAMES FINALS

The final four in the McKinlay Shield Games are Swanbourne, Cottesloe, City of Perth and Mt Hawthorn-Scarborough.

The first final was to be played on June 9, the second on June 16, the final on the 23rd and the grand final on the 30th.

All games commence at 10 a.m. and will be played at the Eastern Suburbs or Rockingham leagues.

Results will be published in the following issue of "The Listening Post."
Heartening Response In Recruitment

"Most heartening," said Brigadier D. L. King (Commonwealth Recruiting for the three services) referring, during his recent visit to Perth, to the increased rate of recruitment in this State.

While in W. A., he made a tour of the South-West and southern areas.

Brigadier King said that it had been necessary to provide additional space at the combined recruiting centre in St.George's-tacare to handle the increasing number of enlistments into the forces. He had found everywhere an increasing awareness of the dangers inherent in the unsettled situation in South East Asia, he said.

Such an informed public opinion was a prerequisite to successful recruitment for both the permanent and citizen branches of the Navy, Army and Air Forces.

Brigadier King said the Government had announced planned defence expenditure of the order of £20,000,000 over the next three years.

This would enable, among other things, the progressive introduction into service of new ships, aircraft, fighting vehicles and weapons systems of the most modern designs. Without this spend it was impossible to meet our obligations.

Over the same period it was planned to build up the total strength of the three permanent services from about 52,000 (all ranks) to about 75,000. The Citizen Military Forces would also have to be expanded from about 28,000 to 35,000.

The present selective service scheme would provide 13,800 of the total strength of 37,500, planned for the Regular Army. The balance, the hard core of the Regular Army, must be found by voluntary enlistments.

The whole of the planned build-up of the permanent Naval and Air Forces must come from men volunteering for service. The need for still more voluntary forces was greater in both the permanent and citizen forces was clear. They must be got quickly and if Australia were to achieve the state of military preparedness considered essential by the Government and its senior advisors.

Selecting Churchill Scholars

State Country Vice-President M. Williams has been appointed League nominee to the Churchill Memorial Appeal selection committee.

The League's door-knock appeal played a big part in the success of the appeal in Australia.

Mr. Williams, a former farmer, knows League members throughout the State and his nomination is expected to have wide support.

Mr. Williams is known for his donation of the Williams Trophy, awarded annually to the most efficient recruitment officer in the smaller country sub-branches.

Residents Found For The New Cottages

Nine of the ten League cottages for elderly couples were now occupied, State Secretary Webb reported at this month's State Executive meeting.

The cottages form part of the War Veterans Home at Mary Lawley. For some time it was proposed to retain the occupied cottage for inspection purposes, Mr. Webb said.

The recreation centre for the occupants was also available for use and it was proposed to name this the Townshend Recreation Centre after the late Mr. E. C. Townshend, who for many years had directed the League's veterans' home activities at Faversham and subsequently at Mary Lawley.

The sale of some land at Hamilton Hill was expected to bring in about £2,000 for the War Veterans Home.

Mr. Webb said the visit of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Ken
drew on June 1 had delighted the residents.

Mr. PEARSON: I am sure this did much for the morale of the place. Mr. Excellency has graciously agreed to officiate at the opening of the new buildings.

It has been decided to do this in the name of 'Darby and Joan Cottages' and to call the cottages the R.S.L. Flats.

The executive was told that the building cost £3,500 each to build, that no down-payment was required and that the rent was £25 a week. They were described as very neat and comfortable.

There was no means-test, only an age-test.

VIETNAM STRUGGLE

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The United States was now fully immersed in the kind of political-psychological-war the Red China had made their own specialty, in which the intangibles were often the most important factors.

Late this fall General Khanh stepped out in a clear anti-communist government under Tran Van Huong, former Saigon mayor. Then after the Vietcong attacked a U.S. bomber base, rumors were rife of stern U.S. action.

As the words go to press, this chapter is not written but the struggle in Indochina is seen as an extension of the U.S. policy to hold red colonialism in a place where it is in Asia, while unlike Korea, avoiding any big commitment than is necessary.

It is a neat trick to win any struggle with the minimum possible involvement.

The communists have done it many times in Vietnam today. We are witnessing our own first real effort to walk that tightrope.

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Majority Of Medicos Were Anzacs
With a combined parade state of 31 the medical units of the Anzac Day parade mustered 19 Gallipoli veterans—over 60 per cent. These units are wondering if any other group produced better figures for the occasion.

(Could this "scrounger" have been the enthusiastic League member responsible for obtaining the necessary funds to establish the Blackboy Camp memorial?

The "scrounger" abilities of one of the veterans they were all proudly wearing the Gallipoli "A"

Over 40 Present For Boddington Dinner
Over 40 people were present to enjoy a reunion-dinner organised by the Boddington sub-branch and held in its hall recently.

The women's auxiliary had put out three long tables with a mouth-watering variety of meats and savouries. A surprise was a call to line-up at the cookhouse for a hot ration of raw oil and mushrooms handed out by "Tiny" Price and Kevin Gilchrist. A two-minute silence was followed by the toast "The Queen," called for by sub-branch president Ron Wardell.

Representing the State Executive was Mr Neil Davidson, an old friend, and Country Vice-President Ray Messenger who came over from Pineland and brought several members of that sub-branch with him.

The old faithfuls from the Murray sub-branch were there in force as well as a couple from Mandurah, including Charlie Digney who had travelled from Boddington.

Wandering was represented by three stalwarts there were a few from the metropolitan area who were visiting the district.

Apologies were received from Ron Gwynne and Vic Berry, M.L.C.

The toast to the State Executive was proposed by Mr Dave John. In reply Mr Davidson gave much interesting information of the League's work.

Visiting Sub-Branches was moved by Mr Ben Fadden, and seconded by Mr Stagbouer and Mr Messenger and representatives of other sub-branches.

A toast to the armed forces was proposed by Mr Messenger and seconded by Mr W. Patfield.

Parliamentary Representatives was proposed by Mr Slagbouer and replied to by Mr. Runciman, M.L.A., "Local Government" Mr Roy Pearman and replied to by Mr Tom Curnow, the Shire President.

Absent Friends was proposed by Leo Price.

The ladies of the auxiliary then joined in and Mr Davidson expressed thanks for their wonderful effort. Mrs Ross Henrickson replied and promised help for future functions.

Some of the most enjoyable evening. Much of the credit must go to sub-branch secretary Clarrie Hart and arranged by Jerry Hall, the auxiliary and Don Hudson, Tom Roberts and Danny Smith.
**Boulder Claim To Equal Babylon**

"Babylon had no greater claim to fame in the matter of gardens than the Boulder Ex-Servicemen's Club and the R.S.I. Memorial Hall."

So writes the sub-branch publicity man.

He goes on:

Guarded by an 8ft. hedge it is seldom seen by the general public, but on entering the grounds one is presented with a vista of tall pines and spacious lawns, dotted with comfortable garden seats.

Stretching ahead for the full length of the buildings are flower beds that are a blaze of colour and a horticultural delight, while on the right is an olive grove of 12 trees carpeted with well-kept lawns.

In a town where the surroundings are mostly of red dust it is indeed an oasis in the desert, and a spiritual tonic for a man who has perhaps spent the week on a dusty "show" in the bush. It gives one a feeling of permanence and prosperity, which is amply borne out by the membership and finance of the club. The width of the display is due to the enterprise of one member, Mr. Jack Edwards. Since his retirement, Jack, who has experienced in the art of perfecting the garden, has produced something that is a pleasure to behold and a measure of the skill which produced it. He is a man of appreciation for what Jack Edwards has done members have placed a plaque suitably inscribed in the grounds, naming the gardens Edwards Park.

This pleasing ceremony took place on Saturday, April 24, in the presence of a large gathering.

In dedicating the gardens to the president of the Club, Mr. Bert Crocker, spoke highly of the work Mr. Edwards had done. Mr. Edwards' reply was suitably responded. So was born Edwards Park, a well-earned memorial to the man who brought it into being.

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**Kiwis Go Far Afield**

Before returning to their homeland the three members of the New Zealand delegation to Perth were taken on a five-day tour of northern agricultural districts by Mr. Jim Buckle.

They were Messrs. H. Miller (leader), J. J. Atley and E. L. Gill.

Reporting to the State Executive on June 2 Mr. Buckle said the New Zealanders had been entertained by the Moora. They were very impressed with the work of the Agriculture Club and the Boulder Claim Club. The Kiwis were entertained by the Bindoon sub-branch and also by the Lord Abbot at New Norcia.

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**DEFENCE SUBMISSION**

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**CONCLUSION**

The following is a summary of the League's recommendations for strengthening Australia's defence capabilities.

1. Regular Army sufficient to fulfil treaty obligations; at least one division at full strength in the shortest possible time.
2. A C.M.F. of at least five divisions brought up to strength, if need be, by a special form of national service.
3. The national service call-up to be accelerated.
4. The cadet quota to be abolished and Cadet Corps activity expanded, to include C.M.F. unit cadets.
5. A greater priority to be given to defence measures in the territory of Papua and New Guinea.
6. Naval-base facilities to be established on Australia's western seaboard.

The Returned Service-men's League believes that short of a major change in the thinking and the policies of countries of the communist bloc and their allies, the international climate must continue to deteriorate.

Any possibility of change in communist policies and those of the neo-communist group, notably Indonesia, seems remote.

In these circumstances all Australians must accept the great and inevitable obligation of unifying behind a defence policy that will cater for the adequate, long-term security of this country.

The tragedy of unprecedented financial commitment that Australia has experienced in the past must never be repeated.
**Youth A Feature Of Maylands Service**

The Maylands Jubilee Anzac celebration this year came well up to expectations, a particularly gratifying feature being the big proportion of young people in the gathering.

Their good behaviour and attentiveness drew favourable comment.

The Salvation Army Band continued its long and valued support of the sub-branch for the occasion.

The general attendance at the parade and service was about the same as usual, with representatives of the Salvation Army in attendance.

Sub-branch president S. P. Gow gave the address, and with Mr. Hall attended the Salvation Army on service in the evening.

The sub-branch was represented at the Maylands State School service by Mr. Laughton, and on his very favorable report the sub-branch's congratulations go to the headmaster and his staff for a fine effort.

The sub-branch bridge and rummy evenings continue to be well patronised and the public is invited to participate. June 27 and July 8 and 22 are the dates of the next fixtures.

The auxiliary's Flag Bridge afternoons commence on May 4, and will be held every second Tuesday from that date onwards, starting at 1.30 p.m. until further notice.

Some vandals recently did considerable damage to our sub-branch hall and fittings.

Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions are asked to do so at once and thus help the sub-branch to carry on its good work among those needing its help.

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**Cunderdin Meeting A Success**

The R.S.I.E. group conference at Cunderdin on May 1 was most successful.

The thanks of the League went to Cunderdin State President G. P. Dennis and councillors for their splendid welcome and the hospitality tendered to the State Executive and visiting delegates.

The League in this State is most fortunate in its close association with local governing bodies.

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**Information Sought On Gen. Chauvel**

Mr. A. J. Hill of Turramurra, New South Wales, proposes to write a biography of the late General Chauvel.

He has consulted Col. Keith Morice, of Claremont, Western Australia, for help with any items of interest regarding General Chauvel's 1914-18 army service.

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**Comission On Sale Of Book**

Mr. Bert Beres, author of the book "The Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels" has offered sub-branches a commission on each book sold through them.

The cost of the book is 4/6 and orders may be posted to Mr. Beres at 15 Donibison-street, West Gosford, New South Wales.

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**28th Battalion Notes**

About 90 members of the 28th Battalion Association turned out for the Anzac Day parade this year.

A number of Gallipoli men were at the starting point but quite a few failed to make the march.

A couple of old-timers who have been absent for years made the grade this year—Rations Wilks, of Yandoit, and Len McBride of Kojonup.

A letter from ex-president J. Milburn of Melbourne says Jack Rowe is now president of the Melbourne section of the association.

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Emotion Shows In Anzac Address

Emotionally affected by the significance of the 50th Anzac anniversary, and with typical sincerity, Rockingham sub-branch president W. S. Ferrier paused towards the conclusion of his address at the Churchill Park observance.

Mr Ferrier made special reference to the Gallipoli landing and to the Anzacs' valour, which, he said, stabbed the world and gained the due admiration of the enemy.

The Rockingham sub-branch had tried to do its duty to its members and the community. It was firmly established in the town and district.

"We need your co-operation and above all your respect," Mr Ferrier said.

Some 50 ex-servicemen attended the service over two-thirds of whom marched from the shire council offices to Churchill Park led by marched Keith Backshald and the National Youth Brass Band.

Also marching were 31 Cubs and Scouts (under the direction of cubmasters J. Pearce, Barlow and G. McAllinden) and members and cadets of the St. John Ambulance sub-centre.

Band members played the Last Post, after which the traditional two-minute silence was observed.

As the notes of the Reveille rang out, the R.S.L. president raised the flag and the sun burst through an overcast sky.

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Mr W. J. Wescott, 280 Arm & Street, ORANGE, N.S.W.

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STATE VIEWS

On Defence

The recently recommend Defense Committee of the League in this State held its first meeting on May 27, its chairman, Mr. D. B. H. Houlder and B. J. Flanagan, will report to the State Executive Committee or June 2.

The other members are Dr. H. Hanrahan and Messrs. D. M. Holder and B. J. Flanagan.

Mr. Marris said the committee felt that the defense questions it would be wise to face came under four categories: Australian, West Australian, civil defense and subversive activity.

It intended to pursue inquisitive home lines.

On one matter, it was unanimous: it should be hard-hitting as possible but at all times constructively.
Associations of Ex-Servicemen

FEDERATED T.B. SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIDED PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION (W.A. BRANCH)—2nd Floor, Wellington Building, 158 Perth Terrace, Perth. Second Monday, Secretary, G. Pielcy.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, 44-46, North Terrace, Adelaide. Meets 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. President, H. Coates, Secretary, F. R. Lawley.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION OF W.A. Meetings at Anzac House when called. President, L. J. Horn, 16 Busselton Avenue, Como. Secretary, F. S. Syme, 28 Marquart-street, South Fremantle (68 2946).

16TH BATTALION AND 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION—Meets 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m., telephone 8270. President, E. W. Parkinson, 58 Busselton Avenue, Floreat Park (87 4050). Secretary, O. C. Young, 11 Kelvin Street, East Fremantle (39 2934).


16TH BATTALION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY—President, Mrs. Keeler, 190 Adelaide-terrace, Perth. Secretary, Mrs. F. Gray, 88 Busselton Avenue, Perth (21 5703).

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR AND RELATIVES' ASSOCIATION OF W.A.—President, B. Westley, 72 Milligan-street, Victoria Park. Secretary, Mrs. Black, 30 Boons, 2nd Floor (23 5564).

28TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Meet Anzac House Reserve Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Secretary, J. Hall, 110 Clarence-street, Fremantle. President, 28th BATTALION-28th ANTI-TANK COY. ASSOCIATION—President, 28th BATTALION, 650 (Trench) Independence Avenue, Perth (21 3707). Secretary, Bill Goggins, 17 Elizabeth-street, East Fremantle (71 2748). Annual Reunion Show Week Friday.

BRITISH EX-SERVICE ASSOCIATION INC.—Meet 2nd Tuesday in Forrest's Hall, cnr. Francis and Museum streets, Perth, 8 p.m., Secretary, J. M. Lawley (Box 51547, G.P.O., Perth).

11TH AND 21/11TH BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—President, E. MacLeod, 55 MacLeods Road, Applecross—phone 64 1453 (Home) 54 971 (Business). Hon. Secretary, M. B. Dun, B.Sc.—Dis. Durrant—(Home) 80 4949 (Home) 87 2361 (Business). Welfare Officer—meets first Friday each month, Anzac House, Bellevue, 7 p.m., October 8th, 1965.


44TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Meet 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m., Secretary, J. T. Tait, 24 Dalglish-street, Bayswater. Treasurer, H. S. Wilmot, 123 White Avenue, Mount Lawley (71 1636).


GALLIPOLI LEGION OF ANZACS—Meet 4th Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., Secretary, C. G. Shaw, 71 Leake-street, Belmont (6 3342).

32ND BATTALION (1St A.I.F.) ASSOCIATION—Secretary, J. L. Shaw, 11 Clive-road, Mt. Lawley (71 3311). Committee meetings held at Anzac House, 44-46 North Terrace, Adelaide.

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Parade At Geraldton Led By Veterans

Instead of being dispersed among their younger counterparts as usual Great War veterans led the parade at the Geraldton Anzac Day march this year.

This was to mark the 30th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. The address was given by 10th Light Horse veteran George Anderson instead of the subaltern president.

A record crowd of about 3,000 attended the civic commemoration arranged by the R.S.L. and Town Council jointly.

The list submitted by the Royal Engineers and an active member of the sub-branch since 1910.

Decorations strange to Australian ex-service men included three worn by Mr. Martin Cover, a well known member of the fighting and printing industries at Geraldton. He served in the Netherlans Navy, mainly in submarines based at Fremantle.

One of the medals, the Bronze Cross, recognises his contribution during the Battle of the Java Sea, and a submarine was submersed for over 300 hours.

Great interest at the "Gallipoli Breakfast" after the dawn parade was created by a souvenirs booklet displayed by Mr. Fred Griffiths (2/28th Battalion).

Originally owned by Fred's father, the late Mr. Syd Griffiths, this was issued as a souvenir of the Sixth Anzac Commemoration Concert and Sacred Service held on April 26, 1920. Mr. G. Kempton was mayor at the time and Geraldton had a population of 4,900 and an estimated rateable value of £3,000.

The booklet lists 132 names of Geraldton servicemen who died in World War I as a result of action. It also contains several pages of names of enlisted personnel.

There's A Medal For Mr. Bevan

A 1914-18 medal found on Anzac Day carried the inscription: "S. Bevan, Reg No. 1602, I.R.W."

Would Mr. Bevan or anyone knowing his present whereabouts, kindly communicate with Anzac House so that the medal may be returned to him.

Fine Record Of Service

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the first enlistment of Gurkha troops with the army of the British East India Company.

Since then these, hill-men from Nepal have served under the British flag with outstanding distinction, in good times and bad, in theatres of war ranging from Flanders to the Far East.

The Gurkhas earned the title 'bravest of the brave' and have won the respect and friendship of their British comrades over long years of service.

Among the notable achievements of this century and a half of service, is the part the Gurkhas played for the British during the 1939-45 war, winning fewer than eight Victoria Crosses.

One of the Gurkha leaders, the British army is encouraging them to find Gurkha troopers.

Miss Hearsey Recovering

Anzac House staff member Miss I. Hearsey recently underwent a medical operation.

The good wishes of the staff and of League members generally—including especially sub-branch secretaries who are good reason to be concerned over her temporary absence from duty—go to Miss Hearsey in hospital.

May her recovery be quick and complete!