W.A. Stands Firm On Congress Issue

A proposal to have the venue for the 1966 National Congress changed from Perth to Canberra is opposed by the State Executive.

At its September meeting the executive decided that the venue should remain in Perth as scheduled.

The decision was arrived at following a report by State President Pearson on the proceedings of the previous National Executive meeting.

Mr Pearson said that the national body had felt that as 1966 would mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of the League the national capital, Canberra, would be a more suitable venue for Congress that year.

It had resolved to refer the question to the W.A. State Executive.

The immediate past State President, Mr W. S. Lonnie, said he was not impressed by the suggestion.

He felt that as the normal cycle of rotation had placed the Congress in Perth all West Australian members should do their utmost to resist the proposed alteration.

Western Australia was at a most exciting stage in its history and needed every shot in the arm it could get.

Senior vice-president Dr A. King said he thought the national aspects should be considered.

Mr R. B. Morris said he did not think the State should be insistent. He thought the Congress should be held where it would do most good nationally.

Wherever it was held it might be a good thing for the various State branches to conduct concurrent State functions.

Junior vice-president R. J. Stoddart supported the motion. He said it was the policy to hold the meetings in each State in turn and that the policy should be adhered to.

The States were equal in that respect, if concessions were made there could be many excuses in future to take from the smaller States.

After considerable discussion the executive resolved that the State Congress should adhere to the normal sequence of National Congress meetings.

CHRISTMAS CAKE

The Victorian branch of the R.S.L. is to supply the Christmas cake for London’s Chelsea Pensioners this year.

Provision of the cake devolves on all State branches in rotation.

CLIMAX OF RALLY CAME AT DINNER

Festivities of the ex-P.O.W. Association’s Australia-wide rally in Perth last month rose to a climax at the dinner in the Anzac House ballroom on September 25.

Four hundred and fifty-five members and friends sat to a splendid repast in a hall considered to have a capacity of 350 for that purpose.

However, thanks to Anzac Club manager Norm Fraser and his staff, along with well-organised catering, the evening went without a hitch.

Jack Serisier, formerly of the State Executive, excelled himself as toastmaster and managed to maintain order throughout.

Highlights of the gathering were the Governor’s unscheduled address, a most impressive 9 o’clock ceremonial service conducted by Mick Dodd, and the music played by the Western Command Band.

Presentations were made by visiting executive members to Bert Westley and Horrie Brown in appreciation of their untiring work over the previous months in organising such an impressive series of functions.

The wreath-laying ceremony at the State War Memorial the following day drew a large attendance and provided one of the most moving spectacles ever witnessed at the memorial.

Association members were entertained by the R.S.L. State Executive on September 23 in the Anzac House ballroom.

* Pictured below is part of the gathering for that occasion.

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Pensioners' Medical Means Test Eased

Another long-standing League request has been acceded to by the Commonwealth Government, which has undertaken to bring the means test for the pensioner medical service into line with that for social services and repatriation.

From January 1 persons in receipt of a full or partial age, invalid, widows' or service pension, under the current pensions means test, or of a tuberculosis allowance, and their dependents, will be eligible for the benefits of the pensioner medical service.

It has also been decided to bring the pensioner medical service provisions regarding dependent children into line with the provisions for dependent children in the Commonwealth social services and repatriation legislation.

At present, under the National Health Act, children can only be classified as dependants up to the age of 16 years. As from January 1 full-time student children up to the age of 21 will also be regarded as dependants.

The League has been informed that Pensioner Medical Service entitlement cards will be forwarded to pensioners who will benefit by the relaxation of the means test in time for them to receive benefits on and after January 1.

VIETNAM PARCELS

Because of the large number of troops involved the National Executive has been giving thought to appointing an on-the-spot distributor for Christmas parcels in Vietnam.

President Pearson said this at last month's Executive meeting.

Location Of Club Will Not Change

The State Executive has agreed to a recommendation of the Anzac House and Club Committee that no change be made in the location of the club premises.

In his report to the executive this month committee chairman Dr A. King said consideration had been given to the Congress resolution calling for an investigation of the matter.

The committee could see no need for a change at present, but had decided to consult the League architects as to ideas for improving the existing facilities.

Club trading in the August-September period had been about on a par with that for the corresponding period of last year.

The price for glasses had been kept at 10d. and that for middles was 1/.

The members had moved up from 1/6 to 1/8. Bottle prices were also up.

NATIONAL BOWLS CONTEST IN SYDNEY NEXT YEAR

A national R.S.L. bowls (fours) competition is to be conducted in Sydney from May 14 to 20 next.

A request by the New South Wales bowls section management committee to organise and conduct the competition has the approval of the Australian Bowls Council and the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association.

To make an outstanding success of the function during the League's 50th anniversary year the management committee wants all sub-branches to bring the matter of the competition before all members.

The main points to bear in mind are:

- Entrants must be affiliated, and be financial members of their State bowling association.
- They must be financial members of the R.S.L.
- As soon as explanatory circulars and entry forms are received from New South Wales they will be forwarded to sub-branch secretaries.

Any member interested in entering the competition should forward his entry to the Hon. Secretary, New South Wales R.S.L. Bowls Section, 10 Malpas-road, Epping, New South Wales.

Move To Widen Eligibility

The National Executive is in favour of granting eligibility for League membership to members of amenities services, such as the Y.M.C.A. and the Salvation Army, with six months' service in battle zones to their credit.

State President Pearson said this at the September executive meeting when reporting on proceedings of the National Executive.

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The Membership Problem
Is Elusive: Lonnie

"The clock has gone back quite some years and the answers are much the same; we still don't know the simple solution, nor are we likely to find it laid-on-the-line."

The immediate past State President, Mr W.S. Lonnie, said this at last month's State Executive meeting. He was commenting on the monthly report of Membership Committee chairman H. Holland.

Every member of the League was receiving his copy of "The Listening Post" regularly, Mr Lonnie said. In it he received an overall summary of virtually everything that went on in his organisation during any year.

One might ask: What more could be done in theory at least every member of the League should be completely 'clued-up'.

Yet there was a tendency to put the load over to somebody else.

There was a need, when younger members joined the executive, for a short period of briefing sessions to explain the workings of the League through the branch State and national levels.

Then there was the question of allocating members to the various committees. There was great difficulty in forming committees.

MISSING-OUT

Non-attendance might contribute to missing-out on what was happening.

There were limits as to what one could ask a member to do in an organisation.

Each year the League was losing an average of 30 members through death. Despite that it had been possible to build up slightly last year.

Each year, again, a very considerable number of members failed to renew subscription. If that trend continued the numbers would be well ahead.

The prospect was still good. There were plenty of migrants, with big numbers of British ex-service people, coming to W.A. The potential was here.

It was a big task to become acquainted with all facets of the League's activities.

What more could be done than was at present being done? There was enough material in a National Executive report to last for ten years for addressing sub-branch meetings.

It was interesting to note that one-third of this year's membership drop of 335 had occurred within three sub-branches alone.

The sub-branches themselves were not always getting out on the ground and bringing members back again. Nevertheless the League was not doing badly, but it could be doing much better.

Each year over 8,000 membership subscriptions were collected between the months of March and September. Members were coming in even in December. The membership drive must be kept up all the time.

The task was merely a sub-branch task. The sub-branches must put their shoulders resolutely to the wheel, and so must the members of the executive.

The task—the challenge—was still there and every member could do something about it.
Some New Benefits in The Recent Budget

The Repatriation Department has supplied the following details of benefits provided for ex-service pensioners in the recent national budget.

A new rate of war pension, referred to as the Intermediate Rate, is to be introduced to cater for the special needs of war pensioners who, although not so disabled as to qualify for the special (T & P) rate of pension, are seriously disabled because of war-caused disability to the extent that their work is limited to work only part-time or intermittently.

The introduction of this benefit will provide a useful supplement to the present war pension structure for ex-service men whose overall income is limited because of physical inability to participate in full-time employment.

WIDER SCOPE

Eligibility for payment of this supplement in the form of a pension at the equivalent of the special (T & P) rate of pension is to be extended to cover ex-service men who are prevented from following their usual occupations because of necessity for in-patient treatment of a war-caused disability for continuous periods in excess of one month.

On completion of a continuous period of one month's in-patient treatment this higher rate of pension will be payable retrospectively to the commencement of the period involved.

The effect of this extension is to enable eligible ex-servicemen to receive, apart from short periods of in-patient treatment, the same higher rate of sustenance allowance when undergoing medical treatment as out-patients or as in-patients.

There are several proposed changes affecting the payment of war pension. Supplementary assistance, commonly referred to as rent-allowance, is to be increased by $10 a week (from $26 to $36 a year), and the maximum rate of this benefit is to be reduced by the amount by which the pensioner's means, as assessed, exceeds £26.

This benefit, which hitherto has been limited to a single service pensioner who will now be extended to a married service pensioner, otherwise qualified, whose wife receives a wife's service pension.

Another change is that a married service pensioner whose wife receives a wife's service pension will be eligible for the "single" service pensioner's rate of £6 a week. If she has one or more children, the rate will be £10 a week.

Previously the wife and children of a service pensioner receiving this pension on the ground of age were not entitled to a service pension.

The wife of such a pensioner will now qualify for a wife's service pension if she has one or more children, and the children will also qualify for service pensions.

The additional pension in respect of second and subsequent children, at present payable to service pensioners who are permanently unemployed, will also be payable to the "age" pensioner himself.

In addition the age limit for "student" children service pensioners is to be raised from 18 to 21 years.

Two further benefits are to be introduced. One is a funeral benefit of £20 to be provided for service pensioners who are responsible for the funeral costs of a spouse, a child or another pensioner, and the other is a "Guardian's" allowance of £2 a week to be paid to unmarried-member service pensioners who have the custody, care and control of one or more children.

Finally the Government has made two important changes in the scope of the pensioner medical service which will affect service pensioners.

The first is that the existing income limitation governing eligibility for enrolment in the pensioner medical service has been removed.

Although the member service pensioner is already eligible for a wide range of medical benefits on account of his pension, the extension of the service, in the face of increased expense, should result in real assistance to wives and children who are receiving a special pension, including the wives and children of the special (T and P) rate of pensioners who also receive a part service pension.

The other change is the extension of pensioner medical eligibility to student children up to the age of 21 years.

Death of Col. Spurge

Well-known in this State, before the first world war, Lieut-Colonel Cyril Herman Spurge died in Sydney on August 29 at the age of 87 years.

He served with the City of London Imperial Volunteers in the Boer War and in 1902 returned to New South Wales, where he joined the Australian Field Artillery. He served with the 8th Battery until the end of World War I. He was a lieutenant-colonel and was appointed Area Officer for Perth.

In the Great War he commanded the 5th Division in Gallipoli, France and Belgium, and was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

Demobilised in 1919 with the rank of lieutenant-colonel Western Australia, where he was prominent in R.S.L. functions, he was president of the sub-branch from 1920 until 1925.

Later he left to live in Sydney and during the World War II was manpower officer there.

While in Sydney Col. Spurge took a prominent part in the affairs of the Gallipoli League.
Presidential Address To Members

In his introduction to the 49th Annual Report covering the year 1964—to be presented at the 50th National Congress (in Adelaide) on October 25—the National President, Mr. A. J. Lee says:

The year 1964 has unhappily seen a steady deterioration in the international climate and the development of a situation that presents a threat to Australia's continued well-being and security.

In the post-war period we have all cherished hopes that good sense and balanced judgment might prevail in so many of the decisions affecting the future peace of the world. Unfortunately, this has not been the case and the world ended with old problems unresolved and new difficulties fast emerging.

We are, of course, most vitally concerned with the area to our immediate north. The war in South Vietnam at the request of the Government of the Republic to assist in the undeclared war against the communists, Vietnam.

Indonesia's policy of confrontation against Malaysia continues unabated. Untiring efforts have been made by the Australian Government and people to promote a spirit of goodwill between Indonesia and this country.

These efforts have been to no avail. Dr. Sukarno, once the courageous leader of a successful struggle for independence has degenerated to a power-hungry ruler of a one-party state.

Clashes and slogans are his tools of trade in justifying his policy of confrontation—a policy that aims more than a campaign of armed aggression against a member country of the British Commonwealth which seeks only to go her own way, developing her resources in peace and freedom in the interests of her people.

Dr. Sukarno has perfected a technique of international hypocrisy and fraud and pursues a strange logic that permits him to demand freedom for the one hand, and to deny freedom to his own people and to the inhabitants of West Irian on the other.

His policies have of course been welcomed by exponents of international communism. They see in his deliberate promotion of war a useful weapon in their long-range plans for world conquest.

Sharing a common border with Indonesia this latest drift in international events, brings the direct effect of international communism right to our frontiers.

So then, as we progress on into the year 1965, these are the international issues that confront us.

Events are startlingly similar to those preceding the last world war. Many of the same ingredients are present. It is an unhappy situation, when all Australians must be prepared to meet any situation, and if need be, to make every sacrifice.

It is a situation in which the Returned Services League must adhere with unity and resolution to the great object of keeping the League strong for the benefit of its members for half a century; to inculcate loyalty to Australia and to the British Commonwealth of Nations and to secure patriotic service in the interests of both.

These are challenging and difficult times. We can all be sure that the League will accept whatever demands future events may place upon us.

Midshipman-trainees Sought By Navy

Applications are now being called for midshipman-entry into the Royal Australian Navy, and will close on November 15.

Exacting standards will apply in selecting young men to undertake a strenuous and concentrated officer-training course commencing on March 7 next year. The Navy feels confident that these standards can be met in W.A.

Selection training will do 12 months' training at H.M.A.S. Cerberus, Victoria, followed by a year's practical sea training.

On graduation they will become acting sub-lieutenants, who are needed with the Navy's current expansion.

More Girls Sought To Face Judges

This year's Miss Crowning Glory competition needs at least another ten candidates if it is to maintain its value to the War Veterans' Home and Legacy at the same level as over the past six years.

In that period they have shared proceeds amounting to £32,300.

At the moment 21 candidates have been nominated, or selected by sponsors, and they are busy raising funds.

For the competition to be completely successful the committee thinks that there should be a minimum of 30 candidates.

Based on previous experience, 30 candidates would raise from £3,500 to £5,500 and provide a distribution to the War Veterans' Home and Legacy of about £2,000 each year.

Both Mr. Freecorn and Mr. Lonnie, joint chairman of the Crowning Glory Committee, asked for all possible consideration by sub-branches particularly those who may not previously have nominated a candidate.

With the commercial support which has been built up over the years, as well as that of Torch bearers for Legacy, it is apparent that the help of one-third of the sub-branches each year would guarantee this important money-raising function.

Help is urgently needed in the form of nomination of candidates.

Nominations close on November 1, with nomination-fee of £50 due to be forwarded on November 29, so there is still plenty of time to enter.

No Change At Top

Mr. A. J. Lee, C.B.E., M.C., has been re-elected R.S.L. National President for the sixth successive year.

An Adelaide businessman, Mr. Lee was unopposed.

He will formally commence his new term of office at the 50th National Congress of the League to be held in Adelaide from October 25 to 29.

Other officers unopposed in this year's election were the honorary treasurer, Air Vice-Marshal Bladin, C.B., C.B.E., and the honorary auditor, Mr. B. Meagher, L.B.

Two candidates will contest the position of deputy president. The present office holder and the president's Queensland branch, Mr. W. H. Hall, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., president in Victoria,

Another £35,000 For R.S.L. Building Society

The R.S.L. Building Society had been allocated £25,000 from Commonwealth funds for the current year. Housing Committee chairman, Mr. J. C. Stoddart reported to the State Executive this month.

Mr. Stoddart said the committee was meeting every Thursday. In accordance with a resolution of Congress, he had investigated the rate of construction of war-service homes in country areas.

It had been informed that everything possible was being done and that the total amount allocated was going to applicants in country areas.

Miss Dallas Regan, 18-year-old representative of the Anzac Club in this year's Miss Crowning Glory competition. A daughter of club employee Roger Regan, Dallas is a shorthand typist. Her interests are swimming, dress-making and reading.


**Veterans' Day In Oregon**

The Albany sub-branch has received from the Linn County Veterans' Council of Oregon, U.S.A., a request for the use of a panel of R.S.L. photographs and articles of general interest the sub-branch had supplied for display at the Albany (Oregon) U.S.A. Exhibition.

A letter received by the sub-branch from the Linn County Veterans' Council reads:

Dear Sir—The Veterans' Council of Linn County, Oregon, U.S.A., sponsors the largest Veterans' Day programme in the United States on November 10 and 11 each year. As you no doubt recall, the armistice of 1918 was signed on November 11. Congress of the United States passed a resolution in 1954 declaring November 11 Veterans' Day to pay tribute to men of all wars.

In past years our Veterans' Day programme has had some of the outstanding dignitaries of the land as our speakers and guests. They include Raymond F. Hatfield, Governor Mark O. Hatfield, all of our senators and congressmen and many high-ranking military generals.

This programme attracts 50,000 to 75,000 people from all over Oregon, Washington, and parts of California.

Over 30 military and high school bands from throughout the West Coast participate in our gigantic parade.

The Air Force has fly-overs with bomber and fighter planes.

We have pancake feeds in seven cities of the county with proceeds going to community activities.

An essay-contest is sponsored by the 50 commercial banks of Linn County with 1,000 dollars in prize money and 70 high school students participating.

The title of the essay has a patriotic theme, and all essays are judged on a code system with the final judging done at Oregon State College.

The essays of the four top winners are sent in to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and the Freedom Foundation.

In 1964 two of our four top winners were George Washington Medal Service. We give many other awards on citizenship and patriotism, such as Union, Citizen and Outstanding Boy Scout awards.

Millen's Bonfire Night

Numerous attractions and novelties are planned for the Guy Fawkes night bonfire and fireworks display at the Canning Showground.

A letter from the Millen sub-branch with the assistance of the Canning Agricultural Society the display is planned to combine safety with pleasure, and to provide a good night's entertainment for all.

Attractions include a parade for the "Best Dressed Guy" and "Best Dressed Girl" evidence displays and wrestling matches. It is also hoped to arrange for children to compete in foot races there will be dancing and refreshments for all.

A percentage of the takings will be donated to Legacy and the War Veterans' Home so it deserves the support of everybody.

The star-turn will be the roasting of a bullock on the spit. Make this a family night and support the en- terprise, call the sub-branch committee. The display is to commence at 7.30 p.m.
The Bow Used Effectively In The World War

"It may come as a surprise to many that bows and arrows were actually used in the second world war," says Colonel Ernest Rivers-Macpherson in "The Legionary." He goes on:

It happened thus: It was decided to carry out a commando raid on the Boulogne area to determine the nature of the beach-defence. As the commander of the operations knew that I had lived at Wimereux before the war and had a villa there when war broke out, I was asked to advise on the nature of the obstacles up to Cap Gris-Nez.

So one fine day I hurried off to the secret commando headquarters in Kent to get my briefing. They had a perfect sand model of the area and it was a quite a simple matter to advise on the best beaches which were free from rocks and suitable for landing. Then, the commando leader shook me to the core. He wanted me to obtain about a dozen bows and a supply of arrows!

They wanted them, he said, to shoot down the German sentries before they could give the alarm. As I had not been trained in archery I had to do some hurried research work. I was able to contact a well-known firm which supplied these weapons to the Royal Tournament society.

PLENTY OF BOWS

After some discussion we decided that, for an operation of this nature 60lb bows would be the best. In normal target-shooting, about 100 yards, 60lb bows are used. The number of pounds denotes the pull on the bow-string, and I found that 60lb was about my limit.

I learnt that the ancient Sagacenic bowmen could shoot an arrow over 500 yards and it was noted that one of the finest armour of the Middle Ages knights at 200 yards.

That may be, but the only authentic record I could trace was that one Indian chief shot an arrow 462 yards in 1914 with an 80lb. bow.

The bow-makers advised using ash bows as being more reliable than steel, though many archers prefer the latter.

The arrows were forged from the finest hollow-steel shafts, with hafted points and feathered. The grip of the bow was notched and acted as the sights of a rifle.

The finest flax was used for the string, waxed and tested.

In due course the bows were issued to the Commandos and they soon set to work on them. They practised shooting from a crouched position at silhouette targets by night to simulate the conditions under which they would attack.

By then I was getting so keen myself that I regretted I could not be a member of the "Bow Brigade."

The raid took place in 1942 and was a great success. The bowsmen formed the spearhead and soon bagged the German commandos, their tracks not knowing what hit them. I was told that in one case the arrow passed clean through the body of a sentry at 60 yards.

I have often thought how history repeats itself, and that perhaps some of the stout commandos Iads who shot the arrows at Boulogne may have been the descendants of doughty English bowmen who fought at Agincourt.

Who knows? Incidentally, I am informed that in a subsequent raid on a German radar station in Normandy, bows and arrows were again employed successfully to deal with the sentries.

Bunbury Not So Dull As You May Think

(Sir)—It is many moons since any mention of the Bunbury sub-branch has appeared in "The Listening Post."

Perhaps this is the fault of our sub-branch; nevertheless, be it as it may, we feel that for this reason we are entitled to let members know of things that are happening in the "birthplace."

On September 17 we held our annual cabaret ball, and to our delight Lieut.-Colonel and his good wife paid us the honour of attending.

This was the first occasion that nation rank and file members had had the opportunity of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Pearson.

I echo the sentiments of the colonel when he said that we are both wonderful people, with their congenial manner and willingness to enter into the fun of the evening.

The personal manner in which they treated all as old friends and hearts of all with whom they came in contact. They are indeed worthy representatives of what the League stands for.

The ball, by the way, was a great success, and to the credit of our sub-branch and the Australian social committee, our ladies auxiliary and all those who worked so hard, it left them with a deep debt of gratitude.

Following the life and energy that has been put into our sub-branch in the past four years, socially and as a force in the district it has made headway.

Two years ago the membership figure was set at a target of 400, although we should go very close to the desired number this year. In fact, the total is expected to again just miss out.

Although 400 is the target figure it is still only about half of the potential membership. Despite this, the sub-branch and its members carry out many duties in the way of assistance to the less fortunate, assistance to families whose breadwinner is out of work, and many other tasks for which there is no blade of trumpets.

This work is carried out by members in the true tradition of the League. No bouquets are sought. With the annual ball over the next project is our Melbourne Cup consolation. In the three years this has been conducted it has proved a sell-out, and this occasion should see a similar result.

On November 7 we hold our annual Diggers Day at Clifton Park, and in December we have the annual Christmas party for the women's auxiliary.

This is held each year in appreciation of the voluntary and tireless help of the many members who year have gone in a great number.

A suggestion has been made that the committee of management shall establish a sub-branch bloodbank.

It is hoped to enlist a body of members willing to give blood in an effort to augment the Blood Bank.

This should date would have to be made with those responsible, and members could attend in the district.

The sub-branch has also appointed a representative to act on the committee of management of the new regional hospital.

Like all fellow sub-branches we would appreciate a much greater attendance at monthly meetings, and more volunteers for the many varied calls that are made and have to be attended to.

Yours etc.,

"Elgin."

ALTERATIONS IN BASEMENT

The State Executive last month agreed to the acceptance of a tender of £1,692 for alterations to the basement of Anzac House.

The alterations comprise, in the main, extension of the toilet and provision of two new rooms in the basement of the Club, and the provision of a new room and public toilet in the basement of the Club Committee chairman Dr. Fobes, American Ambassador, E. Clarke and R.S.L. National Secretary, M.C. will be official guests at the functions.

The Coast Watchers, commonly known as the "Spotters," are to hold an Australia-wide reunion at the Queanbeyan R.S.L. Club on Saturday, January 29.

On Sunday, January 30, wreaths will be laid at the Canberra War Memorial and the Australian War Memorial to be followed by a picnic at the Cotter Dam.

This will be the first occasion since the men of the double-diamond colour patch unit were disbanded at Balcombe (Victoria) 21 years ago next February that an Australia-wide reunion has been held.

It is anticipated that former commando and other officers of the unit will be present, including Lieut-Colonel A. E. Clarke and Lieut-Colonel J. W. Davis, both now residents of Canberra.

Members in Western Australia have already indicated that they will be present.

Army Minister-Dr Forbes, American Ambassador E. Clarke and R.S.L. National Secretary, M.C. will be official guests at the functions.

The Coast Watchers were closely associated with the United States Air Force during the war and are now in the Island campaigns and combined in the rescue of the then U.S. Navy Lieut.-Commander Kennedy—"the lady's man." Very little was heard of the unit during the war as its duties were top secret at all times. The unit was made up of an independent company in 1942, working in groups of three men, the total number that served being 13.

Former members residing in Western Australia who desire to attend the function are asked to contact either Mr L. McLellalel 3 Warren-street, Pascoe Vale, Victoria, or Mr C. Ellice, New South Wales, as soon as possible.

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Advice To Applicants For War Service Home Loans

The purpose of the War Service Homes Act is to enable ex-members of the forces who were enlisted for, or employed on, active service outside Australia to secure loans for the provision of homes.

The scheme comes within the broader field of reparation, only in that the Commonwealth bears the cost of its administration. It is primarily a business undertaking designed for the purpose of assisting individual eligible persons to obtain loans for the erection or acquisition of homes on easy repayment terms.

Those eligible for assistance include ex-members of the Australian armed forces and the nursing services who enlisted for active service outside Australia or on a ship-of-war.

It is also included are members of the Mercantile Marine, Australians who served in the naval, military, air or nursing services of any Dominion, widows and certain widowed mothers of those previously mentioned.

With the exception of widows and widowed mothers a necessary condition is that the applicant of a loan must be married, about to marry, or have dependants for whom it is necessary to maintain a home.

The War Service Homes Act has been amended to extend eligibility to Australian ex-service men who were allotted for duty in an operational area in Korea after the 1st day of June, 1950, and in Malaya after the 28th day of June, 1950, providing they left Australia for the purposes of serving in those operations.

The League strongly adheres to its existing policy of assistance to the War Service Homes Commission, and the provision of homes for war veterans. It will give no further assistance or support to any other scheme of this kind.

Proposed Tour Of M.E.

Geraldton sub-branch members interested in the proposed tour of Mediterranean battlefields next year are asked to communicate with the Committee of management.

The League's W.A. branch has been asked if it would be possible to obtain sub-branch reactions to a proposed tour of about four weeks, in order to have the commission's decision on Inquiries should be directed to Anzac House or to the War Service Homes Commission, Plainstreet, East Perth.

Impressive Ceremony Held By ex-P.O.W.

A most impressive wreathlaying ceremony was held in King's Park at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 25, in connection with the Australian-wide reunion in Perth of ex-prisoners of war.

The parade moved off at an appropriate strain from the Air Force Band to the State War Memorial, where wreaths were laid by Senator Branson (Commonwealth), Labour Minister O'Neill (State Government), Cr. Simon, City Council, the Services, Mr. P. Pearson (R.S.L.), Mrs. M. Seag (Angel of Mercy), Mr. G. Amis (Commonwealth), M.B.E., assisted by the P.O.W. Association of Australia, State ex-P.O.W. associations, Mr. G. MacVeigh (New Zealand), and various local bodies. The short service was conducted by Canon Harry Thorpe, M.B.E., assisted by the Rev. F. Philson.

Serving One's Country With Self-Advantage

Through service in the C.M.F. Australians of both sexes between 17 and 35 years of age are given an opportunity of benefiting both their country and themselves.

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The theory and detail learned during home training are practised in the field with the assistance of the Regular Army.

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Units give every encouragement and assistance to the trainee to enable him to qualify for promotion to N.C.O. or warrant rank, or, given the opportunity, for commissioned appointment. Special standards are set, and those who meet the requirements are eligible for promotion.

Units provide every opportunity to the trainee to enable him to qualify for promotion to the ranks of his choice and, in the case of the rank of warrant officer, to become a commissioned officer.

Women are encouraged and the training programme is designed to enable them to qualify for promotion to N.C.O. or warrant rank, or, given the opportunity, for commissioned appointment. Special standards are set, and those who meet the requirements are eligible for promotion.
EX-P.O.W. WERE WELCOMED BY THE LEAGUE

At their first Australia-wide reunion—held in Perth last month—members of the Ex-P.O.W. Association were entertained by the League at Anzac House. Among them were those pictured here.

ABOVE: Mr. D. McFadyen (South Perth), Mr. C. McKay (Tasmania), Messrs. K. Moss and L. Cody (South Perth), and Messrs. C. J. Taylor and E. J. Kilman (Tasmania).

BELOW: Padre Harry Thorpe and Messrs. T. D'Arcey and R. Bland (N.S.W.) and Mr. A. Gee (Victoria).
Boulder R.S.L. Has Support Of Two Auxiliaries

The record of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary in this State over the years has been one of continuous hard work for the League.

The Auxiliary did not get the influx of new members that was expected after the last war—the influx that gave the League itself the boost necessary to shift the burden of work to younger shoulders.

Therefore the ladies had to carry on with the job they set themselves many years ago, and the way in which they have performed this task has earned the thanks and admiration of all members of the R.S.L.

Like old members of the L.C.V.O. Auxiliary, in time, have to retire but during the last few years there have been indications of a young sapling springing up beside the old tree—in the form of an Ex-servicewomen's sub-branch Auxiliary.

The Boulder sub-branch has both auxiliaries and the happy interaction of a relationship that exists between them has been a matter of great satisfaction to the branch.

Under the gavel of Betty Castlehow, wife of the Boulder sub-branch president, these ladies have thrown with a purpose and enthusiasm that is outstanding.

During their three years as an auxiliary they have made donations amounting to £75 to the War Veterans' Home, and have also contributed to other League commitments.

They are ever to the fore in work relating to their branch.

Some of these ladies are members of both auxiliary and Legion, and it is fitting that the force that has drawn them together is the common background of having served for the League in general and the sub-branches in particular.

The guest-speaker at the September meeting of the Boulder sub-branch was Mr Roy Hilton, an old member.

With his wife Mrs Hilton recently returned from a seven-month tour of England and the Continent. His talk proved of great interest to members, who followed his description of the sights and living-conditions he had encountered, with close attention.

Talks of this nature are a reminder that people in other countries are often facing problems similar to those in Australia, and can lead to a better understanding of world affairs in general.

The meeting was well attended and President Rivers who dealt with several important issues.

Membership For Men In Vietnam

The League has decided to admit men who have served in Vietnam to membership of the R.S.L.

Troops serving in Malaysia are also to be admitted following the inspection of their respective areas of service.

The decision was made at the recent National Executive meeting in Canberra.

Elaborating on it subse-quent National President A. J. Lee said the executive wanted to give early recognition to men still serving in combat areas.

They were carrying on the traditions established by Australian servicemen and women who were responsible for the graves of their fallen comrades.

The Shield was made available by the City of Perth sub-branch in memory of Mr. Holder—Harry's father.

Keenness and comradeship marked the competition that the committee's only regret is that there were no more sub-branches in the field.

Gloucester Park In Close Games Win

The Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield games series for 1965 drew to a successful close on the evening of September 21 with Gloucester Park winning by a very narrow margin from Mt. Hawthorn.

This was Gloucester Park's 11th win. The tense table tennis was so close that a counter was necessary to decide the winner, and the darts section was won on the final game.

By coming second Mt Hawthorn carried off the new Bill Holden Shield.

City of Perth was third, losing to Mt Hawthorn in the final.

The Yellow Cab Cup—for the highest aggregate score in the shooting—had already been won by West Perth.

The venue for the occasion was the Anzac House basement. The attendance was good and included several ladies, and the State President presented the trophies.

Improvements Promised For Geraldton War Cemetery

On a visit to Geraldton recently the Commonwealth War Graves Commission district inspector for Australia, Mr Jack Consadine, forecast a number of improvements for the local war cemetery.

In the cemetery are the graves of 83 World War servicemen, of whom 42 were members of the R.A.A.F.

Six of the latter were killed on the same day during training at Geraldton.

Mr Consadine said that as a result of his visit improvements and on the maintenance and the horticultural sides would be made.

A plan was planned to set out extra plantings of native shrubs throughout the whole area to completely fill in all the garden beds.

In addition, maintenance work would be carried out at the Cross of Sacrifice, which would be given a good scrub-down before being treated with various types of silicones to enhance fungous growth.

Mr Consadine, who was inspecting cemeteries southwards to Albany, said the commission was responsible for the care and maintenance of war graves throughout Australia and the Pacific area, including the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Yokohama in Japan.

In Australia it was responsible for the graves of over 11,500 first-war personnel, while throughout the world it was responsible for maintaining the last-respecting of 35,000 Australians of that war and more than 27,000 of the World War.

The Sydney War Cemetery, with 750 graves, was the biggest in Australia.

Mr Consadine visited Mullewa in the course of his tour.

While he was at Geraldton he met a number of local officials, including the R.S.L. sub-branch's immediate-past president "Tug" Wilson.

Mr Consadine was a lieutenant-commander in the Royal Navy, and spent three years attached to the Royal Australian Navy joining the War Graves Commission in 1966.

It was revealed at the September meeting of the sub-branch that Mr Nick Pilatti had donated two big flowerpots for the war cemetery.

Another member, Mr. Bill Heath, said he and his wife had visited the cemetery and placed these flowerpots—one on each side of the war memorial.—B.J.B.

A Change At Geraldton

Geraldton's new junior vice-president is Mr. Ron Guy, chosen from the committee members.

Mr Guy succeeds Mr Andy McDonald, who was elevated to the senior position following the resignation of Mr. Gerry Throssell, now living in Perth.

The sub-branch will lose Mr. Prentice to Geraldton and will gain Mr. Lee Jones, who has transferred to Geraldton as manager of a branch of the Bank of Western Australia.

Mr. Keenan is sub-branch treasurer, and also secretary of Torchbearers for Legacy at Geraldton.—B.J.B.

War-Service Land In Good Areas

Some attractive War Service Homes allotments are still available for selection in the Wilsonton area.

Applications for assistance to the War Service Homes Act must be lodged with the Housing Commission (East Perth) and applicants must be in a position to commence building within the time period of notification of application.

Interested ex-servicemen are invited to make immediate application while the allotments are still available.
Out-of-work Russians

From the Christian Science Monitor

Day by day the Soviet official, like the Wedding-Guest in Coleridge’s "The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner," is a "sadder and a wiser man." For day by day the old, easy, dogmatic, Marxist assumptions on economics are being rudely bumped.

Now it is the question of joblessness within the Soviet Union. In Stalin's time, of course, Moscow publicly and privately assumed that it had "solved" the problem of unemployment which so often has bothered the capitalist world.

Today such economic philosophy is no longer possible in the Soviet Union, and frankly admits that it faces the problem of providing full employment for all its citizens, and above all for younger workers who are going onto the labor market.

And how familiar the Soviet problem will sound to Western ears. Automation, postwar boom, school dropouts (Soviet style), all these and other problems of an increasingly complex society have resulted in rising joblessness. Of course, in Russia, as in America, there are jobs which go begging. In both countries there are tens of thousands of jobs in agriculture which remain unfulfilled, but this is in vain. It is both interesting and sobering to note how often in recent years, problems of a similar nature have cropped up in lands whose economic and political systems are so unlike as those of America and Russia.

This is proof once again that the great problems of human life seldom yield easily to slogans from any quarter, and that despite the quarter of a century that row to which the globe mankind is pretty much of a kind as it struggles forward to solve the great challenges before it.

Games-start Made In Hills

The first round in the current season of football for the Townshend Shield was played at Chidlow on September 24.

Mr. Ken Clements made a successful debut as games-organiser in succession to Mr. John Ellis. The game went off well.

Despite poor weather about 30 members attended, the only absentees being Mundaring. There was indeed a full team from Darlington.

First-round point results were: Glen Forrest, 9; Chidlow, 6; Darlington, 3; Araluen, 3; Wooroloo, 3; Mundaring, nil.

The evening concluded with a very tasty supper served by the ladies, during which Mr. Alec Brown (Darlington captain) explained thanks to Chidlow.

Mr. Clements responded.

Successful Festival

Sunshine Festival committee chairman Peter Wall has thanked the Geraldton sub-branch for its "spirited and unflinching help" in the recent festival.

The sub-branch had organised the street parade.

Congratulating the chief parade marshal, Mr. Lyn McCurry, others who had contributed to the success of the festival, sub-branch president, Mr. John Spedding said that as a result of the street parade and the afternoon of entertainment at the recreation ground the R.S.L. would show a profit of over £180.

In addition the festival committee would receive more than £160.

Ten per cent of the sub-branch's proceeds went to the R.S.L. building fund, with the money collected at the street parade going to the War Veteran's Home.

ASSOCIATIONS

16th Battalion

About 140 members and wives attended this annual social function of the 16th Battalion Association at the Railway Institute.

About 12 men were from the company and had not been seen for years. Mr. Syd McNamara reported well.

Several and kindred associations were well represented.

The evening was a complete success. Mr. and Mrs. Smith provided the music, and one-time bugler Percy Carter entertained us with old tunes on the cornet.

Owing to illness old stalwart Paddy O'Mara was absent for the first time in many years.

The speeches were disposed of quickly and the tables cleared for dancing.

The committee's thanks to the artists, the caterers and the members who assisted.

Members of 12th Reinf. Battalions, 16th Battalion, and the S.S. 16th anniversary reunion on December 22.

The committee appreciated the consideration of the War Veteran's Home for the 16th Battalion sub-branch of the Queensland R.S.L., and the proceeds of the gala night are to be used to meet some of the urgent needs of the sub-branch.

So Time Races On

From the Queensland R.S.L. journal "Vigilance" comes the following treatise on the trials and tribulations of a changing world.

It seems to me that they are building staircases higher and higher, and that it is getting harder and harder to take two steps at a time.

Nowadays it is all I can do to make one step at a time.

Another thing I've noticed is the small print they're using. Newspapers are getting farther away when I hold them, and I have to stand on my toes to make them out. The other day I had to back half-way out of the telephone booth in order to read the number on the coin-box.

It is ridiculous to suggest that a person of my age needs glasses, but the only way I can find out what's going on is to have somebody read aloud to me, but that's not very satisfactory because people speak in such low voices these days that I can't hear them very well.

Everything seems farther away than it used to be. It's twice the distance from my house to the station now, and they've added a fair-sized hill that I never noticed before.

The trains leave sooner, too. I've given up running for them, because they start faster when I try to catch them. The distance between the holes on Diggers' Golf Day has increased considerably too.

They don't put the same material into clothes any more, either. All my suits have a tendency to shrink, especially around the waist or in the seat of the pants, and the lines they put into shoes nowadays are much harder to reach.

Even the weather is changing. It's getting drier in the winter, and the summers are hotter than they used to be. I'd go away if it wasn't so far.

Wood is tougher when I try to chop it. Draughts are more severe, too. It must be the way they build windows now.

I got to thinking about all this while I was shaving this morning. I stopped for a moment and looked at my reflection in the mirror. I couldn't make up my mind to use the same glass in mirrors any more!
R.S.L. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NOTES

Acknowledgment By Queen of Conference Message

The following reply has been received to a message of loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen which was resolved on at a Conference on the motion of senior vice-president Mrs Cottrill seconded by junior vice-president Mrs L. Young:

Dear Mrs Ames—I am commanded by the Queen to ask you to convey to the delegates assembled recently at the 38th Annual Conference of the Women’s Auxiliaries of the R.S.L. and A.I.L.A. in Western Australia, an expression of Her Majesty’s sincere thanks for the kind regard for her of loyalty passed on the occasion of this conference. Mrs. The Queen much appreciated their kind wishes for herself and her family.

Yours sincerely, Edward Ford

The State Executive very much regrets that owing to lack of support by the auxiliaries, the rally to be held in the ballroom of Anzac House on September 28 had to be cancelled. It is hoped to arrange an event at some time in March, 1966.

Mrs. Davis, vice-president of the auxiliary recently made a trip to Perth. She attended the Victoria Park auxiliary’s birthday party at the Hollywood Hospital and attended the executive meeting on September 27.

Mrs. Davis is very interested in the amount of work done by the auxiliaries in W.A. and has plenty of work to keep her branch to take back to her branch.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Official visits made by the State President, and members of the Executive during the month were as follows:

- September 7: Mrs. Ames attended the Lemnos board meeting.
- September 10: Mrs. Ames attended the Soldiers’ Children’s Education Board meeting attended by Mrs. Ames.
- September 11: Mrs. Ames attended the Royal Australian Legion Auxiliary’s annual fair.
- September 15: Mrs. Rowland attended the Royal Australian Legion Auxiliary’s annual fair.
- September 17: Mrs. Ames attended the A.I.L.A. in Western Australia.
- September 22: Mrs. Ames attended the Royal Australian Legion Auxiliary’s annual fair.

These Youths Have Time For Others

Regular visits to patients in the Hollywood Rehabilitation Hospital are made by members of the Bedford Youth Club.

This was said at the September executive meeting by Miss S. White.

REMINISCE

When sending in your annual donations please do not forget that although such gifts are very necessary, so is Hospital Visiting.

This goes on all the year round and funds are needed to keep the men confined to hospitals and homes.

Shenton Park Activities

The Shenton Park auxiliary has had a busy time this month, attending with the catering arrangements for an annual meeting of the Anzac Day Service at the R.S.L. hall in Onslow.

Members have visited various hospitals and the Nursing and Voluntary Home regularly, providing lunches for the patients.

The annual Diggers’ Christmas Tea for ex-service men from Sunset and Leenas was again a great success.

There were plenty of willing helpers and special thanks go to Daphne Anderson for catering all the pies, Card evenings and the disposal of tickets in the annual raffle have also been a success, keeping members active.

Members would like to see more games nights, such as bridge and auxilliary members competing.

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Another Operation Stand-In success was reported to the State Executive this month by Youth Welfare Committee chairman B. J. Flanagan.

A spurt of public interest in the end had brought 160 hosts into action for the day, and between them they entertained 300 junior naval recruits, he said. Both hosts and guests had expressed their delight with the arrangements. The operation would be repeated next year.

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**AFTE RHOMS OF CONGRESS**

Following is a reprint of a letter which appeared, under the above heading, in the September issue of the North Perth sub-branch journal "Green Envelope."

Sir,—In the August issue of "Green Envelope" your article under this heading casts serious doubt on the ethics of recommitting an item on the Congress agenda after it had been carried, as to use the words quoted, "the majority of those who passed the item at the first session were unable to be present when the motion was rescinded."

If this statement is correct, which I doubt, it would appear that these delegates came to Congress to get this item carried and then promptly walked out tongue-in-cheek.

Be this correct or otherwise delegates at Congress have a duty to the League, and particularly to their sub-branches when representing them on the serious business of Congress, and have no right to walk out when Congress is still in session.

And much less to squeal if something happens to displease them in their absence.

The article goes on to mention that the sub-branch’s old friend Fred Stahl fired the first shot at Congress.

The article did not mention that he also fired the last shot at Congress by being the strongest advocate for the motion to recommit the item under discussion, and this having been carried then fired a typical Fred Stahl broadside to reverse the original decision.

Was he a “smoothie” to do this in the absence of those who were “unable” to be present? If so, I’ve never heard this one before.

If delegates stick to the finish next year the re-recision of this item could have been well worth while.

Yours, etc.,

"Ivory Tower."

**FISCAL CHANGE AT GERALDTON**

The new manager of the A.N.Z. Bank at Geraldton, Mr. Bill Kynaston, has been appointed treasurer of the Geraldton R.S.L. sub-branch.

The previous treasurer, Mr. Jim Kevan, was recently transferred to the same bank’s branch at the corner of Milligan and Murray streets, Perth.

Mr. Kynaston was transferred from Adelaide, where he was stationed for nine years. However, he was born at Wagin and he told the September sub-branch meeting at Geraldton that he was happy to go back in the West and was particularly delighted with his posting.

Although they did not realise it until the Geraldton meeting Mr. Kynaston and immediate past president of "Tug" Wilson served on the same warship during the World War—the heavy cruiser H.M.A.S. Shropshire, on which Bill was a radar operator and "Tug" a stoker.

**FRIENDLY FIGHT IN GARDEN SETTING**

Two former Geraldton sub-branch stalwarts now living in the metropolitan area are vying with each other—in a friendly way—with their gardens of native flora.

They are Messrs. Jim Buckle and Bob Duncan. Plants at Mr. Buckle’s Greenmount home are such an attraction that each week, for some time now, the tourist bus has stopped alongside.

In addition to a four headed blackboy the native flora includes kangaroo paws obtained from the Geraldton area and now growing to a height of about 7ft.

Many other attractive plants have been grown from young specimens obtained from the sandplain east of Geraldton.

Although Mr. Duncan’s garden at Karrinyup is smaller than Jim Buckle’s it includes white everlasting raised from seed obtained in the Shark Bay area. These everlasting are now growing in profusion and to a greater height than in their natural habitat.

Apart from being on the R.S.L. executive both men are members of the Bellevue Returned Service Men’s Club of which Jim is now secretary.

When Mr. Buckle returned from Geraldton to Perth recently he took with him many more plant specimens collected in the Geraldton area and as well as along the Wongan Hills line.

B.J.B.

**CONTACT SOUGHT**

Would anyone knowing the whereabouts of Joe Reilly (ex-51st Battalion) please ask him to contact Mr. R. A. Woods (secretary, 51st Battalion Association), 35 Tareema-street, Nedlands.
Much League Work Is Little Publicised

At the R.S.L. State conference in Victoria branch treasurer C. O. Harry dealt with publicity as affecting the League in the following terms:

The R.S.L. tends to become a controversial body for various reasons, and where there is public controversy on certain matters the R.S.L. seems to be the body to which Press, TV and Radio gravitate.

This is good — if it is always handled responsibly.

One phase of interest is the broad subject of defence, and surely a group of men and women who have demonstrated their readiness to serve their country in war have every right to express views on matters which affect the security of Australia.

Such controversial matters have the effect of colouring the public image of the R.S.L., though this phase represents perhaps only 5 per cent of the League's activity.

At least 95 per cent of the work of the R.S.L. relates to the care and welfare of ex-service men and women, and their dependants, but this tends to become the phase of R.S.L. activity which is least acknowledged because the focus is on other matters.

The Blackboy Memorial

Correspondence received at the September meeting of the State Executive included a proposal from the Blackboy R.S.L. sub-branch for revitalising the Blackboy Hill Campsite Memorial Committee.

It was suggested that the co-operation of such surrounding sub-branches as Midland, Bellevue and Darlington be sought.

Mr J. Buckle said it was intended to get the local shire interested. Much could be done to improve the memorial surroundings.

The executive names Messrs. Buckle, Holland, Evans and Williams as its representatives on the committee.

Banish The Reds!

(To The Editor)

Sir,—Further to the Premier's remarks that the time had come for someone to stand physically in the way of the onward march of communism: Is that enough? Why should we even tolerate the communists in our midst?

They are actually members of the Fifth Column doing all the harm they can. They would, as opposed by democracy leaders from behind the Iron Curtain, commit terror acts, sabotage our efforts, endeavour to demoralise our people, blackmail those with weak characters into divulging secret information, and obstruct the functioning of work along our L. C. to South Vietnam and elsewhere.

I recently listened to a harrowing account of a person in the R.S.L. Camp at Sibera. They were slaves whose spirit had died. They were hardly human beings ill-fed, wretchedly clothed, abandoned and so on. Similar conditions would exist if communism was to reach us here.

It is to be noted that what happened to Czechoslovakia under Dr. Beneš, when he foolishly or knavishly handed his country to the communists, is apparently happening to Indonesia.

Yet Australian communists, I fear, are treacherously working in apparent freedom and handing us over to Mao Tse Tung or the Soviet clique.

Why should not the League, with its influence, its facilities, its loyalty and duty to all Australians, expose communism as it really is and not what it pretends to be, or see that the Government does so, to show it up as a living lie.

From the point of view of communist politics, according to a broadcast from Moscow Radio on August 20, 1950, "only the communists are moral which contribute to the building-up of a new communist society.

Let the League see that the real communism is exposed to public view and then the Australians themselves will automatically rid themselves of this curse, whether it be the visible political and industrial faction or the hidden crypto-communist element.

Under separate cover I am posting you a pamphlet on communism which could be circulated among "the powers that be" in the League. Then let them automatically decide to do as I have suggested. I should like the pamphlet back please, in due course.

Yours etc.,

C. H. Asphar.

R.A.F. Help In The Pilgrimage

The National Secretary, Mr. A. G. W. Keys, has sent a letter of thanks to the British defence-liaison staff in Australia for assistance rendered by the Royal Air Force in this year's Gallipoli pilgrimage.

Mr. Keys quoted the following passage from a report by the Australian Ambassador in Cairo: "The R.A.F. personnel at El Adem deserved special praise for their admirable assistance at Tobruk, the thought and effort put into the organisation of the morning and the whole-hearted cooperation which they gave us—not only in making practical arrangements but in the warm and friendly way they set about making the tourists feel at home among them.

We need to arrange to express our thanks to the R.A.F. at the highest level.

"The success of the Libyan visit was wholly due to them."
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

FEDERATED T.B. SAILORS, SoldIERS AND AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (W.A. BRANCH) - 2nd Floor, Wellington Building, 55-57 Murray street, Perth, Second Monday, President, L. Synnes. (931966.)

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION (W.A. Branch) - House basement, third Monday at 2 p.m. President, A. Glass, 93 Macleod-road, South Perth. Secretary, R. A. McDonald, 29 Kenny-street, Bassendean (79 1649.)

10TH LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION — Anzac House basement, 2nd Thursday in Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov. President, T. Soutter, 37 Bruce-street, Nedlands (86 1683.) Secretary, Jack Syne, 28 Marquis-street, South Perth (68 2946.)

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION: Meetings at Anzac House when called. President, A. G. Douglass, 185 Albert-avenue, Subiaco. Secretary, E. B. Powell, 168 Alfred-road, Mt Claremont (1355.)

16TH BATTALION AND 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION — Committee meeting each Monday at 7 p.m. in the Library of the W.A. State Library, Perth. Secretary, L. J. Anderson, 11 Kitchener-street, Shenton Park (8 1971.) Treasurer, S. E. Jones, 135 George-street, Como. "Pigeon Post" quarterly newsletter of meetings and events. 3rd Sunday at 12th Avenue, Como.

CITATION — Committee meets when called. Annual Reunion Show Week 1961. President, T. Tait, 24 Daglish-street (6 8328.) Secretary, H. S. Brown (12 2nd Avenue, Mt Lawley (71 1636.)

47TH BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION — Committee of members meet first Tuesday of each month at Anzac House, first floor. Secretary, J. Durkin, 135 Claremont Street, Perth. (2nd Floor 213 2911.)

51ST BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION — Committee of members meet first Wednesday of each month at Anzac House, basement.

14TH BATTALION WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION — Monthly meetings held at Anzac House, each Friday of that month. Secretary, Mrs Keating, 2010 Adelaide terrace, Perth. Secretary, Mrs Bennett, 21 Perth (21 5702.)

28TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION — House second Tuesday at 3 p.m. President, T. Jackson, 29 Chelmsford Road, Dandaragan Heights, Secretary, W. J. Reed, 55 Armagh-street, Victoria Park. Annual reunion Show Week.

2/16TH BATTALION ANTI-TANK CORPS ASSOCIATION — President, H. F. Fettman, 9 Kalamunda Mount-street, South Perth (21 3070.) Secretary, Bill Goggan, 17 Elizabeth-street, Bayly Street, Bassendean (3 5748.)

ARMY DRUMMERS UNION ASSOCIATION — President, E. G. Shier, 117 Selby-street, Bassendean (87 1934 — business hours 21 0131.) Secretary, A. W. Durkin, 4 Eastbourne Road, Carlisle. Quarterly general meetings and annual reunion held at Anzac House. All members notified.

BRITISH EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION INC. — Meet second Tuesday in Forest Hill Commercial Club, Francis and Museum streets, Perth, 8 p.m. President, W. Lindsay, 68 Mt Lawley (Box 2271, 1404.)

11TH AND 2/11TH BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION — Meet at Anzac House, 55 MacLeod-road, Applecross, every 3rd Monday at 7 p.m. Secretary, R. J. Rose, 68 MacLeod Road, Applecross (3 1053.)

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR REUNION — Monthly meetings held at Anzac House, first Friday of each month. Secretary, R. E. Powell, 132 Malvern-street, South Perth.

2/28TH BATTALION A.I.F. SOCIETY — Met first Friday of each month at Anzac House, 55 MacLeod-road, Applecross, 7 p.m. Secretary, R. E. Powell, 132 Malvern-street, South Perth.

GALLIPOLI LEGION OF ANZAC — Meets 3rd Thursday of each month at Anzac House, 55 MacLeod Road, Applecross. Secretary, G. D. Shaw, 71 Leake-street, Belmont (6 5342.)

VETERANS' HOME CHAPEL

Subject to approval of the plans by the Church authorities, the church will build a non-denominational chapel at the Veteran's Home.

This was decided at the executive meeting on October 6 on the recommendation of the home board.

Board chairman Dr A. K. Scobie said the building was estimated to cost £7,300 with furnishings, with seating for 74.

It was not proposed to use League funds.

The 10th Light Horse Association had donated £100.

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Sub-branch publicity officers and individual members, this Journal provides you with an opportunity of addressing League members throughout the State!

If you have anything of interest to do with your sub-branch and its activities, or by way of personal reminiscences, send it in.

But note the deadline for any issue—the 28th day of the previous month. Submissions must be in the hands of

The Editor,
"The Listening Post."

Anzac House, Perth,
by that time.

Repatriation Medical Service

No Reimbursement For Private Treatment

Persons eligible for Repatriation medical treatment who obtain treatment by private arrangement can expect no reimbursement of costs, the department maintains.

Its position is set out in the following statement:

The Repatriation Department maintains a comprehensive medical service to meet the needs of its eligible patients and expects them to avail themselves of these services whenever medical treatment is necessary.

Unless there is, in the department's view, an emergency preventing the use of these facilities, or specific approval has been obtained from the department, liability for the cost of treatment obtained elsewhere cannot be accepted.

Keep In Touch

If anyone requires medical treatment for which they are eligible under the department's medical service, or if they are temporarily absent from their normal place of residence and have not made any interim arrangements with the department, they should get in touch with their local Repatriation branch office.

This highlights the desirability of obtaining a travelling medical authority if they will be away for any period when they may expect to need treatment.

Their local medical officer will personally treat them or make arrangements in accordance with the provisions of the Repatriation Medical Service.

In their own interest they should bear in mind that the department will not bear responsibility for (a) arrangements made by patients for treatment outside the local medical officer's service; (b) arrangements made by medical officers beyond their authority from the department. Medical treatment outside the scope of the general practitioner service provided under the Local Medical Officer scheme is arranged by the department on specific requests from a local medical officer with the sole exception, under the Department's view, of an acute or sub-acute phase which will have to be provided at the patient's own expense and in other than a Repatriation institution.

Been To The Club Lately?

The Anzac Club these days is worth patronising. Beer is still 1/4 a middy, and other prices have been adjusted, so that it still pays to make the Club your rendezvous.

Besides the many amenities available you can be sure to meet friends and old service mates.

Be sure to call in at least on Friday nights and try out what has become a first class club. Norm Fraser, the club manager, will welcome you.

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