The face you see above (no fierce one) suggests our Leader, PERCY PEARSON. But Percy himself is only one of all it takes to get things done. The job he's put his hand unto calls for the help of YOU and YOU. So rally round and lend some muscle (Nothing's achieved without a tussle) in carrying on the League's good work. Stand by PERCY! Let none shirk!
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R.S.L. Jubilee Year

The League has entered its 50th year of operations—50 years of constant endeavour to obtain and improve benefits for those men and women who served their country in wars ranging from the South African War right up to the present-day affairs in Malaysia and Vietnam.

During these years dedicated men and women have worked tirelessly for the R.S.L., and with wise administration and leadership the League has become a power for good in the land.

This year in Western Australia we are fortunate that it is our turn to have the National Congress, which will be held in Perth towards the end of October.

National Congress will give the people in this State an opportunity of seeing and hearing representatives of other State branches, and of obtaining a fuller understanding of the work and the ramifications of the League.

The State President, Mr. P. Pearson, has made a strong appeal to all members to give of their utmost to raise the membership figure in this State for the Jubilee Year.

Good Work in Field of Repatriation

In this State ex-servicemen are well served by the League's Repatriation Committee and pensions officer H. Hall.

The increase of appeal tribunal sittings—scheduled for weeks during 1966—will necessitate the pension officers' frequent absence from Anzac House.

To avoid inconvenience it is recommended that ex-service men and women or their dependants seeking advice on assistance on repatriation problems or appeals should write in regarding their query, or for an appointment.

This especially applies to residents of areas who may thus be saved unnecessary lengthy journeys.

Appointments may also be made by telephone (232771). Assistance is also available for entitlement appeals, and overall guidance in any approach to the Repatriation Commission.

Somme Gongs

Allied ex-servicemen who served in the Somme Battles 1916-1918 are eligible for the Commemorative Medal for the Battle of the Somme 1914-1918.

The medal is issued by the association "Ceux De La Somme." Any ex-serviceman interested should write to Ceux De La Somme, 54 Boulevard des Anglais, Peronne (Somme), France.

Leader Underlines The Personal Factor

There was no substitute for making personal contact with ex-servicemen in the drive for membership, the State President said at this month's executive meeting.

He was contributing to the discussion on a report from Membership Committee chairman H. Holland.

The report showed that over the last calendar year the gain of membership through recruitment had failed to keep pace with the losses incurred due to the death of members.

Mr Pearson reminded the executive of a report he had received some time ago from Mr G. Chell, recently recruiting activities at Victoria Park.

The report had emphasised the outstanding success of a doorknock campaign in that area, he said.

There was much that sub-branches could do by way of recruitment, but effective actions were inevitably tied up very closely with the personal activity of those members.

Individual members could well act as "watchdogs" in a personal way, looking out in their social contacts for eligible ex-servicemen coming into their districts.

Personal activity of that kind was a fundamental of active recruiting in any organisation, Mr Pearson said.

One member said that during the year he had been able to persuade eight people to join the League.

He made the point that if at least one member would make it his business to recruit one or more members each year, the recruits in their turn could be persuaded to do likewise.

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And it brings colour and light and warmth into the lives of the old and the sick who are helped by the small change given so freely by the poppy workers.

A long time away from the fields of Flanders and the cliffs of Gallipoli, many of them wait in single rooms in the poorer suburbs, their only contact the corner grocer; their only comfort a packet of smokes or an occasional glass.

A long time away from the days of telegram and fearful pride, widows live in empty homes full of memories. Others, live in lodgings, or in shacks, some as poor relations, some in pain; but each in need.

They are getting fewer, naturally, day by day and year by year but they will be joined, before very long, by some of those to whom Libya and Crete, New Guinea and Borneo, the dangerous waters and the deadly ships, the bombers and the lightings and the pathfinders are becoming so distant but yet splendid memories.

And these will need our poppies, too.

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It will remain a good effort while we have sub-branches which can sell 4,000 to 5,000; while we have people who can sell their 500 to 1,000; while we have men like the sub-branch secretary (not young) who broke his wrist delivering wreaths, but would not see a doctor until he had finished the job, two days later.

And while we have men and women (also not young) who will stand on a street corner for long, weary hours in the sun or the rain until they have sold out; while we have the old and the infirm and the disabled who are proud to do their share.

Two years ago the late Brig. Lloyd was selling poppies on the William-street-Terrace corner, and he was then quite alive.

Then there were the two men (again not young) who came in from an outer suburb to spend all day on a bad stand where things went sour on them.

Disappointed, but not discouraged, they said: "She was a bit crook this morning, mate, but by cripes, we'll do better next time."

That seems like a good note to finish on. Let's do better next time, shall we?

The League's Work In Western Australia

The everyday work of the League in Western Australia has many ramifications and comes under the following main heads:

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Who Can Join The League?

If you would like to join the League but are not sure as to your eligibility for membership you may care to study the following summary of the Rules of Eligibility.

General.
(1) Necessary proof must be provided by the enrolling officer, but the responsibility of obtaining such proof rests with the applicant.
(2) In every case, intending applicants must have been honourably discharged.
(3) The enrolling officer must check the name against the Confidential List.
(4) The applicant must be prepared to state that he is not a Communist.

Summary of Service Qualification
(A) Boer War, Boxer Rebellion, South African War, Sudan campaign: Proof of service in all these campaigns qualifies the applicant.
(B) World War I (1914–18)—Australian, British or Dominion, and/or Colonial personnel.
(1) Any person awarded or entitled to the British War Medal is eligible.
(2) Any person awarded or entitled to the Merchant or Marine Medal is eligible.
(C) World War II (1939–45).
(1) Australian personnel
(a) Any person awarded or entitled to the British War Medal is eligible, EXCEPT the personnel in civil service who served in the areas Darwin—Thurston Island (as defined) in the period 1/4/42 to 2/9/45 who cannot produce proof that they volunteered for the A.I.F. within the period are not eligible.
(b) British personnel—Colonial and Allied personnel under British command.
(a) Any person issued with or entitled to any British or Colonial Star is eligible.
(b) British ex-service personnel who have been awarded or are entitled to the General Service Medal are eligible. (N.B. This covers British only).
(c) Colonial personnel except members or ex-members of U.S. Forces, must be naturalised British or Australian subjects.

(3) Merchant—British, Australian, Dominion and Colonial personnel.
(a) Any person with a minimum of 6 months service issued with or entitled to the Campaign Star is eligible.
(b) Persons with less than six months service who were wound (by enemy action) or taken prisoner, issived with or entitled to Campaign Stars, are eligible.
(c) Allied personnel—British, Colonial, and United States ex-servicemen who were awarded or are entitled to the British General Service Medal with the Palestine clasp or the Cyprus clasp, are eligible.
(b) British ex-service men who were awarded or are entitled to the African General Service Medal, with Kenya clasp are eligible.
(c) Australian, British, Dominion and United States ex-service men are eligible provided they served in those areas not proclaimed Special Areas for the purposes of the 'Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act.' The award or entitlement of the clasp Vietnam or Bosnia in the case of Australian, British or Dominion ex-service men or service is proof of eligibility.

Sub-branch Officials
The appointment of the following sub-branch officials was confirmed by the State Executive at its January meeting:

Birkenhead: President, E. J. C. Cochrane; secretary, S. P. Campbell.
Brisbane: President, G. K. Pickard; secretary, R. L. Lattwell.
Darwin: President, G. K. Bickell; secretary, R. N. Norrish.
Hobart: President, R. F. Forwood; secretary, R. A. Thomas.
Mawson: President, C. K. Ashman; secretary, F. Teague.
Oamaru: President, A. L. Anderson; secretary, A. H. M. Meecham.

League Organises N.Z. Delegation
At the invitation of the New Zealand Returned Services Association the League is sponsoring a delegation of 50 members to participate in the New Zealand Anzac Day commemoration this year.

Applications are being invited through all ANZAC branches of the League. The British delegation will spend about three weeks in New Zealand. Delegates are to travel on April 19 and will be divided into four parties—12 members for Auckland, 13 for Wellington, 13 for Rotorua and 12 for Dunedin via Christchurch—leaving Sydney on April 23.

Australia. Members who wish to participate are advised to apply early.

The fakes from Western Australia to New Zealand and return will be approximately £175, plus accommodation at £4/10/ per day. In other words, fakes and accommodation will come to about £270, to which must be added personal expenses for 21 days.

For those who can afford it, this should be a wonderful way to see New Zealand, as no effort is spared by the R.A.S.A. to entertain and arrange trips for their guests.

Further information can be obtained at Anzac House.
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MARINES MAKE MUSIC: Royal Marines bandsmen from H.M.S. Ark Royal are seen here in action at the War Veterans' Home recently.
(Other pictures on next page)

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Musical Treat For Veterans

During the stay at Fremantle of R.N. ships over the Christmas period the Royal Marines band from H.M.S. Ark Royal gave a concert at the War Veterans’ Home. Caught here by the camera on that occasion are:

ABOVE: Cornet players Raymond Yates (left) and David Clegh.

Below: The reaction of veterans and their guests to the performance.

Welfare And Relief In Big Demand

Ever-increasing demands on its resources keep the League’s Welfare and Relief Committee very busy.

The fair treatment and consideration given by the members of the sub-committee to applicants results in many sincere letters of thanks. These bear witness to the need for help of this nature.

During 1965, over 358 applications for assistance were received. These did not include applications for help under the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund, which gives regularly monthly assistance (to about 81 recipients) to the value of £228. The disbursements for 1965 amounting to £3,106.

Here are some of the items: groceries, £120; Christmas parcels, £83; cash grants, £110 hospital visiting expenses £10 for the Corps of Visitors and £165 for comfort. Cash loans of £25 were repaid.

Sundry expenditure on bed and breakfast, meals, rail fares and so on was: clothing, £12; fares, £40; meals and board, £60; medical expenses, £16; Lemnos Hospital, Legacy, £100 (for adoption of four wards); B.C.L.T. grants received, £228. The disbursements for 1965 amounting to £3,106.

RECRUIT A MEMBER (if you please!)

The 50th anniversary of the formation of the R.S.L. falls this year, and the National President and all State Presidents are hopeful that all members will go out of their way, in their own circle, to ensure that every eligible man or woman joins the League.

A representative membership adds to the League’s power to advocate for ex-servicemen generally throughout Australia. As well it is essential for the R.S.L. to remain strong and vital to carry out its increasing obligations.

Many of us are apt to forget that an organisation such as ours has its problems and responsibilities increased every year by the mere fact that its members are growing older.

Activity at Vic. Park

At Victoria Park, Mr. G. Chell, who resigned from the presidency of the sub-branch some time ago due to pressure of business, has accepted the duties of secretary until the next election in July.

With the sub-branch fully active again it is important for members to give full support to the office-bearers.

At it there will be a discussion on the advisability of changing the meeting-night to allow the hall to be let on Friday nights.

Life-member, Ted Matthews passed away recently. Members will miss him and his good work for the Corps.

The original members of the sub-branch are fast thinning out but their services should be remembered.
SEEN AT THE LEAGUE’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Among those who attended the League’s Christmas party on December 17 were the people you see here. From left to right they are—

TOP: Mrs. Ames (auxiliary State President), Mr. Webb (R.S.L. State Secretary) and Mrs. Rowe (auxiliary State Secretary).

CENTRE: Mr. H. W. Kynaston, Mr. Carl Ferguson, Mrs. P. Pearson, Mr. G. Brackenbridge (Midland sub-branch president), Mr. L. E. Tichbon, State President P. Pearson and Miss S. White (State Executive).

BOTTOM: Brigadier Roberts and Messrs. Dawson, Finnie, Lawton and Phenna (State Executive).
A Call to the Members up Marble Bar way

In what follows, the Marble Bar secretary, Mrs. P. Smith, seeks to make contact with the widely-scattered membership of her outback sub-branch.

Once again one year has given way to another and here we are to tell what we have been during the past few months. We have been very pleased with the membership drive; the membership stands at 34.

Our meetings are few, attendance as usual very poor, but somehow or other we manage to function.

If you read "The Listening Post" occasionally you would have read about your own sub-branch, and have some idea what we are up to.

In preparation for the 50th anniversary of the Anzac landing we were all invited as guests of the Marble Bar shire council for a dinner, which was an enjoyable, but also solemn occasion.

More of you should have tried to be there. On Anzac Day we had the usual get-together, with only a few of us present.

The general service, held in the morning, was fairly well attended and was a good service with Mr. Nichols (the sub-branch president and also the only original member) conducting the service and giving the address.

Floral tributes were more numerous than in previous years.

On this day once again we felt that a few extra service personnel should have been then.

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Reparation Cover Has Been Widened

The Federal Parliament has passed a bill which makes two important changes in eligibility for benefits under the Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act.

First, the Act now provides repatriation cover for those involved in contact with hostile forces outside Australia, even though they may not otherwise be covered by the Act—for example, by reason of being allotted for special duty.

Second, qualifying service under the Act was previously related to presence in a special area whilst allotted for special duty.

The new provision is that commencement and termination of qualifying service are related to the time of appointment and from special duty.

This year we have taken a more active in the school and the schoolchildren's activities.

We attended the usual Anzac Eve school broadcast, once again well organised by the headmaster.

The children behaved perfectly.

After the service sub-branch members, with the help of the teachers, handed out drinks.

The wreaths laid at the school and Anzac service were donated by the sub-branch.

We have also donated a sum in memory of the late Mr. W. S. Lonie, the retiring State President. We were well represented on this occasion, and a glowing report of the success of the occasion was sent out.

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Record Membership At Geraldton

The president of the Geraldton sub-branch, Mr. John Spendlove, announced at the December meeting a record membership of over 800.

He welcomed to the Christmas dinner a warm welcome to the sub-branch, Mr. L. Steinman from Ballarat, Victoria.

Mr. Spendlove said Mr. Steinman, now an employee of the Geraldton Plumbing Company, had been the 303rd member of the sub-branch.

We would like your help in recruiting more members.

We realise that most of you cannot attend all meetings, but when in town, please look us up and let us know if there is any way in which we may help you.

Wishing you all the very best of seasonal greetings in the sincere hope that you will have the best year ever for you and yours.

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The Anzac Club Pleases

By B. J. Barden, R.S.L. publicity officer at Geraldton

As a country member I have been asked to give my impressions of Anzac Club, and nothing gives me greater pleasure than to pen my impressions on this subject.

During my current vacation I have visited the club on several occasions, and would thoroughly recommend it to all country and city members as a regular meeting place for ex-Diggers.

Anzac House is easy to find because of its situation opposite the Government House gardens in St. George’s Terrace, with an Australian flag proudly fluttering above a huge R.S.L. badge bearing the 1968 clip. As you approach the club entrance, after either climbing the comparatively few number of steps or taking advantage of the lift, you are greeted at the bar by members of a convivial staff.

Apart from being assured of a cool drink and a warm welcome at all times, you and your mates can take advantage of the various facilities which include such things as billiards and snooker, pool, cards, darts and even carpet bowls.

For those who wish to take along their wives or girlfriends there is a comfortable visitors’ room, and for those who desire a tasty meal or snack there is a bar which dispenses particularly tasty snacks.

S Satoshi was unaware of until my latest visit to the Anzac Club — and which I feel sure will be welcomed by country members — is the availability of showers, for which towels are obtainable at a small cost per member (and there are plenty of us) I would say that one of the greatest attributes of the club is that you will always meet there someone you know. This makes it a friendly atmosphere to enjoy the above amenities.

To give you some idea of the way in which Anzac Club is being used by R.S.L. members from various parts of the State, I would mention that on my latest visit the group conversing with George Shaw, Mr. J. Stoddart and Mr. A. G. Pearson (club manager) included members of the Geraldton, Port Hedland, Beverley and Carnarvon sub-branches.

I honestly think that more R.S.L. members should take advantage of the facilities that are being offered at the club and should make it their meeting-place by adopting the motto: “Rendez-vous at Anzac Club — not at the pub!”

An important point is that drinks are obtainable at lower prices than at the pub and more important of all is that a second-to-none attribute is available there — comradeship amidst an atmosphere in which photos on the wall remind us of the valour of our V.C. winners and other “greats.”

In other words, my impressions of the Anzac Club can be summed up in the heading to this contribution: “Anzac Club Pleases.”

Wise Words On A Convivial Occasion

Among the guests at the West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park sub-branch Christmas party on December 13 were State President Percy Pearson and Brig. Athol Brown, director of the S.E. Asia division of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Mr. Pearson spoke of the urgent need for the co-operation of all sub-branches with the League’s membership committee.

Numbers were vital to the League’s effectiveness, he said.

Brig. Brown said the object of his visit to Perth was the establishment of a memorial garden adjacent to the Karrakatta cemetery.

He anticipated that it would be opened by next June.

With the aid of a number of willing performers, a happy night was spent.

Long Experience Of Housing Problems

The League has had considerable experience in the kind of housing problems faced by ex-servicemen and is always prepared to help and advise.

The Housing Sub-committee, through its Chairman Mr. R. J. Stoddart, has excellent liaison with the State Housing Commission, agent for the War Service Homes Division in W.A.

Ex-servicemen are encouraged to use information service at Anzac House because it is important that a purchaser be made aware of his privileges as well as his obligations.

For ex-servicemen outside the scope of the War Service Homes scheme and there are many of them: ex-imperials and others — the R.S.L. Building Society provides a service.

The Building Society, which was formed in 1962, has already allocated £296,700 to assisted ex-service men and women, which indicates the society will grow rapidly and expand its activities.

Remember: Make full inquiries at the State Housing Commission office, or Anzac House, before committing yourself to any home purchase.

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Coming Visits
Messrs. A. Cooper and B. Williams are to represent the State Executive at the Mundaring sub-branch meeting on January 24 for the installation of officers.

The State Secretary, Mr. Webb, plans to attend the annual reunion dinner of the Busselton sub-branch on Saturday, February 5.

Presidential Enjoyment
State President Pearson reported to executive in glowing terms this month on three of the functions he had visited. The sub-branches concerned were the Returned Servicewomen's and Midland Junction.

£350,000 Project at Portsmouth
In Commemoration of D Day

Extensive additions to the Anglican Cathedral of Portsmouth (England) will commemorate that major turning-point of the World War—D Day.

A nave to be built to complete Portsmouth's ancient Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, which became the cathedral of the diocese of Portsmouth when the latter was founded in 1927, will commemorate the valour and sacrifice of all Allied forces which took part in "Operation Overlord."

The masses of men, machinery, ships, aircraft, and other gear employed in that operation were almost beyond human comprehension.

In this nuclear age, a similar concentration of forces would be far too vulnerable.

Yet D Day was one of the great turning-points in the history of mankind in preserving the ideals of democracy.

The details of the commemorative arrangements are still under discussion, but will probably include the placing of unit crests in the ambulatory of the cathedral.

The idea as a whole has been received with great enthusiasm by Evangelical authorities in Britain and overseas.

It is hoped to ensure that every ship, unit, and squadron that took part will be represented. Because of the great number of these considerable planning will be necessary.

The very wide interest being taken in the plans indicates that the project is fully justified.

The new nave, of contemporary style, will be designed to blend the varied forms of architecture dating from 1180, and will provide a nearly semi-circular auditorium focused on a central altar.

There is to be a continu­ous roof of wide size, without pillars or other support.

In charge of the planning are Mr. Paul Pearson, the cathedral architect, and Professor Luigi Ner­vi of Rome.

The foundation stone will be laid on June 6, 1966, when it is hoped that all Allied Forces will be represented.

If all goes well the completed nave will be consecrated on the 25th anniversary of D Day—June 6, 1966.

The cathedral council has to raise £350,000 to finance the project.

This sum will provide not only for the completion of the building but also for the establishment of an additional branch to the Cathedral, to which it is intended to appoint, in due course, a clergyman from overseas.

In this way it is sought to maintain permanently the theme of internationalism and cooperation against the menace of tyranny and religion which the invasion of 1944 successfully repelled.

The chairman of the appeal committee is Capt. D. H. Doig, C.B.E., who has established a sub-branch at Cathedral House, St. Thomas's Street, Old Portsmouth, with every contribution will be gratefully received and from which further information may be obtained.

For Keenness, How's This?

There were over 300 people at a Corrigin sub-branch cabaret attended by State Vice-President King recently.

Reported this at the January executive meeting Dr King said the sub-branch conducted its cabarets on the basis of £1 down in cash per head for entrance, with each participant bringing their own food and refreshment.

Those conditions seemed to present no great whatever to the popularity of the occasion, Dr King said.

The money raised was distributed to charitable organisations. On the night of his visit the sub-branch president, Dr A. F. J.mes, had handed over a cheque for £50 for the War Veterans' Home chapel fund.

Brookton Receives a Symbolic Memorial

At a social evening in the Brookton R.S.L. rooms on December 18 the sub-branch and auxiliary were presented with a representation on glass of the State War Memorial.

The presentation was made to the sub-branch by the president and his wife, Mr and Mrs Marchesi.

Addressing the gathering the assistant-secretary praised the good work that had always been done by the Marchesi for the sub-branch and auxiliary and thanked them sincerely for the latest outstanding gesture.

The dedication of the model was carried out in an excellent manner by the Rev. H. Tassell. After the ceremony ex-commander Bob Mechem presented the sub-branch with a French flag (captured in Syria) and explained some of its history.

The evening was concluded in the seasonal spirit and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Brookton members send best wishes for 1966 to all sub-branches, with hopes of another exceptionally good membership year.

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WAR HERO’S DEATH

One of Australia’s most highly-decorated naval officers of the World War, former Lieutenant Hugh Randall Syme, G.C., G.M. and bar, died last month in Melbourne at the age of 63 following a brief illness.

When the war broke out Hugh Syme was one of the first group of Australian yachtsmen to join the R.A.N.V.R. for service in small craft abroad.

Shortly after his arrival in England towards the end of 1940 he was posted to the Rendering Mines Safe Section of the Royal Navy.

He quickly established a reputation for courage and initiative and was awarded the George Medal in June 1942, for further hazardous work of delousing mines. In August, 1943, he was awarded the George Cross “for bravery and undaunted devotion to duty.” In this particular operation he rendered safe a German parachute mine which was buried within 200 yards of houses on the outskirts of London.

He worked alone for four days and nights digging for the mine and then dealt with a fuse of a type he had not previously encountered. His magnificent work earned him the respect of the British, and his efforts were a credit to the Royal Navy and the R.A.N.V.R.

On another occasion he had a narrow escape from death following three electric shocks while delousing an acoustic mine at Weston-Super-Mare.

In the words of the Chief of the Australian Naval Staff, Commodore W. Little, McNicol, Hugh Syme was one of the select band who devoted his war service to the dismantling of enemy mines and torpedoes, and in this field his record was unsurpassed in any nation.

His gallant deeds would be ever honoured and remembered. Vice-Admiral Sir William Sir William speaks in glowing terms of this gallant soldier.

He was given a full naval funeral from all Saint’s Church, Kooyong, while a naval firing-party fired a salute at the Springvale Crematorium.

A British Ex-serviceman Would Like A Sponsor

The British Legion is seeking a sponsor for the migration to Australia of a British ex-serviceman and his wife and son.

A Legatee has requested help to provide its two Legacy wards with bicycles. The bicycles required are used by the boys of the Royal Victoria Hospital for Children, who are blind and have to travel 33 miles a week to and from school. Any reader who would like to assist Mr. Hobbs should contact him at the address above.

ANOTHER CASE

The League’s attention has also been drawn to the case of Mr. George Coltman, who desires to return to Australia. Mr. Coltman, an Australian-born citizen (Queensland), is residing at 18 Lancing-close, Liverpool, England.

The Legion is seeking a sponsor to assist this ex-serviceman of the U.K. Army (King’s Liverpool Regiment) to return to Australia to live. He is on a British 70 per cent pension which gives him about £20 a week. He is married and has seven children: he is a qualified painter and decorator.

Mr. Coltman wishes to return to Australia to live. His wife and children will be brought over as migrants at the reduced fare but Mr. Coltman must pay full fare for himself and his family.

Mr. Coltman is a practical man and feels he would like to assist Mr. Coltman should write to him at 18 Lancing-close, Liverpool, England.

Northam Sub-branch Adopts A Ward

At its monthly meeting on December 7 the Northam sub-branch unanimously agreed to adopt a Legacy ward.

This will bring the number of such wards adopted through the medium of Avon Valley C.A.L.A. to ten.

John Roberts, headmaster of Avonvale (Northam) primary school, who has been secretary of the sub-branch since August, 1940, with the exception of a brief period when he went on long service leave, tendered his resignation as a result of his transfer to Ellistown before the start of the new year.

His resignation was accepted with regret, and appreciation of the excellent job he had done over the years was recorded in the minutes.

Robert Charles Foreman, of 54 Chidlow-street, Northam, volunteered to take over the leadership of the branch and was elected to the office with acclamation. Notice of the increase in the annual subscription from 30/ to 40/ was received.

The meeting agreed that pensioners and members should be entitled to pay the rate of 15/ (15/-) per year and that the sub-branch should find the balance.
**Red Cross Services Deserve Support**

Ex-servicemen cannot read press-reports on current military activities without giving some thought to their consequences.

With Australian troops overseas we naturally think of the sick and wounded and of those who care for them.

It is of interest to know that the Australian Red Cross is accepting its traditional role in the mitigation of suffering and is carrying out its task of caring for the sick and wounded and of assisting in the welfare of the dependants of men overseas.

In Malaya and Vietnam the Australian Red Cross has stationed members of its field force, whose principal task is the care of servicemen who are under medical treatment.

Naturally the maintenance of this type of service is costly and is met by the contributions and assistance of the Australian public.

Ex-servicemen can help in raising this money in a most enjoyable manner by contributing to and entering in the flower-arrangement competition which will be held in Boans Fashion Hall on February 24 and 25.

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**St. Valery Story**

This item should interest all Scottish ex-servicemen: a book named "The St. Valery Story" has been published to mark the 50th anniversary of the Highland Division.

It deals mainly with the St. Valery action in France in 1914, but also touches on Highland Division history between 1915 and 1944.

It attracted a good deal of attention in Scotland on publication and is likely to be of considerable interest to Scots who retained strong links with their home country.

The book can be ordered directly from Highland Printers Limited, Durlston Road, Inverness, Scotland.
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

FEDERATED T.B. SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION - 61'9848; secretary, Mr. R. E. Brown, 250 William street, Perth, second Saturday, President, L. Simms; Secretary, R. E. Brown.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION - meets in Anzac House basement, third Monday of each month. President, A. G. Douglas, 16 Railway street, Subiaco. Secretary, D. M. Powell, 168 Alfred-road, Mt Lawley.


ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION - meets in Anzac House, second Tuesday at Railway Institute, Perth. President, W. L. Berryman, 86 High-street, Subiaco. Secretary, E. W. Powell, 168 Alfred-road, Mt Lawley.

16TH BATTALION AND 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION - meets in Anzac House, second Tuesday at Railway Institute, Perth. President, A. G. Douglas, 16 Railway-street, Subiaco. Secretary, E. W. Powell, 168 Alfred-road, Mt Lawley.


18TH BATTALION WOMEN'S A.I.F. ASSOCIATION - meets in Anzac House, second Tuesday at 3 p.m. President, Mrs. Keeton, 190 Adelaide-take, Perth. Secretary, W. Bennett-street, Perth (21 5702).

20TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION - meets in Anzac House, second Tuesday at 3 p.m. President, T. Jackson, 59 Claremont-street, Nedlands Heights. Secretary, W. J. Reed, 55 Armagh-street, Perth. Annual reunion Show Week.


ARMY MEDICAL UNITS ASSOCIATION - meets in Anzac House, second Tuesday at 3 p.m. President, E. G. Shier, 117 Selby-street, Floreat. Secretary, A. W. Durkin, 99 Westcoat-street, Carlisle. Quarterly meetings and annual reunion held at Anzac House. All members notified.

BRITISH EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION INC. - meets second Tuesday in Forest Decorum, 115 Foundation and Museum street, Perth. President, E. MacLeod, 55 MacLeod-street, Perth. Secretary, G. R. (Butch) Durante - Phone (Home) 87 2316 (Business). Welfare Officer, Barry Brown - Phone (Home) 71 1110. Committee meets on 4th Tuesday each month. Annual meeting, Anzac House Ballroom, 7 p.m., October 8th, 1965.

2/22ND BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION - meets in Anzac House, second Tuesday at 3 p.m. President, E. Fraser, 83 Alexander-street, Wembley. Secretary, E. Zappa, 15 The Promenade, Mt Pleasant. Committee meets Anzac House second Tuesday.


W.A. EX-P.O.W. ASSOCIATION - meets in Anzac House, second Thursday at 3 p.m. President, I. R. Hamilton, 28 Swanston-street, Morley. Secretary, A. Westley, 72 McMullin-street, Victoria Park (6 6442). Secretary, H. J. Brown, 122 The Strand, Bedford Park (71 5581).

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New Missile Ship

Australia's first guided missile destroyer, H.M.A.S. Perth, will visit all mainland State capitals between March 4 and April 5, 1966.

H.M.A.S. Perth will arrive at Fremantle on March 22 for a four-day visit. The destroyer will be open for public inspection in each port.

It is the first of three. Charles F. Adams class destroyers being built in the United States for the Royal Australian Navy. The second, H.M.A.S. Hobart, was commissioned on December 18, and H.M.A.S. Brisbane will be launched next year.

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Glen Forrest Ladies' Night

An outstanding ladies' night conducted by the Glen Forrest sub-branch on December 9 drew a record attendance comprising members, ladies and visitors from Como, Chidlow's and Mt. Helena.

The State President, Mr. P. Pearson, sent his apologies for being unable to present the Annual Report to members at the meeting. He did, however, send a letter which was read by Mr. A. Field, who is Secretary to the sub-branch president. The letter was also read by Mr. Alan Cooper (State Executive). Mr. Pearson, Mr. Field and Mr. Cooper were also received from the State Executive, with Mr. Cooper being elected as Chairman for the evening. Mr. Pearson and Mr. Cooper were both present to present the ladies with a certificate of appreciation for their efforts in the sub-branch.

Last Respects To A Fine Soldier

League members formed a big proportion of the many hundreds of mourners at the funeral, with military honours, of Brigadier J. E. Lloyd, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D., at the Karrakatta cemetery on December 29. Members of the 2/28th Battalion, of which he was the original commanding officer, and of the 24th Anti-Tank Company, lined the route of the procession to the cemetery.

In his funeral panegyric, the Catholic Bishop of Perth, the Rt. Rev. Brian Macdonald (war chaplain with the 2/28th) extolled the qualities of courage, patriotism, and loyalty that had characterised the brigadier's leadership and won the respect and affection of all who had served under him.

Born in 1894 and educated at the Grammar School, Melbourne, John Edward Lloyd enlisted in the early days of the Great War and fought on Gallipoli. Later, in France with the 24th Battalion, he was awarded the Military Cross and Bar and rose to the rank of major.

Following the Armistice, he held a commission in the Indian Army for four years and in 1922 took up farming in the Moora district of W.A.

In the World War he was appointed to the command of the 2/28th Battalion, and was awarded the D.S.O. for his services at Tobruk.

In New Guinea he was in command of the 16th Australian Infantary Brigade on the Kokoda Track, where his leadership earned him the C.B.E.

The privations he suffered in that campaign—mainly malaria among them—took their toll of his constitution and left him totally blind at the end. In 1949 he was appointed a member of the State Licensing Court, of which he served for 12 years.

In his retirement in the early sixties, his eyesight and hearing rapidly failed, he learnt touch-typing and passed much of his time listening to literary and historical recordings.

Last year Brig. and Mrs. Lloyd visited their son, Major R. D. Lloyd, M.C., in New Guinea and while there the old soldier returned to the scene of some of his former exploits along the Kokoda Trail. At his death on December 24 he was staying with his other son, Mr. J. R. Lloyd, who is farming at Mayanup. His daughter is the wife of Mr. F. T. P. Burt Q.C.

Brig. Lloyd will long be remembered for his courage and respect by those who knew him and valued his friendship and example.

He was a well-known figure on countless League occasions, and especially in the Anzac Day services, particularly at the head of the 2/28th Battalion representatives.

In recent years, on that occasion, he found it necessary to take the arm of the association president in support for his blindness. He still looked every inch a leader, with a fine bearing and a tremendous presence.

*Rest We Forget!*

**THESE POLES ELIGIBLE**

Members of the Polish Home Army who fought in the uprising in Warsaw in August, 1944, in World War II and escaped capture by the German Forces—and thus not holding an A.A.E. stamp ‘Prisoner-of-War’—may be admitted to membership of the R.S.L., providing they are naturalised.

It is necessary for such applicants to furnish a statutory declaration that they fought as members of the Polish Home Army in the uprising.