The 1966 Anzac Day Address

(given by R.S.L. State President P. Pearson, J.P., on the Esplanade, Perth, in the presence of the Governor, Major-General Sir Douglas Kendrew, representatives of the Federal and State Governments, the Armed Services and the Churches, and a large concourse of people).

Your Excellency, Lady Kendrew, distinguished guests, members of the armed services, ladies and gentlemen, viewers and listeners throughout Western Australia:

Once again this morning we are met in this vast assembly to do honour to those who 51 years ago, by their determination, courage, loyalty and devotion to duty, set a pattern and an example for all who would take arms in the future defence of their country.

Gallipoli, down the years, has become synonymous with great deeds of chivalry and daring that have rated Australian and New Zealand fighting men as among the best in the world.

To all those who took part in this epic of history who are present today, we offer our grateful thanks for their truly magnificent contribution towards the preservation of our treasured way of life and the attendant freedoms we enjoy today.

We remember also that apart from that celebrated occasion at Anzac Cove there were many stark and cruel conflicts in the course of the whole of the Great War of 1914-18 as it took its course over the Middle East and Europe and the islands of the Pacific, on land and in the air, and upon the great expanses of the seven seas; followed in turn by the campaigns in Korea, Malaysia and now Vietnam.

It has come to my notice that with us today are a number of Australian Servicemen who have completed their training abroad before taking their departure for the West.

To you young men we express our confidence in you, and wish you Godspeed and a safe return.

We look forward to you taking your place with us in similar paradings many years hence.

We call to mind with gratitude and pride service men and women of all three arms of the services—to whom we owe so much: those who, among mixed experiences of adventure and bravery, understood the meaning of loneliness and fear, and were in the midst of tension and tragedy found an enduring quality of comradeship.

We remember, also, the widowed and the fatherless, and the mothers who over long periods of absence on the part of their husbands have had to fill the role of both father and mother to their families.

And we do not forget those who still suffer in our hospitals and institutions. Indeed many who are present with us today who have made this parade in spite of pain and disability.

So on this day, with mixed feelings of sorrow and joy, we meet together and pause awhile to remember all those who meant so much to us, but were called upon to pay so great a price for our liberty.

May their memory live on in the lives of young Australians to remind succeeding generations of their spirit and their fortitude.

It has been my privilege, at the invitation of the heads of service in this State, to visit training establishments of all three arms, and one cannot help being impressed with the enthusiasm, the efficiency and readiness of both officers and men, and also the womenfolk who served, at the levels of the Regular and the Citizen Forces.

As you may be called upon, we are confident in the knowledge that you will acquit yourselves with the same distinction as your forebears.

May it be, however, far distant in the future, that the time will come when the whole human race, acknowledging the common fatherhood of God, will come together to live in peace and concord.

Let commerce and industry, in their several ways, work in complement with the churches and universities in bringing about understanding and unity between nations in the hope that one day we shall find our differences, resolved around the conference table.

We cannot expect this to happen overnight, as history has taught us, so that while we exert our energies to this end we shall still show our forces at strength, and well-equipped, lest there be those who would take advantage of a state of unpreparedness.

The young people present this morning I would like to quote a portion of a speech by President Johnson, who in addressing Presidential Scholars on the 10th June, 1964, said:

"I believe the destiny of your generation, and your nation, is a rendezvous with excellence.

"In our cities and in our countryside you will participate in the building of a second America, just as you will be partners in the building of the first world of universal peace, and justice and freedom. This is your challenge: to give your talents and your time, in our land of all lands, to cleaning away the blight, to sweeping away the injustices and the inequalities of the past, so that men may live together in a great world community of democracy, and excellence.

"What we accomplish as individuals that all of us accomplish as a nation—depends on the goals and values by which we challenge ourselves.

"Doing slightly more, slightly better, year by year is too slow. Our aim must be higher, our reach farther, our pace must be faster. Our society and its members must aim for, and reach towards, the goals and values of excellence.

"By the standards you set, by the service you render the world, that when the doors of equal opportunity are kept open in our democracy, young men and women will respond with an instinct for excellence such as history has never known."

(Continued overleaf)
THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS
(From the previous page)
What President Johnson has said to the young people of the United States may well, with equal validity, be applied to our young people of Australia—and may some of this spirit brush off on to some of the older ones!
If the President's remarks sound lofty and idealistic, let us be reminded that throughout the history it has been those who have sought what was then regarded as impossible who finally made the greatest contribution to mankind, whether it be in the field of medicine, of science or any other.
Let us at all ages address ourselves to the task of developing our national character through dedication to our God, our Queen and to our country—and the preservation of all we hold dear; that living nobler lives we may more worthily justify the sacrifices of so many who valued freedom and gave their all for it.

Asian Living-standards Of Concern To Free World
The free countries of the world must double and redouble their efforts to raise the living standards of Asia, said R.S.L. National President A. J. Lee recently.

The fundamental lesson of the Vietnam war was that another Vietnam must never occur, he said.
Without question, increased stability and greater social justice would provide the most effective barrier to the advance of communism.
At present free-world countries had no alternative but to meet a military threat by military means.
But that was a short-term policy only. In the long term a massive effort in the social field would undoubtedly produce the answer to the problems of Asia. Mr. Lee said the R.S.L. itself would be examining ways in which it could make a contribution to a social programme of the kind.
Proposals to set up a fund for welfare work in Asia would be considered at the League's jubilee National Congress to be held in Perth in October this year.

R.S.L. Gift Parcels For Troops On Active Service
The National Executive resolved in February that comfort parcels should be sent to all troops serving in operational areas abroad to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the R.S.L. on June 6.

At this time there will be 6,338 troops serving in Vietnam and on ships in these areas. Each parcel will cost little more than $2 and there will also be a cash charge on each parcel which it was hoped the Commonwealth would agree to pay. Each parcel will have the following message: "On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Returned Services League of Australia, all members send greetings and good wishes to men of the Australian Armed Forces at this time when they are serving in action abroad."—The R.S.L.
The national body of the R.S.L. was formed at a conference in Melbourne on June 6, 1916, when representatives of various ex-service and Commonwealth's Associations decided to amalgamate.
The first National Congress was held at Brisbane in September, 1916. Meanwhile the R.S.L. has grown from an organisation of 10,000 members to a national association of 260,000. There are now 110 sub-branches in almost every town and district in Australia and New Guinea.
The League's policies and objectives embrace many interests and activities, but they can be summarised under three principal headings:

- The welfare of those who have served in war and especially those who have suffered loss or injury in service to the nation.
- Support for national policies that ensure Australia's security and freedom, for which so many have paid the supreme sacrifice.
- The preservation of the ideals of comradeship that are found only when men share common suffering and common danger.

In welfare work, R.S.L. activities range from the War Veterans' Homes for aged ex-servicemen and women to welfare assistance in cases of urgent need; from the provision of specialist guidance in medical treatment, employment or housing, to the establishment of youth clubs in the community.

Welfare efforts are extended into the international field through the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League of which the R.S.L. is a constituent member. These activities have given Mehl to a sense of mission.

In national matters the League stands resolutely for an effective, realistic and logical defence policy based on the well-tried principle that the best means of deterring aggression is to be strong, resolute and well-prepared.

Members of the League look forward with pride to welcoming new members who are now serving in operational areas abroad.
In the last 50 years, on hundreds of battle fronts, Australian ex-servicemen have sustained a tradition of selfless service in the interests of freedom, decency and the individual rights of man.

Focal Point At Fairbridge
Reporting to the State Executive this month on the Anzac Day observance at the Fairbridge Farm School, Mr. L. Phenna referred to the school's memorable page—unveiled by the then State President, Mr. W. S. Lonnie, four years ago.
The gate served as a focal point for occasions of remembrance, Mr. Phenna said.
The pro-rata recruitment rate for boys who had passed through Fairbridge was about the highest in Australia, he went on. This year's ceremony had been attended, with 250 children and 45 old-boys lined up for the occasion, and 22 wreaths had been laid.
The gate was proving its worth.

Have You Paid Your Subscription Yet?
A maximum effort is required at all times to carry out the League's obligation in all its activities.
This can only be fully met if every eligible ex-serviceman takes his place in the ranks of the League.
In these days $3 is not much to ask, particularly as it includes membership in one of the best-run clubs in Perth—Anzac Club.
Besides this advantage, and comradeship, the member who pays his subscription knows he is helping all ex-servicemen, the widows and children of servicemen who have "passed on" and the less fortunate ex-servicemen experiencing difficulties and hardship.
Join now and carry out your part in upholding the League's pledge.

1916-1966
To all who served the call is clear
Join the League in its Golden Year

Invitation to...
RSL Family Participation

Is an invitation to members and families to support the R.S.L. Shop, whose operations are solely for the benefit of the War Veterans' Home.
"Dress up" the family at the R.S.L. Shop and you support a worthwhile cause.

The R.S.L. Shop
570 HAY ST., PERTH
Phone 23 4883
Crowning Glory
On Again

All sub-branches and auxiliaries are requested to give earnest consideration to nominating a representative this year’s Miss Crowning Glory competition.

This competition initiated in 1963 has been a wonderful source of revenue for the R.S.L. War Veterans’ Home and Legacies.

Since the year of commencement $74,896 has been raised, which is a splendid effort.

There is a most attractive list of substantial prizes and it is well worth while to assist a girl to be successful in the competition.

Besides this is the inner satisfaction of having supported a fund-raising effort which assists aged ex-servicemen and the widows and children of deceased servicemen.

All sub-branch and auxiliary secretaries have received a special brochure concerning the 1966 competition and they are required to do their best to persuade their members to have a representative this year.

Mr. Gabbedy
Appointed To Board

A vacancy on the State Executive has been filled by the appointment of Mr. J. Gabbedy.

The appointment was made at the April meeting on the recommendation of State President Pearson.

Mr. Gabbedy, a commissioner of the Rural and Industries Bank, is a member of his sub-branch committee and was formerly president of the Carnamah and vice-president of the Manjimup sub-branches.

His appointment fills the second of two vacancies created by the resignation of February 1st of Messrs. C. D. Dole and R. H. Duncan.

The other was filled by the appointment of Mr. Roy Carter, president of the Public Service sub-branch.

Be with the League in its Jubilee Year!
1916—1966

Fifty years of service to ex-servicemen in Australia

The 1966 Membership Fee is now overdue

Complete the coupon below and forward it with $3 to your sub-branch secretary OR direct to Anzac House, Perth.

I enclose $3. My subscription to...
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Your badge deserves a financial clip.

The League needs your membership.

If you don’t exactly need the League at the moment, yourself, one of your old service mates might.

The League is as strong as its membership.

DON’T—

wear a badge without a financial clip.
wear a badge with a clip years old.
wear a badge (soup plate type) issued 25 years ago.

An Anzac Day Message
From Vietnam Force

Following is the text of a message received from the Australian Army force in Vietnam:

"To the national and state presidents and all members of the R.S.L. from commander and all ranks of A.A.F.V. - Warm greetings on this our day at home and abroad. We held dawn services this morning and a row Anzac service at Bien Hoa at 0900 hours in the presence of our Prime Minister. Other services held throughout the country wherever there are Anzacs. - Jackson."
Dissatisfaction With Ministerial Reply

The State Executive is far from satisfied with a statement by Defence Minister Fair-volunteers.

At its April meeting a motion was carried denouncing the Minister's statement and seeking "the earliest possible rectification of an absurd and anomalous situation."

The statement was made in reply to a League request for the re-employment of persons compulsorily called up for defence service.

The re-establishment provisions of the Act were intended to restore to their civilian occupations the men whose careers had been compulsorily disrupted by defence service.

The right to re-establishment was not meant to be a form of compensation for operational duty.

At its June meeting a motion was carried calling for the resignation of the Minister, who was said to have paid "little regard to the interests of the men concerned."

The C.M.F. volunteers could be expected to be men who had settled into their form of civil employment and, having taken into account such factors as returning to their former employment if they so wished.

It would be unreasonable for the Government to compel private employers to keep jobs open for C.M.F. members who had volunteered for 12 months' service in Vietnam.

The League in its original report had referred to the re-establishment provisions made for volunteers in the World War and in Korea.

In that regard, the Minister said, it was to be noted that service in the World War was for the indefinite period, and in Korea for the most part for a minimum period of three years. C.M.F. volunteers for Vietnam only signed on for 12 months plus an additional five months or so for training.

The Government saw it as its duty to provide for the re-establishment and protection of employment of personnel called up compulsorily.

The spokesman said a report in "The Guardian" newspaper suggesting that the United States Government would request a token British force for Vietnam had been purely speculative.

There was no indication of that happening, he said.

Country "Vice" At Geraldton

Country Vice-President Merv. Williams, of Coo-ray, was looking to attend the meeting of the Geraldton sub-branch on May 9.

Mr. Williams was to provide information about the Churchill Memorial Trust as a member of the West Australian committee.

He believes it will be possible for this State to receive more of the fellowships than the four received initially last year. -B.B.

Agenda Closes

May 17 was the date notified to sub-branches this year as the closing date for receipt at Anzac House of motions for State Congress in July.

Highest Praise For Our Vietnam Men

Here is a reprint (from the April issue of the soldiers' newspaper "Australian Army") of a letter from Mr. Hubert Humphrey (United States Vice-President) to Brigadier Jackson, commanding the Australian Army forces in Vietnam.

Dear Brigadier Jackson,

It was a very real privilege for me to be able to visit you and the officers and men of 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, and New Zealand Field Battery, during my recent stay in South Vietnam.

The soldiers' reputation of your command was very high.- Even a visit as brief as mine was enough in which to sense the splendid morale and observe the high state of readiness which marked everything about the command.

I welcomed the opportunity a few days later to pass on to the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand both my own views and those I saw and heard the praise of your troops from General Westmoreland and his staff.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey,
Vice-President,
Washington.
WAR SERVICE HOME LOANS AVAILABLE

Ex-servicemen are again reminded of the availability of loans provided for by the War Service Homes Act.

Loans on very liberal terms, and with no waiting-period, are now available to eligible ex-servicemen with dependants to enable them to own their own houses if they:
1. Have never previously been assisted under the War Service Homes Act and now wish to build or buy a new home or purchase an older-type home.
2. Are thinking of selling their present home to acquire another.

Eligible ex-servicemen have postponed their obligations involved in a war-service home loan and wish to obtain some assistance should they inquire either at Anzac House, Perth or the State Housing Commission offices, Plain-street East Perth.

The commission is agent for the War Service Home Scheme in this State.

The loans are not available to otherwise eligible ex-servicemen to discharge existing mortgages on their present homes, or for repairs and renovations.

Neither can a war-service-home loan be obtained for business purposes on the security of one's present home.

Further information is available on inquiry.

Educating Children Of War-pensioners

To a League request for the pension payable to dependent children of war-pensioners to be continued beyond their 16th birthday until the completion of their education, the Minister for Repatriation, Mr McKellar, has replied as follows:

As you know, the Government has considered similar proposals but has not found it practicable to widen the age eligibility for children of war-pensioners.

This necessarily involves questions of priority in relation to additional or extended benefits for ex-servicemen themselves, as well as for dependants other than children.

I would like to point out that children of the more seriously disabled ex-servicemen (T. and P.L. blinded and certain sufferers from tuberculosis) are eligible for education allowance under the soldiers' Children Education Scheme.

So are children of ex-servicemen who have died as a result of war service.

On attaining the age of 16 years, war pension ceases but a substantial increase in the rate of education allowance, as well as payment of war pension to the parents or surviving parent (and domestic allowance to war widows), take account of the principle to which your letter refers for this generally-accepted needy class.

In addition, special provisions in relation to medical treatment up to the age of 21 years for student children of war widows, the payment of service pension and the provision of medical benefits under the Pensioner Medical Service for student children of service pensioners, together with payment of child endowment, provide further assistance in this area.

Nevertheless, the matter raised in the resolution is one for consideration by the Government when repatriation benefits are being reviewed at budget time, and I will see that the League's views are brought forward at that time.

The Figures Could Be Better

At the end of April the League's membership figure stood at 9,385. This was reported to the State Executive on May 4 by Membership Committee chairman H. Holland.

At the same time last year the figure was 13,232. He said. The results of the drive were therefore somewhat disappointing, and there had been no capitalization returns from 24 sub-branches this year.

But the figures for the preceding 12 months had shown an improvement on those for the previous year.

He asked whether it would be possible for the office to prepare a subscription-reminder notice Mr. Holland said that such notices were already available at Anzac House.

Mr. J. RANKIN: I sent out a number of them on behalf of my sub-branch recently and received 25 replies.

Mundaring Parade

Twenty members of local and neighbouring sub-branches attended the Mundaring Anzac Day parade.

The service was taken by the Rev. W. Craner, of Mundaring, the address given by sub-branch president Trew. Mr. Robb attended to the flag-raising.

At the wreath-laying Mr. Inman and Mr. Trew did honours for the R.S.L. while Mr. David Kennedy laid a wreath for the Mundaring Shire Council.

Several other wreaths were laid.

The service was well attended.

Morning tea was served by the auxiliary after the service.

Inter-sub-branch Competitions

Entries for the inter-sub-branch efficiency competitions, the results of which are to be announced at Congress, close on June 30. Congress sits from July 18 to 21.

WAR SERVICE HOME LAND

There are still a few attractive war-service home allotments available for selection in the Wilson area.

Applications for assistance under the War Service Homes Act must first be lodged with the State Housing Commission (Plain-street, East Perth) and applicants must be prepared to commence building within three months of applying.

WHAT'S AN ELEPHANT GOT TO DO WITH THE 'COMMONWEALTH'?

Just a symbol — a symbol of strength and size. It's a two-way trip. What's it mean to you? Only this. By banking "Commonwealth" you are with the biggest and strongest Bank in Australia — the Bank that can do the most for you now and in the future.

So — get with the Strength

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"Wonderful benefit I derive from BEX ..."

Mrs. E. G. Fraser,
356 Hargreaves Street,
BENDIGO, VIC., writes:

"I would like to let you know of the wonderful benefit I derive from your BEX. I have some blood-pressure and rather bad headaches, but get wonderful relief from BEX. I am over 70 years of age but the relief I get from taking BEX helps me keep going cheerfully and well."

BEX is not a treatment for blood-pressure—only a doctor can treat such a serious condition—but you can get safe and speedy relief from headache or other pain by following the simple BEX directions.

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Old entries may be inspected at the Head Office of Beckers Pty. Ltd., c/- Crown & Campbell Sts., Sydney.
Anzac Day At Geraldton

In contrast to some places in Western Australia, Geraldton enjoyed brilliant sunshine when a crowd estimated by State Executive member Jim Buckle at about 4,000 attended the civic commemoration of Anzac Day at Birdwood House.

Features of the observance included the pleasing number of children's groups participating in the procession, and the wreath-laying ceremony involving nearly 50 floral tributes from local organisations and individuals.

Giving the address sub-branch president John Spendlove said everyone should make it his object to hold the freedom handed down by the Anzacs.

He commended memorials such as Birdwood House which gave service to the community just as the people commemorated had given service by paving the way for what was proudly known as "the Australian way of life." However, a still greater memorial could be achieved by making Australia a greater and better country in which to live.

Addressing particularly the large number of youth assembled, Mr. Spendlove said this could best be achieved by good "royal citizenship.

The salute was taken by the Mayor C. E. Eadon, Clarke who was accompanied by a group which included two Great War veterans—Mr. Arthur Milford and Mr. George Anderson. Magistrate A. Philip and Police Inspector K. O'Loughlin.

LONE WOMAN

As most Geraldton people were sleeping on the main street resounding to marching feet as about 100 residents, including one woman—proceeded to Birdwood House for the dawn service for the 51st anniversary commemoration of Anzac.

The lone woman—marcher, Mrs. Thelma Dunk—who gratefully acknowledged a warm-hearted welcome in Wimister, Wiltshire, England, became a member of the Geraldton sub-branch.

She said it was the first time she had marched in a dawn parade in Australia and would do so because a little village near her home town of Warmingham had a close association with Australian servicemen.

People in the village had fond memories of Australian soldiers who spent some time there during the war, and they never missed observing Anzac Day.

"PILGRIMS"

Among those to march in the dawn parade was R.S.L. life-member Arthur Milford, whose banner bore a special pocket issued for those taking part in last year's Gallipoli parade.

Mr. Milford said he had been delighted this year to be chosen to give the address at the Anzac Day ceremony at the High School on the preceding Friday.

He had stressed to the children that they should always be grateful to the Anzacs for the part they played in winning the freedom that Australians enjoy today.

He had visited 42 countries in eight weeks during the pilgrimage, and in all of them the people were virtually living on their nerves all the time.

He noted the service and other security measures created an atmosphere which was nauseating to those accustomed to the Australian way of life.

Scarborough Memorial Dedicated

The Scarborough War Memorial was dedicated by the Rev. A. C. Holland at a special ceremony on Sunday, April 28.

The principle speaker was Perth Sub-branch president Dr. M. Smith. Scarborough sub-branch president R. E. Peterson performed the unveiling.

About 300 servicemen and a platoon of Scarborough High School cadets took part in the parade.

There was an overall total of 150 people at the ceremony.

The oldest participant in the dawn march, Mr. George Brown, has not missed a parade for more than 40 years.

A member of the 27th Australian Infantry Battalion Mr. Brown (78) vividly recalled the early days of the fighting and the adventures of the twenties, when after remembering fallen comrades, he joined a group that was then a part of the Mountain's store in Marine-terrace.

They would hold up the milk-cart and obtain supplies to go with the issues of rum.

Mr. Brown's campaign was also represented at the dawn parade by Mr. Ken Burgess, wearing an American—presidential citation—ribbon awarded for the part he had played in the defence of the Philippines in 1941 as a member of the Third Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment.

It was exactly 15 years to the day that this three-day defensive action against the Chinese ended.

Belmont in Host Role For Games Contest

Representatives of the three Hills sub-branches—Chidlow, Mt. Helena and Mundaring—and of the Belmont and Redcliffe T.F.C. Associations were welcomed at the Club as well as the guests at the social and games evening conducted by the Belmont sub-branch in March.

They were welcomed by master of ceremonies, Stan Thornton.

He apologised for president Erm Jolly, who was ill, and then introduced senior vice-president Steve Bell who gave a brief welcoming address, and called for a brief halt in activities for the sake of remembrance.

The return to the games—bowls, darts, bridge, and quizzes—and the home team had the best of them encountered especially a challenge match which Belmont rationalised one of the Hills players: "We don't want to discourage them or we may not get any opposition at Chidlow in April."

An excellent supper did full credit to its architects—"the Belmont women's auxiliary.

A box of pears donated by Hills members was raised during supper and won by Mr. Williams, the mastermind behind the inaugural sports evening. The Belmont sub-branch "the Hills combination".

The games tempo steadied a little after the supper and at 11.00 o'clock. The mixed pairs, led by Ken Clements (organiser of the Townshend Shield Games), who thanked the Hills members for their hospitality, and extended a special invitation to all present to visit Chidlow the following month.
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<td><strong>The Accumulated, Special, Trust and Capital Funds, Reserves, Provisions and Credits of the W.A. Branch as at 31st December, 1965 therefore were</strong></td>
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### AUDITOR’S REPORT

I have examined the books of account of The Returned Services League of Australia, W.A. Branch (Incorporated), for the year ended 31st December, 1965 and report that, in my opinion, the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and exhibits a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the League as at that date, according to the best of my information and as shown by the aforesaid books and accounts. I have received all the information and explanations required by me.


J. E. Mitchell, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st December, 1965

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### EXPENDITURE

#### TO Trading Loss
- **Anzac Club**
- **Listening Post**

#### To Administrative Expenditure
- **Office Expenditure**
- **Overhead Expenses**
- **Less Administration Levies**
- **Repairs and Maintenance**
- **Rates and Taxes**
- **Security**

#### Travelling Expenses
- **State Executive**
- **National Executive**
- **Motor Car Expenses**

#### Congress Expenses
- **State Congress**
- **National Congress**

#### Public Relations Expenses
- **Anzac Day**
- **Entertaining**
- **State President’s Allowance**
- **Presentations and Tributes**

#### Donations
- **D.M.C. Memorial**

### NETT ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURE

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### INCOME

#### By Trading Profit
- **Corps of Commissionaires**
- **Anzac House Rentals**
- **Club Profits**

#### Membership Income
- **Subscriptions**
- **Rent**

#### LESS Membership Expenditure
- **Badges and Crowns**
- **Membership and Publicity A/c**

### LESS Administration Income

#### Interest
- **Donations**

### LESS Membership Expenditure

#### W.A. Lotteries Commission Grant

### EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME

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## THE LISTENING POST

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#### Administration
- **Printing**
- **Commission**
- **Wrappers and Stencils**
- **Bulk Postage**
- **General Expenses**

#### LESS Advertising

### NETT LOSS transferred to Income and Expenditure Account

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## CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES

### TRADING ACCOUNT for year ended 31st December, 1965

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#### Earnings
- **Less Administration**
- **Audit**
- **Emp. Federation**
- **Clothing**
- **Internal (W. Comp.)**
- **Fax Roll Tax**

#### Wages
- **Net PROFIT on Trading transferred to Income and Expenditure Account**

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### THE ANZAC CLUB

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

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#### Gross Profit from Trading
- **Discount and Commission**
- **Rent Visitors Room**

#### LESS
- **Administration**
- **Insurance**
- **Light and Power**
- **Audi**
- **Pay Roll Tax**
- **Cleaning**
- **Depreciation**
- **Discount Allowed**
- **Entertaining and Social**
- **General Expenses**
- **Licences**
- **Printing and Stationery**
- **Gas, Beer and Glassware**
- **Repairs and Maintenance**
- **Telephone**
- **Wages Less Buffet**

### NETT LOSS transferred to Income and Expenditure Account

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THE WAR VETERANS' HOME ACCOUNTS
WORKING ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1965.

EXPENDITURE:

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<td>Exceed Expenditure deducted from Operating Aco</td>
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<td>Capital and Operations Accounts at 31st December, 1965:</td>
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CAPITAL ACCOUNT

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OPERATING ACCOUNT

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THE R.S.L. TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December, 1965

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Inspiring Address At Rocky Gully Parade

At Rocky Gully’s “biggest-ever” Anzac Day parade this year, sub-branch president Gordon Barnes gave an inspired address which held the attention of all on parade.

Father J. McCarthy, the Roman Catholic-priest, supported the president’s remarks and emphasised the values and responsibilities of democracy.

He conducted the service which followed.

After the parade the sub-branch was host to all present and, with the able assistance of the women’s auxiliary, provided refreshments of no mean order.

Like most sub-branches Rocky Gully enjoys wonderful support from its auxiliary.

Sub-branch efforts over the last 18 months to obtain electric power seem to have been successful. Information has been received that State Electricity Commission power lines will reach the district within two years.

TRUSTEES NAMED

Messrs. S. A. Macnamara, J. A. Rolle and W. J. Hunt were appointed League Trustees for a three-year term by the State Executive this month.

Their appointment was the first made following the constitutional change at last year’s State Congress providing for executive appointment of trustees.

Hitherto they have been elected annually at Congress.
Record Crowd At Bindoon

More than 200 people created a record attendance for the Anzac Day service held by the Bindoon sub-branch at the Bindoon Memorial Hall last month.

Thirty ex-servicemen took part in the march and lunch was held in the R.S.L. hall for the marchers, their families, and sub-branch guests. In his address to the president, Mr. C. Briggs, said:

"We meet to honour the memory of our young men who have given their lives in two world wars so that the people of this nation can live in freedom.

"We remember, particularly, the men of Australia and New Zealand who, on April 25, 1915, landed on a desolate spot on the Gallipoli coast under the muzzle of the Turkish guns.

"This is our duty to demonstrate the importance of the Great World War, which was being used not merely as a doctrine to convert people but as a weapon to convert them.

"The issues are more complex with the world divided into armed camps while an ideological battle for the hearts and minds of men is raging.

"External Affairs Minister Hasluck said recently that nationalism is in mortal danger.

"If we choose this way, we will do more harm to those who live that we might be free men here today."

The Service At Millen

The Millen sub-branch this year held its second Anzac Day ceremony on the morning of April 22, assisted by the Victoria Park Salvation Army Band reinforced by bandsmen from South Perth and Willagee.

In deference to a sub-branch wish for youth participation the Robbins Senior Marching Girls and a group of Sea Scouts formed a guard of honour around the flagpole.

President John Buckley laid a wreath on behalf of sub-branch members, followed by auxiliary president Mrs. G. Gillingham. The leader of the Millen and Babies laid a sheaf. The Last Post was followed by a two-minute silence. As Reveille sounded a Sea Scout slowly raised the flag.

At the indoor service Captain Grant, of the Salvation Army, offered prayers for the Queen. The address was given by the president.

"The Anzac Requiem was sung by sub-branch patron Ron Davies, MLA, and the 23rd Psalm by a Marching Girl. Supper was supplied by the auxiliary.

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The LAST POST (Deceased)

MARCH LIST
BLAISK R., 4020, 2nd Pioneers, N.E. Fremantle.
BLUE J. S., WX2976, 2/48th Bn., Busselton.
BOULTON C. P., 3336, 16th Bn., Busselton.
BRYANT L. A., 2991, 3 M.G.C., and 10th Light Horse, Geraldton.
COPE H. J., 255, 28th Bn., Geraldton.
DAVIES V., WX37448, 3 Sect. 4 Aust. Fd. Survey, Roe.
HARRISON W., B.B.C., Perth.
KENT, 2/31 Highlanders, Mt. Hawthorn.

HAMLETT T., 2412 Cheshire, and W. 2473, 10th G.B. 417, Kenwick.
HARLOCK H. (Mrs.) A.A.N.S., Returned Sisters.
HARENETT R. H., WX18404, 5th Emp Co and 51st Bn., North Perth.
JENNINGS R. C., 1663, 44th Bn., Darlington.
LAMB J. W., WX22698, 1st London Regt., Bunbury.
MAHER F. S., 324a, 28th Bn., N.E. Fremantle.
MATTHEWS W. H., 1470, 12th Bn., Gloucester Park.
MILLARD W. H. 51st Bn., South Perth.
MUNDLE E. B., 2850, 3rd Pioneers, Kalgoorlie.
NICHOLAS C. H., 2257, 14th Fd. Coy., Fremantle.
NUNN G. W. M., WX1575, 2nd Bn., Nedlands.
OMEROD J. W., 27048, 6th Lan., Eastlands, and 2nd Bn., Nedlands.

OTTEWELL H. 7011, 16th Bn., Pinjarra.
OTTO M. H. J., 44th Bn., Central. Perth.
PARKER D. C., R.A.V.R., Highgate.
PIESSE M., WX4124, 8th Bn., Lower King.
PURDUE A., 370, A.M.C. and 28th Bn., Dwellingup.
RICHARDSON R. C., 6215, 32nd Bn., City of Perth.
SMITH J. F., 29577, 2nd Div. Police, Bridgetown and Nudnells.
STEWART S. B., 238834, R.F.A., South Perth.
TELLOW J., 7951, 13th Bn., South Perth.
TOMPLIN R. C., 3953, 14th A.L.I., Nedlands.
TOMPLIN W., 6714, Royal Scots, Royal Eng., 5th Garr., Meckering.
UKOHART D. M., WX15748, 3rd Bn., North Perth.
WIGHTMAN J. R., WX19786, 2 Port Coor. Coy., South Perth.

Ex-P.O.W. News

At the April meeting of the Ex-Prisoners of War Association of W.A., President A. Westley presented the former treasurer Len Ople with an engraved leather wallet as a token of appreciation of 12 years faithful service.

A recent accident at home led to his retirement.

Canon Harry Thorpe, M.B.E., affectionately known to all local ex-P.O.W. as "Padre", returned recently from yet another visit to the United Kingdom on the "Castle Pelican."

He had officiated as ship's chaplain with 1,258 migrants, 400 of them young children, on board.

The brief time is port on a 24-hour telephone conversation with Jim but he gave some interesting news.

On Palm Sunday he performed a mass baptism.

During his eight-weeks in the United Kingdom he stayed with and contacted numerous ex-P.O.W., including Major Jack Williams, "Sandy" Mackenzie, and Captains Pussy and Brennan, and Ted Coffey, Bob Lister, Jim Howard, Cyril Senior and Ken Siggers,

Goomalling's Parade

There was a good attendance for the Anzac Day service at the memorial pool in Goomalling. Goomalling, this year.

About 50 ex-servicemen and 40 children marched from the memorial hall down to the park, accompanied by pipe-players of the Goomalling Park Highland Band. There they joined in the proceedings for the service.

The parade was led by sub-branch president J. P. Prendergast, and the Rev. Paul Atkins.

Wreaths were laid at the memorial pool, and the sub-branch with assistance by the shire council.

After the service refreshments were provided by the sub-branch.

Some Signs Of Vitality

The Shenton Park sub-branch got a mention for keenness from Miss S. White when she was reporting to the State Executive last month on a visit she had paid it.

Eminent U.S. Visitor At Anzac House

The State Executive held a reception at Anzac House when Admiral P. H. Ramsay, deputy-chief of United States Naval Operations, in Australia, was the guest of honour on Monday, May 9 (5.30 p.m.).

Vice-Admiral Ramsay was in Perth in connection with the important Pearl Harbour deputation.

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A VIETNAM MEDAL TO BE STRUCK

On the joint application of the Australian and New Zealand Governments the Queen has agreed to the striking of a special medal for service in Vietnam.

"Her Majesty has told us that she will be pleased to make this award," the Prime Minister (Mr Holt) said in Parliament.

"The detailed conditions of eligibility are being worked out, and will be announced following Her Majesty's approval of them.

"This new special medal for service in Vietnam will replace the General Service Medal 1912 with clasp "South Vietnam," which has hitherto been available to Australian servicemen in the area who have been in South Vietnam at any time since May 29, 1964.

"That is the date when the role of the Australian Army training team in Vietnam was extended to permit its employment in the field with South Vietnamese army units in contact with the Viet Cong.

"The Prime Minister of New Zealand and I have seen the issuance of a special medal as another welcome link in the chain of the Anzac tradition.

"I am sure the medal will be won with pride by all who participate in the South Vietnam campaign, and it will carry with it the wearer an expression of the gratitude of our two countries for service in the highest order of duty."

Move For A Law To Protect War Memorials

The State Executive will place before Congress this year a proposal for an approach to the State Government for legislation to provide for the safeguarding of war memorials.

This was decided at the executive meeting on May 4.

Mr. L. Phenna said there was no law covering damage to memorials, although the need for one was only too obvious.

Mr. LONNIE: There is a good case for this, but there are many kinds of memorial and it is a question whether one piece of legislation would cover all of them.

FULL MEASURE: Anzac Day arrangements at Collie this year included a choir over 200 voices, the State Executive was told last month.

Conscientious Objectors Must Satisfy A Court

To League representations concerning the activities of recently-formed conscientious objectors' advisory committees, Defence Minister Fairhall has replied as follows:

"As you may know the National Service Act provides for total exemption from national service, or for exemption from duties of a combatant nature, on the grounds of conscientious beliefs.

"The Act also provides, however, that proof of such beliefs must be decided by a court.

"The Minister for Labour and National Service, as well as the applicant, may appeal to a court of review against a decision made on these grounds.

"There are therefore adequate safeguards against frivolous or insincere applications by persons claiming conscientious objection to national service.

"The activities of the Conscientious Objectors' Advisory Committee, and of other similar organisations, are of considerable interest to the Communist Party of Australia.

"I can assure your League that such activities and the exploitation of them are given continuing and close attention by the appropriate authorities."

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Spacious colonial style of "Finneville" features large living and dining areas, carport under main roof, three bedrooms, functional floor plan and all the R.D.C. quality appointments.
The chairman of the War Veterans' Home Committee, Dr. A. King, told the State Executive this month that the Chapel Appeal Fund stood at $3,553. A recent $200 donation had been made by the Executive of days Launceston, Ames, tended by Mrs Ames.

Can We Help YOU?

If you have goods or services to sell, we can assist you in your publicity and advertising.

Visits

Official visits for March and April were as follows:

March 1: Mrs Ames attended Lemnos board meeting.

March 8: A special invitation was extended to Mrs Ames to attend a meeting of the Rockingham sub-branch to discuss formation of an auxiliary.

March 11: Soldiers Children's Education Board meeting attended by Mrs Ames.

March 17: Torchbearers for Legacy meeting attended by Mrs Ames.

March 22: Mrs Ames and Mrs Rowe attended a Civic Reception and handing-over of Freedom of the City to H.M.A.S. Perth.

March 23: Cabaret given by the City of Perth sub-branch for men of H.M.A.S. Perth was attended by Mrs Ames.

March 25: A special meeting for the McKinlay Shield Games was attended by Mrs Ames, Rowe, Brown, Cottrill, Cullen, Yeomans and Jardine and sports directors who participated. Mesdames Ames, Cottrill and Rowe visited C.M.H.

March 31: Mrs Ames attended a meeting of the R.S.L. Shop directors.

April 1: Mrs Ames attended a meeting of the R.S.L. Shop directors.

April 13: Mrs Cottrill and Mrs Tomich visited the War Veterans' Home.

April 14: Mrs Ames, Mrs Rowe and members of executive attended City of Perth's 21st birthday party.

A large gathering of metropolitan auxiliary members were present at the 21stauxiliary in honour of the occasion.

April 16: Mrs Ames attended a social evening at Kenwick to present a Certificate of Service to Mrs McKenna, who has left the district, and to Mrs Smith.

April 17: The State Executive's Digger's Tea at Anzac House was attended by the "boys" of Sunset, Lemnos and the War Veterans' Home. Mr S. Macnamara represented the Leagues.

April 19: The Miss Crownwing Glory cocktail party at Anzac House was attended by Mrs Ames, Mrs Stockin and presidents and secretaries of auxiliaries who have helped the cause.

April 21: Mrs Ames attended a meeting of Torchbearers for Legacy.

April 25: Mesdames Ames, Rowe and Brown attended a combined sports meeting with the Nolamara auxiliary and sub-branch, and a Certificate of Service was presented to Mrs Combs by Mrs Ames.

May 2: The "At Home" arranged by the State Executive was very well attended, with approximately 170 auxiliary members present. Some of the auxiliaries represented were Bullsbrook, Mundarrah, Bindoon, Northam, Childers, Quairawon and Katanning.

Items were provided by Mesdames Helen McMillan, Doris Griggs and Mr Fred Stevens (telephone). Mrs Evelyn Littlejohn was pianist and Mrs Joan Thomas compere. A much-appreciated afternoon tea was served.

Shield Games

Points results of the McKinlay Shield games at the end of Round 10 were: Cottesloe (9 games) 16; City of Perth (8 games) 14; Swanbourne (9 games) 14; Hamlin-Hawthorn-Scarborough (9 games) 10; Wheatley Hill (8 games) 6; Millen (8 games) 2; Mosman Park (9 games) 2; Quairawon (9 games) nil.

The semi-final and final rounds will be played on the first four Wednesdays of June—1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd—in the Mosman Park R.S.L. Hall.

Farewell At Waroona

The Waroona women's auxiliary recently farewell one of its most active members, Mrs Helen Ballard, a loyal and willing worker since 1947.

Mrs Ballard, a former branch secretary, is to live in the city. In appreciation of her work branch president Mrs Phil Wood presented her with a beautiful cultured-pearl brooch.

Mrs Wood expressed the Civic Reception a valued friend and worker.

Mrs Ballard thanked the members and said she would miss her association with them.

A Message For Bob Hill

ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

FEDERATED I.B.SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (W.A. BRANCH) - 2nd Floor, Wellington Buildings, 156 William Street, Perth. Second Monday, President, T. J. Symes; Secretary, J. R. McDonald.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION - Meets in Anzac House basement, third Monday at 2 p.m. President, A. R. Lyle; Secretary, G. T. Martin.

10TH LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION - Anzac House basement. Every Wednesday, President, A. G. Douglas; Secretary, J. S. McDonald.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION OF W.A.: Meetings in Anzac House when called. President, A. A. Power; Secretary, G. H. Symes.

16TH BATTALION AIF ASSOCIATION - Meets in Claremont Hotel, 132 Claremont Street, Perth (83928) - President, G. B. Stewart; Secretary, W. G. Hobbs.

1ST BATTALION AIF ASSOCIATION - Meets in Claremont Hotel, 132 Claremont Street, Perth. President, J. M. Hitchcock; Secretary, W. G. Hobbs.

2/16TH HOWitzer ASSOCIATION - Meets in Anzac House basement, second Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. President, A. J. P. Price; Secretary, C. L. Morris.

294TH BRIGADE OF SOLDIERS ASSOCIATION (W.A.) - Meets in Anzac House basement, 2nd Thursday each month. President, J. P. L. Price; Secretary, W. G. Hobbs.

2/16TH HOWitzer ASSOCIATION (1st class) - Meets in Anzac House basement, 2nd Thursday each month. President, J. P. L. Price; Secretary, W. G. Hobbs.

4TH SOUTH AFRICAN LIGHT MACHINE GUN ASSOCIATION - Meets in Anzac House basement, 2nd Thursday each month. President, J. P. L. Price; Secretary, W. G. Hobbs.


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A Compliment To Belmont

Belmont is one of the happiest sub-branches State Vice-President Dr Alan King has encountered.

Reporting to the executive this month he said that with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie he had attended the annual reunion of the sub-branch on April 30.

There had been a very happy gathering of about 75 people.

"It is good to see a sub-branch like this where the ladies do so much to help," Dr. King said.

"If all sub-branches were like this the League would flourish and flourish."
Meekatharra Service First In 8 Years

This year’s Anzac Day service at Meekatharra, with 30 sub-branch members on parade led by president Alex Campbell, was the first for eight years.

A combined school children’s choir from the State and Convent schools led the singing. They were conducted by Mr. P. Patching, with Mr. T. Keddie at the organ.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. Dowglass.

Wreaths were laid by Mr. Campbell (R.S.L.), Miss M. Forrester and Master M. Trenfield (for the State School) and Miss S. Hayes and Master M. Carroll (for the Convent School). A R.O.A.B. wreath was laid by Mr. F. Forrest. After the two-minute silence sub-branch secretary F. Dargan raised the flag.

Among those present was Mr. S. Crawford (95) who served in the Victorian Mounted Rifles in the Boer War and in the 16th Battalion in the Great War.

A Record Parade At Port Hedland

Led by veterans Harold Ward and Bruce Duncan, 75 ex-service men marched from the Gregory Memorial to the Gratwick Memorial Hall in the Anzac Day parade at Port Hedland last month.

The parade was directed by Mr. Bert Madigan. A wreath from the Port Hedland sub-branch was laid at the honour roll by Mr. Duncan. Other wreaths were laid by the women’s auxiliary and the Mt. Goldsworthy Mining Company.

A record number of people attended the service. Its highlight was the performance of the Port Hedland Junior High School girls’ choir conducted by headmaster Brian Courtney.

Sub-branch president Jack Hunt gave the address.

A sunset service was held at the Port Hedland jetty. The Last Post and Reveille were played as wreaths, which had been laid in the morning, was cast on to the outgoing tide in remembrance of those who gave their lives at sea.

The attendance at the day’s functions was boosted by visitors from State ships Rabari and Gagnara, as well as from Mt. Goldsworthy, Whim Creek and Marble Bar. There was a gathering in the hall after the service.

Refreshments were provided by the women’s auxiliary, the Esplanade and Palm hotels, and friends from Goldsworthy and Mr. Woodrow Taylor.

Impressive Service At Veterans’ Home

Although it was necessary to move indoors because of blustery weather, the Anzac Eve service at the War Veterans’ Home this year was most impressive and easily the best-attended so far.

Visitors included representatives of the Churches, among them being His Grace the Anglican Archbishop of Perth, the Dean of Perth, the Archdeacon of Canning, Rabbi Coleman of the Jewish faith, and representatives of the Methodist, Congregational and Salvation Army fraternities, The Federal and State Governments were respectively represented by Navy Minister Chaney and Transport Minister O’Connor.

The State Presidents of the R.S.L. and the R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary, the chairman of the War Veterans’ Home Board, the former League president M. W. Lohne and the State Secretary were also present.

A guest from afar was the Rev. Dennis Bryant, secretary of the Esperance sub-branch, and kindred associations were also well represented.

As has been the practice of the home from the beginning the whole of the service was in the hands of young people, and it was well handled. The address given by Anthony Howes (son of the superintendent) was well presented.

Miss Myra Pearson (daughter of the State President) read the prayers in a manner befitting the occasion.

CAN ANYONE CONFIRM HIS CLAIM?

Would any person who served with Corporal Alfred Bolitho (W.X.1595) ex-2/10th Field Regiment please correspond with Mr. G. Sherrington, Anzac House, Perth, as soon as possible. Mr. Bolitho needs proof of service in the Abrolhos to obtain a service pension.