Housing-land Position
A Lot Brighter Now

Strong League representations to the War Service Homes Scheme director on the scarcity of suitable building blocks in Western Australia have resulted in a considerable improvement in the position.

Housing Committee chairman R. J Stoddart said this at the State Executive meeting on June 1.

There was now more suitable land available to applicants than for the past ten years, he said.

Mr. Stoddart paid a tribute to executive member H. G. Holder for having spurred the committee into contact with the director.

(At the meeting of the executive last November it was stated that there were then only eight scheme blocks available in this State and an approach to the State Government was resolved on. Following correspondence with the State Minister the executive, largely on the initiative of Mr. Holder, decided to take up the question with the Federal authorities).

Mr. Stoddart said the scheme director (Mr. Keith Medalbury) had in due course made a special visit to W.A. to discuss the matter.

In future the director and the manager of the State Housing Commission—the Common wealth's agent for the scheme—were to meet once a year to consider the housing and land situation.

Giving details of the improved position Mr. Stoddart said that 122 blocks had been made available at Churchlands, 115 at Dianella, and 30 acres of land at East Manning.

As well a promise of other land for war-service homes on very suitable terms had been received.

Mr. Stoddart said he felt the director had made quite a good bargain and that there would be no further trouble in the future.

He considered that the transformation in the situation was one of the League's major achievements in recent years.

The executive resolved to send a letter of thanks to the director.

Mr. Stoddart said that over the past three months the committee had dealt with 53 cases covering assistance of various sorts.

Work To Start
On Chapel

A tender of $17,454 has been accepted for the erection of the War Veterans' Home chapel.

It is planned to have the foundation-stone laid during the annual State Congress in July and the opening performed in National Congress week late in October.
Others May Be Charged Over Cross-Burning

In a police prosecution last month a conviction was recorded against a young man for damaging property in the vicinity of the State War Memorial.

The damage was caused by the burning of a hessian-covered cross one night in April.

At the June meeting of the State Executive it was reported that Police Commissioner Napier had informed the League that inquiries were being continued and that any other people found to be involved would also be charged.

In the early hours of Wednesday, June 8, a similar cross was burnt near the memorial.

Both burnings, it was claimed, were by way of protest against the fighting in Vietnam.

IRRESPONSIBILITY CONDEMNED BY THE STATE PRESIDENT

After the second incident State President Pearson made the following statement:

"It is a great pity that parties who consider they have grounds for protest cannot, in a democratic society, find ways of registering their grievances other than by acts of vandalism and desecration.

"This irresponsible act, coming so shortly after the last occasion, will be deplored by every responsible citizen.

"When the culprits have been located it is to be hoped that the courts will deal with them in such a way as to provide a sufficient deterrent as to prevent further acts of offensive behaviour within the precincts, or in the vicinity, of the State War Memorial.

"It is to be remembered that the memorial has been erected to commemorate those who gave their lives that we might enjoy the freedom of a democratic way of life.

"This being so it is to be deeply regretted that there should be those in our midst without feeling or respect who will abuse these freedoms and resort to this kind of unworthy conduct."

Gosnells Hall Improved

Extensions to the Gosnells hall have been completed at a cost of $1,500.

The extension was under the supervision of Jack Gravenall, who quoted $500 below that of the next lowest tender.

Mr. Gravenall was complimented at the last monthly meeting.

Included in the work was a second war Memorial, and a Hate Committee, and placed by the local shire council, which also undertook the task of reconditioning the original stone.

At the annual meeting Mr A. Politi was re-elected president and Mr J. Robertson was elected secretary.

Mr H. Walker was returned unopposed as treasurer with acclamation.

Retiring secretary J. Snellgrove was thanked for his services.

At the annual dinner Messrs W. and J. Robinson were presented with well earned Certificates of Merit.

Parcels Are Popular

The following expression of thanks for R.S.L. anniversary gift parcels has been received from the commanding officer of the 2nd Special Air Service Squadron.

On behalf of the officers and men of this squadron I wish to express our appreciation for the parcels and greetings that were sent to us on the occasion of the League's 50th anniversary.

The parcels were a very pleasant surprise and I can assure you that they were well received.

Somehow other parcels were not expected to have a few pamphlets.

Living and working with us are a small number of New Zealand Special Air Service soldiers. Thus they were also able to share in our good luck.

Candidates For The Executive

There will be no contest for the State presidency in the election of office-bearers at Congress this year.

The leadership of Mr P. Pearson, J.P., has thus received no challenge since his appointment to office following the resignation of Mr W. S. Lonnie in March last year.

For the two vice-presidential positions there are six contestants, and for the remaining 18 State executive positions there are 23 candidates.

The retiring vice-presidents are Dr. A. King and Mr. R. J. Stoddart.

Nominations for all positions (with the war-service of candidates shown in brackets) are as follows:

STATE PRESIDENT

P. PEARSON, J.P. (1939-45) - unopposed.

VICE-PRESIDENTS

(5 to be elected)

J. BUCKLE (1939-45),
H. HOLGER (1939-45),
A. KING (1939-45),
H. A. LESLIE (1914-18 and 1939-45),
J. PHENNA (1939-45 and Korea),
R. J. STODDART (1939-45).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(15 to be elected)

Retiring Members

J. BUCKLE (1939-45),
R. CARTER (1939-45),
T. A. CORNER (1939-45),
E. O. DAVIES, J.P. (1914-18),
W. EVANS, J.P. (1914-18),
B. J. FLANAGAN (1939-45),
J. F. GABBEDY (1939-45),
H. HOLDER (1939-45),
R. B. MARISS (1939-45),
N. F. MOSEL (1914-18),
J. PHENNA (1939-45 and Korea),
J. G. RANKIN, L.S.M. (1914-18),
R. J. STODDART (1939-45),
S. WHITE (Miss) (1939-45),
E. L. WILLIAMS (1939-45).

New Nominations

M. CREWE (1939-45),
R. A.A.F.-srn. vice-president (Highgate sub-branch),
J. FARRELL (1914-18),
W. H. FERRIER (1914-18) 10th Light Horse - secretary City of Perth sub-branch.

F. J. INGLE (1939-45) - R.A.A.F.-Coorow sub-branch.
S. J. THORNTON (1939-45) - A.E.M.E.-past-president and vice-president Belmont sub-branch.

Squadron Seeks Its Own

The 31st Squadron, Royal Air Force (1939-1946) Association wants to get in touch with Australians and British migrants who served with the squadron in the World War.

This squadron was the Dakota Transport Squadron which at one stage served in the Burma campaign.

Many Australians were Air Crew in the squadron and the association. Members who served and wish to make contact with the association should write to:

The Secretary, Mr W. G. Smart, 4 Viga-road, London, N.21, United Kingdom.

Mr Smart can provide addresses of over 200 old comrades and details of membership.

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The Anzac Medallion

In March the Minister for Defence, Mr Fairhall, announced a Government decision to issue an Anzac medallion to Gallipoli campaigners or their families.

It has taken the Commonwealth Government a long time to come to a decision in the matter, despite some 50 years of pressure from the R.S.L. Nor does the proposed medallion quite measure up to League ideas as to an appropriate commemorative symbol.

The Minister told the House of Representatives that the medallion would be suitable for display on a mantelpiece, but not for wearing, although there would be a replica in the form of a lapel badge.

To the League it seems hardly credible that 50 years has been allowed to pass without the striking of a special war medal to commemorate one of the most famous campaigns in Australian history.

The latest decision by the Government will not be applauded by ex-servicemen, who feel that a medal is the only thing to recognise Australia's part in the historical Gallipoli campaign.

Mr Fairhall said that an approach to the Commonwealth Relations Office over the striking of a medal had brought the reply that this would be unfair to other troops—many British and Indian—who had fought at Gallipoli.

In the League's thinking service on Gallipoli should have been recognised with a medal long ago and that for the Government to settle for a medallion is simply not good enough.

Congress Once More

In less than a month the decks will be cleared at Anzac House for another session of State Congress (the 50th), and with 100 items on the agenda delegates will have plenty to get their teeth into.

The opening is to be performed by the Premier, Mr Brand, on the night of July 18.

Fifty years is a long time and in that period quite an atmosphere has been built up around this annual event. An additional "glow" should be imparted this year because it is Jubilee Year. To celebrate the League's 50th anniversary a special social event is being arranged for the Wednesday night.

Sub-branch representatives from all over the State will certainly have something to celebrate on that occasion.

This Year's Agenda

One hundred items have been submitted for State Congress this year—eight more than last year.

This was reported to the State Executive on June 1 by Agenda Committee chairman R. J. Stoddart.

He said 13 of the motions dealt with defence, 16 with the State branch constitution, four with the League's national constitution, 13 with administration, four with Anzac Day, 17 with propaganda, 14 with housing, three with the State War Memorial, one with Poppy Day, two with rehabilitation and 13 with other questions.

Congress would open on Monday July 18. It was planned to hold a function—probably a buffet tea—on the Wednesday night in celebration of the League's jubilee, and a club party was being arranged for the previous night.

Arrangements were being made for delegates to attend the foundation-stone ceremony at the War Veterans' Home on the Thursday morning.

Service At Bellevue

Although not a record the number on parade for the Anzac observance at Bellevue this year was well up to standard.

The motor cycle escort, the Scottish Pipe band and service standard-bearers made the march an impressive one.

At the Bellevue Memorial Infant Health Centre a very large number of district residents heard president Harry Read speak on the main aspects of Anzac Day and its real meaning and values.

He stressed the necessity for reminding following generations of the price that had been paid for the ordinary liberties all enjoyed today.

The service was attended by the Mayor of Midland, Mr W. Calnon.

A well-attended reunion was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Allen after the service.

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wear a badge with a clip years old.
wear a badge (soup plate type) issued 25 years ago.
Ministerial Reply To Defence Submissions

To its Defence submission based on resolutions at last year's National Congress the League has received the following reply from Defence Minister Fairhall.

I refer to my recent discussions with the defence sub-committee of the National Executive of the R.S.L. on the League's 1966 defence submission.

The Government fully recognises the need for an adequate defences force equipped with modern weapons in the conventional field and readily available to meet likely threats to Australia and her territories.

Indeed our successive defence white papers are designed to progressively fulfil this requirement.

FORCE SIZE

As to the actual strengths of the permanent and citizen forces this is determined by the Government having regard to the assessed threat, the defence measures necessary to meet that threat, and actual or likely commitments to our allies under collective defence arrangements in South-East Asia.

These factors are kept under constant review in the light of changes in the international situation, and the Government has available to it the fullest political and military intelligence from a wide variety of sources together with the knowledge derived from close association with our allies and our participation with them in joint planning.

The present "ceilings" of the services which derive from such a review are considered to be adequate to meet our present and foreseeable commitments. However, the situation may change the Government will not hesitate to again review the size and composition of our forces.

It is in these circumstances that the Government has confined the size of the National Service intake to that required to supplement voluntary enlistments to the extent necessary to achieve a Regular Army strength of 40,000 within two years.

This position does not obtain in the Navy and the Air Force since present indications are that manpower targets for both services can be met by voluntary enlistment.

In so far as the C.M.F. is concerned its organisation, training and equipment are designed to enable it to meet its role of providing in war, a defence emergency, the follow-up forces and any further expansion of our military effort which may be required.

While the need for a strong C.M.F. is recognised by the Government having regard to the impact of such an expansion on the effective size of the regular field force it would be impracticable at the present time to expand the C.M.F. to five divisions as proposed by the R.S.L.

INDEPENDENCE

One of the aims of the Government's defence programme is to ensure that our forces are capable of independent action to meet the initial shock of an emergency, but our defence cannot be considered in isolation any more than that, the forces we possess should be regarded as garrison forces.

The developments in South Vietnam, for example, emphasise the importance of collective security arrangements in preserving the security of South-East Asia, and our defence effort must continue to be directed to supporting our allies in a manner consistent with our national interests and resources while at the same time making appropriate provisions for the immediate defence of our territories in the light of assessed threats.

The Government recognises the importance of well informed public opinion on Vietnam and has already taken steps to bring the facts about the situation in this country to the attention of the Australian people.

These steps include not only frequent statements by the Prime Minister and other ministers, including myself, in Parliament, and to audiences of interested persons throughout Australia, but also the wide distribution of publications setting out Government policies.

In conclusion, may I again thank the League for its continued interest in the vital matter of Australia's defence and security.

16th Battalion

At the May committee meeting of the 16th Battalion Association president Lileleyman referred to the occasion and Mr W. Dinnie for a donation next Anzac Day.

The women's auxiliary would like to give a donation as an expression of their continued interest in the League's work and to be present at the Railway Institute on the occasion.

Mr. H. Buckley is thanked for his donation as was Mr. W. Dinnie.

The auxiliary meets at the Railway Institute on the same night as the men—the second Tuesday each month. Many a pleasant evening is spent.

Mr. Lileleyman attended the smoke social of the 2/16th.

Mr. B. Arnold is home after his trip and will resume visiting at Hollywood.

R.S.L. History

A most interesting and informative book covering the history of the R.S.L. from its formation in 1895 to its establishment and development through to the present day. It is a must for all R.S.L. members.

Copies may be obtained from the Anzac House office—$1.50 for paper cover and $2.00 for hard cover (both prices inclusive of postage).
Mr. Pearson: League's Work And Standing

After rising from their labours at the National Executive meeting in Canberra on May 10 the members dined with the Prime Minister (just back from Vietnam) and his lieutenants, State President Pearson told his executive this month.

With the Prime Minister and Defence Minister Fairhall, Air Minister Fraser, Air Minister Howson, Territories Minister Barnes, Civil Aviation Minister Swartz, Immigration Minister Opperman and the chairman of the Canberra planning authority, Mr Pearson said he felt it a great tribute to the League that the Prime Minister and his lieutenants should be on such good terms with it. He gave the following details of the deliberations of the National Executive.

Proposed Tour: To date only one inquiry had been received concerning the proposed 1967 tour of Middle Eastern battlefields. It had been felt that the interested should act quickly.

Overseas Forces Fund: Last November the National Executive had expressed itself in favour of funds for overseas forces, and in February had decided to open the fund to be administered by the R.S.L. in Canberra. The new fund would provide entertainment and amenities.

The May meeting Sir William Yeo had reported that the N.S.W. State fund stood at $33,000 and that a musical director had been appointed for six months.

The amount in the Queensland fund was said to be $15,000.

In South Australia a committee had been formed and an appeal was to be made shortly.

Donations in other States had been channelled so far into the N.S.W. fund.

Donations of $2 or more were deductible for taxation purposes.

Mr Pearson said he had been approached by the Swan Brewery Company with an offer of a refrigerated van for Vietnam.

Mr Arthur is a South Australian.

Mr. Lee Knighth

Among the awards to Australians in the Queen's Birthday honours list was a Knight of the British Empire for M.L.C. National President A. J. Lee. He was made a Knight Commander of the British Empire in 1946.

Sahabah Memorial Project

Needs Australian Help

From Mr Gorbesk Singh in Sahab

At the foot of picturesque Mount Kinabalu in Sahab, a memorial to the allies who died in North Borneo during the World War, is being built in the form of a National Park.

It will help keep alive the memory of the thousands who sacrificed their lives here.

In the "Death March" from Sandakan to Ranau during September 1944 and October 1945, 2,400 died. Of these, 1,800 were Australians of the 8th Division. Only six of those who started survived.

The memorial is divided into four gardens: Australian, English, Malay and Sabah. The Sahab garden leads to a most beautiful view of Mount Kinabalu, to which, according to local belief, souls of the departed go to rest.

The project has almost come to a halt through lack of funds to complete it.

As 1,800 of the 2,400 that died in the "Death March" alone were Australians, I am sure Australians would like to assist in the completion of the Memorial.

Of the six who survived the "Death March" only one is still alive. He would like to see this memorial completed before he passes on to Kinabalu for his final rest.

He said he would like to see the peace and happiness of the thought that those who gave their lives for us had not been forgotten.

[The R.S.L. National Secretary, Mr Keys, advises that donations can be paid direct to The Kinabalu National Memorial Fund, The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Jesselton, Sabah, Malaysia.]

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Anzac Day In The Warren District

Hundreds of people paid tribute to the fallen in Anzac Day celebrations throughout the Warren district this year.

At Manjimup ex-service men and youth organisations paraded through the town to the memorial gates for the service. The parade was led by a junior R.S.L. band.

Four disabled ex-service men followed the parade in a car driven for the occasion by Mr. J. Archer for the 21st successive year.

More than 150 people attended the service performed by the Rev. R. J. Watts assisted by Father Russell.

Manjimup R.S.L. president Sid Young paid homage to those of great spirit who had founded and handed down a rich and bounteous country with the greatest freedom available on earth.

He said that in the modern age some of the old graces and virtues seemed lacking.

There were those who deprecate memorials to the war-dead; those who considered that the social laws were made to be broken or sneered at on every possible occasion.

Complacency had no place in a land where heritage and achievements were spoken of with pride.

The great cost paid by those who had given their lives and by the builders of the nation must never be forgotten.

There was an obligation on all to honour them by following their example and contributing to the nation's welfare.

Those of this generation must strive for greater things to hand on to their children especially a sure defence so that they could enjoy peace in their time.

Shire President M. S. Muir spoke in support of Mr. Young.

At Pemberton in the afternoon ex-service men paraded in front of the memorial hall for a service.

A dawn service was held at 6 a.m.

Boulder Gets Ready For Congress

In order to be on time with its Congress submissions the Boulder sub-branch advanced its May meeting this year a week.

In the chair was vice-president Frank Davidson.

Secretary Teddy McMahon and past-president Jack Ellery were chosen as delegates.

President Tom Castlehow, who was unable to present, has a heavy programme mapped out for the year.

One item to be got under way is a face-lift for the war memorial in the town.

The Goldfields red dust leaves its mark and a busy bee, armed with ladders and brushes, will find plenty to do.

Much discussion has taken place of late about the effect of the subscription-raise on pensioners. This is a complex question that needs careful thought.

It is felt that a concession to pensioners would not tend to increase membership on the reasoning that returned men who have not joined up during their productive years are not likely to do so as pensioners.

But if a reduction in fees would retain pensioners-member it should be considered.

Some of the men who left their youth on the battlefields of France and came to maturity in the fight to place the League on its feet have grown old in its service, and a reduction in their case would be well merited.

The Chapel Badge appeal returned much more than was expected, and the branch thanks the women's auxiliary and Ex-Service Women's Association for selling badges.

Their time and energy is ever at the disposal of the branch.

Hills Shield Won By Glen Forrest Team

This year's Townshend Shield games series was won by the Glen Forrest sub-branch which received the trophy at a presentation ceremony on its home-ground on the night of May 6.

The ceremony was a fitting wind-up to a good season of sporting activities by members of the Hill's sub-branches.

The local sub-branch was host to members of the Darlingling, Mundaring, and Chidlow.

The Wooroloo sub-branch was not represented.

President Dick Field opened proceedings with a short speech of welcome, which was followed by the Royal Toast and the R.S.L. Ode.

At the end of play State Executive representative A. Cooper introduced games organiser Ken Clements, who thanked the players, for their cooperation, and congratulated Glen Forrest on its win.

He then introduced Mrs. Thelma Townshend, widow of the founder of the sub-branch.

Mrs. Townshend congratulated Mr. Clements on his organising during the year and emphasised the benefits derived from that type of competition.

Mrs. Townshend promised to donate a replica of the original shield as soon as the space for winners' name-plates was filled up.

Mr. Clements presented the shield to Mr. Frank Beadle and congratulated him on his efforts.

A happy evening was completed with a bountiful supper.
Minister Against Creation Of A New Welfare Fund

Defence Minister Fairhall sees no need for the establishment, out of the profits of the Australian Services Canteens organisation, of a welfare fund for men now serving in combat areas.

This was requested by the National Executive some time ago.

In his reply the Minister points out that the Australian Services Canteens Organisation does not provide the canteen facilities for Australians in Vietnam and Malaysia.

There, he says, the American and British canteen services are used.

A rebate on the profits made is paid to the Australian unit welfare funds.

Circumstances are not the same as in the second world war when Australia provided its own canteen services.

Mr Fairhall says the legislation which set up the Services Canteens Trust Fund also established the Royal Australian-Navy Relief Trust Fund, the Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund, and the Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund.

The bulk of the relief trust funds is used to provide interest-free loans to service members to relieve genuine hardship.

The loans are normally applied to purchase of furniture and household necessities, assistance for purchase and building of a home or payment of debts.

There is also provision for grants to ex-members, or their widows and dependants, in necessitous circumstances.

Conditions of eligibility for the grants are much the same as for grants from the Services Canteens trust fund, although grants may be received from one trust fund only.

Honorary Membership For Troops Abroad

By a recent decision of the National Executive all Australian troops serving abroad are to be made honorary members of the League provided they have the necessary qualifications.

Announcing the decision the National President said that to be eligible for R.S.L.'s membership servicemen must be entitled to receive either the British General Service Medal with the appropriate clasp or the special Vietnam Medal.

Honorary membership Mr Lee said, would apply for 1966 in the case of those men who would return to Australia, and for the others would continue until their return.

He said steps would be taken to obtain the addresses of next-of-kin so that contact could be made with the families by R.S.L. sub-branches.

The R.S.L. was also concerned that every benefit provided for men who served in the 1939-45 war should be extended to those involved in current operations in Vietnam and Borneo.

Finality was still being sought as to provisions for re-establishment training, loans and land-settlement opportunities.

The League was most concerned at the lack of re-employment rights for C.M.F. volunteers going abroad, Mr Lee said.

This surely was a denial of elementary justice, and would undoubtedly mitigate against C.M.F. members volunteering.

Anzac Club The Home of Friendship
U.K. Role in Far East

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They do not arise from any proposal that British defence costs should be shifted on to the Australian budget.

Nob are they an attempt to force fundamental commitments on a Commonwealth partner, nor are they intended to secure for Britain a base in the Philippines.

Such reservations of the talks do more than little Britain's purpose.

They also ignore the risks to her national security of her possessing a force in Singapore or Malaysia.

The purpose of British Defence Secretary, Denis Healey, is to secure a longer-term solution to the Far East problem. He believes that the greatest danger to British interests in the Far East is the possibility of an attack on Singapore or Malaysia. He is therefore trying to establish a base of operations in Australia to which British forces could be diverted without their number being reduced.

In the February defence statement he said: “It is in the Far East that the national interest requires that the British forces be capable of carrying out the tasks which might be demanded of them in the Far East. They must be capable of meeting the risks of a Communist attack on Singapore or Malaysia . . .”

The British defence statement was in part a recommitment of the nation to its defence commitments, and to its “proper part in the security of the free world.”

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It was, however, unequivocal that in the future there must be some form of commitment of the nation to its defence arrangements, and to its “proper part in the security of the free world.”

This commitment was necessary to ensure that the interests of the Commonwealth and Australia were taken into account in the planning of the defence budget.

The need for a commitment was also recognised by the Australian Government, which had already indicated its willingness to consider the alternative to supplying forces to the United Kingdom.

In the meantime, Defence Secretary Dennis Healey, now the prime minister, said that Britain’s military task would place a strain on the resources of the country and on the reserves of the economy. This would necessitate a shift in the government’s determination that the defence bill must be cut.

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The main service was held on the Boulder Town Hall, which was packed to capacity.

The service was attended by the President, Mrs. O’Gorman, who is the president of the Ex-Servicemen’s Association, Mrs. Castlehow and Mr. Hünig, who are both members of the Ex-Servicemen’s Association.

Representatives of the C.M.F., Scouts, Cub and Brownies attended the service, which was conducted by the Reverend Mr. M. K. M. Mutton, with prayers for Peace and Fellowship.

On returning to the memorial hall, the gathering was entertained by the sub-branf and auxiliary members and the ex-servicewomen.

The ladies had already catered for the Anzac Day service, and the lavish spread again offered was a wonderful effort which represented a lot of hard work and a big expense.

Members of the Boulder sub-branch extended their most grateful thanks to them—and to all those who took part in the Anzac Day service.
Jubilee-Year Gift To Federal Parliament

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the R.S.L. on June 6, 1916, the R.S.L. is to make a presentation to the Federal Parliament later this year.

Acting National President Sir Raymond Hall said that the gift would be in recognition of the efforts of the League in Australia to give soldiers a home when they returned from service in the World Wars.

The presentation will be made to the Prime Minister, the Governor-General, and members of the Federal Parliament.

The gift will consist of a medallion and an album, which will contain a record of the history of the League and its achievements.

A copy of the presentation will be kept in the Parliament House.

Historic

Sir Allister and Sir John, in a joint statement, said that the presentation would be a fitting tribute to the League's long and distinguished history.

They stated that the League had played a prominent role in Australia's community and national affairs for more than half a century.

One Service Medal For Viet. War—Fairhall

An R.S.L. submission that the General Service Medal with Vietnam clasp be retained as an additional award when the Vietnam Medal was introduced, has been rejected by Defence Minister Fairhall.

In a letter to the R.S.L., Mr Fairhall said:

"It would be incorrect to approach the Queen for approval to issue the General Service Medal with Vietnam clasp. The Vietnam Medal is intended to recognize service in the Vietnam War, and it should be awarded to those who served and were entitled to it by the terms of service.

The R.S.L. should consider the feasibility of introducing a new medal that would recognize service in the Vietnam War, and this could be done without affecting the current A.S.L. system.

Chidlow Plays Host To Belmont Party

A Belmont sub-branch party of 38 (members and partners) were guests of the Chidlow sub-branch on April 25.

The occasion was a return to the historic Belmont hospitable the previous month. The night went with a swing, a short word of welcome by Chidlow secretary, Ron Clements, supported by president Don Ingleby, being followed by games. A halt to proceedings was called for the R.S.L. Ode.

A competition during supper was won, appropriately enough, by visiting president Eric Jolly. It was 11.30 when Mr Jolly thanked Chidlow for a good night's fun and games.

Those present included about a dozen locals and partners, five couples each from Mt Helena and the Chidlow RC, Club, two from Darlington and Mr and Mrs Stan Radovich from Gidgegannup.

Big Impression Made By School Service

The following tribute to the conduct of this year's Anzac Day service at the Maddington school comes from the local sub-branch secretary, Mr. F. Berthold:

I went along expecting to listen to a broadcast and be one of an audience.

Imagine my surprise and pleasure when I found the service was organised by the local headmaster and his staff and conducted entirely by the pupils.

All the elements of an Anzac service were there—the flag raising and lowering to half-mast, the silence and the wreath-laying. But there were no speeches. Each group of pupils, from the six-year-olds up, illustrated by action or mime some facet of the theme Service to Others. The service was controlled by a 12-year-old girl.

Every child at the school was an active participant in the service and one could see how they really entered into the spirit of it.

I came away feeling that I had witnessed an experience which really meant something to those children.

Should any R.S.L. member be given an opportunity of attending one of these services (especially in the primary schools) I would strongly suggest that he avail himself of it.

One Service Medal For Viet. War—Fairhall

An R.S.L. submission that the General Service Medal with Vietnam clasp be retained as an additional award when the Vietnam Medal was introduced, has been rejected by Defence Minister Fairhall.

In a letter to the R.S.L., Mr Fairhall said:

"It would be incorrect to approach the Queen for approval to issue the General Service Medal in addition to the Vietnam Medal for the same campaign.

"Our present policy is that service is to be considered under Royal Warrant only for one medal in recognition of a particular campaign. Two medals were awarded for service in the Korea and the Vietnam War but one of these was issued by the United Nations.

"Royal approval was given for Commonwealth Forces to accept and wear the United Nations Medal in the same manner as awards from friendly nations. Only the Korea Medal was issued under Royal Warrant."

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Churchill Fellowships Available

Applications for Winston Churchill Fellowships for 1967 are now being invited and should be submitted on the forms provided for the purpose.

These can be obtained from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust representative, Mr L. M. Crump, of B.P. Australia Ltd., 189 St. George's-terrace, Perth.

Churchill Fellowships, established in 1965 to commemorate the famous wartime leader, Sir Winston Churchill, provide opportunities for Australian men and women in all walks of life to gain overseas training and experience not available to them in Australia.

In addition, indigenous residents of Commonwealth territories (excluding the A.C.T.) may apply to study or work within Australia.

Conditions: The fellowships are tenable in any part of the world outside Australia for periods of from three to twelve months.

They are open both to young people who show promise of future achievement, and to those whose achievements are already substantial, in every occupation or field of interest including:

- **Primary Industry** - farming in all its forms, agricultural development and research, marketing, extension work.
- **Secondary Industry and Commerce** - management, production, technical development and research, sales, industrial relations.
- **Professional and Academic Occupations** - including doctors, lawyers, engineers, scientists, architects and other such professions, university teaching-staff and research-workers.
- **Education** - including teaching staff of preschools and schools, technical, agricultural, commercial colleges, etc., and education administrators.
- **Public Service** - those engaged in Federal, State and local public service or employed by statutory corporations or similar bodies, including police, hospitals staffs and members of the para-medical professions and of the armed services.
- **The Arts** - including painting, sculpture, music, literature, theatre, visual arts, journalism, crafts.
- **Community Service** - the churches, politics, community and youth leaders and many other occupations not already mentioned.

The value of the applicant's work in the community and the extent to which it will be enhanced by overseas study and experience are important considerations in assessing applications.

Applicants, who should be at least 18 years of age are required to submit proposals for a program of study, training or experience, and to undertake to return to Australia or its territories.

**VALUE OF AWARDS**

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- An overseas allowance for personal maintenance
- An allowance for dependants' maintenance

In addition some assistance may be given with tuition fees, expert fees, internal travel, books and equipment.

**44th and 2/44th Battalions**

About 54 men marched behind the 44th Battalion colours on Anzac Day and several others stopped at the assembly point not feeling well enough for the march.

A Mr. Clerk from Tasmania, son of Col. Clerk who commanded the 44th in France, was parade Major Col. Clerk, now over 90 years of age, is still in good health at home in Tasmania.

Members were pleased to meet a son and asked him to convey greetings to the old-colonel.

**Important Events For Brookton Members**

Important recent events for Brookton sub-branch members were the annual reunion dinner and the Anzac Day observance.

Mr. Allen, President of the Brookton sub-branch, welcomed the State Executive members, R. B. Marris and J. G. Rankin, the Rev. H. T. Rankin, Brookton shire alderman W. B. Eava, representatives of five neighbouring sub-branches and 20 Brookton members.

Proposing the toast of the State Executive, Mr. A. L. Plester praised the voluntary work of executive members.

The president then thanked auxiliary members for their sustained efforts in the League's interests.

In reply Mr. W. H. Williams expressed thanks, on behalf of the gathering, to Messrs C. Pearce and L. Messenger for their stewardship.

Mr. H. A. Rushton paid a tribute to the work of the president.

**Brave Unit's Departure Remembered**

A plaque commemorating the departure of the A.I.F.'s most decorated unit in the World War II-the 2nd/48th Infantry Battalion — was unveiled by the first commander, Mr. Jack Marchesi at the Woodside Army Barracks, South Australia.

The unit left for overseas service under Sir Victor Winden in November, 1940. Each member of the unit was led in a march-past by the president of the 2nd/48th Bn returned soldiers and sailors club, Mr. Jack Hanley.

The plaque represents the deserts of the Middle East and the jungles of New Guinea, where the unit saw service, and has been mounted on an obelisk of Mount Lotty stone.

Sir Victor commanded the battalion through the Tobruk campaign in 1941 and on return to Palestine was promoted to the rank of brigadier to command 20th Infantry Brigade.

In the post-war period the unit served in the CMF and Mr. Jack Hanley's appointment was C.M.G. member of the Military Board with the rank of major general.

The 2nd/48th Bn was awarded four Victoria Crosses, four Distinguished Service Orders, 11 Military Crosses, 11 Distinguished Conduct Medals and 20 Military Medals.
THE LAST POST (Deceased)

APRIL LIST
ALLAN, S. S., R.A.F., Claremont.
ANDREWS, F. L., 6716th, Battle, Bunbury.
ARNOLD, E. H. G., 2/11th Bn., Dardanelles.
ARNOLD, H., 30434, R.A.F., Coorong, S.A.
BALCHIN, J. W., 5474th, 11th Bn., Kellermorin.
BARNETT, F. J., 14th, Bn., Victoria Pass.
BAXTER-BRUCE R. E., 1121, 11th Bn., Collie.
BRACKETT, G. A., 3639, 11th Bn., Fremantle City.
BRADY, G., 27th, 4th Machine Gun, Mullewa.
BROWN, C. A., 3456, 11th Bn., Beaufort Hills.
BROWN, G. D., 4957th, A.M.C., South Perth.
BROWN, J., 10834, 3rd Div. S.G.F.
CHAMBERS, E., 3293, 11th Bn., Gnowangerup.
CHISHOLM, E. R., 4997, 28th Bn., Armadale.
CRAWFORD, W. T., 6295, 28th Bn., Manjimup.
CURTIS, W. G., 1701, 7th Bn., Collie.
DOIG, F. J., 7586, 51st Bn., Midland.
DOZI, E. J., 2271, 44th Bn., Swannbourne.
DUN, F. A., 6612, 16th Bn., Busselton.
EAGLETON, J. P., 1607, 16th Bn., Nedlands.
FALCONER, H. J., 10865, 2nd Ed. C.P., Esperance.
FORMAN, R., 8573, Cam Highlanders, Cannington.
FOURACRES, T. C., 465503, R.A.A.F., Labora, North Perth.
FULLWOOD, E. H., 3232, 2nd Sec. Sod, Brookton.
GREEN, G. D., 74, 28th and 44th Bns., Busselton.
HELM, A. E., 71, 3rd Sec. Nitters, Nedlands.
HODGSON, J. (M.M.), 7074, Queensland Howard's, East Perth.
HOOK, F. W., 126, 44th Bn., Busselton.
HOTSTON, W. J., 4063, 11th Bn., 3rd Bde., City of Perth.
HOWELS, F. S., 3368, 11th Bn., Wagin.
JONES, J. E., WX24600, 11th Bn., Barker Bridge.
LEONARD, E. R., 54063, 1st A.A.F., Central.
LLOYD, F. A., 6299, 11th Bn., Busselton.
LYNDBURST, C. T., 7269, 11th Bn., Subiaco.
MACCALLUM, R. W., 225, 1st A.A.F., Fremantle City.
MASON, J. A., WX7366, 2/16th Bn., City of Perth.
MELLOWSHIP, A. H., 32350, 50th Battery, Fremantle City.
MCCABE, M. A., 1093, 28th Bn., Mandurah.
MCBURNIE, P., 9207, 48th Bn., Fremantle City.
McMILLAN, L., 2886, 10th L. Horse, Northam.
McNAB, L., 10737, 7th L. Horse, Northam.
PAYNE, L. J., 3461, 60th Bn., Nedlands.
PHILLIPS, C. C., WX225620, 5 A.W.C., Como.
PRIKE, E. J. W., WX7872, 2nd C.C., 4th (M.G.), City of Perth.
RITSON, W. W., WX9812, 2/7th C.S., City of Perth.
SALVITY, D., 776, 28th Bn., Kalamunda.
SHADDAY, N. L., 530, 28th Bn., Armadale.
SKIRROW, A. E., 93050, 9th Wks, Boulder.
SMITH, F. G., 37185, 8th Bty., 3rd F.A., Broomfield.
THOMPSON, T. A. C., 2, 51st Bn., Mt. Barker.
TRESSIDER, W. J., WX98890, 44th Bn., Pinjarra.
TUCKER, E. T., 3443, 4th Bn., City of Perth.
WILTON, J. F., 2667-2667, 44th Bn., City of Perth.
WILDER, L. B., 22543, 3rd D.A. Murdoch.

MAY LIST
BISHOP A., 2570, 11th Bn., Coorong.
BREVAN, J., 1407, A.M.T., Bridgetown.
BOOBYRER, P., 4683, 44th Bn., North Perth.
BOTT K. R., WX14335, A.F.I., Bridgetown.
BRADY, W., WX78844, 2/22 F.P., Collie.
CHAMBERLAIN, G. W., 2035, 11th Bn., Fremantle City.
CRISP S. A., 7151, 16th Bn., Mandurah.
DROOG, R., WX21579, 2nd A.S.D., Fremantle City.

DAVIDSON J., 1567, 16th Bn., Gosnells.
EVANS F. E., 116020, 42nd Bn., G.C., South Perth.
GODDARD H. T., 5264, 6th Bn., Gloucester Park.
GOULD S. C., WX4045, 2nd Bn., City of Perth.
HOBB G. N., 4 Leicester, S.G.S., Fremantle.
HOPKINS R., 8903, 9th Btn., Fremantle City.
HUMPHREYS, C., 21st Bn., Perth.
JACKSON, J. N., 2810, 4th Bn., I.C.C., Mandurah.
HALLIGAN, R. C., 3366, 2nd Bn., Fremantle City.
HOGGE, A. E., 474, 6th Btn., Osborne.
HOUGH, H. W., 80344, 16th Bn., Wanneroo.
HOWELL, L. N., 1874, 34th Bn., City of Perth.
HUMPHREYS, G., 80344, 16th Bn., Wanneroo.
MURRAY G. C., 1874, 34th Bn., City of Perth.
MCCULLOCH J., WX32080, 2/2 A.A.B. Rivervale.
NEALE A. R., 4201, 11th Bn., Fremantle City.
NICKSON A. C., 5160, 16th Bn., Spearwood.
O'NEILL J., 2920, 44th Bn., Carnamah.
PEAK, W. H., 28507, 11th Bn., North Perth.
PAULI H. G., 10th L.H., Fremantle City.
PANTALL L., 362, 16th Bn., City of Perth.
PARKER T. J., 3130 Croydon, 11th L.H., Meckering.
PARRY, W. J., 89344, R.A.A.F., Armadale.
PYKE T., 41771, R.A.A.F., Bedford Morley.
RICHARDSON, T. A., 6906, 16th A.C., South Perth.
SMITH J. H., 6906, 16th A.C., South Perth.
SMITH T. H., 6906, 16th A.C., South Perth.
SMITH R., 2158, 8th Battery, Brunyabbad.

Word Again From Marble Bar

The first report for some months from the Marble Bar sub-branch secretary-treasurer, Mrs. P. Smith, says there has been one meeting so far this year at that centre.

Mr. W. Nichols was re-elected president, Messrs. A. Boyle and E. Lineham were chosen as vice-presidents and Mrs. Smith herself was reappointed secretary-treasurer. It has been hard to arrange a meeting at times suitable to most of the effective members. The drive for new members was continuing and 24 members have been enrolled. Last year's figure was 34 and it is the aim to overtake it.

Members went to the school for the pre-Anzac day broadcast service.

Before the broadcast Mr. Nichols addressed the children and afterwards members served the children with cool-drinks.

It was a cold day (for Marble Bar) with even a dusting of snow.

At the main Anzac commemorative service Mr. Nichols again spoke. A number of ex-servicemen arrived amongst others to be present, and for Messrs. Percy Gerey and Wally Stone this had meant 250 miles.
Ex-Servicewomen Are Kept Busy

To raise funds the Returned Ex-service-women’s sub-branch last month organised a cooking demonstration.

The function, held at the home of a member—Miss L. Pike—was very successful.

Earlier in the month a number of ex-service-women attended the ceremony at the Perth War Cemetery in commemoration of the Rats of Tobruk, when a wreath was laid on behalf of the sub-branch.

On the eve of Anzac Day several members attended the Sunset Service at the R.S.L. War Veterans’ Home, the sub-branch wreath being laid by secretary Mrs E. McManis.

At the Dawn Service on Anzac Day Mrs J. E. Lloyd and Mrs L. Pack laid a wreath on behalf of the sub-branch and attended the service on the Esplanade.

A fair percentage of members participated in the march past.

Members were again pleased to welcome many veterans to the annual luncheon at Anzac House after the march. Nearly 200 guests—

from the War Veterans Home, Lemnos, the Edward Miller Home and Sunset were present.

A generous contribution towards their entertainment was the voluntary annual service of the car drivers who conveyed the men to the march and the luncheon.

The voluntary services of the staff of the catering firm which prepared the luncheon were also much appreciated.

Northern Visits

Two members of the State Executive—Messrs. G. E. F. Chell and B. J. Flanagan—reported to that body this month on separate visits they had made to Carnarvon recently.

Mr Chell said he had attended the R.S.L. annual reunion and the Anzac Day ceremony there, and had been much impressed on both occasions.

He had also enjoyed a well-attended meeting of the Carnarvon sub-branch on his way north.

Mr Flanagan said he had called on the Carnarvon president and secretary (Messrs. McGregor and Stack respectively) and had also made sub-branch contacts at Dongara, Geraldton and Northampton.

Headway Slow On Two Housing Requests

For years the League has been pressing for extension of the benefits under the War Service Homes Act to include ex-members of British Commonwealth forces now long-resident in Australia, and also single or widowed returned nursing-sisters and ex-servicewomen with no dependents.

Ministerial replies to the latest submissions are no more encouraging than usual.*

They point out that the War Service Homes scheme was introduced expressly to provide homes for Australian ex-service men and women, and also that as the eligibility provisions of the Act stand at present a large number of Australian ex-service men and women do not qualify for assistance.

The Government holds that it is still not practicable to extend the benefits of the scheme to ex-service people from other countries, nor to Australian Army nurses and ex-servicewomen.

On the latter question the Minister, while standing firm, said he would nevertheless bring the matter to the attention of the Government and write to the League again.

Both questions are also to be considered again at this year’s National Congress—to be held in Perth in October.

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Minister Unyielding Over Request For Extending Automatic TB Benefits

To a National Executive request for extending to men currently serving overseas the TB repatriation benefits applying to servicemen of earlier wars, Repatriation Minister McKellar has replied:

The executive asks firstly that war pensions and associated benefits for pulmonary tuberculosis contracted after war service be automatically accepted as due to war service in the case of those whose service overseas currently qualifies them for repatriation benefits.

The request is on the grounds that the particular circumstances of service in South-East Asia is a predisposing condition to later infection and that automatic acceptance of tuberculosis is an accepted principle of established repatriation benefits for those who have served in combat areas.

The basis of our repatriation system has always been that war pensions and related benefits should depend upon acceptance of death or disability as due to war service, and the system itself ensures a sympathetic approach to the determination of claims. Thus, in addition to the extremely wide terms of section 47 regulating "onus of proof" and "benefit of doubt," there is a double right of appeal and an unsuccessful claim may be reopened at any time if fresh evidence is adduced.

Further, each determining authority includes a member appointed from panels submitted by the national ex-service organisations.

The provision to which you refer, section 37(3) of the Repatriation Act, is only an exception to this principle and it was introduced into the legislation in 1943 in the special circumstances existing at the time.

Since then there has been a revolutionary change in the early diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis, which fortunately, is no longer the major scourge it was.

In 1943 the essentials of treatment were rest and diet and measures to ensure the worry of not being able to work over long periods of treatment. The prospect of cure was often very doubtful.

There was no national scheme for assistance and treatment for those suffering from the disease.

Today, however, modern drugs and techniques have completely changed this situation. They have greatly increased the period of treatment and enhanced the prospects of cure.

Further, we now have the Commonwealth-States agreement for a national anti-tuberculosis services in the Commonwealth Tuberculosis Act and the State Health Acts to provide financial assistance and free treatment for all members of the community contracting the disease. The case for automatic acceptance of tuberculosis is therefore quite different today, and there no longer seem to be special reasons for treating this disease differently from any other condition which may or may not be related to war service.

Indeed, if the question has to be decided now a different answer might well be arrived at from those of modern medical knowledge and the success of the Commonwealth-States anti-tuberculosis scheme.

NOT IGNORED
Should there be any special conditions of service such as climate or other circumstances which might have some relation to tuberculosis these are factors which would certainly be taken into consideration in the determination of claims under existing legislation which gives the claimant no doubt to the claimant.

For the above reasons the National Executive re-urged the executive's request related to the re-establishment loans, both business and agricultural, for the re-establishment of ex-servicemen discharged after overseas service.

Because of their general conditions of service, including retirement benefits, the need has not been seen to provide members of the permanent forces with additional re-establishment benefits of this kind on retirement.

In their case the fact of a period of overseas service during a term of engagement would not itself alter the general circumstances.
A Battalion History Goes To Vietnam

A gift-copy of "A Thousand Men At War"—a history of the 2/16th Battalion—is being much appreciated by Australians serving in South Vietnam.

It was sent by former members of the battalion now at Port Hedland along with $20 for amenities.

During an evening's entertainment there (in honour of Colonel Caro) Bert Madigan and other ex-servicemen hit on the bright idea of forward ing the 2/16th unit history together with the proceeds of a tarpaulin muster.

Writing to Col. Caro in due course Lieut.-Col. R. G. P. McNamara, of the Australian Army training team in Saigon, said: "Members of the Australian Army training team in Vietnam would like to thank you for the 2/16th Battalion history 'A Thousand Met At War' and also for your donation."

"The thoughts of yourself and the ex-members of the battalion at your gathering are particularly valued, because as you are aware one does like to know that we are not forgotten."

"The team is spread from Saigon to the northern border, so it will take a while for the book to circulate but it will be read with great interest; and as one has always something to learn it may teach us something too."

"The $10 has not arrived yet and if you have any problem in getting it to us through the banking system you may find it easier to send to Western Command headquarters for the Vietnam Amenities Fund."

"Once again, thank you!"

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R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary Notes

CONFERENCE
The R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary annual conference will be held in the Anzac House ballroom from July 12 to 14.

The official opening will be performed by R.S.L. State President Pearson on Tuesday 12th at 2 p.m.

The usual wreath-lay ing service will take place at the State War Memorial at 10 a.m. that day.

The conference social will take place at 6 p.m. and all delegates and members and their partners are cordially invited—admission 20 cents provided.

This is always an enjoyable evening and gives you a chance to get together."

The McKinlay Shield Games are drawing to a close, with the grand final to be played in the Mosman Park R.S.L. Hall on June 22 (2.45 p.m.).

Points scores before the final rounds were:
City of Perth 20, Cottesloe 18, Swanbourne 16, Mt. Hawthorn-Scarborough 16, Hamilton Hill 14, Millen 6 and Mosman Park 2.

VISITS
Official visits by executive members last month were as follows:

Tuesday May 3: Mrs. Ames attended board meeting at Leeming.

Friday May 6: Mesdames Ames and Kemp visited C.M.H.

Thursday May 12: Mesdames Ames and Rowe attended the Narrogin auxiliary social, which was most enjoyable.

Friday May 12: Mrs. Eames travelled to Tom Price and visited C.M.H.

DONATIONS
The following donations have been received:

Christmas Cheer: Port Hedland, $60.

Veterans' Chapel: Port Hedland, $60; Hamilton Hill, $60; Belmont, $20; Mt. Helena, $10; Fremantle, $10; Darling Range, $7.

Chapel Tenders
Nine contractors had tendered for the construction of a memorial to the Forestry Corps at the War Veterans' Home chapel, the home committee chairman Dr. Allan King reported to the State Executive on June 1.

Their tenders had ranged from $17,450 to $20,705 and the lowest had been accepted, he said.

The laying of the foundation stone was planned for the Thursday evening of Congress Week—July 21.

The progressive total of the appeal fund stood at $3,205.

A New Auxiliary Formed
At Rockingham

Eleven ladies attended a meeting called by the Rockingham R.S.L. on May 30 to form a women's auxiliary.

Mrs. Ames, State President of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, briefly outlined the aims, objects and duties of auxiliaries.

The election of officers followed:

President: Mrs. E. Colegrave (115 Parker-street, Rockingham).

Vice-presidents: Messrs. A. Locke and F. Rowe.

Hob. Secretary: Mrs. R. Morgan (87 Kent-street, Rockingham).

Treasurer: Mrs. D. Price (34 Regan-street, Rockingham).

Trustees: Mesdames G. Dunn, D. Parsons and E. Berry.

At the close of business R.S.L. members served supper and handed over a donation of $10 to purchase stationery or other requisites for the new auxiliary.

The next meeting of the auxiliary will be held in the R.S.L. hall on Monday, July 4, at 8 p.m. (An open invitation extended to any woman in the district interested in the welfare of ex-service men and their dependants.)

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The C.M.F. easily beat the R.S.L. and the Police in an annual Geraldton triangular rifle shooting competition to win the Hubert Mountain Memorial Shield for the second consecutive time.

Honours off-rifle went to C.M.F. Corporal Colin James with Stan Edwards of the R.S.L. in second place.

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Gifts to this fund are allowed as deductions for income-tax purposes, and will be gratefully acknowledged by the general secretary of the Bible Society at 167 St. George's-terrace, Perth.

Riverton Resume

Following the party given to members of the crew of H.M.A.S. Perth on March 24, the Riverton sub-branch was presented with a plaque by some of the grateful crew members.

The plaque was handed to Mr. M. E. Schofield at a luncheon on board the ship.

The sub-branch dawn service at Anzac Day was attended by about 70 people. They included Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. A 6 ft. by 4 ft. R.S.L. badge, painted by Mr. Scott, Symonds, was placed in front of the sub-branch hall along with some stone-work to form a memorial. Flower-arrangements were laid on behalf of various organisations.

The stone-work of the memorial is to be completed shortly with slabs laid in front to form an aisle.

Games And Shooting Scores

Progress scores in the inter-sub-branch Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Games and Yellow Cab Cup (rifle-shooting) competitions are as follows:

TEAM | ROUND 1 | ROUND 2 | TOTALS
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City of Perth | 10 | 10 | 20 | 278
Flor-City B-Ned. | 10 | 10 | 20 | 270
Glo-Hunt | 7 | 12 | 19 | 265
Millen | 6 | 11 | 17 | 256
Mt. Hawthorn | 8 | 13 | 21 | 293
Nollamara | 9 | 14 | 23 | 296
Swanbourne | 2 | 0 | 2 | 128
W. Leed-Wembly | 2 | 14 | 16 | 256

Remainder Games Rounds

Following are the details of the remaining rounds in the A.R.M.S. games competition, the completion date for each round being shown in brackets:

Round 4 (June 22).
Millen v Mt. Hawthorn; W. Leederville-Wembly v City of Perth; Flor-City Beach-Nedlands v Swanbourne; Nollamara v Leederville Park.

Round 5 (July 13).
City of Perth v Gloucester Park; W. Leederville-Wembly v Nollamara; Millen v Swanbourne; Mt. Hawthorn v Flor-City Beach-Nedlands.

Round 6 (July 27).
Mt. Hawthorn v City of Perth; Millen v W. Leederville-Kembley; Nollamara v Swanbourne; Gloucester Park v Flor-City Beach-Nedlands.

Membership Position

At May 31 the League's membership figure in this State stood at 11,052—about 1,800 lower than at the same date last year.

But the May registration figure of 1,600 was much higher than for a year ago.

Membership Committee chairman H. Holland said this in his report at the June meeting of the State Executive.

Mr. Holland said that towards the end of the month a reminder-letter would be sent to all those who had allowed their membership to lapse within recent years.

The letter should help the overall position.

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