Wanted: More For Quest

Without virtually a last-minute spate of entries in this year’s Miss Crowning Glory quest the amount raised will be very much below the amount the two beneficiaries (the League and Legacy) have come to expect.

During the seven years in which the competition has been in existence it has raised over $70,000, which has been shared equally by the two organisations.

The League’s share has been devoted to the maintenance of the War Veterans’ Home.

So disappointing is the number of entrants this year that State President Pearson drew attention to the position at this month’s executive meeting.

He said the number of nominees was well below the level of previous years and that another ten or 12 contestants were urgently needed.

He hoped it was not too late for some concerted action by both sub-branches and Legacy itself, and felt it was up to the representatives of the two organisations to give every help to ensure the success of the competition.

Members are requested to bring this matter up at their next sub-branch meeting and to press for sub-branch representation.

If it is beyond the scope of one sub-branch, why not see if you can combine with the neighbouring sub-branch in arranging to sponsor a girl for the competition.

There is an adequate and attractive prize list and any girl taking part will have plenty of reward in social engagements, but mainly from her effort in helping two very deserving causes.

Remember, the sponsoring organisation has only to raise $100 to sponsor a candidate, although the more money found the better and there are prizes for those raising most money.

If interested please write to league headquarters or to Mr. S. Hunter, secretary for Torchbearers for Legacy, C/o Boans, Perth, for further information.
On Poppy Day

By the time these words are in print Poppy Day—a day which deserves and needs the active assistance of every League member—will be less than three weeks away.

Every year sees a willing and eager body of ex-service men and women working hard to dispose of poppies, but the work done is confined to a few of the willing horses.

Last year the disposal figure for poppies was 101,581, which was 16.16% better than the previous year but still a long way below the 1960 figure of 121,279 poppies.

If you are not an active worker on Poppy Day—perhaps accustomed to contenting yourself with the purchase of one poppy on the way to work—why not try buying at least a couple, or better still, one for each member of your family.

Even better than that would be to secure a few orders in advance from those neighbours of yours who don’t get out on Poppy Day and usually don’t even think of buying a poppy.

It should be remembered that the proceeds of Poppy Day help sub-branch amelioration funds, the W.A. Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Fund, the R.S.L. Relief Fund and the War Veterans’ Home.

In other words, the money goes to outstanding causes. Do your best to make this year’s Poppy Day one of the best ever held.

Contest—1967 Slogan

Members are invited to submit entries for the League’s 1967 Slogan contest, which carries a $10 prize.

The competition closes on November 30. Slogans should be short and to the point, and on the following lines:

The spirit of Anzac keeps alive;
uphold the League in ’67!

To all who served the call is clear;
join the League in its Golden Year!

Entries should be addressed to the R.S.L. State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth, and the envelopes marked “slogan.”

THE LISTENING POST

OCTOBER, 1966

The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.

Rights Of Prisoners
In Viet Cong Hands

The League has sought information from the Commonwealth Government on efforts currently being made to guarantee the status and safety of members of the Australian armed forces should they be taken prisoner by the Viet Cong in Vietnam, and has been advised as follows:

The Australian Government is supporting the efforts of the International Committee of Red Cross to get all parties involved in the conflict in Vietnam to observe the Geneva Conventions for the protection of war victims—including the convention relative to the treatment of prisoners-of-war.

July 1965 the committee addressed an appeal to parties on both sides of the Vietnam conflict (including the National Liberation Front) reminding them of their obligations under the conventions.

RESOLVED

In October last the 20th International conference of Red Cross adopted a resolution sponsored by the United States Government and the American Red Cross calling upon all authorities involved in an armed conflict to afford prisoners the full measure of protection prescribed by the relevant Geneva convention. Australia strongly supported this resolution.

Although the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong have stated that they will treat prisoners in a humanitarian fashion there is no guarantee that they are in fact, observing the terms of the convention on prisoners. For instance, they have not yet granted representatives of the International Red Cross access to the prisoners they are holding.

Communist countries with whom the allies have relations, including the Soviet Union, have been made aware of allied concern over the treatment of prisoners held by the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese but it is not known what sort of advice these Governments have passed on to the Viet Cong and Hanoi.

It can be assumed that the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese realise that prisoners in the countries from which the prisoners come, and in the world generally, would be particularly critical of any mistreatment of prisoners.

In the face of the recent threat by the North Vietnamese authorities to try captured U.S. pilots as war criminals, the Secretary General of the United Nations appealed to the Government of North Vietnam to exercise restraint in the treatment of U.S. prisoners and called upon the parties to the conflict to observe the provisions of the Geneva Convention.

The fact that the North Vietnamese have not gone ahead with the trials would seem to reflect a measure of responsiveness to the weight of international opinion.

State Branch Prepares
For Congress

At a special meeting prior to its general meeting on October 5 the State Executive gave consideration to the agenda for the 51st National Congress of the League.

Congress is being held at Anzac House, Perth, during the weekend commencing on October 23. The Agenda contains over 200 items.

State President Pearson said that any member of the League was entitled to be present at any of the congress sessions.

National Congress was last held in Perth in 1953.
How The League Got Its Federal Formation
By "Onlooker"

With the 51st National Congress of the League once more taking place in Perth it is timely to cast our minds back to the origin of the Federal Executive.

Many of the difficulties which West Australian soldiers found awaiting them on their return to their homes were common to those who had enlisted from the Eastern States.

Organisations similar to the Returned-Servicemen's Association had been brought into being. With their growth was reawakened that federal spirit which had so successfully bound together all portions of the A.I.F. in the field.

It soon became apparent to the executives of the respective State organisations that they were all enmeshed in the same kind of problems and meeting with the same difficulties.

In other words they realised that their problems were common throughout the Commonwealth and should be dealt with on a co-ordinated basis.

This realisation very soon resulted in a conference of an informal character—consisting of one delegate each from New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland—at which the formation of a federal body was discussed.

As a result of that informal discussion a meeting was held in Melbourne on June 3, 1915, and the R.S.L.I.A. came into being.

Distance prevented Western Australia from joining in with the new body immediately, but communications were exchanged, a delegate received from the Federal Executive, and eventually, after some prolonged negotiations, affiliation was affected in 1918.

In August of that year the Western State was represented at the meeting of the Federal Executive.

The framers of the constitution of this Commonwealth-wide body were men of vision and those who first had the primary needs of its members but also for the continuance of unselfish and patriotic service on behalf of others and the nation.

In brief, they aimed to perpetuate the close and kindred tie of friendship created by mutual service in the Great War.

They aimed to preserve the memory and records of those who suffered and died for the nation; to provide for the sick and wounded and needy; to guard the good name and preserve the interests and standing of returned sailors and soldiers to induce members as citizens to serve Australia with that spirit of self-sacrifice and loyalty with which, as sailors and soldiers, they served Australia and the Empire.

Subsequent wars and campaigns have seen the League go from strength to strength, until today well over a quarter of a million members belong to the R.S.L. "still serving."

Ex-servicewomen's Activities

At its stall in the grounds of the Hollywood Repatriation Hospital early in September the Returned Ex-Servicewomen's sub-branch raised a total of $488, including the proceeds of raffles.

Another successful feature of the function—organised by Misses H. and B. Morrison—was a Chinese dinner which realised a very satisfactory sum towards the funds of the sub-branch.

Some members took part in Operation Stand-by, bringing pleasure to the convalescents at H.M.A.S. Leeuwin. Parcels of books have been sent to the troops in Vietnam.

As a sub-branch with no auxiliary members we appreciate a kind offer of assistance at any time from the Cunderdin sub-branch.

Plans for the annual Christmas party for Fairbridge Farm School children are well in hand.

Jubilee Luncheon On November 23

The R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary is holding a luncheon in the Anzac House ballroom on Wednesday, November 23 (1 p.m.).

His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Douglas Keating, will be present to attend the function, which is in honour of the League's 50th anniversary.

An invitation is extended to all original Anzacs, and those of them who have not already filled in the form published in the Anzac Legion news-

letter are asked to contact either Mr. J. McKinley, of 51 North Road, Bannister Road, or the Auxiliary State Secretary, Mr. Tom Rowse, at Anzac House.

Donations have been received from auxiliaries and others and have promised help with cakes, fruit (for fruit salads) and cooking. Also, most heartening is the offer of one member's services to help-with the catering for the function.

Any further offers of help will be accepted most gratefully by the Auxiliary.

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Prime Ministerial Account 'Of Superannuation Fund

To League approaching the Federal Government over the past 18 months on the subject of Commonwealth superannuation and provident funds, the Prime Minister, Mr Holt, has replied as follows:

You wrote to me earlier this year in connection with discussions which took place at the Parliamentary meeting of your National Executive concerning the Commonwealth Superannuation and Provident Fund.

The suggestion that the existence of a surplus in the superannuation fund indicates that a more lenient attitude could have been afforded in the past to the financial situation of those with war disabilities calls for some comment.

Basically the surplus resulted from earnings on the assets of the fund during the five-year period from 1.7.1957 to 30.6.1962, being at a higher rate than the rates assumed for the purpose of determining rates of contributions to the fund.

That is, the rates of contribution by members of the fund could have been lower if they had been based on an expectation that the earnings of the fund would be at the level actually achieved during the 5-year period.

It would certainly be questionable to continue those higher rates of contribution to members of the fund in order to permit the adoption of a lower medical standard for entry, either for ex-service men in isolation or otherwise.

The League's request for an amendment to permit additional contributions to be paid by provident-account contributors, to take account of decreases in money values, presents serious practical difficulties.

For example, any additional contributions that might now be assessed as reasonable, having regard to changes in money values in past years, might themselves be regarded as inadequate at some future time.

The cumulative effects of a series of adjustments could place contributors in a difficult financial position even though the proposal is that such additional contributions should be optional.

The scheme would also give those who could afford the additional contributions a distinct advantage by comparison with those who could not afford the payment.

However, your National Executive may be assured that its proposal regarding the provident account has been noted for consideration when the provisions of the account are next being reviewed.

I am sure you will appreciate that the amendment legislation last year related provident-account contributors more closely to changing economic conditions by providing for the calculation of interest at the average earning rate of the fund, with effect from July 1, 1957.

The resulting increase in each lump-sum payment from the provident account, including the increased supplementation from the consolidated revenue fund, represents three times the amount of the increase in the interest component.

Royal Naval Visitors

A Royal Navy task force is to visit Western Australian ports in November after exercising off the east coast of Australia with ships of the R.A.N. and U.S. Navy.

The 30,000-ton aircraft carrier H.M.S. Victorious and one of Britain's modern guided missile destroyers, H.M.S. Kent, will be at Fremantle from November 18 to 24, accompanied by the Royal Fleet auxiliary Tidespring.

The frigate H.M.S. Arethusa and the fleet auxiliary Resurgent will visit Albany from November 17 to 24 and fleet auxiliary Reiant will visit Bunbury from November 18 to 24.

The frigate H.M.S. Cleopatra will visit Geraldton from November 19 to 26.

Royal Navy liaison officers are expected to visit the ports concerned early in November.

Notable Occasion For Ex-Service British

On Friday, November 11, the British Ex-servicemen's Association will be holding a reunion dinner (commencing at 7.30 p.m.) at Forrest House, St. George's-terrace, Perth.

A four-course dinner will be served and will be followed by a social gathering for dancing and items of entertainment.

It is now 21 years since the W.A. branch of the British ex-servicemen's association was formed in W.A. and in view of this the committee is making available a limited number of tickets to British ex-servicemen and women and their wives or husbands, so that they may join with members of the association on this occasion.

The charge for tickets is $3.25 per head, which covers refreshments throughout the evening.

In addition to celebrating the association's coming-of-age the dinner is being held on the anniversary of the Armistice which brought hostilities to a close in 1918.

Tickets are available from the High Commissioner, Mr Black, G.P.O., Perth. (Please give name of unit when applying.)
NEWS AND VIEWS OF BOULDER MEMBERS

From Boulder publicity officer H. A. Fisher comes the following account of news and views in that sector of the League’s domain.

The September meeting of the sub-branch, chaired by president Tom Castleford, was a model of current business at an early hour and discussion then turned to the attitude of the League, with respect to national training and the Vietnam war.

The stand taken by the League was wholly supported. It was pointed out that it was war, and the task of defending Australia, that brought the R.S.L. into being, and that the need to protect the country from aggression was a major plank in League policy.

“The pacifist” adherents appear to go through life with a tin can tied to their tail and try to pretend that it is not there—an attitude that could have tragic results should we ever be involved in another war.

How War-pensions Are Losing Their Value

Figures quoted in this year’s annual report of the National Executive indicate a general loss of value in the principal war-pension categories.

This is illustrated by reference to the pension payable to a general-rate 100 per cent pensioner with a wife and two children.

The combined pension and allowances payable to this family group have declined since 1950 by 27.5 per cent.

The report, which quotes the submission made to the Federal Parliament in March this year, anticipates a rise in the Commonwealth basic wage and indicates that this would result in a further increase in the pension position.

In June of this year there was an increase of $2 in the Commonwealth basic wage, and following the meeting of the National Executive in August the National President, Sir Arthur Lee, said repatriation pensions were at an all-time low and called for a general review and a supplementary budget.

The report reaffirms the R.S.L. support for both National Service and Australia’s military involvement in Vietnam. “A policy of appeasement and withdrawal in the face of aggression would have no greater chance of success now than it had at Munich,” it says.

A further increase in R.S.L. membership during the year 1965 to 263, 154 and extension of eligibility for R.S.L. membership to personnel who have served in Vietnam and certain areas of Malaysia are other features of the report.

Migrants And The Call-Up

Recently it was announced in the press that a number of government ministers, particularly Mr. V. Gandini, the Italian and Greek Governments—were highly critical of any proposal to include migrants in the National Service call-up.

The National Executive considered this matter at its August meeting and resolved to advise the Minister for Labour and National Service that, in the League’s view, these criticisms should be rejected by the government.

Labour and National Service Minister L. Bury, in his reply, expressed his government’s and his own appreciation for the League’s support.

League thinking is that fair-minded people could object to migrants in the appropriate age-group being obliged to register for National Service and, if called up, to serve.

The privilege of living in this great country brings also the responsibility of assisting to defend it.

A Well-known Profile

Mr. W. H. (Bill) Ferrer has been made chairman of the Anzac Club and Amnesties Committee.

Mr. Ferrer was re-elected to the State Executive this year after an absence from office for several years. He was formerly secretary of the South Perth sub-branch and is currently secretary of City of Perth.

Change On The Executive

The resignation from the Executive of Mr. W. Evans was agreed to at the November meeting. The vacancy thus created is to be filled by the calling-up of Mr. S. J. Thornton. Mr. Thornton is vice-president and former president of the Belmont sub-branch.
11th Battalion Men Of Two Wars Honoured

Sunday August 14, 1966, will go down as one of the proudest days in the long history of this association. At 3 p.m. on that glorious, sunny afternoon, some 400 people gathered in one of the most beautiful spots in Kings Park to witness the official unveiling and dedication of the memorial to the men of the 11th and 2/11th Battalions, A.I.F.

Following the welcome and introductory remarks by Mr. L. Ryan, the gathering was addressed by association president Ernest MacLeod. He pointed out that 8,000 men had passed through the 11th Battalion and 4,000 through the 2/11th Battalion. The memorial was to be inscribed with the memory of 12,000 men—the living, as well as those who lost their lives.

The men of the 11th Battalion (he continued) were among the first to land at Gallipoli and their valour wrote a new page in the history of the world.

From Gallipoli they moved to France and helped to strengthen the respect the Old World were learning to pay the younger countries. Awards won by them were one V.C., two M.C., M.S.Os., 20 M.Cs, 15 D.C.Ms, and 50 M.Ms.

The 2/11th Battalion was raised just 25 years after the 11th, and served in Libya, Greece, Crete, Syria and the Islands.

CAPTURED

At Rethimo, on Crete, it experienced the world's first airborne invasion and achieved success in the sector. The battle was fighting alone and was finally overwhelmed by sheer weight of numbers.

Almost all the survivors were taken prisoner but like their parent unit (the 11th), their record remained on service until the end of hostilities. From their numbers rose 22 D.C.Ms., 10 M.Cs., 54 Lieutenants, and in all they won six D.S.Os.

The president went on to say how during the memorial first came into his mind. Eventually he had appointed a sub-committee comprising Laurie Ryan (chairman), Arthur Croy, Wally Blair, Malcolm Ashton, Vern, Stockman, Hec. Binks, Cyril Clark and Dick Dodd.

A meeting with park director Dr. J. S. Beard had led to a sub-committee suggestion of a site by the No. 1 Car Park. Dr. Beard had died, but the memorial was 200 yards away and asked us to view an alternative spot—right where the memorial now is.

Naturally, we had agreed at once and also agreed with his suggestion that a sundial be incorporated in the memorial.

The director had then put the plan before his board and approval was granted to proceed. Dr. Beard had then drawn up plans incorporating the agreed features.

GRATITUDE

Mr. MacLeod added that there were many people to whom the association was gratefully indebted, including Dr. Beard, Mr. George, Mr. Arthur Fairall (the park superintendent), the firm of Crawford Quarries for its donation of and cartage to Perth of the lovely block of granite from its Namban quarry, the firm of Wales Masonry for the concrete mason, the block and cartage to the site and landing it in position, and the Commonwealth Industrial Gases.

Through the agency of manager Hec. Binks it had taken over the job of coping with the cartage, and the planning for submission to members, the introduction of the Wembley Technical School and the donation of metal to cast the plaque.

With all that essential help the job could not have been done without the loyal support and co-operation of the memorial sub-committee and to its members. Mr. MacLeod expressed his deep appreciation.

Others to earn the thanks of the association were Western Command headquarters and especially, the bandmaster and members of the band for being present.

Malcolm Gaston came in for praise for his efforts as project supervisor.

In his concluding remarks the president mentioned how it was to have two former serving members of the units carrying out the official unveiling. Premier Dave Brand was a pretty good 2/11th corporal and an excellent representative of Australia today, the president said.

Charles Costelow, a good captain in the 11th, was doing a great job as a roaster at Sawyer's Valley.

Replying to the president the chairman of the Kings Park Board, Sir Thomas Meagher, said that it was only reasonable for the association to get one of the best positions in the park.

After all, the 11th and 2/11th Battalions, Perth, a point that should never be lost sight of.

HERITAGE

Sir Thomas said the park had always been the heritage of the people of Perth.

At that moment he had a letter in his pocket which was written only two hours before, and signed by one of the first colonists. One of his number had applied for a large section of Perth as a grazing property.

Even at that juncture, however, it was decided that the park lands would be set aside as a recreational area for the people.

Mr. Thomas spoke of his close association with the 2/11th Battalion. The official Battalion Drum-Major, he said, had been lost in Greece. He had made great efforts to establish its whereabouts but was unsuccessful. Determined that the battalion should not be without one, he had had a mace especially made and this was eventually presented to the battalion at Chidlow.

Prior to the official unveiling of the memorial the Hon. The Premier, Mr. David Brand, M.L.A., expressed his pleasure at being asked to officiate at this very important ceremony.

He spoke of his days as corporal, with the 2/11th Battalion in the Middle East.

"Some of our chaps were pretty wild young lads in those days," he said. "And yet you now see them giving up their Sundays and other recreation periods to help the association and its work."

The Premier then officially unveiled the memorial and then the Rev. Charles Costelow, also a member of the association, said that the ceremony was witnessed by Ern. MacLeod in the absence of Father O'Callaghan—solemnly dedicated to it.

The gathering stood in reverent silence as the poignant strains of the Credo floated over the park. Then it dispersed and then recited Binyon's Ode to the Fallen and those beautiful lines sounded once more, grave and full of meaning.

Following the time-honoured Reveille, a message of appreciation to the Premier was delivered by the Right Hon. the Mayor of Perth, Mr. Charles Venner, J.P., and the ceremony concluded.

U.K. Parachute Force In Australia For Barra Winga Exercise

Members of the British Army's 3rd Battalion, the Parachute Regiment, arrived in Brisbane in six flights between September 22 and 29 for the Barra Winga military exercise in the Rockhampton area.

Barra Winga is the largest peacetime field force exercise mounted by the Australian Army. The main task force exercise begins on October 19 and ends on November 2.

The 3rd Battalion, the Parachute Regiment, flew to Brisbane from Britain in Britannia fighters on September 22, 25, 26, 28 and 29.

The battalion's commanding officer, Lieut-tenant-Colonel (Major) Smith, O.B.E., whose father lived in Australia, arrived on the first flight.

The battalion's history dates back to June, 1942. When Winston Churchill ordered a force of 5,000 men be rapidly formed. The first of these came from the 3rd Regiment, and in August, 1942, the parachute regiment was established.

"RED DEVILS"

It served with the 1st Airborne Division in Europe and fought in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, Normandy and Germany.

The regiment adopted its distinctive red beret and in North Africa the Germans called its members the "Red Devils," a name which has remained with them.

The regiment consists of three regular battalion groups and two Territorial Army battalions.

The 3rd Battalion is stationed in new barracks at Aldershot, the home of the regiment, and the 1st Battalion forms part of 8 Para Brigade, a formation of Britain's Strategic Reserve, ready for short notice to move to any world trouble-spot.

OVERSEAS TRAINING

Although based in the United Kingdom, overseas training is a feature of the regiment, and in Strategic Reserve. The 3rd Battalion has carried out exercises in many countries during the past few years.

Trained in jungle fighting, the battalion provides parachute and air-mobile training for special patrol company in the British army of the Airborne Division in the Middle East.
The Long Road Out Of The Jungle
By American Legion leader L. Eldon James, in the Legion Magazine

There is a solution to the terrible problems of the world in this super-weaponed age of continued warring. This solution does not appear to be near at hand. We seem to have slipped farther away from it.

Perhaps we will never attain it. But it is a solution, and a statement to be absurdly simple: Let all men, everywhere, have a decent respect for law and order, and for the making of decent laws and the decent maintenance of order.

The late Walter Alessandri believed that we could and must attain that goal because there is no other way. When Mr. Alessandri died in the prime of his life in the crash of a small plane, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania lost its Attorney-General; the American Legion, in one of its Indiscrete minds and courageous hearts, the United States lost a leader of a mind that it can ill afford to lose.

Benefits That Accrue For Service Abroad

To a League request for the publication by the Commonwealth Government of a booklet setting out the various benefits to which servicemen become eligible on discharge, the Minister for Repatriation, Senator McKellar, has replied as follows:

I refer to your letter of 30th August, 1966, concerning the publication of a booklet—along the lines of the 1939-45 war booklet “Return to Civil Life”—for servicemen who are presently serving in South Vietnam and other areas overseas.

My department has already had discussions with the Departments of the Army and Defence about the production of a booklet outlining the general benefits available on discharge and a pamphlet on discharge from service.

This publication would be a logical part of the Government’s present effort as a number of departments are concerned with the various benefits, e.g., war-service pensions, compensation for injury not due to war service, and special provisions for national servicemen.

As far as the department is concerned it is proposed to publish a pamphlet on repatriation benefits which flow from “special service” overseas.

This pamphlet, the draft of which is about completed, will be similar to the existing pamphlets on repatriation benefits which are presented in simple form to inform servicemen of the benefits that are available to them and manner of enquiry about them.

The pamphlet will be widely distributed to ex-servicemen, their organisations, and other persons who may be interested.

Building Society Inquiry

A committee of five members has been appointed by the State Executive—the advisability of setting up a permanent building society.

The action was taken this month in accordance with a directive from State Congress. The committee consists of Mr. J. P. Gabbey, Dr. J. R. Salmon, Mr. Phenna and B. Williams and a representative of the Housing Committee. Delegates to State Congress this year were told that the State branch had been operating terminal societies for a number of years but that the sources of funds for them had dried up considerably.

The proposal being put forward was for the establishment of a RSL-type organization to provide funds for ex-service people and their children.

“Only in law is there an answer—enforceable, fair, publicly administered, world-wide law, honoured in each land on the same terms that it is honoured in others.”

“We need a new symbol of the blind lady Justice, standing on a globe. We are a long way from here, but she is the end of the trail through the seeming chaos of our times.”

Walter Alessandri was not naive enough to believe that we could ever get law simply by forming new organisations or writing fine declarations.

In a world where dictatorship—the very opposite of the rule of law—reaches for new power, war and chaos to an ordered world reaches ahead so endlessly that it seems a dream.

“Surely,” he said, “history has told us that new concepts of law evolve out of apparently hopeless situations.”

“Only in law is there an answer—enforceable, fair, publicly administered, world-wide law, honoured in each land on the same terms that it is honoured in others.”

“The only responsibility that free men can give free men is the challenge to secure—not destroy—law and order at home, and on that base take up the challenge to the rule of law everywhere in the world with increased intensity.”

The World Court will no more bring the whole world under justice in the future than it has in the past. The United Nations cannot do the job any more than the League of Nations did. Nor are you going to不起 that you can do it either.

Nations need not give up their sovereignty to live under law any more than men need give up their heads to be shaved. What is needed is for man to want in his hearts to live under law.

That is a missionary job of enormous dimensions. Achieve it and the nation will make progress. When the work is done, create machinery without an international will to live sturdily and under law and it will be content to do so.

The United States has been wittingly seeking international agreements based on the rule of law and order.

Walter Alessandri laid down the classics and the denials. “The laws are meaningless without means for their enforcement, and for their impartial administration.” That is where every effort on the highest level breaks down.

While we have offered the nations concessions on arms control, for instance, that are so liberal as to alarm many of our citizens, we have not been budged from insisting on open enforcement and inspection.

We cannot get such an agreement. Too many nations seem to want rules that restrain others, but not themselves.

And so we stand in the world today. We are facing the delegation of Mr. Alessandri: “The blindfold on the classic figure of Justice is there to the well, we see who is on which side, and we will weigh the merits on the scales, playing no part in world law. We cannot have an ideal of justice, civilisation gives way to barbarism.”

Plainly it will be the work of generations to come to build such an ideal of justice, for it must be an ideal planted in the hearts of men whose world it is not found to date, and will come to nought, be it wittingly seeking international agreements to live under law.

Our generation can be the missionaries, and we can start at home. Yet, one wonders if we have not slipped backwards in the 21 years since the first nuclear bomb went off.

“Today, even in the free world, we see many of the inheritors of Magna Carta who are inclined to select which laws to obey and which not. If their own view of their case is righteous they seem to feel and perhaps to be that the laws are to be written and read as they choose.

The classic irony of this age is that a ban-the-bomb movement is a movement for the peaceful control of the development of weapons obliterating traffic and defying the police. Nobody who disposes of the order of a peaceful city has a chance of leading the world to that respect for orderly process which alone might come some day really ban the bomb.

Logicians who sit in the public set a poor precept. When you improve your rights under law by taking the law into your own hands. If we destroy the rule of law in the process of achieving new goals we can hold nothing that we may briefly gain.

When respect for the rules is destroyed—whether for a righteous cause or not—all men must suffer. The former times when every man was at every other man’s throat and no man had any more rights than he could defend with fist, gun or club.

Yet today we see people entering the world’s discussion with mutual leadership over men’s minds teaching the creed that if you think you are right you are your own judge.

That is the law of the Jungle. As long as any of us hold on to such teaching we are not apt to get out of the jungle.
Report on the War Veterans' Home

By the Superintendent, Mr. Owen Hovos

As science has put more years into life it is our responsibility to put more life into years, and when one looks at the record in the past six years of the R.S.L. in providing this magnificent home it is surely something in which we can all share pride.

A short resume of the achievements is of interest:


22nd July 1961. The additional residence "Lone" was opened by the Hon. Minister for Health, Ross Hutchinson, D.F.C., M.L.A.

22nd July 1965. Ten flats for married couples, and also the Townshend Recreation Centre, officially opened by His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Diskund, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

21st July 1966. The foundation stone of the inter-denomination chapel set by the Hon. the Premier, David Brand, M.L.A. At that stage the following accommodation for: (i) Ex-servicemen-23, Collett, 30; Anderson, 30; Lonnie, 20.

(ii) Ex-servicewomen-24.

(iii) War Widows-20.

(iv) R.S.L. Flats for married couples (10), (20), Total:252.

No greater tribute could be paid to the memory of the fallen, nor to those who survived the horror, suffering and hardship of war, than to support this great undertaking—not only its past achievements, but to further future ambitions, until the day shall dawn when wars shall be no more and the nations be linked in a universal brotherhood.

R.S.L. FLATS: This section of the home, open for occupation during the year (1965-66) has proved to be an excellent addition to the already outstanding facilities for aged, and the happiness and contentment of the residents manifests the success of the venture. It is a source of pleasure to all that the design and geographical placing of these flats is so outstanding that numerous visitors are unanimous in their praise of these features. Indeed we are being asked whether it is intended to extend this project of welfare work within the League.

The chapel will bring to our residents a place of quiet tranquility where they can find one of the greatest amenities, which are a place of mind-in surroundings which will proclaim to them the beauty and works of God.

Without any direct appeal to our residents, it is gratifying to be able to state that they have quietly given the sum of $7191.00.

They have also provided gifts for a street stall which the staff are arranging to take place later in the year.

STATISTICS

From the beginning of this century the average expectancy of the span of life has been increased by some 20 years, which means that the number of people living to sixty-five years and over in now close to ten per cent of our population.

There is some discrepancy between what may be termed the "official" onset of old age as distinct from the "natural" age. The "official" age may be taken as that age when pensions become payable, and is about sixty years for women and 65 years for men.

The "natural" age has been defined as that age where there begins a definite limitation of activity in the individual. Of course this varies with different people, and it is an interesting study to note the different ages of the residents at the home.

In fact it may be said that the discrepancy between the "official" and the "natural" age occurs in a period of some five to 15 years, during which many are able to live a long and useful life.

The following figures, covering residents in the R.S.L. War Veterans' Home, are of particular interest:

(a) Average Age—male residents, 75.7 years; female residents, 76 years; overall average, 74.5 years.

(b) Age Groups—Male: 65 years to 70 years, 10; 71 to 80 years, 8; 81 to 90 years, 8.

Female: 60 years to 70 years, 6; 80 years and over, 2; 90 years and over, 1.

(c) Residents’ "service" status—Male: Aus. Navy personnel, 1; Aus. Mil. personnel, 61; Imperial Forces personnel, 9.

Female: Aus. Mil. personnel, 6; Imp. forces, 3; War widows, 21.

(d) Daily Strength State (average): 115.

MEDICAL

We are indebted to Dr. R. Wheeler, who gives so genially and unselfishly of his time in the care of our residents.

His contribution to us in this field is of inestimable nature and his ever-ready help and guidance in the medical field has engendered a feeling of security, so valued by the aged, to all with whom he comes in contact.

The average daily hospitalisation personnel amounts to seven and we are most appreciative of the attention given to our residents by the staff of the Repatriation General Hospital.

One of the major problems associated with our home is the care of persons not really sick enough to be hospitalised, and all those returning from hospital and requiring a short period of convalescence.

As it is means that meals etc. have to be taken to their rooms, and that any attention required must be administered by unskilled people.

Originally it was hoped that extra help and Misses would be able to assist, but this is not so. They, I know, are more than willing to help.

They are more than willing to help where possible, but such help must of necessity be of an extremely limited nature, as the average age of this group is 80.7 years.

The problem of the frail aged is increasing as the weeks go by and as the home becomes more "official aged".

GENERAL

R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary: Another splendid year of service has been rendered by this organisation. The most important and most helpful task is the management of the canteen which is a most welcome feature, and the fortnightly visits of some auxiliary members who come laden with morning or afternoon tea for the residents are greatly appreciated.

It is interesting to note that of the 88 rooms of the Collett, Anderson and Lonnie wings, 33 bear the names of the R.S.L. women’s auxiliaries who have subscribed to the furnishings etc. We all have maintained a personal interest in the residents of their individual rooms.

The interest and monetary help which is being shown by the auxiliaries in the chapel project is a great source of pleasure to us and we take this opportunity, on behalf of all, to thank the members sincerely. 

In Mrs. J. James and her executive officers we know we have a strong and capable group, and it is our earnest wish that for many years to come their activities will be to them a rewarding task in the service of the organisation to which they have contributed so much.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

Much has been written by various organisations of the unstinting and unselfish service of individuals associated with the Red Cross Society. Let us say that its service to the R.S.L. War Veterans’ Home is without doubt a vital one.

It plays an important role in the emotional, therapeutic, and the physical rehabilitation of the veterans who are the main beneficiaries.

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New Ex-services Head Was Bunbury-born

The following background information on the recently-elected Deputy Grand President of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League—General Sir Rodney Moore, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.—was supplied by the League’s Press information officer in London, Mr. Frank Kennedy.

Sir Rodney succeeds General Sir Richard Gale. General Sir Rodney Moore was born in June 1905, at Bunbury. His father, Major-General Sir Newton Moore, was Premier of Western Australia for some years preceding 1910, in which year he took up an appointment as Agent-General for Western Australia in London. Sir Newton was due to return to Western Australia and politics there in 1914 but, with the outbreak of war, being a volunteer soldier he was given a military appointment in England.

He eventually formed and commanded the base depot to which the Australian and New Zealand troops were sent in the United Kingdom. Most of them had been evacuated from the Dardanelles.

Owing to a severe riding accident about this time he was invalided abroad and was placed in command of all Australian and New Zealand troops in England with headquarters at Tidworth (Salisbury Plain).

After the war he entered Parliament in England as member for North Islington, and later Richmond.

In 1931 he became president of the British Empire Steel Corporation and went to live in Montreal, Canada. He died in 1956.

EDUCATION

General Sir Rodney Moore was educated at Harrow School and then the Royal Military College, Cambridge, being gazetted as an officer of the Grenadier Guards in 1925.

Until 1933, with the exception of a year at the guards depot, he served with the 3rd Battalion of his regiment, before being posted to Egypt at the end of that year. Returning to England in 1936 he filled various regimental appointments and had a period as Staff Captain to the 4th Guards Brigade.

He was posted to the training battalion of his regiment at the beginning of the year in 1939. By May 1940 General Moore attended the Staff College at Camberley and four months later was posted to military operations at the War Office for a short time before going to the General Headquarters, France, as military assistant to the Chief of the General Staff.

In October of that year he was appointed Brigadier Major to the 30th Guards Brigade, which later formed the Guards Armoured Division on the formation of the Guards Armoured Division in April, 1942 he went to the headquarters of the Division as General Staff Officer and had the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

IN COMMAND

At the beginning of 1944 General Moore was given command of the 2nd Armoured Division, and was also the Grenadier Guards and took his battalion to North-West Europe at the time of the invasion of Europe. During this campaign he was mentioned in dispatches and received the Distinguished Service Order. He was also presented with the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

In July 1945 he took over command of the 8th British Infantry Brigade and was promoted brigadier. With this brigade he went to Egypt and Palestine until he was appointed Commander of the 1st Guards Brigade and then went to Palestine. For service in Palestine, he was made a Commander of the British Empire.

Shortly after his return to the United Kingdom in August 1947 he was appointed Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, Northern Europe, in the rank of Major-General, and remained in that appointment until May 1954. At that time he was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

CANAL ZONE

In July 1956 he took over command of the 1st Infantry Division stationed in the Canal Zone and on the return of the 2nd United Kingdom Division to England at the end of the year he was appointed to the rank of Major-General, and assumed command of the 10th Armoured Division with divisional headquarters at Tippoli (Libya). He remained in command until June 1957 when the division was disbanded.

He was then General Officer Commanding, London Districts, and Major-General commanding-in-chief of the Home Guard, from July 1957 until September 1959 and in July 1959 was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, being a Commandant of the Royal Victorian Order.

He was appointed Chief of Staff and Director of Emergency Operations, Federation of Malaya, in October 1958, and was promoted to lieutenant-general, and in 1962 given the rank of general. He was elevated to Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath (K.C.B.) in the Queen’s Birthday Honours, 1960, and in 1963 was made a member of the Panglima Mangku Negara of the Federation of Malaya, which gives him the Malayan title of Tan Sri.

In March 1964 General Moore became Defence Services Secretary at the Ministry of Defence and was made A.D.C. General to Her Majesty the Queen in February, 1965.

In August 1966 Her Majesty promoted General Moore to the rank of General of the British Army and in 1967 was made a member of the Panglima, Grand Cross in the Victoria Order, just prior to his retirement in September.

Why Wear A Poppy?

By DON CRAWFORD

Public Relations Officer, Perth (Ontario) Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion

“Please wear a poppy,” the lady said.

And held out the box. But I turned my head.

Then I stopped and watched as she offered them there.

And her face was pale and lined with care;

But beneath the scowl the years had made

There remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street,

Bouncing along on care-free feet.

His smile was full of joy and fun.

“Lady,” said he, “may I have one?”

When she asked, “Where have you been?”

To say, “Why do we wear a poppy today?”

The lady smiled in her wistful way

And answered: “This is Remembrance Day

And the poppy is the symbol for

The gallant men who died in war.

And because they died, you and I are free—

That’s why we wear a poppy, you see.

“I had a boy about your size,

With golden hair and big blue eyes.

He loved to play and jump and shout;

Free as a bird he would race about.

As the years went by he learned and grew

And became a man—yes, he will, too.

“He was fine and strong, with a joyous smile;

But he’d seemed with us such a little while

When war broke out and he went away.

I still remember his face that day

When he smiled at me and said, ‘Goodbye,

I’ll be back soon, Mom, so please don’t cry.’

“But the war went on and he had to stay,

And all I could do was wait and pray.

His letters told of the awful fight

(I can see it still in my dreams at night)

With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire,

And the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.

‘Till at last, at last, the war was won—

And that’s why we wear a poppy, son.’

The small boy turned as if to go,

Then said: ‘Thanks, lady, I’m glad to know;

That’s sure Sten gun was an awful fight.

But your son—did he come back all right?’

A tear rolled down each faded cheek;

She shook her head, but didn’t speak.

I shrank away in a sort of shame

And if you were me you’d have done the same;

For our thankings, in giving, is oft delayed

Though our freedom was bought and thousands paid.

And so when we see a poppy worn

Let us reflect on the burden borne

By those who gave their very all

When asked to answer their country’s call.

That we at home in peace might hear

Then wear a poppy! Remember—and Give!”

From the Legion Journal “The Legionary”

Thanks For The Donation!

The State Executive desires to acknowledge sub-branch donations to the Legion Visiting Fund as follows:

Previously acknowledged: $410.50; Bindoon; $2; Mountmellion; $3; Bencubbin; $6; Torrington; $20; Rocky Gully; $10; Wyalong; $5; Como; $10.

TOTAL: $473.50.
Inquiry on Vietnam Mail

Improved mail service for the troops in Vietnam will result from a review that has just been completed by the Army.

Announcing this recently the Minister-for the Army, Mr Malcolm Fraser, said a most comprehensive review had been made of mail handling within Australia and Vietnam, and at Honolulu, by a former director of postal services, Major E. A. Ditchfield.

In the course of his inquiry he had studied mail procedures at every handling point between Sydney and forward areas in Vietnam to determine possible improvements.

As a result of his examination it was clear that the basic system in operation was sound, although some staffing and procedural improvements could and should be made.

Where the remedy could be effected by the Australian Army, or the P.M.G., corrective action had been taken. Where corrective action could only be undertaken by other agencies the necessary representations had been made and action was already being implemented.

Changes included:
- Provision of additional Army postal staff in Saigon and Vung Tau to meet the increased mail traffic.
- Timings of mail-carrying aircraft in Vietnam had been changed to provide a quicker service from Vung Tau to the main mail-sorting area in Saigon.
- Australian postal personnel would be located so that as far as possible mail would be handled by Australian mail direct on to aircraft.
- Provision for additional personnel to be allocated to handle despatched heavy Christmas mail traffic.
- Improved system of checking telegram traffic to overcome possible delays.

Belmont’s Christmas Dates Arranged

Twenty-two members were present at the September meeting of the Belmont sub-branch and quite a few apologies were received for non-attendance on a cold night following a wet and stormy weekend.

The main business discussed was the children’s Christmas treat this year. This will take the form of a Christmas tree once again. Also the adults’ Christmas party will be run on the same lines as last year, and the usual New Year’s Eve party will be held.

The amount of $60 was repaid to members who had made loans available for the painting of the outside of the hall.

The office-bearers are to be elected at the November meeting and installed in December.

The ladies’ auxiliary is holding its fete on October 29 (1.30 p.m.). This is always a good event and all members are requested to come and buy.

The auxiliary luncheon will be held on November 2 (12.30 p.m.). The cost will be 50 cents per person.

The annual raffle will be conducted by the auxiliary and books will be available at the general meeting. The raffle will be drawn on December 19.

Sub-Branch Calendar

General Meeting, October 17; Poppy Day (Remembrance), November 9, at the City War Memorial; Christmas tree, December 3; adults’ Christmas party, December 10.

The feasibility of introducing an additional service was also being examined.

The review had considered all alternative systems and found that one service would be more efficient or frequent than the method and routing now being used.

In the meantime it was decided to provide an additional aircraft to operate between Sydney and Vietnam, which was of assistance to the Reserve Bank of Australia.

Articles such as newspapers, papers, packets, and parcels, posted at the Australian post offices in Saigon, were despatched weekly by R.A.A.F. and U.S.A.F. aircraft.

A check of mail during December showed that the transit times between Sydney and Saigon (AFFO 1) were three to four days. R.A.A.F. aircraft alone brought 4,000 lb of mail back to Australia each week.

The review had revealed that factors were involved in delays that were beyond the capacity of the Army to handle. These included delays through troops being engaged on lengthy periods and not able to write letters in time. Normal delivery was being carried by surface mail to Sydney and Vung Tau.

Concession rates applied to all articles mailed between Australia and Vietnam, and the rates were to remain in force for at least six months.

As a guide, the concession rate to and from servicemen in Vietnam is 10¢ for any amount of sending an article within 30 miles of the sender’s address.

Banknote Design Proposal

The Prime Minister has replied as follows to League correspondence on banknote design:

"I refer to your letter of August 30 to the Treasurer suggesting on behalf of the members of the National Executive of the R.S.L., the consideration be given to incorporating a portrait of Sir John Monash in the design of the new $5 note.

The Treasurer referred the suggestion to the Reserve Bank of Australia, which is responsible for the Australian note issue.

The Reserve Bank has advised that while the honours for your suggestion are fully appreciated, the design work for the new $5 note has now been completed and changes would not be possible at this stage.

"However, the bank has asked me to assure you that the suggestion will be kept in mind if it is later decided to issue additional denominations of dollar notes.

Ex-p.o.w. Body Behind Memorial Proposal

The W.A. Ex-p.o.w. Association is pleased that a former patron and good friend, Dr. Bruce Hunt—famed for his work among Australian prisoners on the infamous Burma line—is to receive well-earned recognition.

Ex-p.o.w. who were with him in various camps agree that he saved many lives. On his return to civilian life he made a great contribution towards the advancement of medical teaching and research in W.A. and deeply committed himself to the cause of the Medical School and was a vigorous member of the foundation faculty.

As a mark of perpetual gratitude for the work of Dr. Hunt, a memorial should be delivered biennially in the University of Western Australia.

This has been approved by the university senate. An appeal for funds to purchase the proposed oration is being launched by the university and the support of all Ex-p.o.w. in this State.

Shoulder To Shoulder

Members of the A.A.S. will attend shoulder to shoulder with the United States of America in combating the common foe anywhere in the world.

Mr. Malcolm Fraser, Minister for Defence, said this during his recent American visit.

The following day Sir Arthur Lewis placed a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in the Arlington National Cemetery in the name of his 275,000 member organisation.

At the service, after the reading of a prayer were Lady Lee and the New South Wales president, Sir William Yeo.

The Cowaramup Honour Roll

The Cowaramup sub-branch is keen to obtain the names of all men and women who enlisted for Cowaramup and were killed while on service.

League members know- ing who and where a serviceman or woman in that category are asked to inform Mr Bob Leiper, of Cowaramup.
Gift For Historical Show At Greenough

There are to be some valuable additions to the Geraldton Historical Society’s museum at Wongo Park, Greenough.

Mr. R. Lefroy, of Boolardy Station in the Murchison district is planning to donate a camel-waggon and set of camel harness to the society.

Mr. Lefroy will himself bring these valuable historical contributions to Wonga Park by truck in November.

Expressing appreciation of this gesture the president of the society, Mr. Stan Grattet said that he hoped other citizens would follow Mr. Lefroy’s fine example.

He said buggies and sulks in reasonable condition would be appreciated, as well as farm machinery used in the pioneering days of the district.

Three guns used in the early days were on show at the Wonga Park museum and the society hoped to obtain a few old muzzle-loading guns as well—if only on loan.

A ‘New Life’ Committee

The State President, at the annual executive meeting, named Messrs. L. Phenna, R. Carter, B. J. Flanagan and J. Buckle as members of the committee charged with supervising Operation New Life in this State.

Operation New Life is the name for a civilaid programme in which the League and the Army are combining for the rehabilitation of war-shattered South Vietnamese communities.

The Commonwealth Government has invited outside organisations to participate in the undertaking but has made it clear that all efforts are to be channelled through the R.S.L.

A list of the type of goods required was published in last month’s issue of the C.L.

The basis of organisation is that every R.S.L. sub-branch in Australia should act as a collecting and dispatching agency for the project.

Women’s Auxiliary Notes

(Official Visits)

September 3: Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Rowe attended the Pinegelly auxiliary’s 30th birthday party attended by Mrs. Ames and executive members, along with representatives of other auxiliaries.

September 10: Belmont auxiliary’s birthday party was attended by Mrs. Ames and executive members.

September 15: Torch bearers for Legacy meeting was attended by Mrs. Ames.

September 16: Mrs. Rowe left Perth to attend the R.S.L. ball at Jerramungup-Gairdner River on Saturday, September 17. She was on one of the judges for the choice of “belle of the ball” and “matron of the ball”. A trophy was taken to Karratha (by Mrs. Kenny, of the Gairdner River auxiliary) for the return-trip to Perth.

September 17: Mrs. Cottrill, representing Mrs. Ames, attended the Air Force Association reception.

September 18: Mrs. Lowe attended St. George’s Cathedral’s Air Force Service.

War Service Homes

Land Available

Ex-servicemen and women eligible for assistance under the War Service Homes Act are advised that the war-service homes division of the State Housing Commission has some concessationally-priced land available at Coolbup.

This is a nice area and building blocks obtained through the homes scheme represent a considerable saving.

Applicants should apply immediately to War Service Homes Division, State Housing Commission, Plain-street, East Perth.

UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

28th Battalion

Among the guests at the 28th Battalion Association’s Jubilee Luncheon was the representative of the French Consul, who had been invited to join the activities to mark the 50th year since the battalion made the A.I.F.’s first entry into the European theatre of war.

R.S.L. State President Percy Pearson, proposing the toast of the battalion, expressed ex-servicemen to back the League in its continuing efforts on behalf of its members and their dependents.

The announcement at the luncheon that the 28th Battalion C.M.F. was to be reformed met with the warm approval of all members of the association, who intend giving their support to the new unit.

The C.M.F. designate of the new battalion, Major K. T. Johnson, was introduced to the gathering. He issued an invitation to members to visit the new unit when its camps were organized.

The association meets in Anzac House at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, and members of the unit are cordially invited along to meet old pals and to learn with interest of the association’s work and its plans.

16th Battalion

At the annual general meeting of the 16th Battalion Association all the committee were re-elected for a further term.

President W. Lilleyman reported that the pre-war period was a year of activity for the preceding 12 months, and thanked committee and Women’s Auxiliary members for their assistance.

There was a near-record attendance at the annual dinner, which was passed happily with short speeches and a much-appreciated background of music.

During the dinner a medal and cup were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Soper, who were presented with a medal and cup were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Soper, who were presented with a medal and cup for their work with the Legion in France.

The dinner was attended by military and civilian guests who were entertained by the 16th Battalion Band.

10th Light Horse Association

Members of the 10th Light Horse Association Committee and its branches will hold an annual luncheon this year on November 6 at the Guildford Hotel, Guildford as usual. They are asked to arrive at the hotel for a cordial reception.

44th Battalion

The annual reunion of old 44th Battalion members was held on the Monday of Show Week in the Ex-Servicemen’s Hall, and was a most successful function.

This was partly because the occasion marked the 50th anniversary of its formation and members made a special effort to attend, with the biggest gathering for years.

Members heard R.S.L. State President Pearson’s appeal for full support of the League’s efforts to obtain increased strength to enable every returned serviceman to have the freedom to return from current overseas commitments, rehabilitation benefits on a par with that enjoyed by World War servicemen.

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DEDICATION OF NEW MEMORIAL GARDEN

The ceremony for the dedication of the West Australian Garden of Remembrance was arranged for October 23.

Situated next to the State War Cemetery at Karrakatta, the Garden of Remembrance has been designed as a memorial to all servicemen who died in W.A. as a result of service in the Great War, World War II, Korean and Malaysian campaigns and the operations in South Vietnam. It is intended also to honour men who are buried where, full commemoration could not be given and men whose ashes were scattered after cremation.

Padres of several denominations participated in the ceremony in the presence of the Governor, Sir Douglas Kendrew, and of Commonwealth, State and civic leaders, heads of the forces and members of the R.S.L., Legacy, and War widows.

After the ceremony, all Victoria Cross holders present and also war widows and Legacy children were introduced to His Excellency.

The R.A.A.F. provided a guard-of-honour and the Western Command Band was in attendance.

APPOINTMENT: At this month's executive meeting Mr J. Farrell (a new member) was appointed to the Welfare and Relief Committee. The other committee members are Miss S. White (chairman), Mr E. O. Davies and Mr S. A. Macnamara (co-opted).

COMING EVENTS

State Executive representation has been arranged for the following events:

- The Wagin sub-branch's annual reunion dinner (October 29).
- Honour-avenue dedication, Darling Range (November 6).
- The British Ex-Services Association reunion dinner (November 11–Forrest House).
- The Kojonup reunion (November 12).
- The Corrigin sub-branch's annual cabaret (December 16).

Bunch Of Keys

Mrs W. May, of 210 South-terrace Como, has found a bunch of keys. With the keys is a disk bearing the number 8968 and the words "Rats of Tobruk - celebrations, 1946." Owner should apply to Mrs. May (phone 67 2964).

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THE VETERANS' HOME REPORT (from Page 8)

time available for a friendly chat.
Transport is made available to us for special outings to far-distant places and
To Mr. G. Rowe, his staff and voluntary staff, we sincerely thank for their ready and efficient cooperation.

VISITING CLERGY
To the Rev. T. Wright, Anglican rector of North Perth, and the Rev. H. Cox and his assistants of the Mt. Lawley Method circuit we are greatly indebted.

They arrange and regularly conduct at the home services for not only our own residents but the aged from the surrounding homes also attend, and the accommodation in the TV lounge is taxed to its limits.

In last year's report under this heading mention was made of the hope that we may some day have our own chapel, and now this dream is soon to be a reality.

REMEMBRANCE
One could not fail to be impressed by the Anzac Eve service this year, despite the fact that we were forced to move indoors.

For all this our main lounge (cramped to its doors with visitors) looked quite impressive with the Australian flag draped, as if on an altar, and all the books with a small wooden cross—made and given to us by a member of the 53rd Battalion—resting in its folds.

As is now our established custom this service is conducted by your people—with considerable reverence and bearing. This year's service was no exception, being handled by our State President's daughter, Miss Myra Pearson, who, by the prayer and by Miss Anthony, who gave the prologue—and made all the general arrangements.

The Last Post and Re-vellie was sounded by our young and sincere friend Mr. Robert Haycox; and the music supplied by the Floreat Park Salvation Army Band.

To all who contributed to this very simple but moving ceremony we record our grateful thanks.

The planting of the little wooden crosses in the Field of Remembrance on November 11 each year has become an important act of remembrance, and in this year's event, the Very Rev. Dr. D. J. Perrett, a beloved and honoured padre, conducted this moving service.

To the dean we are most grateful, not only for conducting this service, but for his keen interest in our home and its life.

Two other unselfish acts of service Anzac Day I wish to record. Firstly, the provision of transport, arranged through Miss S. Hall, to convey our residents to and from the city parade; and secondly to that magnificent band of lad's of the R.S.L. Excelsior women's sub-branch, who provide such an excellent lunch, after the parade, for so many including our residents.

To all, our sincere thanks!

AMENITIES
(a) Library. All the amenities provided within this home is the one most valued by our residents. Through our enthusiastic Hon. Librarian, a resident (Mr. G. Ambler—aged 76 years) the books are tabulated and issued in full library style and we provide anyone who removes a book without first entering it on the approved card.

The books issued to residents amount on average, to 80 per week.

(b) Bowls: The number of residents interested in playing bowls practically doubled this season. The major events of the season were the annual tournament for the Ray O'Connor Trophies, and a visit to Yarloop to play for the Madison Shield, which were unable to regain.

Various clubs visited the home for friendly games.

The age limit for bowlers seems to be indefinable, as one resident (female) took up the game at the age of 82 years. An urgent request to her family for her birthday was a case in which to carry her equipment to the match was received.

(c) Billiards, bridge, cribbage and television are part of the amenities pattern we all very popular pastimes.

Competitive card games are a regular feature and we have each month visitors from nearby Homes, and in particular the members of the Salvation Army.

(d) General Events: The annual dinner arranged by the Highgate sub-branch, the Christmas and birthday parties, regular concerts and picture shows provide our residents with a wide field of entertainment over the year and we are most grateful to all who assist us in this field.

The major change with the staff was the resignation of Miss C. Stewart, whose husband received a very senior appointment in Mildura.

Mrs. Stewart's work and services beyond the call of duty, and in the period she was with us from March 1961 to December 1965—she devoted all her available time in assisting in creating a high image of this home to all with whom she came in contact.

We are very fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. Stewart, a worthy successor to Mrs. Stewart.

Miss M. Crowning Glory Competition: Again this year the home submitted a candidate, Miss Marjorie Clark, to whom we express our thanks for her untiring efforts to raise funds.

To Mrs. T. K. C. Stewart, who arranged the Fashion Parade, which has become such an outstanding social event, we are sincerely grateful.

Staff: I highly prize the loyalty of the staff and their willingness to do that little bit extra when assistance is necessary.

The tact and understanding in dealing with the residents has materially helped in making this place a very happy home.

Conclusion: The problem of assistance to the aged is assuming amazing proportions, and has now become an outstanding economic question to be considered by people of most countries are attempting to find the answer.

It is evident that the question can only be answered in part by Federal and State Governments, by local authorities and through the board for their continuous and understanding assistance to me and to the home.

I also highly value the avid-interest in the work of the home, its staff and residents, displayed by the State President, Mr. P. Pearson.

To the State Secretary, Mr. W. Webb, my sincere gratitude for his advice and assistance, and to the staff at Anzac House may their thanks for their ever-ready help and many courtesies.
Good Games Start In Glen Forrest Hall

Play in this year's Townshend Shield competition got away to an excellent start recently at Glen Forrest when local sub-branch president Dick Field welcomed 40 members from six Hills sub-branches.

He proposed the loyal toast and handed over to master-of-ceremonies Ken Clements, who read out the fixturers for the night.

At nine o'clock Mr Field called for order; lights were turned out and the miniature replica of the State War Memorial was illuminated for a brief halt for the "Fallen Comrades" ceremony, after which the games were the order of the night.

At about 10 p.m. a buffet-type supper was served and there was plenty for everyone, with a cup of tea for the non-drinkers.

The first-round points scores were: Chidlow, 9; Glen Forrest and Darlington, 6 each; Mundaring, 5; Helena and Wooldale, nil.

Mr Alan Cooper of the State Executive, was present accompanied by a visitor from Nollamara sub-branch, Mr. Ted Peasall, who joined in and played with Wooldale.

Conspicuous among the absentees for the occasion were Glen Forrest stalwarts Dick Langley, Arthur Weston and Albert Wells.

All were hospital cases, and president Field expressed the hope that they would soon be restored to health.

The next games round will be played at Mt Helena on Friday, October 28.

One thing that was omitted unfortunately, and possibly forgotten, was a vote of thanks to Glen Forrest. This was not intentional, as all present enjoyed a very well run night's entertainment.

Apologies, therefore, to Glen Forrest for the breach and the hope of seeing as many as possible turn up at the Mt Helena Hall on October 28. —J. Thompson.

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Good News For
2nd Div. Men

A short time ago the R.S.L. approached and requested the Commonwealth Government to consider erecting a new 2nd Division memorial statue at Mont St. Quentin. It will be recalled that the original work, showing an Australian soldier bayoneting a German wall, was destroyed during the World War. Only the base was left. The Government has now indicated that restoration work, including new stonework will be undertaken in the near future.

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Three Springs Runs A Waste-paper Drive

A waste-paper drive is being conducted by the Three Springs sub-branch for the benefit of the Sowell Learners' Group.

More than 14 tons of waste has been sent to Perth in the past two months, and the sub-branch secretary Ian Alderdice will be glad to hear from others with supplies to spare.

Another sub-branch project to be undertaken is the provision of memorial gates at the entrance to the North Midlands District Hospital.

Achievement At Geraldton

Photographs of the hospital were supplied to the architects to help them plan the gates. The ground will be prepared by sub-branch members and the gates will be erected by an expert.

A busy-bee of members has completed the painting and renovating of an Arrino house recently donated to Legacy by Mr Mick Buist.

It was announced that two officers of the Repatriation Department, Mr Giler and Mr R. A. H., will visit Geraldton on October 17 and 18 for the benefit of ex-servicemen generally.

It was decided to conduct a fete in aid of the Slow Learners' Group again next year.

This event has raised large sums of money over the years with the co-operation of various organisations, and Mr W. Cunningham will again be in charge.

Arrangements were made for collectors to take part in the street appeal of the War Veterans' Home.

Ex-service Poles Celebrate

At the annual general meeting of the Polish Ex-servicemen's Association, on September 13th, Mr G. Redzienzki, M.C., was re-elected president and Mr W. Dziedzic honorary secretary.

On August 7 the association celebrated Polish Soldiers' Day together with the 10th anniversary of the sub-branch which was founded by Mr G. Redzienzki, a devoted social worker for his country's ex-servicemen.

There was a commemoration concert attended by Mr B. J. Flanagan, who represented the R.S.L. with which the association has always had cordial relations.

The association's postal address is G.P.O. Box 1692, Perth, W.A.

Honour Avenue Ceremony in Kalimunda Park

The Darling Range sub-branch, with the co-operation of the Kalimunda Shire Council, has arranged for the re-siting of the Kalimunda Honour Avenue.

The new site is in Kalimunda Park, adjacent to the Kalimunda Club and the Bowling Club.

-A rededication ceremony to which the general public is invited, will be held on Sunday, November 6, at 3 p.m.

The State Executive will represent the ceremony.

The next-of-kin of ex-servicemen whose names are re-commemorated in the avenue are requested to advise Darling Range sub-branch secretary J. R. Mansfield of their address, so that invitations to the ceremony can be sent to them.


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It was decided that a sum of $270.60—held for maintaining the memorial—should be made over to the shire.

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