Crowning Glory: Bigger And Better Than Ever

New Holiday Chances In $5,956 Prize List

This year's Miss Crownig Glory Quest, which opens this month, is to be bigger and better than ever: its enthusiastic committee has set the fund-raising target at $50,000.

Treatment "like a Maharajah" and four wonderful trips—to India, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore—together with a fortnight's holiday to Surfer's Paradise by the Golden Fan-jets of Ansett-A.N.A. will be the spectacular main prizes in a specially long list.

As usual the net proceeds of the quest will be shared equally by the League and Legacy, the League's share being reserved for the War Veterans' Home.

The much-expanded contest means that many more contestants are wanted, with many sponsoring committees, more branch support, more get-up-and-go by everybody and the State Executive is making a special appeal to all R.S.L. sub-branches, etc. Will each please move at once to find and sponsor suitable entrants?

The 1969 Crownig Glory Quest booklets, with entry forms and details, will be circulated next month. Send in your entrants' applications as soon as possible.

MAN-WIFE TEAMS

Get entrants organised—whether single girls competing for the Crownig Glory title especially, or wife-husband teams with fund-raising awards as their principal goal. Set them off on a solid programme of fund-raising to give them best chance of winning one of the wonderful holiday prizes by November 15, when the quest will be judged.

STW Channel 9 once again will feature the quest during the fund-raising period, to keep up public interest, and will televise Award Night in November as a major spectacle.

The "Sunday Times" will be as generous and active as ever with regular Crownig Glory features to help contestants to raise money. The committee hopes to give further assistance through country press, television and radio.

The $30,000 is not going to be raised easily nor by any other way than going out and getting it—so it is over to sub-branches and good luck to them.

The more ambitious target calls for a wider range of prizes to make the quest more attractive to contestants. Prizes this year total $55,556.60.

PRIZE DETAILS

Any girl of happy personality (17 or more), pleasant, appearance, with a good head of hair and able to raise $100 or more for the Quest can win the Crownig Glory title, whether married or single.

If she can raise funds effectively she has every chance to win the Charitable Princess (highest fund-raiser) title or become Girl of the Golden West.

The latter is a special major prize brought into the quest this year to recognise the actual personal efforts of contestants as distinct from combined results with the sponsoring committee.

This year's prizes are:

Miss Crownig Glory
Total prize value $2,400.00, made up of a tour to India, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Singapore (for two) by Air India (Magic Carpet Service) $1,400.00; hotel accommodation $200; expenditure $100; a Bangaloswardrobe $150; tiara and watch (J. R. Wallace and Co.) $50; jewellery (J. C. Taylor Ltd) $50.

Girl of the Golden West
Total prize value $1,200, made up of return to India, Singapore and Hong Kong for two by ANA Golden Jet service holiday for two at Surfer's Paradise $600; the contestant's hotel expenses for two $200; Commonwealth Bank travellers' cheques $200; furniture $150.

Wife-Husband Teams

There are special opportunities this year for team efforts to win one of the prizes. A wife can enter the quest and with husband and friends form a cooperative effort that could well lead to a prize-winning trip to India and Asia, or to Surfer's Paradise.

There is nothing to stop a wife from becoming Miss Crownig Glory. Similarly an engaged girl may team with fiancé and friends in a fund-raising effort.

What better honeymoon present than the awards for either Miss Charity Princess or the Girl of the Golden West?

AIR TRIPS

The Air India overseas trips by Magic Carpet Boeing 707, open to Miss Crownig Glory and Charity Princess, both offer a wonderful of travel interest.

No better prize list is offered in the West Australian quest.

Each with a suitable travel escort of her own choosing, Miss Crownig Glory and Charity Princess may fly either to India, Singapore, Malaysia and Bombay or New Delhi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Singapore.

They will travel by train from New Delhi to Calcutta to visit the Taj Mahal.

The overall journey can be broken at any of the cities mentioned, for the wife or other sightseers, and tickets will be valid until 31st March 1970.

Ansett Airlines' magnificent award for Girl of the Golden West—1st class all paid air holiday to Surfer's Paradise—has appeal for all ages.

The "Girl" will fly from Perth via Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane and may stop-over at any of those cities. Her award travel will remain open to her for up to 11 months.

Sub-branches may refer immediately any inquiries to the Miss Crownig Glory Committee secretary, G.P.O. Box N1087, Perth, W.A. 6001.

MR KEYS A CHURCHILL FELLOW

The R.S.L. National Secretary, Mr. A. G. W. Keys, M.C., is one of 53 Australians awarded Churchill Fellowships to study overseas this year.

Mr. Keys is to study repatriation procedures in New Zealand, Canada, Britain and the U.S.A.

The scholarship will cover return visits of overseas experience, and Keys should be able to gain a knowledge of how overseas governments handle problems of repatriation matters.

He has been National Secretary of the League for some years.
Relief Grants Made To Quake Victims

At a special meeting at Northam on R.S.L. earthquake relief, it was resolved to allocate $450 to each of five ex-servicemen and two war widows (one living at York), and $200 each to four other victims whose homes were severely damaged.

The meeting was held in the Northam R.S.L. Hall on January 22 to determine the most suitable method of distributing the appeal funds raised. Present were Messrs. P. Pearson (State President), H. Holder (State Executive) Web, M. Bonser (Country Vice-president), S. C. Irvin and D. Croll (York), R. Wilson, C. W. Wells, B. Mail (Malling) and J. Martin and G. Gallow (Northam).

Mr. Webb disclosed that a sum of $4,191.50 had been available for distribution, made up of donations from WA headquarters ($1,000), the Victorian State branch ($500), the Tasmanian State branch ($240), the W.A. State branch ($500) and W.A. sub-branches ($1,954).

Without exception those present were determined to reach an acceptable basis of distribution and a "alternative" sense of fair play prevailed.

In particular, the attitude of the York representatives impressed the committee, and the emphasis on the more deserving requirements of Meckering sufferers and made light of their own troubles.

The York sub-branch had suffered substantial damage and as a partial recoup grant of $241 was agreed on.

Earthquake Appeal

Previously acknowledged, the following donations have been received:

National Headquarters $1,000,
Western Australia $250,
W.A. State branch $500,
N.S.W. State branch $250,
South Australia $20,
Tasmania $25,
North Perth $20,
Karrinyup $10,
Maddington $10,
Walcott Kitchen $20,
Darling Range $20,
Guildford $25,
Cowaramup $20,
M. Barbo, $20,
Appleshaw $20,
Rockingham $10,
Quindanning $10,
Lawley-Inglewood $20,
Coolagul $20,
Bunbury $10,
Kilberin $5,
Quindanning $30,
Three Springs-Arrino $10,
Como $10,
Koorda $10,
Donaldson $10,
Fremantle $20,
Cranbrook $10,
Claremont $10.

Total to date $4,441.50

Anzac Day Race Meeting

The Services Charity Meeting to be held at Belmont Park on Anzac Day this year promises to be brighter and better than ever.

Turf Club representative Gerry Avery is working closely with the Anzac Day Trust Fund committee to ensure a day that is enjoyable for patrons and profitable for the deserving causes.

Feature race is the Dig-ger's Cup. Though the stakes are lower than in years past, it is even more keenly sought by owners and trainers since the start of the current year for the Frank Boon Memorial Trophy.

Since the meeting is on a Friday this year and there is another meeting on the Saturday, the Anzac Day meeting will be run as a country race meeting in respect of conditions and eligibility of horses.

There will be massed displays by West Australian girls' and Australian champion teams together with military bands. As usual all public functions will be admitted free of charge and there will be special arrangements for veterans and current members attending the race-course after the Anzac march.

Anzac Day Planning

(Comments from the State Secretary)

Planning for this year's Anzac Day observance is in hand. The parade is scheduled for March 10th. The parade will consist of the usual entries and will be followed by a roll call of those who have served in the services.

Secretary to Visit S.E. Asia

State Secretary Bill Webb is to visit Singapore and Malaysia in March. His mission is to endeavour to further the objects of the Jubilee Commemorative Fund in advising local ex-service organisations on administrative and allied matters.

Announcing the projected visit to members of the State Executive in December, the State President said that the thought of the appointment endorsed by National Congress, was a compliment to the State branch and indicated adequately a confidence in Mr. Webb's ability to undertake such an important assignment.

A congratulatory resolution, moved by Mr. W. S. Long, was supported by Mr. H. Holder, was carried unanimously by acclamation.

Mr. Webb plans to leave by air on March 15 and expects to be overseas for three weeks.

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The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.

Anzac Day Planning

Planning for this year's Anzac Day observance on Friday, May 10, is in hand. The parade will consist of the usual entries and will be followed by a roll call of those who have served in the services.

The only segment which invariably refuses to fall into a nice and orderly pattern is the one associated with bands.

Over a period of ten years I have been ruffly faced with unpleasent proposals, and counter-proposals, as by observing the wishes of a majority of units associations and possibly most of the Anzac Day planners. A further meeting of band representatives, parade marshals and the League is to be held shortly to try and sort out problems which could arise from "Opera- Therefore, let us test the practicability of small and mostly minor changes connected with marching of the Embroiders.

As the one most involved in the detailed planning I shall be watching the march past with intense interest and hoping like H— for the improvement.

The Aim Is Peace

Members of a minority faction within the community are calling for a review in describing the R.S.L. as a militant group of sabre rattlers might express amazement if confronted with the following National Congress resolution, (or would they?)

'Whilst the R.S.L. reiterates its support for Australia's commitments in Vietnam, we support the view that the Australian Government should investigate any sources of criticism which may lead to a just settlement of this conflict.'

The then External Affairs Minister Paul Hasluck replied as follows: 'The Australian attitude to this decision was announced by the Prime Minister in the House of Representatives on the 27th November. He stated that the talks in Paris can now proceed with South Vietnam if represented, and reaffirm that the position of the Republic of Vietnam should be considered in the conduct of hostilities and any moves to bring about the solution of this conflict. It seems that our critics are once again completely wrong in their assessments of ex-servicemen as warmongers.

While we firmly believe that the "price of liberty is eternal vigilance" we fervently hope that the objectives of our motto should be achieved without recourse to wars.
Lest YOU Forget: The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance

Have YOU paid your sub for 1969? If not why not? Please fill in the form in the right hand bottom corner of this page and send it either to your sub-branch secretary or direct to Anzac House, Perth 6000.

Last year a Digger who wishes to remain anonymous commented very appropriately on the reasons for maintaining an active and buoyant League membership.

Because its plain commonsense and practical approach still applies, part of his letter is reproduced here for further digestion.

"Dear Digger"—on memorials all over the country it says that age shall not weary them, meaning our war service men who lived to be Returned Servicemen.

"But what about you? Has age weakened you? At the going down of the sun and in the morning do you now forget the fine job you once started to do?"

"There was a time not so very long ago, when you and I and all of us heard the bugle, loud and clear. It was the call of duty."

"Don't tell me you've lost your ear for that kind of music; you're not the type to go tone-deaf when your mates need you."

TOGETHER

"We all got together then in those wartime days, when there was something obviously urgent enough to hold all of us 'out of our selfishness, and we accomplished something together: we won a war."

"There's no immediate enemy knocking with his rifle butt on the gate now and there are Diggers in Vietnam who need your support, and who will need the kind of help the R.S.L. can give for many years to come."

"In a swiftly changing world the old deccencies, the very standards by which we live and the traditions that made the country great, are threatened by self-interest, by apathy, by a loss of national character."

"Australia never needed her patriots more than she does right now."

"How does the League come into all this? It enlists you as an effective member of an effective unit."

"We have battled for houses for Diggers; for repatriation; for war veterans' homes; we sponsor the operation of the Australian Forces Overseas Fund; we support the drive for increased pensions and a host of other things which we believe to be worth doing."

"Wear the badge again it's an honourable one. Be seeing you!"

Among much else the League has:

- Erected and maintained Anzac House and the Anzac Club.
- Built and maintained the War Veterans' Home including the Darby and Joan cottages, an inter-denominational chapel, the Medical Holding Centre and other amenities.
- Organised the fund-raising for and erection of the State War Memorial in King's Park (in which all branches have been very helpful for its maintenance since). All ceremonies are supervised by the League.

DISBURSEMENT

It disburses, per annum, between $5,000 and $6,000 for the W.A. Aged Sailors' Soldiers' and Airmen's Relief Trust Fund; some $2,000.00 for immediate relief in cases of urgent necessity, e.g., food, clothing, rent, board, and other forms of assistance. It likewise with the B.C.E.L. and other British Commonwealth ex-servicemen's organisations in helping any of their members who experience difficulties and hardship.

It provided the services of a Pensions Officer to advise and advocate on pension matters and appeals. Through its sub-branches it provides a variety of services to the general public and at all times co-operates in any worthwhile community project.

ANZAC CLUB

Membership of the Anzac Club, in St. George's Terrace, Perth, is yours by payment of your current League subscription.

The club is open to members from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on week-days; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Buffet lunches supplied at very moderate cost.

CURRENT AIMS

- To encourage and promote vigorous membership.
- Continue sponsorship of the operations of the Anzac Club.
- To increase the League's overseas fund in W.A.
- To give full support to League pressure at national level for an increase in pension rates.
- To give full support to the 10 cent contribution per member for the Jubilee Commemorative Fund.
- With other state sub-branches under national direction to ensure the adequate defence force for Australia.
- Vigorous promotion of civil aid for South Vietnam.
- To promote organised youth activity in the community.
- To ensure continued and proper observance of Anzac Day and other commemorative occasions.
- To encourage and promote comradeship through sporting and social activities in sub-branches.

Please pay your 1969 subscription ($5) now—it became due on January 1. Make payment either to your sub-branch secretary or at Anzac House, Perth.

Your badge deserves a financial clip. The League needs your membership.

If you don't need the League yourself at the moment, one of your old service mates does.

The League is only as strong as its membership.

DON'T—
- Wear a badge with no financial clip.
- Wear a badge with a clip years old.

DO—
- Wear your badge with pride.

I enclose $3, my subscription to... 31/12/69

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Tribute To “Pottsy”

On April 12, at Kojoyup, a simple memorial to a highly respected citizen, soldier and League member is to be unveiled by his Excellency the Governor, Major-General Sir Douglas Kendrew.

The memorial will take the form of a framed photograph supplemented by framed miniatures of his medals and copies of citations.

This well-deserved tribute is being sponsored by the Kojoyup Shire Council in co-operation with the local sub-branch of the R.S.L. to commemorate the late Brigadier-General Pottsy, O.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., who settled at Kojoyup and carried out a gallant battle for his property in the bush country following the Great War.

Regrettably, on the night of 12th April 1969, one of the most respected and loved members of the district passed away after a short illness. His death is a great loss to the community and the State.

The late Mrs. Pottsy was a dear friend to all who knew her, and her passing has left a void in the hearts of those who valued her presence.

Vocational Training For National Servicemen

Repatriation Minister McColl is advising National Service trainees to make the best of their opportunity for vocational training on completion of their two-year period of service.

Vocational training after discharge is available for National Servicemen where it is necessary or desirable for their effective re-settlement. But except in special circumstances the training must be applied for within six months of discharge.

Senator Mc Laughlin has explained while National Servicemen have had their right to re-instatement protected by law, many do need post-discharge training to enable them to be satisfactorily resettled. 

Training at approved training institutions will be financially assisted, but not necessarily provided to cover full-time courses of 12 months and part-time or correspondence courses of up to two years.

Some of the advantages offered are:

- All compulsory fees associated with the courses of training will be met by the Commonwealth.
- Financial assistance will be provided for text books, equipment and fares.
- Trainees will be paid a living allowance equivalent to the Federal minimum wage.
- In appropriate cases additional allowances will be paid to those required to live away from home.

Further information is available at the offices of the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation in the capital city of each State.
Good Cheer From W.A. For U.K. Veterans

The following description of the 1968 Christmas Cake ceremony for the war veterans at London's Royal Chelsea Hospital, was given by the hospital governor, Lieut.Gen. Sir Frank Simpson, to R.S.L. State President Pearson.

[Responsibility for all arrangements for this annual function, including the making of the cake, devolves upon each State branch of the League in turn. This time W.A. did the honours.]

On behalf of us all at the Royal Hospital I thank you, and through you the members of the R.S.L., very much indeed for the Christmas cake.

The presentation was made on December 19 by the Hon. G. N. Wild, Agent-General in London for Western Australia.

It was a very happy morning all. The pensioners were assembled in the Great Hall, while the Lieutenant-Governor and myself, and the members of our respective families, were there to meet the British servicemen. We then walked in procession to the Great Hall where we were received with a fanfare of trumpets followed by the National Anthem.

Mr Wild made a felicitous and excellent speech in presenting the cake. In response I asked him to thank you all for the present and to refer to the long comradship-in-arms of Australian and British servicemen.

To those of us here, like most of the pensioners and myself, who served in both world wars and in one or two minor wars since, that comradship is a very real memory.

I was glad to see there was a gallant Australian officer among the British evacuation at Crete and also that there are those on that island still with the British evacuation. The Lieutenant-Governor then proposed the toast of the League and the band of the Welsh Guards played some happy old tunes while Australian visitors kissed the pensioners.

The cake itself was magnificent and the pensioners would agree that it also tasted very well. Altogether we had a very happy morning and it made a very good start to our Christmas festivities.

On behalf of everyone here I thank you most warmly for your kind gift and send you our warmest wishes for 1969.

REPLACING LOST MEDALS

The Prime Minister, Mr. Gorton, has approved free replacement of campaign medals and Returned from Active Service badges lost or destroyed in the Tasmanian bushfires of 1967 and has also liberalised the general policy of replacement.

A result of this change in approved policy is that subject to satisfactory evidence of loss the following medals and badges will be replaced with the original recipient.

This allows the ex-service men who earned them—or the widow or other next-of-kin where the issue was not made until after his death—to be eligible.

This means that the following will be returned to active service badge and W.I.D. and Miners medals and badges will be replaced with the original recipient.

1. Decorations and medals.
2. War badges, including the Returned from Active Service Badge.
3. The Anzac Commemorative Medallion and case, and the lapel badge where appropriate.
4. Foreign awards adopted for issue by the Australian Government for the Vietnamese Campaign Medal.
5. Free replacement does not apply to decorations and medals which have been issued and subsequently bequeathed to another person, or sold.
6. It will still be necessary for applicants for replacement to complete the customary, statutory declaration, but the forwarding of any money to pay for replacement is now no longer necessary.

MISS WORLD’S DAD HOLDS DECORATION

The N.S.W. State Council resolved recently to send a special letter of congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Plummer, of Smithtown near Kempsey, N.S.W.

The subject of the citations was their daughter Penny's win in the "Miss World" competition.

Moving that the message be sent to Mr. C. J. Hines said Penny was the daughter of Capt. Bob Plummer, A.I.F., who won the Military Cross at Bougainville.

Mr. Hines said it was very good to know that the daughter of an ex-service man had won such a highly competitive contest.

Bob Plummer has been described as a very good returned soldier with an interest in R.S.L. affairs. Since her win, Penny has been joined by her mother who is a special guest to London to be with her daughter.

Hearing-Aid Batteries Posted If The User Wishes

To a League request for hearing-aids to be posted direct by the Commonwealth Acoustics Laboratory to users the chairman of the Repatriation Commission has replied as follows:

The Director-General of Health has now advised me that his department would have no objections to forwarding hearing-aid batteries by mail to unfit and disabled ex-service men.

He has suggested, however, that batteries be forwarded by post only to persons who request this service, and he has pointed out that the attendance of hearing-aid users at a branch of the Commonwealth Acoustics Laboratory to receive replacement batteries allows on-the-spot maintenance to be given on aids which are not functioning correctly.

Apparantly poor hearing, when performance is often attributed to battery deficiency whereas technical checks often disclose other causes which require the instrument to be repaired or adjusted.

This department has no objection to hearing-aid batteries being forwarded by mail, and I have been advised that the Director-General of Health to arrange this service for Repatriation patients who request supply in this manner.

Visited the Anzac Club Lately?
Army Life - Then And Now

An interesting comparison emerges from perusal of two recent publications. "Rank and File," by T. H. McGuffie, deals with the lot of the common soldier between 1642 and 1914. In strong contrast is a booklet by Alan Hulls, ex-A.I.F. and war correspondent, called "The New Way of Life" in which he takes a look at today's army.

Says McGuffie: CB isn't the nicest way to spend a few days, but how about this, written by Alexander Alexander about his experiences, 1901:

"This threat of flogging was no idle matter in our eyes; there being scarce a day in which we did not see one or more of the soldiers get from 300 to 700 lashes. We never could see any crime these poor fellows had committed to merit such cruelty."

"We heard their crimes told to us, indeed, as we were all forced to present, such as unsoldier-like conduct. This was a common crime, laid to our charge at drill every day, a hundred times—fornication to bombardier, ABC or Lance-corporal 'D' on duty.'"

And a prescription of flogging and punishment in Dehoney for an Italian in the French Foreign Legion who struck a sergeant:

"He was stripped naked, his hands were pinned behind his back, and his ankles were tied together. Then his ankles were lashed to his wrists and he was thronged on the ground looking very much like a trussed fowl.

"The agony incidental to this constrained position must have been almost beyond human endurance after a time; but in this poor man's case the punishment was intensified by the fact that in no long time after he was tied up his body was literally covered with a swarm of black ants."

"He was released after about three hours."

A sergeant of the 43rd Infantry wrote of the troubles of a raw recruit, 1866:

"The sleeping room of which I was an inhabitant was an oblong building of unusually large dimensions and was occupied by three companies of a hundred men each."

"Most of these, and that was the only point of general resemblance, had indulged in excessive drinking. Some were uproariously merry, or others the effect was directly the reverse, nothing less than a fright, it mattered not with whom, would satisfy."

"Meantime, as they were unable to abuse each other in a language mutually intelligible, exclamations of profound jocularity or absurdly rancorous ran through the building."

"...I thought Hell from beneath was moved to engulf us all."

Then we turn to the modern soldier's life:

"The soldiers' accommodation at Holsworthy consists of two-storey brick buildings similar in construction and appearance to many hotels, and certainly vastly removed from the draughty communal huts and straw pallets.

"Privates are housed four to a large, airy and screened room and each has his own built-in wardrobe.

"There is ample room for a TV set if the roommates want private viewing without going to the club.

"Rank naturally has its privileges and corporals and lieutenants two to a room while each sergeant has his own quarters.

"The soldiers' accommodation blocks contain washing machines, drying and ironing rooms, hot and cold showers and storage space for trunks and clothes."

"These blocks are set in spacious gardens where beautification is being carried out with lawns and trees-planted."

"One of the most important things in any soldier's life is food and it is tradition for him to grip about anything that is put before him, and he still does to a certain degree but it can only be because he believes it is expected of him."

"The standard and choice of food in Army messes today brings a hollow laugh to World war veterans who see it—and perhaps eat it."

"What would you like to follow your breakfast with? Carrots? Cabbage? Or cakes?" He was asked recently."

"Standard"

"This... sets the day's dietary standard, a standard continued through other meals except when the choice gets longer.

"For lunch comes soup, bread, two hot dishes or a sandwich, two sweets and fruit."

"And if we can make our choice for dinner, we'll just select cream of mushroom soup, pot roast, creamed potatoes, buttered peas, cauliflower, baked beans, cream and black coffee."

"A hard decision to make, as the grilled fillets of fish with tartare sauce sound good."

"And, by the way, what has happened to the powdered eggs of the World War?"

"Except for the basic training period the soldier does not suffer in this respect."

Some Chores

"There are still some overtime chores such as guards, guards, etc., to be done but as one of the soldiers put it, you've got to be a bit stiff to cop duty more than about twice a month."

"When not required for duty the soldier is completely free, from the time the day's work ends at 4:30 to 5 p.m. and his only obligation is to report on time for work next day."

"There is no applying for leave, leave passes or leave parades as in other days; the soldier can immediately don civilian clothes and be a civilian in every sense. The same applies to weekends."

"So, if he wishes, the soldier can have finished his work and be on his way home just about the time his civilian counterpart is leaving for work."

"If the soldier does not want to leave camp he has plenty of recreational and leisure facilities laid on. In fact, he's got an advantage over the civilian."

"He finishes early enough to get some sport before the evening meal, if he wishes, and all the facilities are available."

"He has an ASCO soldiers' club something like a city block away—a club room, entertainment, sense of the word, bar, dry cleaner, lounges, recreation rooms, etc."

"He can then go to the movies or participate in one of the many organized group activities."

"The Army's pay and personnel structure is closely integrated with its educational courses and its own schools, in which specialists training in military and trade skills."

Education

"The education side is handled by the Royal Australian Engineers and the Educational Corps (R.A.E.C.) which is made up almost entirely of civilian teachers."

"Any soldier may undergo tuition, without cost, to raise his educational standing and thus make himself eligible for promotion."

"An increasing number are taking advantage of the R.A.E.C. matriculation standard."

"We have almost reached the stage envisaged in the old army days:"

"Oh my word it's a lovely day."

"Who wouldn't be a soldier, eh?"

"And not ashamed to take the pay."

"As soon as reveille is heard, we feel just as heavy as lead."

"But we never get out until it's wet."

"Brings our breakfast up to bed."

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Distinguished Visitor Is Son Of Former Premier

Late in January the R.S.L. State Branch Headquartes, required by

ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Applicants to state age and experience, sending copies of references to the R.S.L. State Secretary, G.P.O. Box C128, Perth 6001.

Work Planned At Memorial

A programme of maintenance work on the State War Memorial has been decided on as a result of a generous grant from the Perth City Council.

One of the main items envisaged is the installation of a more effective flood-lighting system to ensure the memorial's prominence as a significant and revered landmark.

The proposal has been "on the boards" for a long time following recommendations from ex-wardens Mr. Charles Bunting, Air Vice-Marshal L. M. Corbet, the Hon. L. C. Diver, and current warden Brigadier G. F. Hunt, with support from the Highgate and Public Service sub-branches as sub-wardens operating over that period, but was deferred owing to lack of finance.

It is hoped that a meeting of representatives of the home's original intake of 30 veterans eight years ago will be held in the near future to finalise details.
Task Force In Vietnam

The Task Force continued aggressive operations throughout its area of responsibility in Phuoc Tuy province.

The main activity was in continuing operations at Tan Thanh II in the north-west border zone of the province.

The combined operation included elements of Australian, New Zealand, U.S., South Vietnamese and Thai forces in a large reconnaissance-in-force through a Viet Cong stronghold.

The aim was to break up any enemy concentrations against possible attacks on Saigon, and to destroy enemy assets in the area.

Although a cease-fire had been agreed to from 6 p.m. on December 24 to 6 p.m. on December 25, friendly forces remained in the field. Christmas Day, therefore, took a variety of forms for Task Force troops.

Many of those remaining at Nui Dat base celebrated Christmas on December 24, so that they could work on Christmas Day providing some measures of comfort to soldiers in the field.

Royal Australian Air Force helicopters carried hotbox meals for Christmas fare to some units, while others settled for cold collations.

Air Minister Gordon Freeth spent Christmas Day with soldiers in the field.

He flew by R.A.A.F. helicopter accompanied by the Australian Air Force command, Major-General A. L. McDonald, and the commander of 1st Australian Task Force, Brigadier G. M. Pearson, to each of the fire-support bases and to some rifle companies to speak with soldiers while they had time.

The Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas D'Albert, was in Vietnam from December 15 to 21.

He visited Danang, the Task Force base at Nui Dat, and spoke to troops in the field.

CIVIL AFFAIRS

The main civil activity for the month was the handing over of the Vietnamese Government's recently completed village market in local Ngai Giao and a hamlet water supply and a miliary Pa Ta Ve.

The market place, built at a cost of $9,000 by local contractors, fulfills an urgent requirement in the planned trading facility in this village of 2,500 inhabitants.

Previously they did their trading at open stalls on the roadside.

Ngai Giao is about seven miles from Nui Dat.

Construction of two new school classroom projects began during the month.

A five-classroom block is being built at Phuoc Hai primary school in Da Don district by local contractors. It will cost $8,500.

The second project is a block of three classrooms in An Ngai village in the Long Dien district.

REPLACEMENT

These classrooms, together with six recently built by the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and a reconstructed primary school which was destroyed during heavy fighting in the February Tet offensive last year, have been completed.

Since then children have had to travel to Long Dien where classes were restricted to mornings for primary and afternoons for An Ngai pupils.

The cost of this project is being met by cash raised by the Sydney Universities' Appeal.

It is hoped to open the school shortly.

Television station TVW1 in Perth donated, for the third successive year, nearly 1,500 parcels for distribution to West Australian servicemen in S.E. Asia.

The parcels were distributed in December.

The Australian Forces Overseas Fund has also distributed 10,000 parcels to all Australian servicemen in South Vietnam.

Miss Judith Durham has donated 20 copies of her new record album to Headquarters, Australian Forces, Vietnam.

During December 342 members returned to Australia for R and R leave.

AUSTRALIAN FORCES OVERSEAS FUND

FUND RAISING MUST GO ON

To keep the Australian Forces Overseas Fund functioning and ensure a steady inflow of donations to meet the many commitments for 1969, additional efforts will have to be made.

The fund, now well established throughout Australia, still requires support from the general public, firms, the State and Federal Governments and regional committees.

Benefits being conferred under the fund include:

Christmas Parcels

More than 10,000 Christmas Parcels have been contributed to the troops in Vietnam over the Christmas period.

The parcels contained all the essentials a soldier needs in Vietnam, and the troops have already begun to forward thanks for the Christmas thought.

Easter Parcels

Plans are now being made for sending Easter parcels, to more than 10,000 troops in Vietnam.

Easter parcels will contain similar articles (with a few exceptions) to those sent at Christmas.

An artist is skilled in making these parcels is required, and all donations—from the public or firms—will be greatly appreciated.

Entertainment

The Christmas and New Year concert party sent to Vietnam was sponsored by the Army and left Sydney on December 16.

It gave performances at Saigon, Nui Dat, Phan Rang, Vinh Tau and also some American bases.

It was led by comedian Johnny Holmes and included Sean Cup, Bobo, Tony Faller and Beverley Hay, of Melbourne, and the balance of the party from Sydney which included Lyn Young (vocalist), Ted Presto (organist), Gail Squires (vocalist), Dave Davis (drummer), of Sydney.

The Army commanding officer was Major John Stone, of Melbourne.

Plans have been made for 1969 to send A.F.O.F. concert parties in March—April (financed by Western Australia, May—June (Tasmania), July (Queensland), and October (Victoria).

General Approval was granted at the November meeting of the national council for A.F.O.F. to go ahead with the setting up of a radio station at Vung Tau.

The Australian Federation of Commercial Broadcasters has offered free equipment to set up the radio station for the benefit of the troops.

Although there are technical difficulties the Army, with the assistance of technical staff, will co-operate.

The Army will also locate some men to assist with the running of the station.

Vietnam Concert Party

Plans are well advanced for the formation of a top group of artists to entertain service men in Vietnam during the period March 25 to April 8.

Sponsored by the W.A. branch of the A.F.O.F., the party is the second to visit the area since the local fund was established in February 1968.

Auditions have been in progress for several weeks and Messrs. John Balfe, Don O'Sullivan and Howie Sangster have devoted considerable time and energy, on a purely voluntary basis, to ensuring that only a high standard of performers would be recruited.

The selected artists will give their services voluntarily, but all travel and accommodation expenses will be borne by the fund.

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Festive Season Feature

Cares of the moment were cast aside for the R.S.L. Christmas party at Anzac House on December 13. Old friendships were soon resumed and old events recalled.

A few of the friendly encounters are pictured here:

TOP (from left): His Excellency the Governor, Sir Douglas Kendrew, Mr R. Ince and the State President, Mr P. Pearson.

CENTRE (from left): The Lord Mayor of Perth, Mr T. E. Wardle, State Secretary Bill Webb and Mr C. Briggs (Bindoon).

BELOW (from left): Group Captain J. E. McLean (Victoria), Mr G. K. Baron-Hay (Netherlands), the President of the Legislative Council the Hon. L. C. Diver, and Mr F. Gomm (Albany).
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Busy Year’s End For Boulder Members

The closing days of 1968 held much of interest for the Boulder sub-branch, including a cheque from the women's auxiliary for $250—presented by Mrs O'Grady (auxiliary president).

This donation has been made for many years, and when it is realised that the auxiliary's main source of income is its weekly card afternoons, it gains an added value.

From the local ex-service women's association came a donation of $100 for the Vietnam parcel fund.

There are now 24 names on the sub-branch service roll, and most of those named are still in Vietnam, so the ex-service women's donation provides for a little bit extra to go into the Christmas parcels that the boys so well deserve.

Sub-branch thanks go to the ladies.

A new undertaking organised by president Tom Castleshaw was an official visit to the Coolgardie hospital.

In conjunction with the Coolgardie sub-branch Boulder members always visit the Coolgardie hospitals on Christmas morning. Although Coolgardie is only 25 miles away, it has been overlooked until this year.

Several things have been learnt from that visit. One is that those elderly chaps in the hospital are very much isolated and rarely see a visitor, and another that many of them are old Diggers and pioneers of the Goldfields.

They had much to say and all of it was interesting. Coolgardie must not be overlooked again.

The Christmas meeting was well attended and among those present were two visitors from Queensland, who were made very welcome. Mrs Castleshaw, wife of President Tom and herself president of the ex-service women, served a tasty supper and then, knowing old soldiers so well, left easily to allow for the telling of yarns for "bucks only".

Thank you, Mrs Castleshaw!

The new sub-branch secretary, Mr Frank David, son, is doing a splendid job. Bringing with him the vigour of a second war Digger, the impact of his conduct on branch affairs has already been felt.

So ended 1968—a good year for the Boulder sub-branch.

It is hoped that 1969 will be even better.

Salvation Army To Build A Memorial Church In Canberra

A Salvation Army plan to build a war memorial church and amenities centre in Canberra has been announced by the director of the project, Major Andrew MacDonald.

The estimated cost of the project is $200,000. The centre, said Major MacDonald, had been designed to serve not only district requirements but also to ensure that the city was equipped to service the growing needs of the half-million visitors who come to Canberra each year, many of whom, through no fault of their own, found it necessary to seek assistance.

"We feel from experience," he said, "that there is a real need in the capital for such a centre and if the wonderful support we have already received for this project is any indication we are certainly not alone in our thoughts. It does not seem to be in distress in one's own home town, but when adversity strikes in a strange city the problems are tenfold.

"This is felt more so in Canberra because it is a new city with a small population, a very high growth-rate and immigration from all States and a vast moving population."

"Added to this situation is the fact that Canberra has now become a most important hospital centre. And of course, illness and accidents bring their own special problems."

"It is our object to ensure that the Salvation Army can serve as well in the capital as it can in any other city, town or hamlet in Australia."

"Some of our local problems may be greater than in other areas but we know that they will be overcome. Indeed many of our major problems in respect of the new project have already been overcome."

"We are delighted," said Major MacDonald, "that once our plans were known such strong support was made available to us. This has enabled them to be brought forward by over a year."

"Also it has encouraged us to combine our three-stage plan into one major operation. We are indeed indebted to our many friends and are confident of quickly being in a position to play a greater role of helpfulness in the community."

"Now we look forward to the support that will bring men, machines and materials together on the site for the good and the welfare of those in need of our help."

Donations may be sent to the Secretary, Salvation Army, P.O. Box 435, Canberra City, A.C.T. 2601.

New Life For Young Vietnamese

Trooper Colin Cook of Bentley, W.A., outs a small boy with a new shirt at a distribution of clothing collected in Australia for Operation New Life for the people of Phooc Tuy Province, South Vietnam. A member of 1st Australian Civil Affairs Unit, Trooper Cook was one of a group issuing clothing and food at Ap Don village near 1st Australian Task Force base at Nui Dat. Operation New Life is sponsored by the E.S.L.
REPATRIATION REPORT

More (And Dearer) Medical Treatment

Heavy demands on the Repatriation Department’s medical-treatment services, along with other factors, has led to an increase in departmental expenditure.

This was shown in the annual report of the Repatriation Commission for 1967-68, tabulated recently in Parliament by the Minister for Repatriation, Senator McKellar.

The report shows that increasing medical-treatment needs of the aging repatriation population have caused an increase in both in and out-patient treatment during the year under review.

The greater volume of treatment, coupled with developments in medical standards and higher cost levels, brought about an increase of $3,748,021 to $39,643,119 in treatment expenditure.

Attendances for various forms of medical and para-medical out-patient treatment increased markedly during the year, totalling 611,772.

The report said this trend indicated the continuing emphasis placed on out-patient treatment.

FEWER PENSIONS

There was a further small decline in the total number of pensions in force during the year, attributable mainly to the number of children of incapacitated ex-servicemen turning 16 and thus losing their pension eligibility.

The number of pensions on June 30 last year was 616,464 compared with 631,359 about 12 months earlier.

The report shows continuing progress in modernising the department’s hospitals and institutions.

Total expenditure during the year on departmental medical and hospital treatment increased from $265,676 million to $276 million, while staff totalled 9,852 as compared with 9,927 at the close of last year.

Sub-branches Asked To Assist Turks

National Executive is calling on sub-branches throughout Australia to render whatever assistance they can to migrants from Turkey.

It is taking this action in pursuance of an undertaking to support the migration arrangements between Australia and Turkey.

The following statement on the agreement has been received from the Department of Immigration:

The migration agreement between Australia and Turkey introduces a new phase in the migration of Turks to Australia. As well as increasing the annual number of Turkish migrants, the agreement will mean the introduction of Turkish ethnic groups not already presented in Australia.

For the past few years there have been appreciable numbers of Turks working in European countries under the "guest worker" scheme. These have met the standards required of them and have cooperated quite favourably with other workers.

They have adjusted satisfactorily in all other respects. There is no reason to doubt that they will settle equally successfully in Australia.

Nevertheless Turkish nationals comprise people from widely diverse cultural, economic and religious backgrounds, and therefore special measures will need to be introduced to reduce, as far as possible, the peculiar difficulties which Turkish migrants may encounter.

CO-OPERATION

There is no doubt that any problems which may present themselves can be solved successfully, but we may depend upon the co-operation of employers, trade unions and the numerous other community organisations such as the Returned Services League.

Group accommodation in Commonwealth hostels is provided until such time as the new settlers move into private accommodation.

Eventually it is expected that those already settled here will sponsor friends and relatives and provide private accommodation for them upon arrival—the pattern now familiar with all other nationalities.

EMPLOYMENT

Employment assistance will be offered to them by the Commonwealth Employment Service.

Although no problems are anticipated in this regard it is hoped that individual employers will cooperate in this very important aspect of integration.

Information concerning the arrival and location of these migrants can be obtained from the Commonwealth Director of Migration in each capital city.

Senate Agrees To Repat. Inquiry

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It was an addendum to the motion of adoption and read as follows: "But the Senate is of the opinion that a Select Committee of the Senate should be appointed to examine and report upon the adequacy of the rates of allowances proposed, and other aspects of repatriation affected by the bill, and to consider whether the amendments to be made by the bill to the Repatriation Act are sufficient."

For the last two years the R.S.L. has been urging establishment firstly of an all-party committee on repatriation and more recently of a select committee of non-parliamentarians to inquire into all aspects of repatriation, including pension rates, hospitalisation and other benefits.

It was hoped that this would also include the method by which pensions are periodically increased.

In the particular item the R.S.L. has frequently criticised the ad hoc methods of pension review which occur in the annual Commonwealth budget.

The R.S.L. National Secretary, Mr. A. G. W. Keys, said that a substantial measure of progress had been made in having this all-important League proposal now accepted by the Senate.
Aussies In Vietnam

Australia's strengthening hand in the Vietnam conflict over the past six years was recently reviewed by Army Minister Lyn. Among his points were:

From an original team of 30 Army officer and warrant officer advisers deployed for duty in Vietnam in June, 1962, Australia's commitment in fighting enemy (North Vietnamese Army and Air) was now measured in substantial thousands. The first of the combat services to enter the fray in the Vietnam scene was the R.A.A.F.—in August 1965. Next came the Army formations, led by the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, which took up position in May and June of 1965. The R.A.N. first began to assert its presence in February 1967, through a team of divers attached to the U.S. Navy and a month later, H.M.A.S. Hobart arrived to play various roles in the conflict. Strikkes from all three services, comparatively small in their beginnings, grew to formidable strength as the strength of each of the forces was increased, until the combined total of personnel numbered over 8,000.

To Be—Or Not To Be?

The choice—now, in advance of science, is whomever do you keep alive and why, and this is a choice you should not leave to the doctors. By contrivance of the doctors, may they be kept alive till a hundred and twenty, but I'd just be a gibbering piece of nonsense.

I'm prepared to say that everyone being alive, of sufficient faculties should be able to say the conditions under which he will not be kept artificially alive, because by the time it comes to the experiment he's no longer in full possession of his faculties.

Lord Ritchie Calder, speaking on the dangers of modern science, in a B.B.C. World Service programme.

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Women's Auxiliary Notes

OFFICIAL VISITS

The following official visits have been made by State Executive officers and members:

October 21: State officers attended a Council House reception tendered to the Australian Housewives Association.

The State President, Mrs Ames, attended the opening of the national conference of that organisation.

November 6: The State Secretary, Mrs Phelps, and Mrs Kemp, attended on the service of induction of the Reverend Mr Hazelwood as Dean of Perth.

November 8: Mesdames Ames, Phelps, Guinan and Sullivan attended the Miss Crowning Glory judging.

November 10: State Executive Officer's tea.

November 11: Mesdames Ames and Phelps attended an 11 a.m. service at State War Memorial.

At 3 p.m. both ladies, with Mesdames Holder, and Stockman, attended the opening of the new medical centre at the War Veterans Home.

At 7 p.m. Messrs present when Mrs Ames switched on the bowling green lights.

November 18: Mrs Ames attended the War Widows Guild party.

November 28: Mesdames Ames, Phelps and Tonovich attended the Hamilton Hill auxiliary birthday party.

December 2: Mesdames Ames, Phelps and Sullivan attended a gathering at the Cottesloe Memorial Hall.

December 6: Mesdames Ames and Phelps attended the Returned Sister's Christmas party.

December 7: Mesdames Ames and Phelps attended the Leederville-Wembley Christmas party.

December 9: Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Phelps attended the War Widows Guild party.

December 13: Executive members attended the Executive Officers meeting.

December 18: Executive members attended the Christmas tea at the War Memorial.

All executive members packed and delivered Christmas Cheer parcels to all the large hospitals and many C-class hospitals.

AWARDS

Life memberships have been awarded to the following:

Mesdames A. Brown (Cottesloe), A. Gardiner (Bassendean), R. Clues (Victoria Park), J. Thomas (Cottesloe), M. Randall (York), D. Knight (Harvey) and L. Rowe (West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park).

Certificates of Service were presented to Mesdames P. Minchin (Brunswick Junction), J. Moore (Brunswick Junction), M. Cribb (Rocky Gully), K. Evans (Rocky Gully), J. B. Price (Carlisle), B. Everist (Scarborough), S. Sargent (Darling Range), J. Hess (Jandakot), D. Felton (Sablaco), M. Dyson (Sablaco), M. Munroe (Waroona-Hamelin) and B. Heath (Geraldton).

DONATIONS

(Since November 1968)

Christmas Cheer
Naremburn $15, Mt Barker $50, Brunswick Junction $50, Medina $50, Belmont $50, Harvey $50, Cowaramup $40, Kalgoorlie $40, Mundaring $20, Hanover $20, West Leederville $10, Bruce Rock $150, Quairading $50, Scarborough $50, Kanning $50, Northbridge $50, Collie-Cartel $10, Buselton $10, Northampton $40, Narrogin $40, Kalgoorlie $80, City of Perth $50, Morley $60, Bellevue $30, Bullbrook $30, Brookton $30, Wanneroo $15, Gosnells $10, Fremantle $4, Dunsborough $10, Swanbourne $10, Coolgardie $20, Pingrup $4, Moora Park $5, Bridgeport $15, Waroona $50, Beverley $10, Carnamah $10, Mt Gully $5, Pingelly $10. TOTAL $1,256.

Hospital Visiting:
Kojonup $100, Narembeen $20, Blackboy Hill $10, Bunbury-Junction $10, Belmont $10, Kalgoorlie $30, Mount Hawthorn $10, Mandurah $20, Narrenginy $10, Busselton $30, Bremer $30, South Bunbury $5, Coolgardie $20, Collie-Cartel $10, Narrogin $40, Geraldton $150, City of Perth $90, Beverley $100, Wanneroo $10, Wanneroo $10, Lake Grace $15, Waroona $50, Beverley $10, Carnamah $10, Mt Gully $5. TOTAL $1,043.

Earthquake:
Fremantle $10, Sablaco $20, Mt. Hawthorn $20, City of Perth $100, Belvedere $10, Narrogin $40, Geraldton $150, City of Perth $90, Beverley $100, Wanneroo $10, Wanneroo $10, Lake Grace $15, Waroona $50, Beverley $10, Carnamah $10, Mt. Gully $5. TOTAL $958.85.

War Widows
Geraldton $50, City of Perth $10, TOTAL $110. TOTAL all donations, $7,767.85.
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

FEDERATED T.B. SAILORS, SOLDIERS & AIR- MEN'S ASSOCIATION (W.A. BRANCH) - 2nd Floor, Wellington Building, 198 Stirling Street, Perth, Second Monday, President, James Symes, Secretary, Mr. G. F. Enfield.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION - House basement, third Monday at 2 p.m. President, A. G. G. Glanfield, 260 Beaufort Street, East Fremantle (682496).

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION OF W.A. - Meetings third Monday at 7 p.m. President, H. R. McKenzie, 371 Beaumont Street, Nedlands (861270), Secretary, W. J. Thorne, 401 Canning Street, East Fremantle (682236).

4TH BATTALION (1ST ORANGE) A.C.L.F. - Meets fourth Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. President, W. C. Brown, 127 Northcote Street, Perth (687040), Secretary, J. O. Young, 28 O'Keeffe Street, East Fremantle (392934).

1/6th BATTALION ASSOCIATION - President, A. C. Price, 90 Smyth-road, Nedlands 6009 (861290), Secretary, L. Anderson, 11 Kilchren Street, Guildford (81971) and Treasurer, J. Faulkner, 36 Lockhart-street, Como.

1ST FIGHTER COMMAND ASSOCIATION - Meets third Monday (or nearest Tuesday if called). President, W. O. Rowan, 131 Clifton-cres, Nedlands, Secretary, I. R. Aldred, 455 Beaufort Street, East Fremantle (682927).

1ST BATTALION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY - President, Mrs. Oxenham, 86 Monash Av., Como. Secretary, Mrs. F. T. James, 28 O'Keefe Street, East Fremantle (692937).

2/26 BATTALION ASSOCIATION - Meets 2nd Tuesday in month in House of Commons, Parliament House, Queen's Gardens. President, T. Jackson, 35 Clarence-street, Tuart Hill. Secretary, J. P. Finland, 6/26 Anzac House, 30 St. George's terrace, Perth. An annual reunion Show Weekend.

2/28 BATTALION 24TH ANTI-TANK COY ASSOCIATION - Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. President, T. J. Cantwell, State School, Alkemdale Wonthella, via Geraldton, Secretary, J. Cowlin, 17 Elizabeth-street, Bayswater (711749). Annual Reunion Show Weekend.

W.A. EX-P.O.W. ASSOCIATION - 3rd Floor, Boans Building, 153-157 Stirling Street, Perth. President, J. Burton, 60 Browne avenue, Dalkeith. Secretary, Mr. J. W. L. E. Brown, 131 Cottesloe, Perth (682547), G.P.O., Perth.

BRIGADE OF GUARDS ASSOCIATION INC. - Meets third Friday each month in the basement, Anzac House, Perth, at 8 p.m. President, W. Lindsay (675080). Hon. Secretary, R. Burton, 261745, G.P.O., Perth (60001).

11TH 2/11TH BNS. ASSOCIATION - President, E. MacLeod, 26 Northcote Road, Applecross (610535). Hon. Secretary, Des. Beardon, 20 Maypole Street, Mt. Lawley (711110). Committee meets fourth Tuesday each month.

44TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION - Meets first Friday each month in the basement, Anzac House, President, W. B. Tozer, 261624 Secretary, Laurie E. Porteous (J.P.), 14 Radnor Street, Bentley.

44TH BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION - Meets last Friday each month at 8 p.m. President, J. D. Johnson, 31 Albion-street, Cottesloe, Secretary, H. S. Browne, 123 Second-avenue, Mt. Lawley (711656).

44TH BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION - Meets 4th Friday in January, April, July and October at Anzac House, President, S. M. Smith, Secretary, G. R. Aldred, 455 Beaufort Street, East Fremantle.


2/4TH M.G. BATTALION A.I.P. ASSOCIATION - President, E. F. Stembe, 31 Homer Road, East Fremantle (871854). Secretary, P. Tomkins, 2 Deviing-place, 131 Ellesmere Road, Anzac House, President, W. H. Grant, 20 Tari Street, Como (60 4471). Secretary, A. R. McDonald, 17 Cawthorne Crescent, Manning (60 4222).

2/32ND BATTALION (1ST A.F.L.) ASSOCIATION - President, J. Shaw, 64 Cliveden-street, North Perth (24 4118). Secretary, C. L. Shaw, 64 Cliveden-street, Mt. Lawley (71 3311). Committee meetings as called. Annual reunion second Saturday of each month.

RATES OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION (W.A.) - President, J. J. McAuliffe, 200 Bridge Road, Albany (71 3308). Secretary, J. J. Cull, 204 Bridge Road, Albany (71 3308).


GALLIPOLI LEGION OF ANZACS - Meets in basement, Anzac House, as notified. President, I. T. Birriwistle, 219 Bannister Road, Rockingham (76331), Secretary, G. D. Shaw, 664 Epping Avenue, Belmont (65 2342).

32ND BATTALION (1ST A.I.P.) ASSOCIATION - President, S. R. McKenna, 64 Cliveden-street, North Perth (24 4118). Secretary, C. L. Shaw, 64 Cliveden-street, Mt. Lawley (71 3311). Committee meetings as called. Annual reunion second Saturday of each month.

BAINBRIDGE LIONS ASSOCIATION - President, P. D. Bone, 407Gore-street, Mount Lawley (71 3311). Committee meetings are held the first Monday of each month except January.

KOREA & SOUTHEAST ASIA FORCES ASSOCIATION (W.A. Branch) - Membership second Monday each month in Anzac House basement, 8 p.m. President, V. F. Bailey, 277 Bell-avenue, Melville (50 1669), Secretary, R. McClymas, 26 Elizabeth Street, Mt. Lawley (28 4149).

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Geraldton Keeps Its President

Geraldton sub-branch president John Spendlove was re-elected for his fourth term of office at the annual general meeting. His opponent for the position, Mr Jim Buckle, was elected senior vice-president.

Others re-elected included: junior vice-president, Mr Dick Firmin; secretary, Mr Fred Batchelor; treasurer, Mr Bill Kynaston; repatriation officer, Mr Arthur Milford; hospital visitors, Messrs. Glenn Burns and Arthur Walker.

The Town Clerk, Mr John Cameron, occupied the chair for the election of officers.

Mr Spendlove said in his presidential report that the Collett Cup, won for the eighth occasion in 11 years as president of the Outstanding Country Sub-branch, should encourage members to strive to maintain the highest standard of past years.

He said the fund to maintain the regional War Veterans' Home at Geraldton now stood at more than $736 following donations of $200 from the sub-branch and $100 from the women's auxiliary.

Mr Spendlove suggested an early drive for $500 or $1,000 to enable young men returning from Vietnam and other battle areas.

The repatriation officer, Mr Arthur Milford, said nearly 100 percent success had been achieved with the 53 cases he had handled during 1968.

He had attended 42 funerals during the year.

The president thanked Mr Milford for his outstanding work over the years, and also Mr Dick Firmin for accompanying Mr Milford to most of the funerals.

Mr Spendlove thanked the hospital visitors, including Mrs Dunn, Mrs McIvor, Mr Glenn Burns and Mrs Arthur Walker, for their good work.

Mrs Dunn said she had visited 293 returned men and 86 other ex-service men at the regional hospital.

Mr Burns reported having visited 163 ex-service men at the St John of God Hospital.

First World War Men May Recall!

Sutton Yana is a name well known to many Australians of the first World War. It is a little village on the edge of the Salisbury Plain where, during the war, thousands of Australian troops were stationed.

During the great battles in Europe, and later returned to be treated in the military hospital which stood on the outskirts of the village.

Four Australian nurses and 140 Australian soldiers died in the hospital and were laid to rest in the Sutton Yana churchyard.

The graves are now cared for by the Imperial War Graves Commission.

Each year on the Sunday nearest to Anzac Day a service in the churchyard is attended by members of the Majesty's forces and the British Legion.

On Anzac Day a service is conducted in the churchyard and children of the village lay posies of flowers on the graves.

For many years the British Broadcasting Commission has sent live transmissions of the service to Australia and New Zealand.

The appeal is now appealing to Australians who remember the village to contribute to restoration work to the churchyard.

Donations may be sent to the R.S.L. State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth.