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1. To relieve distress and to provide international service in the Pacific and the South-East Asian areas.
2. To assist British Commonwealth ex-service men in this area who are in need of relief.
3. To provide training for young people, particularly children of ex-service men from the countries; and
4. To finance experts in foreign service in the Commonwealth.

The fund is financed by the allocation of 10 cents of each membership fee, together with such other grants and donations as may be attracted from any source having like aims and objectives.

Two important principles to which the R.S.L. is committed are:

• In any intelligent and effective scheme of national defence wise diplomacy is the most essential ingredient, and in this area of special interest to Australia it can best be interpreted in closer contacts between the people of the various countries, the development of understanding, the encouragement of mutual assistance and the pursuit of common aims and common interests.

• The practical interpretation of the League's first object is to perpetuate the close and kindly ties of friendship created by mutual service in the wars of the British Commonwealth.

Important League aims

The Returned Services League has numerous objectives (as indicated in the cartoon on Page 1) and those described below are among the most important.

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Repatriation

Repatriation and the League are of the same longevity, both owing their origin to the 1914-18 War. From 1914 until 1917, the League played a major part in activities which preceded the formation of the Repatriation Department (July 1917).

The affairs of returning men prior to 1917 were mainly controlled by the voluntary efforts of War Service Committees, the majority of whose members were recruited from the newly formed League.

Although the introduction of the Repatriation Act (September 1917) obviated to some extent the work of voluntary organisations, the League has maintained a close interest in repatriation and has remained the main champion and spokesman for ex-servicesmen and their dependants.

It is no idle boast to claim that pensions, medical treatment, right of appeal and other benefits, which have been obtained through the efforts of the League and its representatives to Government, have been the result of the League's work of obtaining and maintaining government departments for the League.

A REMINDER TO MEMBERS

R.S.L. MEMBERS. Your 1970 subscription ($3) becomes due on January 1. Payment may then be made either to your sub-branch secretary or at Anzac House, Perth.

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

DO—
• Wear your badge with pride.

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

If you yourself don't need the League at the moment, one of your old service mates does. The League is only as strong as its membership.

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The membership potential

League membership in W.A. at the close of 1969 totalled 12,354—461 less than in 1968. Loss from deaths accounted for 643 of this total and some members failed to renew their subscription.

The Membership sub-committee urges all present members of the League to do all in their power to encourage eligible persons to join the organisation and suggests that they enrol a new member each during 1970.

A conservative estimate puts potential membership in this State at 50,000 yet at present the League can only muster 15,000. Surely the discrepancy must present a challenge to every member of the greatest welfare organisation in Australia!

The task of securing new members must fall on the shoulders of each sub-branch, and they are asked to acknowledge this situation and to act accordingly.

A programme of revitalisation is a "must" if sub-branches are going to succeed in their membership campaigns.

Let us not confine our efforts to congratulating those who work tirelessly to recruit new members, but let all of us put a shoulder to the wheel and play an active part in a spirited recruiting campaign.

Take up this challenge for 1970 and let us build up our strength to an unlimited capacity so that we can withstand the effect of death and advancing age, so that in our representations to the Federal Government we are numerically strong, so that our voice is loud and so that we may carry on the work of the past in caring for needy, for our comrades, their widows and dependants, and above all enable us to provide:

1. Finance for the administration of the League in W.A.
2. The requisite strength with which to make effective representation to the Government on issues affecting ex-service personnel.
3. A strong, energetic body of men and women working in the interests of those service men and women still serving Australia abroad.

Mr Pearson seen addressing Congress

Message from the State President

We have entered a new year and a new decade in an atmosphere of change and challenge.

With the passage of time, and the memory of major wars receding further into the background of public awareness, the interests of ex-service men and women are in peril of being ignored. Membership of the League is important if we are to:

(a) Finance our welfare and other commitments, and
(b) Maintain a strength which will cause the parliamenterian to take notice of what we have to offer from time to time.

This is of particular importance as we endeavour to "get through" our message on matters relating to repatriation, defence, rehabilitation, etc.

See to it that you invite someone personally to join us this year.

At the State level we have an active committee which is putting vigour into a revival of our Civil Aid programme in Vietnam under the heading of "Operation New Life." This will only succeed with the cooperation of people of good will.

At the national level the National Executive is, at its next meeting, to look very closely at the whole repatriation set-up in the light of a report prepared by the National Secretary. The National Defence Committee will soon be making its submissions to the Minister.

More about membership and "Operation New Life" will appear in other parts of this paper which I trust you will read and having read, catch a spirit of revival which is evident in headquarters and become caught up in a forward movement which will ensure that the League remains a force in the land, serving the interests of all ex-service people of Australia in its arms of protection.

A younger breed is emerging; a Vietnam veteran is occupying the position as president of a country sub-branch; a Malaysia-Borneo veteran is now serving on the State Executive.

A suburban sub-branch with a 1969 membership of 643 and a net gain of slightly over 120 reports 90 financial members for 1970 at the turn of the year.

Your enthusiasm and your drive will ensure a continuation and an expansion of this sort of heartening situation.

It will be as every one of us exerts himself towards extending the influence of the League that we shall flourish or diminish. We cannot contemplate allowing the latter to happen.

The individual contributions of each member will add up to something meaningful and worthwhile if we all get together and stick together in our efforts in the interests of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Let us then together press on to ensuring that 1970 is a memorable year for the League in Western Australia.

(Signed) P. PEARSON.

Korea tour is being planned

The Korea and South East Asia Forces Association is planning a commemorative tour through the Orient to Korea for the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Korean War.

Any ex-service men who served in Japan, Korea or Malaysia, and their families, are invited to participate. Other ex-service men also are invited to do so.

The tour, starting from Sydney on May 31, 1970, is for 28 days.

Further information may be obtained from the State branch of the association (see notice on Page 15).

NEW BROCHURE

Informative new membership-recruiting brochures are available at Anzac House now.

High priority for care of sick

Since the return of 110,000 Great War casualties in 1915 until the present time the welfare of returned wounded and sick, irrespective of League membership, has been a task willingly undertaken by the League.

With the passing of the years age has taken its toll, necessitating admission to repatriation and other hospitals of numbers equal to, if not exceeding the initial casualties of war service.

Members of sub-branches, unit associations, the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary and members in city and rural areas have endeavoured to visit and comfort, as far as practicable, aged and sick ex-service men and women and their dependants.

To meet the increasing admissions to hospitals and institutions the League's Corps of Hospitals visited was inaugurated during 1959. Membership of the Corps visited 1,060 sick ex-service men during 1969.

Details as to the visits are made by sub-branches, the auxiliary and others are available, but would exceed in number the recorded visits of the Corps.

Regrettably the growing number of ageing veterans calls for increased assistance to ensure that none shall be overlooked or forgotten.

Metropolitan sub-branches have recently been circularised requesting additional assistance to members of Central sub-branch, or others unaware of this call, information is readily available from headquarters.

Many "have grown old" in the field would be welcomed to continue the activity of the League.
A.F.O.F. shows HIM that you care

The national chairman of the Australian Forces Overseas Fund and national president of the Returned Services League (Sir Arthur Lee, K.B.E., M.C.) and the deputy national secretary (Mr A. J. Russell) visited South Vietnam in November 1969 to open the radio station at Vung Tau.

This was the major project of the Australian Forces Overseas Fund. The radio station was officially opened by Sir Arthur and the opening was covered by all major press organisations operating in Vietnam.

The station consists of two studios, a recording room, conference room, storage space and transmitter shelter. The total cost was $13,419 and the W.A. proportion of this was $2398. It began operating for four hours daily, and this was increased to eight hours during the A.F.O.F. delegation's visit and will be further increased to 12 hours.

As part of the official opening programme, the opportunity was taken to present to Warrant Officer Simpson, V.C., D.M., of the Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam, a Life Membership badge of the R.S.L. and a League tie.

Now that the station is operating, the saving to the average soldier is some $60-$80: he can listen to Radio Australia on a 6 pocket radio, whereas before he needed an expensive set to hear the Australian broadcast.

This aspect was expressed by all as being a major contribution by A.F.O.F. to the individual, particularly the married man.

The A.F.O.F. delegation visited all areas where Australian servicemen were based, including the 1st Field Hospital which is currently a 300-bed hospital, and the major item provided by the fund is the hospital bedside audio system, consisting of 125 bedside units.

The general conclusion reached is that the amenities provided by the fund are greatly appreciated by all ranks of the Australian Force in Vietnam and this was stressed by the commander, General Hay, and in every area that the delegation visited.

There is a continuing need for A.F.O.F. support to the force, particularly for the replacement and repair of technical and water sporting equipment.

Outdoor furniture will require replacement and repair and it is essential that the Australian Forces Overseas Fund continue to provide food parcels to the force.

This item in all areas was greatly appreciated. Concert parties provided by the A.F.O.F. in conjunction with the Australian Government, is a reminder of home to the forces. This recommendation that the number of parties should not be reduced.

The next concert party to leave for Vietnam will be at Easter 1970 and this party will be raised in W.A. through the A.F.O.F. committee.

As mentioned above, the A.F.O.F. Christmas parcels are very much appreciated, and last year parcels valued at $15,319 were forwarded to Vietnam and distributed to the Australian servicemen.

The proportion paid by this State branch of the Australian division of A.F.O.F. for the parcels amounted to $1,100.

W.A. branch headquarters has received many letters of appreciation from the boys in Vietnam for the parcels. The League is very grateful to all those who have generously made donations to the fund and as long as the public continue to demonstrate their willingness to support our troops this headquarters will be very willing to receive donations.

Not forgotten: The children of the Vietnam men were entertained at a Christmas party at Karrakatta Camp on December 18.

Seen ABOVE are the chairman of A.F.O.F. in W.A., Lieutenant-General Sir Ragnar Garrett, K.B.E., C.B. (extreme right) and Mr P. Pearson, J.P., Commissioner for W.A. and State President of the Returned Services League, entertaining two of the younger members of the group. The funny man at centre is Robert Antill, of the Hole-in-the-wall Theatre, Leederville.

Below are the others of his audience.

The party was organised by Western Command and jointly financed by Western Command and the Australian Forces Overseas Fund. The fund is sponsored by the Returned Services League.
OPERATION NEW LIFE shows THEM that you care

The League's nationwide effort to collect clothing, garden tools, pots and pans and other household effects for dispatch to war-affected South Vietnamese families has been in operation since 1966 and has received much praise.

But with the continuation of the war much remains to be done. The State branch of the League has been assured by national headquarters that Operation New Life is most important and by re-establishing distressed families the League is cementing relationships with South Vietnam.

The R.S.L. in Western Australia has now formed a virile committee and March 1 has been set as the date for stepping-up the drive. All sub-branches are asked to seek out donations of the type of goods required and when advised of any goods to be collected to act speedily. This will ensure a continual flow of goods to the Department of Supply depot at Karrakatta.

The depot in turn will pack them for dispatch to Vietnam for distribution by the army Civilian Affairs unit. Some have criticised this type of aid as unnecessary but the State branch has been assured that it is most important: the commander of the Civil Action group in Vietnam has advised that the League effort is very well received and worthwhile.

The Department of the Army has also expressed this view on behalf of the Australian Government.

Approaches are being made to the Director of Education (Mr Dettman) for assistance through the cooperation of schoolchildren. It is felt that they could play a useful role in the collection of goods for the Vietnamese.

Arrangements will be made for the collection of items from the schools and their delivery to the supply depot. In April an approach will be made to the Red Cross to request children serving under its auspices to take goods to school during April.

State President Pearson will also approach Prof. Frank Callaway, professor of music at the University of W.A., in an endeavour to arrange a concert by university choirs at a place and time suitable to him, which will be notified through the press.

Operation New Life is one of the great achievements of the R.S.L. in that it has been contributing greatly to civilian needs in South Vietnam.

It is up to all members to do their utmost to assist near neighbours in time of need.


BELOW: Private John Tinkler (left) of Sydney, N.S.W., and Trooper Colin Cook of Bentley, W.A., check identification cards for a distribution of clothing and kitchen utensils.
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WHO CAN JOIN THE LEAGUE?

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

GENERAL CONDITIONS
(1) Necessary proof must be SIGHTED by enrolling officer, but responsibility of obtaining such proof rests with applicant.
(2) In every case intending applicants must have been honourably discharged from the respective Service.
(3) The enrolling officer must check applicant's name against the Confidential List.
(4) The applicant unless an ex-member of the United States Forces who has remained a United States citizen, must be prepared to pledge allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen and to state that he is not a Communist.

SUMMARY OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
(A) BOER WAR, BOXER REBELLION, SOUTH AFRICAN WAR, SUDAN CAMPAIGN—proof of service qualifies applicant.
(B) WORLD WAR 1 1914-1918—AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH DOMINION AND/OR COLONIAL PERSONNEL.
(1) Any person awarded, or entitled to the Returned from Active Service badge is eligible.
(2) Any person awarded, or entitled to Mercantile Marine Medal is eligible.
(3) Allied personnel are eligible, subject to individual approval by the National Executive.
(C) WORLD WAR II 1939-45
(1) AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL—any person awarded or entitled to Returned from Active Service (R.A.S.L. badge) is eligible.
(2) BRITISH DOMINION OR COLONIAL PERSONNEL AND ALLIED PERSONNEL.
(a) Any person issued with or entitled to any British Campaign Star is eligible.
(b) British, Mauritius and Fijian Ex-Service Personnel only have been awarded or are entitled to Defence Medal are eligible.
(c) Enlisted Indigenous Papuan and New Guinea Service men are eligible.
(d) Allied Personnel who are entitled to appropriate Campaign Medals of their country are eligible. Such personnel with the exception of former members of the U.S. Forces, must be naturalised British or Australian subjects.
(3) MERCHANT MARINE—BRITISH, AUSTRALIAN, DOMINION, COLONIAL AND ALLIED—
(a) Any person with a minimum of six months service issued with or entitled to a Campaign Star is eligible.
(b) Persons with less than six months service who were wounded by enemy action or taken prisoner and issued with or entitled to Campaign Stars are eligible.
(D) KOREAN WAR 1/7/50 to 27/7/58
(1) AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL—anyone issued with or entitled to the Returned from Active Service badge.
(2) BRITISH, DOMINION, COLONIAL AND U.S. PERSONNEL—anyone issued with or entitled to Korea and United Nations Medals is eligible.
(3) ALLIED PERSONNEL who are naturalised Australian subjects and entitled to appropriate medals.
(4) MERCHANT MARINE PERSONNEL are NOT eligible.
(E) MALAYAN EMERGENCY—any member of the Commonwealth Armed Forces issued with or entitled to receive—
(a) Returned from Active Service Badge or
(b) British General Service Medal with Clasp Malaya.
(F) OTHER CAMPAIGNS—British Ex-Servicemen who are awarded or entitled to receive:
(a) British General Service Medal with Palestine, Suez, Cyprus, Aden, Yangtze and/or Radfan Clasps.
(b) African General Service Medal with Kenya Clasp.
Note: Eligibility for Service in Special Areas is reviewed periodically.
(G) MALAYASIA AND VIETNAM—Australian, British, Dominion and U.S. Personnel who have served in areas proclamed Special Areas for purposes of the Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act, and are awarded or entitled to appropriate Campaign Medals, are eligible.
(H) MISCELLANEOUS—officials, Press Correspondents, Photographers, Artists, Australian Comforts Fund members, Red Cross, Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army welfare officers who served in campaigns, set out in Sections (B), (C), (D), (E) and (G) for six months within specified periods, or were wounded necessitating repatriation from area, and such other personnel who have served in a civilian capacity and who are individually approved by the National Executive, are eligible.

Know-how at Rivervale

The Rivervale sub-branch had a very successful year in 1968, having the advantage of a very active committee working through sub-committees—a very beneficial procedure.

Social activity started with a Cabaret Night, and after various functions the highlight was the Twentieth Year anniversary dinner. Much of the credit must go to Evan Smith and his social committee for a sterling job which was proclaimed as the best night of entertainment in years.

Much is on the drawing board for future entertainment and members can look forward to many more successful evenings.

Anzac Visit

Applications are invited for inclusion in the 1970 New Zealand Anzac Day visit.

Information is available at Anzac House and any League member interested in making the trip should lodge his application as soon as possible.

Four major host associations are: Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.

As arrangements must be made well ahead please notify League headquaters as soon as possible.

A good team retained

At the annual general meeting of the Shenton Park sub-branch in December, Mr. Jack Santow was re-elected president and Mr. Don Wiggins secretary.

The next meeting will be held on the first Wednesday in March and members are looking forward to seeing old mates and new members there in force.

A very successful night was held at the president's dinner last November. Eighty guests sat down to an enjoyable dinner and evening.

Special guests were the Mayor of Subiaco, Mr. Abrahams, Mr. Hugh Guthrie, M.L.A., and State President P. Pearson.

Mr. H. Tonkin carried out his duties as M.C. very well and Mr. George Pring proposed the toast of the League Mr. Pearson replied and gave many enlightening facts of the functions of the R.S.L., particularly on decontamination.

The Mayor, replying to the visitors toast, recalled the days when the memorial hall was built through the efforts of Cliff Keeton and Bob Ogg, the official opening being on 19th January 1951 by the then State President, Mr. T. Sten.
Prominent citizens join League

Three prominent citizens—the Anglican Archbishop of Perth (the Most Rev. G. T. Sambell, B.A., Th. Soc.), the Dean of Perth (the Very Rev. John Hazlewood, M.A.) and the officer commanding R.A.A.F., Pearce (Air Commodore A. E. Mather, DFC, AFC, ADC) have recently joined the League.

Archbishop Sambell served with the A.I.F. throughout the World War, and in particular with 2/11 Battalion. He was appointed Archbishop last year, and recently visited Anzac House.

Dean Hazlewood served with the New Zealand Air Force during the war and is also relatively new to Perth. He too has recently visited Anzac House.

Air Commodore Mather enlisted with the R.A.A.F. in 1940 and served in Bomber Command, the Desert Air Force (Middle East) and in New Guinea. In 1949 he was given command of No. 23 (City of Brisbane) Fighter Squadron. He has served as Director of Staff Duties, Director of Organisation and Director of Postings with the Department of Air.

In 1959 he went to the U.S.A. as Assistant Air Attaché in Washington and in 1962 took command of 81 Fighter Wing at Williamstown, Victoria. From 1965 to 1967 he was Staff Officer, Operations at headquarters, and until his appointment to Pearce was Officer-in-Charge of the R.A.A.F., Darwin.

Take care on the roads

R.S.L. national headquarters recently expressed alarm at the increase in the number of road deaths in Australia, and called for positive remedial action.

Every League member is requested to undertake personally—and influence friends and others

- Drive at all times within the speed limits set by the law.
- Maintain vehicle in good mechanical order and himself in good physical condition and mental health.
- Refrain from driving when affected by drinking, drugs, bad eyesight, fatigue, bad weather, or any other condition influencing ability to control the vehicle.
- Fit and wear a safety belt while driving and insist that passengers also wear the belt provided.
- Let us lessen the risk on the road and keep full control of vehicle and ourselves at all times.
- It would appear that the only people behind the wheel is the one that really counts.

Good at indoor games?

Once again the time draws near for the playing of indoor games in the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield (A.R.M.S.) Games competition for an annual trophy.

Inter-subbranch matches are held fortnightly from mid-April to August, playing commencing at 8 p.m.

Darts, bridge, table tennis, quoits and small bore rifle shooting are competed for each night in a series of home-and-away contests, with semi-finals and finals played similarly to the W.A.N.P.L. competition to wind up the season.

Any financial member of the R.S.L. is eligible to play in any branch, either with his own sub-branch, or as an associate member of another.

Sub-branches which cannot muster enough members to play can amalgamate with others. There must be a minimum of nine players per team, otherwise a forfeit may be claimed, and without 22 players present the bridge is forfeited.

A team that can muster approximately 16 members has no problems in providing stiff opposition as players can compete in two or three of the nightly games.

GAMES PLAYED

DARTS is played with three teams of three players, playing the best of three games.

BRIDGE has six players (three tables) 16 hands being played at each table.

TABLE TENNIS—four members with three games each of singles.

QUOITS—team of four each player throwing individually 101 up.

SHOOTING—22 bore at 25 feet—six players per team, each having five shots with an optional sighter. Are YOU, or is your

sub-branch, interested in a good night out? If so you can be fitted in to this year's A.R.M.S. games competition by contacting its secretary—Bob Charles—at R.S.L. headquarters, Anzac House, Perth (phone 23 2271).

Last year seven teams competed and so there is room for others. Help this competition and yourself by joining in.

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IMPORTANT MEETING

A Presidents and Secretaries' Meeting will be held in the ballroom at Anzac House, Perth, on Thursday, 12th March, 1970 at 8 p.m.

The State president and secretary of the Women's Auxiliary are also available together with presidents and secretaries of Auxiliary sub-branches.

The purpose of the meeting is to outline the "Operation New Life" (Vietnam) campaign to commence throughout the State on 1st March, 1970.

Group conferences

Group conferences set down by the League in W.A. for 1970 are:

Morawa—March 21.
Margaret River—May (date to be set).
Bickton-Palmyra—June (date to be set).
The State President at Mandurah

(Photograph and accompanying article by courtesy of "Coastal Districts Times," Mandurah).

"We would like other sub-branches to generate the spirit of this one," State President Percy Pearson said at the annual dinner of the Mandurah sub-branch shortly before Christmas.

He was addressing the usual large gathering in the R.S.L. memorial hall.

The League was losing about 1,000 members each year, he said. At the end of this year it could finish up with about 12,500 members when it should have 45,000 to 50,000.

"One financial member in four is not good enough," he said.

A fillip would be given to the League by young fellows returning from Vietnam. One young fellow returned from Vietnam, was now president of Merredin sub-branch.

"We can only hope returned servicemen will get the message," Mr Pearson said.

There was a tremendous task ahead as regards pensions and relationships of living and resettlement of men coming back from overseas. There was no organization better qualified to handle this than the League.

Murray MLA Ewart Runciman said he questioned if there was another organisation in Australia that had more right to query "the running of this country" than the Returned Services League.

The R.S.L. was the only organisation in Australia that make a direct contact with the Cabinet; it was possible for it to go straight to the top without hindrance. This was as it should be, Mr Runciman said.

He spoke of the outstanding work done by the women's auxiliary to assist R.S.L. sub-branches in this State and throughout Australia.

The theme for the time of year was "Peace on earth goodwill towards all men"—something for which the League stood solidly.

R.S.L. members were people who had known war, and nobody knew better than their organization how good will, which was forgotten by the many who were unable to think for themselves.

Mr Pearson is delivering his membership message at Mandurah. At left is Mandurah sub-branch president C. J. Tanner.

Bunbury's past year

This year's annual general meeting of the Bunbury sub-branch was held on the fourth Wednesday of January as usual.

One of the outstanding events of 1969 was the wonderful response by all sections of the community to the Anzac Day commemoration, at which the guest of honour was former State Governor Sir Charles Gairdner, this friendly manner and willingness to mix with all and sundry, plus his inspiring speech will not soon be forgotten.

Poppy Day saw a big upsurge on the past two years, when assistance in sales was given by members of the Pensioners League, Red Cross and a number of private citizens; this added "weight" together with the help of some members of the women's auxiliary was deeply appreciated.

For the Christmas Party the sub-branch was honoured by a visit of State Secretary Mrs Harry Bruce, accompanied by his wife and daughter.

As was expected Doug left a big impression on members and all with whom he came in contact. In addition, Mrs Bruce and daughter performed a dance with items of a form seldom performed in Bunbury previously. The occasion was also highlighted by items from 11 members of the Bunbury Youth Band.

Membership remains buoyant but still well below potential level.

Thanks to an energetic few the sub-branch premises are in good condition and able to cater for a higher level of entertainment. To bring this about expenditure has been heavy. The purchase of a new piano and new stove, rewiring and a big increase in rating are only a few of the commitments that have had to be met.

The loss of old and valued members during the year was heavy. Among them was the late Harold Birch, a past-president, committee member and secretary. He had been given sub-branch life-membership in 1956, and in all had served the League continuously in some form or other for 42 years.

The sub-branch is looking forward to a "revival" in 1970. It is now becoming noticeable that many of the 1939-45 vintage can benefit from assistance and new guidance which the League can render.

Armadale group conference

The recent Group Conference at Armadale followed the request of delegates given by the Armadale shire president, who gave a warm and cordial address.

The State President thanked president and councillors on behalf of the League.

The Armadale sub-branch conducted a bus tour for ladies and children on Wednesday of last week.

The conference was opened by the State President Percy Pearson, who thanked Armadale president Lewis and secretary Phillips, and welcomed delegates from the eight surrounding sub-branches.

The State President gave his address and then asked for Questions of the Members were the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation and the acting Chief Administrative Officer for the State Housing Commission.

Many interesting questions were put to the two officers and their cooperation was extremely welcome.

At the conclusion the State President thanked all for their attendance especially thanking the Repatriation and War League Homes officers.

Delegates then marched to the Armadale War Memorial for the placing of wreaths, a bugler sounding "Last Post and the "Reverence"

The day's activity was rounded off by an excellent buffet dinner served by auxiliary members. Many delegates were joined at the table by their wives.

Convivial wind-up

The West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat sub-branch's final meeting for 1969 was followed by a Christmas Party, all members enjoying the convivial atmosphere and exchanging good wishes for the festive season.

Eric Elsegood added to the evening with his rendition of some appropriate occasion for the occasion. Mr Runciman, headmaster of the West Leederville school, was present on invitation and addressed members on the operation of the Memorial Library, its value to the school and the deep appreciation of its significance.

Mr Stan Waldeck, in conversation with Mr Runciman, is doing an excellent job in selection and procuring of suitable materials.

Members were saddened recently to learn of the passing of Mrs Laming, who was very a gracious lady and a willing worker in a quiet way in the interests of the sub-branch. To Charlie, members extend their sympathy.

In future the sub-branch will meet on the second Monday each month and the meeting will be advertised in "The West Australian."
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Women’s Auxiliary notes

DONATIONS
Donations received by the R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary since October 1969 were:

Christmas Cheer

Hospital Visit
Geraldton $150, Bellevue, Bruce Rock and Waroona $100 each; Katanning $50; Northam and Narrogin $40 each; Boulder $35; B. N. N. Fremantle, Northampton and Brookton $20 each; Kojonup $12; West Leederville, Beverley, Cottesloe, Mt. Hawthorn, Darling Park, Coolo-Carroll $10; Mosman Park $5 and Bindoon $2.50.

Adopt-a-warm Appeal
Geraldton $100, Waroona, Bellevue, City of Perth, Belmont, Narrogin and Perenjori $50 each; Boyup Brook $30; Murray Districts $25; Subiaco $20; Brookton $15; Gnowangerup $14; Narembeen, Cottesloe, Mt. Hawthorn, Yarloop, Pinngally, Dumbleyung and Mandurah $10 each; Rockingham and Mosman Park $5.

CERTIFICATES
Certificates of Service have been awarded as follows:
Waroona: Mrs J. Leach and Mrs M. Platt;
Hamilton Hill: Mrs Hall and Miss Brown;
Kalgoorlie: Mrs R. Hay...

Anzac tour to New Guinea
An Anzac holiday tour to New Guinea from April 23 to May 8 is being conducted by Ansett Airlines of Australia.
Cost of the tour from Perth is $773.60.
Interested parties are invited to contact the State Secretary for full details.

Good year at Geraldton
In his report at the annual general meeting of the Geraldton sub-branch retiring president John Spendlove said members should be proud of the year’s activities, which were numerous and a great help to many people.
Referring to Anzac Day Mr. Spendlove said it had been one of the best observances in the history of the sub-branch.
As a result of the leadership of Mr Bill Cunningham and the support of other organisations a record amount of more than $752 had been presented to the Slow Learners group from the annual fete.
Other activities had included support for many appeals including Freedom from Hunger, Legacy ward adoption, provision of Christmas parcels to servicemen in Vietnam and the donation of a billiard table to the Police and Citizens’ Youth Club.
Sub-branch stalwart Clem Burns was elected president and a former secretary and State Executive member Jim Bucklet was elected secretary.

Mutiny call slated
Following a press re-

measures to deal with the pro-

(Signed) Pearson, State

Decent Australians
would be appalled at statements, attributed to certain unions calling on our servicemen in Viet-

Action of the kind was calculated to give sub-

national headquarters to the Attorney-General: “R.S.L. protests most strongly mutiny call by unions in Melbourne. Request immediate investigation be made to check accuracy of reports and full weight of law used in taking appropriate action.
(Signed) Lee, National President.
The W.A. branch also took action and sent the following telegram to national headquarters: ‘R.S.L. in W. A. deports action by those in citing serving members to mutiny in Vietnam or military establishment and urges Commonwealth Government take speedy and effective

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November list

BAKER A. J., 200117, 1st Sth Beds, Mundijong.
BARRY J., 3728, 11th Bn., Maylands.
BATEY J. E., 10383, A.A.M.C., Mt. Hawthorn.
BEARFOOT P. J., WX21727, 2/10 Bn., Belmont.
BICKERDIKE R. F., WX8874, 7th Div Sigs., Fremantle.
BLAIR L. A., 7308, 2/4 M.G., Yokine.
BODINNER H. R., 200117, 1st Bn., Barry J., 3728, 11th Bn., Perth.
BOWEN W. G., 3821, 1st Bn., De Vere.
COUSINS L. W. R., WX8832, 2/3 Fd Amb., Belmont.
CURTIS K. M., WX11978, 2/28 Bn., Perth.
DUNN J. E., 3363, 52nd Bn., Fremantle.
DYER D. W., 3821, 1st A.C.C.B., Floreat-City Beach.
DICK L., 1184Q, H.Q., 1st Polish Corps, Bunbury.
DRAKE-BROCKMAN K. E., Roy. Fusil., Busselton.
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ELLINGWORTH W. E., 34, 11th Bn., South Perth.
FOSTER J. G., 671, 10th L.H., Midland Junction.
GILES R. J., 16841, R.A.A.F., Perth.
HARMES M. H., 1478, 48th Bn., West Leederville.
HANKEY J. H., 44, 14th Bn., Mt. Hawthorn.
HOOD A. D., 1343, 12th F.A., West Leederville.
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JENNINGS J. P., P94010, M.N., Armadale.
JOHNSON A. W., 523, 12th L.H., Dongara.
JONES H. G., 3284, 49th Bn., Perth.

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LILLEY W. A., WX33627, 7 W.P., West Leederville.
LUCAS J., WX27591, 2/3 A.I.B., Esperance.
MAHER J. P., WX791, 2/3 Fd Amb., Scarborough.
MALTHOUSE A. B., WX12455, 2/5 Bn., Boulder.
MANSFIELD A. J., 1503, 16th Bn., Bunbury.
MARTIN H. G., 478, 28th Bn., N.E., Fremantle.
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MORGAN A. E., 7331, 11th Bn., Railways.
McEWEN W. A., WX20055, 2/4 M.G., Northampton.
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WILSON M., WX45294, 2/2 M.A.C., Bayswater.
WOOD P., WX43954, 2/11 Bn., Bunbury.

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BARTLETT E. H. T., 3224, 3 A.M.G.S., Highgate.
BIRCH H. E., 6724, 16th Bn., Bunbury.
BURKEIT J. F., WX19265, 6th Bn., Mullowna.
BUTHEL E., 1595, 16th Bn., Wongan Hills.
BURTON J. L., 380, 10th L.H., City of Perth.
CASTELLI H., 410, 11th Bn., Melville.
CLARK E. J., WX6759, 2/28 Bn., N.E., Fremantle.
CLARKE L. H., 42104, R.A.S.C., Central.
CROOK L. T., 42605, R.E., Lake Grace.
DODDEN J. R., WX21323, 2/2 Comdo, Geraldton.
DONOVAN J. E., WX11337, 2nd Echelon, Busselton.
DUNN C. H., WX2263, 2/4 M.G., Pemberton.
PARKER W., 11327, 4th D.A.C., Esperance.
燠AYWARD K. F., WX3710, 2/7 Bn., Como.
HODSDON L., 1732, 28th Bn., Manning.
JENNINGS C. T., 5120, 44th Bn., Boyup Brook.
KEMP P. A., WX20055, 5/400329, Boulder.
LALOR J., 1282, 4th D.A.C., Esperance.
LAUGHTON A. P., WX22056, 2/16th Bn., City of Perth.
MILLER F., 2452, 51st Bn., Gosnells.
MONK E., 22650, 29th Bty., Dalwallin.
MORRIS T. H., 4405, 3rd Bn., Mendses.
MUNRO A., WX11144, 1st Aust Corps, Moora.
MUNCE W., 100769, 8th R. Scots, Mandurah.
NEESON J. C., 4085, 8th R. Scots, Kalgoorlie.
PARKER J. W., WX1828, 2/3 Fd Rgt., Kalgoorlie.
POMERAY J., 7697, 3rd Bn., Collie.

MEMORIAL REPAIRS: One of the League's objects is the building and maintenance of memorials to those who have made the Supreme Sacrifice. Pictured here is the State memorial over 50 years old. Scenes in the photo, 3872, 11th Bn., Fremantle.

POCOCK C. R., WX3622, 2/1/1 R.A.F., Bridgehead.
PRICE C. W., 178763, R.M.C.C., Cottesloe.
PRADEBAUX C. V., 5434, 14th Bn., Busselton.
QUINN A. W., 85958, R.A.A.F., Railways.
RICHARDSON C. V., 5434, 14th Bn., Busselton.
ROSS C., 104957, R.A.A.F., Railways.
SHERILL J., WX6185, 2/1/1 Guard Rgt., Boulder.
SLINGSBY F., WX9695, 2/28 Bn., Osborne Park.
STANLEY C. K., WX10130, H.Q., Argyll, South Perth.
STEVENS F., 3213, 48th Bn., Osborne Park.
TYLER C. P., 1447, 2nd Fd Amb., Swanbourne.
VINCENT C. S., 2165, 44th Bn., Central.
WARMAN R. W., 2/16 Bn., Canning.
WOOD A. J., 5116, 28th Bn., N.E., Fremantle.
UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

51st Battalion

A milestone in the history of the 51st Battalion A.I.F. Association was reached with the dedication and mounting of a plaque at the State War Memorial on October 16 last. R.S.L. State President P. Pearson received the plaque from association president R. A. Wood as symbolic of the battalion colours.

Before handing it over to the warden (Brig. G. F. Hunt) Mr Pearson requested Bishop C. L. Riley to dedicate the plaque. It was then borne to the undercroft.

The A.I.F. battalions in the Great War were not presented with colours but the militia units formed in March 1918 perpetuated the traditions and identity of the A.I.F. units which, with the exception of 51st Bn., were reorganised and continued to conform with the numerical designations of the A.I.F. Thus came into being the 2/11, 2/16, 2/28 and 2/51 militia battalions which, with the exception of 51st Bn., were raised and trained in this State.

The 51st Bn. A.I.F. was raised and formed on 1st March 1916 at Tel-el Kebir in Egypt by taking half the 11th Bn. and some personnel from 28th Bn. The reorganised 51st was formed in Cairns and given colours.

Among those present were Mrs Hunt and her son, and the present president Dr. L. Le Soeur. A bas relief of Dr. Hunt’s head by sculpture Margaret Priestman (donated by the R.P.H. Clinical staff) was unveiled by Dr. G. Pestell.

The usual gathering will be held at the Railway Institute after the Anzac Day march. If a relative of a member wishes to bring Dad along just drop the secretary a line (address is in the directory on Page 15).

16th Battalion

The 16th Battalion Association committee faces the coming year with confidence that its strength will be maintained.

To assist on the social side an earnest appeal is made for more helpers, so Diggers, if you can make the Railway Institute, Perth, at 2 p.m. on the third Monday each month you will be most welcome.

The women’s auxiliary meets there the same day at that time, and wives will find plenty to interest them if they come along with their husbands.

Mr. Bert Arnold is still carrying on hospital visiting at Hollywood and refers to patients as his “clients.” Thanks, Bert!

Dick Slater (Agmaroy, Wilson), S. Smith (Parkside, South Perth), Ted Hayes (Home of Peace), Norm Kelly (Sunset Home) and A. Walter (Braemar, East Fremantle) are all inmates of C-class hospitals and would like a visit from old mates.

Festivity at Northam

The December meeting of Northam Sub-Branch was rather different from the usual run of such events. It was held on the lawn at the rear of the memorial hall, with a table provided for the President, treasurer and secretary, and the members together with their wives and members of the women’s auxiliary seated in a semi-circle facing them.

Business was dealt with quickly and the chairs were then removed to form a ring around the edge of the lawn and three barbecue fires were lit in the centre. A plentiful supply of lamb and pork chops, sausages and buttered toast soon filled the air with a most appetising aroma.

President Bob Martin made a speech—a model of adequacy and brevity—thanking all who helped to make the past year a very successful one and made special reference to the magnificent work of the men’s auxiliary which, though small in numbers, was of inestimable value.

About 50 people were present including the State Country Vice-President E. K. Ackery, Mr. A. and Mrs. McIver, and all appeared to have a thoroughly enjoyable evening.
2nd Division memorial is to be restored

The Digger-statue removed from the 2nd Division war memorial at Mont St. Quentin (France) in the World War is to be replaced at last and the unveiling of the restored memorial is scheduled for 1971.

At the conclusion of the Great War the Australian (and other) service men on the Western Front decided to have divisional war memorials erected to commemorate their deceased comrades. The 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Australian divisional memorials were erected by the Federal Government at sites chosen by the respective divisions. The 2nd Division's memorial was financed by the members of the division and was designed, and erected in 1920-21, at Mont St. Quentin, on the orders of that unit.

Its design was unique; whereas the memorials of the other four divisions each consisted of a stone obelisk, that of the 2nd Division consisted of a bronze statue of a Digger bayoneting an enemy—a symbol of German militarism.

When the German armies were driven through France in 1940 the Australian national memorial at Villiers Bretonneux and the Tunnellers' memorial on Hill 60 were damaged by shellfire.

The invaders removed the fine statue and the four descriptive panels of bronze from the 2nd Division memorial and, in probability, sent them to Germany to be used in munitions.

In 1946 the Australian memorials were invaded. Those which had been damaged by shellfire were repaired and the bronze panels of the 2nd Division memorial were replaced by the Federal Government.

NO TRACE FOUND

As no trace could be found of the statue and as no model of it had been preserved no attempt was made to replace it. Instead, a bronze tablet was added to the stone plinth to explain the absence of the statue.

Visitors to the old battlefields (including some ex-members of the 2nd Division) could not help but note the empty plinth.

Some thought that restoration was being unduly delayed; others wondered why restoration had not been made an item of reparations.

A few took up the matter with their unit associations, with the R.S.L., and finally with the Prime Minister and the Minister for the Interior, whose portfolio includes responsibility for war memorials.

Finally, and as result of constant enquiry and pressure, those particularly interested were pleased to learn, early in 1968, that the Federal Government had allocated the sum of $22,000 for the restoration of the memorial.

A Melbourne sculptor, Mr. Stanley Hammond, was commissioned to prepare a model statue for consideration as a replacement for the original Digger-figure.

In April a committee comprising a number of experts in related fields and including representatives of several 2nd Division unit associations inspected the three-foot high model of a standing Digger and approved its design.

Mr. Hammond was then instructed by the Government to proceed with the full-sized figure which will later be cast in bronze, in due course to be set up on the original plinth at Mont St. Quentin.

The ceremony of unveiling and rededication will take place in 1971.

A committee of selected representatives of 2nd Division units has been formed to cooperate with the Government in this enterprise.

This committee thinks it likely that the 2nd Division personnel who might be interested in the possibility of making a pilgrimage to attend the rededication ceremony.

The committee is anxious to learn the likely response to this suggestion in order that it may fully explore the means by which such pilgrimage might be realised.

Those interested are invited to contact Mr. Henry Kahan, of 27 Millson-street, South Perth (a member of the committee) to indicate their interest in the proposal.

BUILD-UP AT GERALDTON

As a result of a recent membership-drive the financial membership of the Geraldton sub-branch rose by some 40 to a level of about 260.

An endeavour is now to be made to exceed the record membership figure of slightly more than 300 established a few years ago.

Sub-branch president John Spendlove said at the December meeting that he hoped there would be a good attendance of old and new members at the next annual meeting.—B.B.
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

FEDERATED T.B. SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (W.A. BRANCH)—2nd Floor, Wellington Buildings, 156 William-street, Perth, Second Monday at 8 p.m. President, G. H. Ken- doul, Secretary, G. Pleiss, P.O. Box 121086.

SOUTH AFRICAN & IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION—Anzac House. Third Monday at 2 p.m. President, H. Wilkins, 103 The Esplanade, Mt. Pleasant (64 3087).

10TH LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION—House bi-monthly Friday (2 p.m.) in January, March, May and November. Reunion on Show Night. President, J. Fintanmore-avene, Doublebuy (46 1262); Secretary, Jack Syme, 28 Margaret-street, South Bentley (68 2946).

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION OF W.A.—Meetings the third Monday at 8 p.m. President, A. G. Douglas, Box 18689, G.P.O. Perth (21 12318).

16TH BATTALION AND 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION—Meetings the third Monday (2 p.m.) at Railway Institute (main hall). President, H. L. Southby, 52 Chandler-avenue, Floreat Park (87 4050); Secretary, O. C. Young, 28 Oakeover-street, East Fremantle (39 2934).

16TH BATTALION & 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION—President R. H. Christian, 16 Guy Place, Melville (40 730); Secretary, L. Anderson, 11 Kitchener-street, Shenton Park (68 1932); Treasurer, D. J. Faulk, 36 Lockhart-street, Como. "Pigeon Post" quarterly. Meetings—editor J. P. Zgl., 3 Park-street, East Fremantle (64 2944).

12TH & 52ND BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION—Meetings monthly in Anzac House.

20TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Meetings every first Friday, in Anzac House, President, Roy Collins, 134 0. P. O. Perth (65 3061). Meetings held at 8.30 p.m. 1st Thursdays of each month.

23rd and 25th BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION—Meetings held in Anzac House.

31ST BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—Meetings held in Anzac House.

BRIGADE OF GUARDS ASSOCIATION of W.A.—President, S. C. MacPhail, 149 Armadale-road, Rivervale; Secretary, H. Price, 25th Muster, Karrinyup (46 3386). Meetings 3rd Fridays of each month.

PARTIALLY BLIND SOLDIERS ASSOCIATION Inc.—General meetings—2nd Tuesday, 9th Saturday of each month.

KOREA & SOUTH EAST ASIA FORCES ASSOCIATION (W.A.)—Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Monday in Anzac House.

TOTAL & PERMANENTLY DISABLED SOLDIERS ASSOCIATION—T.P.I. Memorial House, 85 Colin St., West Perth (64 4537). President J. Clegg (24 4722), Hon. Secretary, L. H. Wilkins, 3rd Floor, 203 William-street, East Fremantle (39 2934).

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Yuletide hospital-visits on Goldfields

Eastern Goldfields sub-branches made their usual round of hospital visits on Christmas Day. They distributed all the funds for their own use but have used them either for the benefit of pensioners or for the League. They have given large sums of money wherever they deemed to be needed.

After visiting other wards the visitors were allowed the privilege of a brief peep at a baby born only three hours earlier.

The sight of that tiny bundle born on Christmas Day gave a new meaning to the visit. From the homes of institutions, the visitors were allowed the privilege of a brief peep at a baby born only three hours earlier.

A "Vendetta" occurrence

(To the Editor)

Sir—K. Widdowson served 12 years in the Navy and the Mediterranean on famous Flotilla on "Vendetta," during the running of Tobruk. They had to evacuate up to 500 sick and wounded, and take all supplies in—only one doctor to attend all sick and wounded.

During this time he had a fall and received permanent osteoarthritis. He wonders what might say he suffers permanent osteoarthritis. He wonders what the world thinks of him.

The president of the Harvey sub-branch, H. W. Manning, reports a satisfactory year's activity due, largely, to the efficiency of secretary Denis Roennfeldt.

Membership stands at 85 and the sub-branch takes pride at having been awarded the Federation Cup at the 1969 conference. This cup is presented to the sub-branch with the highest increased membership.

The numbers were assisted by an influx of returned men from Vietnam and the sub-branch is very proud of these young men and delighted that they have fitted so readily into its ranks.

Hospital-visitng is an important part of sub-branch duties and the official visitor, Fred Helfer, has given excellent service during the year with frequent and regular visits.

League stalwart dies

Queensland's longest-serving R.S.L. president, Sir Raymond Husk, died in Brisbane late last month.

Sir Raymond (72) was admitted to St. Helen's Hospital in the weekend after a heart attack.

He enlisted for the Great War at 16 and served five years in the Middle East.

Sir Raymond, who was born in Bristol, England, arrived in Rockhampton with his family in 1910.

He served a record 37 successive years as State R.S.L. president from 1930 and was also national vice-president for many years.

He was knighted in 1953.

Sir Raymond became famous throughout Australia for his many outspoken speeches against communism.

A good year at Harvey

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League well served by Boulder women

There is a group of ladies in Boulder who are working on behalf of the R.S.L., and although their numbers are small their dedication is an outstanding example to what they regard as a worthy cause.

These ladies, who form the Boulder Ex-Servicewomen's Association, assimilated the meaning of comradeship during their war service and have given large sums of money wherever they deemed it to be needed.

By initiative and hard work they have devised a means of raising funds, and contrary to what would normally be expected, have kept any of these funds for their own use but have used them either for the benefit of pensioners or for the League.

For the year 1968-69 they distributed $5,802, a truly remarkable effort, and many ex-service men are better off for their assistance.

As towns go, Boulder is not big but the help afforded its old Diggers by the Ex-servicewomen surely takes on huge proportions.

Their expenditure on renovations and additions to the Boulder Memorial Hall amounts to $680 and branch members applaud their efforts on behalf of others and extend sincere thanks for what they have done for us. At the invitation of the women's auxiliary Boulder members attended their last meeting at which the auxiliary president, Mrs. H. B. Blythe, presented a cheque for $250 to the sub-branch.

Members appreciate their donation and their efforts on our behalf, without whose help the Boulder sub-branch would not be what it is today. —H. A. Fisher.