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State President's Message...

Already we are well into the New Year, 1975. Some will be enjoying the fruits of New Year's resolutions having come to fruition, other good intentions will have fallen short on their objectives.

Whatever else we should strive for as an organisation we must be very careful to maintain the strength of our members — for our strength of influence is measured by numbers.

As importantly, we are dependent on our members to provide revenue to administer the work of the League.

It was gratifying to see that at the end of the year 1974 our membership was 11,612 which was an increase of 48 on the previous calendar year.

At the end of January our enrolment number 4367 up to that point of time, which represents an increase of 33 on the position at the same time last year.

Success has the effect of breeding success, and I would like every reader to find another whom we can bring into the fold of the League's membership. Someone who has never joined us, or else try to recover one who may have dropped out of our ranks because of some trifling personal difference with a Sub-branch official.

Let us always be sure that our thinking is first to the organisation which is much more important than the individual. We all have a cause to support which is dedicated to the welfare of those less fortunate than ourselves, to maintaining memorials for those who did not return from wars in which Australia has been involved; and to care for the aged, the widowed and the fatherless.

CONFERENCE TALK

National Symbols Must Be Retained

"Don't renounce national symbols; they are what keep the nation together" — that was the theme of the opening address at the Northern Group Conference held at Coorow.

It was put forward by Mr A. V. Crane, MLA, who opened the conference with a first-class speech, in which he emphasised the fact that it was the RSL's duty to "stand up and be counted".

The League had to make its presence felt and its voice heard on any subject that affected the welfare and the prestige of the nation, including the controversy on the National Anthem. The League also had to keep up the fight against Communism.

The headquarters team that attended the conference had to make an early start to arrive at the conference in time. They reached Coorow at 10.15 am.

The Coorow-Waddi Forest Sub-branch, with president Merv Williams, were hosts to the conference.

CONERENCE TALK

The civic reception given by the Coorow Shire Council was greatly appreciated by all delegates. The host was Mr Frost, Shire President, who warmly welcomed all to Coorow.

The header of Housing and Construction, and Mr F. C. (Bill) Donovan, from the Repatriation Department, gave up their Saturday to attend the conference. Both gave very interesting addresses on their respective subjects and answered a number of questions. Their attendance was also appreciated.

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hosts to the metropolitan and coastal group conference, held in the Frederick Street RSL Hall. It can be recalled that Cockburn was formed about three years ago with amalgamation of Spearwood and Hamilton Hill Sub-branches.

It would be difficult to find a more enthusiastic supporter of the League or a more appropriate person to open the conference than Mr Don Taylor, MLA.

He is a son of a deceased ex-serviceman, a one-time ward of Legacy and his guardian was the late Mr Jim Anderson, a former State President of the RSL.

Mr Taylor said that the RSL was a part of the national philosophy and was one of the truly national organisations because it embraced all areas of place and people.

He said it brought together management, labour, the self-employed and others, together with allied ex-servicemen living here.

"The voice of the League is still needed by the nation," he said.

**CONCERN**

Some concern has been expressed by the League that the new Commonwealth Housing and Construction Corporation, which has absorbed the Defence Service Homes Department, would mean a loss of identity.

Furthermore, the League was concerned that land earmarked for ex-servicemen, might be re-allocated and used for other purposes.

Speaking on this matter, Mr See said that he had written to Canberra reporting the concern of the League, but at the same time he stated that there was no way in which the housing land, allocated to Defence Homes, could be used for any other purpose.

**REPATRIATION**

State President Mr Percy Pearson welcomed a newcomer to our conference scene in the person of Mr Colin Williams, the new Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation and Compensation in WA.

Mr Williams spoke on how his Department was being incorporated in the National Compensation Department. He said that far from being a disadvantage this would make his job more exciting and challenging.

Furthermore, the widening scope of the Department would attract the services of specialists who might not otherwise have been interested in the continuing treatment of the "oldies".

It would be remiss not to mention the magnificent effort by the Cockburn Women's Auxiliary in providing morning and afternoon tea and a delicious sit-down lunch.

A hearty thanks — ladies — from all who attended the conference.

State vice-president LEN TURNER makes a point during one of his many appearances on behalf of the WA RSL.
EACH YEAR SINCE 1950

The cover picture shows WA’s Acting Agent-General, Mr F. W. Andersen, and 93-year-old Chelsea pensioner William Avery combining to cut the traditional Christmas Cake at the Royal Hotel in London. The ceremony has been held each year since 1950.

The cake, together with beer for every pensioner, is presented annually by a State branch of the Australian RSL, a gesture that has, since 1950, become a regular event to mark the comradeship forged between British and Australian servicemen in many wars.

Last Christmas it was the WA branch’s turn to provide the cake, which weighed 150lb and was made with Australian fruits and topped with the WA crest (above).

The cake was cut ceremonially with the Sergeant-Major’s sword, and the oldest in-pensioner, Mr Avery, was chosen to assist.

Among those present were Viscountess Slim, widow of a former Australian Governor-General, and Major-General Sir Douglas Kendrew, a former Governor of WA, and Lady Kendrew.

Sir Douglas had just been appointed a Commissioner of the Hospital, and this ceremony was his first official engagement in his new appointment.

BOWLS TOURNAMENT

Great Job by The Big “V”

It was Victoria's turn to conduct the 1974-75 National RSL Bowls Carnival (December 26, 1974, to January 6, 1975), and what a magnificent job the wearers of the big “V” did.

Without doubt it was one of the best-run and most enjoyable competitions yet held.

The necessary extensive organisation was “spot on” and must be a source of satisfaction to the various committees and sub-committees responsible.

Including wives, the WA contingent totalled 41, the majority of whom travelled by air, arriving in Melbourne at about 5 am on Boxing Day.

Host club to WA was Footscray RSL, and despite the early hour the president, Clever Healey, the liaison officer, Gary Welsh, and other members of the club’s executive, including their wives, were, at Tullamarine to welcome the party.

The travel parties were then driven to the club and supplied with a delectable hot breakfast covering a wide choice of food. It was a wonderful and heart-warming introduction to the carnival.

Footscray RSL is an extremely well-appointed club, with a most warm and friendly atmosphere permeating right through its organisation.

WA visitors were, indeed, fortunate that Footscray was chosen as its host.

MYTH EXPLODED

The president and members couldn’t do enough to make the stay in Victoria a happy, enjoyable and memorable one. The myth that Victorians are like their weather — cold and unfriendly — was certainly exploded with a BANG.

No superlatives can describe adequately the feelings of appreciation the WA tourists have for the manner in which they were treated.

At the completion of the carnival, a National Fours Competition was conducted when teams played for the Sir Arthur Lee Trophy. This event was won by a North Balwyn RSL team.

Once again this great carnival provided evidence — if any was needed — of the strengthening of the bonds of fraternity and mateship between RSL members through keen competition on the bowling green.

The bowls section of the RSL is spreading good fellowship on a national basis. Accordingly an appeal is made to all RSL members who have not already done so to join the WA RSL bowls section and so continue to enjoy the comradeship which was formed during service.

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much appreciated. Full marks to the management.

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competition. It won on a count-
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these "Test Matches" was
commendable and though they
won only one game — against
the "Fat Cats" (ACT) — it
proved to be a worthy opponent
of the stronger States.

In two matches WA lost on
one rink only but unfortunately
lost on the aggregate.

The official series — the "Dr
Krantz" Trophy was won by
Queensland and here again WA
performed creditably.

The team for this competi-
tion is a two-rink one and
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Sub-branches were
recently advised that reso-
lution to increase the sub-
scription from $4 to $5 was
carried at National Congress
held in Melbourne on
Monday, October 28. It is
payable in advance for the
year starting January 1, 1975

State Executive, at a meet-
ing on November 6, decided
that the capitation fee pay-
able to the State branch
would be $4 per member,
the balance of $1 to be
retained by the sub-branch.

Of the amount payable to
the State branch, 25 cents
will be held in trust pending
a decision on allocation at
State Congress this year.

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We hope that their lead will be followed by clubs and sub-branches throughout the country and that, whenever and wherever the opportunity arises — anywhere in Australia — hospitality will be sincere and super-abundant.

Several members of the League in WA have already decided to attend the Assembly and registration forms are obtainable from the RSL Office in Anzac House.

Individual members should register by completing the registration form and returning it to the Assembly Secretariat, GPO Box 2609, Sydney, 2001. Telephone: (02) 27 6940.

Forms should be accompanied by payment of $35 for each person registering. Payment of the fee entitles attendance at Assembly events at no additional cost.

These events include:
- **Opening Ceremony** — Sydney Opera House. (The Secretary-General of the UN, Kurt Waldheim, and Dr Henry Kissinger have been invited to attend.)
- **Hospitality Evening** in Sydney clubs or private homes.
- **Australia Day** — Arena, RAS Showgrounds. A day of non-stop events and luncheon.
- **Variety Concert** featuring world-famous Australian artists.
- **Symposium** — international speakers on following topics: "Veterans and the Preservation of Peace"; "Veterans and the Young"; "Veterans — and International Aid"; Youth Display, Pageant through Sydney and Retreat Ceremony.

Free transport will be available for appropriate events.

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**
During the week, a selection of excursions in and around Sydney has been arranged — these will be especially popular among overseas and interstate visitors.

Australians will also be able to join overseas visitors on packaged pre- and post-

- Assembly tours to such places of special interest as Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Papua/New Guinea and Guadalcanal.

You can receive complete details of excursions and tours by so indicating on your Registration Form.

If you require Sydney hotel or motel accommodation to be reserved for you, indicate this on your Registration Form.

**ENSURE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS HISTORIC EVENT AND REGISTER NOW!**

**EVER HEARD OF JOE NOLAN?**
The usual answer to that question is a quick scratch of the head and "Who the hell's Joe Nolan?"

Joe was a private in K Company, 1st Infantry Regiment, of Ryde, NSW, way back in 1894, and Joe was the man who, many authorities believe, designed the "rising sun" emblem with which the Australian soldier has been closely associated.

Joe's regiment was preparing for its annual concert and Joe was given the job of arranging the stage decorations.

Round about this time, the troops were using Martini Henry rifles and bayonets, and Joe placed the latter behind the regimental badge, producing the rising sun effect. Whether the rising sun business was introduced deliberately or accidentally is not known.

**THE CO WAS IMPRESSED**
In any case, Colonel Oldershaw, the CO of the regiment, was so impressed that he persuaded authorities to adopt it as the army badge.

The first unit to wear the badge in wartime was the 1st Commonwealth Horse, which took part in the Boer War, in March, 1902.

Another version of the origin of the emblem places the date about nine or ten years after Private Joe.

It is claimed by some that the emblem was inspired by a trophy of arms mounted above the doorway of Major-General Sir Edward Hutton's room in Victoria Barracks, between 1902 and 1904.

The trophy was a red, semi-circular board on which alternate triangular and cut-and-thrust sword bayonets radiated from a brass crown design.

Joe or the General? I'll take Joe.

**CAN YOU HELP?**
For some time now, we have been trying to locate the following LIFE MEMBERS of the League, without success.

Should anyone know their whereabouts, would they please advise us.

- Mr A. Scott, Previously of Central Sub-branch. Address unknown.
- Mr R. T. Smith, Previously of Wyalkatchem. Regimental No 11551, RAAF.

We have also been trying to locate the following LIFE SUBSCRIBER:

- Lt Col T. M. Pelham-Dale, Federated Malay Volunteer Force, POW, Kangu No 2 Camp.

Any information regarding the above, would be greatly appreciated.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
Much of the information in the items about Australian history and folklore have been gained from "A Treasury of Australian Folk Tales and Traditions", by BIL Beatty. It is a most absorbing book and one that is well worth purchasing.
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The RSL to the Rescue

On Boxing Day the League through Australia launched an Appeal to assist their comrades and families who suffered devastation in Australia's biggest natural disaster in Darwin on Christmas Day.

At the time of writing, a total of $6621.08 has been received at Anzac House, which in the short space of time is most encouraging to those who need assistance as a result of the cyclone.

Because of lack of space, it is not possible to name everyone who made a donation, and the amount received, therefore, is summarised this way:

Sub-branches $4366; individual donations $908.08 (including $370 from the residents of the War Veterans' Home); women's auxiliaries throughout the State $1247.

In addition, sub-branches in the Country have made donations amounting to $850 to the local appeals which were directed to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

BIG "THANK YOU"

To one and all we say a heartfelt "Thank you" for your willing and ready response to help your fellow man when in need.

The Executive decided that, as there were many families in Perth who may require assistance, at least $1000 was held at Anzac House for immediate distribution among these people.

It must be remembered that they left Darwin with only what they could carry and was most essential to them, and therefore had to start from scratch, beginning with personal requirements, such as toothbrushes etc.

The balance will be forwarded to National Headquarters for distribution among the needy as required.

State President Percy Pearson would like all sub-branches and members to know that whenever there is a national or State disaster the League automatically launches an appeal and donations may be forwarded to Anzac House, Perth.

EXPANSIONS AT WAR VETERANS' HOME

Following months of discussion and planning, the State Executive of the RSL has agreed to the War Veterans' Home Board's proposal to start the first stage of the units in Freedman Road, Mt Lawley. These are dual-purpose units on an ingoing of $5000 and $5.00 per week maintenance.

Tenders will be called in February and it is anticipated that the units will be ready for occupation by September.

These are ideal units for those eligible — women who must be 60 years or more of age and men 65 or more years. Couples will be permitted provided one or the other has attained the eligible age.

Details of this project, which will be known as the "Pearson RSL Village", can be obtained from Anzac House, and plans are also available for inspection. The estimated cost will be $300,000.

Because of the increase in wages, salaries and indeed all commodities relating to the running of the home, the Board has signed contracts for cleaning and catering. This has proved very successful and is saving thousands of dollars a year.

GERALDTON ANNEXE

The Executive has also accepted the Board's Recommendation to build an annexe at the Home at Geraldton. This will cater for one married couple and eight single quarters.

The annexe will serve the members at Geraldton and the North-West of the State.

Members of the Geraldton sub-branch have been hard at work assisting in the raising of funds to get the annexe project into operation, and they have had the support of the sub-branch farther North and the community of Geraldton who realised that the League was making great progress in the care for the aged.

Tenders for the annexe close on February 4, and building will commence immediately. The estimated cost will be in the vicinity of $113,200.00.

ON BUGLE OR DRUMS

"Revelle" — a word that at first sight, and if you didn't know, looks extremely difficult to pronounce, is another of those words borrowed from the French in the same way that "san fairy ann" (C'est ne fait rien) was borrowed.

It is, of course, pronounced "revally" — which is fairly close to the correct French pronunciation, and it is the trumpet or bugle call sounded in all military barracks and camps to awaken the soldiers and tell them to get up and dress.

It can also, the Oxford dictionary tells us, be sounded on the drums.

Like the last post, it is used at military funerals and commemorative services — on Anzac Day, for example — to signify the resurrection of the body after death and the awakening of the soul into a new life.

WHAT IS LOYALTY?

What is loyalty? It is a creed, a duty and a sentiment.

LOYALTY IS A CREED because it is true to the beliefs of the organisation. It implies keeping the secret of the organisation.

LOYALTY IS A DUTY because it implies allegiance. To the Lord Mayor in the case of the Geraldton City Council.

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Though Sunday, November 3, last year, was a day alternating between wind and rain and sunshine and emotions were mixed, it was, overall, a most memorable occasion and a worthy Remembrance Day.

It was held in honour of the 60th anniversary of the sailing of the first convoy of Australian and New Zealand troops which left Albany on November 1, 1914, on the way to Gallipoli.

Messages were received from Her Majesty the Queen, from the Turkish Ambassador, former Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies, NZ Prime Minister Mr Rowling, Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam and RSL State president Peter Pearson.

The activities were spread over three days, starting on Friday, November 1, when the HMAS Swan berthed and later made open for inspection. During the next three days, naval personnel made their presence felt in many helpful ways.

The next day, a parade of sailors, boy scouts, girl guides and other organisations, led by the combined bands of the 5th Military District and the Navy, marched to the enclosure of the Nurses' Memorial Garden.

PEACE ROSE

The planting of a Peace rose in memory of the Nursing Services completed an impressive ceremony.

The official dinner at the Albany Youth Centre was a fitting climax to the day, and among the 20 distinguished visitors were WA Premier Sir Charles Court and Lady Court.

The welcoming address was given by Mr Harold Smith, the Mayor of Albany, and he was supported by Cr B. E. Lange, president of the Albany Shire Council.

Sir Charles Court responded, supported by RSL State vice-president Len Turner.

The actual Day of Remembrance — Sunday — was brilliantly organised by the Albany Promotion Committee, a joint venture between the Town and the Shire, headed by Dr A. Kaufman.

Dr Kaufman and the other members of the committee had a tremendous amount to do, and they did it to perfection.

The people gathered at the foot of the steps leading to the Memorial on Mt Clarence and followed the Clergy up those steps as a pilgrimage — a long drag for some, but they made it.

ENTIMIES ENDED

When all were seated, the National Flags were hoisted, including one from Turkey, a symbol of old enmities ended that was appreciated by the diggers.

The ceremony reached its climax when the Clergy moved to the very top of the mount and said prayers of dedication. The message from Her Majesty was read and the audience sang "God Save the Queen".

Here are brief excerpts from the messages from Sir Robert Menzies and Turkish Ambassador Hikmet Bensan:

"The human spirit may be turned aside from its normal occupations, it may be called upon to perform great sacrifices, it may have its moments of anger and even its moments of hatred.

"But when these things have settled down into their place, it is the human spirit which is the continuing element in our civilisation." (Menzies.)

"For the Australian Nation, which shares similar feelings of humanity, justice and cooperation, the route from Albany to Gallipoli is now a road of brotherhood, and Turks who come to your beautiful continent by this route are proud to use that historic way. "Ataturk, founder of the Turkish Republic, once said that an ear of wheat is stronger than the sword, meaning that Peace conquered War."" (Hikmet Bensan.)

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SOVIET SEA POWER AND THE INDIAN OCEAN

By Commodore W. B. M. MARKS, CBE, DSC, RAN (Rtd)

In these early days of 1975, when we are all suffering from the dual evils of inflation and recession, we are inclined to dwell on day-to-day events to the exclusion of such important long-term considerations as defence and the strength of the armed services.

But defence is a vital issue for the future welfare and prosperity of Australia and the Indian Ocean is rapidly becoming one of the most sensitive areas from a defence aspect.

Recent events and decisions underline the existing instability throughout this area as the following brief list will indicate:
- the further withdrawal of British forces from east of Suez;
- the energy crisis precipitated by the Arab States in the Middle East;
- the successful nuclear test undertaken by India;
- the presence of Soviet naval vessels in the Indian Ocean;
- the projected build-up of a US naval support facility at Diego Garcia;
- the instability of the numerous "emerging" nations around the Ocean;
- the growing importance of the trade routes to all Western Nations;
- the rapid clearing of the Suez Canal.

NOT TENABLE

It is now becoming most apparent that the hopeful view expressed by a number of nations including India and Australia, that the Indian Ocean should become a "nuclear free zone" and a "zone of peace" is no longer tenable.

It is already an area of conflicting interests and could well become an area of conflict within the foreseeable future.

For nearly a quarter of a century after the close of the Second World War, the Indian Ocean was virtually a naval vacuum and no powerful nation maintained naval forces of any significance in the area.

However, early in 1968, Soviet naval units began to establish themselves on the western seaboard of the Indian and, today, Russia maintains an average of about 30 naval vessels, including surface combat ships, auxiliaries and submarines.

It is true that the Soviet Union has, as yet, no major naval base in the Indian Ocean, but the naval facilities available to the USSR are progressively increasing and already include the following:
- an extensive naval communication station near Berbera in Somalia, with extensive port facilities;
- a number of permanent mooring buoys near Socotra and in the Chagos Archipelago;
- port facilities at Aden and in other friendly countries along the northern and western seaboard.

WELL-POSITIONED

The Soviet is already well-positioned to exert some influence on the trade routes from the Middle East, including those used for shipping crude oil to the Western nations, and it is certain that, when the Suez Canal is opened in the near future, Russia's maritime influence in the Middle East will be greatly strengthened.

In this second half of the 20th Century, sea power does not consist of powerful naval forces alone but also embraces such broader aspects as a large merchant marine, oceanography, hydrography and marine research aided by a fishing fleet.

It is probably self-evident that any great maritime nation must have a sound economy and modern technology.

The Soviet Union qualifies in every way as a great maritime power as can be seen from the following statements:

The Soviet Navy: Under the guidance and drive of the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral of the Fleet, Sergei Georgievich Gorskov, the USSR has built the second largest and the most modern navy in the world today, and about 90 percent of the ships less than ten years old.

Naval surface units include three aircraft or helicopter carriers, about 12 cruisers, forty destroyers and 160 patrol boats, all of which are fitted with tactical missiles, proven to be both accurate and lethal.

The submarine fleet consists of about 400 submarines, of which about 25 percent are nuclear propelled. Some are fitted for firing strategic nuclear missiles.

Russia's Merchant Fleet: This consists of about 16 million deadweight tons and for purposes of comparison is about twice as large as that of the United States. More than 50 percent of the ships are less than five years old and it is planned to increase the size of this fleet to 20 million tons by 1980.

Broadly speaking these ships trade to 1000 ports in 100 countries and, as we well know, the Russians are adept at cutting across established freight rates to the detriment of other seafaring nations.

The Russian Fishing Fleet: This includes more than 4000 ships and comprises about 20,000 vessels of all sizes. These ships operate world-wide with their own refrigeration and canning facilities and the annual catch is estimated at more than six million tons.

The Soviet's Marine Research: This undertaking is supported by more than 200 hydrographic and oceanographic ships in commission, employing about 9000 oceanographers and other technicians.

This is the substance of Soviet seapower which is playing an ever increasing role in furtherance of Soviet ambitions.

POSSIBLE THREAT

In considering the potential threat of the USSR's naval presence in the Indian Ocean, we must remember that about 40 percent of Australia's imports and more than 50 percent of our exports, including about 80 percent of our overseas crude oil requirements, use the Indian Ocean trade routes and any interference to this flow of trade would have serious repercussions on our economy.

Too often we are inclined to discount and ridicule this potential threat and explain it away in a comforting and reassuring manner to the effect that the Soviet's main interest in the Indian Ocean lies in containing her Communist adversary China and is using her powerful navy to this end only.

It must be emphasised that the mere presence of Russian warships presents a very real threat to our vital seaborne trade and, possibly, also to the growing utilisation of our offshore resources to the detriment of our economic prosperity and future security.

This is the situation at a time when Australia's defence policy is preoccupied by a "no threat for 15 years" principle, when the RAN is being progressively reduced in strength, when the construction of the Naval Support Facility at Garden Island has been slowed down and when the morale of the fighting services is being undermined.

Surely the time has now come for a drastic re-appraisal of Australia's defence policy in order to ensure that, through treaties and alliances with friendly maritime powers, a proper balance of naval forces is maintained in the Indian Ocean.
GALLIPOLI: THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

NATIONHOOD and IMMORTALITY

Since April 25, 1915, the name of Gallipoli has been a magic word for all Australians, for it was at that place and on that day that the sacrifice of many of our sons gave us full status as a nation and earned immortality for the troops who fought as Anzacs.

Not that Gallipoli in itself was or is in any way remarkable. It is only a few barren acres of impossible terrain, yet it was here that 30,000 men lived for a brief but glorious period, fought with incredible bravery and, in many cases, died.

Human endurance had no greater challenge, human fortitude has had no greater victory. This message must be passed on to succeeding generations.

This baptism of fire became an epic feat of arms, in which the Australian and New Zealand Forces showed magnificent courage and a morale which was never broken.

And so it is most fitting, as there will not be an issue of Listening Post in April, that the tradition, which for so many years has set an example for all those who in other times and other places have been called to serve, be recorded in this issue.

NOBLY UPHeld

It could be said that the Gallipoli campaign forged traditions for the Australians and New Zealand armed forces that were nobly upheld during the 1939-45, Korean, Borneo and Vietnam wars.

The proud past demands that the ideals and freedom of this country be guarded, not for selfish reasons, but because of the heritage which has been passed on at the cost of sacrifice and service.

C. E. W. Bean concluded his official history with the following comment:

"Though the expeditionary forces of the two Dominions were only in their infancy, and afterwards fought with success in greater and more costly battles, no campaign was so identified with them as this.

"In no unreal sense it was on the 25th of April, 1915, that the consciousness of Australian nationhood was born."

WAR PENSIONER BENEFITS

Government To Hold Inquiry...

The Government committee that will inquire into pensioner concessions and benefits have asked the RSL for help in its deliberations.

We have made the necessary submissions to the committee and have advised it that we will not be appointing a representative to appear before the committee members.

Proposals were made in the 1974 budget for general increases in war disability pensions and allowances, and it was confirmed that these increases would be payable early in November, 1974.

Here are a few interesting statistics showing the kind of activity that goes on at Anzac House:

- Number of consultations held to assist members, from January to October, 1974 — 609;
- Preparation and presentation of appeals to Entitlement Appeal Tribunals — 126;
- Preparation and assistance at Assessment Appeal Tribunals — 123;
- Hospital visits by corps of hospital visitors — 823.
- The number of members of the hospital corps is seven, plus Miss Doyle, who has been on the sick list for some months.

HOSPITAL PROJECT

In announcing that Cabinet had approved in principle a project in connection with a repatriation hospital in Brisbane that would cost $11.5 million, Senator Wheeldon made several important comments.

"In line with Government policy, the hospital treats civilian patients where there is spare capacity after the needs of entitled beneficiaries are met," he said.

"About 600 civilian patients have been treated so far at the Greenslopes hospital, and serving members of the forces are also treated there.

"Spare capacity arising at any time in the radiology, pathology and other specialised units is on offer to State hospitals.

"Discussions are proceeding with the State Health Authority on the establishment of an emergency-casualty centre at the hospital to help local needs."

Then the Senator continued:

"THIS I MUST EMPHASISE, IN NO WAY TAKES AWAY FROM WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO REPATRIATION BENEFICIARIES. THEY ARE THE FIRST RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Torchbearers for Legacy have now moved to Elders Building (ground floor), 2 William Street, Perth. The phone numbers are 21 9322 and 21 9323.

The postal address remains the same: Box N1087, GPO, Perth, WA, 6001.
The Question of a New Category

The desirability of widening the eligibility qualifications for membership of the RSL is a question that has become almost a hardy annual. Now the matter has been raised again, following a move by the Victorian Branch of the League.

Victoria has introduced an additional form of membership, to cater for those who had served in the Armed Forces but who were not eligible for full RSL membership but who were eager to be associated with the League and help and share in the work it does.

These members are called "service members" and the main conditions of membership are as follows:
- Pays same subscription as ordinary members;
- Must have served not less than 28 days in the Armed Services;
- Total number of Service Members in any sub-branch is limited to three-quarters of the number of ordinary members;
- No Service Member may be elected to any office or committee of his sub-branch.
- He is not entitled to vote or participate in any discussions at any meeting of the sub-branch.
- Service Members will not be counted in arriving at the annual entitlement of a sub-branch to have delegates at the Annual Congress.
- No person entitled to ordinary membership may become a Service Member. A special lapel badge and financial crown is provided for the Service Member. All rules as regards capitation, fees, membership of licensed clubs, expulsion for misconduct as applied to ordinary members of the League similarly apply to Service Members.

NATIONAL CONGRESS

At the 1974 National Congress, held in Melbourne, a resolution was put forward by Victoria which reads:
"That National Congress implement Service Membership of the RSL in all States on the following uniform basis." Then the rules which are given briefly above are listed.

The result of this resolution was that National Congress resolved: "Passed in principle, subject to review by State branches and final consideration by an extraordinary national congress."

This is an important issue and it will have to be discussed at our Annual Congress and a decision reached as to what should be the view of WA on the matter.

All sub-branches in the State have received copies of the resolution and the full text of the rules as proposed. Every member is asked to fully acquaint himself on the subject and sub-branches are asked to be in a position to be ready to state their views when the time comes to do so.

ORIGIN OF A TERM

WELL, WHO EXACTLY WAS MATILDA?

The time — early in the 19th century; the place — somewhere in East Gippsland, Victoria; the people — Joe, a swaggie, Matilda, the girl he loved, and her irascible father.

Just why was he irascible? Joe had just asked permission to marry the lovely Matilda.
"What?" said Dad. "Let her marry a common swaggie, who can't even offer her a shack to live in. Do you think I'd let you go a-waltzing Matilda all over the countryside?"

But it didn't matter what Dad said. Joe and Matilda were married and she became Victoria's first woman awangle, the pair of them living almost an idyllic existence wandering round the bush roads of the fertile Gippsland country.

Well-known and respected, Mr and Mrs Swaggie Joe (the only names they were known by) spent many years together but eventually the spring went out of their step and they were other signs that they were growing old.

Offered a home by friends, both refused, saying that they would see out the rest of their days in the great outdoors.

INEVITABLE END

Finally, the day came when Matilda took ill and died. Joe dug a grave and buried her at the foot of a gum tree; then he packed up his swag.

As he fastened it over his shoulder, he addressed it by the name of Bluey (traditionally used by sundowners to describe their pack) and said:
"Ah, well, Bluey, you'll have to be Matilda from now on, and we'll wait alongside until the end."

"Waltzing the bluey" already was the swaggies' idiom for humping his pack, and it didn't take long before they adopted Swaggie Joe's new phrase "waltzing Matilda."

There are other versions of the origin of the term, but this one, recounted by Bill Beatty in "A Treasury of Australian Folk Tales and Traditions," is the most convincing.

When A. B. (Banjo) Paterson later wrote the poem and it was put to music, it became Australia's national song.

Banjo wrote the song in 1896, recited it to a Miss Christina McPherson who, in turn, told the poet that she had heard a tune that appeared to her ideal for the words.

OLD MARCHING AIR

The two of them sat down at a harmonium and completed the job on the same day. The tune is an old Rochester marching air of the Marlborough Wars (the ones that produced the battles of Blenheim, Ramillies, Oudenarde and Malplaquet).

The music was set in its present arrangement by Marie Cowan in 1903.

There are four verses in "Waltzing Matilda" and these are the first four lines:
"Once a jolly swagman camped beside a billabong,
Under the shade of a coolibah tree,
And he sang as he sat and waited till his boilied.
Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?"

Farewell, Swaggie Joe; farewell Matilda. You are enshrined in Australian history.
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WHEN A LITTLE MEANS A GREAT DEAL

Though it is some time since members of the State executive were busy packing 1300 parcels of Christmas Cheer, it is topical to report some of the repercussions of our effort and to realise just how much our gifts meant to the recipients.

The parcels were personally delivered by the ladies to ex-service men and women in hospitals and nursing homes and those who distributed them considered themselves well rewarded by the grateful and sometimes tearful thanks.

It is when we receive letters such as those which follow that we know how greatly the gifts were appreciated and our thanks go to the auxiliaries for the donations that made the Christmas distribution so successful.

Here are two of the letters:

Dear Madam,

I write a note of sincere thanks for your Christmas gift left by one of your wonderful workers, and may I quote from the late Sir Winston Churchill, which exemplifies your long and sustained noble work. "Never did so few do so much for so many" and I add, for so long. Thanks again and may God bless you all.

Yours faithfully,
THOS TAIT (80 years old).

Dear Madam,

Whilst in hospital a few days ago, a member of the RSL Women’s Auxiliary called and conveyed the season’s greetings and left a nice parcel of toiletries.

I accordingly send my appreciation and in turn wish the Auxiliary all success during the coming year.

I am one of the 1914-1918 group, and have been active in the RSL for many years, but this is the first time that I have been on the receiving end.

Thank you ladies.

Yours sincerely,
REG WOOD.

During December, our State president, State treasurer, executive members and I had much pleasure in accepting invitations to functions from sub-branches, auxiliaries and kindred associations.

CONFERENCE

Conference will be held in July and we want to make it enjoyable, so start thinking of some items for the agenda.

Let’s make an effort to send a delegate so that we have a good representation of auxiliaries.

Some of the executive ladies could find accommodation for delegates, so write as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Madge and I enjoyed our holidays and would like to thank Vennie and Maiela for holding the fort for us.

Both of us returned with plenty of photographs, and we have already had a get-together to show the slides.

What a complete contrast — Madge with her snow and wonderful scenes in England and Europe, and I with the wildflowers and majestic beauty of the centre and north of our own country.

We have received numerous comments on the new “Listening Post”, and all say that they like the new format of our notes.

Best wishes to you all from State Executive.

A.R.M.S. Games Will Start Show

The 1975 Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield games will start this month, and probably by the time this issue of the Listening Post is read some games will already have been played.

Metropolitan sub-branches are asked to make a special effort to get their teams together and enjoy the harmony and fellowship so evident in previous years and previous competitions.

The entry fee this year will be $5.00 per team, and each member will pay 20 cents a night to defray the cost of refreshments.

The programme includes competition in darts, table tennis, bridge (12 games), quoits and rifle shooting.

Each team will nominate its own Sports Director, who will work in conjunction with the opposite team and arrange the refreshments for the evening.

The first semi-final will be played on Wednesday, June 7, the second on Thursday, June 15, the finals on Wednesday, June 21, and the grand finals on Wednesday, June 28.

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Page Eighteen THE LISTENING POST February, 1975
Sub-branches and the Aged Fund benefited by more than $2000 over the previous year when the count was made for Poppy Day, 1974.

In 1973, sales of poppies reached the respectable total of $10,322. In 1974, the total was boosted to $12,124.

This money will go a long way towards ameliorating the hard lot of these ex-servicemen and women who have struck it rough in the present unfavourable economic conditions.

Sub-branches will now be able to see that their mates are not in need during this crisis.

Most metropolitan sub-branches reported an increase in sales, but many collectors were sad and a little ashamed to see that not all those wearing an RSL badge were also sporting a poppy.

On the other hand, it was pleasant to see that there were a large number of young people prepared to support a most worthy cause.

It is up to all of us to keep in mind always the words of a dying soldier in the Great War of 1914-18 — “Never lose faith in the dead” — and it is up to us all to try to make this year’s appeal even more successful.

Remember the last lines of John McCrae’s moving poem:

"Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields."

We thank all those who contributed in any way to the success of the 1974 appeal.

Mrs Stuart and Mrs Constantine are hard at it during preparation for Poppy Day sales. They are sorting and counting the poppies for distribution to sub-branches.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Mr Col Williams (pictured) was appointed Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation and Compensation Department in Western Australia on 28th October, 1974. Mr Williams’ association with the Repatriation Department goes back to 1946.

He has held senior positions in the Branch Office, Victoria, RGH Heidelberg, and Central Office. He was Deputy Commissioner in Tasmania from 1969 to 1974.

Mr Williams served in the 2/106 General Transport Coy in New Guinea, Moratai and Borneo and was mentioned in despatches.

He attained the rank of Captain in the AIF and served in the CMF as a Major.
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Though the words "Anzac" and "Digger" are essentially Australian and possibly wouldn't be understood in too many countries outside Australia, it is probable that one of the words was coined by an English cypher clerk and was made up in Cairo.

This is the word "Anzac". It wasn't an official Army contraction for "Australian and New Zealand Army Corps", though obviously it is derived from the initials of those six words.

On Christmas Eve, 1914, General Birdwood, who had been appointed to command an Army corps of Australian and NZ forces, forwarded to Major-General Bridges (Australia) and Major-General Godley (NZ) his proposal to form the combined corps.

He asked them to propose a name for the corps and accepted their choice.

ON THE STATIONERY

The first stationery of the new corps bore the heading "A and NZ Army Corps".

Major C. M. Wagstaff, a member of General Birdwood's staff, strolled into the Cairo headquarters and told the clerks, nearly all Englishmen, that he was looking for a codeword for the new corps.

The clerks and others dutifully pondered and one of them (his name lost to history) looked at the letterheads and said: "What about Anzac?".

And that was the way one of the great words of military history came into being — unnoticed and unrealised, because at first it was merely a simple, convenient word for Army telegraphic messages and despatches.

As the term filtered through to the troops, it began to be used in Australian and overseas newspapers and gradually, through the immortal deeds of the "diggers", became embedded in military history.

"DIGGER" CLAIMANTS

Many claims have been made about the origin of the word "digger" as applied to Australian soldiers. Most people think that it was applied to them because as soon as they arrived at a place they had to dig trenches, literally by the mile.

Probably the original term was "diggin'" (from "diamond diggin'"), a slang word meaning to dig in the goldfields. When miners swarmed to the new Australian goldfields in the 1850s, the term was adopted by the diggers as a description of their activities.

One of the rare examples of civil war in Australia — the battle of the Eureka Stockade — was fought on Sunday, December 3, 1854, when the diggers of Ballarat, entrenched behind the stockade, defied the police and soldiers and 176 infantry in what they considered was a fight for liberty and justice.

Here's a poem about it:

"Bloodhounds were soon let loose, with grog imbued, And murder stained that Sunday! Sunday morning! The Southern Cross in diggers' gore imbrued, Was torn away, and left the diggers mourning."

Certainly not the best of poetical efforts, but it does suggest that the diggers of the Eureka Stockade were the fore-runners of the diggers of Anzac.

CAPTAIN SANDY

When a brilliant pacer named Captain Sandy won the second of his Inter-Domination Championships in Perth, there were few who knew that the name honoured a war hero who frequently used the word "digger" and who is often credited with first bringing it into popularity.

He was Captain, later Lieut-Colonel Sandy, DSO, who invariably greeted Australian soldiers with the words "Good-day, digger."

Even today, when we are not happily at war with anyone, the word is in common usage as a salutation to a friend.

CAME THE DAWN

BUT WHO FIRST THOUGHT OF IT?

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them." Yes, we remember who went to war and did not come back, and we will always remember them.

But the ways in which we remember them — by the dimming of the lights in our RSL clubs in the evenings, and by the dawn services on Anzac Day when the sun slowly rises to dissipate the chill of the early morning and we think of those for whom the sun set so many, many years before.

Who first thought of a Dawn Service on Anzac Day? Perhaps not one person in ten thousand would know.

Mr. R. J. Neall, who was chairman of the committee which arranged the inaugural Anzac Day ceremony in Albany in 1920, believes that the man who made the first suggestion of an early morning service was the Padre of the 44th Battalion, Arthur Ernest White.

Mr Neall, who had the honour of making the address at the 1920 ceremony, was unable to speak of the Anzac Day landing from personal experience. He was a member of the 44th — the Eggs-a-Cook-Battalion.

But he was able to talk about the first convoy of troops which left Albany in 1914. It comprised 28 Australian troops, 12 New Zealand troops and three warships.

LAST SIGHT

The possibility of a dawn service was mentioned three years after the first Anzac Day ceremony, in 1923, when Padre White said to Mr Neall: "Albany was the last sight of land these troops saw after leaving Australian shores and some of them never returned. We should hold a service at the first light of dawn on Anzac Day to commemorate them."

Those who heard him saw the symbolism and the significance of the suggestion and arrangements were quickly made to carry out the proposal.

At 5 o'clock on the morning of Anzac Day, 1923, about 20 people climbed up the rugged track to the summit of Mt Clarence and arrived there "as the rosy dawn broke over the bay."

From a boat in the bay a wreath was cast upon the seas, and the Padre raised his hands in the sign of the Cross and said: "As the sun rises and goeth down, we will remember them."

This, then, was the birth of the Dawn Service as it is known throughout the world today: and it has been conducted annually ever since.

WREATH

The casting of the wreath on the waters of the bay was one feature of the ceremony that regrettably — some think — was discontinued, and Dr Harahan, a well-known and highly respected Albany medical practitioner, was the last RSL officer to perform this particular function.

Mr Neall suggested that a memorial granite fence should be erected near the memorial at the St John's Church of England in York Street.

His idea was that the memorial fence would commemorate the introduction of the Dawn Service, a ceremony that has now become an integral part of RSL history and tradition.

And what happened to Padre Arthur Ernest White?

After his retirement from the Army, he joined the brotherhood of the Church of England and later was Rector of Albany from 1925 to 1935.

At the time of the 1923 ceremony, he was also Rector, but only in a relieving capacity, taking the place of the Rev. Arandash.

So, more than 50 years after the 1923 ceremony, we are pleased to pay a belated tribute — posthumous, unfortunately — to the Rev. A. E. White.
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Representations for more adequate defence of the Western seaboard were made by RSL National Headquarters to the Australian Government and an answer from the Government has been received.

A second submission from the WA branch seeking a speeding-up of work at the Cockburn Naval Base has also been answered.

Mr W. L. Morrison, the Minister assisting the Minister for Defence, stresses the need for security and says, inter alia: "The surveillance programme for strictly defence purposes cannot, of course be discussed, and a similar embargo must apply to details of patrols for civil purposes if they are to achieve their objective."

The WA branch submitted that the inadequate defence of the Western seaboard should be brought to the Government's notice, and a demand was made for more reconnaissance aircraft and naval patrol vessels, together with the provision of a first-class military base.

Mr Morrison said that systematic patrols had been instituted as a routine matter, and special Services assistance had been provided whenever there was a demonstrated need "for a sustained effort in a particular place or at a particular time."

He said that the anticipated date for the completion of construction at the Naval Base was December, 1978. After that date, it will be possible, he added, to base ships for extended periods at Cockburn Sound.

NO CHANGE IN NAME

The proposal that ships of the Australian Navy should be known as "Australasian Defence Vessels instead of Her Majesty's Australian Ships will not be adopted.

Minister for Defence Lance Barnard said that our naval vessels will still be prefixed by the initials "HMAS". So "ADV" is out.

The possibility of NZ war veterans (resident in Australia) being given certain preferential treatment in relation to reparation and compensation has been raised by the RSL with Minister for Repatriation and Compensation Senator Wheeldon.

The Senator also received representation along the same lines from the NZ Minister in Charge of War Pensions.

The Senator said that veterans from NZ or from any other Commonwealth country did not qualify unless they were living in Australia prior to enlistment.

He also said that Australian veterans in general were not eligible for benefits in NZ.

It is anticipated that the National Health Scheme, which the Labor Government plans to introduce will cover everyone resident in Australia, whether they are war veterans or not, and the Senator has advised the NZ Minister to this effect.

The Treasurer has already announced that the Government intends, in the autumn of 1975, to extend eligibility for service pension to veterans who served in the armed forces of any Commonwealth country.

A condition for eligibility will be for the veteran to have at least ten years residence in Australia.

TRAINING SCHEMES

All the training schemes previously available through the Repatriation Department have now been incorporated under the Department of Labour and Immigration within the National Employment and Training System.

Limitations on training periods which were part of the existing schemes have been removed. Furthermore, provisions have been made to pay special allowances to assist the training of handicapped and disadvantaged persons.

The following ex-service training schemes have been incorporated in the new scheme:

- That National Service Vocational Training Scheme; the former Regular Servicemen's Vocational Training; the Disabled Members' Training; and the War Widows and Defence Widows' Training.

ADOPTION PROJECT

Headquarters reports that on the recent visit to Malaysia for the opening of the new building for the Ex-Services Association of Malaysia the Australian visitors met many of the widows and children who had been adopted by the RSL and Women's Auxiliaries.

All were deeply impressed with the youngsters and with the efforts their mothers were making to ensure a proper standard of living for them.

It was emphasised that the adopted families should be given every chance to learn about the people who were interested in them.

The SA branch has forwarded books on South Australia, one for each of the six families it has adopted, and it is suggested that other State branches should take similar action.

LEGAL HELP

The Australian Legal Aid Office is now operating at the ground floor, Scottish Amicable House, 246 St George's Terrace, Perth.

The Office replaces the Legal Service Bureau, which previously gave advice to returned servicemen and their dependants. Advice is free and further legal assistance is given if necessary and is subject to a means test.

A clinic operates each morning from 8.30 am to 1 pm, Monday to Friday. An appointment is not needed during these hours and clients are advised on a first-come, first-served basis.

Appointments are given in the afternoons only for those who cannot attend in the morning.

In special circumstances it may be possible to arrange for a lawyer to visit those persons seeking advice who are incapacitated and cannot attend at the office. Additionally, inquiries can be dealt with by correspondence.

RECIPE CORNER

Apple Slice — Extra Good with Cream

INGREDIENTS — PASTRY: 5oz butter; 5oz sugar; 1 teaspoon vanilla essence; 1 egg yolk; 1 1/2 tablespoons water; 1 1/2 cups self-raising flour; 1 cup plain flour.

INGREDIENTS — FILLING: 6 large apples; 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind; 1/4 cup sugar; 1 teaspoon cinnamon; 1 tablespoon butter; 1 tablespoon water.

METHOD: For the pastry — cream butter and sugar, add vanilla, egg yolk and water and beat well. Fold in the sifted flour and knead lightly. Wrap and chill for one hour.

For the filling — peel, core and slice the apples. Place in a pan with the remaining ingredients, and cook gently for about 20 minutes until tender. Drain off excess liquid and cool.

Divide the pastry in two, and roll one piece to line a greased 11in by 7in shallow tray. Spread with the cold apple. Roll the remaining pastry to fit the top. Seal the edges and brush the top with a little water and sprinkle the castor sugar.

Bake at 375deg for about 30min, or until the pastry is cooked and golden.

Serve warm as a dessert, or allow to cool and ice with lemon-flavoured icing, and sprinkle with cinnamon.

It will serve eight people.

PREPARATION TIME: 30 minutes. COOKING TIME: 30 minutes. OVEN TEMPERATURE: 375 degrees.

This is a time-tested recipe, and you will find that everyone loves the apple slice, which is particularly good with cream.
SAILING SHIP AND SCOTTISH VILLAGE

West Point, Sandhurst and Duntroon — almost certainly they are the three best-known military academies in the world, at least as far as Australians are concerned.

Brainwashed by so many US films about West Point and the magnificent soldiers who have graduated from there makes the name a household word wherever movies are shown.

The British equivalent — Sandhurst — keeps cropping up in articles and biographies about almost every English general.

Duntroon — the universally-accepted synonym for the "Australian Royal Military College, Duntroon" — may not be so well known elsewhere in the world but certainly its reputation is sky-high in Australia.

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RUGGED HIGHLANDS

Why was it called Duntroon? The word is of Scottish origin — a place name that was given to a sailing ship that brought Robert Campbell from the stark rugged highlands of his native Scotland to the equally rugged Australia of the 19th century.

When Campbell settled in Victoria, he gave the name of Duntroon to his pioneer homestead. The rooms of Duntroon House are spacious, sunlit and airy and modern fixtures, fashionable wallpaper and thick carpets have kept it space with the times.

The God-fearing Robert originally lived in the house in comparatively isolated splendour, ruling his household with a rod of iron and instilling into family and servants a wholesome respect for religion and law and order.

The departure of Mr and Mrs Campbell for church each Sunday, followed by their retinue of servants, must have been a sight to see.

The master and mistress were taken in a heavy coach drawn by silver-mounted and crested horses, with footmen sitting on top in bright liveries.

Robert was miles and miles ahead of his time, for in each of the 27 big rooms there was a separate bath. The baths were wheeled into each room that contained a guest and filled with water. Unheard of in those days!

They even had a special room, known as the Governor's Room, in which there was a carved walnut bed, with steps leading up to it.

You might have thought that such a rigid disciplinarian as Robert would be heartily disliked. He wasn't. He was respected and admired, and such was the nature of Mrs Campbell that she was known in the district as the Angel of Mercy.

LORD KITCHENER'S ADVICE

As the years rolled by, the house stayed in the hands of Robert Campbell's descendants till the early part of the 20th century, just about the time when Britain's Commander-in-Chief Lord Kitchener paid us a visit.

Kitchener, the hero of Khartoum, must have had some foreknowledge of the storm that was brewing in Europe — later to develop into the Great War of 1914-18 — and he advised the Australian Government of the need for a training centre for its military leaders.

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Which proves that governments sometimes DO make wise moves — and Duntroon is one of them.

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