A GROUP OF THE 80 ANZAC VETERANS ATTENDING THE ANZAC DAY PARADE IN PERTH

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OUR HOPE IS THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE BACK WITH THEM NOT ONLY MEMORIES OF A SOLEMN SACRIFICE, BUT THAT THEY CONVEY, THROUGH THEIR CONTACTS, THE NEW AND ENDURING RELATIONSHIP IN WHICH WE FACE TOGETHER, THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

THIS IS SOMETHING OF A SPECIAL DAY IN THAT 60 YEARS AGO ON A SUNDAY MORNING AT 4AM THE SMALL BOATS PULLED AWAY FROM THE TRANSPORTS SOME ABOUT 3000YDS FROM SHORE, TO MAKE THEIR SILENT WAY TOWARD THE ANZAC COVE.

THE STORY GOES THAT ABOUT 50YDS FROM SHORE, ONE OF THE LAUNCHES INADVERTENTLY EMITTED A BLOST OF FLAME FROM ITS FUNNEL, AND THIS WAS OBSERVED BY THE TURKS WHO IMMEDIATELY SENT UP FLARES WHICH REVEALED THE APPROACHING ARMADA.

UNFORTUNATELY FOR US THE FLARES ALSO REVEALED THAT OUR FORCES WERE TOO FAR NORTH, AND WE WHERE HEADED FOR A WELL-DEFENDED POSITION.

THERE WAS NO GOING BACK. OUR MEN CAME ASHORE UNDER A HAIL OF RIFLE AND MACHINE GUN FIRE THAT PROVED DEVASTATING.

HEAVY TOLL
THE ASSAULT FAILED; THE PROGRESS UP THE SLOPES WAS SLOW AND AGONISING, AND TOOK A HEAVY TOLL IN THOSE KILLED AND INJURED; BUT OUT OF THE STORY OF BRAVE DEEDS IN THIS ACTION, AND IN THOSE THAT WERE TO FOLLOW UNTIL THE EVACUATION IN DECEMBER, OUR HISTORY BOOKS HAVERecorded FOR ALL TIME, THE DARING, THE PERSISTENCE UNDER TREMENDOUS ODDS, OF THOSE WHO SET SUCH A MAGNIFICENT RECORD OF DEVOTION.

WE ARE MINDFUL OF THOSE OTHER MEN OF BRITAIN AND FRANCE WHO, AT OTHER POINTS ALONG THE PENINSULA, WERE TO KNOW THE TERROR OF BEING UNDER FIRE.

TODAY AT ANZAC COVE ANOTHER ACT OF REMEMBRANCE IS TAKING PLACE IN WHICH ORIGINAL ANZACS, AND OTHERS FROM AUSTRALIA, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SIR RODEN CUTLER, IN COMPANY WITH TURKISH VETERANS, ARE VISITING GRAVES AND LAYING WREATHS IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE FALLEN OF BOTH NATIONS.

IMPORTANTLY, THEY ARE DOING SOMETHING MORE THAN THIS; THEY ARE FORGING LINKS IN THE CHAIN OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH IS DRAWING OUR COUNTRIES CLOSER TOGETHER.

TODAY IS ONE OF STILL WIDER REMEMBRANCE BECAUSE WE DO HONOUR TO ALL THOSE WHO DIED IN THE OTHER EPIC EVENTS OF WORLD WAR I, AND THE THOUSANDS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN WORLD WAR II, AND IN THE LATER INVOLVEMENTS IN KOREA, THE MALAYSIAN CONFRONTATION, IN Borneo, AND MORE RECENTLY IN VIETNAM.


THOSE WHO RETURNED INCAPACITATED, OR WHO LATER DEVELOPED ILLNESSES BECAUSE OF WAR SERVICE DESERVE THE BEST CARE THEIR COUNTRY CAN GIVE THEM.

OUR THOUGHTS AND SYMPATHY GO ALSO TO THOSE AFFECTED IN MIND AS WELL AS IN BODY, TO THE WIDOWS AND THE FATHERLESS OF THE FALLING, AND TO THE RELATIVES WHO STILL SEND THEIR AILING LOVED ONES IN THEIR OWN HOMES.

YOUNG, OLD
THIS MORNING YOUNG AND OLD STAND SIDE BY SIDE IN THIS COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE.

PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY ON THE ENSIGN HAVING GONE UP THE STIFF WINDS WERE TO KNOW THE TERROR OF BEING UNDER FIRE.

MARCHING FOR THE FIRST TIME WERE 600 JUNIOR NAVAL RECRUITS FROM HMAS LEUWIN. THE AUSTRALIAN SAS REGIMENT WHICH HAS WON A PROUD RECORD OF SERVICE, WERE JOINED BY 60 BRITISH SAS REGIMENT MEMBERS WHO WERE HERE TO TAKE PART IN JOINT EXERCISES. THE WA POLICE FORCE DOUBLED ITS CONTINGENT THIS YEAR.

YOURS OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION IS A RICH HERITAGE. GUARD IT WELL.

IT IS PROPER THAT IF THE SACRIFICES OF THE PAST ARE NOT TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN VAIN WE SHOULD TAKE STOCK OF THE PRESENT AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

THE CONCERN OF SERVICE PEOPLE, AND INDEED OF A GREAT MANY OTHER AUSTRALIANS, IS THAT WE ARE NOT MORE ADEQUATELY DEFENDED.

THERE IS A CONTINUING NEED FOR US TO RETAIN VERY CLOSE LINKS WITH OUR ENGLISH-SPEAKING FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD, BRITAIN, CANADA, AMERICA AND NEW ZEALAND. WE ARE BASICALLY OF THE SAME HISTORICAL BACKGROUND, HAVE A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE SAME LANGUAGE, AND ALL HAVE GIVEN OF THEIR ENSIGN TO THE ULTIMATE OF MAN'S FREEDOM.

UNFORTUNATELY, IN TODAY'S WORLD WITH ALL ITS UNCERTAINTIES, WE CAN NEVER BE SURE WE ARE FREE OF THREAT. THE HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING WE ENJOY, AND THE FREEDOMS THAT ARE OURS, WILL COUNT FOR LITTLE IF WE HAVE NOT THE WHERewithAL, AND THE SPIRIT TO DEFEND THEM. SHOULD THE OCCASION ARISE.

SOMEBODY MUST RECOGNISE SOME OF THE SIGNS THAT ARE APPEARING ABOUT US, AND BRACE OURSELVES FOR A TIME OF TESTING IN BOTH AN ECONOMIC AS WELL AS A MILITARY SENSE.

TRAGEDY
THE SHOCKING TRAGEDY OF HUMAN SUFFERING SINCE THE EASTER WEEKEND IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA MUST HAVE SHAKED EVERY SENSITIVE SOUL.

THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE FUTURE TO COME OUT OF THE NEWLY EMERGING AFRICAN COUNTRIES CANNOT BE IGNORED.

WITH COUNTRIES COMING CLOSER TOGETHER, IN TERMS OF TIME TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ONE ANOTHER FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE, NATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD FIND THEMSELVES IN A STATE OF UNCERTAINTY AND IN SOME CASES, EMERGENCY.

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We must become a determined people, a country with a purpose, prepared and able to maintain its place in the world as a free land.

While we maintain a defence capability, we must still work strenuously for a peace in this part of the world. We must be involved in international aid, in educational and cultural programmes with other lands, so that, whatever our defence plans, we may ensure that our first line of defence is friendship.

In Sydney in August next there is to be a World Veterans' Assembly, initiated by the RSL in Australia, where about 3000 veterans will meet from more than 30 countries round the world, some former enemy countries, to find comradeship in a common bond of having served one's country, hopeful of finding new ways of transmitting to their respective peoples at home the important lessons of our time, that man must learn to live together in what we hope will ultimately become a world community.

LOGICAL

We should be leaders in an outreach that will make peace not only possible, but a logical outcome of our efforts in this direction.

The great tragedy of this 20th century is that in a so-called enlightened world, there should be so much human suffering and oppression.

The future calls for the best brains the world can marshal, these to address themselves to problems of environment, of population explosion and food production and distribution, and many other problems confronting society.

The time has come when there can be no more room in today's world for the mediocore and the slovenly. The need now is for an intense drive towards excellence in the undertakings to which we as individuals or as a country address ourselves.

Every section of the community should be addressing itself to the task. The church — business — the professions — those with trade skills — the new ethnic groups in our community, should all be working in a united effort to show the world what can come out of a unified national spirit giving expression to the principles of a Christian democracy. This cannot happen overnight, and it will never happen unless people feel compelled within themselves to do something positive, rather than leave it to the other fellow.

DESTINY

Let us then lift our sights so that we may rise above the difficulties that encompass us, that we may find and work out our true destiny as children of Almighty God.

Then they shall not have died in vain who gave their all that mankind should live in peace and concord.

Let me in closing quote just a few lines from an Order of Service of a recent occasion in the United States:

"Death and sorrow, earth's dark story," to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease

In God's likeness, man's awakening, knows the everlasting peace."

These words will become our experience only with Divine help, so that I ask you to join with me in saying together the Lord's Prayer, and if you should not be of the Christian faith, having regard to our multi-racial society, will you join with us in a prayer most meaningful to you, that in this high moment we may dedicate ourselves to working out God's purpose in this country, in His world.

5324 Marchers and 20 Bands

Soft, grey weather, which heightened the colours of the regimental banners and the bandsmen's uniforms, emphasised the pageantry of Perth's Anzac parade this year.

A cool breeze and light rain made conditions easier for more than 5000 ex-servicemen and 20 bands.

About 6000 people including many brightly-dressed children who had never heard of a generation gap, turned out to applaud friends and relatives among the marchers.

The procession, which took about 55 minutes to turn from St George's Terrace into William Street, proceeded less smoothly than in previous years.

About half an hour after it started four fire engines screamed down the terrace to the new AMP building at the corner of William Street.

Fire brigade officials said later that it was a false alarm caused when technicians were installing new equipment.

RESTIVE

The crowd began to get restive at a four-minute delay before the main body of ex-servicemen appeared.

People started to disperse prematurely, but quickly resumed their positions after a shorter delay when the last of the Gallipoli and disabled veterans' motorcade went past.

The marchers were led by navy personnel, including 600 junior recruits from HMAS Leeuwin, who were marching for the first time.

The retiring president, Mr Percy Pearson, led the RSL State executive. A former Premier, Sir David Brand, marched with the City of Perth Regiment.

One of the warmest bursts of applause came when the Vietnam veterans passed along the terrace.

COMMANDOS

The commando squadrons, grouped together, also got a special welcome. Two bystanders collapsed during the march, but were allowed to leave after receiving attention from St John's Ambulance Brigade volunteers.

A brigade spokesman said later that because of the mild weather, casualties at the tent on the Esplanade were fewer than usual.

A doctor was on hand, so no one had to be sent to hospital.

Several thousand people, including 300 marchers, attended the Kings Park dawn service where wreaths were laid.

There were about 500 people at the Fremantle dawn service.

SCHOOLS' ANZAC EVE SERVICE RE-INTRODUCED

We are happy to report that this year the RSL was successful in an approach to the State Government to re-introduce, after a lapse of two years, the Schools' Anzac Eve Service in Kings Park.

This was a great success, as more than 3000 children from metropolitan schools assembled on each side of the concourse leading down to the State War Memorial.

The Director-General of Education, Mr J. H. Barton, introduced Mrs F. M. Kenworthy, OBE, who gave an inspiring address.

Band music from the Churchlands and John Forrest Senior High Schools was highlighted by the excellent rendition of songs by Perth Modern School students.

With such a service, in which both the community and the schools are involved, the inspiration and ideals of Anzac Day are made more real to children — not only because they are actually participating, but because they are made aware, through the presence of so many leading citizens, of the full meaning and importance of Anzac Day.

The League is extremely grateful to all who organised the Service and to all the children who took part in this memorable occasion.
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Some of Perth's Gallipoli veterans said they would have liked to have gone with the group touring the scene of the campaign on the 60th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli.

But one man said: "Why go back? I didn't like it there much the first time."

Two of the men on the Esplanade on Anzac Day were old friends Dan Chaloner, of Hollywood, and Jack Brown, of North Perth, who put their ages up to go to the Great War and down to go to the World War.

Mr Chaloner was only 17 when he fought at Gallipoli with the 28th Battalion. He later fought in Syria in the 1940s.

Mr Brown was 18 at Gallipoli and later fought in Libya.

Two other Gallipoli veterans, G. J. Cavanagh, of North Perth, and Sydney Wales, commiserated with the veterans of Vietnam, but said that no young people today could have any idea of the casualties of the Great War.

SEVEN SONS

In one Victorian family they knew, seven of the eight sons were killed in various campaigns.

"We were a nation of only five million people then," Mr Cavanagh said.

He and Mr Wales knew each other only by sight at Gallipoli. "We're friends now — but you couldn't know everyone. There were a lot of us there but the numbers are dwindling now," he said.

The television programme was devoted to examining the capabilities of Australia's defence forces and relating them to the kind of war Australia might find itself fighting.

Sir Arthur said his department tried to present the Federal Government with an order of probabilities on defence.

"What we try to do is marshal the order of probabilities through a process of analysis and summoning whatever skills and experience that can be found," he said.

"We would have the view in present assessments that it is not true that a shot fired anywhere in the world is necessarily a threat of physical attack on Australia." he said.

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The Opposition spokesman on defence, Mr Killen, said there was more concern in Australia about defence than in many European countries.

"I think there is a growing concern throughout the country that the world is not the splendid, peaceful place we would like it to be," he said.

He criticised the Government for scaling down Australia's defence forces.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Sir Victor Smith, said there was an increasing tendency to centralise defence matters.

But there would be on unification of Australia's defence forces in his time.

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STATE PRESIDENT STEPS DOWN

Mr Percy Pearson has decided to relinquish the post of president of the RSL in WA. He has held the post for 10 years.

One of Mr Pearson's last duties was to give the Anzac Day address on April 25.

"I think 10 years is a fair slice out of one's life for a cause," Mr Pearson said on announcing his decision.

However, he will not sever his links with the league.

As immediate past president, he will still have a seat on the state executive.

An election will be held to appoint a new president.

Nominations for the post closed in mid-May.

PILGRIMAGE

One of Mr Pearson's final tasks was to help in the arrangements for the 60th Anniversary Pilgrimage Party which left Australia for Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, and other places in the Middle East.

The programme followed the timetable of events that took place in 1915, during World War I.

At 2.35 am on Anzac Day reveille was sounded by a Turkish Army bugler in the courtyard of the Anzac billet, the Hotel Truva at Canakkale.

An hour later buses took the delegates from the ferry terminal at Eceabat for the Anzac area.

At 4.30 a Dawn Service began on the spot where it all happened 60 years before.

After the service, there was a Gunfire Breakfast at the Anzac Cottages, buildings erected near Anzac Cove by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

HOT DOGS

It consisted of hot dogs, rolls, rum and coffee.

At 10.30 a service was held at the Turkish Memorial at Sedd el Bahr.

This was followed by a picnic lunch which included a 1915 soldiers menu — Bully Beef and Weevils and Rice.

The Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler, took part in the pilgrimage.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER, MR P. PEARSON, OBE, JP

On Thursday, 17th July, 1975, the League in Western Australia will host a Testimonial Dinner to mark the occasion of the retirement of Mr P. Pearson after a record term as State President of the West Australian Branch.

We hope that the League in WA will be fully represented at the dinner to pay tribute to one who has served the League with such distinction and honour over so many years. Sub-branches are being supplied with tickets but for the convenience of members who may wish to apply for tickets direct from Anzac House, a tear-off slip is attached.

Attendance is restricted to MEMBERS and seating limited to 350. The charge of $12 per head includes an amount sufficient to purchase a suitable gift which will be presented to Mr and Mrs Pearson at the conclusion of the dinner. Applications must be received NO LATER THAN 30TH JUNE, 1975.

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Please reserve .......... seats at the Testimonial Dinner to be held on Thursday, 17th July, 1975.

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Names of members attending. ..................................................

Signed ..............................................................................

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**WA MAKES A PROPOSAL**

In our previous issue some notes were given about the new type of membership — Service Membership — that has been proposed by the State of Victoria for use on a national basis.

We now give the full text of a resolution by the State Executive that will be put forward at our next Annual Congress. The proposed amendments are the result of discussion at Sub-branch level and at quarterly Metropolitan Presidents and Secretaries' meetings.

It will be observed that the amendments overcome the main objection to the original resolution, in that the Service Member was allowed practically no say in the affairs of the League.

Furthermore it is now proposed that the Service Member becomes a member of the League and not just of his Sub-branch.

Qualification for Service Membership is raised from three to 12 months service in the armed forces — most will agree is a more satisfactory qualification.

When discussing this, it is good to remember that by bringing in this new membership we will be making it possible for the noble and selfless work of the League in the care of the ex-Service man to continue for many years to come.

WA's proposed amended resolution to Victoria's original resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION**: "That National Congress implement Service Membership of the RSL in all States on the following uniform basis:

The League shall admit for Service Membership any persons who are or have been members of the Armed Services of the British Commonwealth, provided that no person shall be deemed eligible to be elected as a Service Member unless he/she shall have served for a period of not less than TWELVE MONTHS in the Armed Services."

The following conditions shall apply to Service Members and for their admission to the League:

1. The total number of Service Members admitted to a Sub-branch shall at no time exceed three-quarters of the number of ordinary members of the Sub-branch.

2. Service Members shall pay to a Sub-branch the same annual subscription as is paid by the ordinary members.

3. The same proportion of the subscription paid to the Sub-branch by the Service Member as is payable to the State Branch Headquarters in respect to ordinary members of a Sub-branch shall be payable by the Sub-branch to the State Branch.

4. A Service Member may be elected to any office in or to the committee of the Sub-branch with the exception that the Service Member be not eligible for election to the office of president of the Sub-branch.

5. A Service Member shall be entitled to vote and to participate in any discussion at any meeting of the Sub-branch, and is eligible to be a delegate at State Congress.

6. The secretary of the Sub-branch shall hand to each Service Member upon his being admitted as a Service Member and upon payment of his subscription the special badge struck by the RSL for issue to Service Members together with a financial clip for that year and thereafter annually upon which the receipt of his subscription shall be issued, and shall issue to him the financial clip for the appropriate year. The badge issued to the Service Member shall remain the property of the League and shall be surrendered by him to the secretary of the Sub-branch upon the Service Member ceasing to be a Service Member for any cause whatsoever.

7. For the purposes of any licensed Club the Service Member shall be treated in the same manner as a member of the League.

8. No person who is eligible for ordinary membership of the Returned Services League or who has been expelled from the League or who is a Communist may be admitted as a Service Member.

9. An ordinary member is defined as being a member of the Returned Services League.

10. Any person being eligible for Service Membership may apply to become a Service Member by lodging with the Secretary an application in writing in the form approved by the League.

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**A forest grows in Israel**

During an Anzac ceremony in Israel, while he was unveiling the plaque for a wood in his, and wife's name, a deeply-moved Sir Roden Cutler expressed thanks to the Australian-Jewish Community for the wood.

He spoke of the long-standing friendship between Israel and Australia, and said: "A forest grows as friendship should grow, and a forest is useful as friendship should be useful."

The ceremony, chaired by Lt-Gen (Res) C. H. Laskov, president of the IWFL, took place in the presence of a distinguished Anzac Delegation and public notables, among whom were Ambassadors F. D. Dalrymple, Defence Minister Shimon Peres, JNF World Chairman Jacob Tsur, Maj-Gen M. Firon, Chief Military Rabbi Rev W. M. Wilson (Ecumenical Chaplain) and Col Jim Stewart, the delegation leader.

Opening the proceedings, Mr Tsur presented Sir Roden and Lady Cutler with an olive wood-encased testimonial marking the planting of their woodland, and invited them to unveil the woodland plaque.

Ambassador Dalrymple called the occasion a high point for the many Australians who had visited the Anzac Memorial, and called for young people of both countries to continue to forge links of friendship begun by their fathers a generation ago.

Defence Minister Peres said: "Memories of great wars never fade, nor do the memories of great soldiers. Our parents met your people before we knew your country."

"Your soldiers who fought here in two great wars were dear to us and conquered our hearts while liberating our land."

After the mounting of a special guard of honour, Maj-Gen Firon recited the Anzac Psalm, followed by Rev W. M. Wilson, who led the gathering in prayer.

After the "Last Post", wreaths were laid at the foot of the monument, and the Cutlers were honoured by the symbolic planting of saplings.

The ceremony was organised in conjunction with the Israel War Veterans' League and the Australian Embassy, and in conjunction with the Israel War Veterans' League by JNF. — From STEPHEN GERSTL (Federal Director of the Jewish National Fund of Australia).
More than 4000 miles

From left to right: Mr A. Clements (Leader), Mr J. Kimber, Mrs and Mr R. Dilks.

Four New Zealanders travelled more than 4000 miles to join with the people of Perth in commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.

They, along with their colleagues who are visiting each of the other States of Australia, make up the NZ Returned Services Association’s Bi-Annual Anzac Delegation, which will be followed next year by a Delegation to New Zealand of representatives of the Australian RSL.

Fares and accommodation are the responsibility of individual members, but the party is under the sponsorship of the RSL and the NZRSA.

Our delegation received a warm welcome at the Perth Airport and we enjoyed a most appropriate itinerary prepared by RSL State Secretary Doug Bruce.

Doug’s programme was carried out by members of the State Executive in Perth, the Geraldton Sub-branch, and later by RSL Sub-branches in the south-west.

The party was thrilled to meet a group of New Zealanders living in Perth, and we joined them in the March-Past after the Anzac Day Service.

We fell in love with the City of Perth, with Geraldton and with the other country districts we visited.

The spontaneous hospitality of RSL members who have entertained us, and the friendly welcome from all West Australians, is something we will never forget.

The members of the delegation — Bob and Eleanor Dilks, of Palmerston North (North Island), John Kimber, of Kaiapoi (South Island), and myself, Matawota (North Island) — will take back to New Zealand happy memories of a trip that was well worth making.

We have had a wonderful time. — Arnold Clements (member of the National Executive, NZRSA).

AT RETIMO AND SUDA BAY

Two ceremonies of importance and interest to Australian ex-servicemen were held in Crete during the visit of about 50 former members of the Sixth Division, 2nd AIF, to that island in May.

One was at Retimo, where a memorial, erected by the citizens of that in honour of the soldiers who lost their lives there, was unveiled.

The other ceremony was held at the Suda Bay War Cemetery. Two bronze plaques were sent by air to Crete to be dedicated at the two services.

The Australian party was led by Maj-Gen I. R. Campbell, CBE, DSO, and stayed in Crete from May 19 to 28.

On their way to the island, the party spent a few days in Athens and took part in wreath-laying ceremonies at the Athens War Cemetery and the Mrs L. Kar-Yanni War Memorial.

Accommodation at leading hotels was arranged and members of the party were able to take part, in independent sightseeing in Greece and in Crete.

The party left Perth on May 13 and returned on May 30.

RSL BALL

The RSL Ball will be held at the Subiaco Civic Centre on Friday, August 15.

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A move has been made to obtain two big howitzer guns for display at Birdwood House and the War Veterans' Home in Geraldton.

The Geraldton Sub-branch of the RSL decided at a recent meeting to apply to the Manufacturing Industry Department for two of the 25-pounder howitzer guns that the Australian Government is making available free of charge.

The Sub-branch was told that 206 of the guns are available for ex-service organisations, local government councils or museums, and that the guns could be picked up at Karrakatta.

John Spendlove successfully moved that two of the guns be sought, for display at Birdwood House and at the Regional War Veterans' Home, which is to be built soon.

$1000 BEQUEST

A stalwart of the Geraldton Sub-branch, the late Mr Arthur Milford, has left $1000 to the RSL.

Two cheques, each of $500, have been received.

One of the donations will go to the Regional War Veterans' Home, on which a start has been made, and the other towards renovations to the Sub-branch meeting-place, Birdwood House.

The War Veterans' Home is being built in the Beachlands area at a contract price of about $90,000.

The first stage includes eight one-bedroom units, with a bathroom to each unit. There will also be a communal lounge, dining room and kitchen, as well as a supervisor's residence.

A donation of $200 from the Morawa-Gutha Sub-branch has also been received.

AGE, YOUTH

A Great War veteran and RSL Life Member, Bert Lock, and a young man who served in Vietnam, Jim Searle, represented the Sub-branch on the saluting dais on Anzac Day.

The salute from the marchers was taken by the Mayor, Charles Mildwaters, who was accompanied by the Magistrate, Ken Philp, and District Police Superintendent Thomas Blackman.

Marchers assembled in Marine Terrace near the Yacht Club and moved off for the ceremony at Birdwood House.

Members of "A" Company of the 16th Battalion provided a guard of honour at the Birdwood House Memorial, where representatives of various organisations laid wreaths and the Anzac Day address was given by Sub-branch president, Stan Moore.

The usual Dawn Service was also held. Marchers assembled near the Yacht Club at 5.30 am, then marched off to the service at Birdwood House at 6 o'clock.

STUDENTS' TRIBUTE

On the eve of the sixtieth anniversary of Anzac Day, students from the Geraldton Senior High School paid tribute to the Anzacs by conducting an Anzac and Peace Service.

The students read their own compositions on "Pledging for Peace"; on the "World in Conflict"; and on the "Anniversary of Anzac Day".

The school cadets provided a guard of honour at the flagpole, where a wreath was laid by the Head Boy and Girl, Tim Ackland and Linda Potts.

Bugle calls were provided from a recording of a combined effort by the bands of John Forrest High School and Perth Modern School.

Anzac Services were also conducted at a number of other schools in the district.

Mr Moore gave the address at St Patrick's College; Sub-branch secretary Eddie Carbury addressed students at John Willock High School; and a past president, Glen Burns, spoke to the children at the Walkaway School.

MEMBERSHIP

A motion asking that membership of the RSL be opened to all men and women who served in the Armed Forces for at least two years and were honourably discharged, will come before the 1975 State Congress in Perth.

When this was put last year to the July Congress, the Geraldton motion was lost, but it received greater support than similar motions at previous Congresses.

The meeting was told that during a recent visit to Mt Barker, State president Percy Pearson had commented on a move to broaden the scope of RSL membership — B.J.B.
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Great Southern Group Conference

The Mt Barker Sub-branch, headed by president Brian Bunker, recently returned from service in Vietnam, were hosts to a well-attended Great Southern Group Conference.

The setting for the conference, the RSL Hall with its garden and fountain in the very centre of a flourishing country town, provided a fine example of community effort on the part of an active Sub-branch.

Mr Max Stephens, MLA for Stirling, opened the conference, saying: "The RSL efforts on behalf of the community leave no doubt in our minds that the basic principles of the League leave nothing to be desired."

He further stated that: "People can be assured that any money subscribed to a fund sponsored by the League will be responsibly handled," he said.

Mr Peter Drummond, MHR, whose family has been closely associated with the League, supported Mr Stephens.

Delegates to the conference were welcomed at a reception given by the Plantagenet Shire Council, by Shire President W. T. Frost.

Mr Pearson, in replying, expressed the gratitude of the delegates for the courtesy of the civic reception extended to them, and noted the excellent relations that existed between the Shire Council and the Sub-branch.

During the proceedings, Mr Colin Williams, Deputy-Commissioner for Repatriation, referred to his Department as YOUR Department, and stated that any ex-servicemen would be assured of the fullest assistance from his offices.

On the subject of Hollywood Hospital, Mr Williams said that the air-conditioning of the various wards was proceeding steadily.

New change-rooms for the hospital orderlies were being built and Mr Williams said they were badly needed, and the orderlies did a first-class job, as anyone who had been treated at the hospital would know.

Mr Bill Gibson, Assistant-Director of the Department of Housing and Construction, answered a number of questions from the floor, mainly relating to War Service Homes in country areas.

Mr Gibson said that after a number of changes of name his Department would now become the Australian Government Housing Corporation. It would continue to administer Defence Service Homes as a section of the Department.

Mr Sam Crook, country vice-president, expressed the gratitude of all the Sub-branches in the area for the years of service given to the League by retiring state president Percy Pearson and Mrs Pearson, supported by their family. Mr Crook asked that his words be placed on record.

A vote of thanks to the Headquarters party, comprising Mr Pearson, senior vice-president L. Phenna, junior vice-president L. Turner and chairman of membership committee C. Briggs, for their contribution to the conference, was carried with acclamation.

The ladies of Mt Barker Women's Auxiliary did a magnificent job with lunch and afternoon tea. They fully justified the remarks of Mr Pearson, who said that the activity in a Sub-branch bore a distinct relation to the strength of the women's auxiliary.
**The R.S.L. ACCOUNTS for 1974**

**EXECUTIVE STATEMENT**

In the course of the preparation of the financial statements for 1974, the Committee were again faced with the problem of maintaining the standard of the financial records which the Returns Service League of Australia, W.A. Branch (incorporated) has maintained over the years. At the same time, with the continual and increased cost of living, the cost of maintaining these records has also increased. The Committee are confident that the good work of the last year will be continued in 1975.

**STATEMENT BY PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING OFFICERS**


**AUDITORS REPORT**

As at the 30th June 1974, no new items of depreciation has been provided. In conjunction with the preparation of the balance sheet, the accounts over the years from 1966 forward were examined and found to be in good order. All items have been depreciated in accordance with the stipulated rates and the accounts for the year ended 30th June 1974, and the results for the year under review, are submitted for your inspection.

**C.A.A. STAMBACH**

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**ACCOUNTS MAY BE INSPECTED**

The accounts in detail may be viewed (by appointment) at the offices of the Returned Services League, W.A. Branch (incorporated) at Anzac House, St. George’s Terrace, Perth.

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"The Government proposed substantial increases in Repatriation benefits and an extension of Service Pension eligibility to veterans of other Commonwealth countries," Senator John Wheeldon, the Minister for Repatriation and Compensation, said recently.

Senator Wheeldon was commenting on the Repatriation Acts Amendment Bill 1975, which was introduced in the House of Representatives on April 22.

The benefits are:
- Special (T and PI) Rate pension increased by $4 a week to $68.10 at an annual cost of $4,080 million;
- Intermediate Rate pension increased by $3.50 to $48.05 a week at an annual cost of $0.344m;
- General Rate (100 per cent) pension increased by $3 to $28.00 a week at an annual cost of $12.291m;
- War and Defence Widows' pensions would be increased by $5 a week to $36, at a cost of $13.296m in a full year;
- the standard rate of Service Pension would be increased by $5 to $36 a week and the married rate by $4.25 to $30 a week. The cost of Service Pension increases over a full year would be $32.029m. Additional amounts paid to service pensioners with children would also be increased;
- the means test on Service Pensions payable to persons between 70 and 74 years of age would be abolished at an annual cost of $8.667m;
- a further 25 percent of war pensions and allowances (making 50 percent in all) would be disregarded as income for the means test applying to Service Pensions. This would cost $1.038m over a full year;
- eligibility for Service Pension to ex-members of the defence forces of British Commonwealth countries would be granted at an annual cost of $7.530m. "These improvements in Repatriation benefits by the Labor Government demonstrated the concern for the special position held by the veteran," the Minister said.

ELIGIBILITY
He went on to say that the veterans of other Commonwealth countries who would be eligible for Service Pensions would be those who had served outside their countries of enlistment, or else have qualified for the award of a campaign medal in respect of service during wars or war-like operations in which Australian Forces were engaged, and who had resided in Australia for at least ten years.

The Minister said: "Though it is difficult to say just how many would qualify under the new provisions, the best available estimates are that about 9,500 persons could become eligible immediately."
The Government proposes that increases in Repatriation pensions will be paid on June 5, retrospective to May 8, 1975.
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This unusual scholastic performance followed his retirement from the position of poultry adviser to the Department of Agriculture in 1944.

He took over what he himself describes as "private activities": George says he "made good here, I think, but I had too much idle time so went to the University for a full-time course in Agriculture.

He became a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1955, then was appointed adviser to a firm that specialised in poultry foods.

But let's go back to the beginning — the time, February 17, 1894; the place, Brunswick (Victoria). The next we hear is that he is being carried in his mother's arms from Southern Cross to Kalgoorlie when he was ten months old.

IN THE DRAFT

Caught in the draft at the tender age of 14, he joined the senior cadets and three years later moved on to the Civilian Military Forces (or was it Citizens?).

He passed schools of engineering and machine gunnery at 17 and 18; wasn't happy in his job as an apprentice and ran away to Fremantle, where he again joined the CMF.

He was engaged in construction engineering work till August, 1914, when he tried to enlist but was knocked back on two counts — he had run away from home and was under 21.

"Ran into trouble," is George's rather cryptic comment, "so resigned to private practice."

This is when he found he had a lot of spare time and decided to seek a University degree.

He was on the executive of the RSL but "went walkabout in 1970 and did not stand again."

"Now," says George, "I am enjoying myself being a trouble-maker to all and sundry, including Doug."

George had a trip back to Gallipoli, in 1959, and was able to recognise some of the old landmarks of the 1915 campaign.

Well, George himself now become a bit of a landmark wherever ex-servicemen gather and he is definitely one of the personality men of the RSL.

Marching on Anzac Day

What did he think about,
That Anzac Day,
Marching along?
He thought of a march of long ago,
When he was young and not so slow.
But now he's old and tired,
This Anzac Day,
Marching along.
And he was young, so long ago,
Marching to goals he did not know.
"We're nearly there," he thought,
That Anzac Day,
Marching along.
The sergeant said that, long ago:
"Come on, lads, not far to go."
"Next came the dawn," he thought,
That Anzac Day,
Marching along,
Dawn when Bill and Jim, long ago,
Reached for goals they'll never know.
And sixty years have marched!
He marches with the few
And the last,
And thinks of many, once he knew.
Proudly and sadly he goes on,
This Anzac Day,
Marching along.

(This was written by 77-year-old C. Alliston, who served with the BEF in Palestine from 1916 to 1919.)

AMALGAMATIONS

At a joint meeting of the Wubin and Dalwallinu Sub-branches held on 7th March, it was decided that the two Sub-branches should amalgamate.

It is expected that this amalgamation will consolidate RSL activities in this area.

The new office bearers are Oliver Osborne, president, and Bill Atkinson, secretary, with Joe Harris as treasurer.

Mr Atkinson also holds the position of Chairman of the Dalwallinu Shire Council, and his willingness to add "Sub-branch Secretary" to the many other calls upon his time, is gratefully acknowledged.

The amalgamation of the Cottesloe-Swanbourne Sub-branch recently took place, and all members have been transferred to the Cottesloe Sub-branch, where we hope the combination will prove highly successful.

There has been no change in the name of the Sub-branch which will be known at Cottesloe.
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By JOY FORD, Hon Sec RSL Women's Auxiliaries of WA

After the recess in January, members of the executive are again visiting hospitals and homes, taking amenities and bringing cheerful word to the ex-Service patients. The visitor is always sure of a warm welcome, especially from those they have seen regularly over a long period.

We are sorry to have received the notification that the Rocky Gully Auxiliary has had to disband owing to loss of membership and we must thank them for their service to the League.

The need for the support of Auxiliaries is most essential, to enable us to continue our work for the ex-Servicemen and women, especially those in hospitals and homes. Where Sub-branches have combined and have found added strength, we hope they will seriously consider forming or reforming a women’s auxiliary.

Information required can be obtained from me, care of Anzac House, Perth.

Our new Auxiliary, Wanneroo, has planned a year’s work and so far have done very well, with their membership steadily growing. Armadale is another auxiliary to have greatly increased their membership during the year.

The Darwin Memorial benefited by donations from nearly every auxiliary, and though some have only a very small membership, their support to our appeals and funds never wanes.

ENTERTAINMENT

During the year a number of auxiliaries in the metropolitan area entertain the ex-Servicemen from hospitals and homes. The Bellevue Auxiliary provide a Diggers’ Luncheon twice a year for ex-Servicemen from the Graylands-Swanbourne Hospitals.

Mrs Kemp (representing the State President) and her husband were guests at the Boyup Brook Sub-branch and Auxiliary Dinner on February 22.

Mrs Rowe and I attended the Civic Reception given by the Lord Mayor at Council House for the international leader of the Salvation Army, General Wiseman and Mrs Wiseman on March 2.

My husband and I had much pleasure in attending the wreath-laying ceremony at the Air Force Association’s headquarters at Bateman Estate on April 6.

On Thursday, April 10, Mr and Mrs Rowe attended a farewell function to Mr J. Richards, of Torchbearers, who has been appointed WA Agent-General in London.

Our State President, Mrs Rowe and our State Treasurer, Mrs Lowe, were guests of the Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs at their Annual Luncheon on April 9.

ANNIVERSARY

On behalf of the Auxiliaries of WA, we on the Executive had great pleasure in giving a 60th Anniversary Luncheon in the Ballroom of Anzac House on April 23 for the members of the Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs.

We were honoured to have with us the Hon Mrs Craig, the Legion’s Patroness, but unfortunately, owing to illness our two Patronesses, Mrs McKinnlay and Mrs Stockman, were unable to be with us.

This was a happy occasion for all, and we would like to thank our friends, Mrs King, Mrs Lee and Mrs Holly, for the musical side of the programme.

The Anzac Eve Service at the War Veterans’ Home in Mt Lawley was well attended and Mrs Rowe laid a wreath for the Auxiliaries on the Cross of Remembrance.

Mrs Rolfe, Mrs Holder and I joined the other guests at the service, and afternoon tea.

DIGNIFIED

The young people who participated are to be congratulated on the manner in which they conducted the solemn and dignified service.

Veanie, Madge and I braved the dark and blustery wind to attend the Dawn Service and place a wreath for the Auxiliaries on the Memorial which, in the cold light of the early morning, was a blaze of colour at its base from the many wreaths laid in memory of the fallen.

We also kept up the good work by going to the Esplanade Service, where despite the rain those attending stayed to clap and cheer the marching men and women.

I have been asked to remind Auxiliaries of the " Adopt a Legacy Ward" Appeal by Torchbearers. Those wishing to adopt may send their donation to me at Anzac House, Perth.

Conference is just around the corner. We hope to have a good roll call of Delegates and some interesting agenda items to discuss.

Best wishes to you all from the Executive.

RSL AND WELFARE

VIRTUALLY A ONE-MAN SHOW

Very little is known of the volume of work carried out by RSL Welfare Officer Bob Charles, who runs what is virtually a one-man show at Anzac House, assisting the great number of people who come seeking his advice and help — regardless of whether they are members of the League, or not.

Seldom is anyone ever turned away, no matter what their problem and a ready ear and helping hand are always available, not only during office hours, but on many occasions at night and in the early hours of the morning, when the Welfare Officer has been called to someone’s assistance.

Help is rendered in a multitude of circumstances, ranging from assisting young folk in trouble, to arranging and attending funerals, looking after hospitalisation and housing, to name but a few.

British ex-Servicemen are also readily assisted through the RSL in Perth and the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League in London, which, at our request, very seldom refuses to help those in need.

A strong liaison also exists between other Welfare Organisations throughout the City of Perth and that of the RSL, thus providing a ready source of help for those in need.

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Miss Helen Doyle whose death occurred at RGH, Hollywood, on January 22, 1975, was a nurse of outstanding ability who served her profession well both in war and in peace.

Born in Victoria in the late 1880s, she came to WA with her parents in the exciting "gold rush" period and lived in Subiaco where she was an early pupil of the Subiaco School, and where her father was elected Mayor of the newly formed Subiaco Municipality.

Later, when the family moved to the country, Helen Doyle went to Kalgoorlie and in 1910 commenced her nursing training at the Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie Hospitals, gaining the general certificate in 1913 and acceptance for membership of the ATNA.

With the outbreak of war in 1914, Miss Doyle, who was a staff nurse at the Bunbury hospital, hastened to join the Army Nursing Service.

On being told that there was a long waiting list, she decided to go to England at her own expense, embarking on the "Indarra" for Adelaide on December 19, 1914, and transhipping to the "Commonwealth" on December 26 for overseas.

She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Irene Dunne.

In England, Miss Doyle joined the QAIMNS and was posted to France, where she nursed in field hospitals in many theatres of war, including Ypres.

INVALIDED HOME

Invalided home to Australia in 1919, she again joined the staff of the Government hospitals and was a Sister at the Woorooloo Sanitorium and Kalgoorlie Hospital.

Anxious to gain further experience, she went to New Zealand in 1925.

There she gained her Obstetric Certificate at St Helen's Hospital, Auckland, and a further certificate in Child Health and Mothercraft at Dunedin under the Plunkett system directed by Dr Truby King.

Her return to Australia marked the beginning of a long service in Board and Departmental hospitals in many areas of WA, ranging from Northcliffe, Margaret River, Narrogin, Albany, Busseconomy and Tambellup in the south of Big Bell, Wiluna, Sandstone and Geraldton in the north.

Working conditions were not easy, for the early years were those of the depression and the latter those of the Second World War.

MIGRATION SCHEME

The immediate post-war migration scheme meant the opening up of a maternity hospital at the migrant holding centre in Northam.

Miss Doyle took charge of this centre and could be said to have ushered many of the first "truly new" Australians into this world.

With the closure of the centre came retirement, but not for long, as the Government Maternity Hospital in Geraldton needed a matron and Miss Doyle was happy to act in this capacity till she finally retired from nursing.

She then found life busier than ever with her many nursing interests and activities, which included the Eleanor Harvey Home Committee; the Government Nurses Ex-Trainees Association, of which she was secretary till her death; the Returned Sisters' Sub-branch of the RSL where she acted as Warden and the RSL Corps of Hospital Visitors.

A keen bridge player, she was for many years secretary of the Perth Bridge Club.

In her latter years, she resided in Subiaco in a home unit very near her old home, and was greatly interested in the Subiaco Historical Society to which she contributed many early memories.

A woman of great purpose, Miss Doyle was able to hold on to what she valued most, an independence of mind and body, and her indomitable spirit will be long remembered by those who knew her. — V.H., 1975.

Father and Son at Upper Swan

The Upper Swan Sub-branch, which was issued with its charter in July 1920, is one of the oldest-established in the State.

The Sub-branch meets in the Baskerville Hall, the entrance to which is through Memorial Gates, presented by the Sub-branch in 1956.

As can be imagined, the price of grapes is one of the main topics in the centre of the State's wine-growing district, and a "chocolate wheel" at the Grape Show is an annual source of funds.

The present office-bearers are Fred Symes (president), his father Keith (secretary) and G. Thomas (treasurer).

Fred Symes, a volunteer for National Service, served with the 17th Construction Unit, and was for six months on active service in Vietnam till the Australian involvement was terminated.

The League is grateful to young men like Fred, who, inspired by all that the League stands for, have come forward and accepted responsibility for their Sub-branches.

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Behind the War Veterans' Home and on the corner of Pinaster and Plantation Streets will be found the beginnings of the League's latest project - the Pearson Village.

Photographs taken at the end of April show the progress that has been made in the last few weeks.

By the time of Annual Congress, the project will be really worth a visit.

Designed for 53 dual-purpose units, for single people or couples, the project will be completed with the addition of a community hall.

Firm applications for about 26 units are now in the hands of the State Secretary and the sooner the whole project is applied for - the cheaper the units can be built.

Considerable savings in cost can be made while the contractors are still working on the site.

Applicants are being called upon for a down payment of $5000 and there will be a maintenance charge of $5 per week. Early applicants are being allowed some latitude in the choice of carpets and fittings in their units and this choice is available until work has progressed beyond the fitting-out stage.

When the village is completed, it will make, together with the existing War Veterans Home, one of the finest establishments for the care of aged ex-service people in the whole country - one that the members of the WA Branch of the League - with a comparatively small membership - can be justifiably proud of.

The continued dedication and wise counsel of the War Veterans' Home Board is something that all members of the League should be grateful for.

The work of the Board is continuous and painstaking as they battle rising costs of almost everything used at the Home.

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SCARBOROUGH SUB-BRANCH AWARDS

A very successful Social Night was held on April 14th at the Scarborough RSL Memorial Hall when Mr Roy Bell, representing the State Executive, presented a Life Membership Certificate to the Sub-branch President, Mr J. C. Bartlett, and Certificates of Service to the Hon Secretary, Mr H. M. Grafton, and the Hon Treasurer, Mr C. H. (Ben) Jones.

The recipients of these awards were surprised and highly delighted.

Left to Right: Mr Ben Jones (Hon Treasurer), Mr Joss Bartlett (President) and Mr Howard Grafton (Hon Secretary).

NEWS FROM...

BELLEVUE SUB-BRANCH

Reminiscent of RSL gatherings of former years, was the annual Smoke Social at Boddington on April 26, when Sub-branch president H. B. (Ben) Patten welcomed members and visitors.

Amongst those present were (representing the State Executive) Junior vice-president Len Turner, and Country vice-president Jack Marchesi, in addition to representatives from Sub-branches further afield, including Williams, Brookton, Pinjarra and Pingelly - to mention a few.

A note of informality was struck when the Roll-Call was made, and as the evening progressed, stories and vocal items came freely from those present.

Congratulations, Boddington, for a great evening, and also to your ladies for the wonderful spread provided.

News from...

BELLEVUE SUB-BRANCH

It is with some pride that Bellevue Sub-branch members reflect on the Anzac Day Commemorations this year commencing with an all night vigil by scouts and guides and an impressive dawn service at the Blackboy Hill War Memorial.

Later in the morning a few of the original Anzacs were among about sixty veterans who marched through Bellevue behind the Midland Scotties. Girl guides and scouts swelled the number on parade to over 100 and a further 100 or more were gathered at the site of our Memorial Service where a boy scout attended the flag, while a guide played the Last Post.

Indeed, the highlight of the proceedings was, the embracing of the entire local community, with an emphasis on the young people of our district.

The Bellevue Sub-branch elected to build the local infant health centre in 1958, as their war memorial. This is used almost daily and proves a useful living edifice.

After the parade members gathered at the home of Mr Tubby Allen and were entertained by the Scotties with their pipes and drums and partook of an excellent luncheon served by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Bellevue Sub-branch meets on the first Tuesday each month at 8 pm in our Club Rooms, Purton Place, Bellevue (74 1055).

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