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Each year leading up to Australia day the matter of the Australian National Flag is debated through the media.

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To the present time the Australian Government has strongly supported the League’s view, and have distributed through the Department of Administrative Services some 20,000 Australian National Flags under the Government’s free-issue programme since May 1979.

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There is a growing public interest in the National Flag, which has been the symbol of national unity for over 80 years, and it is to be noted that a recent newspaper poll has shown a majority of 69 per cent of those polled wanted the flag retained without change.

NATIONAL SECRETARY

In December, National Secretary Peter Young submitted his resignation and indicated that he would be happy to remain in the position until a successor was appointed. Peter, who has served the League over the last two years, has agreed to continue his contacts with the National Headquarters by remaining a member of some of the National Committees. He is resigning for personal reasons to follow other pursuits, and the League is deeply appreciative of the service he has rendered and the initiative introduced during his time as National Secretary.

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The information is provided as a brief guide only and Members who have specific inquiries should contact the Corporation directly on the telephone numbers listed or, if the inquiry is on another issue relating to Corporation matters, by telephoning 327.8222. Future issues of "The Listening Post" will contain more questions and answers of interest to Members.

Q. IS MY AGE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT AND TERM OF REPAYMENT OF A DEFENCE SERVICE HOME LOAN?
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Further inquirries to the Corporation may be made by telephoning 327.8387.

Q. CAN I CONTINUE TO INSURE MY HOME WITH THE CORPORATION AFTER I HAVE PAID OUT MY DEFENCE SERVICE HOME LOAN?
A. Yes, you may retain all the benefits of the Defence Service Homes Insurance Scheme, including the very attractive premium rates and the lack of any excess attaching to a claim, while you remain the owner of the home on which the Corporation originally lent you money.

The Corporation's insurance cover can be retained only on that home and does not extend to any other home you may purchase with non-Defence Service Homes finance.

As well as the original borrower being able to retain insurance cover on that home, the same privilege extends to his widow and/or the Personal Representative of the borrower or the widow.

Further inquiries to the Corporation may be made by telephoning 327.8384.

Q. WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE A DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES LOAN WHEN I DIE?
A. The Defence Service Homes debt is not cancelled or paid out upon the death of the borrower/s and the loan commitments continue.

If the property was in the joint names of the eligible person and his spouse, the property automatically passes to the surviving party, irrespective of the provisions of any Will. Assistance to register the surviving party on the title documents of the home is available from the Corporation at a reasonable cost.

If the property was in the sole name of the eligible party, once Probate of the Will is obtained (or Letters of Administration, if the person dies without a Will) the Personal Representative of his Estate becomes responsible to maintain commitments on the home, if a widow or other eligible person is the sole or major beneficiary in the estate she/he may choose to have the home transferred into her/his name absolutely, provided this is legally possible.

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Provided the widow is the absolute owner of the home or has the legal capacity to become so in the immediate future, consideration may be given to assisting her under the Widows' Relief Scheme. The extent of any assistance granted the widow is subject to a means test and is repayable with interest as her circumstances improve.

The type of assistance available may include a reduction in the normal monthly installment, and payment of rates, property insurance premiums, essential maintenance costs, and other essential outgoings on the home. As the widow's financial circumstances improve she would be required to make extra payments to the Corporation in gradual liquidation of any relief debt that has accumulated previously.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Insight into the Falklands Conflict

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Almost before the Falklands conflict had ended, hastily-prepared books began appearing in print. Most of these were simply re-writes of newspaper material padded out by photographs.

There is little doubt that many of the facts revealed in these books are eye-openers to the general public. One example is the fact that an Argentine submarine fired torpedoes at the disabled British destroyer HMS Sheffield — without success.

The first book, Land Forces is written by William Fowler, formerly a rifle platoon commander and intelligence officer with the 4th Royal Greenjackets, During the Falklands War he was a Research Fellow of the Royal United Services Institute in Whitehall.

Mr Fowler's concise and highly-detailed account of the land operations on the Falklands is enriched by his access to official sources and by personal interviews with officers and men who served in the campaign.

The book is supplemented by eight full-colour pages of superb illustrations showing the uniforms and weapons of both sides in unprecedented detail.

All Argentine and British land force units which served in the Falklands are listed in great detail.

The second book, Naval Forces is written by the military historian and writer Adrian English, who had visited 11 of the 20 nations of Latin America during his 25 years' study of the region. His most recent visit to Argentina in November, 1981 led to his arrest by the Argentine Navy.

Mr English is ably supported with the text of this book by Anthony Watts, editor of "Naval International.'

The concise detailed text is illustrated with many photographs and eight pages of graphic full-colour photographs including the sinkings of the destroyer HMS Coventry and the frigate HMS Antelope, the frigate HMS Plymouth ablaze after being hit by a bomb and the crew taking to a raft from a ditched Sea King helicopter.

The book is supported by two pages of technical data relating to the ships of the Argentine and Royal Navy involved during the conflict.

The third and last book in the series on Air Forces is written by the highly-respected aviation writer Roy Braybrook, who has had first-hand involvement in several aspects of the Harrier programme.

Mr Braybrook carefully examines the aircraft, weapons systems and tactics of both sides.

The lessons learned in aerial combat in the South Atlantic are carefully evaluated and the determination and skill of the Argentine Air Force recognised.

Contained in the book are eight pages of full-colour illustrations by the artist Michael Raffe. These show the colour schemes and markings of aircraft of both sides.

The three-books are all heavily illustrated with action and on-the-spot photographs of a very high standard. One can spend much time just browsing through the fascinating photographs included.

Retailing at $10.95 each, these books are highly recommended.

Vic Jeffery

(Published in November, 1982, the books are available from Princeton Books, Cnr. Mills and Herald Streets, Cheltenham, Victoria, or from Graden Enterprises, 183 Bank Street. East Victoria Park, W.A.)

Answer to the fuzzy wuzzy angel

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And perhaps when they are tired with blistered aching back,

He'll take the yoke upon himself and help down them down the track

And God will be the artist and this picture he will paint

Of a fuzzy wuzzy angel with the halo of a saint.

And his presence shall go with them in tropic heat and rain

And he'll help them tend the wounded in sickness and in pain.

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Hollywood Hospital — Operations Theatre and Ward

By A. Christou

In July 1979 a project for the replacement of four operating theatres and wards accommodating about seventy surgical beds at R.G.H. Hollywood was admitted to the 1979-80 Design list ‘C’ at an indicative cost of $5.2 million (6.8 — April 82).

While the client department was busy preparing a brief for the project D.H.O. began a feasibility study in order to develop a strategy plan.

The strategy plan is basically a zonal plan and will form the basis of a master plan for the Hospital site currently being prepared.

As a result of the feasibility study a preferred location for the new project was selected. This location is central to the main Hospital facilities including the service and pedestrian spine.

PLANNING

The planning of the project takes into consideration the limitation of existing Hospital buildings and services, and the need to avoid interruption to the functioning of the Hospital during construction and commissioning of the proposed works.

A series of building options were examined ranging from three separate buildings at ground level to a single multi-storey development.

The existing theatre must continue in operation until the new theatres are completed and put into service. When this occurs the existing theatre will be converted for other hospital functions.

THE PROPOSAL

The project comprises a four storey building orientated with its long axis east-west so that sun control is effected and most bed-rooms have a desirable northerly aspect.

In addition to the four major floors, access for building and engineering service is provided under the ground floor slab. Because of the sloping site, provision has been made in this proposal for a lower ground floor lobby to facilitate an access link to possible buildings which in the future may be built to the north.

In general terms the ground floor accommodates the operating theatre and associated facilities. The first floor accommodates the mechanical and electrical plant and provides a building service zone. The second and third floors each consist of a ward of 36 beds with associated facilities.

The buildings will be linked to the main pedestrian and service spine of the hospital by a covered way.

A.P.W.C. hearing was held in mid July. The findings of the hearing as yet are not known.

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REVIEW OF REPATRIATION LEGISLATION

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Senator Tony Messner, has announced the membership of a committee established to advise on the review of Repatriation legislation.

In September, 1982, the Minister announced that a comprehensive review of the legislation would be undertaken as it had been increasingly clear that there was a need for rationalisation and simplification.

Senator Messner has now said that the object of the review was to provide simplified legislation covering all Repatriation entitlements. "The principles of the existing legislation would not be altered", he said.

In view of the importance of the review to veterans and their dependants, he had requested nominations from major representative organisations to form an advisory committee to present the views of veterans and dependants.

The committee, to be known as the Advisory Committee on Repatriation Legislation Review, will be chaired by Sir William Keys, O.B.E., M.C., National President of the Returned Services League.

Other members would be Mr B.C. Ruxton, O.B.E., Victorian State President of the R.S.L.; Rear-Admiral G.R. Griffiths, A.O., D.S.O., D.S.C., Chairman of the Australian Veterans and Defence Co-ordinating Council; Mr A.G. Robertson, O.B.E., Chairman of Legacy Co-ordinating Council; and Mrs B. Hughes, M.B.E., National President of the War Widows’ Guild of Australia.

The terms of reference of the Committee are as follows:
- To advise the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs on matters arising in the proposed consolidation and review of Repatriation legislation;
- In particular, to meet as required to discuss and advise on matters referred by the Minister or on papers and drafts prepared within the Department of the Veterans’ Affairs and submitted for consideration of the committee, including papers on matters arising out of the report of the Auditor-General on the Efficiency Audit of the Department or out of the Administrative Review Council review of the Repatriation determining system; and
- To recommend for the Minister’s consideration any amendments for incorporation in the consolidated legislation, whether or not mentioned in material submitted to the Committee by the Department, other than amendments normally taken into account in the Annual Budget context.

Blackboy School Museum at Greenmount Primary School

For the past three years Mr Naylor, the school’s principal, has endeavoured to obtain a separate building to house the growing collection of artefacts and literature relating to Blackboy Hill. The present arrangement, forming part of the school’s office, is far too restrictive and not readily available to group and class activities.

The principal envisages a School Museum incorporating an efficient system of documentation, display cabinets and wall panels, and reference library, which would stimulate wide public and student interest in the rich military and social history of Blackboy Greenmount and surrounding districts.

With this end in view, liaison would eventually be established between the school and the state’s libraries, museums and historical societies.

The possibility of providing an obsolete railway carriage for this purpose is presently being investigated by the R.S.L. Bellevue Sub-Branch.

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Repatriation Pensions to rise in May

The main Repatriation pensions will rise by 6.6 per cent from May 12, the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Senator Tony Messner, announced in February.

The increases follow the movement in the Consumer Price Index over the six months to December 31, 1982, and are fully indexed.

Senator Messner said the new weekly rates and increases would be as follows:

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Encounters of the unpleasant kind

If a burglar should enter your home you have obviously an unwelcome and possibly dangerous visitor. If this unhappy event does occur there are two basic situations to consider.

Firstly, if a resident returns home to find their place has been broken into and suspects the burglar is still inside, we suggest the following:

- Do not enter. Quietly go to a neighbour’s home or some other nearby point and call the police.
- If possible, watch your home from a distance and attempt to obtain a description of any person leaving the house.
- Note any vehicle used by the Intruder and endeavour to obtain a licence number and any other details.
- Jot down what you have seen straight away. The smallest clues could be vital.

Situation number 2 is potentially the most hazardous. This is the dilemma where both the intruder and homeowner are under the same roof at the same time.

Coming "face to face" with a burglar in the violated privacy of your own home is similar to confronting a tiger snake on an isolated bush track. Will it strike? Will it take flight? Who knows. What you can be sure of, in both situations, is DON’T get in the way.

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Those beneficiaries whose eligibility through the Department of Veterans’ Affairs is for particular disabilities related to war service, will not be required to pay the $2 concession charge for prescriptions issued for the treatment of those disabilities. They would, of course, be able to use their Pharmaceutical Benefit Concession Card for prescriptions relating to other conditions.

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His previous appointments in Canberra were in the Defence Co-ordination Office (1969-70), Defence Joint Staff (1974-75), and Director of Air Force Intelligence (1976-78).

Air Commodore Tuckwell is married with three sons. His parents, Mr and Mrs T.K. Tuckwell, live at Rosebud, Vic.

Transfer of Repatriation Pensions Overseas

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator Tony Messner, today clarified procedures for paying Repatriation pensions and allowances overseas.

He said that, because of the costly administrative arrangements involved in transferring pensions overseas, it was necessary for the period of absence from Australia to be more than twelve months before payment could be made overseas.

In cases where the period of absence was less than twelve months, the pensioner was requested to change his or her mode of payment to a bank account or building society in Australia or, if desired, to have the Department withhold payment until the pensioner returned.

Senator Messner said these procedures were necessary to increase the efficiency of overseas pension payments and to reduce excessive administrative costs involved in making short-term payments overseas.

He said his Department had published a pamphlet explaining these requirements if pensioners wanted to have their pensions paid to them while overseas.

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Museum Donations

War medals from the Korean Campaign and also a special citation awarded during one of the battles have been donated to the GERALDTON Sub-branch of the Returned Services League, for placement in its War Museum at Birdwood House.

A former Sub-branch Secretary, Mrs Pam Burgess, presented the Sub-branch President, Mr Graham Till, with the Korean campaign medals won by her late husband, Ken, and also with the Kapyong Campaign Citation he was awarded.

The presentation took place at the November meeting. Mr Till thanked Mrs Burgess for the presentation gesture and expressed appreciation of her secretarial work and also her work at the Bingo evenings and as a Crowning Glory candidate.

Mr Till also expressed regret at the death of Mr Tom Willis who had been an R.S.L. member for half a century. The Sub-branch decided at the same meeting to nominate Mr Bill Cunningham for the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award.

Saying it with flowers

Leslie Hill, the gardener who created the new flower bed for the 80th anniversary of the Royal Australian Nursing Corps, with Mrs Trigells-Smith, MBE (90), a World War 1 nursing veteran. The Nursing Corp's badge is in the centre of the floral design.

The work was created by garden apprentices opposite Victoria Barracks, St. Kilda Road. (Photo courtesy Melbourne Herald).

Floral Badge Commemorates Army Nurses

To mark the 80th anniversary of the Australian Army Nursing Corps, the Melbourne Parks and Gardens have planted their badge in the Alexandra Gardens, opposite the Victoria barracks in St Kilda Road.

The Corps has a history of service covering the South African War, World Wars 1 and 2, occupation of Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Vietnam.

The president of the Returned Nurses' Club, Miss B. Gardiner, said: "Our thanks go to the Chief Executive Officer, the Town Clerk, Mr Mackie, the area foreman and the Parks and Gardens Division of Apprentices for their co-operation and enthusiasm."

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LAST POST FOR BUGLER

One of the best known and most colourful members of the Returned Services League — Horrie Hardy — passed away suddenly at his home on Friday 25th February 1983.

He was born at Rotherham, England on 19th September 1919. In 1938 he was a member of 11 Bn C.M.F. and subsequently joined 2/11 Bn A.I.F. with which he served until manpowered in 1944 to go back to dairy farming. He joined the League in 1945 and despite several lapses of membership had been a member continuously for 22 years. At the time of his death he was a member of Nollamara/North Perth Sub Branch.

In addition he was connected with many branches of the R.S.L. and kindred associations, acting mainly as hospital visitor and bugler. In 1966 he joined 2/11 Bn Association and had served on their Committee since 1967. In 1970 they awarded him a certificate of service and in 1976 made him a life member of their association.

Nollamara/North Perth Sub Branch recommended him for life membership of the Returned Services League and this was awarded to him in 1980 by the National Executive.

As an Honorary Member of the Mt Lawley-Ingleswood Sub Branch for approx. 20 years Horrie officiated as hospital visitor and bugler and a regular attender at their meetings.

About 10 years ago he became associated with the Guards Association and was their hospital visitor. In 1981 he was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Guards Association for services rendered and this was presented to him by their patron, the late Sir Charles Gairdner G.B.E. K.C.M.G. K.C.V.O. C.B. (Lieut. General) and ex governor of Western Australia (see photo).

He was a man who dedicated his life to the welfare of his less fortunate exservicemen visiting Repatriation General Hospitals, private hospitals, and nursing homes dispensing cheer, magazines, sweets and other necessities (provided by the various organisations with which he was connected.)

Many Sub Branches will remember Horrie officiating as bugler at their Anzac Day and other functions. In 1964 he commenced acting as bugler at the funerals of ex-servicemen, and up to the time of his death he officiated at over 800 funerals.

He is survived by his wife Joan and 5 children. Joan is President of the Nollamara/North Perth Sub Branch Ladies Auxiliary and to her and her family we all convey our deepest sympathy, with the full knowledge that her husband was a true and great Australian conscious of the needs of his fellow men and their families. Approximately 400 mourners formed an avenue of honour at the entrance to the cemetery, and with poppies in their lapels paid tribute to Horrie as the hearse passed through. Led by a lone piper the cortege proceeded to the crematorium.

Many ex-service organisations and Sub-Branches of the League were represented, as were the Women's Auxiliaries.

The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by a bugler from the 5 M.D. Band.

No one deserves that well known phrase more than Horrie Hardy — "Well done thou good and faithful servant".

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Before the Second World War the “Australia” served with the First Cruiser Squadron of the Royal Navy Mediterranean Fleet during 1935-36 at the time of the Italian-Abyssinian conflict. The early period of the Second World War saw her on patrol and search in Australian waters and she escorted the first two convoys of Australian forces enroute to the Middle East.

The “Australia” saw action at the Port of Dakar, West Africa, on the two occasions that the Royal Navy intervened to immobilise the Vichy French Fleet to prevent it from falling into German hands.

During this period she was hit by two six inch shells and lost her aircraft with a crew loss of three.

With the entry of Japan into the war in December, 1941 the “Australia” was recalled to the Pacific and resumed Flagship duties on December 21, 1941. In the early part of 1942 she was engaged in escorting convoys of American troops to the South Pacific area. In May, 1942 the “Australia” joined the Battle of the Coral Sea.

On August 7, 1942 she escorted American Marines to the landing at Guadalcanal. At the subsequent action her sister ship the “Canberra” was sunk together with three American cruisers. Later in 1942 the ship operated with American Carriers and Battleship Task Forces in the Battle of the Solomons. The year 1943 saw the “Australia” operating in the Coral Sea area continuously and she was in company with “HMAS Hobart”. The “Hobart” was later to be torpedoed by a Japanese submarine.

From December, 1943 to September, 1944 the “Australia” participated as Flagship of Task Force 74 in the following landings: Arawe, Cape Gloucester, Hollandia: Aitape, Wakde, Biak, Noemfoor and Morotai, in the Halmaheras. Next was to Leyte in the Philippines. This operation was possibly the largest naval operation of the war as the invasion armada consisted of 736 ships, from battleships to tugs and the huge convoy had to steam over 1400 miles to reach its objective.

On the second day following the landing at Leyte the “Australia” was hit by a suicide dive bomber attack, which severely damaged the bridge area and many sailors were lost including her captain.

The “Australia” was ordered to proceed to Espiritu Santo for urgent repairs. After repairs the ship rejoined the Seventh Fleet in time for the next engagement at Lingayen in the Philippines in January, 1945. At this landing the Japanese made repeated attacks on all Allied ships with groups of suicide bombers and in the space of four days the “Australia” was hit by five kamikaze planes. Despite the damage and loss of life the ship completed all of her bombardment assignments. The damage was so great that she was ordered out of the area and managed to get back. The damage was so severe that she was sent to Plymouth, England for repairs. The war finished whilst she was in England and she returned to Australia in January, 1946. The “Australia” continued to serve as the Flagship in the Post War Period. During 1954 she acted as escort to the “Gothic” carrying the Queen during her Australian tour. The ship was finally paid off on August 31, 1954 when she was towed to Barrow in England and broken up in 1956. The career of this gallant ship had ended.

Extract from Reveille

Bugle Calls

As Anzac Day approaches there have been a number of enquiries as to the meaning of bugle calls. The main enquiries were on the Last Post and Reveille. The Listening Post explains here their meanings:

“Last Post” — This is the call sounded at 10 pm each evening to inform the soldiers that they should be inside their quarters for the night. It signified the end of the day’s activities and ushered in a period of rest and quietness. It is sounded at military funerals and commemorative services to indicate that the soldier has completed his life’s work and has entered into his rest.

“Reveille” — This is the trumpet or bugle call sounded at all military barracks and camps first thing in the morning to awaken the soldiers and tell them to get up and dress. It is also sounded at military funerals and commemorative services to signify the resurrection of the body after death and the awakening of the soul into a new life.

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The volume of recent enquiries received indicates some concern by ex-members of the Forces in respect of the use of this huge sum.

An expectation of personal benefit promotes some of the interest and it is not uncommon for persons approaching retirement to seek a regular supplement to their pensions and superannuation from the profits made on their purchases from the Canteens during their years of war service.

Discussions at clubs and gatherings of ex-servicemen often contain vague and emotional references to millions of dollars being available or being paid to a chosen few in a haphazard fashion.

This is nonsense. However, in the absence of information quite understandable — I have recently received the annual report for the year ending December 31, 1981; as the Trustees of the Fund are frugal, only a limited number are printed, so with their assumed permission, certain interesting information will come to "Reveille" readers in this column.

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The following summary sets out the financial history of the Fund:

Since the Services Canteens Trust Fund was established in 1947 the Trustees have taken charge of:

- assets totalling $11,086,682
- investment earnings totalling $11,620,889

and expended $22,707,571
- under general welfare $8,189,226
- under the education scheme $12,037,771

leaving a residual balance of $2,480,574

To date over 77,000 applications for general welfare have been received and dealt with. I might mention here our own experience with applicants and their applicants.

A number of those coming to RSL Welfare for forwarding to the Fund have come from non-entitled persons, from persons seeking to get their "share" but not really in need, from applicants beyond limited financial help, from those refusing to provide required information or from those whose real need was guidance on how best to use their own adequate, if limited, resources. Somewhat less than a quarter of those seeking a grant met the reasonable qualifications for assistance.

Appendix C of the report shows a clear picture of the general welfare activities of the Fund.

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The events will start and finish from Hall Park in Mandurah amid fairground atmosphere providing a unique chance to view and participate in all events and activities.

A complete weekend of activities have been organised for the long weekend. Friday night, Mandurah Raceway — the Mandurah Pentathlon Gift — all competitors will be issued with a free entry ticket. Saturday — enjoy the Mandurah Shire Council’s Annual Art Purchase Exhibition, Mandurah Yacht Club Annual Invitation Ocean Race, or simply relax in Mandurah — the playground of the West. Saturday night relax, dance and enjoy the “Bozzer Creek Bush Band”. A fabulous night’s entertainment for the whole family. Sunday the Mandurah Halls Head Pentathlon Relay concludes at 6.00 p.m. Relax at the fair ground on Hall Park, Mandurah. Barbeque entertainment activities for everyone.

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26 — LISTENING POST — AUTUMN, 1983
Relief provided for widows and orphans and the assistance granted to afflicted children.

Space in this issue will not permit the statistics shown in the report, but if sufficient interest is expressed, these may appear in a later issue.

The education awards granted have been the means of a better career and life for thousands of children. Subject to interest and space, I’ll have more on this in a later edition of “Reveille”.

Over one million served in the Australian Forces in World War Two. Had the original monies available been distributed equally a sum of little over $11 would have been available. This would have been of little interest.

I’m sure we all appreciate those who saw beyond a small immediate benefit and planned a much greater use of the Fund. Our appreciation must also extend to those who served as Trustees, Regional Committee Members, Staff and all those who worked to benefit so many.

APPENDIX C

SERVICE CANTEENS TRUST FUND
GENERAL WELFARE

(1) Relief granted

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We had some shots at Gneisenau” said Captain Grant.
“Gave him the shock of his life, for of course he couldn’t see us, and he must have wondered how the wireless station had managed to mount twelve-inch guns.”

But those shots at the Gneisenau were all that the Canopus could manage. For she was fast on the mud, and it had been hard to watch all the others steam out of the harbour in pursuit of Von Spee, steam out with their escort of albatrosses while she remained fast on the mud. And now there was the old Canopus drowsing in this lotus haven, with never a snotty on board who had not heard the guns of the Gneisenau.”

From a member of Onslow sub-branch R.S.L.

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For the guidance of Sub-Branches the following information is given regarding the forthcoming Annual State Congress of this State Branch:


MEALS: Each Sub-Branch is responsible for delegates expenses. Morning, Afternoon Tea, Lunch will be served at the Congress Venue.

NOMINATIONS: Rule 25: All nominations for the position of President, Vice-Presidents (2), and Committee (9 required), shall be made by a Sub-Branch at a properly constituted meeting, shall be in writing and closed with the State Secretary by Friday, April 29, 1983, and all Sub-Branches shall receive notification of all nominations received not less than one (1) month before the opening of Congress.

All nominees must be financial members of the State Branch and must signify their willingness to accept office. All candidates for office in the League, whether paid or honorary, shall when nominated, declare themselves in full accord with the principles of the League.

Nominations may include any financial member of the WA State Branch, and not merely members of their Sub-Branch.

It will be necessary for Sub-Branch Secretaries to act immediately.

LEAGUE TRUSTEES: League Trustees elected in 1981 for 3 years are: Messrs. P. Pearson, C.M.G., O.B.E., J.P., K. Broadhurst, FRAIA, ARIBA; R.N. Stone, AM, JP.

AGENDA ITEMS: All agenda items for State Congress must be accompanied by preamble for each item, be in writing and closed with the State Secretary on April 29, 1983. (Please submit Agenda items as soon as possible).

It is important that Sub-Branches carefully discuss any proposed Agenda items to ensure that the subject matter comes within the scope of League activities. Particular interest must be given to Constitutional items, and a clear and specific indication given as to the Rules which are desired to be altered.

The following are suggested as appropriate headings for Agenda items:

(a) Immigration
(b) Defence
(c) Repatriation
(d) Listening Post
(e) Defence Service Homes
(f) State War Memorial
(g) Anzac Day
(h) War Veterans’ Home

(i) Remembrance (Poppy) Day
(j) Membership
(k) Anzac House
(l) Anzac Club
(m) Constitution (National & State)
(n) Administration

DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT: One delegate per 75 financial members, or part thereof, and based on membership figures as at December 31, 1982 with a limit of six (6) delegates per Sub-Branch.

An accredited delegate may be extended to allow one delegate to represent more than one Sub-Branch. Proxy Delegates may be appointed, but may only act in the absence of Delegates from any sitting of Congress.

CONGRESS LEVY: $10 per delegate. Two (2) or more delegates $20.

ANNUAL TROPHY COMPETITION: Entries for consideration in the various Trophy Competitions should be submitted to the State Secretary not later than April 29, 1983.

It has been pleasing to receive more entries over the last couple of years and all Sub-Branches with small membership have equal opportunity with larger Sub-Branches as this is taken into account on proportionate basis.

The Monument at Albany

The Albany Memorial is dedicated to the troops who served in the campaign under General Allenby, and who donated sufficient money to erect the memorial in Egypt. The Egyptians during trouble with England and France destroyed it. After much discussion, the damaged Memorial was repaired and after a lot of argument, was shipped out and erected at Mt Clarence, Albany. It being the last port, from which those first troops left Australia, this Despite pressure to site the Memorial in Canberra.

Mr Menzies came over for the dedication and the Light Horse formed the Guard of Honour, many of which had the Gallipoli Anzac ribbon (which was made into a clasp) pinned after their medals. Mr Menzies walked along the front line talking to some of those 10th Light Horse men. The ribbon must have excited his composure. He asked one, Mr Garth, what “that was”. Tommy replied (without a smile) “That, Sir, is the ribbon of the medal you would not award us.” Menzies walked on through the other two lines and never asked another question.

On one trip, coming home by an Italian steamer, I was introduced to a person who was the designer of that plaque, and lapel badge. He was full of the war, and I, unfortunately, had to correct him after he was so definite that he had read all about the campaign. My wife was present, and he was so, flustered that he dodged us for the rest of the trip. I sent him a story of Gallipoli, but the matter was returned, address unknown. I still have them.

*Courtesy Gallipoli Legion Newsletter.*

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Although wounded in the Great War he again saw service in the World War and served with distinction. His leg wound troubled him greatly during his life and subsequently it was amputated. I first met Sir Charles during one of my sojourns in RGH Hollywood where he was also a patient, and on one occasion he saved me from a confrontation with the late Jean Ferguson, who at that time was Matron of the hospital.

Many leading citizens were among those who attended the service at the Karrakatta Crematorium, including His Excellency the Governor, the State President of the R.S.L., the Premier and Members of the Cabinet, and the Lord Mayor of Perth. Many service and ex-service organisations were represented. Former State Governor Sir Wallace Kyle and former State Premiers in Sir Charles Court and John Tonkin, with Sir Ross Hutchinson, Sir Frederick Chaney and George Shaw from the Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs also attended. The League has lost one of its finest members, and on its behalf I extend sincere condolences to Lady Gairdner and family.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

Bass Strait/1940-41

My ship, H.M.A.S. Warrego, was the flagship of the 20th Minesweeping Flotilla which consisted of Warrego, Swan, Doombah, another small ex-cargo ship, whose name escapes me, together with the first corvette built in Australia.

When the first mines became evident we were given the task of clearing Bass Strait, from Cape Otway to Cape Liptrap.

Warrego had the doubtful honour of raising the first mine found in Australian waters. We first did a searching sweep, having found evidence of a minfiled. This area was closed off to shipping while we searched other area. Eventually, we came back to the areas where mines had been found, and carried out a clearing sweep. This was when we really found the blighters.

When the really big troopships started to come here, we copped another job. With no harbour capable of accommodating the two Queens at the same time, one went to Hobart empty, awaited the loading of the other, then swapped ports. Our job then was to sweep from Cape Raoul to Storm Bay. After the arrival of the Queen Warrego and Swan took up position at anchor in Storm Bay, positioned so that our asdic sweeps hit the shore and crossed in the centre, so that no submarine could enter the Derwent.

It was truly a soul-destroying exercise, bitterly cold, rolling 25 degrees either way 24 hours a day, full watches kept, for a full fortight at a time.

It is not generally known that mines were laid in that area, but we had living proof of the fact. It was a Saturday, lunchtime, both sweeps out, everything promising to be just as boring as minesweeping always is, speed five knots; 30 miles up, 30 miles back, it was boredom personified.

I had just finished dinner, picked a spot, blown up my Mae West for a pillow, something they were eminently suitable for, and set down for a bit of a kip. I was in that blissful state, not yet fully asleep, nor quite awake, when all of a sudden a tremendous explosion took place. The ship lifted 10 feet into the air, and before we had settled back, I was on the quarterdeck, ready to abandon ship.

That wasn't necessary, all the damage we had sustained was the loss of our port sweep gear. We had the "kite", the things that kept our sweep wire at its correct depth, laid out six fathoms deep, 48 feet below the surface and stretched out 26 fathoms from our stern.

Apparently, the kite had struck and exploded a mine, and being that depth down it could only have hoped to get a ship as big as the Queens, so someone know that big ships would use that track. It did get us back into harbour very much earlier, and strangely enough, everyone in Hobart knew what had happened.

As a sidelight to our excursion into Tasmanian waters, we were treated to a very rare sight, a convoy of four of the largest ships in the world, Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, Aquatanla and Mauretania.

Our skipper reached the highlight of his career when he passed a signal to Queen Mary in the gathering dusk:

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32 — LISTENING POST — AUTUMN, 1983
After 28 years
Billie breaks with
charity

The bank managers lined up, each with a beer keg in front of him. On the order "go" they rolled the kegs down Knuckey St.

It was just one of the dozens of crazy fundraising projects organised by Darwin's legendary charity queen "Auntie" Billie Pitcheneder.

This week Auntie Billie announced her retirement — after 28 years of writing out raffle tickets and holding out collection tins she's decided enough is enough.

She is afraid if she keeps up her fundraising any longer her face will be perforated down the centre with a number on one side and a name and address on the other.

Besides, it's getting more difficult to sell raffle tickets these days.

Decision

"A young mum who usually buys four tickets bought only one the other day. She apologised and explained her husband has lost his job," Billie said.

"Besides, if I don't make the decision to stop now I never will," she said.

Although Auntie Billie will no longer be a familiar sight outside Woolies or by the road down the track, (she was out rain, hail or shine) she won't be leaving Darwin.

It would be like-cutting out her heart to leave — she loves the city.

She was deeply hurt when the Japanese bombed the city in 1942.

"When I saw it I cried and cried," she said.

"I cried again when Cyclone Tracy reduced it to rubble. "But with everybody else I put my shoulder to the wheel and helped clean up."

"You'll only do something like that for something you are really proud of, and love."

Singlet

Auntie Billie is of Irish ancestry and it's from her father, a talented comic, she has inherited her magnificent sense of humor and the wry expressions she strings off "from the top of my head."

One day a man asked if she would like some help.

She declined — and remarked to a friend sotto voce, "I'd rather do it myself. He'd be as much help as a hip pocket in a singlet!"

Ask her if she's busy and likely she will reply:

"As busy as a one-armed milker on a dairy farm."

Interviewing Auntie Billie is like trying to interview a runaway express train.

You have to keep slowing her down or wait for her to stop for breath.

By Terry Dahlenburg
Courtesy N.T. Times

Turning the pages of her scrapbook, Auntie Billie recalled that she started on her Territory fund-raising career while on holiday in Alice Springs in 1951. A team of sportsmen wanted to compete in Mount Isa but had no money.

Auntie Billie organised a ball at Ly Underdown's hotel and raised sixty-four pounds.

She had decided during a holiday in Darwin in 1941 that she wanted to return — somehow the place had won her heart.

So back she came and worked in all manner of jobs. Her first was in the Snells Construction Company mess where the Maranga Hotel now is.

Auntie Billie loves children and was often to be found helping out at the nearby kindergarten.

Family

In 1954 she took over the tuckshop at Darwin Primary School — and helped teachers by escorting the littlies to the loo!

"Among them was a little tacker named Grant Tambling," she said.

Grant is now MHR for the Territory.

Billie married Peter Pitcheneder in 1961 and regrets they never had children.

But many of the kids she knew from Darwin Primary have now grown up, married and had children and she considers them "her family."

Auntie Billie's fund-raising has helped many charitable, sporting and community organisations to attain their goals.

Her first badge day for the Braille Society in Perth realised ninety pounds.

That was back in 1958. By 1974 she had raised a total of $23,000.

Her reward was life membership of the society.

She organised the first mardi gras to raise money to build a rest room for the Country Women's Association.

It was a great success and attracted more than 2000 people.

Like Topsy the mardi gras grew and sufficient money was raised to build the much-needed rest room in Knuckey St — which opened free of debt.

Auntie Billie said: "Anybody had to only look at me with a hangdog look and I'd collect a bone for them."

Busy

She feels that by helping all the organisations in Darwin she was fulfilling a promise that she would do anything in her power to help her city.

She made that promise in 1952.

And she's been so busy on the fund-raising trail ever...
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since she hasn’t had time to see Katherine Gorge or Ayers Rock.

She has no regrets.

“If I was 28 years younger I’d start all over again,” Auntie Billie said.

But she isn’t — she will be 87 on May 16 (no coyness in revealing her age) and looks forward to waking up knowing she can get up or stay in bed for the day if she wants to.

Auntie Billie has received rewards, but strangely the first recognition of her fantastic efforts came from overseas.

This was the Humanist Society’s Award from California in 1969 for her “energy and forcefulness in helping others over 15 years.”

It was not until 1977 that Auntie Billie received a British Empire Medal and later the same year the Queen’s Jubilee Medal.

Closer to home she has been a Citizen of the Year.

She is also a life member of the Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women (she was a transport driver in the AWAS in World War II), CWA, Braille Society, Guide Dogs for the Blind and RSPCA.

Her retirement priorities are to “knock some spit and polish into my flat that looks like a disaster area,” organise her suitcase of cuttings into a decent scrapbook, and hopefully see the rest of the Territory.

Auntie Billie has some homespun advice for the young people of today: “Bite off only what you can chew, whether it’s chocolate or tobacco.”

As our interview ended a few tears rolled down Auntie Billie’s cheeks.

MEASUREMENTS

Have you learnt to master the Metric System? Maybe you have as regards to monetary system — but you are still prone to think of three dollars as only thirty shillings.

But what about the weights and distances. For the youngster at school being taught metric weights and measures the metric system should prove much simpler than the weights and measures we tried to master.

We had dry quart, liquid quart, ounces (fluid, avoirdupois, apothecaries), barrels, gallons, pints, gills, long ton, short ton, wheat ton. Of the mile we had the survey, statute, international and nautical. There were hands, cords, drams, scruples, pecks, carats, grains, firkins, kilderkins and hogsheads.

In the building of the Great Pyramid of Cheops, the ancient Egyptians used a measure known as a “cubit”. This measure was based on the length of a man’s arm from elbow to fingertip, usually about 18 inches. According to Genesis 6:15 we learn that Noah’s Ark was to measure 300 cubits in length, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits in height. In other words 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. A mighty big vessel for those days, but then they would have needed something big to house all the animals.

Who knows when and where the word “yard” came into usage? We do know that it is almost exactly a double cubit.

In Caesar’s time the “Mile” was 1000 double steps by a Roman soldier, or the distance of 5,000 Roman feet.

She sighed and closed her scrapbook — a record of selflessness and big-heartedness that marks her as a woman of special qualities who has earned a special place in the city she loves so much.

Auntie Billie Pitcheneder will be guest of honor at a civic reception on February 28.

The reception by the Lord Mayor and alderman of the Darwin City Council is to show appreciation for almost 30 years of fund-raising and service to the community.

As a further “thank you” the council has granted Auntie Billie free parking at any of its official car parks.

Auntie Billie announced her retirement from fund-raising last week.

The Lord Mayor, Mr Cec Black said: “In the time I have been involved with the Darwin community there has been no greater contributor to a whole range of charity work than our Auntie Billie.

“She always had time, in fact made time, to promote almost every conceivable type of charity from the Salvation Army to marching girls.

“Auntie Billie’s contributions have been warmly welcomed by Darwinians and no doubt she will be missed.”

Mr Black said Auntie Billie had also been involved with such events as commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin, Australia Day celebrations and NT Pensioner Association.

Her contribution over the years would be hard to match.

Billie Pitcheneder is a member of the City of Perth Sub-Branch.

In the 16th Century Queen Elizabeth extended the mile by 280 feet, so that it would be 8 furrow-lands, or as it later became known “furrows”.

The fathom once equalled the span of a Viking’s arms stretched wide; an acre was the amount of land ploughed by a yoke of oxen in the course of one day; and the carat came from the tiny carob seed.

From all this confusion over differences in measures finally evolved the metric system, approved by the French National Convention in 1795.

The metre, from the Greek work “metron”, meaning a measure, was to be one ten millionth of the length of the earth’s meridian between the equator and the North Pole, and was duly measured by a team of surveyors for adoption.

May I ask this question: “Does the modern day sailor still think of the fathom as 6 feet or must he think of it as 1.8288 metres?”

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HMAS ADROIT will in turn be replaced by yet another sister ship, HMAS ASSAIL. In mid-year and will then transfer to the Fremantle Port Division of the Royal Australian Naval Reserve as a training vessel. HMAS ADROIT is pictured entering the HMAS Stirling small boats harbour on her arrival.
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FLASHBACK
A Squad 25 Light Horse (M.G.) Regiment, Canning Dam, October, 1940.

Vale Bert Newland

Although only elected to the State Executive at Congress last year, A.W. (Bert) Newland had endeared himself to all other members by his quiet and affable approach. His untimely death after such a short term has left the Executive stunned.

His demeanour no doubt was brought about by his service in the Royal Australian Navy where it is worldly known as the “Silent Service”.

Bert’s war service began in 1939 and during the war years he served on HMAS Hobart in the Red Sea, Middle East, Singapore, Java Sea, Coral Sea, Philippines, South-East Asia and Borneo.

Among other organisations who will miss him greatly are the “Thirty-niners”, where he was the Honorary Secretary, and the TS Canning Sea Cadets Building Committee.

Prior to Bert’s retirement from work he was employed by Telecom as a clerk.

He was greatly admired by his Sub-branch, Canning Districts, where he was the Junior Vice-President.

Many members of the Executive, led by the State President, attended the funeral. Other organisations represented among the large gathering included the Canning Districts Sub-branch, the Thirty-niners Assoc., HMAS Hobart Assoc. and the City of Perth Naval Assoc.

The Listening Post Committee, on behalf of the State President and all members of the League, join together in offering deepest condolences to Mrs Newland and all members of the family.

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**W.A. R.S.L. Bowls News**

By Doug Piggott

On October 17, a busload of members and their wives travelled to Dudley Park Bowling Club, Mandurah, for a successful day of bowls and fellowship.

Glowing reports have been received about the hospitality and in particular the high tea prior to the bus returning to Perth. A fine example of the hospitality being where one of our members (K.M.) missed the bus home and a Dudley Park member volunteered to drive him home to Perth.

Three rounds of bowls were played and it proved to be a keen competition, with a winner for the R.S.L. 10½ games to 9½ games.

The individual winners for the R.S.L. were a team skipped by Roy McLeod, Vern Hollis, Clarrie Gilbert and Joe Brown.

Receiving news of country R.S.L. bowls is akin to "pulling a tooth", however I have a very sketchy article which was printed by the Busselton-Margaret Times.

Until 1982, the Busselton R.S.L. fours was managed and sponsored by a local sub-branch member. (His name not supplied). Last year, the Busselton Bowling Club took a grip of the reins and encouraged teams from Kojonup, Augusta, Brunswick, Eaton, Capel and Dunsborough to do battle on the greens.

The competition was decided on a points basis. The winners were Wally Johnson (Skip), Jim Cornwall, Bill Brown and Bert Jarvis, with 78 points. The runners up were Bill O'Brien, Bill Cross, Bill O'Connor, and Ern Luckman, with 77 points. Third place went to Ken Ball, Norm Gray, Alan McGregor and Ted Brennan.

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**Bowlers Make More Friends**

I wish to report to you some of the main points of the recent tour of the Republic of South Africa by a group of R.S.L. members, of which 15 were West Australians.

All tourists conducted themselves as worthy representatives of our organisation, and the ties and Anzac Club bannerettes you gave us were well received on tour.

It is very hard to describe the importance the South Africans attached to our visit. We met their National Chairman of M.O.T.H.s, Alf Gooden, and the acting President of the South African Legion, Ken Vaughan. We were accorded three civic receptions in their main cities, to which many local dignitaries were invited. We were also entertained at M.O.T.H. centres throughout our tour.

We met friends from the 1978 Tour and the 1980 Return Tour of Australia, as well as making new friends. We were permitted to attend a meeting of the M.O.T.H.'s in one of their Shell Holes and witnessed a part of their ceremony. Although our success on the bowling green was limited, we won many South African friends.

The Press were very interested in our Tour, and many photos were taken. However, no interviews or discussion on touchy politics were given at any time. A television interview was made for Remembrance Day and would be shown prior to November 11, 1982. A wreath was laid in Pietermaritzberg at the Delville Wood Cross.

All things considered, the Tour was very successful and makes for a happy relationship between our two countries, both of which have the same background and ex-service unity.

They are already planning the Return Tour of Australia in 1984.

As you are no doubt aware, there was some breakdown with National R.S.L. Bowls, and National R.S.L. assumed responsibility for the tour. W.A. seems to have a good relationship between both bodies. However, as R.S.L. Bowls is only a section of R.S.L. this is as it should be. W.A. R.S.L. Bowls has 400 odd R.S.L. members and has been a means of bringing many members back to the R.S.L. Perhaps you could look at ways of closer liaison between the two. This would assist in making the anticipated South African Tour of Australia in 1984 a great success.

Len Preedy, Tour President

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Adelaide was the host city to all State players for the 1982/83 "Jack Hamilton V.C. Fours", "Dr Syd Krantz Memorial Trophy" and the National Fours.

A contingent of between 60 and 70 players and their wives left W.A. to participate in a very well organised 10 days of bowling, and although we came home minus a trophy, the players did very well.

The Jack Hamilton V.C. Fours is contested by the best players each State can select, and five games are played over three days.

W.A. finished with 0 wins, 5 losses, with points for 422 against 504. These figures look bad, but we lost by 82 points + 5 (games) = 16.4 + 4 (teams) = 4.1, so to only lose by an average of 4.1 shots in each game, the team’s effort was good. The overall winners were N.S.W.

The Dr Syd Krantz Memorial Trophy was also keenly fought, with the W.A. players finishing with 3½ wins, 1 draw and 1 loss and the outright winning state being N.S.W.

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In the National Fours, the best effort by a W.A. team was Doug Cribbie, Wyn Sedgwick (both from Bruce Rock), Murray Leahy (Kit. Pk) and Arthur Sulley (South Aust — Formerly W.A.). Outright winners were Victoria.

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The 1983/84 Carnival will be held in Sydney, and to assist your W.A. R.S.L. Bowls Section Committee, we ask you to let us know before October of your intentions to participate.

The 1984/85 Carnival will be held in W.A. and your committee is now working to that end. We intend changing the playing dates so as not to interfere with your Christmas and New Year’s Eve celebrations.

Dates to Remember

Morris Crewe Memorial Fours — April 23 and 24.
Men’s Pairs — May 7 and 8.
Cliff Sadlier V.C. — May 18 (Wed).
Men’s Triples — May 21 and 22.
Mixed Fours — May 28 and 29.

On the social side, Wednesday, April 13, has been selected for a Forces (Navy, Army, Air Force) day: This event is open to any person who was in the forces — you don’t have to be an R.S.L. bowls section member, you are all welcome.

A day for ladies has been arranged for Tuesday April 19 at Wembley Bowling Club. If your wife would like a game of bowls, please contact Jack Dusting on 450 4278, Ken Marshall on 342 1142 for this event and all other games.

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Childrens Service
Friday April 22nd — 2.00 pm
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Sunset Service
Sunday April 24th — 5.30 pm
Location:
Blackboy Hill "Ellipses", Innamincka Road, Greenmount.
Assemble with reading "Spirit of Anzac"
Reading:
"In Flanders Fields". Scouts take post for night vigil.

Dawn Service
Monday April 25th — 6.15 am
Location:
Blackboy Hill "Ellipses"
Official wreath laying
Last post then Reveille
Private wreath laying
Scouts march off from night vigil.

Anzac Day March & Service
Monday April 25th — 10.15 am
Location:
Bellevue RSL Club, Assemble for March 10.15 am
10.30 am Fall in and march to Infant Health Memorial Centre.
10.45 am Anzac Service
11.00 am March past.

Bicton-Palmyra Sub-Branch

Bicton-Palmyra R.S.L. is looking forward to another successful year. An increase in membership and a continuance of a healthy bank balance, supported by a planned social programme, are the targets.

The annual election of officers resulted in the 1982 team of top office-bearers carrying on its good work.

There was one change with George Payne taking over the Treasurer's job in place of Bert Whittle AASA.

Bert, who is a life member of the R.S.L., had carried the money bags for 14½ years — a great record.

The Sub-branch President, Chris Mayhew, is backed by Secretary Brian McLaren and Social Secretary Edwin Bateman.

The 1983 Programme:
June
25 Dance admission $2.50 and plate.
Aug. 20 Dance admission $2.50 and plate.
Oct. 22 Dance admission $2.50 and plate.
Nov. 1 Melbourne Cup luncheon.
Nov. 8 Nomination of officers.
Dec. 13 Election of officers.
Dec. 18 Barbecue.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm.
Two meetings in mid-winter will be held on Sundays.

Manning Sub-Branch R.S.L. President’s Report 1982

One of the highlights of 1982 was the good attendance at the monthly meetings. The business of the evening was usually finished by 9.30, which allowed ample time for refreshments and fellowship.

The main committee and its sub-committee kept up their good work and during the year I was proud to present to Tom Beard, the hard-working chairman of the Amelioration Committee, a Certificate of Service in recognition of the many years he has actively served and led this committee in its important tasks of hospital visiting, backyard cleaning up and firewood supply.

The blades on our circular saw at Clontarf finally succumbed after some years of hard service and we are again indebted to the Lotteries Commission for their financial assistance in meeting the replacement costs.

A small sub-committee again took the widows of our members to lunch at a nearby hotel, followed by afternoon tea, the presentation of a hamper and safe transport home. We are indebted to these members and their wives for the time and effort they devoted to this worthy cause.

On another occasion we took a number of pensioners

Seventh Australian Division A.I.F.

RE-UNION IN PERTH

The 7th Australian Division Association has supported a proposal to hold a re-union in Perth.

It was suggested that Associations or Branch Associations of units which served in the Division, might co-operate in planning and conducting such a function.

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for a drive and then provided them with a picnic lunch at Lake Edgewater.

We joined with the sub-branches of the South Perth district in the combined Anzac Day service and were again disappointed in the organization of this important event. Our continued participation will be a subject for consideration by the 1983 committee.

Another highlight was the occasion on which Max Shean was a guest speaker. Max was a resident of this district in its early days and he gave us an illustrated talk on his experiences in the Parmelia yacht race. Members and their wives enjoyed the friendly manner in which he recounted his experiences and made light of his problems.

We again conducted an essay competition in the local primary schools; the subject being passed on the R.S.L. Code of Citizenship. Winners from the two participating schools were Virginia Bradshaw and Anita Gardner. We congratulate them on their knowledge of citizenship and the quality of their essay.

It is pleasing to know that the young people of the district are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.

We are also indebted to the sub-committee which conducted this competition and accepted the challenging task of selecting the winners from the large number of entries.

Many members of the Sub-branch devote a great deal of time and effort to its affairs and a sincere vote of thanks is due to them for their untiring efforts. Without this strong core of stalwarts we would not be in the sound position which we currently enjoy. My thanks to all. It is a pleasure working with you.

Doug Sexton, (President)

Darwin Day Remembrance Service

The Australian Pacific Branch of the Air Force Association held its 23rd Annual Darwin Day ceremony at the Memorial Estate in Bullcreek on Sunday, 20th February.

This service is held each year on the Sunday nearest the 19th February, the day of the first air raid on the Australian mainland. It is in remembrance of those who died in that raid and subsequent raids, and also all who died in the Pacific campaign.

I had the honour of laying a cross of remembrance on behalf of the League. There were many representatives from other organisations which included the Navy, Army, Air Force, Legacy, the Red Cross, ex defence forces and the Northern Territory. It was a most impressive service and similar to that which I attended in Darwin in 1982 on the 40th anniversary.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

A happy occasion at Wembley-Floreat sub-branch. President Bill Kelleher presents Charles Parker with his Life Membership Certificate and Badge.

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A meeting was held on November 28, 1982, of the Guild of Signals Units in WA to consider forming a State branch of the Royal Australian Signals Association.

This meeting (SIGMEET 82) was held at the Ascot Inn, Belmont, in conjunction with a barbecue. A good roll-up of members and their families ensured a successful meeting at which it was decided to form as the WA branch of the Royal Australian Signals Association. The draft constitution was considered and is to be placed on the agenda for adoption at the next AGM in April.

The incumbent Committee under the President, Mr Doug Harvey, will also continue in office until the next AGM. In addition, an assistant secretary/public relations officer was elected to the Committee. This was Mr K.M. (Kel) Weir, who is mainly concerned with boosting membership.

It is hoped to shortly have supplies of the Association badge, which is worn as either a lapel or brooch badge, at a cost of $3.50 each. This is refundable if every unfortunately you have to terminate your membership.

Membership is, of course, transferable to any other State or the A.C.T. branch. The badge has an attractive and eyecatching design, combining features of the pre 1940 Corps Insignia and the present insignia on a background of the Corps colours.

During 1983, it is planned to have a number of enjoyable social functions at various venues open to members and their families and we look forward to greeting new and potential members at these functions.

All membership enquiries should be directed to the Secretary, Mr O.C. (Ocker) Evans, 188 Lewis Rd, Forrestfield 6058, Telephone 453 6203. Membership also includes a copy of the regular newsletter combining Corps news from around all branches and up to date info on Corps matters (Corps history, Activities etc).

Belmont has new President

Now that we are well into 1983, it would be appropriate to give a resume of what the Sub-branch did in 1982. During the year the S/B reached a record total membership of the League. During the same time the Ladies' Auxiliary also reached a record membership of 47, of which five are life-members, and the membership of the Belmont Ex-Services Club, which is in the nature of a subsidiary of the sub-branch, finished the year with 128 members.

The latter membership is comprised of people from the Sub-branch, the Ladies Auxiliary, and Associate members who may join under the club's constitution.

The club, with its well-organised bar service, has been a wonderful aid to the social and recreational activities of all who have been associated with the Sub-branch.

The last General Meeting of the Belmont Sub-branch for 1982, held on December 20, was extremely well attended and was devoted mainly to the installation of the 1983 office-bearers and committee members.

This ceremony was performed, to the delight of everyone present, by Mr Rolfe Nyman JP, Junior Vice-President of the State Executive.

After six years of excellent service as President, life-member Norm Lowe did not choose to re-nominate for the position.

The incoming President, Ron Gwynne, was staggered at the nature of his first official duty, and that was to receive an incredible $400 end-of-the-year donation to the Sub-branch from the Ladies Auxiliary. Another pleasant duty was the presentation of Certificates of Service to long-standing and active members Stan Brindley, Tom Crispin and Fred Johnson.

The Sub-branch owes a great thanks to retiring President Norm Lowe. Norm served as Sgt Cook in the ACC with the 46th British Infantry Division in North Africa, Italy, Egypt, Palestine, Greece and Austria. He was overseas for 3 1/2 years without leave.

With his wife and two children, Norm emigrated to WA in June, 1956, and went to live in Bunbury. He became a member of the RSL in 1957 and in 1959 moved to Belmont and to the Belmont Sub-branch, where he has served ever since.

Norm was voted on to the committee of Belmont Sub-branch in 1961, and has completed 21 years service as a committee man. During that period he held various offices. In 1964 — 1965 he was Publicity Officer and assisted with the issue of the "Belmont Bugle", also acting as Assistant Secretary for membership. Norm served under Presidents W. Harrison, S. Thornton, E. Jolley and F. Witten. The last two served for two terms. He was Junior Vice-President under Stan Thornton during his term. He also served as Senior Vice-President for 8 years under E. Jolley and F. Witten.

During this time, Norm handled the position of Membership Secretary for 8 years. He was awarded a Certificate of Service in 1970 and Life Membership in 1980. He became President in 1976 and served until 1982, a period of 6 years. He served as President of the Belmont Ex-Servicemen's Club for its first two years.

Norm has seen many changes over the years and is proud of the service he has given.

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Geraldton Sub-Branch

Members of the GERALDTON Sub-branch of the Returned Services League made their annual pilgrimage to the War Cemetery at UTAKARRA on November 14, on the occasion of Remembrance Sunday — the nearest to Remembrance Day, November 11.

They placed fresh flowers and artificial Remembrance Poppies on the graves of 83 servicemen from various parts of Australia who died or were accidentally killed in the GERALDTON area during World War Two.

The deceased included 22 airmen who were killed in four separate accidents near GERALDTON's three wartime airfields in 1943.

A ceremony was held at the War Cemetery Memorial, where a wreath was laid by the R.S.L. Sub-branch President, Mr Graham Till, and the “Last Post” and “Reveille” were sounded by Bugler Phil Boileau of the Geraldton Town Band, to muffled beats by Drummer Bert Gummery, also of the Town Band.

In addition, Remembrance Poppies were placed on the graves of ex-service personnel in the adjoining general cemetery.

After the Pilgrimage, the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary held the usual Remembrance Sunday Diggers' luncheon, where the two eldest participants were Mr John Ashby Freeman and Mr “Slim Thomas”, both aged 84.

A highlight of the luncheon was the presentation of a cheque for $500 towards the Regional War Veterans' Home at Geraldton by the President of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, Mrs Trythena Ashplant. It was received by the Sub-branch President, Mr Graham Till, in his capacity as Chairman of the Veterans' Home Committee. Mr Till then handed the cheque back to Mrs Ashplant, who is also Committee Secretary.

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Bunbury Sub-Branch

Membership Drive is Main Objective

The Sub-branch at its Annual General Meeting appointed Mr Alf Mainstone as its President and Mr V. Saunders and C Wark as Vice Presidents for the 1983 term, and as Mr Mainstone has served two terms as Sub-branch Vice President he is fully aware of the task that is necessary in the coming months necessary to revitalize the Sub-branch.

The two meetings held since his appointment have shown that a revival of interest is apparent among some older members and as the population of the Bunbury district is now well in advance of the 20,000 mark, the potential for a greatly increased membership is a distinct possibility. This together with the change of eligibility for Full Membership is now operative, strong leadership and an active Committee should ensure attainment of the Sub-branch objective.

The Sub-branch, as it has done for many years, holds its general Meeting on the Third Wednesday of each month and it is hoped that members will set aside two hours of each month to attend meetings. Good attendance at meetings is a practical way to show appreciation for the effort of Sub-branch management.

Both the President Mr Mainstone and Mr Saunders are Vietnam Veterans.

Len J. Nisbett

Mandurah Sub-Branch R.S.L.

At the Annual General Meeting held on December 3, the President, Mr Keith Ross, and the Vice-President, Mr Ray Watson, were both re-elected unopposed.

Mr Jack Brown was elected Hon. Secretary to succeed Mr Ted Chadbourne, who did not seek re-election after four years in the position. Other officers elected were: Treasurer Mr Jack Broom, Trustees Messrs Ray Watson and Jim Barry, Auditor Mr Jack Smith. Sub-Committees: Hall Treasurer Mr Ray Watson, Social Committee — Chairman Mr Wally Holding, Messrs Kelly Wood, Tony Kitchin, Alex Pano and George Taylor; Welfare Officer Mr Alex Pano and Publicity Officer Mr Bill Tate.

Mr Ross thanked the members for demonstrating their confidence in him by re-electing him for his sixth term of office, but said this would be his last year as President. He would like to see someone with a fresh outlook and new ideas take over the reins next year.

Despite the membership of the League having waned overall, the Mandurah Sub-branch had increased its membership in recent years to about 300. This was attributable mainly to the influx of members from other areas retiring to the district.

The President thanked Ted Chadbourne for the sterling services he had afforded the Sub-branch, not only as Secretary, but also as a capable pianist at the many functions.

George Moore was retiring from the position of Auditor, which he had filled in very capable and conscientious manner for a number of years, and Keith Ross thanked him sincerely on behalf of all members. Colin Atkins moved and Kelly Wood seconded the motion that the Secretary write to the Commissioner of Police to ascertain if it would be possible for the Police Highland Pipe Band to participate in the Anzac Day Parade at Mandurah in 1983. The members unanimously carried the motion.

Earlier, the President had reported that the Sub-branch had enjoyed a most successful year with all functions being well attended. Bingo nights continued to be popular, being held in the R.S.L. Hall every week.

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The annual fashion parade and the Melbourne Cup luncheon saw good attendances, too.

Every Tuesday morning a small, but willing band of helpers attended the busy bees to keep the hall and its surrounds in top condition.

Off-street parking had been provided with the sealing of the adjoining car park.

For all enquiries concerning the Sub-branch, particularly from visitors from other areas or those contemplating moving to Mandurah, please contact the Secretary, Phone (095) 35 2357, or President, (095) 35 2209.

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY ASSOCIATION

Contributed by George Ramsay

It was certainly something different when over 20 Ex H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" Association members and with some wives too, travelled from Perth to Carnarvon to be present at the Dedication of the H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" Memorial Cairn, at High Rock on Quobba Station ground 7 km's North of Quobba Lighthouse, in memory of H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" II which was lost off the coast in that area on November 19, 1941. The site is more factually where way off to the West the sea action reportedly took place, but where some of the survivors of the German raider "KORMORAN" came ashore in lifeboats to be saved and eventually made P.O.W.'s. Saturday 6th November 1982 in the early afternoon, the ex-Sydneyites and the Carnarvon people travelling to the site left either from the Civic Centre, Carnarvon or independently in their cars with caravans etc., for an hour's run to Quobba to arrive in time for the service which commenced at 1730.

Present at the service were Commodore D. Orr RAN, Naval Officer Commanding West Australia Area and Mrs J. Orr; Officials of the Carnarvon Shire; Members of the Naval Association Carnarvon Sub-section; The R.S.L. Carnarvon Branch President and members; Mike and Gill Meecham of Quobba Station; the full complement of T/s "GASCOYNE" Naval Reserve Cadet Unit; the Ex H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" Association group with Carnarvon residents and other visitors to the area, a total of over one hundred people.

The service was opened with an address by Mr. A. Badrick, President of the Naval Association, Carnarvon Sub-section who outlined the story of the Cairn — its conception from and idea of Mr. Keith Hasleby, to the completion after a lot of voluntary efforts of the Naval Association Carnarvon Sub-section and R.S.L. members, the Carnarvon Shire, and especially the sterling efforts of the Naval Reserve Cadets of T/s "GASCOYNE".

Mr John Ross of the Ex H.M.A.S "SYDNEY" Association spoke of the "old" ship, the times and exploits of H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" II and his life in that ship for the whole six years from Commissioning in 1935 to his leaving the ship in November 1941 only weeks before the ship's last fateful voyage.

Prayers were read by the Uniting Church Chaplain; "The Ode of Remembrance" read by Carnarvon R.I.L. President, Mr. D. Cockrane; a Laying of Wreaths; the "Last Post" by bugler A. Kirkman of T/s "GASCOYNE" followed by a Response by Commodore D. Orr. Hymns were sung — "Lest we forget" and "Melita", followed by the National Anthem to end the hour long service on that windswept Cairn site at High Rock.

Surely the sincerest congratulations must go to the people responsible for the Cairn and in its dedication to the memory of H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" II and those 645 Officers and men who were lost on that ship, I'm sure that Cairn site will become another of Carnarvon's notable "musts" for travellers to visit whilst in the area, and forever perpetuate the name of the RAN's most famous cruiser.

Following the service, Mike and Gill Meecham hosted a most wonderful social B-B-Q evening at their Quobba Station homestead well into the night and then next morning after a Station breakfast the guests returned to Carnarvon and the Ex "SYDNEY" group left to wind their way home to Perth, at the end of a lovely visit.

Good R.S.L. News

Members of the GERALDTON Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League received some good news at the annual general meeting on February 14.

Mr GRAHAM TILL agreed to accept a fourth term as President after having previously said that he would not be seeking re-election because of pressure of business.

The Senior Vice-President, Mr FRED HEATH, and the Secretary, Mr CHARLIE PHILLIPS, were also among those re-elected. However, there's a new Junior Vice-President, Mr EDDIE SAUNDERS, who served in the army in VIETNAM; and a new Treasurer, Mr TED MURPHY, formerly of the MILLEN Sub-Branch in PERTH.

Other Officers re-elected included the Veterans Affairs Officer, Mr BILL CUNNINGHAM; Birdwood House Trust representatives, Mr CLEM BURNS and Mr GRAHAM TILL; Hospital Visitor, Mr CLEM BURNS; and Publicity Officer, Mr PETER BARDEN.

The General Committee includes a former President of the Sub-Branch, Mr ERNIE GLEED, and his wife, STELLA.

In his presidential report, Mr TILL reported on another busy and successful year during which the Sub-Branch won the Collett Cup for the 19th time as the outstanding country Sub-Branch in the State.

Before the recitation of "The Ode," members were asked to especially remember two members who had passed away since the previous meeting — Mr Tug Wilson, who was Sub-Branch President in 1964, and Mr Lin McCurry, both of whom served in the Navy during World War Two.

However, on a happy note, the President expressed pleasure that the Sub-Branch nominees, Mr Bill Cunningham, had been chosen as the winner of the inaugural Geraldton-Greenough Citizen of the Year Award, held in association with 1983 Australia Day celebrations.
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The Returned Ex-Servicewomen's Sub-branch has continued to be active during the latter part of 1982.

As it was the Year of the Tree, it was suggested by Miss Perry, M.B.E., one of our Foundation Members, that a tree be planted in King's park dedicated to all Returned Ex-Servicewomen.

With the co-operation of the Director and King's Park Board, a Torwood Eucalypt (which is a pretty flowering gum) was planted jointly by Miss Perry and Col. Cecily Smith of the Returned Sisters Sub-branch.

Several years ago, the Sub-branch was bequeathed a copy of the painting “The Menin Gate at Midnight”, but as we now have nowhere to hang it, the picture, was presented to the Superintendent of the War Veterans' Home, to hang on permanent loan in Clifton Wing. Members took afternoon tea out to the Home and enjoyed meeting the residents and members who live there.

A Bring and Buy Table at Meetings and an Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Sale Day raised $200, which was donated to the Girl of the Golden West Appeal. We have been pleased to see members of the Returned Sisters Sub-branch join with us in our functions and our members have also attended and enjoyed their fund-raising functions.

For the first time for many years we had a stand for selling Poppies and endured the cold winds to raise funds. Representatives attended the King’s Park and War Veterans Home Services, and Mrs Swan and Mrs Sinclair were invited to address and take part in the Penrhos College Service.

Our Sub-branch paper “Light Diet” is published by Miss Terry Korosky, Miss Joan Hancook and Their helpers and it keeps us in touch. Among our Guest Speakers was Mr Aris of the St. John Ambulance, who spoke on life preservation, and Miss Peg Hall, who spoke on African Violets and donated some beautiful plants for our fund-raising.

Our Christmas Party was the culmination of the year's activities and the cake was cut by our two original Vice-Presidents of 35 years ago, Mrs Joan Dowson, M.B.E. and Miss Jean Duff.

I thank all the Office-bearers, Social Committee with Mrs Sylvia Phelps as Convenor, and all members for their cooperation and help during the year.

Cecile Hinton, President

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

We are continually finding more hospitals to visit, and the need for us to be there is so important, so I feel sure Auxiliary Members will support their branches in their fund-raising this year as in previous years.

Since my last report we have attended a number of functions. The Service at the War Veterans' Home on November 11 was well attended and was a credit to the young people conducting it. I placed the Memorial Cross for the Auxiliaries along side the many tributes. Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Sullivan attended the Service at the State War Memorial to lay the Auxiliary Wreath.

After the Service, I went with Mr and Mrs Turner to Kojonup, where on the following day we attended the Sub-branch and Auxiliary Luncheon. It was my pleasure to present Mrs Kathleen Crook with her Life Membership. Kath was very surprised, but her award is a well-earned one. That night I attended the Crowning of the Girl of the Golden West Quest, a successful evening with plenty of dancing and a very nice supper — a perfect finale to the Quest.

On November 27, I was guest at the Quinlading Sub-branch and Auxiliary Dinner. This was a happy evening, with everyone enjoying the hospitality and friendship.

Wanneroo Auxiliary held a little Christmas get together on December 14th and I was pleased to give a Certificate of Service to Mrs Baker. Miriam has been a staunch worker for her Auxiliary and is a good Executive Member.

On December 16, I went to the Nollamara — North Perth Auxiliary Christmas Party to give Mrs V. Lewis her Life Membership, and Certificates of Service to Mrs B. Holyoke and Mrs J. Hardy. These three ladies have given long loyal service to their Auxiliary over a number of years.

Throughout the year Executive members have attended Auxiliary functions and I would like to thank you all for your hospitality and welcome. It is a great pleasure to meet you all and enjoy your friendship. We look forward to seeing you at Conference and other occasions.

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76 — LISTENING POST — AUTUMN, 1983
Dear Miss McMullan:

About three months ago I received from the Australian Embassy in Paris your nice letter, and I must say that I'm interested by the history of the crash of the bomber of your brother the 22nd June 1944.

I'm writing a book on the events of the years 1940/1944 in Arras and area, and all the crashes of airplanes are full of interest. I shall be very glad to have different informations on your brother before his departure for Air Force, his life in the RAAF, the different raids made before this crash and the history of his squadron.

In this raid and in this bomber there were 8 Airmen, of this number 6 were killed. Went last week to Houërcourt to meet the two people who took the rest of the airmen and buried them in the communal cemetery. They don't forget this sad day.

I would like to know where are the other two men of the crew who escaped. They were able to leave the bomber before the crash. I would also like to know when you were advised of the death of your brother. Have you also photos of him?

I'm very interested in the Australian Forces. Last year have arranged to build two memorials in the small village of Bullecourt, for the actions of the AIF Divisions in April and May 1917. One is in the centre of the village, the second erected for the "Australians Missing" is in the field, exactly at the place of the battle.

I hope always to have a room in this village for to present a War Museum in this village, a large part of it will be for to present W.W.1 relics and information on these actions and hope also to place a small part for the Australian Airmen killed in the W.W.II in our area.

I hope to hear from you again.

Send me your best regards and in these last days of the year I wish you a Merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely,
(SGD.) Colliot.

The above letter is the latest in the correspondence concerning Sqd. Ldr. J.F. McMullan who was shot down over Arras in June 1944.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

LETTER

Dear Sir,

In the Spring 1982 issue of Listening Post you printed a note by W.A. Fleming about Longstaff's The Road to Menin Gate, a reproduction of which had hung in Sherwood Court.

The original of this magnificent painting hangs in a room by itself at the National War Memorial Museum in Canberra and the related painting of the Ghosts of the New Zealand Soldiers passing the Cenotaph hangs in a similar room on the other side of the Building.

William Longstaff the artist was a cousin of the rather better known Australian painter Sir John Longstaff. He served in the Boer War and during the 1914-18 War was a camouflage officer and is attributed with doing a lot of work designing the type of camouflage to break up the shape of large objects like tanks etc.
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Longstaff lived in Brighton on the south coast of England and died there in the mid fifties.

I hope this is of some interest to members who knew the reproduction referred to.

ABC Harrison

LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Mr Giblett,

I am writing to let you know that I received official notification that I have been granted a war widow’s pension.

Thank you most sincerely for your help and guidance since Keith’s illness and death. I am now secure for the rest of my life and for this I am very grateful.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

On Friday March 11th at a gathering at the War Veterans Home, the 22nd anniversary of the opening of the home was celebrated. The newly elected Chairman of the Board Jim Hall, with State President Len Turner, welcomed all present including members of the State Executive and other invited guests with their ladies and friends.

It was most pleasing to see the newly elected Premier Brian Burke present because we all know how busy he is. It is most gratifying to know he is interested in the League's activities. It would not be the same if our stalwart of many years could not be there, and I refer to former Premier Ray O'Connor who, with his late father has been a great help to the home in many ways over the years.

After refreshments in the library lounge all adjourned to the dining hall where a dinner had been prepared by the catering staff of the home. The Superintendent, Bryan Slater, welcomed everyone and a lovely meal was enjoyed by all.

In a short but to the point address the Board Chairman outlined the activities of the Board and the residents. Quoting the work done by former chairmen he felt he had a hard road to walk. Another speaker who always assists the League was the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, John See, and he was followed by the State President who concluded his address by taking the 9 o'clock service.

Men of Vision:

The guest speaker was League Trustee and Honorary Architect Ken Broadhurst who spoke of the idea and subsequent founding of the home by men of many years ago. Men who had visions of a place where retired ex-servicemen and women could live and enjoy each others company after retiring from their calling in the work force. Names mentioned by Ken included Dr. Greenham, Ted Townsend, Alan King, Bill Linnane, Jack Rolfe, Bill Anderson and many more who had given of their best. He concluded by asking all to drink a toast to those 'Men of Vision'.

The evening was declared a great success and prior to leaving all hoped to be present at the 23rd anniversary and to thank all the staff who had worked so hard to make our night so enjoyable.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

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- Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext with a view of confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

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Editor change

CANBERRA: The latest edition of ARMY saw the departure of its third Editor, Maj Jon Hancock, who is to become SO1 (PR) HQ 1MD.

Maj Hancock became Editor in October, 1979, bringing with him a wealth of journalistic experience spanning more than 20 years.

One of the major highlights of his reign was the expansion of ARMY from 12 to 16 pages.

The new Editor is Maj Peter Kelly, who took the chair last Monday.

Maj Kelly is no stranger to ARMY, having started on the paper in 1963 as a private.

He worked through the ranks in ARMY and PR postings in Australia, SVN and Singapore, and was commissioned in 1974.

For the last 21 months Maj Kelly has been SO2 (PR) HQ 5MD.

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April 8 Easter Sunday
April 10 Easter Monday
April 19 ANZAC Day
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May 14 Belmont Sub-branch Annual Dinner
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May 31 Opening Women's Auxiliary Conference
Venue: Enquiries: 271 9724
June 6 WA Foundation Day
June 17 Opening R.S.L. State Congress
June 18/19 State Congress
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April 29 Nominations close Congress Items
April 29 Nominations close State Executive

Junior Citizenship Awards — 1982

Como Sub-branch was again pleased to be associated with the schools in its area in the presentation of their RSL Junior Citizen Awards for 1982.
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Birdwood House Appeal

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The R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary had earlier made a donation of $1,000 for the same purpose, as well as other donations totalling $2,650.

The Sub-Branch Treasurer, Mr ANDY MCDONALD, said other donations totalling $70 included $25 from the WONTHELLA Branch of the Country Women's Association.

The President, Mr GRAHAM TILL, said one of Geraldton's leading service Clubs — the GERALDTON Rotary Club — had committed itself to substantially helping the Birdwood House public-subscription appeal.

It was decided to further publicise the appeal during early 1983, stressing that Birdwood House belongs to the people of GERALDTON.

Birdwood House, which is administered by a Trust, is not only the headquarters of the R.S.L. Sub-Branch but is also used by many community organisations.

Record Poppy Proceeds

The 1982 Poppy Day Appeal at GERALDTON on November 5 raised a record amount of $1,094.75.

The November meeting of the GERALDTON Sub-Branch of the Returned Service League was also told that this bettered by more than $425 the previous highest total of $669, raised four years previously.

The Sub-Branch decided to publicly thank all those associated with the outstanding success of the Poppy Day Appeal.

Poppy Day is held annually on the Friday before Remembrance Day, November 11, which marks the signing of the Armistice that ended World War One in 1918.

Proceeds from the Poppy Day Appeal are distributed between the W.V. Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Relief Fund Trust and the R.S.L. Sub-Branch amelioration fund.

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