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By the State President of the Returned League of Australia (WA Branch)
Mr L.J. Tuner, MBE, J.P.

We, of Western Australia, are joined on this 68th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli by a representative of our sister dominion New Zealand, a country which contributed so much to the Anzac tradition.

To our welcome visitor we extend the hope that he will take back to his country not only memories of a solemn spectacle but that he will convey through his contacts, tangible evidence of the continuing relationship existing between our two countries, forged in adversity so many years ago, in which we faced together the challenges of the future in this part of the world.

It was intended originally that this day, April 25, should be a day upon which all could pay homage to those who had served their country in time of war and, in particular, the many thousands who paid the supreme sacrifice during the Great War.

The concept of Anzac Day has changed with the passing of time, and our commemoration now includes all those who have served their country and paid the supreme sacrifice in all conflicts in which Australian servicemen and women have been engaged. To all Australians, Anzac Day has become a national day of remembrance, and with the passing of time, it is most important that we should not forget the sacrifices made by those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom.

Each year some changes are introduced into today's parade having regard to a number of factors, viz anomalies that become evident from time to time, the smooth running of the parade, and the advancing years of the veterans.

The Chief Marshal, his assistants and all those many helpers behind the scenes are to be thanked for the work they do, and congratulated on the organisation, which is plainly evident today.

It is fitting that each year mention is made of the traditional Dawn Service, which this morning saw His Excellency, the Governor, representatives of both Federal and State Governments, Opposition members, service commanders, civic leaders, members of the diplomatic and consular services and the general public laying wreaths at the State War Memorial. Young and old stood side by side at that commemorative service paying a silent tribute.
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to the memory of those who, in so many conflicts gave their lives or were seriously incapacitated, or who later developed illnesses because of war service. On this day they are more than deserving of our thoughts and, where appropriate, our care, and the best this country can offer.

Since 1978 when the awards were first established, it has been customary to announce and congratulate the winner of the Anzac Peace Award for the previous year, and the Western Australian winner, if any, being one of the seven Anzacs of the Year awards.

The winner of the Anzac Peace Award is Major General Paul A. Cullen, AO, CBE, DSO, of Darling Point, Sydney, who as National President of Austcare has rendered outstanding service in caring for distressed people in many parts of the world.

And while none of the winners of the Anzac of the Year reside in WA, on behalf of everyone I extend congratulations to all the winners of the award.

The RSL promotes these awards, believing there was and is a need to acknowledge the service rendered by ordinary men and women in the community, and the encouragement of research to find ways and means of preventing future wars.

With this new dimension added to Anzac Day it seeks to maintain the spirit of Anzac.

The past year has been a period of crisis for Australia. Many of the problems that have confronted us, such as drought, bushfires, floods and poor world economic conditions, are beyond our control, but for many others the solutions are in our own hands, if we can only make the changes that are needed. It is about that challenge of change that we should address ourselves in the future.

It is self-evident that there are those things that must change to meet changing circumstances. The RSL is a case in point, and that issue following our referendum on membership must be solved with vision and open mindedness having been given the lead by the 1982 National Congress of the League.

It is equally apparent that there are other things that have stood the test of time, have proved their value and their relevance for Australia, and should be preserved as important elements in what we are as a nation, and as a people. The art clearly is to distinguish between the things that need to change and the things that need to be preserved.

Our attitude to defence needs to change and is in the process of changing. In this uncertain world, we must move more rapidly than we are, to a position of self sufficiency in those matters affecting our national security.

In all circumstances short of a world conflagration, we should be able to safeguard our own national interest and that can only be achieved if we, the people, are interested in this very fundamental issue and express that care and concern in such a way that political parties and politicians must take notice.

It must be remembered that only by being prepared, by having a deterrence capability, can we have any guarantee of peace in the future.

It is evident that we have reached a point in our existence where our safety and our security is increasingly our own responsibility. Defence must surely cease to be the poor relative of government funding and there must be a plan for the total utilisation of Australia’s resources that should ever be needed.

Civilian production must have a military element and capacity. Industry must be geared more to defence requirements, and service facilities have both a civilian and military value capable of being rapidly developed.

Changes are required in the field of immigration. Clearly there are problem-areas and these must be constantly monitored to ensure stability. In a period of high unemployment those migrants possessing technological skills and material assets must take precedence over family reunions, other than immediate family members, and it is most important that all sections of society ensure that illegal migrants and tourists do not compete with Australians for the jobs that are available.

Another change required is our approach to our own economic future. In times of crisis, Australians have rallied magnificently; some three hundred and thirty thousand men and women served overseas in World War I, out of the total population of five million people, and World War II saw one million under arms, completely supported, equipped and sustained from our own resources. These figures are testimony to this fact.

We now have a far more subtle, but equally dangerous crisis on our hands in the threat that has emerged to our economic stability. Let us find the spirit, let us find the energy, let us find the unity to meet that challenge as we have met and overcome difficulties in other times.

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I. 1965 (as [.] Life member badge.
J. 1970 (as H.) Member dress badge.
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Yes, we must change by increasing growth with productivity. Growth without productivity will only add to our inflationary problems.

In simple terms, Australia is threatened by our own greed, exemplified by such things (as tax evasion), threatened by laziness in demanding more and more income both profit and pay, for less and less work, threatened by self-indulgence, seeking the easy life rather than for national stability and progress, and in the past threatened by the monumental stupidity of continuing industrial stoppages, thus driving away customers to more reliable overseas suppliers. The issues raised of recent times are far too numerous to mention in detail. Let us have one national flag, one national anthem, one defence policy, and a democratically-elected government reflecting the will of the majority of Australians unbending to the noise of minority voices, loud though they be, with a country united in purpose, prepared to protect our freedom by any means at our disposal. At the same time accepting the minority’s right to seek changes by fair and constitutional means, and to convince the remainder that any proposed adjustments are necessary.

Each Anzac Day, April 25, Australians remember a major feat of arms credited with our recognition as a nation. John Masefield described the Gallipoli campaign not as a tragedy, but as “...a great human effort which came very near to triumph, achieved the impossible many times and failed, in the end, as many great deeds of arms have failed, from something which had nothing to do with arms nor with the men who bore them. That the effort failed is not against it; much that is splendid in history failed, many great things and many noble men have failed...no army in history has made a more heroic attack; no army in history has been set such a task...no other troops in the world would have made good those beaches on the April 25, 1915.” Lest we forget.

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**Notice to AATTV Members**

During the latter part of this year our units Team History Book will be sent by post to all members: 
As there are some members whose address is unknown to me would anyone who has not recently been in contact with the Branch let me know their present address my address is at the back of “Listening Post”.

N.F. Mathews
Secretary AATTV (W.A.)

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**Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam (AATTV)**

On 31st July this year AATTV will commemorate their 21st Birthday with their annual Memorial Service at Kings Park. Last year approximately 140 members from around Australia journeyed to Canungra in Queensland for a Reunion.

AATTV was raised and sent to Vietnam in 1962 under the command of Brigadier F.P. Serong. The unit was the first into and the last out of Australia’s longest war.

It initially consisted of 30 Officers and Warrant Officers, all volunteers from all Corps, and were to be used only in an advisory capacity teaching the South Vietnamese military skills and were based in South Vietnamese Training Centres.

In 1964 their role changed from training to operations and the strength of the Team increased to 100. From that time the Team’s strength did not exceed 100 and it was considered an honour to be selected for this elite unit.

When the war escalated in 1965 the unit was employed in all parts of South Vietnam and fought in some of the bloodiest battles of the war.

AATTV became one of the most highly decorated military units ever to leave Australia. The only Victoria Crosses awarded during the Vietnam War were to AATTV members. These were W.O. Kevin (Dasher) Wheatley, Major Peter Badcoe (both posthumously), W.O. Ray Simpson and W.O. Keith Payne. Ray Simpson has since died.

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Also awarded were countless American and South Vietnamese decorations.

In addition the Team was awarded:

- The United States Meritorious Unit Commendation
- The South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm

In all 984 members served with AATTV. 33 were killed in action, 128 wounded in action and none were taken prisoner. Early in the war a Federal MP described the Team as “The Expendables” and by noted War Correspondent Denis Warner as “The Forgotten Army.”

The unit identification shoulder flash is a green shield with gold lettering. A boomerang with AATTV across the top, a cross bow depicting the unit’s involvement with the Montaguard tribes in the centre and a scroll, with the work Persevere, at the bottom.

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Our Annual Conference has been held, and once again all arrangements were in the capable hands of the State Secretary Mrs Sullivan. I will give a full report in the next issue.

Our Christmas Cheer parcels were packed at a busy bee, with nearly all Executive members attending. It looked somewhat like an assembly line, and it was a happy day with lots of fun which finished off with the delivery to the hospitals and homes. To see the surprise and joy of the recipients is reward enough. Thank you Auxiliaries for your support of this fund.

Our first Executive Meeting in the new year saw the girls back ready to start their hospital visiting and Executive duties. We were sorry to accept Mrs Baker's resignation from Executive. Miriam has been a good Executive member and hospital visitor and was our Assistant State Secretary for a number of years. We thank her for her good work.

We welcome Mrs Simmons to the State Executive.

Mrs Minson and I attended the War Veterans' Home birthday party on March 11, and a happy night was enjoyed by all the guests. On March 16, Armadale Auxiliary held its 25th birthday luncheon and members of Executive and other auxiliaries helped to celebrate this special occasion.

Several members of Executive and I spent a lovely friendly evening at the Nolamarra-North Perth Auxiliary birthday party on March 26.

I was a guest at the Gallipoli Legion luncheon, a special day for these gentlemen. Their numbers may have dwindled, but they are very proud of their Legion and we are very proud of them.

Mrs Joy Ford

The Anzac Day service at the War Veterans' Home was well attended and conducted capably by the young people. I placed the Auxiliary wreath among the many beautiful floral tributes during the service.

Mrs Taylor and I attended the Dawn Service to lay the Auxiliary wreath. It was not so cold this year and it was a very moving service, with the early morning light showing us the quiet city and calm river. What lucky people we are, that we can pay homage and respect to our fallen without harassment and fear.

To those of you who have not been having the best of health, our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Keep up the good work, my regards to you all.

Joy Ford
State President

Record Crowd at Hedland Anzac Service

More than 700 people crowded the Port Hedland Civic Centre to attend the Anzac Day Service.

The flag of the 10th Light Horse stood proud as it headed the procession of veterans from World War, led by evergreen Captain Bert Madigan MC, President of the local RSL. Wives, children and grandchildren of fallen soldiers followed the veterans down McGregor Street to the Civic Centre.

The Percy Gratwick Memorial Pipe Band played, followed by units from the Pilbara regiment, the Hedland Naval Cadets, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Brownies of Port Hedland and South Hedland, and members of the Red Cross.

The Shire President, CR. Arnold Carter, took the salute at the march past.

The memorial service was held in the Percy Gratwick Memorial Hall and hymns were sung by the Cooke Point Primary School Choir.

Wreaths were laid on the stage and were later taken by two launches out to sea where they were consecrated one by one and cast on to the Ebb tide.

The ashes of Frank Boyce where also cast onto the waters after a helicopter had lowered the final wreath.

Anzac day is always a success in this town because the RSL have made it so that everyone can take part.

Courtesy of the "West Australian" News of the North

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ANZAC SERVICE, APPLECROSS SUB-BRANCH RSL

This was conducted, as always, on the Sunday afternoon prior to Anzac Day. Although influenced by its being a long weekend and coinciding with the War Veterans' Home Anzac Eve Service, the Applecross RSL Hall was full for the occasion.

The order of service followed mainly on that for the Esplanade ceremony, being conducted by the Sub-Branch President R. J. Nyman who also gave the address. Sheaves of flowers were laid on a table covered with a blue ensign at the foot of a flag staff with the illuminated miniature war memorial as a centre piece. These sheaves were delivered later to various hospitals in the district. The main participants were The Airforces Club, The City of Melville, both the Applecross and Botrangoon Red Cross Branches and The Applecross Lodge.

In the presence of a dedicated audience which included Members of Parliament and Councillors of the City of Melville, the service was followed by a very pleasant afternoon tea provided and served by the ladies.

THE ADDRESS

There are not many left who can remember what it was like facing and climbing the rugged cliffs at Gallipoli, just 68 years ago. But as they fade away, they can do so in the knowledge that the spirit of Anzac, modified by time and circumstances, will remain a part of Australia's heritage. The youngest survivor of Gallipoli, who enlisted at the official age of 18 will now be 86 years old. Their ranks are thin.

Some people see Anzac Day as an excuse for grown men to go on the loose — to meet around a keg and relight old battles. These people miss the point of an anniversary that embraces a great deal more than the memory of heroism and sacrifice in an abortive campaign fought on the other side of the world and nearly three quarters of a century ago.

Comradeship forged in war, in living together through hardship and danger, learning to rely on each other's strengths and to forgive and bolster up each other's weaknesses, does NOT finish when uniform is changed for civvies. It goes on until death — and beyond.

The Australian Federation was only 14 years old when it sent so many of its finest young men to storm the beach at Anzac Cove. Nationhood had come, not without a struggle, but without bloodshed or lasting rancour. The union was largely on paper with no world-shattering event to proclaim it. The States had decided, for convenience, to draw together the ordinary people of the former six colonies in a feeling of national pride and identity. Then, only 14 years later, Australia fought, as an independent country, alongside the British, the New Zealanders and other members of the Allies, and the world knew that this newly-formed Commonwealth, was a nation.

This day has been set aside to remind us, not only of Anzac, but of all the wars since in which our men and women have taken part — other fronts and battles of the Great War, the World War, Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, Borneo. These are the members of the Navy, the Army and the Air Force, the Merchant Navy, the Nursing and other Women's Services, who gave their lives on the sea, on the land and in the air; in battle, in hospitals and aid posts, in prisoner of war camps. Many have died since from war-caused disabilities and many still suffer today. We remember also, with sympathy and understanding, those others who still bear the burden — the widows and fatherless of the fallen and the relatives who tend their ailing loved ones.

How important in today's world is the spirit which these people showed? Challenges to our nationhood, our freedom, our democratic way of life are not necessarily military or diplomatic. They consist of the problems and tasks of our daily duties, the job of developing a great country in the best interests of all its people — and of all people.

Just how we face this task is, perhaps, a measure of our appreciation of the debt we owe to those who this day commemorates. How do we measure against their sacrifices? Do we produce an honest day's work, every day, or do we demand more and more privileges for less and less labour? Do we respect our heritage or do we destroy it with pollution, with litter, with graffiti, with wilful fouling of the ecology? Do we give our fellow worker a fair go and buy what he produces or do we undermine our great country's productivity by purchasing elsewhere? Do we really pull our weight or do we sit back in the breaching and leave the load-bearing to others? Do we give credence to the truth or do we lie when convenient — and entertain subversive elements in our midst who would ultimately destroy us?

And not only these subversive elements in our midst but the now overt threat to world peace — if one may speak of peace in a world in which there is always aresmed conflict somewhere — by the rape of Afghanistan, the confrontation between Iran and Iraq and the menace of a new Russian presence in the Indian Ocean.

Let us work and pray that the frail peace we enjoy will continue and strengthen, that we will not be called upon to take part in another and even bloodier conflict, that the evil and greed in the world will stop short of war.

And while steeling ourselves to face and to defeat whatever may threaten the security and autonomy of our country, let us go forward to fight and win the important and arduous battles of peace, ever remembering that the price of peace is eternal vigilance.

CADETS HELPED

In keeping with its policy of helping youth organisations associated with the Armed Services, the Geraldton Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League has decided to help the re-established Cadet Unit at Geraldton Senior High School.

A cheque for $119 will be sent to the Cadet Unit as a result of a donation of $50 from the Sub-Branch and a tar-paulin muster at Monday's meeting that realised $69.

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How to Beat Heart Attack

More than 30,000 people die of heart attack in Australia each year.

Many thousands of these heart attacks occur among people in their most productive years — men and women with responsible and productive jobs, with young children, with mortgage payments still due.

One in every 20 Australian men between the ages of 30 and 60 years can expect to develop coronary heart disease within five years.

But there are ways to guard your heart:

High blood pressure sharply increases the chance of heart attack and stroke if it goes undetected and untreated. Regular check-ups and medical treatment can bring heart disease under control in most cases.

Don’t smoke. Research shows that the risk of heart attack is twice as high among smokers.

Count calories and avoid excess weight. The risk of heart attack among middle-aged men who are 30 per cent overweight is twice that of middle-aged men of normal weight.

Exercise regularly. Studies show that physically inactive men are more at risk of heart attack than those who get regular exercise. Fifteen minutes of exercise every two days should keep you fit.

Have regular medical check-ups.

THOSE VITAL MINUTES

Minutes are vital when someone is struck by a heart attack.

Learn to recognise the signs, and you might save a life.

The most common symptom of heart attack is pain or discomfort in the centre of the chest which lasts for more than 10 minutes and may spread to the shoulder, arm, throat or jaw. Sudden collapse could also indicate a heart attack.

If you suspect a heart attack, do not leave to the patient this decision: it is the responsibility of those nearby.

If the patient is in pain, get him or her to the nearest major hospital — by ambulance if one is available immediately, by car if one is not.

If the patient has collapsed and is unconscious, call for help from an ambulance or doctor. Start the resuscitation procedures if you know them. The National Heart Foundation holds regular classes.

Ironically, in the case of heart attack, people are more vulnerable in their own homes.

At work, there are usually medical officers and equipment to cope with the situation. In the street, there is a good chance that a passer-by will have a knowledge of first aid and will be able to help when someone collapses.

A LIFE-SAVING DIET

As many as 25 per cent of Australian risk coronary heart disease because their blood fat levels are too high.

A little thought about diet, then a lot of practice, can ease the problem.

Here are some tips from the National Heart Foundation for the reduction of cholesterol and triglyceride levels in the blood:

Restrict you intake of all fats. Eat less animal fat, such as fatty meat, full-cream dairy products, pastries and other processed foods made from animal fats. Use polyunsaturated fats and margarine.

Eat more fish, chicken, turkey and veal. Limit beef, sausages, lamb, pork ham and bacon.

Choose leaner cuts. When preparing meat for cooking, cut off all visible fat.

In cooking, substitute polyunsaturated oil for butter. Use cooking methods which help remove fat from meat — Baking, boiling, stewing, grilling and roasting.

Cut down on cholesterol-rich foods. These include egg yolks, dairy products and organ meats such as liver, kidney and brains.

If the triglyceride levels are too high, reduce weight and total calorie intake. All food, especially sugar, should be reduced, and alcohol should be restricted.

There are some other sensible adjustments to make to your life:

Coffee is a stimulant: try to cut down. Also try to reduce your intake of salt.

Nagging is destructive, and can raise blood pressure.

Do not nag, and not allow yourself to be nagged.

Try not to drive so much. Driving is frustrating and often contributes to high blood pressure. Take a taxi to the beach and relax.

Joys of Being an Editor

Getting out this journal is no picnic. If we print jokes or cartoons, people say we are silly. If we don’t, they say we are too serious.

If we clip things from other papers, we are just too lazy to write something ourselves. If we don’t, we are ego-charmed by our own stuff.

If we stick close to the desk, we ought to be out hunting news. If we do go out, we ought to be back at the desk, at work.

If we don’t print some contributions, we don’t appreciate good writing. If we do welcome a variety of contributions, the paper is full of junk.

If we change a fellow’s write-up, we are too critical. If we don’t, we don’t have any standards.

Now, someone will probably say we swapped this from some other paper.

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The most successful included the Returned Servicemen’s League, which collected $37,608, Torchbearers for Legacy $27,448, WA Surf Life Saving Association $13,861 and Lions Save Sight Foundation $13,697.

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ANZAC DAY 1983

Anzac Day commenced at the Dawn Service before a large gathering. 124 Official wreaths were laid, followed by a number of private wreaths.

The Service on the Esplanade was conducted by the Returned Services League in the presence of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Richard Trowbridge, KCVO, KStJ, Lady Trowbridge, and military and civic dignitaries of Commonwealth and State. The Address was presented by the President of the League Mr L.J. Turner, MBE, J.P.

The march through Perth of veterans of all wars and the assembly on the Esplanade were under the control of Lt. Col. M.A. Count, MBE, and his marshalls. The Parade Commander at the Esplanade Service was Commander D.G. Bantock, RD, RANR. Prayers were said by Lt. Col. R.J. Nyman, JP, the Junior Vice-President of the League.

Legatees and Legacy Wards again turned out in force. Approximately 2,700 ex-servicemen marched, accompanied by 500 bandsmen and women, plus 1,900 service personnel and their bands. 48 Hospital cars and 3 buses carried 200 ex-servicemen and women.

The 10th Light Horse, 7 mounted horsemen with our old Stalwart Sgt. Harry Riseborough to the fore, accompanied the WA Jeep Club and approximately 20 ex-10th Light Horsemen.

The Naval Associations featured the Benalla (Corvette) Association led by Ted Lewis.

The march past, a special part of the day, saw many distinguished men and women of all services taking part. In the march were about 230 ladies of all services, including the REDX.

In conclusion, sincere thanks to the Scouts, the State Secretary and staff, the service chiefs and their respective arms of the forces, the band, the choir, the media and all commentators on TV and radio for again making this day of the year for all veterans. To the Chief Marshal and his Assistants, thank you. One Assistant Marshal who is leaving this State at the end of June has been performing his duties for over 30 years and in that period has been Acting Chief, Deputy and Assistant Marshal mainly responsible for the layout and organisation of the Esplanade Service. I refer to Lt. Col. Fred Haupt (R.L.). Best wishes to Fred and thanks for a job well done.

A.G. Douglas

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This generally relates to service with the Australian Forces in the:
- 1914 war;
- 1939 war;
- Korea-Malaya Operations;
- Malayan land-based units of the Australian component of the British Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve;
- contingents allocated to “Special Overseas Service” in Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam;
- National Service or Regular Defence Forces after 7/12/72, subject to:
  (a) in the case of National, fulfilment of the term enlistment (unusually 18 months or 2 years) or discharge on medical grounds;
  (b) in the case of the Regular Forces, completion of at least 3 years continuous full-time service or discharge on medical grounds.
Other categories may also qualify, including those who were domiciled in Australia or an Australian Territory immediately before enlisting in the armed forces of another British Commonwealth country. Anyone in doubt as to their eligibility can contact the Department for clarification.

HOW TO LODGE A CLAIM
A valid claim may be made at any time after satisfying one of the conditions of qualifying service, however, benefits results from a successful claim cannot commence earlier than three months before the claim is lodged. To be valid, a claim must be made in writing on the approved form and lodged at the Department’s Branch Office, 11-13 William Street, Perth — claims lodged with departmental staff at the Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood (e.g. Social Workers) will be forwarded onto the Branch Office. Informal claims in writing are acceptable providing the approved form is lodged within another three months and in these cases the date of effect can be up to three months before the date of receipt of the informal claim, should it prove successful.

In addition to the approved claim form the claimant will be asked to complete a “Statement in Support of Claim” designed to provide a history of the disability and any other information considered helpful in linking it with service.

INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS
Most claimants will be required to undergo a medical examination by one of the Departmental Medical Officers located at the Branch Office in Perth. Those claiming for the first time may experience a delay of some weeks before an appointment is arranged — this is to enable the Department to obtain service medical records from the relevant Defence Office.

Just prior to the initial medical examination, the claimant will be interviewed by an administrative office. The purpose of the interview is to ensure that the claim documents are in order and to enable any additional information to be presented.

Additional medical investigations may include Specialist opinions, x-rays and pathology tests, depending on the nature of the disability claimed and the amount of information already available.

Medical information may also be sought from outside sources such as local doctors, hospitals, life assurance companies and employers named in the claim documents.

DETERMINATION
When the investigation of a claim is complete, all the evidence is submitted to the Repatriation Board for consideration. The Board comprises a Chairman and two members appointed by the Governor General. One member is appointed from nominations submitted by organisations representing Veterans or deceased Veterans. The Board decides whether the disability claimed:
- related to, or contributed to, or aggravated by service;
- if so, the extent of incapacity (which determines the rate of disability pension, if any).

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION
Once a decision has been given, advice of same will be sent as soon as possible to the claimant.
Enclosed with the notification of the Board’s decision will be the reasons given for the decision and information on benefits (pension and medical) arising from the decision. Advice of any rights of appeal will also be conveyed to the claimant.

RIGHTS OF APPEAL
If the claim is rejected by the Board, i.e. the disability is determined to be unrelated to service, the claimant may appeal to the Repatriation Commission. If unsuccessful with this appeal, the claimant may then apply to the Repatriation Review Tribunal for a review of the Commission’s decision. In both instances the appeal or application for review should be lodged within three months of receipt of the Board or Commission decision to ensure maximum benefits should the appeal/application be successful.

If a claim is allowed by the Board (i.e. the disability is accepted as service-related but the claimant is dissatisfied with the assessment of his incapacity (i.e. the rate of disability pension awarded), he may apply to the
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Repatriation Review Tribunal for a review of the assessment made by the Board.

EXPENSES DURING INVESTIGATION OF A CLAIM
A claimant is entitled to the following:
• fares incurred in travelling for purposes of departmental investigation of the claim;
• a subsistence allowance, if it is essential to be away from home either overnight or in certain circumstances, for meals; and
• an allowance for loss of earnings where actual loss of earnings has occurred as a result of attending any medical examination arranged by the Department in connection with the claim.

While a claim is being investigated the claimant remains responsible for the cost of any treatment required. If the disability is subsequently accepted, application can be made for reimbursement of reasonable medical expenses incurred.

New Minister for Veterans' Affairs

A veteran of the Second A.I.F. is the Minister for Veterans' Affairs in the Labor Government.

He is Senator Arthur Thomas Gietzelt, who was sworn in as Minister on March 11, with the other members of the Hawke Ministry.

Senator Gietzelt enlisted in June, 1941, and served in the Royal Australian Engineers and other units in the C.M.F. and the A.I.F. for five years. He had two-and-a-half years overseas service and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of sergeant.

The new Minister was a member of the NSW State Executive of the R.S.L. from 1947 to 1949.

Born in San Francisco, in the United States, in 1920, while his parents were on a business trip, Senator Gietzelt worked in a family business before entering Parliament. He was a Councillor of Sutherland Shire Council from 1956-71, and was President of the Council from 1961-63 and 1966-71. He was a Member of the Executive of the Local Government Association of N.S.W. 1967-71.

Elected to the Senate for N.S.W. in 1970, he was re-elected in 1974, 1975, 1977 and 1983. Senator Gietzelt has been a Member of the Opposition Shadow Ministry from March, 1976, to May, 1977, and from February, 1978. He has been successively Shadow Minister for Agriculture/ Administrative Services, Consumer Affairs and Home Affairs.

He has held office in the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party's Urban and Regional, Economic, and Legal and Constitutional Committees. He has also been a Member of the A.L.P. National Executive from 1971 and is currently Vice-President of the Party. He was a Member of the A.L.P. National Rural Committee in 1976-77 and Convenor of the A.L.P. National Urban Affairs Committee from 1978.

His Parliamentary duties have included Membership of three Senate Standing Committees (Disputed Returns and Qualifications, Standing Orders and Library); four Senate Legislative and General Purpose Committees (Finance and Government Operations, Foreign Affairs and Defence, Science and the Environment, and Trade and Commerce); Membership of Senate Estimates Committees seven times; and three Joint Committees (Prices, Parliamentary Committee System, Foreign Affairs and Defence).

Senator Gietzelt was a Member of the Australian Delegation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in the United Kingdom, June-July 1974. He was a Member of the Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the Australian Constitutional Convention in September, 1973, and an alternate member in September, 1975.

Senator Gietzelt is married with two sons and one daughter and lives in Caringbah, N.S.W.

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LETTERS

As a past entrant of “The Girl of the Golden West Quest” I would like to offer to the organizers of the Quest my thoughts and suggestions to improve the profit made by the RSL.

There are too many prizes won in the Quest and some can’t be used, e.g. secretarial course. The incentive awards were excellent. I suggest that the two winners should get:
A trip (to USA, New Zealand, or similar) 2 weeks. $300 approx. jewellery.
$500 spending money.
Runners-Up:
1 week holiday to Bali, Gold Coast or similar. $150 jewellery.
$200 spending money.

I feel that the entrants should be shown around the homes to see what the money they are raising is going to be spent on, and perhaps have an evening with the occupants of the homes.

The winners to be involved with the RSL during the year following with events that the RSL hold. Perhaps to be involved in Anzac ceremonies etc.

I realise that some prizes are donated to the RSL for the Quest.

Regarding the secretarial course, most girls who enter the Quest already have a job, therefore they would not risk leaving it to do 7 months full-time study.

On the North-West Tour, after looking into the cost of accommodation, meals and sightseeing tours, the tour would cost the winner a substantial amount of money. This is why a one week holiday to Bali, Gold Coast or similar would be a better prize. The tour being accommodation and meals provided.

The raffle held by the RSL (car raffle) could be made larger (more tickets) and tickets distributed to the entrants to sell.

I thoroughly enjoyed being in the Quest. I found that it gave me a feeling of achievement to know that I have helped people and it has made my life today more enjoyable.

I wish you all the best for future years of the Quest.

Debbie Hunt

I have found two cases of an unusual tumour, (an “angiosarcoma”), developing in World War 1 veterans, adjacent to a bullet in one case, and retained shrapnel fragments in the other.

One tumour developed sixty one years, and the other sixty three years after wounding. I would be interested to know if there are any surviving World War 1 veterans still harbouring metal fragments, or any other tumours which have developed in relation to such fragments.

I do not wish to create alarm among veterans, and stress that these tumours are extremely rare. I would, however, be grateful if you could insert a short article or notice, asking if any World War 1 veteran with retained fragments could contact me at Gippsland Base Hospital, Sale, or if any further patients are known to have developed tumours at the site of wounding, would they or their relatives or friends let me have details.

I am interested in the long term reactions to foreign material and any tumours which develop, purely as a research project, and would welcome the opportunity to examine further specimens. It is possible that there is a small, but definite risk of tumour development around material which has been in the body for over sixty years, and if there are any surviving veterans with metal fragments, it may be in their interest to have these removed. I would be pleased to advise any veteran with residual material, and, needless to say, there would be no professional charge for such advice or examination.

I am interested in contacting veterans in other states, and would be grateful if this letter could be passed to editors of kindred journals, or if you would let me have their addresses, I will write directly. I would also be interested in finding survivors from the trenches of the other side, but this may be a more difficult problem.

I served with the RAAFC in Vietnam and I am a member of the RSL.

J. A. Hayman, (Pathologist), Gippsland Base Hospital, Sale, 3850

Intermittently throughout the years I have read statements as to the origin of the word “DIGGER” as applied to the men of the AIF.

As my knowledge of the use of this title goes back to earlier dates than any I have otherwise heard of I am sending you my recollections concerning this matter before they pass from living memory. I am approaching my 89th birthday and was an original member of the 25th Batt, 2nd Div.

Enlisting in Maryborough, Queensland, my training prepared me for inclusion in the original 7th Brigade, which comprised the 25th, 26th, 27 and 28 Battalions, which came from many parts of Australia.

The 28th Batt. was formed from volunteers from West Australia and in the course of training the battalions intermingled and it was not long before we heard the West Australian men addressing each other as “DIGGER”, a term which we understood indicated that originally they came from the Goldfields.

Ultimately “DIGGER” was used to apply to all who enlisted in WA, particularly in the days of training prior to going to Gallipoli.

I am quite clear on the original of the name of the name “DIGGER” as I have explained above.

F. M. Mortyn
Ex Sgt 25th, Bn 40 Longfield St, Stawell, Vic. 3380

I am becoming deeply involved in research concerning the Australian Light Horse and N.Z. Rifles in Sinai and Palestine in 1916-1919.

I understand you have in Perth a most impressive and dramatic statue of two horses and two troopers. Would someone be kind enough to send me at least two good black and white (or colour) photographs of this memorial (at least 6” x 4”).

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My family and I thank all those who sent us their kind thoughts in the way of cards, flowers, notices and personal condolences on the passing away of our loved husband and father, George. Your friendship during this time has meant quite a lot to us; it has been of great comfort and has encouraged me to continue my work for the R.S.L.

George was a staunch member of the R.S.L. having joined the Victoria Park Sub-Branch on his return from World War II. He was an active member right up until the time of his death, and served a number of times as President. His Sub-Branch honoured him by making him a Life Member.

My personal thanks to my friends in the Auxiliaries and Sub-Branches for your kindness and understanding.

Joy Ford

Harvey’s tribute to ANZAC

Nearly three hundred people turned up in beautiful autumn weather to participate in Harvey’s Anzac service on Monday.

There were about 25 ex-servicemen in the traditional march along Uduc Road and down to the War Memorial Library — and a couple who weren’t quite up to it but managed to hobble along the footpath.

The march was embellished by local Guides and Scouts.

In front of the Library community service groups and private people laid wreaths in front of the assembly.

This was followed by the service in the Town Hall.

As in the custom the Colours were brought in by the Guides and Scouts.

The service commenced with “Lest We Forget.”

Anglican Father Hoare said a prayer for the Queen. “The Last Post,” a minutes silence and “The Reveille” followed.

The primary school choir under the guidance of Tracey Crochet said a prayer of remembrance and the choir burst into “Land of Hope and Glory” and “Advance Australia Fair.”

Fr. Crochet said “The Lords Prayer” and a blessing.

The service ended with the National Anthem and the Guides and Scouts carried out the Colours.

Dawn Service

A small group of people paid homage to the War Memorial Library at 5.55 am on Monday morning.

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Q. I SERVED IN THE AUSTRALIAN FORCES IN THE 1950’s AND 1960’s, BUT DID NOT SERVE OVERSEAS — AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A LOAN?
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(ii) you served in an operational area outside your country of enlistment or appointment, OR
(iii) whilst not serving outside your country of enlistment or appointment you served as a combatant in an active combat unit.

NOTE: (a) All persons who served in the Naval, Military and Air Forces of any part of the King’s Dominions other than the Commonwealth of Australia in World War I and World War II, and the Korean and Malayan campaigns, may have their eligibility for assistance established provided conditions (i) and (ii) above are satisfied.

(b) Persons who served in Forces raised by the other allies of Great Britain are not eligible for assistance.

Further enquiries to the Corporation may be made by telephoning 327 8367.

Q. AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A SECOND DEFENCE SERVICE HOME LOAN IF I HAVE MORE THAN ONE PERIOD OF QUALIFYING SERVICE IN THE FORCES?
A. There is NO entitlement to a second loan merely because of your having more than one period of qualifying service, and each applicant is required to satisfy the Corporation that ADEQUATE AND SUBSTANTIAL GROUNDS exist or existed for disposing of the first Defence Service house. Additionally the following policies apply to ANY application for a second loan based on the ground that the applicant has more than one period of qualifying service.

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(ii) second assistance will not be granted on the basis of qualifying peacetime service where the initial assistance was granted on the basis of completion of a previous period of qualifying peacetime service;

(iii) either the agreement for the sale of the first Defence Service Home is or was entered into — or the house was transferred to the applicant’s permanently separated or former spouse — or the request for second assistance was lodged — not later than two years after the date of discharge from the Forces referred to in (i) above. However, a request would not generally be declined only because the transfer did not take place within the specified period because of Court proceedings.

If a second loan is approved in this category, a loan of $25,000 is NOT approved as of right and the actual loan amount may be limited.

Further enquiries to the Corporation may be made by telephoning 327 8391.

Q. IN WHAT WAY CAN I MAKE REPAYMENTS ON MY DEFENCE SERVICE HOME LOAN?
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BOOK REVIEW

"Recollections of a Regimental Medical Officer"

H. D. Steward, Melbourne University Press
Cloth — $17.50
Paperback — $9.95

It is amazing how in the last couple of years there has been a spate of books written by former medical officers who were engaged in the World War. Strange to relate there is very little duplication and all have been excellent reading.

When I started to read the above book I had mixed feelings as I felt it would be the same as some others, but I am happy to say it is one of the most interesting I have read. Although it is in an autobiographical style, the incidents related are humorous, not so serious, sad, serious and not so serious; they make one continue reading, wondering what the next page will bring.

One anecdote I feel was typical of the type of man the RMO came in contact with was when the hygiene corporal in the 2/16 Bn on the Kokoda Trail was wounded in the left side of the chest. "Lucky it didn’t get you in the heart, Jock", said one of his mates. "Ooch laddie! It couldna! Ma heart was in ma mouth", was the reply.

The book evolves mainly around the 2/16 Bn and 2/4 Field Regt. during their campaigns in the Middle East and New Guinea. Many acts of bravery are mentioned, too many to personalize.

The late Damien Parer, war photographer, covered part of the Kokoda Trail action and was killed on the island of Peleliu with the American forces. The author had the pleasure of meeting him on the Kokoda Trail.

H. D. Steward states that the most rewarding two and a half years of his life were spent as an RMO during the World War with men of the A.I.F. for they were the greatest Australians he had known.

M. C. (Mike) Hall

CITY OF PERTH SUB-BRANCH

It is with regret that I announce the closure of the "Babbling Brook", our official magazine. Due to rising costs and lack of support by advertisers, the publishers have found it impossible to carry on producing the journal. Our publication is not the only one to be put to the sword.

At first it was thought that a newsletter could be the answer to keep in touch with members, but with high postage and other incidentals it was felt this also was financially out of the question.

At the May meeting of the Sub-Branch members were informed of what had transpired and it was unanimously agreed that the Sub-Branch publicise its activities in the "Listening Post", the League’s journal.

H. G. Holder
Hon. Secretary

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War Widows Champion Passes Away

Mrs Gwen Forsyth OBE, BEM, the State President of the War Widows Guild (WA) since 1958 and a foundation member since 1947, passed away recently.

Gwen, the national President from 1977 to 1981, was born at Albany on July 4, 1904, the daughter of the late J.B. Warren. Educated at Albany District High School and the University of W.A., Gwen was matron of Dalwallinu District Hospital from 1930 to 1932 and had been a member of the Services Canteen Trust Fund since 1947, the Repatriation Soldiers Education Board since 1961, and Chairman of the Board of Management, Perth Emergency Housekeeping Service since its foundation.

Gwen's two sons are in the Church of England ministry.

Under her leadership The War Widows' Guild achieved much progress and success in providing accommodation for our elderly widows.

In 1959, the Guild joined with the R.S.L. and built a wing onto their new war veterans home in Mt. Lawley. This was named Vasey House (after the Guild founder, the late Mrs. G. Vasey) and accommodated 20 widows. The Guild paid the total cost of this building and its furnishings.

On December 6, 1969, the first nine units of the Guild's complex at Forsyth Gardens, Mt. Lawley, were completed. In 1970, six bigger units were added, and in 1972, eight more units were built. Finally, in December, 1975, another twelve units were built, making a total of 35.

In addition to the Forsyth Gardens project, the Guild in 1974 donated $10,000 towards the building of a frail aged wing at the War Veterans Home in Mt. Lawley. In acknowledgement of this gesture, the R.S.L. agreed to accommodate some of our frail aged members.

Mrs. Forsyth was a excellent President of the Guild in W.A., dedicated and hard working in the Guild's interests, and was much loved and respected by all members.

Mrs. C. MacDonald
Hon. Secretary

The "Listening Post" pays a lasting tribute to a great leader and deepest sympathy to her family.

From left: Hon. Secretary Mrs C. Mac Donald, the late Mrs G. Forsyth, National President Mrs B. Hughes (Queensland), Mrs M. Parker, Hon. Treasurer. Taken in Perth, Anzac Day 1983.
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**W.A. R.S.L. LAWN BOWLS**
By Doug Piggott

R.S.L. bowls competitions are conducted to promote membership and goodwill, and it is unfortunate that on some occasions people who are not eligible to join the R.S.L. have played bowls in our competitions.

Organisers are asked to watchful of this situation, and perhaps consider asking all players to wear their R.S.L. badges, show their current receipt, or join the R.S.L.

**Wagin R.S.L. Carnival**
February 23, 1983, was a proud day for the Wagin Sub-Branch. Their carnival attracted 120 bowlers who participated in a successful competition, 44 of these players came from the metropolitan area.

The ladies accepted the challenge in the kitchen and provided morning tea, a particularly good salad lunch, and afternoon tea. Thelma Watts did a grand job selling beer tickets.

Prior to the presentation of trophies, Malcolm Booth (Sub-branch Pres.) expressed his gratitude to the players and to the Bowling Club. Joe Nalder (B/C Pres.) replied by thanking the Sub-branch and reminded all present that “it would be on again next year.”

Don Thompson Sponsored the major trophy and presented it to K. Benny, H. Smith, A. Thomas, G. Meyer (KoJ.) R/U R. Guidi, H. Owfield, B. Lawler, T. Perkins (KoJ.) A/M H. Matson (R/Pk.) W. Painter, J. Nalder, W. Scally (Wag.)

P/M K. Marshall, K. Fleay, P. Lawford, J. Serventy (Osb/Pk.)

**Cliff Sadlier V.C. Shield**
This event is the start of the metropolitan fixtures and was played on March 16 at the Manning B/C by teams of four from the North of the River versus teams of four from the South of the River, and they competed for the “Cliff Sadlier V.C. Shield”, donated by the Subiaco R.S.L. Sub-Branch. Small silver shields affixed to the main shield are engraved with the winning side and the shield remains on the wall of W.A. R.S.L. Bowls Section meeting place, at this time, the Kitchener Park Bowling Club.

The North of the River side were the victors.

**Albany R.S.L. Carnival**
The W.A. R.S.L. Bowls Section sponsored men’s pairs was held on April 30. 42 bowlers played 4 games of 10 ends on what had been fast greens, but owing to rain they had slowed down. Nevertheless, the greenkeeper had played his part by giving us the best he could under the circumstances.

At lunchtime, the “evergreen” Frank Gomm recited the Ode of Remembrance and then called on Les Muchmore (Pres. Albany Sub-Branch) to address the bowlers. Frank then asked Alf Hillman (Pres. Alb. R.S.L. Bowls) to respond.


**Frank Gomm Perpetual Fours (Men)**
April 31 — the morning after the night before — bowlers returned to the club to compete in 4 games of 12 ends.

Winners: D. Crombie, F. Sedgwick (Shack), W. Francis (B/Rock), D. Tollands (Mid/Bch), 2nd: J. Collart, A. Gard (Darwin), V. Dougan, B. Hilder (Alb.), 3rd: A. Hillman (Alb.): R. Heron, T. McGuire (B/Hill) A. Lange (Alb.)

**Doug Piggott Perpetual Fours (Ladies)**
A record of 72 lady bowlers contested for the trophy.
In the past the ladies played on a green by themselves, but this year they spilled on to the next green and played next to the men, and one of the men said: “Cripes, we had better watch our language, we’ve got ladies next door!” A reply came back: “And we had better watch ours, you might hear something you’ve never heard before!”


It is interesting to note the success of players from the local bowling clubs, in particular Albany B/C. I don’t know whether it is a case of local knowledge, home advantage or better players, but both men and women enjoy being the victors year after year.

Prior to the presentation of trophies, Alf Hillman thanked Andy Woonings for the use of the club facilities, Barry and Lorna for the bar service and the ladies of the Albany Bowling Club for the excellent morning and afternoon teas and lunches for the two days of carnival.

**Bowls — Metropolitan Area**
On April 14, Osborne Park B/C was the venue for the inaugural Services day, teams of Army, Navy and Air Force ex-servicemen played against each other, the outright winners being Army 82 points, Navy 80 points and Air Force 61 points.

On April 19, the inaugural R.S.L. Ladies fours was played at Wembley Bowling Club.

18 teams nominated, and played on good greens in almost near perfect weather. After the game the ladies enjoyed afternoon tea supplied by the “Section” under the supervision of Kay Marshall (boss girl) and cook house fatigue Jay Dusting, Arr McLeod, and Dee Piggott.

T. McIntyre (Pres. R.S.L. B/Section) complimented the ladies in the interest shown in this event, and stated that next year we would conduct an all-day competition. He then called on Les Meehan, President of Clearview B/C South Australia to address the ladies. Les was so impressed he said that he could see no reason why the ladies could not participate in a National Ladies Carnival at the same time as the men play in their National Carnival. He said this would have to be discussed at National level and that it would be fitting if W.A. was the first to conduct such a carnival.

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Belmont and Rivervale-Carlisle Anzac Day Service

The annual ANZAC Day Commemoration service was held on April 24 at the Belmont war memorial, Faulkner Park, for both the Belmont and Rivervale-Carlisle sub-branches.

It was pleasing to see many young people both participating in and watching the service. Along with 80 ex-servicemen and women there were many other participants from the Scouts, Girl Guides, Army Cadets and Air Training Corps. All told, there were approximately 600 people in attendance.

The parade marched off with the Perth Ladies Highland Pipe Band leading the way, making it both pleasing to the ear and the eyes. Another band in attendance was the city of Belmont Brass Band, which provided the music for the hymn and Last Post.

Mitch Cadden, ex-CSM in R.A.C.M., was the Parade Marshal for the day. With his authoritative voice bellowing out the orders, a lot of the members thought for a while that they were still in the services.

Wreaths were laid by the President of the Belmont sub-branch, Ron Gwynne, and Frank Kemp, the President of the Rivervale-Carlisle sub-branch. Other wreaths were laid by Mrs Madge Lowe, President of Belmont Women’s Auxiliary, Mr Fred McKenzie M.L.C., representing the Federal member for Swan, Mr Fred Rae, the mayor of Belmont, and several other organisations.

It was pleasing to see approximately six women (ex-service) members marching, and also to see Mrs Jean Hanley carrying the A.W.A.S. Signals banner.

Men’s Pairs (May 7 and 8)

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Some time ago the State branch decided to renew the honour rolls in the Midland Town Hall but found the job was more difficult than was at first envisaged.

When the contractors started to copy down the list of names from the rolls it was found that many of the names and some initials were missing. The League had the arduous task of sifting through years of old newspapers at the Battye Library to find the names that were on the original rolls, which were erected as a memorial to Midland Servicemen killed in the Great War.

Over the years the walls of the Midland Town Hall had suffered from damp which had seeped into the rolls and lifted many of the letters.

The new woodgrained rolls are replicas of the original ones which were painted on the walls of the hall.

Eric Baker, owner of the firm contracted to make the new ones, said the new rolls were fully portable, so if any painting or renovation work was carried out in the hall they could be moved to prevent them from damage.

The art work — the flags, the coat of arms and the 22ct. gold leaf lettering of the 8000 names — was done by Gary Dickens of Central Signs and constituted about four months work.

Courtesy Midland Reporter

DEATH OF EX-REПATRIATION CHIEF

Former Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation in W.A., J.W. (Jack) Robson, passed away recently at the age of 73.

He served in the department for over 30 years and was appointed Deputy Commissioner in 1966, succeeding Alex Panton after serving as Assistant Deputy Commissioner to him and Ralph Hurman.

Jack saw service with the 2/28 Battalion during the siege of Tobruk and the battle of El Alamein. For his contribution to the 24 Anti-Tank Association he was elected a life member.

In 1971, he was awarded the M.B.E. and retired from the Repatriation Department in 1974. Jack gave invaluable service to the R.S.L. and his office was at all times open to give advice and assistance. During his term of office no State Congress would have been complete without his presence to answer items appertaining to repatriation.

The Listening Post, on behalf of all members of the League, extends sincere condolences to his wife, Norma, and family.

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ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS 1983

The Annual State Congress was opened by the Lord Mayor, Councillor M. Michael, QAM, in Government House on Friday 17th June, 1983. Special guests were Mr. D. Volker, Chairman of the Repatriation Commission and Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs, and Mrs June Healy Deputy National Secretary. Other guests were Members of Parliament, Chiefs of the Armed Services and officials from many Sub-Branches.

At the conclusion of the formal side of the evening, which included the State President’s Annual Report (printed elsewhere) and presentation of Sub-Branch trophies, all adjourned to the Supper Room for refreshments and fellowship.

The following two days were spent debating items on the agenda. As some were referred to State Executive and National Congress for decision it is hoped to print results in the next issue of the “Listening Post”.

The voting for positions and the composition of the State Executive is on page 1 of this issue.

M. C. (Mike) Hall

ADDRESS TO THE 67th ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS

By The State President, Mr L. J. Turner, MBE, JP

It has become normal practice to point out that the report given this evening will summarise the League’s activities for the past year, as related to the Western Australia branch.

Firstly I would bring you greetings from our National President, Sir William Keys and his sincere apology for his non-attendance. You will recall that Sir William was present with us at our last congress, but unfortunately due to a busy schedule is not able to present this evening.

The activities of the League during the year under review have been many and varied, details of which are contained in my Annual Report which will be distributed in due course to delegates, Sub-Branches and other interested parties.

It is of paramount importance that the League continues to give priority in its efforts to the care and welfare of veterans and their dependents.

Since our last congress due to the efforts of the League, the federal budget brought down in August by the then government contained a wide range of benefits for the veteran community. It is essential that any benefits derived are not permitted to erode unduly, which has happened in the past, before corrective measures are taken to reverse the trend.

Over the past year the League’s fund raising activities have continued, and it is most important that they do so, because our present level of welfare work is higher than ever before, due to existing economic conditions.

To individual members, Sub-Branches and our women’s auxiliaries, thank you for supporting all appeals, on every occasion you have all responded in a very positive way.

ANZAC DAY

The 68th commemoration of the landing at Gallipoli was once again observed under ideal weather conditions, with bands and units marching in strength at least equal to past years, to the Esplanade, where, following the service, the Governor of Western Australia Sir Richard Trowbridge took the salute in the course of the March Past.

Thanks are extended to all individuals and organisations for your assistance in making the day so successful.

ANZAC EVE SCHOOL SERVICE 22nd APRIL

The Anzac Eve School Children’s Service was organised by the Education Department and the A.B.C.

In a simple but impressive service, attended by 3500 primary school children, Dr P Vicary, Director General of Education gave an appropriate address.

Children representing various schools took part in the service, which was broadcast some 30 minutes after the conclusion of the service, for the benefit of all schools.

ANZAC SERVICE: WAR VETERANS’ HOME

This annual commemoration service was attended by some 400 persons.

As in the past, young people rendered valuable assistance in the conducting of the service, and the Home Board of Management is grateful and appreciative for the help received.

DAWN SERVICE

This year saw one of the best Dawn Services to date at the State War Memorial. Well patronised by an estimated 4000 persons.

Young and old, including family groups stood side by side in ideal conditions during the laying of wreaths which were well up in numbers when compared with previous years.

ANZAC DAY TRUST

The League is appreciative of the great assistance it receives from this source.

As in the past, the total amount received is apportioned between General Welfare, the War Veterans’ Home and the Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Relief Trust Fund.

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necessary this year, to allocate a larger proportion into this area of League work.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Annually, a commemoration service is held at the State War Memorial, while buglers sound the “Last Post” and “Reveille” at the main city intersections.

Sales of poppies, wreaths and donations netted some $20,998 which is divided equally between the Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmens’ Relief Trust Fund and the collecting Sub-Branches.

New initiatives on the part of the Poppy Day Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Rolf Nyman boosted the results. It is also worthy of mention that Mr Keith Evans played a notable part this year in Poppy-Day fund raising due to some of his ideas being adopted.

Sincere thanks to the committee for their endeavours, and the media for the time and space made available as a means of drawing the attention of the public to the occasion.

STATE WAR MEMORIAL

On behalf of the League sincere thanks are extended to the outgoing warden Mr Don Aitken, for the manner, close interest and dedication displayed in the affairs of the State War Memorial, and to the dignity with which he carried out his duties. Mr Aitken handed over his duties on the 11th November, 1982 to Air Commodore J W Hubble, in the presence of His Excellency, the Governor of Western Australia, Sir Richard Trowbridge.

The deputy warden, Mr Ron Stone, AM, JP, is also deserving of our thanks for the time and the dedication shown by him, as are the sub-wardens who gave so freely of their time.

THE STATE MEMORIAL RESTORATION

During the congress year almost 19,000.00 has been expended on the Memorial, the bulk of which, in the current calendar year, in a further attempt to prevent water seeping into the undercroft, the winter rains will prove the success or otherwise of the latest sealing method.

We are extremely grateful for the donations received from the women’s auxiliaries, sub-branches, unit and kindred organisations, and private individuals, and of course, the State Government for their matching contribution last year, sincere thanks to all, including the Honorary Architects Mr Ken Broadhurst and Mr Bill Fitzhardinge.

WAR VETERANS HOME

There were some changes on the War Veterans’ Home Board, mainly due to the untimely deaths of Mr W S Lonnie and Mr J R Ewing.

These gentlemen had given the Home and the League tremendous service over a number of years and their passing was a heavy loss to our organisation.

Having regard to inflationary trends and the high cost of operating the Home, a perusal of the accounts will reveal that, due to careful management, the position is reasonably sound.

Thanks are due to the Board, the Superintendent and staff for a job well done.

Unfortunately, despite all our efforts, the Nursing Home project has not yet been approved by the appropriate government authorities, nevertheless it is our intention to persevere in the interest of needy veterans and their dependants.

GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST

This was the second year that the League has conducted the quest in its own right.

The net amount realised of $31,457.00 was an improvement on the previous year and will benefit the War Veterans Homes at Mt. Lawley and Geraldton.

The Sponsors who supported the quest, the committee and other helpers who gave so willingly of their time, as well as the women’s auxiliaries, sub-branches, other organisations and individuals are deserving of our thanks. It is most important that we do not forget the girls who entered the quest, and a special mention of Mr Jim Hall, the chairman of the committee, thank you one and all.

LEAGUE FINANCES

The finances of the West Australian Branch for the year under review, are in a reasonably sound position, with the exception of Anzac Club.

Details of the various accounts have been circulated to Sub-Branches, and further explanations are contained in my detailed report.

Provided current policies are maintained the league should be in a position to meet all known and anticipated expenditure in the future.

Sincere thanks to the Sub-Branches who have made donations towards the Administrative costs of the League.

STATE EXECUTIVE

During the year a successful Group Conference was held at Harvey, which was attended by the State President, a Vice President and the Country Vice President for the area Mr Iven Manning, also representation from various committees of the State Executive, the Deputy Commissioner of Veterans’ Affairs, Mr John see and officers from his department, and Mrs Joy Ford, President of the RSL Women’s Auxiliary.

A number of sandwich luncheons were held at Anzac House, which involved a number of excellent speakers on various interesting topics.

Sincere thanks to all those who participated at this level of League activity.

PUBLICITY; “LISTENING POST”

All would agree that the “Listening Post” has become a very worthwhile journal to read, and Mick Hall, the Chairman of the Publicity Committee and other members are to be thanked and congratulated for their efforts in this facet of League work.

Sub-Branches, please remember you cannot expect to receive a mention in the League journal unless you contribute articles.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

Due to the fact that the League placed on its priority list for 1982, representation to the Commonwealth Government to build four new operating theatres and additional surgical bed wards at the Repatriation General Hospital at Hollywood, funds were allocated in the last federal budget, and work is now in progress.

Of the nine items listed as being of a priority nature, and presented to the National Government last year, six received positive response in the 1982 August Budget.

REPATRIATION COMMITTEE

During the congress year, fifteen tribunals sat in Perth as a result of which 268 cases were handled by the League Advocate Mr Jim Giblett; despite this high number of cases there are still some 180 outstanding.

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WELFARE & COUNSELLING SERVICE
This committee are to be commended for the work they do in handling a great variety of needy cases.

There was a big increase in number when compared with the previous year, and once again we are grateful to the Trustees of the WA Aged Sailors', Soldiers and Airmen's Relief Trust Fund for their great assistance.

Due thanks to Mr J P Hall and the committee and Mrs Beverley Swan for their help, sympathy and understanding.

DEFENCE
Although some sixty five items appeared on the 1982 National Congress Agenda only two were submitted by this State.

It would appear that we are not taking defence as seriously as we should, and is a matter that the WA Branch will have to consider to be of greater importance in the future.

The 1983 Congress Agenda contains five items on defence, and presuming they are all passed and submitted to National Congress, it does not indicate strong interest from a State occupying one third of the continent with a 12,000 kilometre coastline.

GROUP LIFE A P A INSURANCE
The net income from this source for the year was $5,690, with less than that as 1981 is a welcome additional to League funds.

RAFFLE
Thanks to the support of our membership the League’s general account netted $14,075 income from the 1982 raffle.

Mr Jim Hall and his team of workers are to be congratulated for a job well done.

ANZAC HOUSE
The Leage Headquarters and Anzac Club are now well established in Anzac House, and League Administration has settled into a reasonably smooth running operation thanks to the hard work and dedication of the staff under the State Secretary Mr Des Gibbs. Any problems associated with the installation of the computer during the year have been overcome and membership records brought up to date.

Delegates to Congress will receive a copy of my full report when they register tomorrow morning.

"During the day and overnight you will have time to study the report, and be prepared to support its adoption or otherwise, during the working sessions of the Congress.

At this time, may I extend sincere thanks to all the Sub-Branches, women’s auxiliaries, unit and kindred organisations and private individuals who have been so kind and assisted Norma and me over the past year.

To the Country Vice President and Regional Vice Presidents and their wives, thank you also for your valued support and loyalty.

Also deserving of thanks is the State Secretary Des Gibbs, and all members of the staff at Anzac House for giving so much of your time and energy on behalf of the League and its membership.

Warm and sincere thanks to the Chairman of Committees, the Trustees of the League, all State Executive Members, the Superintendent of the War Veterans’ Home, the Committee of the Regional War Veterans’ Home in Geraldton and Mr Ted Steel and staff at the Anzac Club. To the National President, Sir William Keys, the National Secretary Mr Peter Young until his resignation and currently Mr lan Gollings, for their help and guidance I extend sincere thanks.

Lastly to my wife for her continuing help, patience and tolerance, without which the task would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible.

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A little known facet of the war against the Japanese was a unit of the Royal Australian Naval Survey Service.

When General Douglas McArthur began his advance against the firmly-entrenched Japanese in New Guinea, New Ireland and New Britain, he had a problem. While the approaches to the main ports in those areas such as Rabaul, Madang and Port Moresby had been reasonably surveyed and charted and used by small island streamers for many years, the thousands of miles of coastline had never been properly surveyed and charted, and the treacherous waters abounded in reefs, neggerheads and shoals aplenty.

A sea-borne invasion was the only way to route out the Japs from their well-fortified positions, but to send invasion barges full of troops and equipment out into the open sea, where they'd fall prey to the lurking Japanese warships and submarines, was out of the question. The only practical way was along the coast close inshore, where they'd be reasonably safe.

However, without charts of the jagged reefs and neggerheads which abounded, that option was out until the necessary surveying and charting of the coast could be carried out. And so the job was handed over to the Royal Australian Navy Surveying Service.

That is how a little ship named the HMAS “Benalla” enters the picture. “Benalla” was laid down as a corvette at Williamstown, but during construction she was converted into a survey ship. She was commissioned at Port Melbourne on April 27, 1943, and after a very short shake-down proceeded north on June 18. At Townsville she relieved the “Whyalla”, which had been doing temporary survey duties around Buna and Ora Bay.

There was a transfer of personnel and equipment, and Lt Cdr George Tancred, RAN (Captain George) assumed command of “Benalla”. The coxswains changed over to ships and Lts C.L. Crook and H. Knight and several survey
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ratings plus to New Guinea natives named Sally and Manuel transferred from "Whyalla" to "Benalla".

The first job to be done on "Benalla" was to repaint her and so she was painted in a camouflage colour of olive green and chocolate (the brainchild of Captain George Tancred). That same camouflage was to serve her in good stead during the next 18 months while she played hide and seek with the enemy all the way along the New Guinea coast.

From Burma to Biak, across to Seeadler Harbour on Illamas Island and the series of islands and landings in between, then on to San Pedro Bay in Leyte Gulf in the Philippines where General McArthur made his famous "I have returned" speech.

From Townsville on July 20 "Benalla" sailed for Milne Bay where she immediately came under the overall command of Admiral Kincaid, the admiral commanding all sea operations in the South-West Pacific. "Benalla" became a unit of Task Group 70.5 part of the United States Seventh Fleet and the officer in charge of the RAN Hydrographic Branch was delegated the charting authority for all Allied Naval Forces in the South-West Pacific.

For the next 18 months "Benalla" really played hide and seek with the enemy. She surveyed and charted practically every Allied landing along the New Guinea coast from Burma along the coast to Salamaua and Lae and on the Finschafen — Madang-Langemak then further westwards to Hollandia and Biak in Dutch New Guinea, after surveys were carried out at night close up to Japanese positions.

Tide pole parties were put ashore for weeks on end to read and tabulate the rise and fall of tides. Parties went ashore in enemy-held territory to erect Trig marks in prominent positions.

While surveying the entrance to Nittary Strait "Benalla" witnessed the heaviest bombing raid on Sattelera Ridge by hundreds of VSAF Liberators in support of the Australian-troops. We really had a grandstand view of the whole show. Then again we witnessed a heavy and determined attack by Japanese bombers on an American Destroyer Squadron which was converging a landing by Allied troops.

I should mention here that "Benalla" though reasonably well armed for her size of 650 tons with armament of 1.4" HA/LA gun, 3.0 105s, 1 Bofors plus reverse Bren guns and a few depth charges was not a fighting ship. Her captain had strict orders that his was a Survey Ship doing a most important job, and as such was never to use his armament unless deliberately attacked — he had a job to do and was to do that and that alone. It was in these conditions whom our camouflage stout us in a good stead — our colours of olive green and chocolate blended perfectly into the jungle background and even our own survey boats had difficulty finding the ship after being away sounding.

Many a time Jap planes flew over us without bothering us at all so our guess was that we just blended into the scenery and as most of our work was done close inshore we must have become part of the landscape.

Methods of surveying were varied. The ship, was equipped with Asdic which we used extensively for sounding depths and reefs. Our radar we used to get the topography of the shoreline, while our small boats did invaluable work sounding close inshore where the ship couldn't go and a Taut Wire Machine was used for very fine measuring of distances.

This type of work was carried out by "Benalla" from June, 1943, to December, 1944. After her job surveying San Pedro Bay in Leyte Gulf in the Philippines, her job with the US Forces was finished and she returned to the Australian Station to work out of Darwin. This was quite a jolt, for while we worked with the Americans we really ate and lived like lords and it was a blow to return to RAN tucker and conditions. Admiral Kincaid was to remark that without the work of the Australian Survey Vessels the Allied landings along the coast would not have been possible, and "Benalla" for her part was awarded 5 DSC's and a DSM — not bad for a little ship which was built for 65 men, but which for most of her sojourn in the islands carried up to 120 men in very cramped and uncomfortable conditions.

On Anzac Day just passed, 33 of her old ship's company marched under their own banner in Perth. After the march they adjourned to the Riverton Hotel where they held a Reunion Dinner. May of them had not met since the "Benalla" was paid off in January, 1946, and they with their wives had come from as far away as Gladstone in Queensland to renew old friendships with old shipmates many of whom after the passing of 37 years had altered considerably, some fatter, some thinner and all a lot older.

The "Benalla" was a grand little ship with a great ship's company and after the passing of 37 years and the demise of 41 of our old shipmates we still have 102 of the lads on our mailing list. It was my privilege to have served on her and with them.

LOST FAMILY

I am trying to trace there whereabouts of my family, whom I was separated from in World War II. During my investigations I have uncovered a lot of information and it now seems certain my family are in Australia.

I believe my father was captured by the Japanese in the fall of Singapore.

Details:


Children — Peter Eric (Born 11.2.1937), John Michael (Born 24.8.1938), Ann Caroline (Born 14.2.1941), Ian Leslie (Born 28.7.1946).

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Bellevue RSL officials have expressed satisfaction with the conduct and support for the 1983 Anzac services.

In all, four separate events were conducted over the Anzac period. Support for all services was well evident in the increased attendances, particularly in respect to child and youth participation.

Schools Service: During the afternoon of April 22, over 100 adults and 600 school children from local schools assembled at the ellipses for the Annual Anzac Service for Schools. In the presence of Service personnel, Swan and Mundaring-Shire officers, RSL officials and Education Department representatives, children from Greenmount School presented a simple, but meaningful service. Head boy, Matthew Hoar and head girl Sandra Sparks hosted the service in which Lt. Comd. Leon Goldsworthy GC, DSC, GM delivered the Anzac Tribute and Major D. Tyres the Anzac Day Address.

Following the service the opportunity was provided for visitors to inspect the school’s collection of relics from Blackboy Hill.

Sunset Service: Twenty years ago, Dianella Scout group started an association with Blackboy Hill by standing night vigil at the newly-erected ellipses. This association has continued through the years and Anzac Day 1983 was no exception. Led by Scout leaders Graham Squires and Athol Gorn, a night camp and vigil was maintained.

The sunset service itself was simple with father and son Bill and Ian Gaynor reading the challenge and reply from McCrea’s poem “In Flanders Field”. From a crowd of 100 scouts and 50 adults many fine wreaths were placed in position.

Dianella Scouts standing in position for night vigil.

The night vigil was posted at 6.30 pm and stood in position until the Dawn Service.

Dawn Service: The silence of the chilly morning of April 25 was broken by bugler Stephen Gaynor playing the Last Post and Reveille. In silent and dignified procession, wreaths were carefully placed at the foot of the ellipses in memory of fallen servicemen and service women. Members of the public, scouts and guides and representatives of local RSL sub-branches paid the solemn tribute.
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The march, led by Bellevue Sub-Branch officials, marched to the Infant Health Memorial Centre located a short distance away from the assembly point at the Bellevue RSL Club.

Service conductor Mr Harold R. Klopper BEM led the traditional service assisted by Padre, Rev. Semple. Sub-Branch President Mr Harry Read, assisted by Matthew Hoar and Sandra Sparks of Greenmount School, delivered the Anzac Day address.

Following the service, the March Past took place, in the presence of a large crowd of interested observers.

Immediately following the parade, a successful social gathering was held at which friends had the opportunity to once again exchange not-to-be-forgotten stories.

Broome Service

A dawn service was held at Bedford Park, Broome, where a big crowd gathered despite bad weather.

Twenty members of the local RSL branch marched to the memorial joined by the members of Norforce under command of Capt. Benniworth.

The men formed a cenotaph party. Following them were the local police, scouts, guides, brownies and cubs.

The salute was taken by Supt Pegler and the marshall was Mr Jack Wallis.

Also present were three members of the first aviation corps, from Oakey Queensland who did a dawn fly-past before joining the memorial service.

At the rising of the sun, shots were fired across Roebuck Bay.

Wreaths were laid to the singing of hymns. Music was provided by Mr Maurice Gower who has done this for more than 15 years.

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The Victoria Cross

Historical background

The Victoria Cross was instituted by Queen Victoria in 1856 at, it is said, the suggestion of the Prince Consort.

It was established during the Crimean War as a means of rewarding individual officers and men of the Navy and Army who might perform some signal act of valour or devotion to their country in the presence of the enemy, and clasps attached to the ribbon might be awarded for any subsequent acts of gallantry.

If, also, the recipients were below the rank of commissioned officers, the Cross was to be accompanied by a pension of 10 pound a year, with an additional 5 pound a year for each bar.

In 1898, however, it was ordered that the 10 pound a year might be increased to 50 pound in cases where the recipients were in "reduced circumstances".

Anyone who has received the VC, but who is afterwards convicted of treason, cowardice, felony or any other infamous crime, may have his name erased from the list of recipients.

There have been eight such forfeitures since the decoration was instituted, the last in 1908.

This number included one midshipman who had won the VC in the Crimea.

The first distribution of the VC was made on June 26, 1856, when Queen Victoria personally decorated 61 recipients.

In 1902 King Edward issued an order to the effect that Victoria Crosses earned by soldiers and and sailors who had been killed should be delivered to the relatives.

Before this date, when officers or men had been recommended for the VC, but had died before its bestowal, the recipients' names appeared in the official Gazette, but the decoration was never actually conferred.

The order was, made retrospective, so that surviving relatives of men who had won the VC as far back as the Crimean War, or the Indian Mutiny, but who had died while performing their deeds, received the coveted award.

If any unit is engaged in an action of outstanding gallantry — for instance, the blocking of Zeebrugge on April 23, 1918 — recipients for the VC may be chosen by ballot from among the whole number engaged.

If less than 100 persons are present, one officer may be chosen by the officers; one warrant officer, petty officer or NCO by the warrant officers; petty officers or NCOs; and one seaman, marine, soldier or airman, by them.

With any number between 100 and 200 present; the number of seamen, soldiers, and so on, selected, shall be two.

If the number present is more than 200, the case is specially considered upon its merits.

In all cases the ballot is secret.

Some facts and figures

- Queen Victoria suggested that winners of the Victoria Cross should use the letters DVC, meaning Decorated with the Victoria Cross, or BVC, bearer of the Victoria Cross, after their names.

  She wrote: "KG means a Knight of the Garter, CB a Companion of the Bath, MP a Member of Parliament. No-one could be called a VC, which means a Vice-Chancellor at present."

  The Queen's objection was logical — but ineffective.

  The Victoria Cross ribbon, 1½ inches wide, was originally blue for the Navy, and crimson for the Army. During WW1, crimson was adopted for the Navy, Army and Royal Air Force.

  In 1857 the European officers and men of the East India Company were declared eligible for the decoration, and in 1858 it was ordained that cases of great bravery not performed in the presence of the enemy were admissible.

  King George V, in 1912, extended that award to native officers and men of the Indian Army, who up to that time had only been eligible for the Indian Order of Merit for gallant deeds in action.

  Women subject to enemy action were also eligible to win a VC, but, to date, none have received the medal.

  When Victoria Crosses were being made in relatively large quantities they cost only about £2 (Sterling) to make and the value of the metal was less than a shilling.

  The Cross has always been made from the bronze of Russian guns captured in the Crimea, except for a period during WW1, when the metal of captured Chinese guns was used. An ample stock of the Russian metal, melted into ingots, is held by the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, which uses it as needed.

  It is generally believed that the Prince Consort was responsible for the design of the VC which have always been manufactured by the same firm, Messrs Hancocks and Company of London.


  Unlike most other medals, the Victoria Cross is not stamped out from a die; each one is separately made by skilled craftsmen using the same processes as those of more than 100 years ago.

  The final stage of production is the placing of the manufacturing firm's secret mark on the medal to enable detection of forgeries.
The Victoria Cross

Each completed medal is sent to War Office for approval.

If it passes muster, the medal is returned to the silversmith for the addition of rank, name and regiment of the recipient and the date on which it was won.

- Recipients of the VC, when the ribbon alone is worn in undress uniform, bear a miniature replica of the decoration, in bronze, on the ribbon. An additional replica is worn if a bar is subsequently awarded.

Three cases have occurred of the VC being bestowed upon father and son - Lt, late Field-Marshal, Earl Roberts, 1858, and Lt F.H.S. Roberts, 1899; Capt W N. Congreve, 1899, and Brevet Major W. al'T. Congreve, 1916; and Maj C.J.S. Gough, 1857-58, and Brevet Maj J.E. Gough, 1903.

Articles courtesy "Army" newspaper

The youngest recipient

During the storming of the North Taku Fort, in the Second Chinese War of 1860, Hospital Apprentice Andrew Fitzgibbon achieved fame as the youngest Victoria Cross winner on record.

For many years historians, believed that 16-year-old John Travers Cornwall, a VC winner at the Battle of Jutland, was the youngest recipient but the research of a former Indian Army officer that Fitzgibbon was only 15 years and three months old at the time of the Chinese action.

Lt-Col Donovan Jackson started the enquiries which established Fitzgibbon as the youngest VC winner when he wrote "The History of the Indian Army".

He commented on Fitzgibbon's youth in the book but was unable to discover his exact age.

When the Victoria Cross Centenary celebrations were held in 1956, Lt-Col Jackson tried again and wrote to the Commonwealth Relations Office, and evidence of Fitzgibbon's age was found in a leather-bound volume of the "Bengal Ecclesiastical Record".

A baptismal certificate stated that Fitzgibbon was born on May 13, 1845.

The name first appeared in the Bengal Army List of 1863 as "Andrew Fitzgibbon, VC, appointed officiating assistant apothecary to 'B' Battery, 5th Royal Horse Brigade".

This entry also records that he first joined the Bengal Medical Service as a hospital apprentice on July 15, 1859.

The war in which he achieved fame was one of the lesser-known conflicts of the 19th century.

In 1860, a British expedition set out from India to subdue the Chinese, who had refused to honour their treaties with Great Britain and France.

Fitzgibbon went with the expedition, attached to the 67th Regiment.

On August 21, the British and French forces fought their way to the Taku Forts, where, the previous year, a combined Allied party had been beaten and forced to retreat in disarray.

The Taku Forts were the key points of the Chinese defence of Peking, and were sited to give each other covering fire.

In front of each was a deep, dry ditch, then an open space blocked by an abatis, a wet ditch and then about 36 metres of ground thickly planted with sharp bamboo stakes.

Faced with this seemingly impregnable defence, the 67th Regiment took up position about 500 metres away and prepared to assault the North Fort.

As they rose a hail of bullets and shot poured into the ranks.

Fitzgibbon dashed from cover to attend a wounded Indian bearer and then, still under intense fire, ran across the open ground to dress the wounds of another man.

Fitzgibbon was then hit and severely wounded.

Three Men earn two Victoria Crosses

In the history of the Victoria Cross, only three soldiers' actions have been deemed worthy of a second award.

The first Bar awarded was bestowed upon Lt Arthur Martin-Leake, RAMC, for his actions between October 29 and November 8, 1914, near Zonnebeke, Belgium.

He had earlier won the VC at Vlakfontein, South Africa, as a surgeon-captain with the South African Constabulary, on Friday, 8th, 1902.

Capt Noel Godfrey Chavasse, RAMC, was awarded a VC for gallantry at Guillemont, France, on August 9, 1916, while attached to the 1/10th Battalion, Liverpool Regiment.

He had previously been awarded a Military Cross for gallantry.

Less than a year later Capt Chavasse was posthumously awarded a Bar to his VC for his actions with the same unit at Wielte, Belgium.

Capt Charles Hazlett Upham became the most recent recipient of a second award for his actions on Crete and in North Africa with the 20th Battalion, New Zealand Military Forces, during WW2.

Lt Martin-Leake created history when he became the first soldier to be bestowed with a Bar to his VC.

In winning the VC in South Africa, Lt Martin-Leake was wounded three times as he went forward, under heavy fire, to attend a badly wounded soldier.
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Capt Chavasse was awarded the VC following a large-scale attack by 1/10 Bn.

During the attack he attended wounded in the open, under continuously heavy fire, and the following day took a stretcher-bearer up to the advance trenches.

Under intense shell-fire, Capt Chavasse carried a wounded soldier 500m to safety, and was wounded himself.

In all, he saved the lives of 20 badly wounded men, as well as attending many other cases.

Within a year Capt Chavasse's gallantry under fire earned him the Bar to his VC.

During a three-day battle at Wielte, he performed many acts of heroism despite his own wounds.

Capt Chavasse was wounded early in the battle while carrying a soldier to the dressing station, but continued to perform his duties.

He repeatedly went out to search for wounded soldiers, often under heavy fire, and treated them in the open until he died of his own wounds.

Capt Upham joined his unit as a private at the outbreak of WW2, and was commissioned the following year.

He was awarded the VC for his actions during a counter-attack against German paratroopers who had captured the Maleme airfield, on Crete, in May 1941.

Despite a severe attack of dysentery, the then 2Lt Upham led the opening charge and proved a source of great inspiration to his men as he killed many of the enemy with grenades.

A week later the evacuation from Crete began, and although suffering from wounds inflicted the week before, 2Lt Upham attacked a force of Germans attempting to interfere with the operation.

2Lt Upham's gallantry on these occasions earned him the VC, and during fighting in North Africa his courage was again conspicuous.

Now a company commander, Capt Upham was tasked with slowing the enemy's armour by using artillery.

The plan worked well until ammunition ran out, and the Germans surrounded the Kiwi position.

A breakthrough operation was planned for midnight, and using only rifle and bayonet the Kiwis engaged the heavily-armed enemy.

At the head of his company, Capt Upham used his grenades to great effect and the operation was successful.

Later in the Desert campaign, Capt Upham volunteered to attempt to restore communications with some units scattered in the heat of battle.

His Jeep came under heavy fire, and many enemy posts thought neutralised were still functioning.

Returning to report his findings, Capt Upham found the unit under intense artillery fire.

Two of his platoon commanders were killed and Capt Upham was wounded, but he refused to leave his men and later organised the capture of many of the enemy.

For his actions during these battles, Capt Upham was awarded the Bar to his VC.

Courtesy "Army"

V.C. WINNER LEADS MARCH

For the first time in the history of Anzac Day observances at Geraldton, a winner of the highest military award for bravery led the march to Birdwood House for the civic commemoration.

Mr Keith Payne, from Mackay in Queensland, won the Victoria Cross in Vietnam in June, 1969, when serving with the Australian Army training team.

There were 576 participants in the march to Birdwood House where it was estimated that the total attendance was about 2,500. In addition, many people lined the streets for the march which was followed by an impressive ceremony that included the laying of 43 wreaths by representatives of a variety of organisations as well as by individuals.

The marchers included personnel from two minesweepers, H.M.A.S. Ibis and H.M.A.S. Curlew, and more than 50 ex-service personnel.

Giving the Anzac Day Address, the R.S.L. President, Mr Fred Heath, said it was gratifying to see the great support that the young continued to give to the Anzac Day observance because it clearly illustrated their appreciation of the significance of the occasion. He said it was also obvious from the splendid example set by the young people, not only today but throughout the community generally, that they were prepared to give service to a great country which virtually attained nationhood 68 years ago by the courage and sacrifices of the Anzacs.

Mr Heath said it was clearly evident from world happenings that there was a great need to continue to keep in mind that very apt motto of the R.S.L. — "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance". He said that by following the "service" so exemplified by the Anzacs and their successors, the light of a common humanity may yet guide people through the mists of passions and misunderstanding, to the broad uplands of a kindlier future for all mankind.

Mr Heath said there had never been a greater need for the Anzac spirit in our everyday lives because the world needed brave men and women to fight intolerance, hate, and greed — for these evils were the cause of wars.

The main Anzac Day observance at Geraldton was preceded by the Dawn Parade, which attracted more than 50 marchers.

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NOTE: Subject to certain eligibility, the veterans and wives receiving the above pensions qualify for a whole or partial Service Pension. (For maximum rates of Service Pension page 4).

Minimum weekly rates of pension plus allowances payable for certain disabilities (these payments include those listed above where appropriate):

- Two arms, or two legs and one arm amputated $ 157.75
- Two legs amputated above the knee, or two legs amputated and loss of one eye 157.75
- One leg and one arm amputated and one eye destroyed 157.75
- One leg and one arm amputated 157.75
- One leg amputated above, and one leg amputated below the knee 90.55
- Two legs amputated below the knee 80.50
- One arm, or one leg amputated, and one eye destroyed 77.55
- One leg amputated above the knee or one arm amputated above the elbow 53.58
- One leg amputated below the knee or one arm amputated below the elbow 49.38
- Loss of vision in one eye 36.70
* Higher rates may be payable if other disabilities are involved

RECKONER TABLES FOR CALCULATING THE AMOUNT OF SERVICE PENSION PAYABLE

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*Any disability pension received is disregarded for the purpose of income assessment.

If you have a child or children in your care, custody and control, a deduction of $6.00 per week from your income is allowed for each child.

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Eligibility for fringe benefits will be lost where income equals or exceeds $90.00* per week for a married couple and $54.00* per week for a single person. The total of any disability pension is disregarded for income assessment purposes.
* The amounts will be higher if you have eligible children.

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Legion's tribute to war dead

The annual Anzac Day service was held at Milton Cemetery to pay tribute to Australian and New Zealand soldiers killed in the Great War.

About 50 people attended the service which was organized by the joint Portsmouth branches of the Royal British Legion.

Wreaths and crosses were laid on the graves of eight Australian and New Zealand gunners, and Legion standards were lowered in tribute.

The Perenjori Clock

While paying a visit to the Perenjori Auxiliary, I was very impressed with a clock hanging on a wall in the Memorial Hall. On enquiring, I found that it had been donated to the Sub-Branch by the Auxiliary.

The idea of the clock donation had been made at an Auxiliary meeting, suggested firstly by Mrs Jackson, the surround to be something to do with the R.S.L. A competition was held for a design of the surround, and this was won by Mrs Phil Norrish and submitted to Mr John Green to be made up.

The clock is embedded in a beautiful piece of polished wood, the torch emblem is above, and a broken laurel wreath is each side. Incorporated in the wreath is a rising sun badge and a uniform badge, below is a floral design. These were moulded and cast by this skillful young man who made and donated the surround in memory of his late Father, Mr Jack Green, a R.S.L. Member.

Joy Ford

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