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State President’s Notes

The RSL in each State has adopted a recommendation for the formation of The Australian National Flag Association. Both NSW and Victoria have already conducted their inaugural public meeting and formed committees.

This action has also been taken in Western Australia and by the time you receive your Listening Post the committee will be in operation. It is vital that the RSL demonstrates its intention to retain our national flag.

There are many in the community who seek to break down our traditions and heritage and one example of this is the Ausflag competition, which is being conducted in conjunction with the bi-centenary celebrations in 1988.

This competition is encouraging people to enter with a view of attacking our Australian national flag.

The Australian national flag was selected after a worldwide competition organised in 1901 from more than 30,000 entries.

It has been our national symbol for over 80 years and proudly carried by servicemen and women and athletes to most countries throughout the world and accepted and recognised by all those countries.

Now we have some Australians, who for some personal reason or excuse, want to make a change in order to satisfy themselves and those migrants who do not wish to accept what we have to offer and give them a better life in this wonderful country. No other country in the world would consider such changes to their flag or code of citizenship just to suit those migrants who desire to reside in their country. Would any Australian, living in another country, wish to alter their flag or way of life just because he/she did not like such ways. I think not.

Many thousands of men and women have died for this flag and it’s still the option of a returned serviceman and woman to have the flag draped over his/her coffin during the funeral service.

If we are prepared to die for our flag then no way will the RSL stand by and watch some minority group abolish our national flag.

So it’s important that members and friends attend meetings to retain the Australian national flag and become financial members of the association. Experience within our educational system indicates that the children of migrants display great interest and pride in the Australian national flag, therefore we should encourage them to do so by a positive demonstration of our allegiance to our national flag.

Australia, as a western nation, is situated in an Asian region. It is a stable country rich in human and physical resources with a small population and a short history.

Our neighbours value their culture and heritage and promote to retain them. Australia can only gain respect from our neighbours if we demonstrate, as they do, that we build upon our heritage and not destroy it.

Our flag is an important part of our heritage; men and women have died for it and we must be proud of it and our heritage.

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The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Senator Arthur Gietzelt, has released details of a new capital works programme, increased Repatriation benefits and an innovative plan for care of the aged as announced by the Treasurer in the 1983-84 Budget.

Senator Gietzelt said the total estimated expenditure in the Veteran’s Affairs portfolio in 1983-84 would be over $2.818 billion, an increase of $355 million, or 14.4 per cent, on actual expenditure of $2.463 billion in 1982-83.

“Considering the fact that the increase in expenditure is considerably above the expected inflation rate in 1983-84, this is a most satisfactory result for Veterans and War Widows,” he said.

“It gives me great pleasure to be able to announce these new programmes and spending increases for existing programmes, especially given the economic constraints under which we have been working.”

“These measures illustrate the Government’s commitment to the upgrading of our Repatriation Hospitals, indexing Veteran pensions and extending other benefits commensurate to our obligations to Veterans.”

Senator Gietzelt emphasised that he would continue to improve rights of Veterans and he hoped that as the Government’s economic policies began to show effect, further increases in benefits and facilities would be announced.

Significant capital works programmes have been approved and are proposed for the Department which will provide improved facilities for the treatment and care of Veterans and their dependants.

In line with the Government’s policy to stimulate the economy these projects will provide substantial employment opportunity in all State capitals.

Proposed expenditure in 1983-84 on capital works programmes represents a 137.5 per cent increase on the average expenditure over the previous three years.

Major Redevelopment Projects at Repatriation Hospitals:

The 1983-84 Civil Works Programme includes construction of four new operating theatres, theatre support facilities and refurbishment of four surgical wards to provide 124 beds at the Repatriation General Hospital, Daw Park, South Australia.

Major redevelopment of surgical operating facilities at the Repatriation General Hospital, Greenslopes, Queensland, is proposed. The project includes construction of a new operating theatre complex, intensive therapy, gastroenterology and clinical science units and an admission centre at an estimated cost of over $13 million.

New operating theatres and support facilities are also planned for Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, NSW, at a cost of $11.5 million.

Details of the projects at Greenslopes and Concord will be examined by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works early next year.

Upgrading of Accommodation Standards at Repatriation Hospitals:

Twelve projects totalling more than $4 million have been approved to enable upgrading of ward accommodation and other facilities at Repatriation hospitals throughout Australia.

Increase in Specialised Equipment:

$3.5 million has been allocated in 1983-84 for the purchase of specialised equipment for Repatriation General Hospitals and other institutions.

In addition, amounts of $50,000 for a part payment for a C.T. Scanner for R.G.H. Heidelberg, Victoria (details in next section), and $50,000 for equipment for the establishment of Geriatric Assessment Units (details in later section) have been provided.

The total Budget provision for specialised equipment is $4.05 million, an increase of 55.5 per cent on average expenditure over the previous three years.

New C.T. Scanner Approved:

A Computerised Tomographic Scanner will be installed at the Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Victoria. The new facility will reduce the number of invasive investigations. It will also free patients from the associated discomfort and risks and avoid the need to travel to other centres in Melbourne for investigations.

Establishment of Geriatric Assessment Units:

A Geriatric Assessment Unit will be established in the Repatriation General Hospital in each State capital. This is the first step in a programme for care of an ageing Veteran population.

The initial funding of $1 million will be used as the first step in a strategy for extended care services to ensure aged Veterans are maintained in their advancing years with dignity. Assistance will be provided by the Geriatric Assessment Units to Veterans and War widows to enable them to live at home where it is assessed that this is in their best interests.

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Repatriation Cover to Torres Strait Islanders and Mainland Aboriginal Veterans:
$100,000 is to be made available for distribution to Torres Strait Islanders and Mainland Aboriginals who served in Special Units during World War II and their dependants. This will cover the difference between the amount of disability pension and allowances which they received between 1943 and 1962 and the amount they would have received if they had received full entitlements in that period under the Repatriation Act. The payment is adjusted to reflect movements in retail prices since the pensions were paid.

Payment will be made to living Veterans or, where the Veterans are deceased, to surviving widows or to orphaned children.

The assistance of the National Aboriginal Conference is being sought to locate these Veterans and dependants.

Increase in Disability Pension Rates for Papua New Guinea Veteran and Indexation of Disability Pensions:
In November 1983, the rates of disability pension for Papua New Guinea Veterans are to increase by $45.39 to $205.44 monthly for a totally incapacitated member; by $21.39 to $122.24 for the widow of a member; and for an orphan under 16 years of age of a member by $5.08 to $23.03.

Disability pensions for Papua New Guinea Veterans will be automatically adjusted each May and November to take into account future movements in the Papua New Guinea Consumer Price Index. This will apply from May 10, 1984.

*Benefit increases*

The following Repatriation benefits were increased from November 10, 1983:

Soldiers' Children Education Scheme Allowances — Increases will apply for Primary and Secondary Students from January 5, 1984.

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Indexation of Pensions

Increases in the main Repatriation pensions to apply from the first payday in November were announced on August 17 by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs. They follow movements in the Consumer Price Index over the six months to June 30. The increases and the new weekly rates of the main pensions are:

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Christmas Greetings

I wish to extend on behalf of the staff of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, sincere Christmas Greetings to all Veterans and their families, with the wish they may enjoy a healthy and happy New Year.

I thank the State President of the RSL for the cooperation which has been received throughout the year from all levels within the structure of the League. I believe the joint goal of our organisations of looking forward toward the interests and care of the Veteran, is being maintained and this cooperation assists greatly.

I would record again this year that I have expressed appreciation to my own staff for the courteous and effective manner in which they have carried out their roles in providing service to the Veteran.

J.H. See
Deputy Commissioner
Commonwealth Department
of Veterans' Affairs

Message from the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor,
Mr M.A. Michael, OAM, JP

This is the time of the year when our thoughts turn towards reunions with family and close friends over the Christmas season.

It is a time when goodwill and good fellowship abound, and to many people that is the spirit of Christmas.

But to returned servicemen and women the festive season is simply a broadening of the qualities they put into practice in their everyday lives. Their comradeship dates back to their service days and they do not need a particular season to generate a caring attitude within their ranks.

Nevertheless, the commemoration of the birth of Christ provides all of us with a focal point during which to reiterate our Christian principles and to proclaim to our families, friends and neighbours, that we care about each other.

All the more reason, therefore, why I gladly take this opportunity to extend to you and your families sincere wishes for a safe and happy holiday seasons, and may 1984 bring you joy and prosperity.

Michael A. Michael, OAM, JP
Lord Mayor of Perth

Boyp Brook Loses Stalwart

Members were saddened by the death of the Sub-Branch's sole survivor from the 1914-1918 War, Mr. William Edward Inglis, MBE, MM, JP. Bill served in the 1st 16th Battalion.

He farmed all his life in the Boyup Brook Shire and was the son of pioneers James and Jessie (nee Hester) Inglis. Mr Inglis served on the Boyup Brook Shire Council for 38 years and was Shire President between 1959 and 1960. He retired in 1973. His list of achievements include helping to establish the town's hospital, of which he was the first Board Secretary, and the local war memorial. For his faithful service to the town's Anglican Church, he was made a Canon.

Bill Inglis was 87 at the time of his death on Sunday 30 October 1983. He was in good health and very active up to a week before he passed away.

A Message from the Premier

In celebrating Christmas, that special time of traditionally joyous family reunion, it is all too easy to forget that it can also be a time of special loneliness — particularly for the wives, parents and children of those ex-servicemen who have passed away during the year.

It can also be a time tinged with sadness for those former servicemen and their dependents who, through war injuries and other causes, have a greater burden to carry than the more fortunate among us.

Fortunately, the Returned Services League does not forget.

It remembers, not only during the festive season but right throughout the year!

The League's success in preserving the spirit of fellowship engendered during war service and in promoting the ideals of good citizenship in peacetime is well known.

But I don't believe it would have achieved its full stature in the community without its unflagging commitment, expressed directly and through kindred groups, to the welfare of ex-servicemen and women and their dependents.

It is through this ultimate expression of Australian mateship in good times and bad that the League occupies a unique place in our society.

On behalf of the State Government, and all those Western Australians who are so indebted to the League because it has not forgotten, I convey appreciative festive greetings.

On behalf of my wife Sue, my family and myself, I extend to all ex-servicemen and women and their families best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brian Burke
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Come dancing — at 99

The secret of long living could be the saying "Come Dancing" as practised by 99-year-old Gallipoli veteran Rolly Edwards, a member of the Belmont Sub-branch who still goes dancing every Saturday night.

I first met Rolly when I was M.C. at the City of Perth's old time dances held in the old Anzac House ballroom many years ago. One of the many anecdotes I remember being told by him was when he told me about six years ago he intended getting married again. Speaking to him and his bride to be, Edna, I asked them if they intended to have a family, and quick off the mark Rolly replied "not this year." He was then only 93. Each year he attends the Greenmount Primary School's Anzac Eve Service held at the Blackboy Hill commemorative site and the following day is among the marchers at the Belmont-Rivervale Sub-branches service at the War Memorial in Belmont.

In this, his 100th year, all members of the League extend best wishes to Rolly and Edna and we all look forward to celebrating his 101st birthday with him.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

Famous unit still going

The old 16th battalion held its annual reunion luncheon recently and my wife Dorothy and I had the pleasure of attending.

Approximately 50 members, friends and visitors sat down to what was a magnificent meal, and congratulations go to the organisers and the caterers.

I have a very strong attachment to this famous battalion because my late father was one of the originals, having joined on September 15, 1914, with the relatively-low regimental number of 68.

Unfortunately, the President, Mr C. Sladden, was unable to attend and the announcements were made by the Secretary H. Ganson. It is impossible to name all who attended. The patroness, Mrs Margolin, widow of a former commander of the unit, Colonel Margolin, again graced the occasion with her presence. Representing the RSL was Junior Vice-President Mr R.J. Nyman accompanied by his lady. Other guests were Mr and Mrs F. Sublet 2/16 Battalion, Mr and Mrs V. Rowell 11/2/11 Association, G. Shaw Gallipoli Legion, H. Bowra 51st Bn., S. Treasure 10th Light Horse Association (as was Ron Byrne), and Mr and Mrs K. Barrington of the Royal Australian Regiment.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

The 10th Light Horse breaks tradition

For the first time in their 62 years of annual reunions the 10th Light Horse Regiment Old Comrades Association broke with the tradition of having a male guest of honour by inviting the State President of the RSL Women's Auxiliary, Mrs Joy Ford, to toast the association at the annual reunion luncheon held recently at the young 10th Light Horse headquarters at Karrakatta.

In proposing the toast, Joy spoke of the regiment's part in the Great War and of her admiration for them from the time she was a little girl, which centred around a picture of a horseman in full uniform of the 10th.

There was no doubt from the acclamation of those present when Joy concluded her address that the choice of their guest of honour was most favourable.

President Roy (Robby) Caporn welcomed the guests in his usual convivial manner. The guests included Mrs Ford, the patron of the Association, Colonel John Deykin, and representatives from the RSL, the 16th Battalion and the Gallipoli Legion.

I was given the honour of responding to the toast for kindred associations, a gesture that I valued greatly because my association with the regiment goes back a long way in the fact that my wife Dorothy's father was an original member of the regiment and President Caporn is her uncle. I must also add that when I joined the Army in the World War my first sergeant-major at the Claremont showgrounds was Syd Treasure, a past president of the Light Horse.

The organising and proceedings were capably carried out by the Secretary, Ron Byrne, and I thank him most sincerely on behalf of my wife and myself for the kind invitation to be present at this small but most enjoyable occasion.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

The RSL Salute

There are many occasions when a civilian requires to make a gesture of respect — at a funeral, marching past on Anzac Day, laying of a wreath, placing a poppy on a casket, during the reciting of the Ode, during the Last Post, silence and Rouse, etc. The accepted salute is that of placing the right hand on the left breast, over the heart. When wearing a hat, and today in this climate the wearing of a hat in a funeral procession is fully acceptable, the salute is given by holding the hat in the right hand over the left breast.

If carried out on the move, the left arm is not swung.

The placing of the right hand over the heart is a very ancient sign of respect among equals, just as the military salute originated from the raising of the visor to indicate peaceful intentions and trust. The pulling of the forelock was similar, from inferiors to superiors.

R.J. Nyman

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Shortly after leaving the main highway and on a bush road, the coach was held up by a gang of bushrangers led by a woman. All the passengers were escorted to a clearing where they were forced to partake of genuine billy tea and damper. On being released, the journey was continued and finally reached a point near our destination.

The Avon River was too high for the coach to cross, so nearby farmers assisted our host, Vern Donegan, to ferry everyone by jeep, trailer and truck, to the farmhouse. A barbecue luncheon was on the go and washed down by that well-known beverage. We were all soon satisfied and the hunger pangs disappeared.

Various sports — including horseshoe throwing, cooee calling, and roller pin throwing, — were conducted. The farm dog then gave an entertaining performance which would have made Lassie and Rin Tin Tin sit up and take notice. The “Man from Snowy River” was recited by Vern’s son-in-law, Don, with sound effects with the stock whip by Vern.

During the afternoon old memories were revived when a fighter plane from Pearce made several low swoops over the property, as if on a strafing raid, and all gunners were unanimous that it was shot down each time.

Finally, it was time to leave and after a call at a winery on the way home we reached Perth around 6pm. Everyone agreed it was the best outing we have had and congratulations are in order to all who organised and participated.

If there are any ex-heavy A/A gunners around who are not members of this group and would like to join us, please contact me on 276 7253 or write to me at 43 Pitt Street, Dianella 6062.

Len De Grussa
Hon. Secretary

Bassendean-Guildford

With the lawns and gardens looking fine and a new external paint job, the Bassendean-Guildford Sub-branch hall looks a worthy home for a progressive sub-branch and Ex-Services Club.

For this financial year we set ourselves a membership target of a 15 per cent gain. This has been achieved with 30 new members getting with the strength. There are seven lady members in our total of 162.

Recent changes to our hall include ceiling fans for summer, gas wall heaters for winter, removal of fixed stage for two pool tables, construction of portable stage, new carpeted foyer, new sound system, provision of carpet bowls and a wall gallery of pictures and memorabilia.

Sometimes our home seems a bit small for our activities and much talk has been heard about extensions and costs.

While material and financial gain are great, as always our first priority is concern for the well-being of the individual — that is, to our members and their dependants. Our QV (contact visit) List has 46 names on it.

Meeting attendances have been subjected to a lot of scrutiny. We feel that a committee system of management plus careful preparation of meeting agenda, has been largely responsible for our achieving the 15 per gain on last year (average 30).

Visits to and from neighbouring sub-branches are proving to be interesting, enlightening and pleasant social events. A change from the same old faces. Our calendar for 1984 is already being booked.

The annual get-together conducted by the Bassendean Town Council to honour the Gallipoli veterans is this year being enlarged to include Great War veterans from our sub-branch area. We are pleased to work and liaise with our local Council in what we regard as an important event, usually held on the Sunday afternoon nearest Remembrance Day.

Our Poppy Day target is a gain of at least 15 per cent on last year, and secondly, to again win the Mary Cornell trophy. A special sub-committee is busy planning and getting organised. Only time will tell!

To all League members, we extend season’s greetings and the wish that the New Year will be happy and rewarding.

Dudley Robinson, PRO

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In addition to the above prize, there are seven “ANZAC OF THE YEAR AWARDS” for those selected individuals or groups in Australia who have demonstrated the spirit of comradeship and selfless service embodied in the tradition of ANZAC.

The Returned Services League of Australia (W.A. State Branch) invite recommendations and citations for outstanding persons who qualify for consideration for the above awards. The recipients need not be ex-servicemen and could range from a surf lifesaver, charity worker, nurse or mailman in the outback, etc. We are seeking nominations of persons who have given outstanding service to their fellow Australians and to the community in a positive, selfless and compassionate manner.

THE ANZAC PEACE PRIZE

The prize is a silver medallion some ten centimetres in diameter, depicting the legendary “Simpson” of Gallipoli and his donkey. Already, a most rare and valuable item in itself, the medallion which has been specially struck in sterling silver at the National Mint, is presented in a specially designed presentation case and inscribed with the name of the recipient.

The medallion is accompanied by a certificate setting out the nature of the prize and the citation on which the award was given. In addition, the recipient will receive a miniature lapel badge for everyday wear:

The prize is normally presented by the Governor General in the presence of the National President and State Presidents who make up the National Executive of the Returned Services League of Australia.

THE ANZAC OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Awards are bronze medallions some ten centimetres in diameter, depicting “Simpson” and his donkey, presented in a specially designed presentation case. As with the Peace Prize, the award is accompanied by a certificate outlining the nature of the award and with the citation on which the nominee was selected. A bronze miniature lapel badge is also presented for everyday wear.

The awards are normally presented by the State Governors in the individual States in the presence of the State President of the Returned Services League in that State, and members of the State Executive or Council.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Application forms are available from ANZAC House, 28 St George’s Terrace, Perth, or can be obtained by writing to:

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FACTS ON HOME LOANS

The Western Australian office of the Defence Services Homes Corporation has provided the following information for the general benefit of members who have a Defence Service Homes loan or who are contemplating the acquisition of a home with Defence Homes finance.

The information, which reflects the Corporation's current policies and practices, is provided as a brief guide only and members who have specific enquiries should contact the Corporation directly on the telephone numbers listed or, if the enquiry is on another issue relating to Corporation matters, by telephoning 327 8222.

Q. I am currently receiving the benefits of a Defence Services Homes loan but the sum I originally borrowed is less than the current maximum loan of $25,000 — can I borrow the balance?

A. Additional loans may be granted for the following limited purposes:
   (i) the provision of extra sleeping accommodation to meet immediate family needs
   (ii) the installation of a water service, electricity service, gas service, drainage and a hot water system
   (iii) the cost of conversion of an EC toilet to a septic or sewerage system or the cost of conversion of an existing septic system to sewerage.

   Additional loans are not granted to carry out repairs or renovations to a property or to replace existing services. Interest on additional loans is at a current rate of 10 per cent.

Q. I am the widow of a deceased eligible veteran who never utilised his entitlement to Defence Service Homes assistance — am I entitled to assistance?

A. Yes. The widow (which term includes a legal or a de-facto widow) of a deceased eligible Veteran may apply for a loan under the normal terms and conditions applicable to any application, i.e. a loan up to $25,000 repayable over a period not exceeding 32 years may be granted.

Q. What is meant by the term “de-facto widow”?

A. This term means a woman who lived with a deceased eligible veteran as his wife on a permanent and bona fide domestic basis, although not legally married to him, for not less than 3 years immediately before his death, provided the death occurred on or after 11 November 1978.

Q. Am I able to use my Defence Service Home as second mortgage security to a bank or other lender?

A. Yes. Consent to the raising of a second or subsequent mortgage may be given provided the Corporation is satisfied that there is continuing capacity to meet all the commitments on the property including those under the proposed mortgage. There is no restriction on the purpose for which the borrowed moneys may be used.

Q. I am retiring within the next three years and wish to utilise my Defence Service Homes entitlement now to acquire a home for my retirement needs — can the Corporation assist me?

A. Yes. An advance can be made to a person in the above circumstances provided the Corporation is satisfied that person has a bona fide intention to use the dwelling house as a home for himself and his dependants, if any. The normal conditions attaching to any loan application will apply.

Q. I own a farming property which has a dwelling house on it, but because of my age and health I can no longer personally operate my farm — can the Corporation assist me to buy a home away from the farming property, even though I will continue to own the farm?

A. The Defence Service Homes Act provides that assistance cannot be granted to an applicant unless the Corporation is satisfied neither the applicant nor the spouse of the applicant is the owner of a house other than the one which is the subject of the application. Where the applicant and his spouse are “permanently separated” (for more information on this term please contact the Corporation), the ownership of a house by the separated spouse will not be a bar to assistance.

   However, where the applicant owns a farming property and written evidence is produced to show that a firm arrangement has been made for the operation of the farm which includes a provision for the house to be used as a residence by a partner, share farmer or employee (including a member of the applicant’s family), the Corporation could consider that the use of the house portion of the property is a necessary incident to the operation of the farming business and therefore ownership of that farming property with its dwelling house would not preclude you from being granted assistance. It is the categorisation of the farm as a business with the requirement for a live-in person to effectively run that business that would allow the application to proceed.

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Bunbury Sub-branch

The recent switch to low alcohol beer may have been a beneficial spin-off in helping to boost numbers at monthly RSL Meetings.

After a successful membership drive, and with warm weather approaching, more of the members may be inclined to partake of a little fellowship after the meetings.

With this in mind, the Sub-branch is considering furnishing its meeting room with such items as dart boards and a pool table.

This will complement the extensive renovations which are at present being carried out.

With improved toilet and kitchen facilities as well as being repainted, the hall should once again become a popular venue for small functions and weddings.

When funds can be raised plans are also in hand to replace all of the hall chairs and upgrade the immediate bar area.

The future of the Sub-branch depends on a more active membership as new members are being offset by a mortality rate of about 12 members per year.

Because of the age factor this number will increase as the years go on. It is also this reason that more Korean and Vietnam Veterans must take an active role in the running of the Sub-branches.

With memberships recently extended to any person who has been a member of any of the services including the Reserve, the Bunbury Sub-branch expects a substantial increase during the next 12 months.

Alf Mainstone Sub-branch President

B.C.O.F. reunion

Over 50,000 Australian service personnel served in B.C.O.F. (British Commonwealth Occupation Force) Japan, 1945-54, many also serving in Korea. Unknown to many is that an organisation, the B.C.O.F. Association, is in existence. The organisation has a badge, publishes a quarterly journal and holds reunions in various parts of the eastern States regularly.

Only a handful of the many Western Australians who served in the Force are members of the Association. Branches of the organisation are in most States. Hopefully, one will be formed in WA in the near future.

A national reunion is to be held at Dubbo, NSW, over the Queen’s Birthday weekend, 1985, to mark the 40th anniversary of the formation of the force at Moratai at the conclusion of World War II.

For membership (at a cost of $10) and information on reunions, contact:

Eric Butler, OAM
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Ballarat, Vic 3350
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Farewell to the WRAAC

On August 31, 1983, a function was organised by members of WRAAC School, Georges Heights, to farewell the Women’s Royal Australian Army Corps.

Members throughout NSW and Canberra were invited to pay their respects to a Corps many have been proud to call their own for so long, as well as meet comrades both old and new.

The function was held at the Paddington RSL and commenced at 1200 hours. At first the numbers were few, but they grew as the hour went on. $10 was collected from each member to pay for the excellent buffet meal service.

As usual there were the official speakers followed by the traditional cutting of the WRAAC decorated cake (usually performed on Corps Day). The cutting was performed by the oldest and youngest serving member present.

Then as an added extra, there was a fashion parade of WRAAC uniforms worn during the past 15 years or so. This was accompanied by a brief and amusing description of each uniform. It was noted that in the past “uniforms were uniforms” and they looked like it. The majority seemed to prefer it that way.

After that a projection and screen were erected and a film about the “Role of Women in the Army” was shown.

The film was made in the late 50s-early 60s and the representatives from the NSW Branch of the WRAAC Association were ecstatic. I think one of them made an appearance, or if not, people they knew did. It must have brought back a lot of memories for them. The film was not only an eye opener for the younger members but very interesting.

At that stage our busy was ready for departure to Ingleburn and our group made a sad departure from the RSL.

Sgt Sandra Bryden

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Members of the State Executive and their ladies, with a few special guests, assembled upstairs at 1730 hours to pay their respects to the Vice-Regal couple on behalf of the members of the WA Branch of the League.

The State President, Mr Len Turner, MBE, and Mrs Norma Turner, met the Vice Regal party in the foyer and conducted them upstairs, where drinks and savouries were served. After a brief address by the President, His Excellency invested Mr Harry Holder, MBE, with the Meritorious Medal of the League, the lapel pin and certificate.

The Governor replied to Mr Turner’s speech of thanks and farewell and was then presented with an RSL plaque by Mr Turner, and Lady Trowbridge with a four-candleholder silver candelabrum by Mrs Turner. Both gifts were inscribed appropriately. His Excellency and Lady Trowbridge then mingled with the members, their wives and guests and at 1900 hours the Vice Regal party made their farewells.

R.J. Nyman
Junior Vice-President

His Excellency receiving an RSL plaque from the State President.
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Returned Services League, WA Branch (Inc), Remembrance Day — November 11, 1982.
Ex-HMAS Sydney Association (WA), Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony — November 19, 1982.
WRAAC Association (Western Australia), Annual Service of Remembrance — February 13, 1983.
Acting Consul for Greece, National Day of Greece — March 27, 1983.
Returned Services League, ANZAC Memorial Ceremony for Schools — April 22, 1983.
Returned Services League, ANZAC Day Dawn Service — April 25, 1983.
Yugoslav Clubs and Community Associations of WA, Commemoration of Marshal Tito’s Death — May 1, 1983.
Australian-American Association (Western Australia Division), Battle of The Coral Sea — May 4, 1983.

1940 Dunkirk Veterans’ Association, Annual Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony — June 12, 1983.
Returned Services League, 67th Annual State Congress — June 18, 1983.
Yugoslav Royal Ex-Combatant Association, Commemorating the death of General Draza Mihailovic, first Guerilla Leader — July 17, 1983.
Ex-HMAS Canberra-Shropshire Association (WA Division), Sinking of “HMAS Canberra” — August 9, 1983.
Naval Association of Australia, Sunset Memorial Service — October 4, 1983.

VISIT TO BRUCE ROCK

Messrs M. Hall and D. Bruce attended a meeting of members and prospective members in the Bruce Rock district with a view of re-activating the Sub-branch.
The meeting was organised by Mr Steve Robinson, a financial member of the City of Perth Sub-branch now conducting a business in Bruce Rock.

Nineteen people attended the meeting, including five ladies who were members of the Auxiliary. All the men were financial members of the League. Three apologies were received.

Mr Robinson introduced Mr Hall and Mr Bruce and then handed over the chair to Mr Hall to conduct the meeting.
Mr Hall welcomed everyone to the meeting and together with Mr Bruce gave a short address on the activities of the League and the importance of maintaining the Sub-branch to carry out the objects of the League.

Following a short discussion, during which many questions were answered, those present decided that they were willing to re-activate the Sub-branch, but because of other commitments, it was desirable that the meetings be held on a quarterly basis except in an emergency when specific requirements were required by the State Branch.

It was also suggested that it would be beneficial if alternate meetings could be held with Narembeen Sub-branch, mainly because of the small number of members in each Sub-branch. Also to arrange exchange visits to Merredin Sub-branch. Mr Hall then called for nominations for office bearers and the following were elected:

- **PRESIDENT:** N.E. Gillard
- **VICE-PRESIDENTS:** D.L. Crombie (Snr), S.J. Sedgwick (Jnr)
- **SEC/TALENTURE:** S.G. Robinson
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To be eligible a member must have had at least 30 years continuous service and be a Life Member. Many members have been awarded Life Membership and have continued to still work for the benefit of members and the organisation, and it was with this thought in mind that the Executive founded this most prestigious award.

There are fixed numbers for each State in Australia and Western Australia has been allotted two. There can be no doubt that the two members in this, the first year, were worthy recipients, and reference is made to Harry Holder and Jim Walmsley.

Harry Holder served in an artillery unit during World War II. On discharge, he joined the league in 1946 and the City of Perth Sub-branch. He was president for some 14 years and Secretary for the past 10 years.

The above positions held by him were revered as if they were private property. Nothing was considered impossible. In the event of him not having an answer on hand, he would take the appropriate steps to obtain one. On numerous occasions, even though it meant enquiries spreading over several weeks, he relentlessly pursued the object until satisfaction was granted.

In addition to his duties as Sub-branch Secretary, he would, on many occasions, stand in as relieving officer for the State Branch as War Compensations Officer. He appeared as an advocate at Department of Veteran Affairs tribunals on many occasions and his expertise in this field enabled many veterans to obtain what was rightfully theirs.

In the years that warranted it, he was always to the front of obtaining the best for youth and lately has been instrumental in holiday facilities at the Sub-branch holiday resort.

Prior to the finale of the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield games, it was through his efforts that the Sub-branches competition continued. These games engendered friendly rivalry and sportsmanship and great harmony between all Members who participated. He is chairman of the Lemnos Hospital Board, the largest hospital in WA for the mentally ill ex-servicemen, which he visits monthly. For many years he has continued this work, and the manner in which he dedicates himself in this field is an inspiration to all.

He served on the State Executive for the periods 1953-1959, 1962-1982, and has been a member of all sub-committees, and each one has been richer through his presence. He was also a delegate on a number of occasions to national congress.

The Royal Australian Artillery Association must be very proud because the co-recipient of the Meritorious Medal was also a gunner, and reference is made to Jim Walmsley from the South Perth Sub-branch where he had been president for 29 years. He joined the League in 1944 while still serving and in addition to his presidential duties he found time to join the State Executive from 1950 to 1952 and again in 1959 until 1964.

During Jim’s term as President, the Sub-branch hall was built in 1961. He was also the employment officer. The forming of the Como, Manning and Kensington Sub-branches was made possible by his hard work, tenacity and knowledge of RSL activities and responsibilities to all ex-service personnel.

Many members came to him for advice on welfare pensions and he was able to direct them to the proper authorities and if assistance was needed he was also the first to offer it, which included wood cutting, gardening, general repairs to homes and visiting those who were housebound.

He served on the Committee of the League’s Crowning Glory contest and was responsible for his candidate’s winning on six occasions. Youth in general in his district profited by his approach and assistance.

As Sports Director of the South Perth Sub-branch he was responsible for the Sub-branch’s participation in the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield games with a fair amount of success, but his emphasis was always on good sportsmanship.

He has always been a hospital visitor and is still visiting those who look forward to a friendly smile and handshake.

During his period of office he continually organised fund-raising schemes to raise money for hospitals in the area and through his efforts with other bodies the South Perth Community Hospital was built, one of the finest in the district.

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Western Australia’s sole surviving Victoria Cross winner from the Great War, T.L. (Jack) Axford, passed away during his return from the V.C. and G.C. celebrations which had been held in London earlier this year. He was aged 89.

Although christened Thomas Leslie, he was more popularly known as Jack. He enlisted in the Army in July, 1915, and was posted to the 16th Battalion and marched into Blackboy Hill camp. It was during his training that one morning an officer jokingly pinned a tin V.C. on his chest. Jack told me that the officer said he looked the type who could win the real thing. Little did anyone know how true those words were to be.

Embarking for overseas service in November, 1915, he saw plenty of action in France and was wounded twice, during which period he was decorated with the military medal. His great moment was to be on July 4, 1918, when the 16th Bn. was in action at a place called Hamel. His platoon was pinned down by machine-gun fire in which his commanding officer, sergeant major and a machine-gun crew were killed. Jack could not stand to see his mates cut down, and charging into the thick of the fight throwing hand grenades and using his bayonet, he killed 10 of the enemy and captured another six. By his action his company was saved and he was awarded the highest decoration, the Victoria Cross. “I must have been mad”, he commented. He returned to Australia later in the year and was discharged in 1919.

During World War II he again enlisted in the Army and rose to the rank of sergeant, serving with the Western Command Records Office, finally receiving his discharge in 1947. He attended the V.C. centenary celebrations in London in 1956.

I was first introduced to Jack when I was a small boy by my late father who had served in the 16th Bn. with Jack. That was in the vicinity of 50 years ago and I maintained a friendship with him ever since. Up to two years ago he was a regular race-goer at Ascot and Belmont, but with the advent of medical problems he had to curtail those outings.

With his late wife, Maude, and another V.C. winner, Jim Gordon and his wife, Myrtle, he attended a luncheon given in their honour by the League in April, 1982. As I was attending the Anzac Eve Service hosted by the Greenmount Primary School at the commemorative site on Blackboy Hill two days later, I asked Jack if he would like to accompany me and he readily accepted.

During the trip to Blackboy Hill he informed me that he had not been back since 1915, almost 67 years. He thoroughly enjoyed himself with the children and at afternoon tea he proved that even at the age of 88 as he then was, he could still enjoy a good meal.

I consider myself highly honoured and privileged to have known such a wonderful person and to have him accept me as his friend. On behalf of all members of the League, I extend deepest sympathy to his family.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

THANK YOU

“We, Jack and Brenda Axford, would like to convey our sincere gratitude to Mr L.J. Turner, State President of the League, Mike Hall and the various Sub-branch and Unit and Kindred Associations, for their guidance and assistance during our recent bereavement. We also express our special thanks to all those who were involved in paying their last respects to our late father T.L. Axford, V.C., M.M.

We also express our deep appreciation to Brigadier Lloyd, O.B.E., M.C. Major Pronk, Warrant Officer Harkin and the soldiers of the 5th Military District for their outstanding organization and contributions towards the military funeral. A very moving and personal service was conducted by Monseigneur Harley and Father O'Reilly.”

Brenda and Jack Axford

Jack Axford enjoying a joke at Anzac House.

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On return to Western Australia in 1947, she joined the nursing staff of the R.G.H. Hollywood, at its inception and gave the rest of her full time nursing service in caring for ex-service persons and their dependants, until her retirement.

Quairading Visited

Earlier in the year, while on our way to Bruce Rock, Mike Hall and I stopped at Quairading to meet officials of that Sub-branch, and as it was near lunchtime, it was decided to have an impromptu meeting to discuss League matters and to answer any questions.

The President, H. Woods and Secretary, E. Stone, together with A. Hadlow, a Sub-branch member, and their ladies, made up the party from the Sub-branch.

What was intended to be only a short stay turned into a three hour stop-over during which many items were debated at length.

We visited the Sub-branch hall and the Quairading club and were very happy with what we saw, and have no doubt that this Sub-branch will be with us for many more years.

The members, in no uncertain terms, told us they would like to see more visits by members of the State Executive in the near future.

Doug Bruce

“TOP HATS IN TOBRUK”

Stories of World War Two are common-place; however, two books about to be published are of interest to those Western Australians who served in the Siege of Tobruk and El Alamein.

“Top Hats in Tobruk” is a story of a troop of Anti-Aircraft Gunners who took part in the early North African Campaign, August 1940-September 1941. Material used is taken from the diary of an officer, K. Rankin, written on the Gun Site. It gives an authentic and intimate, almost hour by hour, account of the Siege of Tobruk.

The author is Kenneth Rankin of the UK. The cost of the book is approximately A$10. Enquiries to A. Burrows, PO Box 65, Braidwood, NSW 2622. Phone (048) 42 2424.

“NO HONOUR NO GLORY”

“No Honour No Glory” is a book written by two New Zealanders, Jim Henderson (an author of 20 books), and Spence Edge, about the torpedoing of two Italian Merchant ships, “Sebastiano Venier” 1941 and “Nino Bisio” 1942, in the Mediterranean by British submarines. Edge is a survivor from the “Venier” and Henderson from “Nino Bisio.” On the latter, 162 New Zealanders, 37 Australians, a number of Free French and Indians were lost.

The co-authors spent four years researching material for this book. It includes pictures of the two vessels, their Captains, the submarines involved, and their Commanders. The Captain of the “Nino Bisio” was praised for his behaviour.

The book includes a story of the USAAF bombing of the Aquila POW Camp in Italy. Two hundred allied POWs were killed.

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L.J. Turner, State President.

Ex-POW Ladies Auxiliary

To honour Mrs Elsa Miners (British Empire Medalist), a highly respected and loved member of our Association, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ex-Prisoners of War Association gave her a luncheon at Boans on her 90th birthday on September 21st. Mrs May Gregory presented her with a lovely basket of orchids on behalf of all present.

Late in the 1940s, relatives of Prisoners of War formed an association named the Australian Prisoners of War Relatives Association, of which Mrs Miners played a prominent part for many years, and for her services was awarded the BEM.

When the men returned, a meeting was held and it became known as the Ex-Prisoners of War and Relatives Association, and later the Ex-Prisoners of War Association of Australia, Western Australian Branch.

The late Mr Frank Boan kindly made available an office for the use of the Association, and Mrs Miners worked there five days a week on a voluntary basis assisting ex-POWs and their families. She also visited ex-POWs in the Repatriation Hospital once a week, rain or shine, and visited many other sick people in home or hospital — still working in the office until it closed, when she retired in the late 70s.

With several other ladies, she organised a monthly social and card afternoon which she still attends, and also the Auxiliary meeting.

Mr Spatcher, Boans Manager, spoke of the early days when he found that Mrs Miners was unofficially part of Boans, and he presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Also in the late 50s, Mrs Miners and her husband formed a branch of the Pensioners League at Belmont, and until recently she has been an active member, and still lives in Belmont.

Mrs B. Skillen
President

NAMES NEEDED

Mr Alex A. Smith of the 22 Squadron Association of WA has requested names and addresses of all former members of No. 22 Squadron currently residing in Western Australia.

His address is 10 Leopold Road, Nedlands, WA 6009; telephone (09) 386 2642.

History Wanted

At present I am carrying out some research into my family history. During the research I have discovered that my grandfather, Private Thomas Snowdon (1882), served with the 16th Battalion, 4th Division, 1st AIF from 1914 to 1918.

At the end of the war a unit history was written called “The Old Sixteenth” by Captain C. Longmore and published by the history committee of the 16th Battalion Association, Perth, WA, 1929.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to obtain a copy of this book in Britain, and I wonder if anyone could help me get one. I have no idea of the cost but would be willing to pay a reasonable sum for the book and postage etc.

John Snowdon,
26 Woodlands View,
Marchington, Uttoxeter,
Staffordshire, England.

Pen pals wanted

I am not a RSL Member, but I lost my brother Kevin Malcolm Ford Graham from Youngs Siding on January 26, 1942. He was an RAAF serviceman. I would like to correspond with some old RAAF members and some WRENS as well who helped in World War II, and some of our beat Rats of Tobruk.

Also, I love writing and would like pen pals as I get very lonely on my own. If you help me I will answer all letters. I am aged 64.

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The Returned Services League of Australia Western Australian Branch (Inc)

Report on the 68th Annual National Congress, Canberra

By L.J. Turner, State President

The Congress was officially opened by the Governor-General of Australia, Sir Ninian Stephen; the Ceremony being held at the Australian Academy of Science and including the following speakers:

Sir Ninian Stephen, Governor General of Australia; Sir William Keys, RSL National President; The Honourable Gordon Scholes, MP, representing the Prime Minister of Australia; The Honourable Andrew Peacock, MP, Leader of the Federal Opposition; Mr Jim Leedman, MHA, Leader of the ACT House of Assembly.

In the course of the Opening Ceremony, the League's Meritorious Medal was presented by the Governor-General to eight of the recipients who were present for the occasion, including Mr Jim Walmsley from Western Australia.

Some 299 items appeared on the Agenda for the Congress, made up as follows:

1. Constitution 21
2. Repatriation 97
3. DFRB and DFRDB 5
4. Social Security and Tax 13
5. Defence Service Homes 17
6. League and BCEL 16
7. ANZAC, Ceremonials, etc 25
8. Immigration 11
9. General 25
10. Foreign Affairs 6
11. Defence 63

A summary of the Western Australian items and results are here.

It is of note that of the 21 Constitutional items, 18 were either defeated or withdrawn; the other 3 being passed with some amendments. As a result of the above, the National Constitution can now be reprinted in its re-drafted form, and in due course, the Western Australian Rules and By-Laws will be brought up to date in line with the National documents.

On September 13, the National Executive met with Senator Arthur Gietzelt, Minister for Veterans Affairs, on the matter of the proposed Income and Assets means test to be applied to Veterans in receipt of the service pension.

The Government proposes to introduce these regulations in 1984; in the meantime, a complete survey will be carried out involving the income and assets owned by Veterans and their dependants, where a service of part-service pension is being paid.

Members of the National Executive were highly critical regarding many of the proposals and sought further information in clarification of what assets would be included in ascertaining the national income to be applied to veterans.

It was agreed that further information would be forthcoming from time to time dealing with what was considered to be grey areas.

In the area of Repatriation, it was apparent that delegates, having regard to the country's economic problems, were not prepared to pass resolutions extending additional benefits to Veterans other than to rectify anomalies, at the same time remaining well within the guidelines of standing of standing policy when considering other subjects.

The resolutions submitted by Western Australia were well received, except that in item No 83 (WA Congress No 9) it was felt that the proposed benefits for Returned Sisters and Ex-Servicewomen were being extended too far. At the same time, item No 201 (WA Congress No 48), was discriminatory and would be contrary to League standing policy on immigration.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my co-delegate Mr Des Gibbs for his capable assistance in putting forward the State resolutions and for his efforts during the Congress as a whole.

RESOLUTIONS — NATIONAL CONGRESS

REPARTIATION:

"That Veterans of the UK Armed Services residing permanently in Australia for a period in excess of ten (10) years and are holders of the Certificate of Citizenship — who receive a service pension — and who, on the basis of income, qualify for fringe benefits, or a veteran who is an ex-prisoner of war be considered eligible for free medical treatment and/or admission to repatriation hospitals in cases of disabilities accepted as service related."

(LOST)

"That the Australian Government be approached for all ex-Servicemen and women 65 years of age and over to be entitled to free medical benefits under repatriation."

(CARRIED)

"That an amendment be made to regulation 66 of the Repatriation Act to enable medical and hospital benefits to be given to Returned Sisters and ex-Servicewomen of the 1939-45 War, as are currently available to Sisters of the 1914-18 War."

(CARRIED)

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**YALLINGUP, W.A.**
"That the Commonwealth Government be requested that all repatriation benefits (medical and hospital) as allowed to the Returned Sisters of the 1914-18 War be extended to include all returned ex-Servicewomen of the 1939-45 War."

(INCLUDED WITH 39)

"That the Commonwealth Government be requested that returned ex-Servicewomen, single or widowed or separated, be eligible for claims and the benefits and services granted to War Widows and Defence Widows."

(LOST)

"That local medical officers, subject to the health of the veteran, be permitted to prescribe medication covering a longer period of time."

(IN OPERATION)

"That irrespective of the pharmaceutical list used in prescribing medication for veterans that local medical officers have regard to the rapid advance in science and be given flexibility to prescribe accordingly."

(CARRIED)

"That the Commonwealth Government be strongly urged to rescind all directives denying veterans medicines/drugs etc, be it before or after March 1, 1983, especially those prescribed for ex-Pows and that authorisation for these life sustaining drugs etc remain in the hands of the veterans' doctors."

(LOST)

"That the Department of Veterans' Affairs recognise treatment of ex-service personnel by chiropractors."

(CARRIED)

"That immediate steps be taken to have delays minimised in the hearing of appeals against decisions by the Department of Veterans' Affairs."

(CARRIED)

"The Minister for Veterans' Affairs be approached with the request that the processing of pension eligibility for ex-service personnel and their dependants be expedited, particularly with regard to the applications made by widows who have become eligible due to judgements handed down in recent years by the Federal, Supreme and High Courts of Australia."

(CARRIED)

"That this Congress strongly urges that the Federal Government introduce the recommendation of Mr Justice Toose with respect of payment of the Medibank Levy proportionately to the assessed rate of the veteran's disability pension."

(CARRIED)

"That the Womens' Auxiliaries press the league to request the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide accommodation to short stay patients to give their wives or families a break from the strain and stress of continual nursing of their ex-servicemen."

(CARRIED)

DEFENCE:

"That the Commonwealth Government be requested that two vessels of Australian Register be equipped for operation of vertical take off aircraft and helicopters in an emergency or in a Military situation."

(REFERRER DEFENCE COMMITTEE)

"That an adequate and efficient network of air and sea borne elements be raised to give reasonable security to those portions of the North-West coast of Western Australia which are at present not covered adequate."

(REFERRER NATIONAL 245/STATE 28)

"That a representation be made to the Commonwealth Government to have the present gaps in radar surveillance of the North-West coast of Western Australia filled as soon as possible by the installation of appropriate radar facilities."

(CARRIED)

"That the Commonwealth Government be requested to ensure an adequate defence programme for the North-West coast and north of Australia."

(CARRIED)

"That the Commonwealth Government is requested to investigate the feasibility of keeping the Australian Cadets Corps."

(REFERRER NATIONAL 71/EX-QLD)

"The Returned Services League of Australia, WA Branch (Incorporated) deprecates any action being taken to later or replace the Australian National Flag and earnestly and wholeheartedly supports the retention of the Flag in its present form, and strongly recommends that the public be urged to take more interest in this, our National Emblem."

(CARRIED)

"The RSL advises the Commonwealth Government of its support to retain the Australian Flag in its present form."

(CARRIED)

"That the Commonwealth Government be asked not to resume aid to Vietnam whilst Vietnamese Troops remain in Kampuchea as such a proposal is against the Association of South-East Asian Nations as well as Japan and China."

(CARRIED)

"That the League takes every step possible to prevent any aid whatsoever going to Vietnam."

(CARRIED)

"That the Commonwealth Government be requested to hold a Referendum on Immigration with the following question being put to the people — 'Are you in favour of Asian and non European Migrants being allowed into Australia?'"

(LOST)

"That the Migrant intake be restricted while the Australian unemployment is so high."

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The 64th Gunners Day Memorial Service was held on
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Gunners assembled on parade and marched to the
service led by 5 Mil Dist Reserve Band. Mr John Talbot
Hobbs was Parade Commander. The 7 Fd Bty also
marched past. The salute was taken by the Colonel
Commandant RAA 5 Mil Dist, Col Geo. Earnshaw, ED,
(RL), in the presence of a large assembly.

Present at the service and- wreath laying service
included the Patron RAA (WA), Brig R M Davis, ED (RL);
Commodore D J Orr, RAN; Col A Barsch representing
Comd, 5 Mil Dist; Mr J S C Pope, Bty Comd, 7 Fd Bty;
Sqn Leader A V Rose, RAAF; Lt Col R J Nyman
representing State President RSL; Mr W Grayden, MLA;
Deputy Lord Mayor City of Perth, Cr J J Higgins, BEM;
Cr Mrs Oma, Shire of Swan.

Wreaths were laid by the President RAA (WA), Mr P
Kemm, followed by official representatives and others
from Aust Legion, Legacy, Unit Associations, Red Cross
and War Widows' Guild.

Afternoon tea was enjoyed by all present by courtesy
of the ladies of Guildford Red Cross.

Alan Douglas

State War Memorial

All Sub-branches of the Returned Services League in
Western Australia are being asked to give urgent financial
support to the State War Memorial Restoration Fund.

The Geraldton Sub-branch decided at its August
meeting to donate $100 to the Fund:

The R.S.L., State Secretary, Mr Des Gibbs, told the Sub-
branch that in addition to the work carried out this year
at a cost of more than $7,000, additional funds totalling
in excess of $20,000 were needed for the restoration
works programme.

Mr Gibbs listed the required restoration work which
included treatment of all stonework to reduce the effects
of vandalism by paints.

He said substantial contributions from Sub-branches in
support of a State Congress decision to this effect were
desperately needed to bolster what he called the current
non-existent State Memorial Fund.

NEW TREASURER

The Geraldton Sub-branch of the Returned Services
League has elected a new Treasurer, Mr Ray Baker.

Mr Baker volunteered for the position at the August
meeting after the resignation of Mr Ted Murphy which
had been received with regret.

Mr Murphy, a former member of the Millen Sub-branch,
has returned to Perth to take advantage of an employment
opportunity.

A letter of thanks for his good work will be sent to the
former Treasurer.

CITIZEN OF YEAR

The Australia Day Committee at Geraldton is inviting
applications for the Geraldton-Greenough Citizen of the
Year Award.

And one organisation has already decided to submit a
nomination. The Geraldton Sub-branch of the Returned
Services League agreed at its September meeting to
nominate MR John Spendlove.

It was this Sub-branch which last year nominated the
successful candidate, Mr Bill Cunningham.

Nominations for the 1984 Geraldton-Greenough, Citizen
of the Year Award close on December 19.

CORRECTIONS

In the spring issue of the Listening Post there were
certain omissions in the State Executive Committees.
Please add the following to:

State Congress Agenda

L.F. Cook
Z.T. Kwiecinski

The 2/16th Infantry Battalion
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proposes to Host a
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REUNION

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18th-19th May, 1985

The 7th Australian Division A.I.F. Association has
approved and agreed to support this Reunion which
will not prejudice attendance at the normal October
Reunion of the 7th Australian Division Infantry
Association in N.S.W.

The West Australian function is something apart.
Its object is to get together as many 2/16th Battalion
members and their families and play host for one
memorable weekend at a gathering of as many 7th
Division members as possible from all other States.

Apart from taking the opportunity of seeing The
Golden West at an ideal time of the year it could pro-
vide some nostalgic moments, re-kindle old friend-
ships and make some new ones.

Further information will be made available pro-
gressively to the 7th Australian Division A.I.F.
Association and its Affiliates. Direct information may
be gained by contacting:

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WOMEN’S AUXILIARY

Christmas is just around the corner and the purchasing of the goodies for our Christmas Cheer parcels have been finalised, it needs just the packing and delivery.

Since my last report I attended the 50th Annual Conference of the Victorian R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliaries. I enjoyed my visit to Melbourne, met some very nice people, saw some interesting places and learnt quite a bit of the other State’s work for the R.S.L.

It was very pleasing to meet again the other State Presidents and to honour the occasion we went to the Southern Cross Hotel for Dinner. It was a wonderful night, the hotel was celebrating its 21st birthday and as part of the celebrations we were chosen as the “Lucky Table” that night, the prize being 2 bottles of wine. Whether this win was due to the fact that the waitress tipped someone’s dessert down Phyl Wild’s sleeve I don’t know, but the wine was ours.

As it was time to leave we allowed Phyl the honour of being custodian of the bottles for the night. Next day she brought them to the Conference where we duly emptied them during lunch, toasting each other with the wine in thick teacups. Oh, the sacrilege of it when we found out next night that the wine we had won was valued at $42 each.

My stay after Conference with Mr and Mrs Willis was most enjoyable. They took me out every day to see some place, from Bendigo to the beautiful Dandenong Ranges to Portsea and all places between. Mrs Willis was our Interstate guest in 1982, and she was a most kind and gracious hostess during my stay with her and her husband.

On September 14, Millen Auxiliary celebrated their birthday with a Social Afternoon. Visiting State Executive members and Auxiliaries enjoyed the entertainment and afternoon tea. Belmont Auxiliary Party was well attended, once again a very happy night and I was pleased to present Mrs Thornton with a Certificate of Service.

September 29 was Victoria Park Auxiliary’s turn to celebrate their birthday with State Executive and Auxiliary members. It was a pleasant afternoon enjoyed by all. I was Guest of Honour at the 10th Light Horse Association Luncheon on October 7, something I greatly appreciated.

The Darling Range Auxiliary Day was well attended and proved profitable for a few of us. We even celebrated Sully’s birthday and Belmont’s Day was an occasion when we met together in friendship. All those who attended Cockburn Auxiliary Birthday Luncheon on October 13 voted it a lovely day.

I went to the League Group Conference in Kalgoorlie on October 15, where I was pleased to meet the Kambalda and Boulder girls and made arrangements to visit them with Mrs Taylor in the new year. I hope to include Yilgarn Districts and perhaps Esperance in the itinerary.

Mrs Cayley and I were at the League’s Reception to farewell the Governor and his Lady.

This year has been a busy year with our increasing hospital visiting and all Auxiliaries have been most generous with their donations, which can be only made possible by hard work in their fund raising efforts. Whoever receives from this generosity, they are most grateful and I know this is sufficient reward for us all.

May Christmas bring you joy and happiness. God’s Blessing on you all.

Joy Ford,
State President.

NEW EXTENSIONS AT BELMONT

Membership of the Belmont Sub-Branch continues to increase and at the beginning of November it had reached 259 with 8 associates.

Very pleasing progress has been made with the extensions to the club building, and it is anticipated that the work will be fully completed and the new section ready for occupation before the end of November.

The official opening has been planned for Friday, December 2, with the Mayor of the City of Belmont, Councillor Fred Rae, performing the opening ceremony.

The club’s fund-raising committee has done a marvellous job in raising money to carpet the new building. My “spies” have told me that the committee has raised enough not only to carpet the new extensions, but to furnish them as well. Well done fund-raising committee and many thanks.

The Women’s Auxiliary recently celebrated its 36th birthday with a party at the club. There were over 100 in attendance, made up of members and their husbands, committee members of the men’s sub-branch and visitors from other auxiliaries, including representatives of the State Executive of the Women’s Auxiliary.

We were very disappointed that the Busselton Sub-Branch members and their wives were unable to make their projected visit on October 22 and 23. We had been looking forward to seeing them and a full week-end of entertainment had been arranged.

May I, on behalf of all members of the Sub-Branch and club, wish all readers a very enjoyable Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

Pat O’Connor

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REPORT
Kalgoorlie Group Conference
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Mr. L.T. Turner, the State President, Mr Norm Healy from the State Executive and Mrs Joy Ford, President of the Women’s Auxiliary, departed Perth 11.00am on 14 October and were joined at Midland Junction by Mr Don Cruden, also from the State Executive. The party arrived at Kalgoorlie at 5.50pm.

Including the above persons and Mr John See, Deputy Commissioner for Veterans’ Affairs in WA and Mr Wayne Fairclough, State Manager of Defence Service Homes, the total number who attended the congress was 48.

The Sub-branches represented were Kalgoorlie, Boulder, Coolgardie, Kambalda, Southern Cross and Yilgarn, and Auxiliary members from Boulder and Kalbalka. Wives of Kalgoorlie members were also present.

The conference was opened at 9.00am by His Worship the Mayor of Kalgoorlie, Mr Ray Finlayson, who delivered an appropriate address for the occasion.

Following addresses by Mr See, Mr Fairclough and Mr Healy, the latter speaking on Membership, Defence and the War Memorial, the conference was adjourned in order to attend a wreath laying ceremony and the dedication of plaques at the Kalgoorlie War Memorial.

The plaques were commemorating the Korean, Malayan and Vietnam confrontations in which Australian Forces participated. The Reverend John Steed officiated at the dedication service, following which the party adjourned to the Kalgoorlie Municipal Chambers for a Civic Reception hosted by the Mayors and Councillors. Personnel from the 16th Battalion Army Reserve who were participating in Army exercises at Kalgoorlie, also attended the reception.

Following lunch at the York Hotel, congress resumed at 2.00pm, continuing until 4.45pm with addresses by the State President, Mr Cruden and Mrs Joy Ford. All subjects were handled competently by the speakers and in the main, interesting questions were directed to each speaker from the floor.

The conference was most interest and it is apparent that League affairs in the Goldfields area are in good hands and that the delegates to the conference would be able to pass the additional information obtained back to the members in their Sub-branches or Auxiliaries as the case may be.

After the close of the conference, the State Executive party and Mrs Ford were taken on a guided tour of the Boulder War Museum which was found to be interesting and fascinating because of the wide range of articles that have been collected from a wide area.

May 1984 be a year when we can each say, and mean, that this year we will all do a little better for Anzac House, our branches, and especially our members.

We are now preparing for our wet season, which is almost upon us, and to you who have been in Darwin from October to about April you will realise it’s not the type of weather to make you “laugh your head off”.

When I see the number of joggers that are around and the weekends just full of sport — you name it and we have it — I still wonder after living here for nearly 34 years if the old song “Mad Dogs And Englishmen, Go Out In The Midday Sun” may well be applied to many Darwinians, for mostly they are a healthy mob and have a great outlook on life.

I have enclosed $20 for the State War Memorial restoration fund where I have two uncles’ names, Sgt. F. Bishop and G. Bishop, engraved on plaques.

I enjoy reading the Listening Post immensely and admired the front cover on the Spring issue, very effective indeed.

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LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I congratulate Mike Hall and his committee on the Spring issue of the Listening Post. One innovation, the inclusion of personnel of Standing and Ad hoc committees, is a reminder to members of the volume of work undertaken by Executive members. It also opens the way for direct individual approach if thought necessary or desirable.

Special plaudits must go to Dorothy Hall for her Remembrance Day cover. Perhaps other important events in the League’s calendar may similarly be so effectively portrayed.

Ern. MacLeod, M.B.E.

Darwin calling

To the State President and all members of R.S.L. I would like to extend to one and all the very best wishes and sincere greetings for a happy and safe festive season.

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Best wishes to all R.S.L. Members
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Doug Piggott will be away for a few months and during his absence I shall be providing you with news of the Section's activities.

17th National Bowls Carnival, Sydney

As indicated in recent newsletters, this Carnival will take place from December 26, 1983 to January 6, 1984.

Eleven teams from this State have nominated for the National fours, and 60 persons have indicated that they will be attending the Carnival.

18th National Bowls Carnival, Perth

Planning for this Carnival is underway and it is proposed that the Tests will be conducted from Wednesday, January 2, to Friday, January 4, 1985 with all Tests being played at one club.

The National Fours are planned to commence on Monday, January 7, and continue until Friday, January 11, 1985. At this stage no decision has been made regarding venues for this event.

TAA have agreed to sponsor production of the Carnival Itinerary and Entry Forms for the National Fours. Discussions are being held with other organisations regarding other sponsorships.

Because the Carnival will be costly, additional sponsors are being sought. To this end, 35 letters have been sent to various organisations without a great deal of response.

The secretary would welcome information from members regarding possible sponsors, and in view of the fact that the RSL Bowls Competitions are conducted to promote membership for the RSL and goodwill, help from sub-branches would be greatly appreciated.

As indicated in the August Newsletter, the Match Committee arranged a number of games for members during October and November.

The game which was to have been played at Dudley Park Bowling Club on October 16 was postponed and discussions are being held with a view to its being conducted in March or April 1984. Members will be advised on this and games arranged for the New Year in the next Newsletter.

Members who change their address and/or Bowling Club are requested to notify the Secretary of such change in order that the Section’s records can be kept up to date. At present, addresses are needed for the following members: Messrs R. Crane, J. Driscoll, F. Gallagher, R.D. Hampson, G. Hotham, R. Lawrence, W. McCaughhey, W. Parker and G. Smith.

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Service recognised

State President L.J. Turner presents the award to Mr Walter W. Day.

Mr Walter W. Day, MM, of West Swan, was the recipient of a 50-year Service Award on October 12, 1983. The presentation by State President Len J. Turner, MBE, JP, was made at a quiet gathering at the residence of Mrs H.T. Rogers of West Swan Road, West Swan.

In the Great War Wally saw service in France and Belgium with the 48 Battalion 12 Brigade and was awarded a Military Medal for bravery in the field at Witschate.

Wally, now aged 93 years, has amassed 58 years of continuous financial membership through West Swan, then Guildford, and now Bassendean-Guildford sub-branches.

Bassendean-Guildford have honoured Wally by making him a life member of their sub-branch.

A hard worker all his life, it is only recently that he has reluctantly started to take it easy.

No doubt Wally would enjoy a visit and yarn with any of his old mates. Telephone his daughter, Mrs Rogers on 274.3027.

advised that the next programme will involve those under 50 years of age. However, there is one problem.

The League has no age classification on membership — an Ordinary Member is a member regardless of age. Therefore, a record has never been kept of members' ages. However, unless we are able to identify the numbers involved in each age group, it will not be possible for APA to give us a definitive idea of the type of policy that can be made available.

Therefore, may I ask each member, particularly those under 50, if they would voluntarily supply us with their date of birth. This can be done by completing the "D.O.B. . . . . . . " column that will appear in the 1984 Subscription Notice that will be sent to each member in the New Year. This information is essential if we are to ensure that policies are specifically designed, and forwarded to those who are eligible.

L.J. TURNER
State President

2/1 — 2/2 Pioneers

A combined get-together of 1/1 and 2/2 Pioneers was held at Anzac House on August 26.

It was a pleasant evening with a few drinks, supper and plenty of talk.

It was agreed to meet again at Anzac House on March 16 and August 10, 1984. Please make a note of these dates and perhaps you can attend. For further information as the time gets closer you can contact Len Preedy on 381.6294.

2/1 outnumbered 2/2nd, but I still hope to rectify that if I can get a list of ex W.X. members of the 2/2nd. I had an old 1942 list of 2/1st per courtesy of George Hobley.

Present on the evening were: George and May Hobley; Dick and Sheila Hobley (both Hobleys travelled about 700km return trip); Syd Abercrombie; Ron and Pat Henley; Ken and Edna Kidd; Alby Machen who brought along an ex-R.A.N. friend, Guy Herbert; Harry Fitzgerald; Joy and myself.

Apologies were received from Ted and Dot Lyon, J. Ellery and W. McWhirter.

Hope to see you all in the future.

Len Preedy
Ex 'D' Coy, 2/2nd Pioneers

Armada Extends Hall

The Armadale RSL Sub-branch has just finished the extension to the hall which gives a large dance floor for their Monthly Social Evenings the first Saturday in the month, with their own band, which are so good at least 10 members from Nollamara-North Perth RSL come to the Social.

Our Women's Auxiliary is a very strong unit and they play a great part in running the Branch. They also entertain pensioners, senior citizens and veterans' groups. The ladies supply and serve the food and play sketches.

Our president, Mr M Coleman, runs the Bingo every Monday night, the ladies serving tea and biscuits and assisting in the calling.

The President was presented with a whip at the last social because he's such a slave driver.

F.J. Major

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"Code of Citizenship" Essay Competition

For the fifth year in succession, the Applecross Sub-branch conducted its "Essay Competition" among all the primary schools in the area, just prior to Remembrance Day, 1983.

In order to promote thought and discussion on citizenship and to keep the RSL "Code of Citizenship" currently before them, the children were invited to write 300 to 400 words on any one of the eight social values embodied in the Code. The following schools were invited to participate — Applecross, Ardross, Attadale, Booragoon, Brentwood, Melville and Mt Pleasant.

After culling by the teachers concerned, 42 entries were submitted to the panel of judges, consisting of Mr Jack Howson, MBE, JP, Mayor of Melville, colonel Florence Welch (RL), FCNA, and Mr Ray Middleton, formerly Director, School of Business, Northern Rivers college of Advanced Education.

The three best entries were all from Mt Pleasant Primary School and were written by Dorinda Povey, who won with 89 points, Suzie Bell, second with 84 points, and Louise Dring, third with 82 points. So much for women's lib! The prizes were presented at the Mt Pleasant P S Assembly on November 4. Dorinda received a book, "This is Australia"; Suzie received a framed copy of the "Code of Citizenship"; and Louise an "Honourable Mention" and a small copy of the "Code."

It is intended that this annual event be continued in and beyond 1984.

Lt Col R J Nyman
President
Applecross Sub-branch

4. The Fund endeavours to keep the child at the school he/she was attending at the time of the parent's death, be this public or private.
5. Each case is looked at on its merits, such as the number of children in the family, age group, type of education, commitments such as rent or repayment of housing loans, special needs.
6. Assistance is given in whole or part for fees, clothing, books, fares, etc.
7. Assistance is continued for tertiary education where the child shows this is warranted. The Fund committee does not require scholastic brilliance, only a willingness on the part of the recipient to do his or her best.
8. In many cases the assistance can be quite generous. The Fund would be pleased to hear from any family in your area who feels they may be eligible, and further information can be received from the Administrator, PO Box 44, Deakin, ACT 2600.

Shropshire/Canberra Reunion

The President of the Geraldton Sub-branch of the RSL Mr Graham Till, and his wife, were among those attending the biennial reunion of ex-navalmen who served on HMAS Shropshire and HMAS Canberra during World War II.

The reunion programme was based in Melbourne, with the main activities on October 25.

Mr Till was extended best wishes for a successful reunion when he reported on the Shropshire/Canberra Reunion programme, at the October meeting.

He said another Geraldton resident, Mr Reg Parker, would also be attending the reunion celebrations at which the US Navy would also be represented.

Mr Peter Barden reported on the highly-successful 2/2nd Commando Association Reunion held in Perth. He said the highlights included a ceremony at the Association's Memorial in Lovekin Drive, King's Park, where the salute was taken by two high-ranking SAS Officers; and the Civic Reception given by the Lord Mayor of Perth, Mr Mick Michael.

Fund helps the children

All members who keep in touch with the widows of deceased RAAF personnel, should make them aware of the assistance available from the RAAF Women's Association Educational Patriotic Fund if their children are undergoing education.

There are a number of areas in which the Fund differs from other Funds, such as:
1. The deceased or incapacitated parent need only have served in the RAAF, WAAF, WRAAF or Nursing service at some time during his/her lifetime, not necessarily since his/her marriage or at the time of the children’s birth.
2. The deceased or incapacitated parent need not have served in a war zone.
3. Death or incapacity need not be service orientated and could have occurred long after leaving the service.

Australia Day re-enactment

-The Geraldton Sub-branch of the RSL decided at its October meeting to suggest to the Geraldton-Greenough Australia Day Committee that the Naval Reserve Cadet Unit, Training Ship Morrow, be involved in the 1984 celebrations.

It will suggest that the cadets re-enact the Australia Day landing in conjunction with the proposal that a flag-raising ceremony be conducted by the RSL as a prelude to the Citizen of the Year breakfast on January 26.

The suggestion will be referred to a meeting of the Australia Day Committee by the Sub-branch representative, Mr Ray Baker.
Victorian Auxiliaries 50th Annual State Conference Report

I left here on Thursday, August 4, by train and arrived in Melbourne on Sunday to be met by Mr and Mrs Willis, my host and hostess for my stay.

I spent a lazy day on Monday catching up on some washing, and that night I attended the Golden Jubilee Dinner in the Banquet Room of the Victorian Masonic Centre. Here I met up with other State Presidents who had been at the National Congress with me — it was quite a reunion.

Each of the official visitors were warmly welcomed by the 300 present, among whom were Sir William and Lady Hall; Mr Ruxton, State President of the Victorian RSL; Mr W. Garden, Lord Mayor; and Mrs June Healey, Deputy National Secretary, RSL.

Sir William gave a very inspiring address, and after the formal part of the evening, was persuaded to sing Waltzing Matilda for us, inviting us to join in the chorus.

I shared a unit at the City Limits Hostel in Little Bourke Street with Joan Willis and Margaret Bowles, the two Vice-Presidents.

At 9am on Tuesday, a short service was held at the War Memorial with delegates attending to lay a book instead of the usual wreath. Owing to the late arrival of some of the other State Presidents through traffic problems, I laid the four books for all of us.

The Conference was held in the Convention Room of the Exhibition Building, a really nice venue with plenty of room for the 400 delegates and observers.

Following a Flag Presentation (the 3 flags being carried by a Member of the Women’s Armed Services), Lady Murray, the Patroness, officially opened the Conference.

Mr Ruxton gave a robust but sincere address, stressing the necessity of retaining our flag in its present form and the need to remember our heritage.

A cheque for $2500 from the Victorian branch of the League was given to the Women’s Council for the refurbishing of the Council Rooms in Anzac House.

The State President’s Report was read, the Message of Loyalty, and Conference Minutes confirmed before adjourning for a soup and sandwich lunch.

The Conference resumed at 2pm with Area Officers giving their reports of the activities of Auxiliaries in their areas. There are over 200 Auxiliaries raising $524,604 for the year. The guest speaker, Mr John Peck, Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs in Victoria, spoke of new policies and answered questions. A suitable gift was presented to Mrs Walker, the retiring State President.

Wednesday morning was taken up with attending to the Agenda items, some unanimously passed, others with lively debate. Of the thirteen items, seven were carried, five lost, and one withdrawn. The incoming Council and Area Officers were declared elected; the new State President is Mrs Bowles.

Question time was dealt with, and the visiting State Presidents asked to speak — each being well received.

The gifts I took were admired and accepted.

After lunch we were taken by bus to various psychiatric hospitals, my bus going to a place called Plenty (why I don’t know). Here we met some of the ex-servicemen and shared their afternoon tea.

That night we joined the Council Officers for dinner at the Southern Cross Hotel.

Next morning (Thursday), delegates and visitors went by bus to RSL Park, Frankston, the War Veterans Home. It is built like ours, with large grounds with barbeque facilities, rehabilitation areas and every facility needed. Our group was shown around by a very jovial 90-year-old.

Then it was on to Beaumaris RSL Club for a very nice basket lunch and sing-along, making a very happy finish to the Conference.

While staying on with Mrs Willis, I attended her Auxiliary meeting with 68 in attendance. Once again, I was made very welcome and found their meeting most interesting.

These visits to other states can only do good, and I thank the Auxiliaries for allowing me to attend the Conference and meet other people who perhaps work a little differently to us; but we all have the same aims and objects — the welfare of our ex-servicemen and women.

Joy Ford

APPRECIATION

Season Greetings and Special Thanks are extended to all Advertisers without whose support this Journal would not be possible.
National Congress

CANBERRA: A Returned Services League proposal to have Defence Service Homes Loans increased to $40,000 is under consideration, the 68th RSL National Congress was told.

Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Senator Arthur Gietzelt, also told the Congress in Canberra that RSL proposals for follow-up loans for renovations and extensions, had not yet been rejected.

Part of the RSL request for a maximum $40,000 DSH Loan includes a no-waiting period clause.

National Secretary of the RSL, Mr Ian Gollings, said the Congress dealt with 300 resolutions on subjects such as repatriation, Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits, social services, taxation, DSH Loans, foreign affairs, defence and internal security.

It reaffirmed its decision to allow all members of the Australian Defence Force with six months’ service to become full members of the RSL with equal rights, regardless of “returned” status.

Resolution to Minister

A Queensland Branch resolution to ask for DFRDB pensions to be indexed twice-yearly was passed and will be referred to the Minister for Defence.

At home, the RSL has decided to project a new image to attract serving members of the ADF.

In Papua New Guinea, the RSL wants an indigenous ex-Service organisation to take over from the PNG Branch of the RSL in a few years.

It will consult with the Commander of the PNG Defence Force.

Mr Gollings said the RSL, which was formed in 1916, had been a most effective voice in promoting the care of veterans, and the present scheme is second to none in the world.

“The RSL looks forward to putting its resources and talents towards continuing to represent the interests of members of the Defence Force,” he said.

“The campaign to have the Government give special consideration to the Defence Force when changing the taxation arrangements for commutation from the DFRDB scheme has been an example of how the RSL can direct attention to problems that can arise.”

ARMY

We wish to play hosts to every possible member of the Ninth Division; we can accommodate them; we are blessed with wonderful climate; and above all, we want them all up here so we can all have one whale of a time.

This is a non-profit venture and all expenses outside of accommodation and entertainment will be met by various sponsors, and every cent paid by those attending will be spent only on their behalf.

There will be no registration fees or any extraneous charges — accommodation will be provided at special rates and our Tourist Information Centre will offer direct to each potential guest, a variety of options: e.g. daily/weekly ratings, etc, for caravan parks, holiday flats, motel and hotel accommodation.

Our programme will run along the following lines — Friday afternoon: registration, pick up name tabs and timetable for main events, e.g. dinner Saturday night, races Saturday afternoon, March on Sunday morning, followed by barbeque.

We will endeavour to arrange ancillary items in between the main events, so you won’t have time to be bored.

We want every member of the 9th Division and wife, girlfriend, mother-in-law, etc, to have a fun holiday and a reunion with his mates in our Division.

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9th Division meets again

Members of the 9th Division Association, mid-north coast, NSW, applied for and received the blessing of the 9th Division Council NSW, to hold a 9th Division reunion in June 1985.

The National 9th Division Reunion 1985 will be held at Coffs Harbour on the weekend after the Queen’s Birthday Holiday.
UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

460 SQUADRON RAAF ASSOCIATION (W.A.)

16TH BATTALION AND 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION
Committee meets first Monday at 2.30 pm, e/m, ANZAC Club, Perth. President: C. Sladden, 59A Henry Street, East Cannington. Tel: 458 5573. Secretary: H. Ganson, 11 Fothergill Street, Fremantle. Tel: 335 2458. Women’s Auxiliary meets same time same place.

2/16TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION

44TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION
Committee meets when called. Annual Reunion on advice. President: R. Collins, 134 Rosebery Street, Bedford. Tel: 271 4448.

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THIRTY-NINERS’ ASSOCIATION
Meets ANZAC House monthly, 12 noon, on the fourth Wednesday. For further information contact either J.P. Hall, President, 173 The Esplanade, Mt Pleasant. Tel: 364 7766; J. Todd, 4 Shearer Street, Myaree. Tel: 330 3936 or Mr F.C. Pennell, 21 Siddons Way, Booragoon. Tel: 364 1097.

11TH & 2/11TH AIF BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION
President: T.W. Scott, 250 Corinthian Road, Riverton. Tel: 457 4902. Secretary: C. Wragg, 18 Hubert Road, Maylands, 6051. Tel: 271 3423. Committee meets third Tuesday each month, 2.15 pm ANZAC Club, 28 St Georges Terrace. Perth.

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President: Mrs A J Masterton, 5/11 Wingfield Avenue, Crawley. Tel: 386 6205. Secretary: Mrs J. Munt, 9/12 Mount Street, Claremont. Tel: 384 0240. Meetings as called: Annual Reunion nearest Saturday to November 23.

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48TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION
President: D. Maclean, Unit 2, 50 Endeavour Avenue, Bull Creek, 6155. Secretary: T.H. Eastom, 5 Lanark Street, Mt Lawley, 271 2929. Meetings and Luncheon held at the Carlton Hotel, 248 Hay Street East at 11.30 am on the third Monday of each month.

2/28TH BATTALION — 24TH ANTI-TANK COY
President: J. B. Vanpragg, 49 Ardross Street, Applecross, 6153. Tel: 364 3778. Secretary: A.S. Thompson, 60 Kinjall Road, Applecross, 6153. Tel: 364 2332. Annual Reunion: Last Friday each September.

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ANZAC: LEST WE FORGET

By Ern Clark

RSL Secretary and Honorary Organiser for the Anzac Day service in Cannington this year, Mr Syd Lawrence, must be a very proud man for the assembly at the War Memorial on the corner of Manning Road and Albany Highway, was easily the biggest ever seen there on any Anzac Day Memorial.

The marshals for the parade, Ern (Blue) Hambly and Joe Shepherd, had their hands full in finding space and fitting all of the units and groups around the Memorial to allow also for the wonderful crowd of relative, spectators and friends who took the time and the interest to be there at 7.30 for the march and the ceremony at 8.00am.

The religious side of the service was taken care of by Father Entwhistle and Rev Jack Wilson.

The Mayor, Mr Eeloo Tacoma, read the now well-known tribute to past comrades, that "In the setting sun and in the morning we will remember them."

Two or three thousand people were present, but the most lovely part of the gathering was the huge number of young people in uniforms of various organisations or just there with their parents or friends to pay tribute to our heroes of the past.

RSL Cannington President, Bert Neil, gave the address in which he thanked all who had anything to do with the success of the Anzac Day service. He said in his address that previous speakers had rightly extolled the greatness of our soldiers, sailors and airmen. They had praised the valiant deeds of our womenfolk, too, in the Services times of war.

None of us would wish this ceremony to pass without at least a reminder that Anzac Day means more than just an excuse for a holiday.

Still living today are some of those who braved the Gallipoli holocaust in 1915, and still with us today are some who remember, sadly, the loss of relatives and friends who made the great sacrifice, not only at Gallipoli, but in all the wars in which Australian has been involved.

I ask you to cast your minds to a silent prayer for those who still suffer, whether from war caused injuries or from the loss of those most dear to them. We are apt to too soon forget.

I can see Anzac Day inevitably in time to come, as being a national day not so much of mourning as of great pride — great pride in the fact that April 25, 1915 was the baptism of this great nation as a fighting force — able to hold its head high in the democratic gatherings of the nations of the world and to be regarded as a worthy ally for any nation with high ideals to defend.

When we recall what has happened since the 1914-18 war, which was supposed to be the war to end all wars, when we look at our papers daily and realise the mess the rest of the world is in, and realise that we have never yet been invaded by an enemy; we should be eternally grateful to those men and women who went overseas to keep Australia free. The Cannning City Band provided the music and the Last Post as set to music by the late Royce Clark (past Bandmaster) again brought to many an unashamed eye.

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