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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE COMMEMORATION IN CANBERRA OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ANZAC

Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. J. McEwen

The Acting Prime Minister, the Right Hon. J. McEwen, announced today that the Government had agreed to give financial assistance to a group of veterans attending the Commemorative Ceremony in Canberra of the Golden Jubilee of Anzac in April this year.

Mr. McEwen said that it was contemplated that the representative group would include about five Gallipoli veterans from each State and their wives, a war widow from each State; and two representatives of World War I nurses. It was also hoped that it would be possible to bring representatives from the Northern Territory and from Papua and New Guinea.

The Government had arranged with the Returned Servicemen's League to reimburse the League up to an amount of £5,000 to cover fares and essential accommodation and meals for the group. The R.S.L. would be responsible for selecting the State representatives and making all other necessary arrangements.

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