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Creeds and social status did not bar our active co-operation in the field when the national safety was threatened. Let us work as well and as concertedly in these times as we did in the nation once again; this time it has to be saved from dishonor. The obligations incurred must be discharged or with undertakings remaining unfulfilled, the glorious ideals which lured men to fight for a vision may collapse, the “castle in the air.” Unite, therefore, in the soldiers’ own organisation, and having once awakened the powers that be to the exigencies of the times, “right,” abetted by “might,” will win through.

ANOTHER APPEAL TO “DINKUM Diggers”

(1V. St. Ives Blilton, ex 28th Batt., Katanning.)

It seems scarcely conceivable, but painfully true, nevertheless, that instead of the membership of the R.S.L. showing a substantial increase, there is a marked falling off. This, to say the least, is a most deplorable state of affairs. Australian soldiers, by united effort and union, have played a prominent part in keeping the enemy of civilisation at bay, and finally “vansquished” him. Now what do we find? There is a Diggers’ Union, styled the R.S.L., which should be one mighty brotherhood composed of all who left our sunny shores to grapple with the foe,-fraternising in harmony, and sufficiently powerful to protect the interests of those helpless ones who may fall into dire straits by reason of their sole support having stayed “over there” instead of which we are a lot of straggling sheep without a shepherd. Various arguments are put forward as to the reason. Kerbstone orators play a prominent part; poison propagandists, who go so far as to send printed postcards anonymously, also get a hearing, but all theories introduced can be blown out by three simple words, viz., Unity is Strength.

Those who are not in need of the R.S.L. selfishly lose sight of the fact that others are; laying claims’ dependants, who in some cases require all the assistance that united effort can give and which should be given freely by those whose duty it is to help. By joining the R.S.L. in massed formation and making it the all-powerful organisation it should be, many worthy objects may be achieved. Don’t argue, boys! Don’t let others do the thinking, but think for yourselves, and you will see that by joining and sticking to the R.S.L. you will be able to put it in a position to do “this or that” which you denounce it for not doing now.

Now boys, you all responded to the bugle call “to arms,” and did “your bit,” despite the fact that war held forth no charms. You “mixed it” with our enemy across the briny foam. And now it’s up to ALL of you to do your bit at home. The sacred duty now of every Dinkum Digger-boy.

The one and only method he can righteously employ—Is, hesitate no longer. You’ve delayed it all too long.

If things are “crooked” (as you may deem), don’t let your desire for right the wrong. We had our hindrances abroad, they tried to pull us down; and we’ve greater nuisances at home, a menace to each town infected by their presence, and with those not in the know—They’re creating dissatisfaction everywhere they chance to go. They prey on the minds of some by poison propaganda. Which constitutes in every sense a gross, malicious slander. To cause a split within our ranks they’d go to any length.

Just answer all their arguments thus: “Unity is strength!”

Let each who has a grievance “blow along” and state his case; to admit that you have been misled is surely no disgrace.

There are others to consider, yet you make a god of self; Don’t fancy that the “R.S.L.” objective is any other than one

But to form one mighty Brotherhood—a union of our own—And maintain the rights of those who joined for “fight” and “fight alone.”

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R.S.L. AND SOLDIER MATTERS

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

7/11/22.

Minutes of meeting of the Executive, R.S.L., held at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on Tuesday, 7th November, 1922.


Apologies: Apologies were received from Messrs. Cornell and Bolton.

Minutes.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th September were read and confirmed.

Executive Meetings.

It was resolved that the regular meetings of the Executive take place every other Wednesday, commencing from the 22nd November

Quorum.

Moved Rabbi Freedman, seconded Mr. Unmack—That nine members constitute a quorum.—Carried.

Committees.

The following committees were appointed:

General Purposes: Messrs. W. Unmack, C. L. Harvey, and C. Bader.


Repatriation Committee: Messrs. A. N. McDonald, A. Stirling Isaac, and C. W. R. Beechey.


Commonwealth Public Service.

A letter was received from the C.P.S. Sub-Section pointing out that an advertisement appeared in the "Government Gazette" on the 26th October for examination for the Mail Branch, G.P.O., in which the condition of five years' service was detrimental to returned soldier applicants.

The matter was brought forward by Mr. Davies, who moved—That this Executive take exception to the conditions, and make representation to Melbourne with a view to having the following clause added to the notice of examination No. 1133 of 1922—"These conditions do not apply to returned soldiers employed in the Mail Branch, who shall be eligible to compete irrespective of age, service, or classification."

Leave of Absence.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Cornell and Wedd for the three next regular meetings, on account of urgent private business.

Busselton.

A letter was received from the Busselton Sub-Branch containing matters for discussion at the State Congress, and the Secretary explained that these did not come to hand until after the Congress was concluded. It was resolved that these matters be included for consideration with the business arising out of Congress.

New Branches.

The Secretary reported that, acting on instructions from the old Executive, permission had been given for a sub-branch to be formed at the Claremont Hospital for the insane, to be known as the C.H.I. Sub-Branch, Claremont.

An application was received from the returned soldiers of the Railway Department for permission to form a Metropolítan Railway Sub-Branch, and the necessary permission was granted.

War Service Homes.

A letter was received from the West Perth Sub-Branch regarding representation on the Workers' Homes Board, and it was resolved that this matter be considered with the Congress resolution regarding such representation.

The Secretary submitted the case of Mr. W. A. Laveland, who had been rendered liable for outstanding taxes on the property purchased through the War Service Homes, and it was moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Rabbi Freedman—That this be referred to the Repatriation Committee with power to act.—Carried.

Sale of Flowers.

A letter was received from the Commissioner of Railways in regard to the tenders for the sale of flowers at the Perth railway station.

Anonymous Postcards.

A letter was received from the Commissioner of Police regarding anonymous postcards sent to delegates of the State Congress, and the Secretary supplied the names of the sender and the printer, Moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. Davies—That the matter be referred to the Legal Committee, and the Commissioner of Police thanked for his attention.

-King's Park Honour Avenue.

A letter was received from the Boulder Sub-Branch regarding a circular sent from the West Perth Sub-Branch, with reference to the maintenance of name plates on the Honour Avenue in King's Park, Mr. Isaac, on behalf of the Boulder Sub-Branch, brought the suggestion that this was a matter which should be undertaken by the Executive. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Sexty, seconded by Mr. Isaac—That the consent of the Executive be given to the West Perth Sub-Branch to carry on with the appeal made, for a period of 12 months.—Carried.

A. H. Page.

A letter was received from the Perth Sub-Branch containing a resolution that the Executive be requested to make urgent representation to the Government to suitably reward Returned Soldier A. H. Page for his gallantry in rescuing two men from death at South Perth, and further that the circumstances be forwarded to the Society who award the Royal Albert Medal. Mr. Bader supported the motion, and it was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Bader—That a committee of three be appointed to go fully into the matter as suggested at the State Congress. The following committee was appointed: Messrs. C. Bader, C. J. Cooke, and R. G. Sexty.

Value of War Service Homes.

A communication from the Hobart Sub-Branch regarding writing down of property purchased from the War Service Homes to normal values on the lines indicated in the report of the Inter-State Commission was received and referred to the Repatriation Committee.

Interest on S.S.S. Loans.

A letter from the Federal Executive regarding rates of interest in South Australia was referred to the Soldier-Settlement Committee.

Funerals.

A letter was received from the General Secretary advising that the Defence Department had agreed to provide military funerals to deceased V.C. winners, irrespective of whether the decoration was won in the late war or previous wars, was received.

Invitations.

An invitation was received from the South Fremantle Sub-Branch for their annual Treating at the Fremantle 9th, and Messrs. Watt, Wilson, Bader, and Harvey signified their intention of being present.

A letter was received from the Armadale Sub-Branch inviting members of the Executive to be present at their annual smoke social at Armadale on the 9th December, and it was resolved that the President, Secretary, and Mr. McDonald should attend on that occasion.

Poppy Day.

Resolution of a meeting of the metropolitan sub-branches was submitted and after discussion, was moved by Mr. Colebatch, seconded by Mr. Beechey—That the matter of collections for Poppy Day be left to each individual sub-branch.—Carried.

A letter was received from the Federal Executive regarding the sale of large poppies and wreaths, which the Secretary reported had just come to hand, and it was resolved that it was too late to handle these this year.

Refereement—Forestry Department.

A letter was received from the West Perth Sub-Branch, in regard to the retirement of Mr. C. L. Harvey, and it was moved by Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. Wilson—That a committee of three consisting of the President, Secretary, and Mr. Isaac be appointed to make full inquiry into this matter.—Carried.

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**Soldiers' Settlement Scheme.**

The report from the State Secretary regarding the Soldiers' Settlement Scheme was referred to the S.S.S. Committee.

**Finance.**

Expenditure for the month of August and September, amounting to £224 2s. 6d. and £155 8s., was approved.

**Parliamentary Committee—S.S.S.**

The Secretary reported that the Parliamentary Select Committee would be visiting Brunswick Junction and Boyanup, leaving Perth on the 8th, and had invited a representative of the League to accompany them. It was resolved that the Secretary accompany the party.

**"Listening Post."**

The Secretary reported that he had been advised by the Postal Department that subscribers to the League could not be regarded as bona fide subscribers to the "Listening Post," and therefore the newspaper rates of postage would not apply.

Moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. Colebatch—that the Melbourne Office be requested by telegram to immediately place the matter before the Prime Minister with a view to obtaining the newspaper rate of postage.—Carried.

**Fruit Stands.**

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Watt—that a deputation wait on the Perth City Council in the interests of returned soldier fruit vendors and the retention of their stands outside the Perth railway station.—Carried.

**Railway Siding at Bibra Lake.**

A letter was received from the Bibra and North Lakes Progress Association with regard to a railway siding at Bibra Lake, and it was resolved that a deputation be arranged with the Premier, at which the President and Secretary shall attend, and be supported by delegates from the Fremantle and Melville Road Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.50, and the Secretary was instructed to call a special meeting on Tuesday, the 13th instant, for consideration of the Congress motions.

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**OBITUARY**

**"The Tassie Digger"**

It is with extreme regret that we announce the "Last Post" has been played over the grave of our contemporary, "The Tassie Digger," the official organ of the Tasmanian R.S.I. This journal was bright and instructive, and in every way a worthy offering. It stands to the discredit of the diggers in Tassy that they allowed it to go out of existence for want of support. The following oration, printed in its last issue, is well worth reprinting in this page:

"It is with great regret we have to announce that this will be the last issue of "The Tassie Digger." The paper was brought into existence in order to fulfil certain definite functions. These related principally to the interests and settlement of returned soldiers. The paper was designed also to provide a medium by which men, who had fought 'shoulder to shoulder' on the battlefields of the Great War, would be able to maintain friendships made in such tragic circumstances and settle so many other things.

"To a great extent the main objects of the paper have been achieved. During the three and a half years of its existence it has succeeded in advancing the interests of many returned men. But its influence has been so far restricted, not by an inherent defect, but by the failure of the men it was designed to benefit to place it in such a position, financially and otherwise, that its voice must be listened to. It is a true saying, and one that cannot be too strongly or too often reiterated: 'Heaven helps those who help themselves.' These are the people who succeed—the people who, bright, alert, aggressive, yet contented, maintained their power in the land. The reverse is also obvious. It is the Micawbers of time who are perpetually waiting for something to turn up, and who insistently leaning on something or somebody, become at last atrophied, and then helpless.

"Now the returned men of Tasmania are by no means atrophied. On the contrary, they are full of vim and go and live, and they are at least as good—and perhaps better—than the equal number of citizens who did not return from the war, because they had not gone. Yet the returned soldiers of Tasmania lack one great asset—co-operation. If the 8,000 returned soldiers of Tasmania stood together in peace as they did in war—they could move mountains. They could form the most powerful body in the State. They could, within reason and law, get whatever they wanted. But because they lack cohesion, they have lost "The Tassie Digger," as well as a great many other things.

"Thus, its mission accomplished only in part, The Tassie Digger makes its final bow, and brings its duty to an end, with a close. It has been misrepresented, both within and without—for even its alleged adherents have not always been true to their profession or loyal to the best interests of the paper. Still it is not only a rose which is eaten by 'a worm in the bud' on a stately tree which has a toreado-canker in its heart. And 'The Tassie Digger' has both nursed 'a vice in its bosom' and suffered neglect at the hands of those who should have helped it most. "Kismet! So be it! May its work be taken up by other hands, and may the good things it has planned and contrived and hoped for its future to profit to any extent by vocational training and where it is considered their establishment in a small business would be the best means of helping them to augment the pension received by them the Commissioners especially approve of assistance of this nature being granted to them."

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**BUSINESS ASSISTANCE**

The Minister's Statement.

The following letter has been received by the General Secretary from the Minister of Repatriation:

"Yours of the 5th September to hand, covering a copy of a resolution adopted by your 7th Annual Congress, asking that the time under which an application for assistance to commence in business might be extended for a further twelve months. "A reference to the regulations on this matter will show that an application for assistance to commence in business must be lodged within twelve months from the date of discharge of the soldier from the Forces. A further extension of twelve months would extend that period up to two years. Even if this were done, I do not think it would meet your wishes in that matter, as by far the greater majority of returned men have received their discharges from the Forces for a considerable period beyond that time."

"As you are doubtless aware, the purpose of the Commonwealth in establishing the Department of Repatriation was primarily to make available assistance to soldiers immediately on discharge, to help them to once more become citizens. Applications for benefits were therefore limited to certain prescribed periods, and you will understand that the department is opposed to these being made available for further definite or indefinite periods."

"Though the Commissioners and myself are unable to wholly meet your wishes in this matter, I must say that you are at all times prepared to entertain applications by soldiers where it can be shown, though the applications were not lodged within the prescribed period, that there were good and sufficient reasons which precluded them from doing so earlier."

"Also in cases where experience has shown that soldiers suffering serious disabilities are not likely to possess any real aptitude by vocational training and where it is considered their establishment in a small business would be the best means of helping them to augment the pension received by them the Commissioners especially approve of assistance of this nature being granted to them."

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SOLiloquy
(By Monoped.)

At the Tenth Light Horse reunion and “smoko” an eminent member of the League was heard to claim credit for the League in the matter of the new schedule of war pensions for amputee cases. Some four hundred members of the League had made a strong and successful appeal for the benefit of the wounded men, without suggesting any help outside of the Federal Parliament; it seems most undignified of any person to appropriate for another body the kudos.

An association styling itself the Soldiers’ Preference Association, has been established, and it is not to be expected to prove of any value anything to returned soldiers collectively or individually. A strong and enthusiastic body of influential men gathered together in concert with the Returned Soldiers’ League to find employment for ex-soldiers. Hundreds of men were placed, and help was given to numerous deserving cases. The crisis was passed, and the men left unplaced would have been quickly absorbed if they desired; instead, however, the association above referred to was formed under the secretariat of a man named Sleep. To say the least of it, this was definitely discourteous to the body which had piloted them through its most trying period.

One notices in certain widely circulated papers pages, or columns, according to the mood of the Editor, of remarks entitled “At First Glance.” When I first saw this I was seized with the idea that to make a paper, all that was necessary was to read old headings and to misinterpret them. Yards of space could be covered in this manner and nobody could be hurt. So I had a try myself with the following result:

The Value of the Mark—Seems to be Peter in our
Bill Again Debated—Speech at Krieger’s wedding.
French Strike—Carpentier boxing.
A Dash for the North Pole—Yes, it needs a stimulant.
City Councillors Worried—Dinner not ready.
A Pessimistic View—Billie’s last look at Bendigo.
Unimportant Russian Note—A rouble. Laughter and Tears—Hysteric.
Expedition Fails—Try departmental method.

At this point I began to think I might be led astray, and decided to adopt other tactics.

I happened to be down at the Repatriation Department when a social function was being carried out. The chief clerk was having an embarrassing time, lined up before the Deputy Commissioner and a whole lot of girls and diggers. The girls were the typists, and looked just as they would on the eve of someone else’s wedding, while the clergys, it appears, had nearly all had some. I believe some

thing like 15 or 16 of these functions have taken place there during the short career of the department.

Colonel Tilney told the staff that it was an auspicious occasion—not because Mr. Taylor was C.C., but because so confirmed a bachelor should at length succumb. The D.C., in his immutable style, told a story about Pat. It appears that Pat was fond of cats, and had just been blessed with an increase in his feline family. He could not keep all the kittens and had to destroy them in the orthodox manner, so he started giving them away. He succeeded well until he had but one kitten left on his hands, this one he offered to the parson, assuring him that it was a good Protestant kitten; but as the clergyman had already a houseful of cats, he could not take it. A few days later, after fruits of endeavor to be rid of the kitten, he went to the priest. “Ah, Father,” he said, “would you be after wantin’ a decent kitten, at all?” “No, thanks, Pat,” replied the priest. “Aw, Father, but it’s a real decent Catholic cat, that it is.” “Now, Pat, I heard you tell the parson it was a Protestant cat,” teased the priest. “Yes, Father, but it’s had its eyes opened since then.” The purpose of this story was to illustrate how Mr. Taylor, like the kitten, had had its eyes opened and that he could now see the possibilities of wedded bliss.

A FINE NATIONAL HYMN FOR AUSTRALIA.

(By Kenneth Mackay in “The Soldier.”)

Land where sleep our steadfast fathers,
Land their courage won—
Land that cherishes and mothers
Each and every son.

Land where men who dare life’s chances
Yet can reach their goal—
Land where dreams of fair romances
Wait the valiant soul.

Land in which our noblest perished,
Mid red years of dread—
For the freedom that they cherished,
Shrine, our splendid dead—
Lord, we pray that they may guide us,
Lord, we ask that they
Who have died will march beside us,
Shaping us the way.

Chorus:
Beautiful Virgin Mother, set apart by God,
Where no foot of tyrant ever yet has trod;
Daughter of the Sea Queen, Hope of years to be,
Give us strength to keep thee, pure and strong and free.

“The Soldier” publishes the following list showing the percentages of deaths on active service of the different parts of our Empire. Proporionately Australia was the heaviest sufferer:

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Diggers’ and Their Dependents’ Faithful Friend and Benefactor.

He is still amongst the diggers doing all the good he can.

To assist the cause of Brotherhood, the same, as he began;

A certificate of merit he was recently awarded;

A more than just recognition, which simple fact reveals.

As ready as he’s willing to alleviate distress,

No earthly power can rightly or sufficiently express

The extent of our indebtedness, however we may try.

May his years be long and happy! May his memory never die!

How many diggers’ ‘next of kin’ has George McLeod assisted?

What others did in theory but in point of fact failed.

We’ve to thank our benefactor for the club-room where we meet:

A comfortable structure with conveniences complete.

He very seldom mentions what he purposes to do,

But lets his actions illustrate a character so true.

For when a deed is necessary he does it and then there is

The Soul of Generosity, a man indeed amongst men.

An out and out philanthropist, which no one can deny.

May his years be long and peaceful!

May his memory never die!

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Advice from an Outsider.

Words of wisdom fell from Senator Foll’s lips recently when the Repatriation Bill was before the Senate in connection with the increases of pensions to married and limbless soldiers. After congratulating the Government on the Bill, the Senator said—“At the same time I should like to give a word of advice to the returned soldiers of this country. This Bill, as well as other legislation passed by this Parliament and the State Legislatures, is the outcome of requests made by returned soldiers’ organisations speaking with one voice, and so I urge our returned men to get back into the organisations, whether it is the R.S.L., the Limbless Soldiers’ Association, or any other organisation with which they have been identified. It will, in my opinion, be a great mistake if men drop out of these organisations for the sake of 10’s a year which they are required to pay by way of contribution, because just as the trade unions movement was responsible for so many industrial reforms in the Commonwealth, so will the returned soldiers’ organisations, speaking with one voice, be able to exert an effective influence on legislators on their behalf.”

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Minutes of the adjourned meeting of the Executive, held at the Soldiers' Institute on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1922.


Apology: An apology was received from Rabbi Friedman.

**CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS, Land Settlement.**

It was resolved that the resolutions contained in the report of the Land Settlement Committee regarding the price of mill offal, and the formation of group settlements, be forwarded to the Minister for Lands.

Noombing Estate.

Mr. Beechey moved that the resolution regarding the revaluation of the Noombing Estate to the chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee inquiring into soldier settlement scheme be carried.

Carried.

New Settlers' League.

Mr. Bader seconded. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morris.

Carried.

**Railway Facilities.**

Mr. Bader moved that the resolution regarding the safety of railway facilities, be forwarded to the Minister for Railways.

Carried.

**Repatriation.**

Mr. Bader moved that the resolution, urging the Secretary to request the committee appointed by Congress to furnish their report with regard to employment under the Repatriation Act, be carried.

Carried.

**Anzac Day.**

Resolved—That the resolution regarding Anzac Day be forwarded to the Premier.

Mr. Robson seconded. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morris.

Carried.

**Trust Funds.**

Mr. Robson moved that the resolution regarding the trust fund for returned soldiers' League, be extended to include the payments of the Returned Soldiers' League Amelioration Funds.

Carried.

**Capitalisation of Interest.**

Mr. Robson moved that the resolution regarding the capitalisation of interest on the capital now due to the financial institutions, be referred to the chairman of the Royal Commission on the capital due to the financial institutions.

Carried.

**Opossums.**

Mr. Watt moved that the resolution regarding opossums, be referred to the chairman of the Royal Commission for further consideration.

Carried.

**Poultry-Keeprers.**

Mr. Bader moved that the resolution regarding the capitalisation of interest on the capital now due to the financial institutions, be referred to the chairman of the Royal Commission on the capital due to the financial institutions.

Carried.

**Ex-Imperial Men.**

Mr. Beechey moved that the resolution regarding the capitalisation of interest on the capital now due to the financial institutions, be referred to the chairman of the Royal Commission on the capital due to the financial institutions.

Carried.

**Employment on Railways.**

Mr. Beechey moved that the resolution regarding the capitalisation of interest on the capital now due to the financial institutions, be referred to the chairman of the Royal Commission on the capital due to the financial institutions.

Carried.

**Appreciation.**

Mr. Beechey moved that the resolution regarding the capitalisation of interest on the capital now due to the financial institutions, be referred to the chairman of the Royal Commission on the capital due to the financial institutions.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Isaac, seconded by Mr. Morris—That the resolution of Congress with regard to soldier settlers cutting sleepers on forest lands adjacent to their holdings, be forwarded to the Conservator of Forests—Carried.

G. Conway.

Moved by Mr. Watt seconded by Mr. Robson—That the resolution regarding the matter of holiday leave be forwarded to the Minister for Works, not to be left over, and a precise of the case submitted to the Executive at its next meeting—Carried.

**Dentist Visiting State School.**

Mr. Beechey moved that the resolution regarding the matter of providing a dental service for the children in the state school in the state school district, be referred to the chairman of the Royal Commission on the matter of providing a dental service for the children in the state school district.

Carried.

**Southern Cross.**

Mr. Watt moved that the resolution regarding the placing of the Southern Cross in the state school, be referred to the chairman of the Royal Commission on the matter of placing the Southern Cross in the state school.

Carried.

**Income Tax.**

Moved by Mr. Beechey, seconded by Mr. Morris—That the resolution of Congress regarding the matter of income tax, be referred to the chairman of the Royal Commission on the matter of income tax.

Carried.

**Appreciation.**

Mr. Beechey moved that the resolution regarding the matter of income tax, be referred to the chairman of the Royal Commission on the matter of income tax.

Carried.

Capt. W. J. Cooper, to whom our readers are indebted for the interesting feature of last month's issue entitled "When the British Armoured Cars in Russia" has been deeply regret to announce, indispersed and consequently there will not be a continuation of this entertaining theme in this issue. We hope that the author's health will soon be such that our readers will not be disappointed regarding further instalments.
THE PHONOPHOOl

All those who were in the Signal Service during the Great War will recollect the great number of improved instruments which, from time to time, were on issue to the "nervous system" of the army. Amongst them was the Phonaphone, an alleged safe and enemy-proof means of telegraphic communication.

It mattered little to us, whether it was safe or otherwise, our main concern being the fact that the Phonaphone was a brute of a thing to carry on the saddle. From what I remember of the instrument, it was a small metal box with a long black wood case, and the arrangement of the wires and other materials was not very satisfactory. We were told that the instrument was simple in itself but upon closer investigation a wonderful mass of lace, colored wires, mysterious electrical appliances, and shining terminals were disclosed.

The whole arrangement was a source of wonder to most of the mob: and nothing pleased our little second corporal more than to dilate on the advantages combined in the Phonaphone, or to take a pair of piers and a screw-driver and disconnect the whole affair. The way he used to handle these lace wires was wonderful, and I could never understand how he succeeded in putting the thing together after having pulled it to bits. No doubt he had the code word.

Some years after the end of the War I got the full strength of the instrument from one of the lads, who had a brother in the 4th Regiment. The story is not generally known; but it must now be admitted that the Phonaphone was a huge-dumb-squint put up on us by the enemy.

In March, 1916, an old Bedouin sheikh named Abu Mutar, who held a peppercorn lease of Kalatj Gannit, and had a taste in electricity, had completed the specifications for a new wireless transmitting apparatus, which he called the "Phonaphone," and which (here old Abu shows his genius) could be carried by the youngest bint. In April of the same year he was forced to clear out to El Arish, where he disposed of his specifications to a "Jackle" for two tons of tray Bentos. The "Jackle" passed them on to one of his pals, Abdul, who stopped a 12-inch shell during the bombardment of El Arish, and who had been beheaded to undergo further treatment. Abdul had specific instructions to hand the papers to no one but Von Darg, the Searcrahn expert at the Turkish Government Pork Factory.

Von Darg received the specifications and constructed a model apparatus from them. Being a wireless specialist—the saericrahn business was a stalt—he invented and constructed a receiving set for the apparatus Abu Mutar had designed, and after making a few minor alterations to Mutar's invention—one alteration was the colour wire scheme—he presented it as back-shees to a Norwegian traveller, who was returning home to his firm of telephone manufacturers.

It is not known what happened to it after this; but it reached England, to be snapped up by the Induction Conservation Board, which carried out exhaustive tests with it, and came to the conclusion that it was the ideal telephone and vibrator, and called it the Phonaphone (after Capt. A. Phool, who brought it to notice first).

In April of the same year it was in the hands of the German authorities. They had an alleged safe and enemy-proof means of telegraphic communication. It came into general use in our Forces immediately, and continued so until the end of the War.

Von Darg knew every movement of the apparatus from the time he disposed of it until it fell into Phool's hands; and as soon as he ascertained that it had reached the right quarter, he made a lengthy report to the German authorities. For his services to the nation, he was given the Order of the Wireless Lineman.

The Phonaphone in reality was not only for us a safe and secret means of telegraphic communication but it was also for the enemy a wireless transmitting set, having a radius of 30 miles, of which the enemy had the Von Darg receiving apparatus.

My object in making known this story is to set at rights the origin of the Phonaphone, and to bring to old Abu Mutar the credit which is his due. Like many a genius before him, he languishes unknown at El Arish, where he ekes out a precarious existence on a berseem patch in the Wady.

"ACK-VIC-ACK."

Mr. HARRY BOLT O N
Late President State R.S.L.

Elsewhere appears an advertisement drawing attention to the candidature of Mr. W. N. Hodges, who is contesting the Fremantle seat in the Federal House of Representatives. Mr. Hodges claims that he is the author of a practical scheme for land settlement in Western Australia, which is generally admitted, and his pamphlet on the subject is well worth reading. So far as the soldiers are concerned Mr. Hodges is advocating the reappropriation of all returned soldiers' homes and holdings, as he contends that those which were valued at war prices should be re-visited in accordance with present prices, which are much lower now.

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A.I.P. WAR MEDALS.

All War Medals, which include 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal, are now available for issue at Military Headquarters, Francis-street, Perth. Applications should be made either personally or in writing, and on death of soldiers will be forwarded by registered post. The Medals Office is open from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on week-days (including the lunch hour), and from 9 to 12 on Saturdays. Many ex-soldiers have been waiting until all medals are ready for issue before submitting their applications, and they are advised to apply at once, stating names and addresses.

In the case of deceased soldiers who died abroad, a number of 1914-15 Stars and British War Medals remain unclaimed because the next of kin in the majority of these cases is unknown. The Victory Medals issueable on account of deceased soldiers are being forwarded to the next of kin direct by Base Records, Melbourne. Again, in the case of these medals, it is unnecessary for the next of kin to apply immediately, and to advise Military Headquarters, Perth, of any changes of address.

The end of the period of distribution of War Medals is now approaching, and soldiers who have not applied for them should do so at once, otherwise disappointment may result, as the Regulations governing the disposal of unclaimed War Medals will have to be applied in due course.

A supply of Nearest Relative Female Badges and Mothers' and Wives' Badges is now available at the Defence Department Office, and it is necessary for claimants whose original applications were received by the Department on or before the 31st March, 1922. The issue of these badges was suspended at an early date, and it is therefore requested that all persons applying comply with the above condition call or write for their badges immediately. It must be understood that only applications received by the 31st March, 1922, are receiving attention.

The Full Bench (Brisbane) gave judgment in the matter of an application by various unions for the deletion of the provision for returned soldiers' claims on October 31.

The Court unanimously held that the application should not be granted.

On Monday evening, November 6th, the committee of the 26th Battalion held their usual monthly meeting. The next big event in its history was promised to be an excursion on the river, in the early New Year. This event was a great success last year, and what with 12 months' experience of personnel or in writing, all old members are requested to attend and help along their suggestions. The balance sheet will be presented, and a new committee appointed for the new year.
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The secretary, Mr. Harry May, reported that owing to the fact that he was leaving to reside in Collie, he was compelled to resign his position in the branch.

RAILWAYS SUB-BRANCH.

An inaugural meeting of the Metropolitan Railway Sub-branch was held at the Railways Institute on October 27th. The following sub-branch officers were elected: President, C. J. Cooke; Vice-Presidents: E. Reichner, H. W. Bollard; Secretary, E. W. Morris; Treasurer, J. T. Plumb; General Committee: J. W. Sammonds, E. H. Leisk, H. J. Healy, A. Woodrow, W. Marshall, A. Sturrock, P. Burgham, C. W. R. Beechey, C. Sharpe; Management Committee: A. Sturrock, E. H. Leisk, W. Marshall. The Executive has approved the formation of the sub-branch.

At a further meeting, held on Friday 10th inst., the State President (Mr. H. S. Humphry) was present, and gave a very interesting address. Mr. Humphry congratulated members present on having got together, and stressed the "community of interest" idea as being one of the best means of keeping members together. The President was a hearty vote of thanks for taking the trouble to attend the meeting. It must have been dry work for him, listening to odds and ends that were probably only of interest to railway men, but he very courageously stuck to it until the end of the meeting. Considerable discussion took place as to the eligibility of partially disabled returned soldier employees to join the Death Benefit Fund. There was a good representative muster, and the branch promises to be well supported; there is really no reason why this should not be one of the strongest sub-branches in the State.

MIDLAND SUB-BRANCH.

Ladies worked well to make Poppy Day a success. Mr. Humphry congratulated the Midland branch on the benefit of Midland money. Ex-President, C. W. R. Beechey, said that Mr. Priddle is to receive a President's Certificate of Merit at a function to be held next month.

Branch is dealing with desecration of Headcliffs at Railway Station, and are now in correspondence with the Government. Encherey party and dance given by branch in aid of funds for Boy Scouts resulted in £5 being handed over to boys.

A gold R.S.L. badge is being procured from Melbourne as a mark of esteem by branch for the very excellent services rendered by our secretary, George Jameson.

Books are now out and tickets can be procured for the annual goose club (10 prizes), to be drawn at "Sentimental Blokes" concert on December 21st. Half the proceeds they are very kindly donating to branch funds.

West Perth's appeal for funds to keep the boards in Avenue, King's Park, in proper order, has met approval by Midland, who forwarded a guinea.

CLAREMONT-COTTESLOE SUB-BRANCH.

In order to put the case to the League before the return of the Claremont-Cottesloe sub-branch has decided to hold a mass meeting of returned soldiers in the district at the Parish Hall, Claremont, on November 30th. The State President has signified his intention of being present, and that the Executive members, and particularly the recently formed Propaganda and Social Committee. The local sub-branch is financially and numerically sound, and is a dearth of active members. The Ladies Auxiliary meet every Monday night, and have already raised a considerable sum of money for the erection of a soldiers' institute.

We welcome such contributions, and suggest that each sub-branch appoint one of its members to act as special correspondent to the "L.P."

ADVICE FROM DEFENCE.

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd September forwarding copy of a resolution passed at the 7th Annual Congress of the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia, requesting that the government be granted for the purpose of an amount of £25 to provide military funerals to deceased members of the A.I.F. who had been awarded the Victoria Cross, Cabinet has approved of the provision that the funds be available in the provision where practicable of military funerals to deceased Victoria Cross winners.

"This approval will cover the cases of all Victoria Cross winners irrespective of whether the decoration was won in the late war or in previous wars.

The Annual Convention of the American Legion was opened at New Orleans on the 10th instant, at which many thousand of soldiers and citizens were present, including representatives of all countries. Captain Dyett, representative of the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia, received a great ovation, and assurance of the friendship existing between Australians and Americans and the diggers' admiration for the doughboys was received with acclamation. His statement outlining the General Pershing's policy of repatriation of the Australian soldier was enthusiastically applauded.

Framed pictures of the Landing at Gallipoli were presented to General Pershing and the President of the American Legion. Same being cordially acknowledged.

General Pershing, in thanking Captain Dyett for the picture, referred to the splendid bravery and endurance of the diggers.

In addressing the Convention, Captain Dyett suggested the formation of an English-speaking Veterans' Organisation to perpetuate the close understanding, friendliness, preservation of peace, and happiness of the world.

The message from General Sir John Monash, as representing the A.I.F. to American comrades, read at the Convention, and received amidst cheers. It was asserted that an unbreakable bond exists between Britain and America and that their co-operation is conducive to the betterment of humanity.

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The Repatriation Department was the scene of a presentation to its chief clerk on the eve of his marriage to Miss Francis O. Elliott, of West Leederville, and sister to the late Cap. Elliott, district officer, in acknowledgment of the gift of the staff, said it was gratifying to realise the good feeling evidenced by the token.

A trio from the staff of the Repat. has laid aside its pens to take tillage of the soil. They are Mr. Will Hampshire, of Pensions, and Messrs. Pearson and Austin, of Vocational Training. They intend working on a co-operative basis, and have acquired some very excellent country out from Westonia.

Mr. Sam Jones, popular Q.M., 28th Batt., is relieving Mr. H. May, at Anzac Hostel, for a brief term. Mr. Jones is a diligent worker for the 28th Battalion Association, and Mr. Harry May is a well known worker for the League.

Miss Mary Mearns, to whom no effort for the comfort and welfare of the digger is too great, had perforce to give up her self-imposed duties owing to indisposition, and found it necessary to go to Nurse Anderson’s hospital for treatment. Every soldier who has known Miss Mearns felt keen regret at her illness, and was no less pleased to learn of the improvement which soon resulted from the stay in hospital.

A digger who will be very much missed in his large circle of friends is ‘Padre’ Pieton Jones, who left for Wales during the month, in order to visit his own people, and incidentally take on double harness. Padre Jones took a course of action in regard to the war that does him credit. Although offered a chaplaincy on several occasions, it was not until he had been right through the mill that he accepted a commission. After enlisting he served as a private in A.A. M.C. at Blackboy and Base Hospital, and then later in France in same capacity. It was not until after the Armistice that he agreed to put up the three stars, and all the diggers who had the fortune to come in contact with him know of his sterling qualities. Since returning from ‘over there’, he has been carrying on at Subiaco, and has endeared himself with all and sundry. ‘One of the best’ is the universal sentiment of all who knew him. Everything of the best for you and your partner, ‘Pic’, and a speedy return to the West, is the sincere wish of all.

Married recently in Kalgoorlie, Paul MacKenney to Mrs. Fairy Weidner. Paul left our shores with the original 11th Battalion, and after four years pincing in Gallipoli and France, returned wearing two pips.

Secretary C. J. Cooke no longer earns his modest crust at the Midland Workshops; he recently having received an appointment as an inspector of factories. Cooke is a pillar of strength to the returned soldier movement, all his surplus energy and time being spent in assisting his fellow diggers.

The new Railways Sub-branch of the League is fortunate in having such a conscientious toiler for secretary as E. W. Morris. Mr. Morris is a member of the State Executive, and ably represented Claremont at the recent Congress.

Mr. Lawley-North Perth Sub-branch is well represented on the new State Executive. Vice-President Rabbi Freedman, State Secretary Penny, and Executive members McDonald, Isaacs, Watt, and Bever, all being members of this sub-branch.

Doug. Seaman, alias ‘Snowy’, alias ‘Smiler’, late 44th Batt., is earning a crust in the service of the State Government, Water Supply Department. Doug brought a bride out from the cold country and is now the father of a bonnie blue-eyed laddie. Luck was against him before the ‘scrap’, his farming venture proving a failure, and when in France the subject of this war, was the compulsory must of Fritz for two years. However, everything is all right now. In his spare time Doug. looks after the lads of No. 1 Troop Boy Scouts.

Jim Paterson, late of the Royal Air Force and Royal Naval Air Service, is an enthusiastic worker in the Boy Scouts Association, holding the position of Metropolitan Commissioner. Jim is one of the experts who turns out the ‘Listening Post’, and has also contributed many articles therein under the nom-de-plume of ‘Wings.’ We wish him success in his efforts and those of his colleagues in endeavouring to mould the character of Australian youths, in order that they will become citizens worthy of a great nation.

Harold Colvin, who held a commission in the 11th Batt., has severed connections with his old firm and has started in business as a public accountant and auditor. Harold was a power of strength at the recent R.S.L. Conference, and has been the League auditor for a number of years. His “listening post” is at 70 Trinity House, St. George’s Terrace.

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A lady from Wooroona went to a photographer's shop and asked: "Do you photograph children, sir?"

"Yes, madam," was the reply; "that is my speciality."

"What do you charge."

"Ten shillings and sixpence a dozen, madam.""

"Thank you very much," said the lady, "but I'm afraid I must call at a later date. I've only got eleven."

Nobs: "Hallos, Jack! How's the cold?"

Blobb: "Very obstinate."

Nobs: "How's the wife?"

Blobb: "About the same."

"What's the matter, Ben? You're looking worried."

"Work—nothing but work from morning till night!"

"'Ow long have you been at it?"

"I begin to-morrow!"
THE LUCK OF ACHMED

The Great War had been in progress for over three years, but the inhabitants of the great-hat bivouac camp, alongside a Jewish colony, a few miles south of Jaffa, continued their scant existence with sublime indifference. The "Engleese" were still at Gaza, but the only incidents which reminded the Bedouin of their existence were the occasional appearances over the district of long-distance bombarding planes discharging the tricolour rings.

Achmed was one of these camp dwellers. A Galabi—they are a somewhat superior type to the Bedouin Arab. He was about 30 years old, more or less industrious, and a good husband to his one wife. To outside appearance, too, he was honest. As a means of keeping body and soul together, he toiled in the gardens of the Jews—whenever he considered necessary. As a diversion to his ordinary labours, he sometimes piloted the donkeys of Moussa Machmud, from whom the Jews hired these beasts of burden by the day.

It was on returning to his boss's camp at twilight one day, that by a kind stroke of fate, he caught a glimpse of Fatima, as she sat busily spinning goat-hair into cloth. Achmed was almost overwhelmed with emotion. Fatima was the beautiful daughter of the esteemed Moussa Machmud, who owned seven camels and many donkeys and goats; she was adorablite. Kadra, Achmed's wife, was becoming ungainly. From this day Achmed had but one ambition. He put more zest into his labours, for were the camels and Fatima! He was but poor and must toil hard, for no doubt Moussa would desire to make a good bargain with his daughter.

The "Engleese" had captured Gaza and were advancing northwards—so the Jews had said—but the camp-dwellers remained indifferent. What was it to them, so long as they were not interfered with? One morning, however, the neighbours were disturbed by the booming of guns and rattle of machine guns. There was haste and activity everywhere, the very atmosphere seemed to be intensified. The Galbis began to take a more lively interest in the soldiers. They knew what this betokened, and viewed the situation with some misgiving. The Turks began to fall back towards Jaffa, and the noise of battle grew closer and closer. Columns of Turks passed along the main roads and stragglers reached the hills. Presently the "Engleese" came in sight. Achmed was wielding his mattock in the orchard as he saw them come up. They were big, brown men, wearing large, soft hats, and mounted on fine, prancing horses. They swung along at a gallop after the retreating foe.

Jaffa fell; and shortly afterward these horsemen came back and camped round the Jewish colony. Next day Achmed wondered round timidly, endeavouring to learn habits and customs. They were rather susceptible to eggs and oranges. It did not take long for the business instincts of Achmed to assert themselves, and the following morning he was found travelling round the camp with his wife, Kadra, trailing behind, a basket of oranges on her head.

Money simply rolled in, and Achmed prophesied a very prosperous time ahead. That night, as he lay awake in the moonlight, he thought of one thing only. Now was the golden opportunity to realife his dream of many moons. It was possible that, if his present prosperity continued, Fatima might become his own. He was not disappointed in this; he coined money with the oranges. Ah! was this not timing in toiling in the garden under a taskmaster? Achmed became a different man. There was a new sparkle in his eye.

This was the time of continued success in the orange trade. Achmed reviewed his financial position, and the result was highly pleasing. He determined now boldly to approach Moussa Machmud and ask for the hand of his daughter, Fatima. After a couple of hours of bargaining they came to an agreement satisfactory to both. For a certain sum, and on a certain date, Fatima was to become Achmed's wife. At sunset the event was heralded by an indescribable outpouring of his wife and his female relatives, all of whom took it as a matter of course and custom. A couple of Bills from the camp nearby, thinking that there was a murder or a robbery, a brawl, strolled up and made enquiries. Achmed explained to them that he was about to take unto himself a new wife, and that on the following night the festivities were to commence.

On the great night some of the Biljims went up and watched the proceedings, which consisted of dancing, chanting, etc., by the light of a manure and brushwood fire. Achmed explained that there was to be a big "fantasia" on the morrow and all would be welcome. A slush lamp was rigged up with a kerosene tin, and preparations were made for the evening. The lamp attracted a big audience of natives and Biljims. Achmed, as host, had arranged a good programme, and there were dancing chanting and sword play (with sticks) to the accompaniment of tom-tom, reed flutes and clapping of hands. The soldiers were inspired to action, and boxing, club swinging, singing and dancing highly animated a delighted audience. It was clear that Achmed was very "mopsapf" as he beamingly handed round coffee and oranges. The night concluded successfully, and a strong bond of friendship was formed between Achmed and the Biljims.

Next morning Achmed explained to us, very solemnly and carefully, that in the evening the final ceremony was to take place; and no Christian could enter into, or view, the proceedings. Everyone in the camp and his wishes were respected, the "askarries" contenting themselves with listening to the shrill notes of the reed flutes, the regular beating of the tom-toms, and the high crescendos and low matterings of the natives chanting.

Achmed was round as usual in the morning. Questioned as to the success of the ceremony, he turned round, and with a smile of triumph pointed to two figures who were advancing with baskets of oranges on their heads. "The young one—the one who explained, that is her." With this he turned away, passed on with his old familiar cry, "Oranges, five for one—orange," carrying on with "business as usual."

In Church. "How full he is of his subject dear?"

"Yes—but how slow in emptying himself!"

Counsel: "I understand yours was a 'patriotic' marriage?"

Divorce Petitioner: "Not exactly—our war's still on!"
THE A WAKENING

(But "Paleface.")

The atmosphere was dank and fumes of explosives pervaded every breath of the misty air inhaled by the men occupying the recently-constructed position. The Battalion had been relieved, and the Machine Gun Company awaited its turn to take a spell behind the line.

Biggs, the runner, was hailed by the O.C. at the Company's Headquarters.

"Go along and find Mr. Keen, Biggs, tout de suite." So winking his way along a few bays of muddy trench, and peering through the gathering gloom, Tony Biggs found Lieut.-Colonel Keen and reported that he was wanted by the O.C. at the "foot." At Coy H.Q.'s instructions were given for Mr. Keen and Private Biggs to proceed to Denver Trench, in reserve, to secure billets for the Company. When they reached their destination they found all the dugouts occupied, and Biggs reported that their unit would not be required until the following night. Where to camp for the night was the first concern of the two, and as there seemed to be no vacant dugouts they decided to separate and take their chance.

Biggs prowled round in the darkness, which had now fallen like a cloak upon the landscape, and, striking a match low down in the mouth of a roomy dugout, copied the dim outline of two figures well covered in rugs. Tired and heartily fed up, Biggs took one lazy dive in between the sleeping forms and settled himself down for the night, despite the somnolent grumblings of the forward positions.

At dawn Tony was out, anxious to view the surrounding country and to get his bearings so that he could lead his Company back by the best route. His exit aroused the slumbering pair, and, much to the consternation of Biggs, he found that his "bedmates" of the night before were the C.O. of the Battalion and the second in command.

PERSONALITIES.

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At the annual meeting of the South Fremantle Sub-Branch, held on the 9th November, the secretary, Mr. Harry May, announced that owing to his early departure for Collie, he was compelled to resign his position on the sub-branch.

Many members and visitors spoke in appreciation of the splendid work done by Mr. May on behalf of returned men, and after Mr. May thanked the members for their kind expressions all present rose and sang "For he's a jolly good fellow." It was decided that an illuminated address be presented to Mr. May, same to be forwarded to the Fremantle Sub-Branch.

It was also decided that Mrs. May's unsuitableness in the interests of the movement should be suitably recognised. Harry May is a member of the State Executive, and one of the wisest men will ever shoulder a gun. Collie Sub-Branch is indeed fortunate in having secured such an earnest worker for the cause of the digger.

THE LISTENING POST.

Mr. Bruce Newham, who is managing the Exhibition of War Photographs for Capt. W. D. Joynt, V.C., has many digger friends in W.A. When he arrived in Perth he visited the Soldiers' Institute, and was immediately asked if he had any "Buchakee" tickets for the Scapa Theatre. The origin of this exclamation was that, while awaiting repatriation after the Armistice, he accepted non-military employment as stage manager in the London Theatres, and while in that capacity he did not forget the diggers. Many haunted 'Buchakee' seats were concerned. He stage-managed J. and N. Tait's production of "Tiger Rose" on his return to Australia, and then joined Capt. Joynt to assist him in the national work that is being undertaken.

Captain William Donovan Joynt, V.C., who is the Director of the War Photographs Exhibition, is a Melbourne man, and won his distinction with the 8th Battalion in France. He is conversant with the history of every picture in the War Photographs Exhibition, and his lectures are something to be remembered.

A humorous incident occurred in one of the cities visited, for lady told Capt. Joynt in a most decisive manner that he strongly objected to a picture of His Majesty the King smiling, amongst such scenes of destruction, etc. Capt. Joynt explained that his photograph of His Majesty was taken the day the armistice was signed, but even this did not pacify the visitor. She turned and hastily left the gallery and Capt. Joynt is still wondering.

EMMALINA ON GUARD

Emmalina, as you must know is the young lady who is stationed in the reception room of a photographer's studio, somewhere in Cairo. Her duties are many and various, chief amongst them being to personify the "bed-mate," and to arrange that the new art panels at so much the dozen are absolutely "it." She must be a terrible success, as there are few who would dare to take a "bed-mate" suggestion, now, to explain my attitude to the fair daughter of art, I must say that Emmalina does not like nice young 2 Lieutenants, not even the very best of them, with their brand new uniforms and their shining brass buttons. No, nothing below field rank will cause her to shed the radiance of her smile on the surrounding cabinets of the "new art panels" at so much the dozen.

I became acquainted with Emmalina in a professional manner. I walked in to her establishment with the full intention of having a portrait taken that I could dangle all my friends with, and show them what a fine fellow I am. As soon as I entered the reception room and saw Emmalina—well, I had spilled the salt at breakfast. She might have known something was to happen. Not a word was spoken, but the look that I received was intense, and I had to make an enquiry as to picture post-cards. Being informed that "this was the end of the road," I left all hopes of a "bed-mate." I bowed as gracefully as my mental condition would permit, and retired. Why, oh why? why did I not courage to say that all the world might hear, "Yes, you are quite right. I have been recently made an officer, and now desire a pictorial representation that I may show all my friends who really fine fellow I am." But no, being the sneaking old dawg that I am, I could do nought but sink out with my tail between my legs, looking for all the world like a dog with his tail between his legs, "By his grace and favour of His Highness the King, I am a gentleman; with a profession as a photographer's assistant, I took the picture and then decided to leave. I completely ruined two sets of rubber heels walking up and down outside of the building. And then, one day, sneaking up the stairs, I found that the guardian of the door was engrossed in the display of some new specimens of the photographer's art. Seeking my opportunity, I dashed madly into the manager's room and, closing the door, made all arrangements, had the machine worked on my manly form, and was feeling quite the victor, when in came Emmalina.

I expected her to faint, but she grasped the portrait and, balancing her balance, the look she gave me was one of mingled anger and sorrow. It expressed sorrow and anger, sorrow that I should sneak in whilst her back was turned, and anger that I had dared to meddle in such an unbecoming manner the inner shrine of the temple of art. And then there was the utterly contemptuous expression, that she did not think I was locking in all gentlemanly feelings as to having such a manner. I could not look her in the eye, and so made my exit, not as the victor, but rather as one who is making a silent apology for being in a state of existence on the earth.

Will I ever get the finished photos? They must be good ones, they shall be good ones. I have spoken—but what says Emmalina?

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Authorised by F. W. CAMPBELL, Secretary National Campaign Council, 55 A.M.P. Chambers, Perth.
Sara.

A commentary upon doings and happenings of specifically digger interest.

A.Y.—What do you think of the Albany effort in the woolen mills business? The people in Albany and its environs applied for £10,000 worth of shares before two days had elapsed! Sixty-one days for subscribing should be a superfluous long term to raise the £200,000 necessary if the rest of the State were equally seized with the need for the support of such an enterprise.

Hey.—Cotton.—Yes, I dream of it, not a solitary paper can I find that does not cotton on to the same thread of thought. As a stimulant to the argumentative I should think it quite unequaled; for what with white v black labor and rateno v. plant, etc. a most extensive field for wordy wagers is provided.

M.T.—The Royal Commission for the W.A.G.R. takes a denunci of a long time to subside. Firstly one body, then another body, writes its opinion and its criticism on the administration of the State railways. Then the old soldier in charge turns his mobile fire on to them and as soon as they are quenched, some one tackles the Minister for Railways. You don’t do politics in your paper, so I’d better leave the Minister’s tactics undefined. Anyhow I reckon I could show how the railways could be run to a profit, only I’m afraid I might be offending some union or other if I were to say just how it could be done.

R.S.I.—What has happened to the digger? I heard a whisper at last conference that the membership had slipped a lot; now I can’t for the life of me see why it should. There are heaps of chaps who could use the League as a means to an end. Take the settled soldier settlers, for instance; if every digger was an R.S.I. man, then the S.S.S. would be more the sort of thing it should be. This is a thing that alone should warrant the membership of town fellows as well, because if the farmer doesn’t prosper, then bang goes the whole country.

J. Mulgeeny, Lake Brown, writes:—I wish to enter a protest against Mr. J. Cornell’s attitude in the Legislative Council in speaking and voting against the Mt. Marshall seven-mile railway extension from Muckenbrood to Lake Brown. In September, 1921, the League Executive arranged with the Premier to meet a deputation of returned men at Burra Rock. At the meeting Sir James Mitchell promised the diggers that he would introduce a bill for the necessary extension. Now we find when the bill is introduced, a prominent member of the R.S.I. Executive, in the person of James Cornell, M.L.C., opposing it. The building of this line is a life and death matter to the diggers on the land at Lake Brown. Does Mr. Cornell know that roads in this locality are nearly impassable during the wet season? The country being surrounded by a chain of lakes, I am a financial member of the R.S.I., and desire the League to be a power in the land. The majority of the public are short-sighted, and have already forgotten that the soldiers kept them from becoming the slaves of the kindly Hun, and if diggers want anything they must stick together. If our leaders turn us down, where can we look for help and guidance?

It is only reasonable to state that Mr. Cornell’s first duty is to his electors. Furthermore, that he prefixed his speech on the second reading of the bill by stating that the course he was about to take was somewhat repugnant to him, and that his actions in regard to the bill would probably be misjudged. The sole reason why Mr. Cornell acted as he did lies in the fact that the Esperance line was authorised early in 1915, and to date not one rail has been laid, whereas, the Wyalgois-Mt. Marshall line was authorised in 1919, and the rails used for its construction and completion were taken from the Coolgardie-Kalgoorlie line. Soldier settlers in the Esperance district have even greater transport difficulties than those that prevail in the Mt. Brown district. There is this to the credit of goldfields Members in the Legislative Council that they chosen to divide the Council the evening prior to the bill passing, the bill would have been thrown out.—Ed. "L.P."

O.T.—I noticed correspondence in a daily the other day about opossum trapping. The writer shows how the newly appointed Colonial Secretary is likely to make a clean sweep of all the opossums in the State. The point is that Mr. Sampson was reported to have signed a telegram that the action of declaring open the season for October and November would not endanger the industry, as opossums were increasing rapidly. Now did he or his advisers realise that during these two months the breeding season was at its height? That nearly every female had two joeys—one on her back and one in the pouch. That the fur was falling at this "moultting" season. Vastly the writer struck the nail on the head with a vengeance. Just what the Government would authorise—the destruction of the young; the wholesale annihilation an established industry; and on top of this the time chosen is just at the particular juncture when the animals’ fur is being changed! Phew, add some more to the anomalies of the powers that be!

"Spot": “Camelot’s” article, "A Defenceless Australia," in your September issue, appealed to me. I believe that every able-bodied man under 40 years of age should be a trained soldier. At present Australia has no insurance on her national existence. We are indeed living in a fool’s paradise. Should a storm of war sweep our fair country, we would be helpless. At all points on the map of the world, and the tiny army we could put in the field would be useless, because we have no big field guns. There is not one workshop in Australia equipped to manufacture one ordinary field piece. At our guns would have to be imported. Oh! the folly of it all. If war comes, Australia will curse the memory of the men who betrayed her.

The professor was putting the finishing touches on a side-walk he was laying. Tommy, aged six, had been watching the operation with interest. A large piece of wood, 2 yards length, deeming the time ripe for a trial, started to cross before the mixture had time to dry.

When the professor displayed some slight pique, a passer-by observed, "Why, Prof., I thought you liked children?"

"I like 'em alright in the abstract," he replied, "but not in the concrete.

Magnificent passenger on a London bus: “Will you take a pound note for a threepenny fare, conductor?”

Conductor: "Not 'arf—Wot O’!”

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Authorised by J. M’CABE, Fremantle.
On the third night, following the departure of the leave-party, Mac lay huddled in shell-hole, halfway between Ypres and Passchendaele Ridge. Three days' negligence and ennui had thinned his skin, leaving him raw and sensitive in low spasmodic tones. All around, he knew he were the rest of the men, although when he ventured to raise himself, he could see nothing. It was more than midnight and they had marched since dusk, until the dawn, and Mac was not tired, though he expected he would be. He had carried, besides his rifle and equipment and extra ammunition, a bag loaded with Mills bombs, which, he vaguely realised, he had expected to present to the German on the morrow, after duly extracting the safety pins. No, he was not tired—only somehow strangely, strangely, together as though the muscles and sinews and nerves were locked upon one another; his chest constricted, weighted down, and heavy; his brain refusing to work coherently. His mind was aware of a queer sunken feeling in the pit of the stomach, that was always around Ypres, and felt the ground rock to each numbing detonation, and the vicious swish of shrapnel hummed around him. He had seen no line of activity on the other side. The air was quiet, with the muffled clack, clack, laden with a sickening evil, stench, as he had never before imagined. Always he saw even when he closed his eyes, the piled-up heaps of men and horses, wagons and stores, which had lain on the side of the road, as they passed Hellfire Corner. And the mud—always he knew, he would see the murky, shell-torn field of mud and water, that stretched on all along the road to the pale star-light, there had been moments when the duckboards he had moved as he stepped upon them, and yet he had been in danger of slipping into them, of being lost without a trail upon which there could have been no escape. There had been vast craters filled with water in places and there had been bodies of men floating near the boards. There had been green wheatfields, which seemed to leer at him as he passed, and he dreaded to think of the secrets they hid. Mac changed his position at an effort, and yet it was fairly dry—still, his feet would keep sinking until he felt them being drawn downwards; but he was put to it to keep his rifle away from the ground, and so as not to draw on the thoughts that came to him as he crouched there. Once he remembered the wailing shriek of a dining horse which had come to his ears through the night, a hungry hollow cry which the flies followed. And then he thought to discover on his feet in the dark, and as though to dispel the recollection, came the picture of his home in the West. It was then that he laughed softly to himself—and went on laughing.

It was a mere vision, he told himself, the low bungalow set in the wattle; the green wheat fields; the winds from the forests, breathing of eucalyptus; the wonderful blue of the Australian sky—though it did not exist. There was nothing in the pale sky; no less. It was a cold sea of grey, ringed round with the lights and flames of the fires of hell.

Time passed. It was but a few hours—though it seemed as many years. Then the rattling of equipment and hoarse, monotonous voices, going on and on. He struggled up, and fell in with the line of men that were only dim shadowy figures—except where they crossed the ridge, and there, for a brief moment he stood out sharply defined against the sky. From far away back in the past, a confused memory came to him; a sergeant's hard voice telling of the dangers of the enemy line.
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"Not at all," answered the cynic, "It's when people have been looking at each other for four or five years that it becomes remarkable."

"Poor old Joe is dead—and all through a practical joke."

"He stuck his head into a pub in Dublin and shouted 'fire!'"

"Yes?"

"They did!"

"Here's a man found nine pearls in his oyster stew! Wonderful, hey?

"Fairly startling. I thought you were going to try to lead me to believe that he had found nine oysters!"

A well-known reciter had just made her appearance on the stage when a cat walked out of the wings and sat down beside her, blinking at the amused audience.

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Avenue of Honour

The Melville Road Board have asked the Executive of the League to bring before the notice of all sub-branch members the fact that there is an Avenue of Honour at Point Walter, which was planted three or four years ago in memory of soldiers who lost their lives at the front, and although it was originally intended that this avenue should apply only to the local district, the Board has now decided that a relative may have a plate placed on one of the trees for any soldier from any part of the State.

An endeavor is being made to have a day set aside annually for the purpose of raising funds to extend and maintain the avenue, and it is pointed out that as the Point is connected by tram with Fremantle and by a frequent boat service from Perth, it is readily accessible to people from the country districts visiting either Perth or Fremantle.

For a payment of £1 the Board will have a plate 10½ x 3½ ins. cast and erected on the trees and plates will be returned with the secretary of the Melville Road Board, Canning Road, Bicton, when a form of application will be forwarded.

The Red Cross Society in its annual report shows a record of generous and well directed services to men suffering from war disabilities. Among the deeds likely to remain appreciated is the gift of a motor cycle and side car to Mr. Appleton, a double amputation case. Seeing that the maimed man was a dinkum trier, the Society acceded to the R.M.M. and L. Association’s request, and a vehicle fitted with all the latest appliances and equipped in such a manner as to permit of easy control, was given to Mr. Appleton by Lady McMillan on behalf of the Society.

A message from the former President of West Perth sub-branch:

For some time past the matter of taking in hand the responsibility of the upkeep of Honor Avenue has been agitating the minds of members of the West Perth sub-branch, particularly in regard to repainting the name-plates, and it is proposed to hold a meeting on the 15th September, it was finally decided to go ahead with the work, as at the present time fully 90 per cent. of the plates are in a bad state of decay, owing to rust. There are certainly a very few that are looked after, and these are probably attended to by relatives who reside in or near the city; the greater majority no doubt belong to people who live in remote places and cannot have them properly attended to. My branch therefore feels that by taking this matter in hand it is in some small way showing that we have not forgotten those who gave their lives for their country, and at the same time helping some widow or parent who has not the wherewithal to do the work.

It is estimated that this work will cost fifty pounds (£50), and I am therefore appealing to your branch for a donation towards that cost. The work will be put in hand so soon as funds are available, will be properly supervised and carried out by returned soldiers. If the total amount received exceeds that required, the balance will be held in trust for the next year, as it is considered that this repainting will have to be done annually in order to keep the plates in proper repair. I should be pleased if you will bring this matter before your members immediately, as it is desired to get to work at once now that the winter is over. Subscriptions can be sent to the hon. sec. of the fund, Mr. A. H. Morrel, Accounts Office, Lands Department, Perth, who will then, if necessary, create an account to be styled “Honor Avenue Trust Account,” to be administered by two trustees, one being the Hon. A. Lovett, Esq., M.L.C., chairman of King’s Park Board, and the other myself, President of this branch.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early and favorable reply.

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JUST IN PASSING

(The Editor discourses on current digger topics)

Last Saturday the anniversary of the day on which the Armistice was signed was celebrated throughout the Allied countries with a degree of fervour which is, to say the least of it, most gratifying to those who participated in the Great War.

In England the ceremony was respected, and among the many tributes, the Australian wreath occupied the pride of place on the cenotaph in London. The Prince of Wales attended on crutches, owing to his recent hunting accident.

The Australian celebrations were worthy in most instances, thanksgiving services being held in various parts of the Commonwealth. The "Armistice Silence" was observed, and in the cities traffic was practically suspended. The usual bustle of pedestrians and the rumbling of vehicular traffic was no longer heard, and the result was impressive.

In France the feature of the occasion was the unveiling of a memorial to General Millerand, in a clearing in the Forest of Compiègne, where the Armistice was signed. The celebrations at the French capital were centred at the tomb of the "Unknown Warrior."

Belgium paid its respects to the "Unknown Warrior," and the scenes were of a most impressive kind.

South Africans, Canadians, and Americans were equally observant, and at Cape Town, Japanese sailors participated.

The ex-Kaiser's book of memoirs is to be published early this month, and will be sold in Australia at 25s. Critics contend that this work should be worth the money, as from his earliest relations with Bismarck the author recites step by step his experiences through the years as prince and employer, right up to his exile in Holland, and he adds a chapter on guilt for the war, and another on the future of Germany.

Particular stress is given to German rivalry with Great Britain for supremacy of the seas; the acquisition of Heligoland, Russian domestic and internal problems, and the events leading up to the Great War. The actual war history is avoided for obvious reasons.

We do not think many diggers would care to have such a volume "adorning" their shelves, that is if their tastes are in common with our own.

The treasurer of the War Memorial Fund for Hobart, Tasmania, already acknowledges receipt of $1,695 11s. 6d., raised by collections, and judging by the energy displayed in this connection, the Domain will be adorned by a national memorial calculated to be a worthy counterpart to the bounty of Nature in already furnishing a city beautiful.

Such a statement as the preceding might give a fillip to our own energies in the matter of the Memorial Avenue, which matter has been taken up by the West Perth Sub-branch, with the concurrence of the Executive.

Anticipating the International Conference of Astronomers in Rome, next April, the Americans are busy educating people to the idea of a 13-month year. Each month is to have twenty-eight days, and is to commence on Monday, and in order to retain one seventh of time for Sundays, every seventh New Year Day will be New Year Sunday, and every seventh Leap Year Day will be Leap Year Sunday. The extra calendar month will be called "Liberty" and will come between February and March. Full details are published in pamphlet form by the "Liberty Calendar Association" of America. It is estimated that 200,000,000 dol.

per annum would be saved by this proposal being carried into effect, and of this amount 40,000,000 dol. is the estimated cost of printing calendars alone. One comprehensive calendar would then do for all time!

When this journal was born in December, 1921, the proprietors sent free copies to all financial members of the R.S.L., continuing to do so for a period of four months. The P.M.G.'s Department refused to allow copies to be sent at newspaper rates, stating that ours were not genuine sales. We were then forced to discontinue the free issue, and copies were sent to subscribers only. We were then permitted to post at newspaper rates. At the recent State Congress an arrangement was entered into between the League and ourselves for the League to purchase from us monthly a copy of the journal for every financial member. Although we now receive payment for the journal, the P.M.G.'s Department have again refused to allow us the newspaper rates, which means that one penny postage per copy has to be paid. The State Executive is moving in the matter, having sent a telegram to the General President requesting him to communicate with the Prime Minister, if necessary. Now we are faced with the position that we cannot afford to pay one penny per copy postage, and if this obstacle is not removed before our next issue we very reluctantly intend to discontinue posting direct to League members, it being our intention to send bulk lots to all sub-branch secretaries for distribution amongst members. Our subscribers will be posted their journal as usual.
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