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Other than the facts that the R.S.L. controlled the proceedings and that the citizen forces participated, anyone who was actually present at this year's commemoration will find it difficult to see where, if at all, it fell short of the suggestions submitted by our learned, though ill-informed critic. The whole programme was not confined to the military. Sons and daughters of deceased soldiers, together with such non-military organisations as the Boy Scouts, the Y.A.L., and the Girl Guides were well represented, both in the march and at the service which followed. Furthermore, "those taking part were drawn from the whole religious life of the city"—Christian and non-Christian. What is more, the occasion was "celebrated soberly by citizens clad in the clothes of citizenship."

Critics rush in where logicians fear to tread. Are we to infer that the reverend editor's lament is based solely upon the question of R.S.L. control and the presence of military units at the commemoration of a military episode, a woeful dirge in a pacific key—or is it just another instance of the voice of one crying in the wilderness for the limelight? Our critic is obviously not an A.I.F. chaplain, otherwise he would have a better understanding of the spirit and the policy of the R.S.L. In accordance with instructions issued by the League, the returned men themselves were clad in the ordinary clothes of citizenship. Surely no clear-thinking man could object to their falling in by units, with their old comrades of the war, or to their wearing the medals and decorations they won in honour. Surely there can be no rational or valid objection to the young battalions of the Australian Military Forces parading as a mark of respect to their parent units of the A.I.F. The officers of the regular naval and military forces who attended in their official capacity quite properly wore uniform. Had they done otherwise they would have been guilty of grave disrespect to His Excellency the Governor of the State, and to the occasion itself. In addition, they would have committed a serious breach of service regulations. To dub, in however hazy a manner, this sort of thing "military pomp and pageantry" as is ridiculous as it would be to accuse a clergyman of parading his religion every time he walks down Hay Street in the garb of his profession.

Guided by bitter experience in the past, when hearers were bored to extinction by dreary and inappropriate sermons by otherwise well-meaning clergies, and realising the utter impossibility of securing to deliver the address a clergyman of the calibre of the late Archbishop Riley, a man whose scholarship, broad tolerance and outstanding personality endeared him to members of every religious denomination, the R.S.L. State Executive decided that the speakers for the day would be chosen from within their own ranks. The purely religious portions of the Esplanade service were carried out by the Reverend C. L. Riley, a vice-president of the League, and the Reverend Rabbi Freedman, a past president. Both these gentlemen were members of the A.I.F. The address was given by Colonel Collett, the State President, a man who was never a professional soldier, a good citizen who took up arms in his country's hour of need and who is now a private citizen. After all, why should not the R.S.L. control the celebrations? The ceremony was in commemoration of the men of the A.I.F. who paid the supreme sacrifice when others, owing to itching consciences or from less worthy motives, remained comfortably at home. Such a commemoration should undoubtedly be controlled by the R.S.L., which is the peace-time organisation of the A.I.F. It is but natural, also, that diggers and the thinking public generally should be more deeply impressed by the exhortations of ex-service padres, who understand the Digger psychology, and who are competent to realise what they had to endure, than by the homilies of men who, however well-meaning, have derived their knowledge of war from printed reports—or from pacifist propaganda. There is another point which our reverend critic has overlooked. The Gallipoli Landing was a military episode, and one of supreme military importance. The men who "noble striving, noble fell," did so clothed in military garb. To divest its celebration of every vestige of its military significance would be, to use an old simile, like playing "Hamlet" without...
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State Executive Meetings
28th May, 1930.

Present: Masters, Coller, Riley, Smith, Philip, Watt, Tyler, Cornnell, Cooke, Yeates, Sedlir, Fady, Denton, Margolin, Lovell, Farquharson, Tozer, Edmonds, and Cattemole.

Defauliting Secretary: Quairading.—The State President reported on behalf of the Management Committee that a further communication had been sent to Mr. R. A. Beal under registered covers, and no reply had been received. The Committee therefore recommended that he be expelled in accordance with Rule 28 of the Constitution. The recommendation was endorsed.

Commonwealth Bank Job.—Mr. Watt reported on behalf of the deputation that waited on the controller in charge of this construction work, who stated that preference would be given to returned soldiers.

Abolition of Preference.—The summary which had been prepared and handed to the printer in connection with the abolition of preference was approved and action endorsed.

Art Union Amelioration Purposes.—The Secretary reported that the Art Union Committee had not met to consider this question.

Reports.—The State Secretary read the report of the operations of the office for the preceding fortnight. Report received.

Finance Committee.—The report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 26th May was received and adopted.

House Committee.—Reports of the House Committee meetings held on the 21st and 22nd May were received and adopted.

Land Committee.—Report of the Land Committee meeting held on the 27th May was received.

Federal Correspondence.—E. J. Martin: The Federal Executive advised that certain action was being taken to have this man medically examined in connection with his admission to the C.P.S. It was decided that a copy of the communication be forwarded to the West Perth Sub-Branch for their information when dealing with the case of L. H. Harrison.

Resignation: Federal President.—A communication was received from Mr. G. J. C. Dyett, tendering his resignation, which would take effect at the next Federal Congress. The matter was deferred until next meeting.

Visitors.—Mr. Cyril Smith, Secretary of the Repatriation Commission, and Mr. H. H. Howard, Chairman of the Wa Pensions Assessment Tribunal, attended the meeting, and were welcomed by the State President. Both visitors addressed delegates.

Invitation.—An invitation from the Bruce Rock Sub-Branch for a grand military ball, to be held on June 18th, was referred to the Management Committee.

Appointment of Officers:—(a) Wager: The appointment of officers as advised by the Wager Sub-Branch was approved. (b) Bullfinch: the appointment of officers as advised by the Bullfinch Sub-Branch was approved.

Meeting Sub-Branch Presidents and Secretaries.—The Subiaco Sub-Branch submitted a suggestion that a quarterly meeting of Branch Presidents and Secretaries be held in order to further the interests of the League.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Cattermole, that the Subiaco Sub-Branch be requested to take the initiative in this matter, and the Sub-Branch be advised that perhaps the best method of securing the Objective desired would be the formation of a District Committee in the Metropolitan area.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Farquharson that the Sabiaco Sub-Branch be inform-
ed that this Executive has no objection to their
calling a meeting of the Presidents and Secre-
taries in the metropolitan area for a general
discussion of League matters.—Carried.
Preference: Tramways.—The Nedlands Sub-
Branch requested that the Executive should
be given the preference, and that the services
of Mr. Yates, that the matter be referred to the Pensions and Em-
ployment Committee for investigation and report.
—Carried.
Policy State Government.—The Victoria Park
Sub-Branch requested that the Executive should
be given the preference, and that the services
of Mr. Yates, that the matter be referred to the Pensions and Em-
ployment Committee for investigation and report.
—Carried.
Retrenchment, Water Supply Department.—
The Water Supply Branch wrote concerning re-
trrenchment from the Loftus Street Yard, and
suggested a scheme whereby the services of
men could be retained. Moved by Mr. Edmonds,
seconded by Mr. Tozer that the Minister for Works
be approached and be requested to put in hand
all available work immediately, particularly in
connection with the Kings Park Reservoir.—
Carried.
The Secretary was instructed to arrange an
interview at the earliest possible moment.
Civil Service.—The West Perth Sub-Branch re-
quested the Executive to approach the Premier
and point out that a number of cases have recently
occurred of soldier applicants for posi-
tions in the State being overlooked, and in view of
his decision in the case of preference, instructions
be re-issued to the Public Service Commissioner
and the heads of all Departments to adhere to
the policy.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Philip,
that the matter be referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.—Carried.
Amelioration.—Cases had come under notice
where the Fremantle Sub-Branch had refused to
assist non-members of the Sub-Branch. The Trustee
had caused a letter to be forwarded to the
branch pointing out that this was contrary to
instructions of Congress. The Sub-Branch
had replied giving their version, and it was suggested
that the Trustees and the State Secretary should
attend their next meeting to further explain the
position.
War Pilgrimage. — Advice was received con-
cerningWar Pilgrimage 1931. This was laid
on the table for the consideration of the
Australians' Difficulties. — A communication was
received from Mr. H. M. Nichols in this con-
nection.
Railway Appeal.—The Leederville Sub-Branch
forwarded details of a man's appeal in connection
with his non-promotion in the railway service.
Messrs. Edmonds and the State Secretary were
appointed to interview the Department in con-
nection with the case.
Telephones: State President.—It was decided
that a telephone be installed at the cost of the
League in the State President's Office.
Miss Amy Johnson.—Moved by Rev. Riley,
seconded by Mr. Smith, that this Executive, re-
presenting the ex-service men of W.A., heartily
congratulates Miss Johnson on her splendid feat
in further proving the grit of members of the
fair sex in peace as well as in war, and expresses
its admiration at the accomplishment of an
achievement that has commanded the applause of the
world.—Carried.
New Settlers' League.—Mr. Watt reported in
connection with the N.S.I., and stated that the
League was now receiving Government assistance.
Empire Shopping Week.—Mr. Watt delivered a
report in this connection.
11th June, 1930
Present.—Messrs. Collett, Riley, Philip, Watt,
Tyler, Longmore, Cooke, Pady, Backer, Wells,
Margolin, Lovell, Farquharson, Tozer, Bader,
Edmonds, Catermole. Apologies were received from
Messrs. C. P. Smith, J. Cornell, M.L.C., W. H.
Logie, and J. S. Denton.
Visitor.—Before proceeding to business, the
State President welcomed Colonel E. J. Dibdin,
The League's representative on the War Pensions
Enrolment Board.
Congratulations.—It was decided on the sugges-
tion of Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Philip, that
the Management Committee's draft letter 60 State
presidents in connection with the retirement of
Mr. Dyett and the appointment of his successor
be approved.
Employment.—Mr. E. W. Edmonds reported in
connection with a deputation to the Minister for
Works re employment of men in the Water Supply Department, and
also in regard to a deputation to the Commiss-
ioner of Railways concerning a certain appoint-
ment.
Amelioration—Fremantle.—Mr. Philip reported
on behalf of the trustees in connection with a
visit paid to the Fremantle sub-branch, when the
matter of amelioration was discussed.
Reports.—The State Secretary reported on the
operations of the office for the preceding fort-
night.—Report received.
Finance Committee.—The report of the Finance
Committee was adopted.
Art Union Committee: Mr. Cook (chairman)
reported on the progress made in ticket sales for the
art union, to be drawn on August 9th.
Pensions Committee: Mr. Watt submitted a
report from the Pensions Committee. The fol-
lowing recommendations contained therein were
endorsed: (a) That the Premier be asked to
icalize the departmental heads requesting them to
adhere to the principles of preference to returned
soldiers, as enunciated in Cabinet instructions
issued in 1921. (b) That the State Secretary
and Employment Office interview Mr. Shilling-
for regarding appointments in the Tramway De-
artment. (c) That an effort be made by cir-
ularizing all communications in connection with
pension claims through the head office of the League.
This recommendation followed an interview with

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the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation who pointed out that such a procedure would be helpful to the client and to the department, as uniformity of procedure would result.

R.S.L. Employment Bureau: The report of the Employment Officer was received.

R.S.L. Co-Op. Trading Co.: Mr. Tyler verbally reported in connection with the present position of this company.

Lemnos Visiting Committee: Colonel Marginell submitted two reports of meetings held by the Lemnos Visiting Committee, on which he was the League’s representative.

Federal Correspondence.—Re Taxation Vacancy, Darwin.—The secretary read copies of wires to the Federal secretary in this matter and the reply of the chairman of the Public Service Board. It was agreed that the reply of the Public Service Board was quite inadequate and unsatisfactory, and it was resolved on the resolution of Mr. Philip, seconded Mr. Tyler, that the Federal secretary be requested to approach the Prime Minister, submitting the correspondence and drawing attention to the reply of the Public Service Board. Furthermore, to insist on the observance of preference in filling this vacancy, particularly as it was considered that the qualifications of soldiers applicants were not in any way inferior to the proposed appointee.

Other Federal correspondence included: (a) Reference to a certain pension case; (b) State and Federal unemployment position; (c) Proposed endowment for occupiers of W.S.H.

Invitations—Belmont: Mr. Parfthorne was appointed as representative for the Belmont reunion on Sunday, 24th June.

Merriden Sub-Branch: The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the letter from this sub-branch concerning unemployment. A letter from the same source referring to a local supporter was referred to the Management Committee.

Camp Commandant, Blackboy.—The secretary submitted information concerning the peculiar action of the Secretary of the Premier’s Department in announcing an appointment for this job, and, the following day, advertising the vacancy. He intimated that in the “interval a very strong protest against the contemplated appointment of a non-soldier had been made in the right quarter, which explained the subsequent advertising of the job.

Preference British Goods.—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Premier’s Department stating that it was the practice of the Government to purchase Empire-made goods whenever this could be effected.

Soldiers’ Institute.—A letter from the chairman of the State Gardens Board concerning the Institute approach was referred to the House Committee.

Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville.—A communication was received from this sub-branch re art unions. It was agreed, on the resolution of Mr. Tyler, seconded Mr. Wells, that the communication be referred to the Land Committee.—Carried.

‘Donation, Mr. C. McNee.—Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Riley, that Mr. C. McNee be thanked for his generous donation towards the upkeep of the State War Memorial.—Carried.

Employment.—Mr. Edmonds read a letter from the Perth sub-branch in connection with certain impending appointments. The reply was left to the State secretary.

Mr. Catermole drew attention to the appointment of a ranger at National Park, and it was decided that enquiries be made in connection therewith, and a later report submitted.

Camp Fire

The Victorian Branch of the League is endeavouring to ascertain the present whereabouts of No. 133 C. T. Madigan, 1st A.G.H., who has been missing from his home at 203 Riverside Road, Middle Camberwell, since 13th January, of this year. It is believed that he has proceeded to other States with the object of finding employment.

R.H.R. writes, “I am very grateful for the service accorded me, through the tracing of two old campaigners, of whom I inquired through the medium of the ‘Camp Fire’ column of THE LISTENING POST. To these dinkum diggers I practically owed my life, and obviously I felt a very genuine pleasure at being given the opportunity of renewing old acquaintanceship, and re-affirming my gratitude. ‘Lest we forget’ are words which must, at all times, keep warm the sentiment of the feeling of true comradeship, and keep it in perpetuation, till ‘The Last Post.’”

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The State Executive of the League is endeavouring, in many ways, to mitigate the prevalence of unemployment amongst ex-service men.

At the present time over 480 names of those requiring work appear upon the books of the League's Employment Bureau at Perth, and, although eighty jobs were found during the past month, and valuable preference is being given by the State Government and employers, the prospect of any general improvement would appear to be rather remote. It is feared that the seriousness of the position is not fully recognised.

However, it is possible for members of the League to help a great deal if they will give further and careful thought to the plight of so many of their comrades. The exercise of greater vigilance and diligence in the search for jobs and the notification, in the proper quarter, of jobs vacant, or of new work about to become available, will be of great value.

"Lest we forget," I would earnestly appeal to ex-service men who are employers, and all others employed, to come to the assistance of the State Executive in its most difficult and urgent undertaking.

Communications should be addressed to the State Secretary, Soldiers' Institute, Perth, or to any Sub-Branch Secretary who is known or whose name appears on pages 28 and 29 of this issue of the LISTENING POST

President, W.A. Branch, R.S.L.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Guildford-Bassendean Women's Auxiliary reports a successful month in the Guildford-Bassendean Sub-Branch. A social evening was held recently in the supper room of the Bassendean Town Hall, to which members of the R.S.L., their wives and friends, were invited. Everyone's taste was catered for in competitions, old-time dancing, games and cards. Musical items and recitations were given by talented members of the Branch. Many acquaintances were renewed or made during the evening. To further the social aspect of the local sub-branch, another such evening will be held shortly. A small jumble sale was held in the supper room on Saturday afternoon, May 11th. The proceeds will be used to carry on the work of relieving distress among the families of unemployed diggers. Bundles of clothing have been despatched to the local Unemployment Committee, Bassendean, and to the Perth R.S.L., who have many calls upon them for assistance, both in town and on the Groups. An increased membership is reported for the month. Thanks are due to all who have so willingly assisted the Women's Auxiliary during the past week, with donations or service.

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SMITH'S WEEKLY ARTICLES

The following communication from Sir John Monash was recently received by the League, and all diggers who read the articles in question will be pleased to read this advice from their leader:

During recent weeks, a series of articles has appeared in Smith's Weekly on the subject of the A.I.F., and, in particular, of the Australian Army Corps in France, dealing with attacks which have been made in recent war books, upon the good name and repute of the Australian soldier. These articles were published in such a manner as to leave the impression that they emanated wholly from my pen.

While I am aware that the substance of what has been so published was received with appreciation by large numbers of returned men, I am also aware that many others have felt surprised and puzzled that literary matter of this particular quality should have come from me.

In order to dissipate such impression, I feel it necessary to explain the circumstances under which those articles came into existence. They resulted from two interviews which I gave to a representative of Smith's Weekly, who called upon me to obtain a general description of the composition, organisation, and method of operation of the Army Corps, and an expression of opinion as to the true character and quality of the Australian soldier as I knew him. The notes taken by this interviewer were subsequently expanded by him into a number of separate articles. In so doing he not only employed a literary style which is quite foreign to me, but also added many phrases and expressions to what I had told him, which, in quite a number of instances, lent a colour to my statements which were never intended. Most of all do I regret the veiled implication running through the articles that the Australian soldiers were more worthy and more capable than those of the Mother Country and of the other Dominions and our Allies—a point of view which I strongly deprecate.

I am circulating this disclaimer so that my old comrades may not remain under a misapprehension as to my exclusive responsibility for all the material that made its appearance in these articles.
Why Secession?

The question of this State's secession from the Commonwealth is one that every digger should study with a clear and impartial mind. It is not a party matter, but one involving a broad constitutional principle. Therefore, it should be studied carefully in the light of future probabilities and in the light of past history, particularly the history of other States that endeavoured to secede from a central government—Ireland, and the southern States of America, for example. Unfortunately, the whole issue has been obscured under the persistent parading of the disabilities under which this State is undoubtedly labouring. It has been assumed by the political advocates of secession that these disabilities are entirely due to federation, and are not the same old disabilities that every agricultural and isolated State must suffer at this particular stage of its development. So far the secessionists have failed to convince us that our ills are not due to faulty administration on the part of both Federal and State Governments, which can be remedied without proceeding to the length of national disruption. One must deplore, too, the immoderate language employed by the ringleaders of the movement. "Gold-steel," "the sugar ramp," "Federal tyranny" are but the mildest terms employed. Be it understood that we are not defending these things; but, as educated, thinking men, we cannot accept, as political guides, those who adopt the language of Tammany Hall. Extreme language was ever the mark of the confused intellect. It defeats its own object, also, for when the user is faced with something really scandalous, he has deprived himself of words adequate to the situation. Incidentally, the newspaper which is the chief offender in this way, which has assumed the role of the official organ of secession, and which is loudest in the outcry against the dumping of goods from other places in this State, has occluded that its news is not fair, or that its language is not accurate. These are questions which should be asked by the people who pay for the newspaper, and who have a right to expect that its news shall be true and its language just.

At the outset the leaders of the movement made an egregious tactical blunder by not inviting opposition members to occupy seats on the platform at the initial meeting. All the speakers were either members of the Government or prominent Nationalists. This alone brands it as a party movement against the new Federal Government, and political Labour will treat it as such. Had the agitation commenced while the last Government was in power, the bona fides of those inaugurating it would not be so open to question. Figures, more or less reliable, have been quoted ad nauseam (the politician quotes figures, even as the Devil quotes Scripture) to prove that we, as Australians, tyrannise over ourselves as Western Australians; but, so far, no one has shown us that secession is the remedy, or that, assuming the constitutional stumbling blocks in the path can be removed, that this State can afford the luxury of secession, or will be one penny the better off outside the Federal family. We who have fought alongside men from other States, and found them good comrades, realise that sentiment, in spite of Mr. Lovekin's assertion to the contrary, does build nations. We do not accept Mr. Lovekin as an authority on matters of sentiment. The memory of his attitude towards the State war memorial is still fresh in our minds. In an age when politicians of all parties seem to be suffering from a Marxian complex, it is as well to remember that, the economic factors are not the only, or even the most important, factors of modern life. We, in Australia, have had a golden opportunity. We are a homogeneous people, living on a compact island continent. Time, common sense, and common honesty will overcome most of our difficulties.

Just now, when the greatest brains of the Empire are endeavouring to foster Empire trade and sentiment, we find disgruntled politicians in our own midst striving to cause disruption within the Australian family, and barracking for complete secession simultaneously with the visit of a deputation to the East in search of a Federal gold bonus. Verily, brethren, let us eat our cake and have it, too!

The secessionist, like the war jingo, is emphatic in his lip service to the cause of Empire, but in his lack of humour he is blind to the fact that loyalty, like charity, begins at home.

The R.S.L. and the Ex-Imperial Men

HAPPY RELATIONS

At the second annual meeting of the British United Services' Association held on Monday, 16th June, the president (Captain E. W. Edmonds) read the following letter from Colonel Collett, the State president of the R.S.L.:

"No doubt, your association, in your united effort, is doing a most valuable work for those ex-members of the Imperial services whom we are fortunate enough to have residing in our midst, and we Australians, of longer residence, prize greatly an acquaintance which, begun in the dark ages of the war, has been maintained and developed into the happy relationship existing to-day:" In the course of his address Captain Edmonds said:

"As a member of the State executive of the Returned Soldiers' League I can say that the interest taken by the league in the British United Services' Association is very real and not mere lip service. They are ready to accept us as comrades and to help us when need arises. One had only to note the proportion of ex-Imperial men who received aid each month from the R.S.L. Amelioration Fund, despite the fact that they were not members, to realise what the league is doing for the ex-Imperial man."

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Defence Rationing

With an adroitness that might command respect were it applied to any other department, the Government has decided to effect further "economies" in the military service by the "singular device of rationing employment"; that is, members of the permanent military forces whose salary exceeds a certain specified minimum must take two months compulsory leave each year without pay. The whole idea is stupidly absurd, and contemptibly cheelessing. Compulsory leave of this nature must militate against that contentment in the service which makes for efficiency, while the paper saving that will be effected is negligible. How are these officers and other ranks to spend this compulsory unpaid leave? Presumably in studying their profession, for the regulations debar them from engaging in any other paid employment, even for the two months. Again, what of officers and other ranks who are living in barracks and other Government premises? Will they be asked to pay rent for those quarters for the period the Government refuses to pay them? These are matters on which the Minister for Less Defence has neglected to inform the service or the general public. With that easy omniscience peculiar to the bland doctrinaire, he evidently imagines these are the things that matter not. He has solved the problem of dismissals and saved the Government large sums which would, in that instance, have to be paid out as compensation. The service is suffering from an overdose of greens—first Massey, the non-soldier of military age, who effected the expensive retraining of the forces in 1922, and now Texas, the blond ex-postal employee, who feels competent to control—and to reduce—an army. The present Minister for Less Defence, in the goodness of his heart, proposes to go a step further. It has been stated in the press that he intends sounding the Indian Government regarding employment for Australian ex-N.C.O.'s in that land of gas and Gandhi. Should anything result from his inquiries, no doubt the healers of Moscow will rejoice to see trained fighting men removed from the country on which they are battenings; but this is another instance of Mr. Green's amiability failing to measure up to his lack of knowledge. All jobs in India, for which an Australian soldier would be eligible, are reserved for time expired soldiers of the British Army who wish to remain in India; and there are always more applicants than jobs. Of course, permanent soldiers should be extremely grateful to the Minister for Less Defence for his interest on their behalf, but there are narks, even in Heaven. The overbearing soldierly cannot and will not see why, if this rationing of employment is necessary, it should not be spread throughout the whole Federal Public Service. Why should the soldier be picked upon every time past extravagance causes a Government to economise? Why, even in the Defence Department itself, are clerical civilians to work full time while the soldier's employment is rationed? This is a matter the League should ventilate, as it involves the principle of preference to returned soldiers.

In the most cowardly fashion imaginable, the Government, in making reductions, passes over the civil servant, who has his union or his association to barrack for him, and attacks the soldier, who is economically and industrially defenceless. The whole paltry business beats out a contention expressed in the *Listening Post* some months ago—the Government lacks the moral courage to wipe out the army altogether, so by all manner of insidious devices it is placing it in such a condition that it must fizzle out.

**Soldier or Policeman? Mr. Shapcott's Evasions**

Like the Bourbons, the average bureaucrat has learned nothing and forgotten nothing. One would have thought that after Mr. Scullin's recent experience, even a permanent Premier would have thought twice before he attempted to tinker with the principle of preference to returned soldiers. Yet this is what Mr. Shapcott has done in appointing to the control of the Blackboy Camp a non-soldier. We are now assured that the appointment is but temporary, yet there is not the shadow of a doubt that it would have been permanent but for the fact that the League's vigorous protest caused the Acting Premier to look more closely into the matter. Then the appointment was cancelled and new applications were invited, the advertisement to this effect being inserted in an obscure portion of the morning paper—once only.

Mr. Shapcott's attempt to justify himself, in the face of the League's criticism, is pitifully unconvincing, and merely adds insult to injury. He is an astute juggler of words, and assures us that—at the time Mr. M. F. Pilkinson was appointed—only as temporary measure, of course—he had before him over a thousand applications for another position, which required many qualifications in common with those demanded of the controller of a camp for unemployed men. He omitted to inform us what this position was. We are left to make our own inferences. He goes on to inform us that the applications were narrowed down to 12, from whom three were selected, one a returned man with six children, as caretaker at Point Walter; another returned soldier, as truckdriver; and the third, a non-soldier, as controller of the Blackboy Camp. The third man, Mr. Pilkinson, so Mr. Shapcott informs us, was twice rejected for military service. We have...
I must possess greater administrative ability and experience of mankind in the mass than is possible for the most estimable caretakers and truck-drivers to attain. No one, who has not had the experience of active service abroad, can have the necessary training in camp organisation, administration, and routine, the tact and sympathy required for dealing with large numbers of men while still treating them as individuals, the essential experience without which public money is sure to be wasted.

Years of peaceful service in a State department, however honourable they may have been, will not, by themselves, endow a man with such qualifications.

Not content with striving to defend an untenable position, Mr. Shapcott went on to cast a contemptible slur upon the men registered at the League’s Employment Bureau. This was ably answered by the State Secretary, in another place, when it was proved that no application for labour of any sort had been made to the Bureau at any time either by Mr. Shapcott or the department he controls.

Another rather silly statement made by Mr. Shapcott, was that he had been warned against mantling the camp with the aspect of military control. Possibly he considers that the unemployed men would prefer the aspect of police control, but if he is speaking consistently, or even truthfully, why did he, at the eleventh hour, request local Military Headquarters to nominate a suitable commandant for the camp?

Mr. Shapcott’s challenge to Mr. R. F. Tyler is the proverbial smoke-screen to cover an undignified retreat. Mr. Tyler has answered it effectively in another place. As Mr. Tyler pointed out, wagering money proves nothing, and has nothing to do with the ethics of the case. Mr. Shapcott adroitly raised a side issue and attempted to make it the main issue. Here again he juggled skilfully with words. Readers will note that in issuing the challenge he punctiliously used the words, “the gentleman who made the appointment.” The inference is that Mr. Shapcott had some departmental information up his sleeve which would make Mr. Tyler $10 the poorer.

With characteristic effrontery, or was it humorous stupidity, Mr. Shapcott questioned the courage and honour of a returned soldier. As Mr. Tyler stated in reply, his (Mr. Tyler’s) courage and honour were proved in the line of battle, when Mr. Shapcott abstained from all such dangerous tests. We agree with Mr. Tyler. Risking $10 by wagering on what the bettor considers a certainty, is no test of a man’s courage or honour—it is an indication, rather, of the reverse.

It is pleasing to note that the State Executive of the R.S.L. will not tamely acquiesce in the temporary Premier’s slur on its own employment bureau, and in his attempt to evade the preference principle. As the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) stated: “This attempt to belittle the honorary efforts of the League to find work and sustenance for needy men, in the course of which it spent up to $100 a month from its funds, the attempted departure from the avowed principle of ‘preference to soldiers, and other matters of years standing with the Premier’s Department, will be taken up with the Premier (Sir James Mitchell) immediately he returns from the East.”

Simpson’s Blundering

Two recent public service appeals have shed the fierce light of publicity upon the manner in which heads of Government departments gain the private ear of the Public Service Commissioner to the detriment of subordinates. The cases to which we refer are those of Messrs. Shaw and F. Murray-Jones, two returned men, each highly qualified and thoroughly efficient in his own particular sphere of duties.

Judge Draper’s scathing comments upon the Commissioner and his methods in each appeal call for some further action on the part of the Executive Council. The Commissioner’s action in neglecting to carry out the recommendation of the Public Service Appeal Board in Mr. Shaw’s case was insoleg and equivalent to contempt of court. He well merited his Honour’s severe censure.

The treatment meted out to Mr. Murray-Jones was a more flagrant example of ineptitude and pettiness. On the evidence it appears as though a departmental director—with a personal grudge against the victim went privately to the Commissioner, who retired the junior official adding the insult to public intelligence that this act of injustice—or malice—was occasioned by financial stringency.

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The Railway Workshops Sub-branch suffered a loss in its membership on Saturday, 31st May, through the death of Mr. L. L. McCallum, of Subiaco. The deceased served as a Chief Petty Officer (Yeoman Signaller) in the R.A. Navy during a period of the war, and, when discharged, returned to his former occupation of turner in the Workshops, at Midland Junction. For the last four-and-a-half years he was foreman of his shop and always gave a fair spin to the ex-service man. Len was only on the sick list for the past four months, portion of which was at St. John of God Hospital, and the latter portion at his home, where he passed away. The sympathy of the members of both the branch and its women's auxiliary (of which Mrs. McCallum is a member) goes out to the bereaved ones in their time of sorrow.

Warrant-officer W. Hackfath, of the Australian Instructional Corps, and Regimental Sergeant-Major of the young 28th Battalion, is this year's winner of the King's Medal for the rifle championship of Australian Military Forces. This coveted prize, which W.-O. Hackfath has won on a previous occasion, is competed for annually by the following units and formations:—1st Cav. Division; 2nd Cav. Division; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Divisions; all units of the 4th, 5th, and 6th Military Districts; 2nd District Base (including Royal Military College); and 3rd District Base (including Army Headquarters). W.-O. Hackfath, in addition to being the highest scorer in his unit last year, won the King's Cup at the big N.R.A. meeting. He was also first in the revolver shooting competition. His son, now nineteen years of age, is following in dad's footsteps, and is already a crack rifle shot.

W.O. Hackfath is a native of Goulburn (N.S.W.), but has lived the greater part of his life in W.A. During the Great War he served with the 11th Battalion, and with the Anzac Light Railway Corps. It was while serving with the latter unit that he was awarded the D.C.M. for conspicuous gallantry under fire.

Earl Beauchamp, who will revisit Australia this year, was Governor of New South Wales during the troublous years of the Boer War. Young, handsome, and a wealthy bachelor, he soon made himself deservedly popular. And was, for a time, Honorary Colonel of the 1st Australian Horse (General Ryrie's old regiment). His vice-reine was his sister, Lady Mary Lygon, who was also a maid of honour to Queen Mary (then Duchess of York). A brother, the Hon. Wm. Lygon, of the Grenadier Guards, was killed during the earlier period of the Boer War. Earl Beauchamp is Warden of the Cinque Ports. When at Home, he resides at Walmer Castle, near Deal. It will be remembered that the great Duke of Wellington died in Walmer Castle.

A woman of outstanding merit and a true friend of the soldier in Mrs. C. Edwards passed away suddenly, in Perth, on the 14th June. Prior to the war her

The Secretary

If the Secretary writes a letter, it is too long.
If he sends a postcard, it is too short.
If he sends out a notice, he's a spendthrift.
If he doesn't send a notice, he is lazy.
If the attendance of members at a committee meeting is small, he should have called them up.
If he does call them up, he's a pest.
If he duns the members for annual dues, he is put off.
If he fails to collect dues, he is slipping.
If the meeting is a big success, the officers are praised.
If it is not a success, the secretary is blamed.
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home in Kalgoorlie seemed to be always filled with young people. During the war the young men left for active service, and the girls, under Mrs. Edwards' leadership, formed a branch of the Red Cross Society, working consistently throughout the war period. To her sorrowing family, including Harry (late 11th Batt.) and Myrtle (Nursing Service) we extend our sympathy.

Mr. Cyril Smith, the secretary of the Repatriation Commission, who visited Perth during the month, impressed all with his pleasing personality and his mental vigour. He is a leader of the Legacy movement in Melbourne, and was able to give advice and assistance to the local clubs. Mr. Smith is a brother to League Vice-President C. P. Smith, whom he closely resembles.

In Perth for a few days during the month was Jim Watt, of Ajana. Jim is a vice-president of the Northampton sub-branch, and was at one time a member of the State executive.

**Mistaken Identity**

*(By P.H.)*

Peter the Span, the diminutive Sky, regrettably under the influence, was in the hotel kitchen, holding forth to the cook's, offshoot concerning the wiles of land-sharks and estate agents in general, whom, by some queer association of ideas, he repeatedly referred to as "da overlanda feesh."

Meanwhile old Toto, the yardman, was out chasing Pinky, the one and only milk-purveyor.

Well aware of her importance, Pinky objected to being chased and promptly nicked ground the sleeping quarters, where was camped Annie, the fourteen-stone cook, sleeping off the tail-end of one of her periodical benders.

Catching sight of the recumbent form, Pinky propped and blew noisily, whereupon the lady awoke, heaved herself from the bed and streaked like a four-year-old for the shelter of the kitchen from the door of which, at that moment, emerged Peter, with a heavy list on.

"Hi! Stop that cow, can't yer!" yelled Tom.

The staggering Peter, always willing to oblige, spread-eagled, most effectively blocking the kitchen doorway in his efforts to maintain his dignity and his balance.

But all the thanks he got from the disgusted yardman was a savage roar:

"No! No! You flaming idiot! Not that one!"

**Bookshelves and Shows**

**Some War Books**

- Of the making of war books there is no end. Not only does the avalanche of new books continue, but as a refreshing change some of the older ones, written by writers who really matter, are being republished in cheaper editions. At the present time undue prominence is being given to works of fiction, while more serious volumes, such as histories of campaigns, and the diaries and personal narratives of soldiers and statesmen, the raw material of which future historians will avail themselves, are being neglected by the reading public. These last are usually tucked away into the reference sections of libraries, where they remain until ferreted out by the more discriminating.

The rest fall naturally into four categories—those which embody the old adage that one touch of indecency makes the whole world grin and depend for their appeal on slime; pacific propaganda disguised as fiction, like the writings of Henri Barbusse; the school for scandal exemplified by Robert Graves and other bright young amateurs, who, because they had no experience of soldiering before 1914, feel eminently qualified to criticise the staff, or to cast aspersions on sections of the British Army who built up a great fighting reputation ere ever these writers had smelled powder; and the books of real men, like "Sipper," Gilbert Frankau, and R. H. Blaker, who could describe the war, as they saw it, without mistaking nastiness for realism, or morbid introspection for psychological insight.

**A Brass Hat Hits Back**

One of the latest additions to the school for scandal is Brigadier-General Crozier's "A Brass Hat in No-Man's Land," which purports to be a personal narrative. The staff has received so many pen prickts at the hands of enthusiastic amateurs that it is only fair that the brass hat should be given the opportunity to击 back. But, unfortunately, General Crozier, who was one of the first to decry the tendency of certain writers to brand the whole army as drunkards, cowards, or sensualists, because they happened to come into contact with one or two of these types, has chosen to join the ranks of the calumniators. He even strains credulity. Of course, Brass Hats were so plentiful in No-Man's Land that patrols had to elbow them out of their way, but the tale of the general's batman, who shot the surrendering German with a Verey light pistol, does not ring true. We've heard that yarn so often before. There are many references to drunkenness and sexuality in the book, but the story of the "Colonel who got so drunk during a relief that the outgoing colonel refused to hand over" is altogether too hard to swallow. Naturally, his book aroused a storm of controversy in the English press, but, altogether undaunted by criticism, the general told an interviewer, last April:

"The Expeditionary Force canteens, despite the fact that they suffered huge losses of stock from enemy action, made millions out of selling spirits to boys who should have been at school, or at work, or at any rate, in a comparatively sheltered environment."

This is mere sensational pillow talk. The percentage of boys in the ranks was infinitesimally small; and, after all, canteens sold more than liquor. It is a safe bet that the profits derived from the sale of alcoholic drinks was very small in

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proportion to that from groceries and tobacco. We seem to remember another interview, published in the *Sunday Chronicle*, in which General Crozier severely strafed the writer of "Journey's End." He says: "I believe Mr. R. C. Sherriff's play to be excellent anti-war propaganda, but I must resent any implication or suggestion that may be created in the minds of the public that what is depicted there—lack of courage, drunkenness, and the like—were a normal phase of trench life. I know occasionally men got 'tight' in the line, but I do not think it likely that a company commander would be allowed to go gradually from bad to worse, and take to saturating himself with whisky to keep going. I think the slander and libel on the British soldier should be put right."

"Why every work describing the war, which bears the hallmark of truth, should be hailed an anti-war propaganda beats Bannagher. It would be just as logical to describe the newspaper reports of murders, suicides, divorce, and bankruptcy cases an anti-peace propaganda. In "Journey's End" Mr. Sherriff set out to depict an episode of trench life. He succeeded admirably, and there is not the slightest flavour of propaganda or libel about his play. On the other hand, General Crozier, in his book, falls into the very error for which he condemns others. In fact, like the bad man in the cowboy novel, he is several jumps ahead of the Sherriff."

The Success of "Journey's End"

Few dramatists have netted such a fortune from a single play as Mr. R. C. Sherriff has from "Journey's End." It has had successful runs in Great Britain, Australia, and America. In addition, it has been played in France, Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. It has now been produced for the sound-film and as a novel. English critics are commenting in laudatory terms on the sound-film version. The main difference between the novel and the play is that, in the former, introductory matter dealing with public school life has been interpolated.

The Veracious Narrative of Ex-Private X

Following on the free publicity given by cable editors, "War is War," by Ex-Private X, has reached Australia, and, from a literary point of view, it is a very sober effort. He claims to have been through most of the fighting on the French front—and still remained a private. If his claim can be substantiated, why the anonymity? A man with all that service has no need to shelter behind a *nom de plume*, or to wangle cheap publicity by indulging in palpable slanders. He dislikes the staff, the military police, but, most of all, the Guards and the Australians. We were paid too well and we were mentioned too often in the English press. Jealousy, of course, is the reason for this veracious writer's grouche. He is the type of scribbler who makes prejudices do duty for opinions. Writers who are really stars in the literary firmament, the war correspondents, Archbishop Bartlett, Sir Phillip Gibbs, and Sir W. Beach Thomas, the Poet Laureate (John Masefield), novelists like Compton Mackenzie, Gilbert Frankau, R. H. Mottram, to mention but a few, have spoken in glowing terms of the behaviour of Australian troops, both in the line and out of it. In the smash of 1918, Ex-Private X's division "bore the brunt of the retreat," while the Australians were marching up to the line. He omits to state that those same Australians stemmed the German rush and recovered the positions his own crowd had lost; or that during the "Hundred Days," the Australians advanced further into the German territory than any other corps of the Fourth Army (*vide* General Montgomery's "History of the Fourth Army during the Hundred Days"). What he does say is that Australian men forced him, at the point of the bayonet, to admit that they were the finest troops in the war, and that, on another occasion, he answered some jeering Australians by calling them "Botany Bay bastards"—and lived to tell the tale! Menthinks truth is duller than fiction.

A New German Book

"The Fiery Way," by a German writer named Feuchtwynzer, differs fundamentally from "All Quiet on the Western Front." It is reasonably clean. The Word of General Cambronne is not mentioned once. It is a series of sketches written more in the style of Renn than of Remarque: not a connected narrative, but rather a disconnected sequence of impressions. There is an entire absence of sickly sentimentality and crude sentiment. Even bedroom situations are described with a certain measure of decorum. He is a better writer than either of his predecessors, but he lacks the style and philosophic insight of Binding. His style is marred by staccato jergens, and incurable habit of using those irritating dashes and parentheses that have made the reading world so sick of A. S. M. Hutchinson. For the rest, he is vivid and can rise to the heights of graphic narration; but we fear that the pacifists in our midst will not like him. He refuses
to be ashamed of having fought for his
country, and his book ends in a paean
of fervent patriotism.

As Shakespeare Sees
Them

Whilst browsing amongst the literary
pastures afforded by the Bard of Avon, it
suddenly struck me that many of the
poet's definitions and phrases might be
applied most aptly to notable Leagueites. For instance:

Dave and Fergie:
"Two lovely berries moulded on one
stem.
"Midsummer Night's Dream."

Col. Margolin:
"He wears the rose of youth upon
him."
"Anthony and Cleopatra."

The Rabbi:
"He hath a tear for pity and a hand
Open as day for melting charity."
"King Henry IV."

Col. Flinton:
"The glass of fashion and the mould
of form,
The observed of all observers."
"Hamlet."

Bill Logic:
"A merrier man, within the limits of
becoming mirth,
I never spent an hour's talk with all."
"Love's Labour Lost."

Maryland's Sub-Branch Cricketers:
"They laugh that win."
"Othello."

Jimmy Cornell:
"Turn him to any cause of policy,
The Gordian knot of it he will un-
loose."
"King Henry IV."

George Shaw:
"For I am nothing if not critical."
"Othello."

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"We have heard the chimes at mid-
night."
"King Henry IV."

Alf. Pady:
"A Corinthian, a lad of mettle, a
good boy."
"King Henry IV."

Pups of 'Roo-dog Breed
(By Peter Hopgood)
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blokes try to poke down a man's neck,"
snorted Bill, the 'rooer. "But I 'ad a
kangaroo bitch—that could towel the lot
of 'em. She was the gamest thing I
ever seen. One day we puts up a big
grey 'roo a-carrying a joey. After a
coupla miles Mrs. Roo sees Bess is gain-
ning so what does she do but dips 'er and
in 'er pouch and tumbles Master Joey
out. Poor old Bess looks like losing 'er
after that, for, being in a nattering
condition, she's a bit too easy-like to
stand the pace. But the old lady soon
takes a jerry to 'er and cap. She lays off
just long enough to redcode it to mini-
mum, byaving 'er pups a bit previous-
like, and then picks up the 'roo's tracks
again. When I gets there she's made 'er
kill alright. Now, that's what I calls a
slut as is a slut. And the pups was
every 'bit as game as their mother. On
me way back to camp I passes the place
where she'd 'ad 'em. There wasn't a pup
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DIGGERS! YOU ASK FOR PREFERENCE! GIVE IT
A Son of Hecate
(By Peter Hopegood)

Chivalry may be gone the way of all the crude ideals of our fathers and war be crystallised into a chemical potion, soulless and deadly, yet in many superficial respects armies are much what they were in the middle ages. 'Patrol parties still ply the mediaeval mace, now dubbed 'trench club' or 'knobkerry' to show that our civilisation is indebted to the nigger far at least one refinement other than jazz. Helmets are worn by both rank and file, reminiscent of those favoured by the old man-at-arms to protect his poll from pile clouts and from the downward flight of volleys of shafts and flung pellets. The bayonets still apes that same pile. Mining and countermining are still in favour.

More striking still is the survival of the sutler, cut-purse, and camp-follower, disguised now as a soldier, but still distinctly recognisable as the modern counterpart of Bardolf and Nym and Ancient Pistol, of whom we read: 'They will steal anything and call it purchase. Bardolf stole a lute-case, bore it twelve leagues, and sold it for three half-pence. Nym and Bardolf are sworn brothers in filing, and in Calais they stole a fire-clow, as familiar with men's pockets as their gloves or their handkerchiefs.'

Of this ghoulish breed was Private Noakes, of the 99th Field Hospital, R.A.M.C. — a shrewd, rat-faced, pallid, tape-worm of a man, slim as a spider, both in mind and body, and just about as crooked, whose army service occurred through no fault of his own, he having been far too busy carrying on his profession as a pimp — very profitable, too, in war-time — in the neighbourhood of Victoria Station, ever to find time to walk into a recruiting office until escorted to one of those institutions by the police. This was indeed a bad turn of the wheel for Mr. Noakes, but once he had realised that he was fairly in the toils of the military, his native slimness made him take things philosophically enough. The first thing was to wangle himself into a unit where there was a chance of a few pickings, not too far from the actual fighting, for strange to say Noakes was a bit of a romantic in his way. His idea of romance ran to looting. To his mind there was a certain halo of glory attached to the despoiling of a recently-captured position or a suddenly-evacuated village. His heart leapt with a macabre glee at the thought of manhandling the pockets of the freshly slain, just as his profession of pimp, enabling him to baton on the wages of unfortunate women, had always given him an intensely satisfying feeling of power over his immediate neighbours, and of complete exemption from the trammels of that stupid conscience which seemed to hamper the activities, occasionally, of even the hardest of his associates.

He might have wangled a job at the base, perhaps, if he had tried, but Noakes, for all his faults, was not exactly a coward. He was too much of a sensationalist to forego any thrill. Nor was he merely a born scavenger, a human rat, a picker up of unconsidered trifles. He loved, rather, to think of himself as a vulture, or, at least, a raven. For this reason he wanted to be where the pickings were. He had great visions of loot as the final advance proceeded. Yet he quickly grasped the fact that a foot-slogger's life is not a happy one. Moreover, the limitations of his transport facilities are not ideal for success in looting.

Now, a field hospital lives pretty close to its transport, also to the post corporal; its drivers even closer. Noakes plumped for the horse lines; and slipped — but not too badly after all. True, he missed his bull, but scored a 'mag.' close to the charmed circle. Being a R.A.M.C. private was not too bad.

The infantry undoubtedly had the pick of the pockets of the dead and wounded. Not the first line, of course, for they were usually kept too busy; but the waves that followed after, moppers-up in every application of the term. Nevertheless, these human kites stood too sporting a chance of themselves providing carrion, for the attentions of succeeding waves, to arouse Noakes' envy to any keen pitch. He manfully conquered his jealousy and set himself to garner such gleanings as the gods of war should provide. None so keen as Noakes to accompany the motor ambulances over the shell-blasted wastes to the field dressing-stations. None so solicitous to 'make the insensitive or delirious more comfortable by removing from their stretchers any nobly impediments such as watches, binoculars, cigarette-cases, automatics, or iron-crosses, which they might have managed to hang on to until their sense at last clouded and betrayed them into his cautious and capable hands.

Many a service revolver, many a pair of German field boots, and a mort of souvenirs trinkets thus found their way into the packs of men going home on leave, who had a few francs to spare; or into the strong-boxes of provident citizens still carrying on in the battlezone and eager to invest their takings in something solid and of more stable value than the franc. Private Noakes' pockets began to bulge so easily that it almost appeared as if this happy, profitable, and exciting existence had caused him to put on flesh. A little discreet usury also helped to swell his growing capital. Any crown-and-anchor expert, temporarily suffering a reverse of fortune, knew where to replenish his bank on a modest fifty-fifty basis. The gods of ghouls were good to Noakes at that time; but it was not in the creature's nature to be grateful, nor to dream of offering a prayer of thankfulness, let alone a tithe.

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of his gains, to some conceivable unsellable purpose. That was where this modern camp-follower differed most notably from the superstitious swashbucklers who accompanied Falstaff to the wars. They, at least, burnt a candle occasionally for the redemption of their souls. Noakes acknowledged no power than his own limited cunning, and so his gods, having amused themselves for a while by humming the whins of this queerly repulsive creature of theirs, suddenly tired of its absurd presumption, and arranged a swift debacle.

There were times when, owing to some unforeseen accident, such as a block in the traffic or a salvo of shell fire upon the road immediately ahead, the ambulance drivers had to halt in transit. They might even get a spell at some field dressing station before loading up. Whenever these little interludes occurred anywhere in the vicinity of anything conceivably lovable, Noakes lost no time in varying the monotony of an even and prosperous career by indulging in his leanings towards the macabre. With a beating heart he would hop off the ambulance to invade some ruined cottage on the chance of unearthing a silver crucifix, or would hurry over to some gutted tank, surrounded by the corpses of defenders and attackers, more often than not already despoiled even to stripping point. Still, you never knew—and, if one of these expeditions yielded some trivial harvest, the glow of satisfaction would suffuse his whole being, every bit as intense as that experienced, say, by a worthy collector stumbling on some priceless objet d’art, the flower of a forgotten culture. On such rare occasions, the strange creature’s pleasure was truly aesthetic rather than commercial, and especially was this so if the incident should offer its founder the transfiguring canopy of night, the hellish night of the line of battle, with its ghastly flares and vivid reflections and whistlings and whinings, and the mighty rushing wings of the Angel of Death, and the thunderous flailing of his insensate hoofs. It was like some world-wide domandiel, a carnival of fiends, the troubled darkness alive with soul travellers scowering the mid-heavens upon their unlawful occasions, the outraged soil reeking the while with the incense of abominable sacrifices.

The queer warped soul of the ex-pimp revelled in this demoniac medley. Its evil flowers unfolded as the fell upas-tree flourishes in the sickly miasma and foetid sludge of the swamp, its appointed home. Noakes expanded to his utmost under these ideal conditions. He lived ecstatically in every fibre of his being. He felt that he belonged.

One night he learnt, with glee, on arrival at the end of the duckboards, that there was a raid on at that moment. There being only two stretcher cases as yet, the ambulance was to stand by on the certain chance of a full load shortly. There would be twenty minutes to go before the first wounded could possibly get down, and another twenty would probably be expended on the first dressings. That meant a half-hour at least for his hunting, to be on the safe side. He slipped away into the darkness, his heart pounding away like a hammer, and made for a nearby spot he had noted thickly strewn with bodies, the debris of a week-old battle. His very first sound sent his heart into his mouth. He had the very luck of the devil, he told himself. Amid the gliding shadows and livid sheets of light cast by the Verey shells, now very active owing to the progress of the raid, he found himself standing above the remains of a figure in a Sam-Brown belt, its khaki uniform already beaten into the surrounding moss by the last week’s rains, till it looked more like a weathered rock jutting from the slime than something that had been a human being. But what held Noakes’ delighted gaze was not so much the Sam-Brown, though that was certainly worth having, as the gleaming butt of a revolver, partially buried under the body, but plainly visible in the sickly shuddering mock-daylight of the Vereys. Noakes hung exultantly for a moment, like a ghou! over a freshly-filled grave. He was immensely happy. Drunk with all the choice vintages of hell, blended for his delight into one perfect cocktail, a veritable purum de mortu, a “Vampire’s milk de luxe,” he reached for the revolver butt, and, gripping it with fervent

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fingers, sought to disengage it from its slime-coated owner without himself collecting too much mud. A rat left its cover beneath the dead man's thigh and plopped into a shell-hole. But the weapon appeared to be caught firmly in some obstruction. With both hands he gripped the dead man's shoulders and tugged stoutly. The body was reluctant to move at first, but suddenly capillitated, left its oozy bed with a loud sucking noise, and rolled over on its back, almost bearing down Noakes beneath its weight, and causing him to stagger knee-deep in the gumbo. It took our hero some seven seconds to recover his stance and another two, perhaps, to secure the coveted treasure. He had just straightened his back, the better to pocket his find, after giving the corpse a contemptuous kick (Noakes always kicked corpses when available); it pandered to his sense of power, the live dog being better than the dead lion, so to speak), preparatory to making another raid, this time on the pockets, when there was a blinding flash, almost at his very feet. His legs gave way and he found himself crouched in the ooze, his left elbow sunk into the dead man's distended belly. There was a dull pain where his legs had been, and he noted, at first with more surprise than alarm, that though a good deal of the lower half of himself was left, it was certainly in a horrible state. The alarm came later when he found he could not move. Then it came good and plenty and lasted nearly till dawn, varied by occasional spells of wild exaltation, for the aesthete in Noakes was alive practically till the last, so that he can almost be said to have enjoyed—dying quite intensely—as much, at least, as his shattered body would permit. He died before dawn.

No, he did not get a shell to himself! Nothing so heroic! Mars scorned to collect so debased a tribute. Noakes' death was brought about deviously by those very gods of the ghouls whose just claims he had flouted. You see, the officer had died just as he had pulled the pin out of a perfectly good Mills bomb.

A woman's intuition is that which tells her she is always right.

Varia

Extract from a flapper's examination paper: "The brain is the organ we think we think with."

Some of our local parsons would like to see Anzac Day made a "zack" day.

The flag staff from the old hospital has been set up at the Fremantle R.S.L. Institute. This staff was presented to the League by the Immigration Department, and an enthusiastic working bee, arranged by members of the Fremantle Sub-Branch, erected it in its present position.

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The United States Navy Department has announced the issue of what is to be called "The Yang-ste Campaign Medal, 1926-27," which will be issued to all naval ranks and ratings for the hardships they endured looking on at the Chinese Civil War. No medal has been issued to the British forces, who really maintained order in the European concessions, and who were engaged in actual fighting. Similarly, the British forces engaged in the Great War received medals without bars. The Yanks apparently issue medals without fighting. Even if America cannot obtain parity in the matter of ships, she will attain a parity of decorations.

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Will any reader who may be able to assist, kindly communicate with the secretary of the Perth Legacy Club, c/o. Repatriation Department, Perth, from whom further particulars may be obtained if desired.

The Secretary for War, replying to a question in the House of Commons, has furnished the latest figures of Great Britain's military strength. The establishment of the Regular Army is 10,240 officers and 188,211 other ranks; the actual strength is 9,762 officers and 179,491 other ranks. The Territorial establishment (including permanent staff) is 8,430 officers and 171,797 other ranks, while the actual strength is 7,214 officers and 150,509 other ranks. No figures were given for the Supplementary Reserve or the Army Reserve. The Royal Air Force now consists of 32,000 officers and men.

Commonwealth Public Service

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Recently an appointment was made from this State of a gentleman, who is not a returned soldier, to fill the position of Deputy Commissioner for Taxation of Darwin. It was known by the State branch of the League that there were returned soldier applicants for the position who were senior to the man in question, and who had superior qualifications. On protesting to the Commonwealth Public Service Board, the League received a reply which is astonishing, and, if correct, a most deplorable state of affairs exists which calls for early rectification. In the course of the reply, the Chairman of the Board stated:

It is clear that the Western Australian branch of your League is under a misapprehension in the matter of preference to returned soldiers. The Public Service Act clearly restricts preference to appointments either to the permanent or the temporary service of the Commonwealth, and has no bearing upon the question of promotions within the Public Service, excepting that, as provided in Section 50 of the Act, the efficiency of applicants for promotion is to be considered in relation to any efficiency an officer would have attained but for his absence on active naval or military service. The question as to whether an officer of the Public Service has or has not served with the military forces cannot be considered in determining the matter of promotions within the Public Service."

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That he should ever in Hell be chained,
So he asked the Lord for one more chance—
And got it, "Somewhere East of France."
"Here," he said, "across the Rhine,
By means of cant and pride and mawk,
I'll make me paladins of pork
And soldiers of swash-buckling swine,
To flaunt abroad my banner free
And hold the universe in fee,
To gut the babe and rape the wife
And jesting take the cripple's life,
To burn the home and rob the till,
And rant and gormandise and swill.

This Berlin on the giddy spree
Is just the snuggest nest for me.

These burghers fat and junkers proud,
I'll brand them mine, the whole sweet crowd,
And some day turn 'em loose, pull-mell,

To shame the rankest fiends in Hell.
Little old Hell, they'll make you blush,
My super-man-and-devil crush!

My hour of triumph is approaching:
They only need some careful coaching—
My special correspondence course:
Development of Self-resource,
Self-love and Self-aggrandisement,
Or, How to Hog the Firmament."

The Devil did all that he promised, and more,
Shook hands with himself and gaily he swore,
"In a Hun-ridden earth I've all that's needed
To incubate Hell"—and he almost succeeded.

—Peter Hopegood

Joyce, aged three, has a passion for big words. The other morning, feeling hungry, she asked her mother for some lunch. "I'm too busy to stop now," she was told. "Very well then," replied Joyce, "I suppose I must starvationise!"

"Ah, sir," said a seedy-looking individual who got into conversation in a railway carriage, "I've seen some changes. I was once a decky with a large practice, but owing to one little slip my patients began to leave me."

"What was the slip?" inquired the other.

"Well, sir," he replied, "in filling in a death certificate for a patient that had died I absent-mindedly signed my name in the space headed 'Cause of death.'"
Cricket Under the Shadow of Kemmel
(By "M.H.M.")

The month of June takes one's memory back to one of the epic battles of the war, namely, Messines, in the year 1917. Despite a lapse of thirteen years, all the thrilling events of this battle can be readily and easily recalled to mind. It is, not the intention of this article, however, to touch on the fighting that took place for the possession of Messines (that can be safely left to historians to deal with). It is of the lighter and happier side of the soldiers' life in Flanders that I wish to write, and as the title discloses, the particular topic is the grand old game of cricket. Additional interest is lent to this description as a small band of W.A. soldiers performed with great credit against fairly heavy odds.

Number four section of the 3rd Divisional Signal Company was formed in Blackboy Camp, in the latter end of 1915, and the detail, totalling 27, was commanded by Lieut. F. J. Tuckett (killed in action), himself a keen and able cricketer, and revered by his men. A section cricket team was formed, despite the small number to choose from, and took part in various matches whilst undergoing training.

The Tenth Brigade, to which No. 4 Section was attached, having performed their allotted work in the Battle of Messines, were resting in a camp (Nicholson's camp if memory serves aright), at the foot of Mount Kemmel. The country being fairly level and hard, lent itself to the carrying out of a brigade sports programme, included in which was a cricket competition. Entries were called for, and the winner was naturally expected among the four battalions comprising the brigade (viz., 37, 38, 39 and 40), in view of the fact that they had been brought up to strength, and had the numbers to choose from. The idea of nominating did not occur to No. 4 Section, particularly as our officer was not expected back from leave until after the first match. However, the orderly sergeant of the 39th Battalion, the organiser of the competition, persuaded our section to nominate, although in his own words "we did not have any chance to win." The section had, all told, some 30 men to choose from, including attached battalion runners.

The first match in which the section took part was played against the 10th Machine Gun Company, and although the official scores are missing, the result was a comfortable win for the W.A. boys by virtue of this victory, against a side that contained some experienced cricketers, the Section's stock rose considerably. The battalions realised that the signallers from W.A. would not be as easy to conquer as at first anticipated. The 37th Battalion men, who had set their hearts on winning the competition, went about their job thoroughly. Winning their first match easily, they were next drawn to meet No. 4 Section. One can well remember the excitement and work this match occasioned. Time was given to allow a special wicket to be prepared, the 37th Battalion detailing a fatigue party to this end. The wicket was marked out, beaten hard and level, and a mat discovered, which was laid on top. Included in the Battalion team was Captain Moule, one of Victoria's best pre-war cricketers, who was, unfortunately, killed a few months after the events being here chronicled. Captain Moule proved a fine sport, and played a great, though lone hand, in the effort to win the competition for his battalion. A great crowd of diggers turned out to witness the match, special seats being provided for Colonel Smith and his staff of the 37th. The wicket played easy and fairly true, and the Signallers winning the toss, elected to bat. Disaster occurred early, and due to the destructive bowling of Captain Moule (6 wickets), and Stewart (4 wickets), a wicket total of 21 runs was the outcome of the effort. One well remembers the optimistic comments of the battalions supporters, who had visions of an innings victory. They reckoned without their host, as their total contribution reached 14 only, Jarman and Beckley being the destroying agents, Jarman capturing 6 for 6, and Beckley 4 for 4. One well remembers the absence of comments from the battalions supporters! However, the fight was not yet over, Captain Moule in the signallers' second innings rising to great heights with the ball, and being practically unplayable, captured 9 wickets for 8 runs! Had it not been for a courageous innings played by Lieut. Tuckett, who scored 21 out of a total of 43, it is almost certain the match would have had a different ending. The excitement at this stage was great, the position being that the battalion required 50 runs only to win the match.

The first six battalion wickets fell for 14 runs, when Capt. Moule came to the crease and batted so ably that the game appeared to be slipping from the Signallers' hands. At the critical stage, however, Beckley brilliantly caught Captain Moule, and the rest were quickly disposed of, the total reaching 39, or 11 runs need to win.
short of the required winning number. Jarman and Beckley again bowled finely. Beckley obtained the great figures of 5 for 9, and Jarman 5 for 27. Considerable enthusiasm was shown at the conclusion of the match, which was as keenly contested as any Sheffield Shield match of to-day.

The competition had now reached its final stage, and the 39th Battalion having come through their engagements undefeated, met No. 4 Section in the decisive encounter. This match, although not nearly as exciting as its predecessor, produced, nevertheless, some most sensational cricket. No. 4 Section compiled 46 in their first innings, Lieut. Tuckett being top scorer, with 12, and Mundy next with 11. Stevens bowled well and captured 6 for 16, and Lieut. Hay obtained 2 for 15.

In the battalion's first innings, Jarman, of the Section team, performed a wonderful feat with the ball, a feat which might be equaled, but can certainly never be beaten. The battalion was dismissed for the small total of 6 runs, Lieut. Davies (who later played with the Victorian State eleven) scoring 4 of these runs and remaining not out! Jarman was responsible for this debacle, obtaining the phenomenal figures of 10 for 0! Mention might here be made that the wickets, while not of the billiard table variety, were surprisingly good under the circumstances, and the calibre of a number of the players of really good quality. The Signalers' second innings totalled 66, Mundy and Jarman scoring 19 each. Stevens again bowled well, capturing 4 for 12, and Wilson 3 for 16. The battalion collapsed again in the second innings, totalling 19 only. Beckley 3 for 6, and Jarman 4 for 11, once more dividing the wickets. Thus the W.A. boys came through the competition undefeated, and earned the title of cricket champions of the 10th Brigade A.I.F.

The foregoing details are absolutely authentic, the official score cards (with the exception of the first match) being in the possession of the writer. The following are the names of the Section Team:—Lieut. F. J. Tuckett, Sappers Jarman, Beckley, Mundy, Nicholls, Ashton, Dunn, Tomlinson; attached runners, Biddulph, Hoggett, Jordan, Martin.

Great credit is due to Jarman and Beckley, who jointly captured every wicket taken by the Section team.

The greatest pleasure as far as No. 4 Section was concerned came in the presentation of trophies that followed the sports. Colonel Davis, of the 39th Battalion presided at the presentation, and Lieut. Tuckett, who had been requested by the Section boys to accept the trophy on behalf of the team, was a very proud man when the Colonel handed him a new bat as a token of cricket champions of the Brigade. Following this, the bat was autographed by the team, and at a "family" gathering of the Section, Mr. Tuckett was asked to accept the bat as a token of esteem from his boys, who, one and all, revered him for his wonderful qualities as a section officer. The presentation bat is still in the possession of Mr. Tuckett's family.

Perth Legacy Club

This club, the members of which consist of returned soldier business and professional men, continues to do wonderful work for the orphaned children of the war. In addition to finding employment of a suitable nature for these girls and boys, there is a Junior Legacy Club for boys, who are generously housed at the Perth Y.M.C.A., and two clubs for girls, who meet at the Y.W.C.A.

The activities of the boys at the club consist of physical drill, suitable lectures, etc., and the girls, physical drill, eurythmics, conduct of business meeting, singing, and dressmaking. There are three medical officers in the club, who devote considerable time to watching the physical condition of the children. The medical examination commences with the minimum and maximum chest measurements, followed by a careful examination of the heart and lungs. Consideration is given to the possible presence of hernia, deformities, and varicose veins, and the condition of the teeth, tonsils, and glands is noted.

Progressive examinations are made, and the physical improvement shown in many cases is remarkable. Unfortunately, there have been a few delinquents, and to these the members give special help and consideration.

Legacy clubs throughout Australia are all doing similar work with the same degree of success. In this connection, it is pleasing to note that a legacy club has been formed at Fremantle, and is already achieving very satisfactory results.
The Shell-Shock Case

I must get out and run. I want to scream and swear.

God, how I want to scream—and all those women there!

What’s that? Another train? No, no, another straf!

I know that sound too well—some idiot had to laugh!

Aye, laugh, you fool, I know it’s meant for me, this one!

It’s coming, coming—God, oh, God, I look, the sun!

The sun is shining in my face. Why, yes, a hospital I’m in. Not hard to guess.

How I came here. I’ve played the fool again.

In street or tram or office—no, a train!

Yes, yes, it was a train. Last night, no doubt,

I made a scene I think—maybe jumped out—

That’s it. Jumped out, and then they brought me here.

Anything broken? Arms alright! Feel queer.

About the ribs. They’re bandaged tight,

I swear.

And there’s another bandage round my hair.

Can’t move my leg! Oh, well, I feel no pain,

And after all, it’s better to remain

Here on my back in safety—here to rest

Awhile than struggle on—why, sure it’s best.

Than struggle with the world to win my bread—

Not with the world alone! I should have said.

Than fight my coward body, filthy beast.

That lets me down when I expect it least.

My body that’s my enemy: no friend.

So foul a traitor proved to former friend.

Than this damned body to its tortured soul.

Betrayed, betrayed—and still to seem so sound.

In outward view. These other boys around,

Many of these were smashed up in the war.

No doubt. That’s what they’re in the Repat. for.

But most of them have wounds to show that call

For tolerance and sympathy from all.

At sight. Wherever met, men yield them place,

Reading their starred scars on limbs and face.

And so they should. Good luck to them.

But, me—

Who pitied me? One moment, self-controlled,

Myself erect as any man I hold,

(Proud in my false new strength, myself I fool,

Feeling as spry as any boy from school.

No wonder others treat me as themselves.)

—One moment, fit as fit—the next, I cower.

A stricken thing, knowing that, within an hour,

A day, a minute—less than that, maybe,

The tides of horror will flood over me.

Drowning my shame, my manhood, self-control,

In one all-shattering typhoon of the soul.

Nobody guesses—no man could—the ghastly shocks my nerves withstood,

Time and again, in fortitude, before!

I was no coward—nor now fear, when nerves are fit and head is clear.

To face whatever mischance may near me draw.

I have stood firm in hand to hand encounter—once assumed command.

To turn a backward struggling band, and shamed

Them once again to take the trench they’d lost: nor ever after blench.

Our ground we twice, and inch by inch, reclaimed.

In any war but this, I know, of recent years or long ago,

I should have faced the eager foe with joy:

For battle was a human thing with false and mace and shaft and sling.

At Crecy, Tours, or compassing of Troy,

I could have matched men blade to blade:

But never human frame was made

In mimic earthquakes to be brayed and tombed,

Dug out again, repatched, and then, an Ajax, by the bolts of men.

That ape Jove’s fires, be once again consumed.

So shall I end, a shattered, useless thing,

A nuisance, supersensitive, and frail,

That Fate must soon upon her scrapheap fling.

Weighed and found wanting—Titans tipped the scale.

Goliath I had slain! They sent Azrael!

On soul-destroying wing, they sent Azrael!

—Peter Hopegood.

Travelling Allowance Medical Boards

The Minister for Repatriation recently sent the following communication to the League:

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter, appending the following resolution, which was passed at the 14th Annual Congress of your League:

'That machinery be provided to effect a means whereby those travelling to a Medical Board be not required to pay their travelling allowance until after arrival."

On this subject I attach a statement of the Repatriation Commission, and I am prepared to accept a rejoinder.

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Sub-Branch Notes

GERALDTON

The Geraldton Sub-Branch is endeavouring to form a branch of the Women's Auxiliary, and with this in mind, a meeting of ladies interested was held on Tuesday, 27th May, when an enthusiastic gathering was presided over by Mr. A. Salmon, president of the Sub-Branch. The ladies present—decided to form a branch, and are to hold the inaugural meeting at an early date. The Auxiliary should prove of great assistance to the branch in its social activities and in dealing with amelioration cases. Now, diggers, get your wives and lady friends interested in the movement and persuade them to join up and help in the good work.

The branch has lost this month one of its keenest workers in Mr. A. Muntie, who held office as treasurer, and has left on an extended trip to Scotland. The vacant position has been filled by Frank Dunn, who until a few months ago guided the activities of the branch as secretary for over two years. Members of the branch know that the finances will be kept in a sound condition while under Mr. Dunn's control.

Branch meetings are being well attended, the last held proving a record attendance. There are still vacant seats, however, that would look better filled, so keep the fourth Tuesday in each month free, and come along.

CANNING DISTRICT

This newly-formed sub-branch is steadily increasing in membership and influence. During April, the sub-branch, in conjunction with the Canning District Road Board, held a concert and two picture nights to support the Maimed and Limbless Men's candidate (Miss Mary Meares) in the Charity Carnival, resulting in a very fair effort, the takings being £21 4s. Id. A number of diggers who attended the Anzac commemoration service at the impressive ceremony held at the Memorial Arch vividly portrayed the bond of comradeship cemented on the field of battle, which will continue to exist while life lasts. The branch is getting over its first stunt on the 19th June, in the form of a variety concert and dance, the proceeds to benefit the branch amelioration fund.

TAMBELLUP

The Anzac memorial service, arranged by the Sub-Branch, was held in the local town hall. Colonel Birt, D.S.O., the Sub-Branch President, presided, being assisted by the Rev. T. McEvoy, of Broome Hill. The service was simple and impressive.

In his address, the Rev. McEvoy gave a brief resume of the events leading up to the war, and stressed the pride which all Britons must feel in the knowledge that to-day they can look the world in the face, knowing how she is, to enormous sacrifice, paying her war debts.

He expressed the hope that the time would soon come when the activities of all branches of art and science the world over, would be concentrated towards the abolition of warfare.

At the close of the service, many floral tributes were placed on the war memorial, which had been erected on the site just opposite the entrance to the town hall. The local group of Boy Scouts paraded, and were inspected by Colonel Birt.

WEST SWAN

There was a good muster on parade at the last meeting. The Trust Fund was again discussed, and action was deferred pending Mr. Duff's offer to get copies typed, so that members could have a better chance of thoroughly perusing the proposal. It was decided to run a Goose Club, the members donating all the prizes. Messrs. Adams and Roney were appointed as judges in the Essay competition conducted by the Sub-Branch with the children of the district, the subject being, "How and Why Should Anzac Day be Celebrated."

It was arranged to ask Mrs. Wilson, the Presi-
A carload of members attended the Upper Swan Branch’s last meeting and enjoyed themselves in the good old digger way.

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS

Despite the wintry weather the attendance at last meeting was very satisfactory, several members being keen on accomplishing the unique record of 100 per cent. attendances for the year. Some members, though handicapped by not having the convenience of transport over the long distances necessary to travel at times, are to be congratulated on the splendid spirit they reflect in making every effort to attend, though it rain, hail, or snow. A sub-branch with enthusiasts of this calibre should never look back.

Lew Cooper and his colleagues of the social committee had reason to feel very gratified at the result of the dance held at Mundaring on 31st May. The program was a success, the orchestra put on their best, and all that could be desired of popular music; even the few non-dancers were “Tip-toeing thro’ the Tulips,” as evidenced by the swaying of heads and cute little movements around the chair leg. The kings and queens, even, in “Slim” Reeves’ bridge hand, in an adjoining card-room, were almost uncontrollable. The next “shivoo” will take the form, in the near future, of a masquerade dance, including novelty dances, and a bridge evening for non-dancers, at Mrs. Helena Hall, which is noted for its wonderful floor. Members are again reminded that the annual meeting will take place at Mundaring on Thursday, 17th July, at which a record attendance is desired. The main business, of course, will be election of officers and committees for the ensuing year. So, diggers, make the big effort to give the sub-branch a good kick-off.

WEST PERTH

The annual meeting and social of this sub-branch has been fixed for Friday, 21st July, and arrangements are in hand to ensure a successful gathering.

The meeting and election of officers will commence at 7:30 p.m. prompt, and visitors invited to attend at 8.15 p.m., by which time it is expected to have disposed of the more serious business of the meeting, and enable all present to participate in a pleasant evening. A good musical programme is being arranged by Mr. W. L. Menkens, and as far as the refreshment of the inner man is concerned, there should be no room for complaint, judging by previous years’ experiences. The only hope is that there will be no complaints next morning.

It is up to all returned Civil Servants in both the State and Commonwealth Civil Services to make a special effort of attending both the annual meeting and the subsequent social gathering, first of all to show their appreciation (or otherwise) of the efforts of the officers and committee during the past twelve months to assist in ensuring the election of a good team for the ensuing year, and also to seize the opportunity—rarely afforded nowadays—of meeting their fellow officers in a social way.

Departmental secretaries are requested to arrange to send in “as soon as possible after the end of June, their books to the Treasurer for audit purposes.

Owing to demands in recent months on the Sub-Branch’s alleviation funds, a meeting of the Amelioration Sub-Committee was recently held, when the rules governing disbursement of these funds were revised, to cope with present conditions.

The preference business has been agitating the minds of the Committee during recent months, the most recent flagrant breach being that of the proposed appointment of a non-retired soldier to the position of Deputy Commissioner of Taxation at Darwin. However, the State Executive has taken the matter up with the Federal Executive, with a view to approaching the Prime Minister (Mr. Scullin) in regard to this proposed appointment, and it is confidently hoped that the proposed injustice will be rectified.

GOSNELLS

A successful smoke concert was held in the Gosnells Hall, on May 9th. Among the visitors present were Colonel Collett; Mr. D. M. Benson, Colonel T. Flintoff; and representatives from the neighbouring sub-branches. The monthly meeting was held on May 19th. It was well-attended, and several new members were enrolled. Each member has been requested to remember names for the Road Board Honour Roll, so that this may be completed as soon as possible. Soldier dairymen in the district, as well as the general public, appreciate the Road Board’s recent decision to abolish the, impounding of cattle except in the village or on main roads. It was resolved that the Road Board be thanked. The Sub-Branch congratulates itself on having eight of its members on the Road Board.

NUNGARIN

Nungarin Sub-Branch, now re-organised, has a membership of 30. On May 10th, the Sub-Branch combined with the Country Women’s Association, the Nungarin Football Association, and the Nungarin Football Club, in tendering a farewell social to Mr. and Mrs. F. Biggs, who are leaving the district. There was an excellent musical programme, and the speakers had nothing but the highest of praise for the work done by both Mr. and Mrs. Biggs on behalf of the R.S.L. and the district generally. The monthly meeting, on June 12th, was followed by a smoke social. Previous engagements prevented his Excellency, the State Governor, who was in the district at the time, from accepting the Sub-Branch’s invitation to be present. Representatives of neighbouring sub-branches were present.

PRESS

The annual meeting of the Press Sub-Branch was held on June 18th. Vice-President E. S. Watt occupied the chair in the absence of the President, Mr. C. P. Smith, who is visiting the Eastern States. The annual report and balance sheet was adopted. It was mentioned that the “Digger Book” the Sub-Branch’s special effort for the year, had more than paid for itself, and it was anticipated that there would be a fair surplus to hand over to the War Memorial Tables Fund. The election of officers resulted as follows—President, C. P. Smith, Vice-Presidents, E. S. Watt and Alex. Hood; Treasurer, Mr. Fitzgerald; Secretary, Mr. I. T. Birtwistle; Committee: Messrs. Fitzgerald, Edmonds, Rutherford, Henderson, Giauere, Paterson, Stone, and Longmore.

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<td>Town Hall Committee Rm.</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
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<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Col. T. Flintoff, 3 Second Ave., Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
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<td>R. B. Mitchell, &quot;Marrinup&quot; Northampt</td>
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<td>C. P. Smith, C/o West Australian, Perth</td>
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This Association is now actively engaged in assisting the Aero Club of W.A. and also the Model Aero Club of W.A., both movements having for their objects the promotion of the cause of aviation.

The first birthday festival is being arranged to take place the second Thursday in July. A programme will be prepared to cater for all tastes. The annual meeting will be held on the last Thursday in July, at the Soldiers' Institute, when the election of office-bearers and committee will be proceeded with. As it is generally felt the more important position should change annually, several nominations are expected. The usual June meeting will be held at the R.S.L. on Thursday, 26th June. A telegram of congratulation was sent to Miss Army Johnson.

British United Services' Association

The B.U.S.A. annual meeting on June 16th was a distinct success. Optimism and cheerfulness were the notes throughout a well-conducted and well-attended meeting. The election of his Excellency the Governor to be the first patron of the association is a good start for the third year of the association's activities, and was received with acclamation. Col. Collett's message conveying good wishes and fraternal greetings from the league executive proved a happy thought on his part. Officers elected for ensuing year were: President—Capt. E. W. Edmonds; vice-presidents: Lt. Col. Pollett and Mr. Major; treasurer: Mr. H. J. Ferris; hon. secretary: Mr. Geo. Cattermole; assistant secretary: Mr. J. Wood; committee: Messrs. Dancer, Lloyd, Bonn, Richmond, Cairns, Gooch; auditors: Mr. T. A. L. Davy, M.I.A., and Mr. Lamb. The association is doing good work and progressing splendidly, the membership being nearly double last year's, and the balance at the bank is on the right side. The late executive is to be congratulated on the achievements of the past year. The Press generally, and the “L.P.” in particular, were thanked for very valuable help throughout the year.

The association will hold a dance social at R.S.L. Headquarters on Friday, July 11th, at 8 p.m. These opportunities for Empire ex-Service men and women to meet are becoming more and more popular. Each succeeding one receives increasing patronage and support. A few good artists, music, dancing, games, competitions, and refreshments, with plenty of prizes, will ensure a happy evening. M.C. will be the secretary ("Pommy" George E. Cattermole), as usual. Tickets may be obtained from him and from members of the committee, at 2/-.

Anyone interested in forming a B.U.S.A. concert party is invited to meet the hon. secretary at this function. The question of an orchestra has also been discussed.

32nd Battalion Annual Re-union

The annual re-union of the 32nd Battalion Association will be held on Saturday, 19th July (Fleurbaix Day), in the R.S.L. rooms.

Comrades are requested to make early application for tickets as record attendance is expected. Tickets are obtainable from Tony Wolfson, Fruit Barrow, Wesley Church corner, or R. Alexander, Government House.

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