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Glory her scroll, their deeds to laud, extend.
And Pride extol them with each bugle blast.

Not only fighting men, these fallen ones,
Dealers of doughty dint and-reaching thrust—
The very pick of all their nation's sons,
Ablest of all her lithe, sun-quickened dust.
Earth, smiling 'midst her tears, prepares their bed.
And Valour's self her symbols they shall own:
Danger averts his visage vanquished.
And Death salutes them from his sable throne.
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—Peter Hopegood

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE
Peace and War

Once more the route march, of the months brings us round to Anzac Day. As the war years recede further into the past the annual celebration of the landing on Gallipoli takes on a newer and a deeper significance. Old hatreds are forgotten and even old enthusiasms are becoming somewhat dulled. The spirit imbuing those who assemble in their thousands at the War Memorial and on the Esplanade is not one of rejoicing for a victory or of celebrating a Hermetic feat of arms, but of simple reverence for our sacred dead, and gratitude for the sacrifice they made. Unfortunately, the day has also given opportunity, in a couple of instances, for certain exhibitionists, who were not especially noted for their courage and patriotism during the war to flout an inferiority complex in the face of the public and criticise ex-service men because they do not turn a solemn commemoration into a vilification of war and some vague amorphous thing called militarism.

After every war there comes a revulsion of feeling and a sincere yearning for peace. As the Great War was the most stupendous struggle in all history, it is only natural that the revulsion of feeling and the yearning for peace should be intenser and more lasting than was the case after previous wars. Most of us, even those who did not serve, suffered from it in some way. Those of us who lived for years under the shadow of death, and our women folk who had, perhaps, the more nerve-racking task of waiting at home and trembling with dread every time a postman approached the house, have no desire to repeat the experience, nor do we wish our children to endure the like. But, while one accepts the premise that war is an undesirable anachronism, one cannot agree with the constantly reiterated assertions that all wars are avoidable, and that those who take part in them, whether as aggressors or defenders, are equally guilty. Such conclusions, the outcome of confused thinking, are insults to the memory of the men in whose honour we celebrate Anzac Day.

It was Ambrose Bierce, a veteran of the American Civil War who sheathed the sword in order to wield a very modified pen, who declared the brain is the organ we think we think with. In making this declaration he laid bare yet another foible of that many-headed and uncontrollable child we call democracy. More than half the ills from which the world suffers to-day are present because man in the mass has discarded the habit of consecutive thinking. He accepts the ready-made opinions of his political party or of his favourite newspaper; he voices the shibboleths and the catchwords which are the debased coinage of consecutive thought, and, in so doing, he thinks he is thinking. Standardised education, party politics, and the popular press, though good enough things in themselves, have all combined to produce mental inertia and the stifling of thought. It makes one believe that 'Ibsen was not so very wide of the mark when he stated that the majority is always wrong. Nowhere is this more apparent than in some of the catch cries which are uttered in condemnation of war as an institution and of the last war in particular.

With sickening frequency we are told that the Great War was a war to end war; that it was undertaken to make the world safe for democracy. Because there have been wars since 1918, and because our muddled-headed democracy goes on making the world unsafe for posterity, it is assumed that the soldier was basely deceived. "The war to end war" and "making the world safe for democracy," were the parrot cries of politicians and recruiting agents behind the firing-line. No doubt they served a useful purpose as stimuliants to recruiting during the latter years of the war, but one rarely heard them uttered by soldiers, except deservingly. The men who fought at Anzac had no such ideas in their heads when they enlisted. They were too occupied with the duty that lay before them, the urgent and pressing task of saving the British Empire and Australia as an integral part of that Empire, to trouble their heads with hazy generalisations, however high-sounding these might be. In suffering and in sacrifice they nobly accomplished that task. To argue that in the present state of the world that sacrifice was futile, is as stupid as to argue that the tragedy of Golgotha, which had as its object the redemption of mankind, was in vain because sin has not been eliminated from the world. Perhaps if our ardent pacifists did the duty that lies nearest them and concentrated upon the sin that is everywhere around us, they would be more successful in preventing the outbreak of some problematical war of the future.

Most of the rights and liberties that we cherish so dearly, even the right to rail at war as an institution, have been won by the sword, and the fact remains that European nations at least are becoming more peacefully inclined, even without League of Nations and Disarmament Conferences, just as men are be-

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coming more temperate in their habits even without alcoholic prohibition. The settlement of international disputes by means of arbitration is no new idea; it was the means of preserving the hundred years' peace between Great Britain and America, especially at the time of the "Alabama" dispute. It is fashionable now to criticise adversely the older diplomacy, but can the objections advanced always be sustained? Students of history will remember that the old "Balance of Power," the principle underlying the diplomacy of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, was not an incitement to war; on the contrary it averted more wars than it caused. It was a timely insistence upon this principle that enabled Disraeli, in 1876, to return from Berlin bringing "Peace with Honour."

On the other hand, there is a real peril in the pacifism which aims at bringing about a peaceful solution to every difficulty regardless of justice. We have just seen the spectacle of two nations, both members of the League, and both firmly convinced of the justice of their quarrel, trusting to the arbitration of battle rather than to a League settlement that would leave both sides ranking under a sense of injustice. In this instance, had the League used coercive measures, we should have beheld the paradox of a world war being caused by the very organisation that has been designed to bring about universal peace. Even the most ardent upholders of the ideals for which the League stands cannot but admit that there is a regrettable instance of failure. Idealists, however well-meaning, cannot eliminate war by conferences and 'paper' agreements. No matter how sincerely we decide that we will not go to war, there does not seem to be, at present, any means of preventing war, particularly civil war, from coming to us.

Therefore, while recognising the economic necessity for the limitation of armaments, and admitting that our present measures for security do not make security inevitable, we fail to see how we are best defending ourselves by rendering ourselves completely defenceless. Even as we write there is a grave danger of civil war in New South Wales, and this is a matter which would not come within the province of international arbitration.

Colonel Collett's Fine Address

TO CONFERENCE OF LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES

Colonel Collett, in his speech of welcome, gave one of his characteristic statesmanlike addresses, which, on account of its quality, we publish in full. He stated:

"In extending to you, on behalf of the ex-service men of Western Australia, a very cordial and sincere welcome, I do not propose to absorb much of your time by idle reference or useless speculation in regard to a condition of affairs that has, for the past two years, been exercising the mind of every responsible citizen. But I do desire to explain the attitude of the League—I represent in respect to the important matter which you have been brought together to deliberate upon, namely, unemployment, and the urgent need for some means to be devised that will cope with it if we are still to place any value upon the preservation of the stamina of the race and our self-respect.

"You will concede, no doubt, that only a high sense of the allegiance due to the Sovereign, and the people of Australia and the Empire, led to our men and women volunteering in such great numbers during the international catastrophe that darkened the years 1914-18. (The corollary is the desire felt to now) do something practical to mitigate the circumstances of thousands of our own comrades and the communities in which they reside.

"It is often postulated that we in Australia suffer from an excess of legislation. That may or may not be, but members of my League have repeatedly affirmed that, through our own apathy or indolence, there has grown up a system of centralised government, destructive alike to society in general and the individual in particular. In other words, we have assumed an attitude of puerile dependence upon the State that has resulted in the atrophying of personal effort and the mis-use or waste of our material resources.

"To-day we find ourselves suffering acutely from the effects of economic laws which, in their incidence, are seemingly immutable. The central governments are striving for means to ensure our existence until the movement of the cycle brings us once more into the regions of stability. The country is now virtually in pawn to fate, and our latent wealth is idle because, for the present, we cannot profitably use it to adjust adverse balances in our external business. Our unemployed are in dire straits and barely exist on a scale of sustenance that is costing the country over £600,000 per annum.

"What are we getting in return for this expenditure? Where is the next quota of cash coming from? To the first question the answer is, very little; and to the second, by further following the path of taxation already deeply worn through previous use. It is as well to

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"The Government spends its money where it chooses, and attracts the unemployed to various shifting centres away from their permanent homes. The other parties could expend money locally, retain the unemployed near their usual place of residence, and receive the benefit of the circulation of the cash.

"The Government is at present denied access to the ready money in the market. The local governing bodies are not. Of this last we have been assured, and that assurance has been confirmed by recently reported transactions in some of the Eastern States.

"You delegates may possibly maintain that country towns and districts adopting either of the first two schemes submitted will have to ask for new legislation, and at the same time impose an increase upon the existing rates—the incidence of which would fall upon a few. We anticipate comparatively little difficulty about the first, and, as regards the second, unless we assist the State Government in some such manner as suggested, it is inevitable that the Government must increase the taxes that increase will fall upon the same few without the compensations already mentioned.

"Of course, we recognise that any scheme eventually determined upon may not be applicable to all districts. Some municipalities and roads boards have already borrowed to the limits of their powers. Others, a fortunate few, may say that they are not seriously affected by the prevailing distress.

"But we take it that—alike are interested in promoting the welfare of the State. That can only be achieved by concerted effort made possible by the best use of our common, experience and resources. We want to stress that there is an insistent call to do something. We cannot afford to wait until a change in the world’s circumstances permits the Government to develop its larger schemes. We ask you to consider the problem as it is, and, for the moment, disregard the causes that have given it birth.

"If, in seeking the way out of our immediate and pressing difficulties, we are to make further sacrifices, let us endure them cheerfully—our solace being that only good is to be the ultimate result. This appeal is made most earnestly. Edit Cavell said that 'patriotism is not enough.' Nor can some of us ever erase from our minds the memory of our 60,000 comrades who, when there seemed to be the need, willingly forfeited more than the material by giving up their day that you might have your tomorrow.

"In deliberating upon the issue we invite you to discard your party-political beliefs. Nor do we desire that in your discussions you should introduce such topics as the monetary system, inflation or deflation of currency, tariffs, overseas markets, industrial bonuses, hours of labour, rates of wages, etc.

"We are by no means wedded to the schemes set before you. You may accept, or amend and accept, any one of them. On the other hand, you may reject the whole three and substitute others, the outcome of your collective and greater wisdom. But we do say that, in any event, great advantage must result from the discussion if it only leads to a keener appreciation of our individual responsibility to do something to help the State and our fellow citizens.

"In closing we must express our gratitude for the help and encouragement, in arranging for this conference, which we have received from he Hon. the Premier and other members of the Government, from the State Executive of the Australian Labour Party, the Manager of the Midland Railway Company, and the leaders of the business community. To yourselves, and those whom you directly represent, we acknowledge the great compliment you have paid us by the acceptance of the invitation to be present."

[The result of the proceedings were published in our March issue, and the State Executive report on the conference appear in the Executive Notes in this issue.—Ed., "L.P."]
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Within three months of that contest, the band was taken over by its present conductor, Mr. G. S. Mellor. Under his conductorship the band has competed in two contests. In the Centenary contest of 1929, in which the leading bands of Australia competed, the band was awarded fourth prize in the "A" grade, first in the "B" grade championship, and second in the diagram marching competition. The following year greater success was achieved by the band. It won the second prize in the "A" grade and retained the "B" grade championship title, besides securing first prize in the diagram march. Since coming under the leadership of the present conductor the band has performed at practically every professional engagement in the city of Perth. It has played at all trotting meetings of the W.A. Trotting Association since 1920, and at every race engagement under the W.A. Turf Club since 1922. Tattersall's Club, W.A. Hunt Club, the Royal Show, St. Patrick's Day celebrations committee, have all retained the services of the band over a period of many years. Altogether, the organisation has had a very successful life.

Mr. G. S. Mellor was born in Sydney in 1889. He is the son of Thomas Mellor, the well-known and popular conductor of the famous Newton Band, which has many Australian championships to its credit. He commenced playing at the early age of six, and before reaching the age of ten he was the solo horn player of that combination in many of its contests. His first championship was won at Masterton, in New Zealand, when he was twelve years old. Various championships have come his way in the intervening period, and his most recent success was the winning of the champion of champions at the last Perth contest, in February, 1931.

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A committee consisting of Messrs. A. H. Panton, M.L.A., H. Nugent, and the State Secretary was appointed to watch the interests of Western Australian clients of the War Service Homes Commission in connection with the inquiry. Purchasers desirous of giving evidence in accordance with the provisions of the previous paragraph are requested to communicate beforehand with Mr. Benson.

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A New Hellas

(“Austral Pan and Other Verses,” by Peter Hopegood. Imperial Print, Perth. Price, 2/6.)

One always approaches the task of reviewing the work of a fellow-craftsman with a certain amount of diffidence, especially when that craftsman happens to be a personal friend and a valued contributor to this paper. There is always the chance that praise may be overdone in the interests of friendship or that, on the other hand, the reviewer seeking to avoid this will go to the other extreme and thereby do his author scant justice. This diffidence is entirely removed after one has read the praise showered upon Mr. Peter Hopegood’s new book of verse, by Mr. Hugh Macrae, in the Sydney Bulletin. Indeed, Mr. Macrae’s review of the book might seem extravagant praise were we not aware of Mr. Macrae’s own status in the world of letters.

Though not born in the country, Peter Hopegood is essentially Australian in his outlook on life. He has travelled far, and read widely and deeply. As Mr. Macrae has said, he is one of the first poets of the Commonwealth “to bring brains equiptment with imagination.”

Hopegood is a native of England, where like many another who has since made a mark in another profession, he commenced life as a school teacher. He joined up with a yeoman regiment for the Great War, subsequently transferring to the Essex Regiment, in which he gained commissioned rank and won the Military Cross. He also suffered severe wounds which have left his health impaired, but years of suffering have not impaired his sunny nature. Before the war he spent five years in Canada. In 1924, he arrived in Western Australia, and immediately commenced drawing and writing for the press. His literary work has appeared in such papers as The Bulletin, Smith’s Weekly, The West Australian, The Western Mail, the Sunday Times, The Westralian Worker, and The Listening Post. Many of the verses specially praised by Mr. Macrae, and quoted as examples of the excellence of Mr. Hopegood’s artistry, first appeared in the Listening Post.

Many writers have pointed out the similarity between modern Australia and ancient Hellas. The Australian has the same love of the out-of-doors, the same delight in basking in the sun on golden beaches, the same delight in athletic prowess, and the same realisation of the value of a sound mind in a sound body, as the Hellene. In town and bush we have reared a newer Athens and a newer Sparta, side by side. In the poem from which the book is named, Mr. Hopegood develops the idea further. Pan, the old god of the countryside, the patron deity of flocks, herds, and springing corn is not dead; like many another sturdy veteran he has emigrated to Australia—

“Where the shimmering mirage falsely limns the river’s marge,
Where the lone prospector’s bones stake the six-foot claim he owns,
Where the blossom-pink galahs crowd with bloom the coolibahs
Or rise and whirl in sudden flight and scream like devils in the night.
Under tawny Capricorn, cloven-hoof and gnarled horn,
Here the living Pan is fled, while the Old World mourns him dead.”

This, then, is the theme of the longest, and perhaps the most remarkable poem in the book.

The poet is equally at home depicting life in a city suburb. His “Garden of Refuge,” originally published in The Bulletin, deals with people who live their humdrum lives in mean streets. It is a cross section of life and a philosophy in epitome, as grimly realistic as anything by Hood or Burns. His love of the horse is shown in “Cavalry in Action,” with its condemnation of the “yahoo squinting death at houyhnhnms.” As with most horse-lovers, the horse to him is no mere beast of burden, but a sentient thing, a true comrade with a personality entitled to respect. This is another aspect of that unity with all creation felt by men who have lived in the wide open spaces, a unity which found ex-

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pression in the old Greek myth of the centaur.
Hopegood has an almost infallible instinct for the right word, and a commendable feeling for the music of words. Consider, for instance, the line already quoted—
"Where the blossom-pink galahs crowd with bloom the coolibahs,"
and this, from the "Lament for Syrinx":
"And the puppet dance of the moonlit wave,
And the pean that shouts from the gleaming glave,
And the curlew's cry o'er a lonely grave,
And the mellow drone of the laden bee."
Consider, too, the witchery of words in "The Diver," the poem with which Mr. Hopegood won the Western Mail verse competition a few years ago. Perfect pictures, the deep diapason of the ocean's music, yet nowhere is sense sacrificed to mere sound.
His work is strong and consistent throughout. There is all the simplicity which is the fundamental of true greatness, as well as downright intellectual honesty, in every line he writes. One would go on quoting at great length to illustrate the infinite variety and the many types of excellence displayed in this book. All poems will not appeal to every reader. Some are grimly realistic, even gruesome and macabre like the stories of Ambrose Bierce. Frankly, we did not like "The Dead Guide," though this does not detract from the poem's literary merit. Writing of war, Mr. Hopegood brings into strong relief the stark horror of the whole business, yet, as in "Cenotaph," "Purple and Crimson," and "Trust," he stresses the splendour of sacrifice and the debt we owe to those who went before. There is grim humour in "While of Unsound Mind." We agree with Mr. Macrae as to the Villon-esque note struck by our poet, especially in the ending which rescues it from mere morbidity. "The Wood-Goblin, in School" is a very happy effort. Indeed, one suspects that it has an autobiographical significance. It is the old story of lover of beauty cramped by an ungenial environment.
"He could run like a deer and turn like a hare,
But, when clear away, for a try,
As like as not, he'd suddenly stop
To stare at a butterfly."
It is an excellent production, in which originality of outlook is informed with the age-old worship of beauty and nature. The poems should be read and re-read. Each new reading reveals some new flash of beauty, some hidden excellence that may have escaped one at a first reading, for these poems appeal to the head as well as to the heart.

**A Little Mistake**

**A TRUE STORY**

When the 5th Divvy was passing through Baillieu, the H.Q. staff rested a couple of days at one of the magnates' homes. After a pleasant evening spent in the company of the ladies of the house, General Hobbs's A.D.C. (his son) felt that the time of retirement had arrived, and said, "Je suis tres fatigue, je suis accouche." None of the French family were able to conceal their mirth, so young Hobbs said, "Oh, well, what have I done this time," to which a charming mademoiselle responded, "Monsieur 'Obbs, he is going to bed, and should say, 'Je suis couche', but he said 'Je suis accouche,' which means that he is going to have a baby."—O.C. Salvage.

**Advice from Readers**

"The Mug" writes from Kooyong:

It's no good waiting till a man's dead to tell what a good fellow he is. Considering the cast-iron limitations of a publication like the Listening Post, I have always considered it a very sound little job and feel quite sure it would hold its own in its class with anything in the world. You'll never please everyone, but I for one think the leading articles and topical comment that you put out are essential to a high level. As far as controversial subjects are concerned, I think you were perfectly correct in taking the national as against the sectional point of view, but I also think that, seeing as "'ow things are," it is wiser to drop subjects like Secession. Cheerio!

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A Bullara correspondent writes suggesting that the Listening Post might be improved by the inclusion of a little sporting matter, such as racing and boxing news, and a little war news. Unfortunately, running a sporting page would entail an increased staff and other expenses which we cannot incur at present. In any case, by the time a monthly goes to press, most sporting items are no longer topical, and if we were to publish war news we might be accused of that vague incomprehensible crime which people who know nothing about war or army life call "militarism."
Anzac Day Messages
FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL
Sir Isaac Isaacs

Once more Australia turns to Gallipoli. Not for their prowess on land or sea or in the air does she recall that first scene in the mighty epic drama in which her sons played so many and such heroic parts.

She stands on Anzac Day in reverential communion with those who have passed to the Great Silence, and for a few sacred moments bids Time take patten of Eternity.

She glorifies their victory, but it is victory of the spirit of honour, truth, and fidelity, of loyalty and devotion to King and Country, over self and worldly gifts and personal ease and ambition.

She builds noble shrines to those who fell in her name, where for all time Australians may stand and attend their souls to the undying lesson of self-sacrifice. Yet she does not account them dead while their example lives and speaks, for it is the force intangible that shall ever guide and sustain us in the path of duty, even though that should on oc-

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Anzac Day ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERTH

At the meeting of the State Executive on April 13, Colonel Collett, as chairman of the Anzac Day Committee, detailed the proposed arrangements for the celebration of Anzac Day. The arrangements for the Dawn Service will be similar to those of last year. Ex-servicemen are asked to fall in at the Queen Victoria statue, King's Park, at 6 a.m., and march to the Memorial, approaching it bareheaded, preceded by the official wreath-bearers. It is requested that those who wish to pluck wreaths on the memorial, in a private capacity, do so after the official wreaths have been placed.

At 9.30 a.m. markers of all participating units are requested to report to the chief marshal, Lieutenant-Colonel E. L. Margolin, at the Soldiers' Institute. The parade of troops, including "men from other Dominions, the South African Veterans' Association, militia forces and cadets, Young Australia League, and Boy Scouts' and Girl Guides' Associations, must be ready to fall in at 9.50 a.m., and move off fifteen minutes later. This march will be through the principal streets to a combined service at the Perth Esplanade, which will be controlled by the State President (Colonel Collett), assisted by Archdeacon C. L. Riley and the Rev. D. I. Freedman.

The committee hopes to have the cooperation of all metropolitan choirs in the singing, and Mr. O. G. Campbell-Egan, L.A.B., has consented to officiate as conductor. At the conclusion of the service the troops will march past His Excellency the Administrator (the Chief Justice). It is desired that all available members of the State Executive will, as in former years, take up a position at the head of the column of marching troops, and immediately following the children of deceased soldiers.

As he will be absent from the State, Lieutenant-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs will be unable to take charge of the parade. General Hobbs advised the State Executive that he regrets being unable to attend the celebrations, "the great and sacred service of remembrance when we mourn the loss of gallant comrades in arms, and grieve in sympathy with their kinsfolk." General Hobbs stated that it was his intention to attend the services either in Sydney or Canberra, but his heart would be in Perth on Anzac Day.

As Warden of the State Memorial and State President of the Toc H, Sir Talbot requested that Mr. Don. Cleland, Chairman of the Toc H executive committee, might be permitted to place the wreath on the State War Memorial in his stead. The request was agreed to.

Incaponstated men are reminded that Miss Mary Mears will once again organise their transport for the Anzac Day procession in Perth. Miss Mears is anxious that all soldiers unable to march shall be picked up at their homes, and any "so handicapped are requested to inform her. She may be found at the Maimed and Limbless Men's Hostel, 79 Colin Street, West Perth, the telephone number of which is B 8888.

**SERVICE AT FREMANTLE CEMETERY**

A service will be held in the Fremantle Cemetery on Anzac Day, at 10.30 a.m., conducted by the East Fremantle Returned Soldiers' League, assisted by the ministers of the various denominations. Friends and relatives are invited to send flowers and tokens to the cemetery gates, by 10 a.m., and the Ladies' Auxiliary will take charge of them and prepare for the service, during which the flowers will be consecrated. They will then be placed on every soldier's and sailor's grave in the cemetery. Friends and relatives not being able to attend, and wishing to send a token, may communicate with the secretary, Canning Road, East Fremantle, who will attend any request.
FROM GENERAL SIR HARRY CHAUVEL

I send all my old comrades greeting and good wishes on this anniversary, and sincerely hope that the ensuing year will be a better one for all of us than the year gone by. I would like to take this opportunity, too, of congratulating the League on the work it has done in relieving distress amongst those of our number who have been less fortunate than others, and in safeguarding the interests of all returned sailors and soldiers, whether members of the League or not. If there is one particular message I would send, it is to urge support of the League.

The Legacy Clubs in all the States have also done great work, particularly for the children of those that have gone. I know of no similar organisation in other parts of the Empire. In their spirit and their ideals these clubs are a fine expression of the comradeship which existed in the Australian Imperial Force.

FROM THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT,
Mr. G. J. C. Dyett, C.M.G.

The 17th Anniversary of Anzac Day, which derived its name from that magnificent and memorable exploit, the landing on Gallipoli, will be observed on the 25th April.

The recurrence of this impressive nation-wide observance revives both sad and proud memories which remind us of the courage, chivalry and sacrifice of those of our countrymen who, by their patriotism and heroism, made Australia a nation.

The inspiring example of those who so admirably served the Commonwealth on that unparalleled occasion should be emulated by every worthy citizen during the present financial crisis through which Australia is unhappily passing.

The possession of the spirit of cooperation, helpfulness and self-sacrifice which characterised the conduct of the A.I.F. is indispensable to the economic recovery of Australia and the absorption of the unemployed returned sailors, soldiers and nurses, in suitable employment to which they are justly entitled.

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Many ex-service men in repatriating themselves after the war, have carried on the traditions of the A.I.F., by building up industries which should prove a permanent asset to the State. Such a one is Tom Tandy, M.M., and Maedaille Militaire (late 16th Battalion), who, looking round for a suitable occupation, and realising the urgent need for a manufacturer to meet the requirements of the public, and at the same time assist the local producer, commenced the manufacture of the condiments which bear the name of Swan Brand Products.

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tons of figs, 10 tons of plums, 50 tons of lemons, 50 tons of cauliflowers, and 20 tons each of beans, cucumbers, and celery, besides all the available local supplies of gherkins. It is pleasing to note that, this season, the company has been able to obtain all the onions required within the State, thus obviating the necessity for importing from the Eastern States. The splendid quality of the local onion is reflected in the manufactured commodity. Local growers and manufacturers benefit from the operations of the company, which, during the course of the year, pays out £5,000 for tomatoes, £1,500 for other fruits and vegetables, £2,000 for bulk tin containers, and £1,000 for labels.

The company’s factory is one of the most up-to-date in the Commonwealth, a place where clean premises and a systematic method of handling the products is insisted upon. Mr. Tandy has at all times employed diggers and their dependants, and despite the present economic conditions, has kept his staff working full time.

On Friday, April 8, the factory was visited by the Premier and Lady Mitchell, attended by the Minister for Lands (Mr. C. Latham), the Secretary of the Council for Industrial Development (Mr. McCartney), and his Exhibition Officer (Mr. Anderson).

Both Sir James and Lady Mitchell were astounded at the progress of the firm and the size of the factory. In the course of his congratulatory remarks, Sir James said that Sydney had kept his staff working during the present crisis.

Anzac Message from Colonel H. B. Collett, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.

State President, R.S.L.

With the coming again of Anzac Day, and the mustering of veterans, recollections are revived. We should then renew those pledges of a comradeship having its origin in joint service on behalf of our country.

I trust that we will not fail to honour the claims that are still laid upon us. That our endeavours to help those in need will be unceasing. And that our standard of citizenship—as high as that set in the war period—will be a guide and incentive to the people of the State during the present crisis.

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In preparing for our Anzac issue, we requested a number of senior officers, especially those who had commanded Western Australian units, to favour us with contributions suitable to the occasion. It is universally recognised that the battle leaders of the A.I.F. were men capable of taking the lead, both in war and in peace. All of those we approached were not able to comply with our request. The contributions we received are published with our thanks and gratitude.

The Strategic Value of Anzac

(By Lieutenant-General Sir Talbot Hobbs, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., V.D.)

How frequently the opinion is expressed that the sacrifices made by our comrades at Gallipoli on the 25th April, 1915, and during the terrible months of continuous fighting and hardship that followed, were in vain, and had little real influence on the result of the war.

Such a conclusion, if true, would leave little consolation to the relatives of the fallen, and those who were maimed, blinded and otherwise injured incurably in health and mind in the struggle.

Marshal Otto Liman von Sanders (the German Military Adviser to the Turkish Armies in Gallipoli and Palestine) in his report on the campaign of Gallipoli 1915-1916, states that the eight and a half months fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula cost the 5th Turkish Army 218,000 casualties, including 66,000 dead.

Surely these terrible losses, entailing the flower of the Turkish Army, helped beyond measure to win Allenby's victories later in the Palestine campaign, saved thousands of British and Australian lives in that theatre of the war at least, and were an important factor in hastening the end.

But above all, Gallipoli proved beyond all expectation the worth of the Australian as a soldier, second to none as a fighter, unsurpassed in endurance, courage and determination to succeed, whatever the risk, privation or sacrifice might be. In Gallipoli the example and standard was set that afterwards our men tried and succeeded in living up to in the trenches and battle fields of France and Belgium. There, also, most of the men who afterwards became our leaders were found.

Our comrades who fought and fell at Gallipoli endowed our country with the most glorious and imperishable traditions, by their incomparable heroism. Their valor amazed the world then, and will amaze it more when—time has enabled men to fully learn and appreciate all that was done in those glorious but terrible days.

The sacrifices cheerfully made for the honour of Australia by her citizen soldiers on that memorable day were indeed great and grievous, but they certainly were not in vain. Australia became a Nation.

Landing at Gaba Tepe

MAY 4, 1915

(By Brig.-General R. L. Leane, C.B., G.M.G., D.S.O. and Bar, M.C., V.D.)

April brings back memories of Gallipoli to those who fought in that strenuous campaign. Gaba Tepe Fort was a wide promontory about 400 yards long and 120 feet high. It was a splendid observation point, being only about 2000 yards south of the Australian position. The Turks were able to watch all movements by sea or land; consequently we suffered heavy casualties from artillery fire from Gaba Tepe and Olive Grove.

It was decided to make a reconnaissance in force. The Divisional Commander directed the 3rd Brigade to furnish the troops. General MacLagan, commanding the 3rd Brigade, sent instructions that I was to report to him. I was then a captain, commanding C Company, 11th Battalion. Upon reporting on the afternoon of May 3, 1915, General MacLagan informed me of the operations to be carried out, and stated that I had been selected to command the venture.

My orders were to land at Gaba Tepe from boats, attack the fort, capture or kill the garrison, destroy guns and
material, and obtain papers, records, and information of value. General Mac-Lagan stated that it was thought that the fort had only a small garrison. Those of us who had been watching Gaba Tepe since the landing on April 25 did not agree with this opinion. I informed General Mac-Lagan that the task was extremely difficult, if not impossible, because the Turks could watch all movements, and the whole of the approach to the fort was heavily wired and the narrow beach probably mined. I asked that I might have volunteers. This was approved. The attack was planned for just before dawn on May 4. Upon giving the command, "Men who desire to volunteer, two paces forward march!" Every man present immediately stepped forward. I felt a proud man indeed to have command of such men. It is still to me one of the most wonderful and inspiring incidents which occurred during the long campaign.

As more men volunteered than were wanted, single men were given the preference. About 3 a.m. on the morning of May 4 the attacking party of three officers, 100 N.C.O.'s, and men of the 11th Battalion, Lieut. Thirkell, and ten engineers of the 3rd Field Company, Captain Tom Brennan, Medical Officer, 11th Battalion, and stretcher-bearers, took our places in the four ships' boats. These were towed to Gaba Tepe by the H.M. Destroyer Colne. The morning was dark, the sky clear. We could see the sharp point of Gaba Tepe standing out clearly against the star-lit sky. To the left rear occasional shells were bursting over the Anzac position. The rattle of machine-guns and the lights constantly being fired along the whole front made us realise we were on a desperate venture. Not a sign of life appeared at Gaba Tepe, and when about 500 yards from the fort, the boats were cast off and advanced in line abreast towards the beach. The day was just breaking as our boats grounded. We dashed over the sides and waded towards the beach. It was not until the boats grounded that the Turks appeared. Immediately a withering fire broke out from machine guns, rifles, and two small automatic guns firing 1 lb. shells. Lieut. Rockliff was shot with several others before they could clear the boats. We raced across the narrow beach. Lieut. Thompson fell shot, fatally wounded. A number of men were killed and wounded. The Turkish trenches were alive with men. Mines were exploded, and the advance up the hill made impossible owing to the wire entanglements and heavy fire directed towards us. Several efforts to move forward were made, but it proved impossible. About two hours after landing I found that a number of men were so badly wounded that Captain Brennan, Medical Officer, stated they required immediate attention. I, therefore, signalled the destroyer to send a boat for the wounded. This was done. The Navy never failed when called upon. The Turk that day proved himself not only a brave soldier, but a gallant gentleman. The wounded had to be carried to the boat, upon which a Red Cross flag was flying. We carried the wounded; the Turks ceased fire while it was

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done, and until we returned to our position, the boat with the wounded went off to the destroyer without a shot being fired. I believe one man was hit, but I am certain that the shot was fired at the party on the beach, and not at the boat carrying the wounded.

The Turks were not more than 100 yards away from us at any point. We had a strongly held wired position in front of us and the sea behind. Advance was impossible. We had either to leave by the sea or be killed or captured. I therefore, made up my mind to retire by the sea, and asked the destroyer to send boats. The commander replied "Impossible, try the beach." I insisted upon boats being sent, and requested the ships and the land batteries to cover our embarkation. This was done. The fort was a mass of flame, smoke and dust. Under cover of this we embarked, "the Turks pouring a terrific fire from the fort," and moved back to Anzac, only a few being wounded in the effort.

General Sir C. C. B. White met me on return to Anzac and instructed me to proceed to Corps Headquarters to write a report, and make a sketch of the fort, gun positions, trenches, etc.

The effort is one Western Australia can be justly proud of, for it was carried out by men from one of the finest battalions which served in the war—11th Battalion A.I.F.

The Bloody Angle

(By Lieutenant-Colonel W. O. Mansbridge, D.S.O., late Colonel 44th Battalion)

During the attack on the "Bloody Angle," Gallipoli, on the night of the 2-3rd May, 1915, the boys of the 16th Battalion stormed the Ridge, shoulder to shoulder, singing "Australia will be There" and "Tipperary." The Turk, on his side, was calling on Allah and, at the same time, punishing our lads severely with rifle fire and his cricket ball bombs. Crying "we'll give you impshie Allah," we reached the crest after many casualties had been sustained, the effectives engaging in some pretty hand to hand fighting. Moving about, I noticed a man just below the crest. In answer to my inquiries, he said he was frightened. I told him it was not a good place to be frightened in, but to get along into the trench and do some digging, and he would soon forget his fear. He then informed me that he was ill. He was told to tuck himself close to a buttress of earth, for he did not notice the Turkish machine gun fire coming from the left rear, which resulted in so many dead men lying about him. Later, he

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got up to assist a man carrying or
dragging up ammunition boxes.
He had not gone many paces before
he, too, was lying with the dead.

Later still and further along, I saw an-
other man crouching on hands and knees,
just under the crest. I smacked him with
my leather megaphone. "It's only me, sir," he answered. (I recognised the
voice of a small red-headed Irishman of
my company) "only having a bit of a
shell, sir." "Spells be damned. Get into that trench and do some dig-
ging." He hopped forward and, dropping
into the trench, sat on one of the men's
bayonets. Necessarily he was a casualty,
but he was not long away from duty, returning when the company was rest-
ing under the Sphinx. He often com-
plained that the other men were insult-
ing him and the whole of Ireland by asking him where he was wounded. The
lad—he was only a boy, admitted that
he was frightened, and this was the only
occasion during my service that I heard
such an admission. After all, it is only
human nature calling within the indivi-
dual to protect the short life he possesses.
Training and discipline act as an antidote
to nature's fears, hence the value of train-
ing.

On another occasion when the light
horse came ashore, a major was sent to
me (we were then garrisoning Quinn's
Post) for instruction in trench routine.
My invariable custom was to take fresh
hands to the front-line trench. I did so
in this case. The major remarked, "If
you are ever killed, you will do so." I
asked him if he was a fatalist. He was,
so I suggested that he hop on to the parapet,
as this would save a lot of time in
giving instructions that would have to
be given again to his next in com-
mand. He did not follow out the sug-
gestion at the time, but I heard after-
wards that he got up and fell back with
many holes through him.

The Evacuation
WORK OF THE SIXTEENTH
BATTALION
(By LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. L.
MARGOLIN, D.S.O.)

Perhaps no phase of the Gallipoli cam-
paign deserves greater praise and public-
ity than the Evacuation. It was a tribute
alike to the organising powers of those
who planned it, and of the discipline
and efficiency of those who carried
out their orders.

At the end of September, 1915, upon
my return, after four days spent in
Egypt, I found myself in command of
the Battalion, Colonel Pope having been
evacuated on account of sickness.

The battalion was occupying a position
north of Aghyll Dere; the men were
quite fit, until a blizzard which raged
for three days somewhat undermined
their health. Then came the orders for
evacuation. A sad blow! None of us
liked it, but it had to be done, and the
men as in every other task allotted to
them, put their whole heart into the
job.

To mislead the Turks, we carried on
with preparations for winter quarters.
We dug deep trenches and put out more
wire entanglements. Then, came the
day for the first party of men to leave,
and by the following day, December
20th, the majority of the battalion had
departed, leaving only four officers and
87 other ranks on a front of one and
a half miles. Then the remainder began
to depart in small groups of eight or ten
men from different points along this
front, they met at headquarters and
marched off to the beach. Every man
was especially chosen, he knew exactly
what to do, when to do it, and could be
relied on without any supervision. Every-
thing worked to a nicety. The officers
were Percy Black, Bill Adams, McLeod
and myself; among the rank and file were
Bill Lynas, L. McCarthy, H. Smith, Jullie,
McGrath, Caldwell, Cadwalader and
numerous others, whom space does not
permit me to mention. These men prov-
ed themselves great soldiers, both at Gal-
lipoli and later in France.

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We were very sad at leaving the place and our 8,000 comrades, as everyone of us thought that the job could have been accomplished, but for bad luck (and perhaps bad management). So ended our first adventure.

I should like to convey to all my comrades of the old 16th Bn., my gratitude to them for their forbearance (for at times I may have used some cuss words), for they always did their duty well; in fact, so nobly that I gained a decoration for their deeds.

**The Holy City**

(From *Westrian Cavalry in the War*, by Col. A. C. Olden, D.S.O.)

It was at Soba, about six miles from Jerusalem, as the crow flies, but considerably further than that in actual distance to be traversed, that we were afforded a first distant view of the Holy City. The Sheikh—or headman—of Soba approached our troops and, with a profound Arabic salutation, indicated a desire to be on friendly terms with the "English."

Beckoning to our men to follow, the Sheikh led the way to the summit of the hill on which the village stands, and, pointing eastward, exclaimed ecstatically, "Shouf El Kuds" (Look! Jerusalem!). There, over line after line of terraced hills covered with olive trees and vines, with the limestone road winding its way in and out of them like a tiny white thread, could be seen the glistening domes and spires of the "City of our Dreams."

Accustomed as we were by this time to traverse country rich in historical significance, the imagination nevertheless was deep in the thought that at last we, the latest of the Crusaders, were within sight of Jerusalem, the Golden. But there was little time for reflection just then. Away to the north the roar of guns and crackle of musketry told us that the battle was not yet over. Jerusalem itself was not to be harmed, and doubtless the Turks knew it. Also did they know that, could their bastions of Nebi Samwil (Mizpah) and El Job (Gibeon) be hold out, the city might yet be saved from falling into our hands.

Reports were circulated that they had decided to evacuate, but later these reports were contradicted by others to the effect that Jerusalem was to be held at all costs.

The 75th Division had made several desperate attempts to storm Nebi Samwil and El Job, but this splendid Division, composed of British and Indian troops, including several battalions of Ghurkhas, the Division which in reality broke the back of the Turkish resistance at these two all-important points, had lost two-thirds of its strength before it was relieved by the 60th Division, under General Shea, whose right flank it became the duty of the 10th Light Horse Regiment to protect and whose destiny it was to deliver the final, knock-down blow which gave us possession of the Holy City.

The City presented a most gloomy appearance on our entry. The inhabitants made an effort to express their pleasure at the arrival of the British, but they had not yet the full confidence in our arms to thoroughly believe that we were "there to stay," and their reception of our troops was something of a half-timid, half-wistful nature. The streets of the outer city, though containing many fine buildings of the more modern class, were in a state of insuperable filth and squalor. Hardly a light showed in the houses—the inhabitants having long since burnt their last drop of oil or bit of tallow—and the people, for the most part, were in a pitiful physical condition from want of food. Apparently they had suffered greatly. Certainly "Jerusalem the Golden" was not at that time "blessed with milk and honey." Wealthy people had, during the previous two years of war, been reduced to penury in their efforts to obtain food. Their costly apparel, furnishings and other effects had been sold to purchase the necessary bread and meat. In many cases their beautiful houses were bare and destitute within. Most harrowing were some of the stories of suffering they told. And yet, such were the natural instincts for trade and the desire for money, many inhabitants of the poorer classes had hoarded small supplies of grain in order that they might sell bread to the British when they arrived... Even while our guns were thundering from the outskirts of the city at the enemy positions—a bare three miles away—our billets were besieged by hordes of these people, each one with bread and cakes to sell, whilst with our own eyes we saw, in these self-same streets, people, beyond the power of human aid, collapse and die of starvation. The only sentiment universally expressed by the populace generally was that the "Good English" had come and soon everything would be put right.

It was an old cry, and in many a time and oft during our sojourn in that war-stricken country was that cry heard from the natives.

That Australia may never see the like within our own shores is the prayer of every ex-service man who witnessed this pitiable picture.

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*The Listening Post* April 22, 1912
Landing Ammunition at Anzac

(By Colonel E. J. H. Nicholson, C.M.G., D.S.O.)

Well worth remembering was a combined effort of the navy and the gunners in getting 18 pr. ammunition ashore during the landing period.

A position in the right of the line then forming had been selected for the 7th Field Battery. The guns had been man-handled up the hills and a horseboat in tow of a navy picket boat was sent to an artillery transport for 18 pr. shells.

The picket boat was commanded by a midshipman probably eighteen years old, and it was late in the afternoon when it came alongside the transport. The gunners were smart in running the boxes of shell down the gangway into the horse-boat, but the problem was how many boxes could the boat safely carry.

Loading went on until someone on deck shouted, "she's sinking," which gave an idea that there was about enough on board.

Anyhow, the hint was taken, and the tow began. There was an occasional puff of shrapnel; the wind began to strengthen; a little choppy sea rising until it made one pretty sick watching that horse-boat, for 18 pr. ammunition was very short indeed, and its loss would have been serious.

The skill of that midshipman keeping the tow head on to the waves was the first indication that he knew his job.

Anyhow, the landing was reached, but before running the horse-boat ashore, a hail came to go down to what was afterwards Brighton Beach, and land the ammunition there.

Under shelter of the cliffs it was not so bad, but past Hell Spit the sea was a bit rough, and the boy had his work cut out to get opposite to where the gunners were waiting to unload.

Then came a weird sight. It was just about dusk. The midshipman swung the horse-boat round stern on to the shore, then slackened out his tow rope until the stern grounded. He then went ahead, keeping his tow line taut, holding the horse-boat in position.

The Turks had evidently observed the whole manoeuvre from Gaba Tepe, and sent over a fair amount of shrapnel, interspersed with star shells for observations.

The gunners ran two lines from the horse-boat to the shore. Several stripped to the buff and formed a line in the water, passing boxes from hand to hand until the cargo was landed.

Firing by the Turks continued the whole time, but it was all about 100 yards over, although the direction was good. There was not a shell lost nor a man hurt in that operation, and though later on in the heat gunners did not wear much, it was probably the only time they served ammunition in a state of nature.

The crew of the picket boat was probably the most pleased when it was over,

Ex-Imperial Soldiers

A NEW SUB-BRANCH

At the meeting of the State Executive on April 13, the question of the relationship of the Imperial Ex-Service Men and the R.S.I. was settled by the granting of their application to form the Norwod Sub-branch of the League. The application stated that the necessary number, ten, of foundation members had paid their annual subscriptions, and Messrs. Bond, Harris, and Catermole, had been elected the provisional committee. Subject to the application being granted, a general meeting would be held for the election of officers on May 3, at the Soldiers' Institute. It was explained that the proposed sub-branch would work strictly within the constitution of the League, and that its formation would act as a counterblast to an attempt now being made in the Eastern States to form a rival league.

The application was granted.

Mr. E. S. Watt stated that the opportunity should not be allowed to pass without a motion from the Executive,

congratulating the originators of the movement, Messrs. Bond, Harris, Edmonds, George Cattermole, and others, on the successful culmination of their efforts and their loyalty to the League. The motion he moved to that effect was carried with acclamation.

Our Oldest Member

Jim Whitten (Marquis of Torbay) writes.—May I be permitted to contradict a statement in the LISTENING POST, that Mr. Wood is the oldest active member of the R.S.I.

Torbay claims the oldest member in Mr. Adams, of Young's Siding. At over thirty years of age, Mrs. Adams took part in the Kaffir and Zulu Wars. He was then a sergeant in the South Wales Borderers. At sixty years of age he started pioneering in virgin country at Young's Siding. At that time he had two children, both too young to help. Mr. Adams is eighty-four years of age, and still attends our meetings, and takes an active interest in debate. At the present time he runs the post office store and refreshment room at Young's Siding.

This letter was shown to Mr. Wood, who is now pining himself on his juniority and wondering if he is old enough to join the Son's of Soldiers' League. Joking aside, Mr. Wood wishes us to convey his best wishes and fraternal greetings to Mr. Adams, who, he wishes, will long retain that position of seniority which our staff biographer made Mr. Wood unwittingly usurp. In thanking Jim Whitten for the correction, we should be glad to hear of any other veterans of the older wars who are still on parade when the sub-branches assemble.—Ed. "L.P."]
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A few veteran flagwavers gathered in the officers’ mess tent at Lesmurdie, one evening during the recent Easter bivouac of the 13th Mixed Brigade Signals.

The overseas guests were Colonel Waley Cohen and his secretary, Mr. Gibbs. At one period during the war, Colonel Cohen was Chief of Signals, Second Army. He is a frequent visitor to W.A., one of his interests being the Fairbridge Farm School. Major Paul, M.C., D.C.M., was, until last year, with the Victorian Signals, but is now attached to the 13th Signals. He may be remembered as the Signalling Officer in "Cohen's Brigade" (Arty) in France. Two former C.O.'s of the unit were there also as guests, Colonel T. C. Wilson and Captain Tuckett, M.C., M.M. It must have been gratifying to the former to see that a couple of the "lads" of No. 4 Section, 1st Division Signallers are still endeavouring to keep the communications going on the A.L.F. standard, these being Major J. McKinlay, M.M. (the present C.O.), and Captain W. Beazley.

Our Mr. Barker correspondent reports—Jim Gorman, of Mt. Barker, has resumed duty after a painful illness, which necessitated his spelling off for some weeks.

The Anglers' Section of the Mt. Barker Sub-branch has gone into recess following upon its failure to locate any more unfortunate with a tendency towards sea-sickness and gullible enough to be inveigled into accompanying the section on its expeditions. This caused the maintenance supply of "burley" to fail. We have it on good authority that Sid Reeves left the "firm" in disgust at his failure to surpass the record shark catch of another member.

Frank Goble, of Mt. Barker, reports "conditions tropical" in Perth, while Percy Gillam estimates that he has walked a distance equivalent to twice round the equator since apple export started.

"Jerry" Wall, of the Air Force, thinks this season's crop will run to a Moth. Probably this is due to the past efforts of Dr. Clark on behalf of the moth-ers of the district.

Paddy Condon is at present in retreat preparing, it is believed, an eye-witness account of the fall of Shanghai.

There are some good stalwarts in the Boulder Sub-branch, Tom Alderson, the...
president, is the right man in the right place. He is popular with the boys, and his rulings at meetings are always just and sensible. Ted Lennell is as great a battler as ever. Ernie Bosustow, Bill Deering, and treasurer, Dick Haynes, are staunch bulwarks of the sub-branch. Executive members Alec Wilson, J. Sheridan, Chas. Massey, P. Bull, and Bob Kenne are ever to the fore in local League matters, and the League hold no more painstaking and conscientious secretary than Vic. O'Grady.

Tom Moore, who served with the 48th Battalion, and who has been a staunch member of the Millewa Sub-branch, is standing for the Legislative Council next May. He was severely wounded near Albert during the German offensive in 1918, and is hospital for seventeen months. For six years he was a member of the Legislative Council, which August body he left six years ago. We hope to see him soon representing once more the huge province which stretches from Dalwallinu to Wiluna.

Jim Wilshusen, popular senior vice-president of Murringar and Districts Sub-branch, earned his "long service" medal by reason of the fact that he celebrated the 25th anniversary of his wedding. He enlisted in the "matrimonial brigade" at Kalgoorlie at a time when the diggers on the "fields probed for the elusive "colour." He maintains that he found a real live true-to-goodness nugget when he found his-teen-mate. We agree with him, for in Mrs. Jim one finds the sterling qualities of helpmate, cheerful and optimistic though it rains or shines, ever ready to offer a helping hand to all who need it. A "hop-over" was successfully carried out by the many well-wishers of the district. The Wilshusen dug-out was captured and held till the wee small hours, when an armistice was called and the revellers departed, leaving "souvenirs" of goodwill which the happy couple will treasure for all time. Jim was a member of the "Fighting Forty-fourth," and saw much service abroad.

That stock from South Perth has been wandering again, this time to the residence of Mr. Bob Helder, of the North Perth Sub-branch. Mr. Helder is delegated with the visit and has a candidate for "Sons of Soldiers Association."

It is with regret that Subiaco members will learn of the loss sustained by their esteemed assistant secretary, Mr. J. C. Burgess, in the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Tatham. The condolences of the Subiaco Sub-branch are extended to all relatives.

We join with others in extending congratulations to the Attorney-General, Mr. T. A. L. Davy, on being appointed a King's Counsellor. Mr. Davy was a brilliant student, a Rhodes Scholar, and is a successful lawyer and politician.

Our May Number
A number of important fixtures, like Wool Week and Empire Shopping Week, fall within the next month; therefore, we propose to make the next issue of THE LISTENING POST an Empire and local products number. We have to thank those diggers who are rallying to the support of the paper with contributions and advertisements, and would be grateful for articles which have a bearing on Empire and local trade. It is all very well to advocate preference to local commodities in a general way, but the cause of preference will be greatly enhanced if we can give concrete instances of what is being produced in the State. In this connection we desire to compile a list of digger manufacturers, and these can help us by letting us hear from them.

Theirs is the Glory
(By WALLACE SPENCER)
Muffled the drum that rolls,
Dirgeful the bell that tolls,
"Last Post," is calling,
Names on the wreathed spire,
Glow with unquenched fire,
Tears softly falling.
Ours is the bitter loss,
Ours is the barren dross,
Ours is the mourner's cross,
Their is the glory.
Hushed is the solemn hour,
Awe by eternal power,
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BRITISH IMPERIALS

A meeting of British Imperial Ex-Service Men will be held at the Soldiers’ Institute, Perth, on Thursday, May 5th, at 8 p.m., when according to the constitution of the R.S.L., the new sub-branch for Imperial Ex-Service Men will be inaugurated. Of prime importance will be the election of officers, and all who wish either to stand for election, to participate in the ballot, or become foundation members, are requested to be present. Any further information may be obtained from Geo. E. Cattermole, 229 Charles Street, West Perth.

British Imperial Ex-Service Men of all arms of the service are reminded they are expected to parade in force on Anzac Day in St. George’s Terrace, so far as the metropolis is concerned. Throughout the State heavy co-operation at parades and services wherever arranged is earnestly desired and requested by all officials of the R.S.L.

The British United Services Association will open the new social season with a dance social at the Institute, on Friday, April 29, at 8 p.m. The evening, to which all are welcomed, will include dancing, singing, games, competitions for prizes, and refreshments—all for one shilling. These evenings arranged by the B.U.S.A. bring together the “folks from Home,” and have always proved most popular and enjoyable. Any further information may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. Cattermole), of 229 Charles Street, North Perth.

ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS AND ALLIED UNITS

Once more Anzac Day, April 25, comes around and members of the Association of Ex-Service Engineers and Allied Units are reminded of the parades on this day. Members attending the Dawn Service will assemble near Queen Victoria Statue in the Main Drive, King’s Park, at 6 a.m. The Commemoration Service on the Esplanade, commencing at 10.45 a.m., will be extended by a full turn out of the Association. The attendance it is hoped, will be a record. The President is very grateful for the good attendances on previous years. The place of assembly is in St. George’s Terrace, at 9.30 a.m., with the head of the column opposite Cathedral Avenue, facing west. The Engineers will be in Group 2, between the artillery and the infantry. It is desired that as many as possible will take part in the march.

Winter Clothing

A short time ago a meeting was convened between the Trustees of the R.S.L. State Executive and the Women’s Auxiliary State Executive to discuss the ways and means of preparing a supply of winter clothing for cases of distress. It was decided that the Women’s Auxiliary care for the wants of the women and children as regards clothing and footwear.

Besides relying upon possible donations of second-hand clothing, it was deemed necessary to purchase a considerable quantity of new material. At a special meeting of the Women’s Auxiliary State Executive on 8th April, the three Trustees, Messes. Kirk, Ketterer, and Stockmair were formed into a Purchasing Committee, with Mrs. Hopperd as ex officio. Since then they have brought large quantities of wincey and flannel, and have spent many afternoons in cutting out to the best advantage.

As a combined auxiliary business meeting, held in the Institute, on Monday evening, 18th April, Mrs. Wilson stressed the importance of each Auxiliary attending to the returned soldier cases in its own district. To the Executive falls the task of assisting those who have no auxiliary locally. Second-hand clothing was—urgently needed, and much-sewing remained to be done.

Those who could spare the time after helping their own auxiliary, were asked to assist in the making up of garments.

In the last two months fourteen layettes had been distributed. There was a ready response to this appeal, and at the close of the meeting bundles of cut-outs—baby garments, flannel for shirts, and wool for singlets and jerseys were carried away by the members present. Further promises of help were given. Ten auxiliaries were represented, and several apologies received.

Anzac Services

On Sunday, April 24, the Subiaco R.S.L., co-operating with the Rev. Harry Moore, will hold a special Anzac service in the Bagot Road Methodist Church, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Members are requested to fall in at 7.15.

R.S.L. Team’s Easter Cricket Tour to Collie

Organised and captained by Mr. H. G. Jarman, of the West Perth Sub-branch, a team of digger cricketers drawn from the West Perth and South Perth Sub-branches experienced an exceptionally enjoyable trip to Collie at Easter. The party numbered fourteen, and included the presidents of both the West and South Perth Sub-branches, Messrs. G. Philip and F. Aberle respectively. West Perth Sub-branch representatives were Messrs. Ross, Beckley, Carne, Everett, Allen, Jordan, Smith, and Woods. South Perth—Messrs. Aberle, Stiles, Kohlman, and Mundy. Leaving Perth at 7 a.m. Good Friday morning, accommodated in three cars, the party arrived at Collie in time to partake of lunch at the Premier Hotel, where they were met by Messrs. P. Carter (Collie Sub-branch) and Britain (Secretary, Collie Cricket Association), afterwards proceeding to the cricket ground to engage the local sub-branch cricket team. The game was played in the real A.I.F. spirit, and was thoroughly enjoyed by both sides. The tourists won comfortably, scoring 169 to 89. For Collie Sub-branch, Strudwick made 32 in forceful manner, Cooper 22 not out, and Bird 18; the wickets for the tourists—being divided between Kohlman (4 for 4), Stiles (3 for 26), Everett (2 for 25), Carne (1 for 1), and Allen (1 for 15). Mundy accounted for five victims with the gloves (2 caught and 3 stumped). The chief contributors to the tourists total were—Smith 39, retired, Mundy 32, Stiles 20, Kohlman 13, Philp 10. Carter

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bowed splendidly for Collie, and obtained 8 for 43, and Rogers lent able support by securing 4 for 39, and Cooper 1 for 16.

In the evening the visitors were the guests of the proprietor of the Premier Hotel at the local picture theatre, and spent a very enjoyable time. The programme for the following day included a whole day match against the combined Collie Association, and a smoke social at night, organised by the Collie Sub-branch in honour of the tourists. Feeling confident after their victory against the Collie diggers, the visitors soon found themselves up against a tough proposition in the combined team, and against very accurate bowling and keen fielding could only manage a total of 75, Mundy being top scorer with 33, Stiles contributing 11, and Beckley 10. Carter again bowled splendidly, capturing 6 for 13, and W. Mitchell secured 3 for 26. Collie combined replied with a score of 138, the man of the match being a brilliant innings of 63 by their captain, P. Carter. This score included twelve fours and one six. Strudwick knocked up 33 very ably; and Osborne Junior compiled 11. Smith (5 for 14), Stiles (5 for 26), and Kohler (2 for 43) bowled splendidly for the diggers. In a fight back in the second innings the tourists declared at 7 for 117 (Smith 48, Mundy 18, Jarman 17), but Collie had no difficulty in getting the required number of runs for an outright win with the loss of only two wickets. This match completed the programme, and the fine sporting spirit in which the games were played will long be remembered by the participants. The smoke social in the R.S.L. Hall in the evening was an unqualified success, toasts being honoured, and musical items rendered. An impressive ceremony took place on Sunday morning, when the visitors, before leaving for home, marched through Collie to the local war memorial, and in the presence of the Collie Sub-branch officials and members, laid a wreath in memory of the local diggers who made the supreme sacrifice in the war.

Wishes for the renewal of the trip next year were expressed by the Collie people, and the visitors, one and all, having thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of the Collie diggers and members of the Collie Cricket Association, are already talking of the pleasures ahead on the next trip. Before breaking up, the touring party conveyed to Mr. Jasman expressions of appreciation for the capable manner in which he had organised and conducted the tour, which was instrumental in bringing together for a brief period metropolitan and country members of the R.S.L. with mutual benefit to both parties.

Our Monthly Competition

We were disappointed at the response in connection with this month's story competition, the subject of which was to have been an unrecorded story of heroism. Consequently no prize has been awarded.

From this issue onward the most interesting man competition will be resumed, the prize for that adjudged by the Editors to be the best, being £1 1s. Every soldier met somebody worth writing about. Let's hear from you.

L. Kaye Perrin, R.N.R.; President Ex-Naval Men's Association, writes:—The mutual respect of the digger for the navy and vice-versa was rather vividly illustrated to me in the Strand late in the war, when proceeding in company with an Australian major I was startled to see a typical lamp-post lounging Anzac come smartly to attention and salute in a manner which would have done credit to the Guards. The major shared my astonishment and suggested retracing our steps to see if it were really true or merely an hallucination, the result of perhaps one too many at

the Coal Hole. This time the digger, no doubt from his lamp-post, but said he was in a perfectly indifferent manner. Major W— abruptly asked "why?" The devil did you salute me a few moments ago and not now?" Quite indignantly came the reply, "Cripes, I didn't salute you. I saluted the Navy baby." (I was a sub-lieut. of 19 or 20 summers.)

The Major's summation of the situation was more forceable than police.

EX-NAVAL MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Ex-Naval Men's Association cordially invite all naval and marine officers and men, whether members of the Association or not, to join in the following Anzac Day parades:

Forenoon — the main service — 9.30 a.m., opposite Cathedral Avenue, in St. George's Terrace, where naval colours will mark the head of the column. Afternoon, 2.15, opposite Town Hall, Fremantle, or 2.15, Maylands Railway Station.

In the case of the afternoon services, it is hoped that as many as possible will attend the Fremantle parade, which is a full section and sub-section affair, but at least four files are required at Maylands in accordance with custom. Transport arrangements will be made at the conclusion of the morning parade. The rig of the day in each case will be uniform or multi optional with decorations.

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Who's Who in the League

HARRY KAHAN

It has been the good fortune of the South Perth Sub-branch for many years now to have had the services of Mr. Harry Kahan. These services have proved of inestimable value to the sub-branch, among whose members Harry enjoys great popularity and respect. A school teacher by profession, Harry served with the 28th Battalion, both at Gallipoli and in France. For some time after the war Harry was secretary of the 28th Battalion Association, and in addition to the secretarial duties, founded and edited the battalion magazine, The Ringnecks. As a sub-branch member, Harry has proved himself to be wonderfully versatile. Hardy, a committee, or an activity of any sort in connection with the sub-branch but he has taken a leading part. This has entailed a big sacrifice of home life and time cheerfully given, and to the distinct advantage of the sub-branch. As founder and editor of the sub-branch magazine, The Barrage, and late producer of the sub-branch concert party, "The Whizzbangs," Harry has rendered sterling service. He served one term as president of the sub-branch, and proved well fitted for the position. In all discussions on sub-branch matters he displays a quick grasp of essential facts and broadness of vision, that make his opinions respected. He is a splendid organiser, and any job undertaken by him is invariably carried out efficiently and well. Professional studies will this year necessarily curtail his activities on behalf of the sub-branch, but his cheerful and sympathetic assistance whenever possible can certainly be depended upon.

State Executive Meetings
March 30, 1932

At the meeting of the State Executive, held on Wednesday, March 30, there were present Messrs. Collett, Riley, Yestes, Freedman, Philip, Tyler, Olden, Hunt, Lovell, Edmonds, Panton, Nicholson, Smith, War, Farquharson, Fady, Margolin, Keppel, Miller, Bider, Cornell, and Walker. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Gillett, Denon, and Birwittte.

Ex-Imperial Soldiers-A deputation representing the British United Services Association, consisting of Messrs. C. Bond (President), H. L. Harris, and G. Cattermole (Secretary), were permitted to address delegates in connection with the formation of an Ex-Imperial Service Men's sub-branch. At the previous meeting of the State Executive a motion on this subject was defeated by the casting vote of the chairman (Colonel H. B. Collett). The deputation asked for the recommittal of that motion. Mr. Cattermole said that the members of the deputation wished to prevent a wedge being driven between the Tommy and the digger. Were anxious to prevent the formation of any outside organisation of ex-Imperial men, but they were also anxious that no eligible man should have any shadow of justification for saying that the R.S.I.L.A. did not want him. The application to form a sub-branch should be granted.

Two so that the ex-Imperial man should become a constituent part of the League and contribute to its strength. If their application were not granted there was a danger that another organisation would be brought into existence which might possibly be antagonistic in many ways to the League.

In supporting these remarks, Mr. Bond said there was no question of any antagonism between the B.U.S.A. and the League now, but his organisation as it existed at present was for social purposes only. The membership of the proposed sub-branch would be governed by the League constitution on the lines of a community of interests sub-branch, such as existed already in the West Perth (Civil Service), Railway Workshops (Midland Junction) and Press Sub-branches.

In reply to questions it was stated that an ex-Imperial sub-branch had been formed in Victoria. It had failed because of circumstances which would not be likely to arise here. In South Australia an ex-Imperial sub-branch was functioning successfully.

On the motion of the Rev. C. L. Riley, seconded by Mr. Yestes, the deputation was thanked, and it withdrew.

Notice of motion was given by Mr. E. W.
Edmonds to the effect that "the British Imperial ex-service men be invited to apply for the formation of a sub-branch, constitutionally embracing a district not possessing a sub-branch.

Later in the evening it was moved by Colonel Olden, seconded by Mr. Edmonds, that the attention of the Federal Executive be drawn to the statements contained in the letter and memorandum of Colonel Clunies Roderick of ex-Imperial men in Australia with a request that steps be taken to correct any false impression that may be created in the B.E.S.I. by such letter and memorandum. (The statements referred to were commented upon in the leading article of last month's Listening Post.) The motion was carried.

Reports.—State Secretary: 'The State Secretary, in his report referred to the case of J. Carroll, V.C., and his pension. The matter was referred to the Pensions Committee.

Pensions Committee.—A recent resolution, moved by the consultative council of ex-service men on the question of pensions was referred for re-drafting to the Pensions Committee, which submitted the following motion: That the Executive of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.I.L.A. reiterates the principle that war pensions are no more a means of livelihood than are workers' compensation or accident insurance payments, but are a form of compensation, however inadequate, for injuries received upon active service in the armed forces of the Commonwealth. Therefore, the cost of living should bear no relation whatever to the amount of war pension granted to each or any one, any more than it bears in the amount of workers' compensation paid for specific occupational injuries. It deplores the concentration of the Federal Auditor-General in his recent report on the reduction of war pensions, while sympathising with the recommendations in his report he is only carrying out his duty. This Executive unanimously objects to any further reductions of war pensions. This motion was carried.

Preference Advisory Board.—Further to a recent expression of dissatisfaction with some aspects of the hearing of appeals before the Preference Advisory Board, the chairman of the Pensions Committee (Mr. E. S. Wat) reported on the result of negotiations with the Secretary of the Premier's Department (Mr. L. E. Shaw). He said that Mr. Shaw had written that the Premier had agreed that soldier appellants before the Preference Advisory Board should be allowed the assistance of an advocate in presenting their cases, subject to certain conditions. Two of the conditions were that the representative should be appointed by the State Executive of the League, and that when a decision was given it should be accepted as final. The State Secretary of the League (Mr. D. M. Winton), and, in his absence, Mr. Ferguson, were appointed.

The report was adopted, and a motion was passed that the Premier be thanked for his attitude in this matter.

Empire and Local Trading Committee: The report of the meeting held on March 21, which indicated that 69 sub-branches, had nominated for the "Miss Westralia" competition, was received and adopted.

Anzac Day.—The report of the Anzac Day Committee showed that the arrangements for the celebration of Anzac Day are proceeding satisfactorily.

Conference on Unemployed.—The State President reported in connection with the recent conference of local governing authorities called by the League to discuss certain methods of relieving unemployment. The conference was of considerable value educationally, he thought, and gerrymandering ideas were sown in the minds of delegates which might, at no distant date, fruitfully in the manner desired.

Colonel Collett stated that the atmosphere of the conference at the outset was not what the League representatives expected, there being some misconception as to the real purpose of the gathering. It was even hinted that the League was being used as an instrument to relieve the Government of some portion of its responsibility. Then there was the freely expressed fear of overburdening the capacity of the local governing authorities, and the failure to recognise that the principal objective of thought was not a permanent remedy, but an effective expedient intended to tide the State over a critical period.

"But what caused your committee the most concern," he said, "was the parochial outlook of many of the delegates, and the absence of recognition of the gravity of the present crisis: a crisis to be met only by the closest co-operation between all units of government and the people themselves. There was a difficulty in appreciating the need and merit of some scheme based on lines such as those submitted, and a tendency to shield the ratespayer at the expense of the remainder of the community. The doing of something to change such an attitude of mind was in itself a justification for the holding of the conference, and in this your committee thinks it gained some measure of success. As a League we have received an endorsement of our policy of broadening the national vista and enlarging our national ideals."

After some discussion, during which Colonel Olden disintended from the president's remarks about the parochial attitude of certain delegates, and the suggestion that there was a tendency to shield the ratespayer at the expense of the rest of the community, and Mr. T. H. Tozer warmly supported the president's remarks in this connection, Colonel Collett was thanked for his report, which was adopted.

Federal Executive Meeting.—Mr. A. H. Panton, a delegate to the Federal Executive meeting, held in Sydney, on March 18, submitted his report. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Yeates and Nugent that Mr. Panton be thanked, and the report be referred to the Management Committee for examination and further report if necessary.

Carnamah.—The Rev. C. L. Riley reported having visited the Carnamah Sub-Branch. He stated that this sub-branch, and others similarly situated, had difficulty in securing bugles to sound the "Last Post" and "Reveille" for Anzac Day and other occasions, and the sub-branch had suggested that a gramophone record be made of these two calls.

Federal (Correspondence).—Correspondence from the Federal Executive dealing with the rate of interest, soldiers' settlement; and the co-operation of the Prime Minister's Department on Anzac Day, was received.

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The State Secretary reported the result of a
deputation asking that the Soldiers’ Institute,
Geraldton, be relieved from taxation. It was
decided to pay the amount assessed and to apply
for a refund from the Treasury.

The Preference Advisory Board had laid it
down that the proposal had been given in a
case, now pending, no appeals concerning matters
which occurred before the formation of the board
will be considered. As the case referred to is
the last of such appeals no hardship is
curred by this decision. The Tramway Depart-
ment advised that from the end of the month
there will be a reversion to the older method of
issuing passes to disabled soldiers instead of the
method of issuing books of tickets, now in use.

Mr. Pliner reported regarding the
conference with the Deputy Commissioner for
Repatriation, S.M.O., and Mr. Hooking, over
the admission of soldiers patients to the Perch-
General Hospital and evidence for appeal cases.
The report was adopted.

Wool Committee.—Mr. Tozer, reporting pro-
gress of the arrangements for the Wool Week,
reported that several requests had been
made to refund this amount from the profits of
the concert to be held during Wool Week.
The report was adopted.

Finance Committee.—Mr. Farquharson’s report
in connection with the League’s finances con-
tained a reference to sub-branches which had not
yet contributed to Poppy Day funds and the
Aged Relief Fund. It was considered that
reminders should be sent to these sub-branches.

Relief Fund.—Mr. Philp submitted a report on
behalf of the Trustees which showed that, for
March, £133 6/7d. had been distributed in addi-
tion to £54 which was donated to the Soldiers’
Children’s Scholarship Trust. Of a total of 131
assists, eight were members, seven widows,
and 116 non-members.

The Employment Officers’ report showed that
only fourteen jobs had been found for March.

Federal Correspondence.—The Minutes of the
Federal Executive Meeting held in Sydney on
March 18 were tabled for information.

Copies of a communication concerning the
time limit, ex-imperial soldiers, are to be sup-
plied to the B.U.S.A. and Press.

It was decided to nominate Colonel Tilney as
Soldiers’ Representative on the Repatriation
Commission. General Chauvel’s Anzac Day message
was received and forwarded to the press for pub-
lication. Other communications were dealt with
as follows:

Distribution of Monthly Employment Grant,
referred to Finance Committee: Unemployment
of Youth not received and copy forwarded to the
League Club.

A communication dealing with the War Service
Homes Committee of inquiry is published in an-
other column.

Commonwealth Public Service.—Satisfaction
was received on receipt of information from the
Federal Office that the Prime Minister (Mr.
Lyons) has reaffirmed adherence by his Govern-
ment to the principle of preference to soldiers
in the Commonwealth Public Service, and that
where returned men were threatened with dis-
missal from the temporary staff, every effort
would be made to find them positions in other
departments.

Anzac Day.—The arrangements for Anzac Day
will be found in another column.

Nedlands Motion.—A motion to—and given to
Mr. Edmonds to withdraw his notice of motion in
connection with ex-imperial men.

General.—Mr. Birtwhistle was appointed con-
venor of the Archibishop Murray Memorial Shield
Committee.

The appointments of Mr. Vernon Harris as
secretary of the York Sub-branch and of Mr.
B. MacMahon as secretary of the Kirup Sub-
branch were confirmed.

The formation of No. 2 District Committee,
comprising Waroona, Goolup and Murray, was
approved.

A reply from the P.M.O., Health Department,
was received concerning a complaint from the
Gosnells Sub-branch about the delay of a burial.

It was decided a copy of the letter be forwarded
to the sub-branch.

Reduced Charges, Gold Mining.—A letter from
Mr. Lindsay, Minister for Country Water Supply,
stated that the Government could no longer afford
to subsidise the gold mining industry by paying
from Treasury funds for royalties for every
thousand gallons of water used for mining
purposes. It was decided that a copy of the letter
be sent to the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch.

Kalgoorlie Sub-branch.—(a) Congress Resolu-
tions and State Executive: The letter was re-
ceived and it was agreed that Kalgoorlie be ad-
vised that the letter had been presented to the
Executive, but the position was exactly as de-
scribed in earlier minutes of the Executive and
advice to the sub-branch.

(b) Apology: It was agreed to notify Kalgoorlie
that the Trustees’ decision in connection
with an application for assistance had been
considered by the Executive and endorsed.

(c) Consultative Council: It was decided that
the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch be informed that a
report in connection with this Council will be
made at this year’s Congress.

(d) League and Local Governing Bodies: This
letter was received.

The late Mrs. J. T. Franklin.—The Executive,
allimmediately, ordered a resolution of condolences
from the Hon. J. T. Franklin and other
Ministers, Mr. Maxwel, of the Perth, on the death
of his wife, who had been a devoted war-worker and friend of
all soldiers.

Ex-Imperial Grant.—On the motion of Messrs.
Edmonds and Watt, it was agreed to ask Mr.
McCarthy for particulars under which this grant
was made for ex-imperial members of Settlement League.

R.S.L. Band:—On the suggestion of Mr. Watt
it was decided to congratulate the R.S.L. Mem-
orial Band on winning the State Championship.
The Man with the Donkey

It is not generally known that the real name of Private W. Simpson, who achieved renowned fame and immortality at Gallipoli as "The Man with the Donkey" was James Simpson Kirkpatrick. He was born at South Shields in 1892 and consequently was only 23 years when he so heroically died. There is an impression abroad that Simpson enlisted in this State. This is not so. He enlisted in Queensland in the Third Field Ambulance as a stretcher-bearer. He had spent a few years as a ship's fireman prior to coming to Australia.

Simpson's gallantry did not escape public recognition at South Shields, his native town. In the museum at the public library there is a striking bronze statuette, depicting the hero rescuing a wounded comrade with the aid of a donkey. The statuette, which is 18in. high, stands on a 4ft. pedestal, and on the frame is a frame containing the particulars of the episode. The statuette, which is the work of Mr. A. Bertram Pegram, was originally exhibited at the Royal Academy. It attracted much attention, and was purchased and presented to the South Shields Museum by the Tyne Dock Freeman's Lodge. The inscription is headed "The Man with the Donkey," Simpson's widowed mother resides in Dale Street, South Shields.

Sub-Branch Notes

BRIDG E TOWN

No meeting was held during February. Under the auspices of the sub-branch a boxing tournament was held in aid of the Cornwall Fund. Jim Cornish was a return soldier, who passed away, leaving a wife and five children in strained circumstances. The tournament brought in £11/10/6, and the fund is now £40 in credit. It is hoped that the bridge evenings will soon be resumed. Ex-service men and their wives who are passing through Bridgetown are invited to spend an hour or so at The Rest Room, which the local Women's Auxiliary has provided.

SOUTH PERTH

The general meeting was held on Monday, March 18, in the Masonic Hall, about 40 members being present. A report from the Secretary of the Wool Week Committee revealed that eight candidates had entered for the Miss South Perth competition. The committee meets regularly every week, and is working hard in the interests of the Wool Week. A committee of three, comprising Messrs. Farquharson, Keay, and Haydock were appointed in connection with Empire Shopping Week, which commences on May 22. Local shopkeepers are entering into the spirit of the shopping week, and a successful time is confidently anticipated.

At the close of the meeting, members extended a fitting welcome to Mr. Ross Keeling, President of the Port Hedland Sub-branch. In replying, Mr. Keeling outlined the history of the returned soldier movement in the large district which he represents.

On Sunday, March 13, a return cricket match was played against Mt. Hawthorn at Forrest Park. The final score was, Mt. Hawthorn 126, and South Perth 120.

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS

A meeting was held at Mundaring, on March 18. Anzac Day.—It was decided that the same arrangements as carried out last year would be the order of the day. Captain MacKean will take charge of the parade, which will assemble at 10.30 a.m. at Mundaring Railway Station. Local ministers of religion will conduct the service, and the sub-branch president will deliver an address. The co-operation of the schools within the district is, as usual, expected.

Fallen Soldiers' Memorial.—For the purpose of renovating, the Greenmount Road, Board generally decided to provide the Memorial Committee with the necessary material, paint for fence, etc. The help of diggers to assist in the work of renovating is invited. Genial Secretary "Nipper" Patten hopes to see willing "horser" line up to put in their weight.

Wool Week Campaign.—It was decided wholeheartedly to support this year already, and to organise a "Miss Mundaring" competition. Several ladies have already signified their intention of competing. It is intended to hold an Empire ball at Mundaring, at which the successful lady will be presented as "Miss Mundaring" (not Mundijong, Mrs. Editor). Congratulations.—Harry Walker earlier them, being elected to the House Committee of the State Executive. Our "live wire" president has thus another bar added to his "Good Service" medal. Actively interested in local affairs for the public welfare, socially and otherwise, and being a member of the local roads board, gives this public spirited digger little time for "shut eye." With these additional duties and as editor of "Strongbow," he will be excused for going to bed with his spurs on.

NUN G A R I N

The annual meeting was held in the Nungarin Hall on Monday, March 14. A letter was read from the Nungarin Road Board, seeking the co-operation of the sub-branch in the unveling of the portrait of the late Sir John Monash during the next Anzac Day service. The request was acceded to unanimously. The action of the "All Wool Week" sub-committee was endorsed, and it was agreed to ask the Women's Auxiliary to nominate two members to this sub-committee.

In his annual report, the retiring President (Mr. F. L. Warner) stated that of the estimated number of returned men (67) of the district, most are members of the R.S.I. There are now 39 full members, and against 48 in 1930. During the past year death claimed two members of the sub-branch. Their funerals were well attended by members, and by the general public. Last year nothing was expended on amelioration. The amount expended already exceeds £70. Fixing reference was made to the good work of the Women's Auxiliary under the guidance of their President (Mrs. Date).

The Secretary (Mr. J. Brockway) reported that only two members have requested the help of the sub-branch in connection with pensions. One case is now under review, but the other application has, so far, been unsuccessful. A War Service Home, held in the name of a deceased comrade has been transferred to his widow at a lower rent. The proceeds of a benefit night amounted to £14/1/-.

Two dances held in August and November netted respectively, 

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poppy Day, owing to local difficulties, was not a success, but it is hoped to show a profit of $5 this year. In spite of decreased membership and increased expenses, such as the amount spent on amelioration, the financial statement shows a small credit balance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. A. C. Andrews; Vice-President, Mr. L. B. Hatton; Secretary, Mr. W. C. Green; Treasurer, Mr. L. B. Brockway; Committee, Messrs. J. H. Johnson, G. H. Herbert, G. Finister, J. Graystock, H. E. Andrews, M. L. Austin, and A. L. Pullbrook. At the conclusion of the formal business, the annual dinner was held, the splendid banquet being provided by the members of the Women’s Auxiliary. Among the guests present were Messrs. J. Jolly, Chairman of the Nungarin Road Board; F. A. Williams, a road board member; and the representative of the Dampier Herald. During the evening war choruses were sung, and Mrs. F. A. Williams and Mr. G. Finister were heard to advantage in song and recitation.

NORTH PERTH

A sweet pea competition has been inaugurated among sub-branch members and their relatives. Nominations for the competition should be handed in as soon as possible. The competition has caused considerable interest, and it is assured that a splendid selection of flowers will result. It is anticipated that a display will be held during September.

The first of the monthly eucharist and card evenings was held on Monday April 4, and proved quite a success. The social committee has decided that these evenings will be held on the first Monday of the month. Members and friends are asked to keep this in mind and assist in disposing of tickets. The prizes and supper are always excellent, and admission price is only 9d. Much appreciation is expressed to Mr. McVicar, who donated the main prize for the evening.

It is noted with some regret that subscriptions due on the 1st of the year are not yet completed, and it is requested that those concerned should right the matter and become financial. Those who find it difficult should get into touch with the chairman of the membership committee (Mr. Hawkins), or the secretary.

The draw for the “Sports Club” was a success, and it is anticipated that the indoor games for the winter will be catered for in a very able manner.

Arrangements have been completed for the combined Anzac Day service with the Mt. Lawley Sub-Branch, to be held at the war memorial, Clifton Crescent, Mt. Lawley, at 3 p.m. The parade will fall in at the Lyceum Theatre at 2:10 p.m., and will proceed via Walcott Street to the memorial. It is anticipated that all will endeavour to be present, as this will commence what will probably be an annual combined service. An invitation has been extended to all local clergymen and their congregations to be present.

The Rev. Neil McDonald is reserving seats for the evening service in the Presbyterian Church, Raglan Road, and is desirous of knowing the number who will attend. Those who will attend should notify the secretary as soon as possible.

An interesting lecture was delivered at the meeting on March 7, by Commander Venden, R.N.R., entitled “Mine Sweeping.”

The tennis captain reports that his club is doing well. Two matches have been played against the Mt. Lawley Sub-Branch and Rosemount (Club), which were victorious. He expressed pleasure with his team and the enthusiasm shown, both in attendance at matches. Practice is held at the Redfern Courts every Thursday evening.

Mr. Bill James was welcomed back from his trip East, where he had been engaged in conference work concerning the blind soldiers. He reported favourably on the results achieved.

A new scheme has been inaugurated for the after general meeting socials. Members should come along and participate.

The Women’s Auxiliary have received a challenge from the ladies of the Rosemount Tennis Club, which they have accepted, and will play in the evening of April 26, at Ibbotson’s courts, Fitzgerald Street.

BOULDER

The monthly general meeting was held on Friday, April 1. A large amount of correspondence, embracing Repatriation, preference, amelioration, etc., was read and dealt with. Accounts totalling £34/10/0 were passed for payment.

Following discussion it was resolved to support the “Wool Week” movement. The secretary was instructed to interview the drapers of Boulder and request them to make a huge display of Australian woolen goods in their show windows during Wool Week.

A committee was appointed to assist during “Baby Week,” and an amount of £12/2/- was donated towards the funds of this worthy cause.

The Monument Committee reported that the Donaldson Monument in the Railway Reserve was in need of repair, the wing supporting the monument being broken, and one arm of the figure almost severed. It was resolved that a letter be forwarded to the Boulder Municipal Council pointing out the condition of the monument, and requesting that necessary repairs be effected. A letter has since been received from the Town Clerk stating that the necessary repairs have been completed.

It was decided to hold our Anzac Re-union Social on Tuesday, April 26, and St. Matthew’s Vestry has kindly granted the use of the Parish Hall.

A large number of ex-soldiers have been calling at the office of late in search of employment and assistance. Many of these men are from other States. It is most noticeable that the majority of these ex-soldiers are not, and have never been, members of the League. One bitter-struggling ex-invalid soldier, accompanied by his wife, who, by the way, has tramped from place to place with her husband, called at the office and asked for assistance. He stated that he had been in W.A. for the past ten years and had never been employed until a month ago. When asked if he was a member of the League, he stated, “No, I have never wanted help from the R.S.L. before.” Before giving him an order for stores, etc., he was asked if he had sought assistance elsewhere; he said, “No, I am a stranger here.” A few hours later the Mayor of Boulder informed the writer that the same couple had secured assistance from the Local Benevolent Society. During the past ten months the sum of £131/10/0 had been distributed in Distress Relief. The Boulder Soup Kitchen, which was inaugurated by this branch, has been discontinued owing to lack of support from the Government. During the eleven months the kitchen has operated, thousands of meals were supplied to the unemployed, and it is indeed a pity that it had to be closed down. The drain on the Distress Fund has been much greater since the closing of the kitchen.

It is regretted that ten of our comrades have passed away during the past year. Two were buried within four days of each other this month. The usual funeral arrangements were carried out by the sub-branch in each case.

A dawn service will be held on Anzac Day, as well as the usual service at 11 a.m.

This branch is raffling a £1 note, to raise funds for the purpose of providing winter

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comforts for the old digger pioneers. Many of these old chaps who blazed the trail in the early days of the goldfields have only their age pension to live on, and a little extra help will be a God-send to them. A huge dinner was tendered the old diggers at the Boulder Block some time ago, and it was indeed interesting, after the old chaps’ tongues had become loosened, to listen to some of the earlier days, and the privations that many of them suffered in the search for gold.

**MOUNT BARKER**

At the general meeting on April 8, Messrs. T. G. Souness, Goldsmith, H. V. Jenkin and Morgan were appointed delegates to the annual meeting of the No. 4 District Council meeting, to be held at Wagin, on Sunday, April 16. In spite of the heavy work entailed by the annual shipments of fruit about April 25, it was decided that the customary observance of Anzac Day will occur. The secretary was instructed to circularise members to this effect, and to state that “working kit” will be the dress order of the day.

Messrs. Gulin (Collie), and Graham (5th Light Horse) were formally welcomed as visitors to the meeting. “Mac,” whose leg is still a source of anxiety to himself and his many pals, was in town for a few days, and was to be consulted at the usual place of business between the hours of a.m. and p.m. We note that since “Mac” has been on the sick list, the light horse have moved up reinforcements, Messrs. Harold Armstrong and Fears (1st Brigade, M.G.S.) being in the district.

**WEST LEEDERVILLE**

This sub-branch has now practically completed arrangements for the observance of Anzac Day. Branch members, relatives, and the general public are asked to kindly make a note of these arrangements. All interested are invited to be present at the service.

On the afternoon of Anzac Day there will be a parade of returned soldiers, the local militia, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, who will fall in at the corner of Oxford and Newcastle Streets at 2.15 p.m. The parade will move off at 2.30 sharp. Captain J. H. Jose has been appointed marshall. The Salvation Army band, who have consistently given their services on this day, will again lead the procession, and will also provide the music for the service.

The memorial service will be held in the Town Hall, Cambridge Street, West Leederville, at 3 p.m. An address will be delivered by Colonel C. H. E. Manning, D.S.O., O.B.E., V.D., and the combined church choirs of the district will render items, and lead the singing under the baton of Mr. Summers. Full programmes of the service will be available.

After the address has been delivered, the second part of the service will be held in the memorial grounds, adjoining the Town Hall, where the ceremony of laying on of wreaths, etc., will take place. For the information of those who desire to lay wreaths, these can be left in the ante-room of the Town Hall in charge of Mr. Haines, and they can be delivered to him at any time during the morning or afternoon. Directions will also be given as to the method of procedure by Mr. H. Peters, who will be available to give any information required in the afternoon. He will act in company with Mr. Haines. Wreaths can also be placed on the memorial, if so desired, at any time during the morning.

It is expected that there will be a large attendance, and special arrangements have been made for seating accommodation in the Town Hall for aged parents, incapacitated soldiers, and those who take part in the parade. In connection with the parade, the president and Executive of the sub-branch particularly ask all returned men to take part.

Invitations have been issued to all local religious denominations, and a representative from each church is invited to take a seat on the platform. The Women’s Auxiliary will also be represented, by president, vice-president, and secretary. The sub-branch feels that a debt of gratitude is due to the members of the Auxiliary, who have so consistently rendered service to the district.

Any further information may be obtained from the President, V. E. Troode, 30 Harborne Street, Wembley, or the Hon. Secretary, J. W. Smothers, 22 Woolwich Street, West Leederville.

**UPPER SWAN**

The meeting held on Thursday, March 17, was of the “special” order, those present having the privilege of taking part in a most interesting act of remembrance, the presentation of League Certificate of Service to the past president, Mr. Thorn, M.L.A. A big number of members was augmented by representatives of four other sub-branches, and unusual activity on the part of the chief officers, Mr. Lamont, and staff gave early indication that the welfare of the “inner man” was not to be overlooked.

At the conclusion of the usual business the President (Mr. H. E. Feutrill) referred to Mr. Thorn’s long connection with the sub-branch, dating from 1919, and the faithful service he had rendered during his two years as president. Other speakers emphasised the high esteem in which Mr. Thorn was held by members and residents of the district generally.

The President then handed over the presentation, expressing the hope that the recipient would long be spared to continue taking an interest in the affairs of the sub-branch and the League generally. The toast of the past president, which included Mrs. Thorn, was carried with enthusiasm. Mr. Thorn, in his response, assured those present that he keenly appreciated the honour bestowed on him that night. The spirit of comradeship which existed amongst members was something he would remember for all time. Some of the happiest moments of his life had been spent in that hall with his fellow diggers, and he felt proud of the part they were playing in the life of the district. He would always look with pride on the certificate, which would (he hoped) be handed down through many generations.

Later in the evening the opportunity was taken of congratulating the president on his forthcoming wedding, and members referred in glowing terms to the young lady in question. Both Harry and the future Mrs. Harry were in turn referred to as being lucky, and the impression gained was that both had been equally fortunate in their choice. Harry suitably replied, thanking those present for their good wishes.

**No. 2 DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

The first meeting of the No. 2 District Committee was held at Trayning, on Sunday, April 3. Mr. F. L. Warner (president) was in the chair, other delegates present were Messrs. Sear and Elliott (Wyalkatchem), Thompson and Graves (Dewar), Smeeeton, Burgess, and Cuthbertson (Trayning-Yelbenni), Le Cras, McKenzie, and Rice (Mount Marshall), A. C. Andrews, H. E. Andrews, Johnson, and Mulqueeney (Nungarin), and Mr. Secretary W. Brooker.

The constitution, which was drawn up by the president and secretary, was adopted unanimously. It was decided to hold an annual re-union in the No. 2 District on the Saturday nearest Anzac Day, the place to be decided by draw.

This year’s meeting will be held at Benguchina, on November 12.

A motion which was brought forward, that the District Committee hold a smoke social to raise funds for the committee caused a considerable amount of disapproval, so much so that when referred to the motion was not even seen to vote against it. It must be that the returned man is getting domesticated at last, and no longer wishes for the old times back.
again. An endeavour is being made by the committee to re-form the sub-branches at Koorda, Gabbin, and Mukinbudin.

The next meeting will be held at Trayning, on August 14, when Congress agenda items will be discussed.

**NUNGARIN**

A meeting of the Nungarin R.S.L. Wool Week Committee took place on Monday, April 4. Mr. Warner resigned from the position of chairman in favour of the president of the sub-branch (Mr. A. C. Andrews). The resignation was accepted with regret.

It was decided to hold a wool ball in the Nungarin Hall, on Saturday, April 30, at which the competitors for "Miss Nungarin" All-wool Frock Competition would be judged. Preparations are now in hand to make this function the success it warrants. The secretary (Mr. L. W. Brockway) reported that while he was in Perth he had been in conversation with the Assistant State Secretary of the League (Mr. C. Ferguson) to try and get a judge from Perth. At present no reply has come to hand, but Mr. Ferguson stated that he would do his utmost to obtain one. Already seven nominations have been handed in to the secretary, and it is hoped that this number will be increased to at least 3 dozen by the time the nominations close, which will not be later than 8 p.m. on the night of the function, April 30.

The next meeting of this committee will take place on Tuesday, April 26.

**VICTORIA PARK**

The meeting on Friday, March 18, was attended by the State President (Colonel H. B. Collett) and Mr. Farquharson, of the State Executive. After the formal business, the League's Certificate of Merit was presented to Mr. George Taylor, of Victoria Park. In response to the sub-branch's invitation, fifty members of the Women's Auxiliary attended this ceremony. Other visitors present were Mr. H. S. Raphael, M.L.A., Councillor Fraser, Mr. Leopold, of the local Horticultural Society, Mr. Binn, of the Broadway Theatre, and other prominent citizens. Colonel Collett, supported by Messrs. Raphael, M.L.A., Nicol (president), and "Snowy" Gibbs (vice-president), made the presentation, all paying glowing tributes to the recipient's work on behalf of ex-service men and their dependants. Messrs. L. Ashbolt, Tim Healey, and Grieve contributed songs and other items.

**YANDANOOKA**

At the annual meeting of the Yandanoopa Sub-branch the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year—President, Mr. J. A. Brown; vice-president, Mr. H. Chivers; committee, Messrs. Lynch, Whelan, Saunders, Willis, and D. Downes; auditor, Mr. P. C. Neville; secretary, Mr. E. Y. Taylor.

The question of the re-valuation of the property was introduced, but it was resolved that this matter should receive the consideration of the committee. A Land Board was appointed to obtain various details to assist the committee.

In connection with the celebration of Anzac Day, it was decided to invite the clergy of all denominations to participate in a service, the arrangements for which were left in the hands of the president.

The president (Mr. Brown) was requested by the meeting to allow himself to be nominated for re-election as a representative of the Yandanoopa Ward on the Mingewar Road Board. In connection with this he also decided to hold a ball in the near future, particulars of which will be advertised at a later date.

A vote of appreciation of services rendered by the retiring secretary (Mr. W. Meldrum) was recorded on the minutes, and the meeting terminated.

**GASCOYNE**

The monthly meeting of the sub-branch was held on Tuesday, April 5, at the Gascoyne Hotel. Matters affecting the financial position of the branch were finalised, and accounts totalling over £16 for relief, etc., passed for payment.

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Correspondence between the secretary and Mr. Angelo, M.L.A., in regard to the sandalwood industry was fully discussed, and the secretary was asked to take certain action.

Arrangements for Anzac Day and the Anzac re-union were finalised. Slight alterations were made in the order of service on Anzac Day. This year, immediately after the opening hymn, the president, on behalf of the branch, will lay a wreath on the memorial, and persons desirous of laying wreaths are invited to follow him. The "Last Post" will be sounded, then the two minutes' silence, followed by the "Reveille." It was decided to delete the hymn, "Land of Hope and Glory," and substitute the hymn, "Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendour." It was also decided that the president (Mr. Cornish) and the vice-president (the Rev. L. C. Brentnell) should be the speakers, and that the Girl Guides and school children be invited to attend. The Anzac re-union was fixed for Saturday evening, April 23, and an Anzac social and dance will be held on Tuesday, April 26.

With the object of reviving the Women's Auxiliary, it was resolved to ask the president's wife (Mrs. Cornish) to convene a meeting of the wives and women relatives of returned and deceased soldiers.

The secretary was instructed to call a meeting of all available members of the sub-branch immediately on the death of a returned soldier, so that suitable arrangements could be made for the interment.

**FREMANTLE CITY & DISTRICT**

The sub-branch is at present busily engaged in finalising details for the "Miss Fremantle" competition, the judging of which will take place in the Fremantle Town Hall, on the evening of May 3. Miss L. Stanley (Stanley Dressmaking School, Perth), and Mr. M. E. Zeffert (Managing Director, Premier Stores, Perth), have consented to act as judges, and a further judge will be appointed, in place of Mr. Schooler (Mears, Goode, Durrant & Co. Ltd.), who is at present out of the State. The sub-branch proposes, in conjunction with the judging, and altogether a very enjoyable evening is assured. Competitors are reminded that they are required to wear a frock of wool, at a cost not exceeding 3/6; and that the material and trimming in the making of the frock must be procured in Fremantle. The successful candidate will be known as "Miss Fremantle," and will represent Fremantle in the "Miss Westralia" competition. Prizes to the value of £5/5/ have been allocated by the sub-branch.

All detailed arrangements in respect to the memorial service and parade, to be held under the auspices of the Fremantle R.S.L., at the Fremantle Fallen Sailors' and Soldiers' Memorial, at 1 p.m. on Anzac Day, April 25, 1932, are now well in hand.

The "Dawn Service" will again be arranged by the Fremantle-Legacy Club, and, although of a simple character, promises to be most impressive.

By the courtesy of the Fremantle Tramway Board, special services and fairs will operate on Anzac Day.

In order to avoid confusion the organisers of the Fremantle Anzac Day memorial services respectfully request all those who intend replacing floral tributes on the memorial, to refrain from placing their tributes until after the official wreaths have been laid. The order of laying wreaths will be announced at the services. It has been further suggested that, owing
to the large number of floral tributes placed on the memorial each year, and owing to the limited space available for that purpose, size and character of the flowers must conform with the official R.S.L. poppy wreath, which, if so desired, may be procured from the Soldier's Institute, South Terrace, Fremantle.

Members of the R.S.L., and the public generally, will learn with regret that the secretary of the Fremantle R.S.L., Mr. Beazley is at present confined to his bed, with a very distressing ailment, and will join in wishing him a speedy recovery. Nevertheless, "Bill" hopes to be on parade with the boys on Anzac Day.

TRAMWAY

At the meeting of the Tramway Sub-branch, held on Tuesday, April 3, a letter was received from Mrs. E. Aspinall, organiser of the East Perth Wool Comforts Class, offering her services for an exhibition, demonstration, and lecture. The lecture will be on the use of the raw wool, and how wool can assist to relieve the unemployed problem. It was decided to accept the offer and issue an invitation to all members of the R.S.L. in the city and its suburbs to attend. The demonstration will be held in the St. Bartholomew's Hall, Claisebrook Road, East Perth, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 21. Tram No. 26 from the corner of Barrack and Welling-

don Streets will take you to the door.

After business was packed, away, Jock and Sam opened the keg, and music and melody followed by mirth were contributed by Messrs. Shields, Tournay, Longdon, and Hudman. Community singing brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

MAYLANDS

The Wool Week committee of the Maylands Sub-branch, in charge of the "Miss Maylands" competition, report that arrangements for the judging which will take place at a social and dance in the Maylands Town Hall on Tuesday April 26, are complete. An excellent musical programme has been arranged. Admission will be 1/- and supper will be provided. Fourteen applications have been received, with good prospects of further entries.

The Sub-branch has decided to donate prizes to the value of £2 2/6, £1 1/- and 10/- for the three best flocks.

Anzac Day—Arrangements are well in hand for Anzac Day. All ex-service men of the district are asked to assemble at the railway station at 2.30 p.m. when they will march together with boy scouts and girl guides, and headed by the Salvation Army band, to the memorial, where an Anzac Day service will commence at 3 p.m.

The service will be similar to the service on the Esplanade. The sub-branch, President (W. A. Claves) will deliver the address.

It is hoped that as many as possible will attend the "Dawn Service" at the State memorial.

TAMBELLUP

A large number of members attended the meeting held on April 6, and Mrs. Markay's commodious drawing room was filled to capacity. Mr. J. E. Tratham, who had signed a subscription to the rearing of a white horse, and was then a member of the committee, was unanimously requested to reconsider his decision, consented to do so and will carry on as Honorary Secretary to the sub-branch.

The arrangements are in hand for the Anzac Day service. All ex-service men and boy scouts have been invited to parade at the Memorial at 2.45 p.m. on the 27th. The Venerable Archdeacon Burdige has consented to be padre on the occasion.

"Miss Tambellup" All-Wool Costumes competition.—This sub-branch will give 30/- first prize, and 20/- second prize, and the Women's Auxiliary will provide the judges and the winner will be announced at a function organised by the auxiliary on the afternoon of April 27. This will just give time for "Miss Tambellup" to be entered for the "Miss Westralia" competition. A number of entries have been received and more are expected.

Progress was reported and arrangements are being made for engaging a staff and the re-opening of the hospital. On the 8th inst., Mr. Huelin, Under-Secretary of Medical Department, accompanied by A. Thomson, M.L.C. and A. E. Piesse, M.L.A., met the R.S.L. Hospital Committee and supplied a lot of useful information, which will be very helpful in controlling the institution. The sub-branch was represented by the President, Mr. A. J. Smith, and Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. E. Tratham. Anzac Day was partaken of during the meeting and votes of thanks were accorded to the visitors for their trouble in attending and for their interest and assistance.

SUBIACO

The Subiaco Sub-branch is all out this month to make itself felt in the suburb. On Saturday, the 16th, raw members working like trojans to make the carnival in aid of the local unemployed a wonderful success. Many of the old-time resources were utilised to rake in the elusive coin. Bob Cribb certainly does know something about harness and nags, while Tommy Smarts and Fred Shand were just great as "hoof" dispensers. Mac stood the strain well, and Bert Congdon still blushes over what the wireless disclosed. Jarman excelled with his chocolate bats, especially amongst the ladies. Sweats to the sweet, you know.

Anzac Day has received special attention and the programme is complete, covering both afternoon and evening services. At 3 p.m. the ceremony at our memorial will take place, followed by service in St. Mark's and then a special service in West's Theatre. In the evening a commemoration gathering will be held in the sub-branch rooms.

On Friday, the 29th, a children's picnic and fancy dress ball will be held in King's Hall, during which the "Miss Subiaco" of Wool Week will be judged. The children's dancing will run till 10 o'clock, and adults will be catered for from then till midnight.

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<td>COTTESLOE BEACH</td>
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<td>C. R. Cornish, Gascoyne Hotel, Harvey</td>
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<td>KARRIDALE AND DISTRICT KELLERBERRIN AND DISTRICT</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Glebe St.</td>
<td>1 and 3rd Mondays, 1:30 p.m.</td>
<td>P. J. Aberle, 10 Rose Ave., South Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.)</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>S. A. McNamara, Heytesbury Rd., South Perth</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
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<td>POPANYINNING</td>
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<td>Padre O’Halleron, Edin St., Toodyay</td>
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<td>Freemasons’ Hotel</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-VELBENI</td>
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<td>G. H. Philip, South Perth</td>
<td>T. Chandler, 31 McMillan St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>Library Hall, Albany Rd., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>J. Day, Bunting</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTING, JEDBERDING</td>
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<td>V. E. Troope, 30 Harbourage St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
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<td>A. Paterson, Yandil Station, Wiluna</td>
<td>J. Smith, Smithers, 22 Woolwich St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
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R.S.L. Sub-Branch Women’s Auxiliaries

VICTORIA PARK

Library Hall, Albany Road

Fourth, Friday, 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. O. Taylor, 54 State St., Victoria Park.

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ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

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<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m. (monthly)</td>
<td>A. H. Major, 137 Seventh Avenue, Maylands</td>
<td>Geo. E. Cattermole, M.C., 229 Charles St., North Perth</td>
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<td>Blinded Soldiers' Association</td>
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<td>Lt.-Col. I. E. D. Dinkley, 16 Auyone St., North Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. C. James, 19 Marion St., Leederville</td>
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<td>Eleventh Battalion Association</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonards Avenue, Leederville</td>
<td>R. W. Blair, 79 William St., Perth</td>
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<td>Ex-Naval Men's Association</td>
<td>Sports Club, King St.</td>
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<td>L. Kaye Perrin, 28 Margaret Street, North Cottesloe</td>
<td>E. Meldrum, Amateur Sports Club, Perth</td>
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<td>Twenty-Eighth Battalion Assn.</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 to 3 p.m., 10th of month or nearest weekday there to</td>
<td>I. E. Dunkley, 105 South Terrace</td>
<td>J. V. Pascoe, C/o Lynam Motors Ltd., 960 Hay St., Perth</td>
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<td>10th Light Horse Association</td>
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<td>Major S. E. Grimwood, New Zealand Chambers, St. George's Ter., Perth</td>
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In spite of the hard times and many other functions for good causes, the auxiliary was able to hand over to the R.S.L. Amelioration Fund a substantial sum as the end of the year.

.Re-elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Walker, President; Mrs. Bentley, Treasurer; Miss M. W. Boyes, Hon. Secretary.

STATE EXECUTIVE

Motor Outings

During the fine weather the soldier patients in the hospitals have been well catered for in respect to motor outings.

On February 28, patients from the Repatriation Ward and Edward Millen Home visited Goo-gee and Spearwood, where they were entertained by the ladies of the auxiliary.

The Fremantle Auxiliary were the hostesses on March 13, when they dispensed high tea to members of Lennox Hospital at South Beach, Fremantle.

The next outing is to be to Kelmstorp on April 10.

Visit of Mrs. Davis, N.S.W.

At the March meeting of the State Executive, the members had the privilege of hearing a short address from Mrs. Davis, of Bankstown, New South Wales.

District has been acute in Bankstown and the R.S.L. and Women's Auxiliary have had a strenuous time. Their procedure is similar to ours—application forms are filled in and cases are investigated by either the R.S.L. or the Auxiliary.

A special distress committee deals with such cases so that at the fortnightly general meeting, neither names nor streets are mentioned. To solve the problem of the Xmas tree, scrap of timber were obtained and 104 children were provided with toys made by unemployed diggers. The practical result is that a toy factory has now been opened, employing four men and two of the largest stores in Sydney are considering the purchase of toys from there.

Funds are raised by means of eurche, parties, American evenings, etc. The social side is well catered for with tennis, cricket and quoits. The auxiliary has a ruling that its membership be composed of 75 per cent. League members' wives and mothers, while the other 25 per cent. be interested workers, the latter being ballasted for

To form a link with Bankstown Auxiliary of the State Executive members is sending a "Listening Post" to Mrs. Davis each month. Mrs. Davis wore the familiar badge and she has promised a hearty welcome to any wearers of the badge who may visit Bankstown, New South Wales.

VICTORIA PARK

At the general meeting on Friday, March 18, a committee appointed to deal with "Miss Victoria Park" competition reported good progress. Cut out garments were handed round to be made up by members for the clothing box, as already demands are being made for warm clothing by needy families.

After the meeting the auxiliary attended a function arranged in honour of Mr. George Taylor by the sub-branch.

At the committee meeting held on April 1, in conjunction with the competition to be held to elect "Miss Victoria Park," the following candidates were nominated—Mr. Gray, the Misses Goodwin, Collins, Nicholl, Potter, V. Drock and Lloyd. The Secretary was asked to invite each candidate to meet the committee on April 21, at 8 p.m., at the residence of Mrs. Barnett, 31 Mil- ler Street, when a general discussion will take place, and any queries can be answered.

Mr. Birns, of the Broadway Theatre, Victoria Park, has kindly consented to allow the judging to take place at the Broadway Theatre on the evening of May 7. In addition to the 30/-- nominated as a prize by the sub-branch to the winning lady, Mr. Birns has kindly donated £1 1s. to the runner-up.

A bridge and whist evening was held on the evening of Mar. 31 at the residence of Mr and Mrs. Bacon, Leonard Street. Mr. Sharland and Mrs. Harding were the winners of the bridge, and Mr. Hargreaves and Misses Hargreaves and Misses Hargreaves won the whist prizes. Useful prizes were presented, and a dainty supper served.

A vote of thanks to the Host and Hostess terminated a happy evening, and a further sum was raised towards the cost of erecting the fence around the memorial.

Popular Man Competition

In support of Mr. Collett, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of State Street, entertained about fifty guests. Amusements were arranged to suit all tastes, and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are to be complimented on the novel manner in which they arranged their home.

A dainty supper was supplied. Tea cup reading by Mrs. Bills at a penny a time, caused considerable amusement, and great fun was experienced round the fishing pond, where numerous useful and amusing "fish" were landed on the hooks provided. Numerous games were provided for which a small charge was made—the funds thus provided going to the popular man competition, in aid of the building fund.

On April 22, at the social to be held after the auxiliary meeting at the Library Hall, all candidates will have a chance of adding to their votes, so it is hoped there will be a good attendance and that the voting will be hot and strenuous.

A bridge, rummy and whist evening will be held on April 12, in this connection, by courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, at 12 Duncan Street, Victoria Park, and it is hoped a good number will avail themselves of this opportunity.

A pleasant evening is assured, and the Women's Auxiliary are greatly indebted to Mrs. Roberts for her kindness.

WEST LEEDERVILLE

The executive of the auxiliary wishes to make it known that they are holding weekly old time and jazz dances every Friday evening, in the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Cambridge Street, West Leederville, at 8 p.m.

Good music is provided, and refreshments are available. The subscription is 1/-, and the proceeds are in aid of the funds of the local auxiliary.

The dances will be held each week until further notice, and it is hoped that support will be given to this movement.

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