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given subject, it is not infrequently impossible to carry the expressed desires into effect; and yet one sub-branch is sponsoring a motion directing the incoming executive to carry out in their entirety the resolutions passed by this Congress. The possibility of time and circumstance doing away with the necessity for obeying such an instruction has been entirely ignored.

The constitutional items deal for the most part with the conditions of membership, and the length of time one should remain a member of the State Executive. It is being suggested that the membership of the League be thrown open to persons who rendered other types of war service such as munition workers and ex-members of the mercantile marine. Occasionally there are borderline cases in which hardship, even injustice, seems to have been meted out, but to our mind if we enlarge the conditions of membership it will not be very long before we are asked to enlarge them again in favour of other border-line cases and so on, until one must ask, where is the thing to end?

Another resolution from the same sub-branch proposes to debar Executive delegates who have served three years on the Executive from re-election. No doubt the sub-branch will find some striking arguments to put up in favour of this proposal, though, to us, it seems illogical to prevent a man of proved worth from seeking a fourth term. The size of the Executive gives scope for an infusion of new blood each year, and if duds are elected year after year, that is the fault of Congress delegates themselves, and of those who send them to Congress.

We would begin to think that we were entirely losing our punch if the "Listening Post" were not made the subject of Congress discussions. A couple of items concerning this paper seem to be repercussion of the intrigue that was launched against it last year. We refrain from commenting upon them at present, contenting ourselves with the hope that, this year, these items will be discussed earlier in the piece before a full Congress.

In welcoming the country delegates to town once more, we cannot help feeling regret that three prominent members of the State Executive, unless rumour lies, are not seeking re-election this year. We feel sure that this year's deliberations will be attended with that spirit of intelligent and earnest endeavour in the public weal which has actuated former Congresses.

Whatever the fate of the constitutional items it is fairly certain that there will be a strong infusion of new blood in next year's Executive.

The R.S.L. and Newspaper Competitions

Reporting to the State Executive on behalf of the Trustees, on August 31, Mr. G. Philp stated that the Trustees had considered a proposition submitted by the proprietors of the Listening Post for augmenting the W.A. Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief Fund by means of a competition, and moved that the offer be accepted as follows: That the Listening Post conduct an intelligence competition, and that the subscriptions received be allotted as follows:—85 per cent less stamp conversion to be paid to competitors as prize money; 15 per cent to be paid to the proprietors, who shall allot this sum in payment of expenses as approved by the trustees, but not exceeding five per cent, to be paid to the Listening Post. The balance of 10 per cent or greater to be paid into the Aged
Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nugent, and after considerable discussion, a bare majority of the delegates present rejected it, one delegate refraining from voting.

Some delegates opposed the motion on ethical grounds, others, because the amount likely to be realised would be meagre in proportion to the time and work involved in conducting such a competition. With both points of view we are—in a certain amount of sympathy, and, naturally, we bow loyally to the Executive's decision. Our own point of view is that it is no bigger strain on ethical principles for a League fund to benefit from a competition conducted by the League's own official organ than to obtain larger sums from the proceeds of art unions or competitions conducted by other papers.

Unfortunately, this matter which, after all, is purely one of interior economy, was given unnecessary prominence in the press, and, as a consequence, the League as a body, and at least one member of the Executive, have been singled out as targets for the gibes of the rabid. Our old friend, "Dryblower." waxed lyrical over the matter, and ranted about the severities of the wowsers. Well, we can afford to take that sort of thing from one who is neither warrior nor wowsler. Fortunately, none of our Executive delegates are members of the Kindergarten Union, or they might have been branded as communists as well.

Still, we do not suppose that castigation in The Sunday Times will drive any of our Executive delegates to suicide.

Campaigning in Russia

At the luncheon of the Press Sub-branch, on August 31, Captain "Jimmy" Morgan, dealt with a phase of the war about which few people have much knowledge, when he spoke of the activities of the Allies on the Russian Front. The speaker, who left Australia with the original 11th Battalion, was invalided from Gallipoli. Failing to pass the doctor for further active service, he paid his fare to England and joined up with the Royal Welsh Regiment, with whom he eventually gained a commission.

Captain Morgan said that when the Russians dropped out of the war as a result of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, Allied troops were sent to Murmansk and Archangel to prevent the German occupation of the northern region. The transference of these troops so that front prevented hostile submarine activities from a Russian base, and was designed with the additional motive of organising the thousands of refugees from the fury of the Bolsheviks for their own defence against the ravages of their oppressors. The armistice came, but the ice had closed the ports, preventing the evacuation of the Allied troops and stores.

In any event, the British had pledged their word and could not abandon the helpless people. They stayed through the winter, but by May, 1919, the position had changed. The Russian armies of the north, south, and centre had been pushing against the Bolsheviks with fair success, but a new aspect of affairs had developed. The American people suddenly clamoured for the repatriation of their soldiers, and the French soldiers and sailors mutinied, so that the British were left without support, resulting in a modification of the plan.

It was resolved to organise the North Russian refugees into a fighting force equipped and officered by the British. When the force was formed, it was to join up with a strong brigade of veteran soldiers sent out from England, and to link up also with the armies to operate through Perm down to Odessa. After that had been accomplished, the British troops were to be withdrawn. A force of Czechoslovaks had insisted on continuing their fight with the Austrians. The Bolshevik Government undertook to transport by the Trans-Siberian railway the Czechoslovaks, who, however, found themselves marooned and starving as a result of the trains being stopped. They disarmed their Russian enemies, captured their war material, seized the Trans-Siberian railway, and for five months waged war there. They managed ultimately to link up with the Allied forces pushing in from Vladivostok, and so came under Koltchak's command. Disaster befell Koltchak's army at Perm, and he was captured and shot by the Bolsheviks. The scheme to organise the refugees proceeded, however, with the definite aim of seeing the British from the country. This was accomplished by the end of 1919 with the aid of British naval and military forces, the Bolshevik army being driven several hundred miles south by means of a strenuous campaign.

Some peculiar features of the campaign were described by Captain Morgan. The base of the British activities was Archangel, which was under martial law. It was a city situated 15 miles up the Dvina River, on the banks of which were dozens of timber mills. The city was five miles long, and about three streets deep from the water front. One-quarter was enclosed with barbed wire, being the compound where Bolshevik prisoners were kept. Stores for the prisoners were placed at the entrance daily, a party of prisoners being allowed to take them in and distribute them. The inmates were often unruly, and the only effective way of quelling the riots was to induce a British torpedo boat to fire over them. The city was full of troops of various nationalities who refused to fight, but maintained their own patrols. After the curfew sounded at 10 p.m., it was unsafe to venture abroad, for some of the foreign patrols were not particular.

(Laughter.) The enlistment of refugees
into the Slavo-British Legion, which was to drive the Bolsheviks southwards, was a strange proceeding. As Russians became available—their enemies a few hours previously—they were invited to join the legion. Each man was given a bar of soap, and was stripped and sent into the river to wash. His filthy and ragged clothing was burned, and as he emerged from the river he was given a new outfit of British soldier's clothing. The oath of allegiance was explained and administered. Spare uniforms were issued, but the recruits nearly mutinied because it was too hot to wear the entire issue. When they began the offensive, the men butchered eight British officers, and the guns had to be turned on to them, their twelve ring-leaders being executed in an inhumane manner by the Russians. That was the end of the Slavo-British Legion. The drive against the Bolsheviks, however, had involved some bitter fighting, and two Victoria Crosses were awarded, the recipients being Australians. (Applause.)

### When Rations were Short

**By M.H.M.**

A batch of reinforcements had dragged their weary footsteps into Etaples camp, late in December, 1916. The usual tedious journey from England, so familiar to all diggers on their way to the lines, had left these particular troops with rather frayed tempers. Anticipatory visions, however, of a few days rest in camp with regular meals made their outlook on life a little more cheerful.

Unfortunately for these reinforcements, someone had omitted to put them on the camp ration strength, and they had to perform to tighten their belts as many good soldiers had done before. The position thus created, lasting longer than was safe for the good order and discipline of these diggers, eventually induced a private with Shakespearean ambitions to immortalise the occasion by pinning on the wall of a camp hut the following verses:

Somewhere in France, soldiers are seen,
Walking about all very lean.
Walking about with bowed down head,
Praying to God they'll be fed.

Somewhere in France, in mud and rain,
Soldiers are saying, "Never again,"
"Never again" in one deep breath
Will they come to France and starve to death.

Somewhere in France, soldiers in need,
Oh, please Q.M. give them a feed;
Give them a feed, or very soon
Nurses will feed them out of a spoon.

And what is your answer, oh, Q.M. say,
When you face St. Peter on Judgment Day.
He will say, "Go thou and take thy chance,
You starved those poor beggars somewhere in France."

(Signed) Private C. H.

These lines were discovered in the diary of a member of the 44th Battalion, who, with two other reinforcements to this battalion, was concerned in this particular episode.

### Personal

Enquiries are being made by the mother of a British soldier, named Reginald John Bartlett, No. 371438, P.O.R., who was reported missing in France on October 7, 1916. The mother believes that he was wounded, and carried off the battlefield by Australian soldiers, and, owing to loss of memory, was regarded as one of the Australian soldiers with whom he returned home. He would be thirty-five years old at the present time, five feet eight inches in height, fair hair, blue eyes, small mole on neck, and would have a wound mark on the small of the back. His mother's address is, Mrs. R. Bartlett, The Court, Langton Matravers, Dorset, England.

M. E. Zeffert writes: Why go tearing round Gallipoli, Flanders, and Mesopotamia looking for the most interesting man in the war? He could undoubtedly be found in the person of Jock Nestor, Camp Sergeant-Major at Blackboy Hill.

Jock was a soldier of the old school, an ex-Imperial with a parade ground voice guaranteed to carry over five miles, and a stern exterior that struck terror in the hearts of recruits and old hands alike. I shall never forget his handling of the daily orderly room (under the presidency of the late Colonel Battye), although I hasten to explain that I was not one of the poor unfortunate individuals commanded to remove...
his hat! This is an invitation to others who knew him better than I, to let us have a few reminiscences of Jack Nestor.

The Many friends of "Ritchie" Kent, of the Mundaring Sub-branch, will regret to learn that he is seriously ill in a private hospital at Midland Junction. We join them in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. W. Hockin, honorary secretary of the Gosnells Sub-branch, has been ill in hospital. It is sincerely hoped that he will soon be restored to his normal state of health. During his illness, Mr. Barratt has undertaken his secretarial duties.

At the meeting of the Gosnells Sub-branch, held in the Maddington Hall, on August 29, Mr. Nock and Mr. Hockin were appointed delegates respectively to the Land Conference and State Congress.

The Gosnells Sub-branch recently suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. W. Argent, late R.A.M.C. Mr. Argent served in the South African War and the Great War. Before coming to Australia, he was attached to the War Office. He was well liked and respected by all who knew him, and his loss will be keenly felt by all ex-service men of the district.

Messrs. Bunge Aust. Pty. Ltd., and Mr. B. H. Perl, managing director of Messrs. Louis Dreyfus Ltd. have, between them, presented framed copies of the pictures, "Menin Gate," and "The Immortal Shrine" to the Repatriation Ward of the Perth General Hospital. This kindly action can be the more appreciated when it is realised that both these firms are of overseas origin.

A Digger Writes. - Mr. Ned Lands should read the Douglas proposals for social credits. Other authorities consider that what is wrong is the present method of finance. Reginald McKenna states that the amount of money in existence varies only with the action of the banks in increasing or decreasing deposits. Every loan or overdraft creates a deposit, and every repayment of loan or overdraft destroys a deposit.

McLeod's "Theory and Practice of Banking," says: "The essential functions of a bank and banker are to create and issue credit, and this credit serves as money. A bank is not an office for borrowing and then lending money; it is a manufacturary of credit money."

J. M. Keynes says there can be no doubt that all deposits are created by the bank.

H. Davenport, in "Economics of Enterprise," says: "Banks do not lend their deposits, but by the expansion of credits, create deposits." The Macmillan Report states that by granting loans, allowing money to be drawn on an overdraft, or purchasing securities, a bank creates money.

Enitz-Britt says: "The banks create credit out of nothing."

As for quoting Ramsay MacDonald as a guide to economic truths, he will have to look elsewhere. I have read Macdonald's writings for many years, and I have yet to learn anything of a sound economic nature from him.

Jim Whitton (Marquis of Torbay) writes—Perhaps the following may be of interest, showing that soldiers still have pep. Two prominent members of the Torbay R.S.I. have "fallen out the sick" in the persons of Sergeant Adams, the veteran, and Paul Buckridge, the President. "Buckie" is the champion go-getter of the district. He is president of the R.S.L., P. & C.A., Agricultural Society and P.P.A., a member of the Road Board, and a local director of the W.A.F.L. He also runs the "local butchery and corn store, in addition, he farms one of the best developed properties, which he pioneered. All these duties he carries out with two assistants, and often only one.

The gift of a past presidents' honour board to the Nedlands Park Sub-branch by Secretary Frank Kendall is greatly appreciated. So is the splendid service performed by Mrs. Kendall in decorating the tables for the annual smoker.

Alan Musgrove and Bill Bradbury, of Nedlands Park, who are both patients in Ward 11, reckon it worth while being in hospital, especially when it gives the opportunity for a close-up view of "Birdie."

Nedlands and other diggers will regret to learn that Bill Alverson is at present laid up in St. John of God Hospital. We wish him a speedy return to health.

J. H. Pozer, of the State Executive and Nedlands Park Sub-branch, has severed his connection with the Neptune Oil Company and is now a partner in the All-West Manufacturing Co. This firm manufactures the "All-West" motor repair outfits, heat patches, vulcanising outfits and solutions, gasket and radiator cements, grinding compounds and kindled lines. Energy and bonhomie are two essentials in modern business dealings. Jack possesses both in a very marked degree. We wish him all success in the new venture, and hope digger car drivers will bear this in mind when they put the preference policy into effect with respect to their own vehicles. Jack was recently elected a member of the Perth Legacy Club.

From "All Quiet," the organ of the Maylands Sub-branch, L. Morrissey, of the Maylands Sub-branch, has recovered from his recent illness. All his pals hope that the improvement in health is permanent.

Mr. R. Evans, of the Lyric Theatre, has been a good friend to ex-service men. His many kindly actions have been greatly appreciated by Maylands diggers.

Popular Joe Kemp has been elected a trustee of the sub-branch in place of Ernie Spencer, who has resigned.

Jack Gordon (not Garden) won the gentleman's prize at the auxiliary euchre party. Harold Toovey, when not dissect-
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Ted Andrewartha, a vice-president of the Nedlands Park Sub-branch, was an officer of the R.A.E., retiring on compensation at the time of the Great Retrenchment. Since he left the service Ted has been doing his bit for big business in the city.

The stock has left a wee daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morgan of Nedlands Park.

The Census, 1933

The following correspondence from the General Secretary R.S.S.I.L.A. is published for information:

As no doubt the officials of the Branches and Sub-branches of the League in the various States are being asked to supply information concerning the employment of returned soldiers in connection with the Census to be taken next year, I communicated with the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, asking him to furnish me with a statement for transmission to the various branches, having particular reference to the employment of returned soldiers, the approximate date that applications will be called and the probable tenure of employment.

In reply to the request a comprehensive statement has been supplied by Professor Giblin, which reads:

"Your letters of 22nd and 25th August relative to employment on the Census have been received.

The following particulars regarding employment are furnished for your information:

"Collecting Staff.—About 10,000 collectors will be required to distribute and collect Census Schedules for every dwelling in Australia. This work occupies 9 or 10 days commencing the last week in June, 1933. Persons seeking positions as collectors must apply to the Divisional Returning Officer for the Commonwealth Electoral Division in which they desire appointment.

"Tabulating Staff. — The tabulation staff will not be required until July 1933. The numbers will grow rapidly to a peak about 250 in October, 1933. Appointments will be made according to the results of examinations which will probably be held in May or June, 1933. The question as to where examinations will be held etc., is at present under consideration, but this will be advertised in the Press. Their scope has not yet been settled, but it may be stated that the examination held in connexion with the 1921 Census comprised arithmetic, including long and cross additions and percentages; handwriting; dictation and composition.

"The scale of pay for clerks will be that laid down in the Public Service Arbitrator's award for temporary clerical assistance (now £202 per annum) plus child endowment, and 2/6 per day extra will be paid to those appointed as section leaders. There are no higher positions to be filled.

"The tabulating work will continue for about two years after Census day, but it is pointed out that no guarantee as to length of employment can be given to successful candidates, as continuance of employment must depend on the suitability for the work.

"The policy of the Government as regards preference to suitable returned soldiers will be carried out in making Census appointments.

As priority of application for clerical positions confers no right of early appointment, such applicants are requested to withhold their applications until these are invited in the Press."

New Premises for the R.S.L.

At the meeting of the State Executive on August 31, correspondence was read from the Secretary to the Premier's Department, officially informing the League that Lot 653, being a portion of the land hitherto used by the University authorities, fronting St. George's Terrace, had been granted to the League for the erection of a new headquarters. The Executive unanimously agreed to a resolution appreciating the action of the State Government, and appointed a committee consisting of Colonel A. C. N. Olden, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Messrs. H. Walker and W. J. Hunt, and

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the Chairman of the House Committee, to inquire into and report on all matters in connection with the premises to be built on the site.

The Committee was asked to pay particular attention to the financing of the building and its furnishings, and to investigate such matters as club premises, entertainment hall, and dining-rooms. The Committee will also suggest methods of disposing of the present Soldiers' Institute, which is built on an "A" class reserve. The assistance of returned soldier architects, builders, valuers, etc., will be sought.

The necessity for an early commencement of building operations is recognised, as a considerable saving can be effected by a building contract under existing costs. No serious obstacle has been raised to the early possession of this land by the League. The site has a frontage of 50 feet to Hay Street, and is on the western boundary of the area occupied by the temporary buildings of the University.

By the Wayside

An ex-service man who has a wayside business on the Albany Road, has written to the State Secretary of the R.S.L., reporting on a visit recently paid to his premises by Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood. His own words are descriptive:—"I was trying to keep the baby quiet so I put her in the girls' dolls' pram, when the distinguished visitor pulled in, and after giving me an old soldier's smile and a hearty handshake, he wanted to know how we were all keeping. He made quite a fuss of the first baby born in this district since the wife and I pioneered the place four years ago. He thought it was a great piece of work to have built the house and tea shop ourselves, and Sir William remarked on the splendid health of all of us.

"Old times came up and a few places were gone over from Ypres to the Somme, then back to Dickebush and Mont Kemmel and I told him what it felt like to be taken prisoner of war after having been with the regiment for three years and eight months. After we were taken by the Germans we went to Dülmen; then across to Poland and back to Berlin, then away to Stettin on the Baltic. He asked me why I settled down here, and I informed him how I escaped from Germany with three Aussies, so there was nothing for it but to come and live amongst them.

"We all know Sir William Birdwood was a great soldier during the war, and after this meeting I am proud to recognise him as a gentleman. It struck me while I was talking to him that he would have made a great leader for Australia, especially in these times of trouble. Confidence is what he gives you and we only need confidence to overcome all our present troubles."

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There was nothing more interesting and educative during the weary years of the Great War, to the observant and sympathetic officer, than a continuous study of the various types of men under his command, more particularly the non-commissioned officers.

To a regimental or battalion commander the officers were certainly a study in themselves, but though more varied in type and civil occupation than their peace-time counterparts, they did not vary in these and other respects as did the non-coms., whose numbers, moreover, furnished a broader field for observation. Of course, there were also many men in the ranks well worth studying.

For a period just subsequent to the commencement of the War, the writer, then a staff officer in the permanent forces, was detailed for instruction work in a number of officers schools, and consequently it was perhaps but natural that on being appointed a company commander in the 20th Battalion, the training and final selection of the N.C.O.'s were entrusted to his care.

The work proved highly interesting from the 'outset, and perhaps the promotion of fourteen of these to commissioned rank, at Gallipoli, on the one day, half of them to other battalions, may be ascribed to the high standard set. Actually the sergeants had to approximate in qualifications to those of second lieutenants in the officers' schools, but the average standard of intelligence was high and each man-proved to be a subject well worth studying and assisting.

A HAPPY HERO

Brennan, H., was not an Australian, although he certainly looked like one, having all the local slang and other A.I.F. failings and virtues. Victoria (British Columbia) was claimed as his birthplace, and a very brave man he subsequently proved. Like many others who won fighting fame, he was revitive when out of the line and not remarkable for parade smartness, but surely there were few who would so willingly tackle a single-handed reconnoitering job, or lead a forlorn hope.

Actually, he revelled in danger and was then at his best, while a perpetual smile and an absence ofawan soon won him popularity.

On "The Nek" (Gallipoli), where our trenches were but twenty yards from those of the Turks, an almost continual bomb war was waged, and, to get closer, both sides constructed surface tunnels to bombing pits in no-man's land. On one night the wooden framework of our tunnel was set alight by enemy flares, the earth having been displaced by heavy bombing. There was no water, of course, and all efforts to stop the blaze from inside the tunnel proved futile.

Apart from the moral effect, the loss of the tunnel would then be serious, and certaintimberings in one front trench also looked like being destroyed. Besides, the Turks may readily have exploited such a position by a local attack. It must be remembered that no-man's land was well illuminated and swept by Turkish machine-gun fire.

As Acting C.O., I was weighing the possibility of blocking the tunnel with sandbags and removing the timbering on our side to make a fire-break, although the heat and smoke were terrific, when Brennan, then a corporal, requested my permission to be allowed to put out the fire, his scheme being to wriggle out among the many dead bodies and, using one or more as a shield, extinguish the fire with sand. I told him I would not order a man to take the enormous risk in such circumstances, but he pleaded and I reluctantly consented, not giving him a 1 to 1 chance of avoiding being killed or seriously wounded.

The Turks, fortunately, did not notice any movement till the sand began to dull the blaze, and then a machine-gun and rifle-fire fury started.

This raised a big cloud of dust and doubtless caused erratic firing, but it looked as if a rat could not escape. Still the sand rained on the fire, which, aided by efforts inside the tunnel, eventually extinguished the blaze. Still Brennan's fate was in doubt and it was not till the firing eased down that a very dirty but radiant Brennan crawled in over the trench parapet, with no more damage done than a bullet through a sleeve of his tunic. He quaintly explained that a couple of bodies he had moved "drew the wrath of the Turks and must have collected a lot of lead." (The bodies were those of 8th and 10th L.H. men who had been killed a month previously in the famous charge).

On another occasion, following the opening up of an enemy bombing pit, which had caused our bombing team some casualties, Brennan wriggled out alone early one evening, and, after waiting some time on the brink, bagged five Turks as they came out of their tunnel. Strongly recommended for the V.C., a D.C.M. came his way, but a German machine-gun unfortunately ended the career of this most cheerful and fearless of men, when as a sergeant he was leading his platoon in an attack in France, a year or more later.

A SUPERB SCOUT

When he enlisted, Vince, H. C., gave
Barking, England, as his birthplace, but subsequent rumour credited Texas (U.S.A.) with the honour. He had ability, but was not happy as a platoon sergeant.

On Gallipoli, Vince studied the broken country in front and on the left of Russell Top for some weeks, and then, in his quiet but quickly-to-the-point style, requested my permission to do some scouting alone. He just hated the detached Turkish snipers, and considered he could "stalk and bag some of them."

Knowing his keenness on scouting, I concurred, but concluded after Vince had been absent for three days that he had possibly been too daring.

However, after bagging a sniper in a wide position, who had caused us some casualties, and a relief sniper after a long and hungry wait, he returned, very lean-looking, but ever so keen for more.

At the time I was concerned about a gap of approximately 600 yards between our left and the next set of trenches held by the 1st Light Horse Regiment, some 400 feet lower. Razor-like ridges, quite unsuitable for trenches, intervened, and a night attack by the enemy—quite a possibility—caused some hard thinking. Selecting some dozen men with natural scouting instincts, and handing these over to Vince, the dangerous gap was soon adequately covered and the stalking of the enemy snipers became something of a competition.

But the crowning act of daring was a daylight attack on a high pinnacle, literally a natural fortification, where the Turks commanded a serious daylight view of many of our movements. The plan, which nearly succeeded insofar as gaining the crest unobserved was concerned, required scouting qualities and pluck of a high order; while, following the discovery and wounding of himself and two of his men, it speaks volumes for the qualities of leadership and bravery in this N.C.O. that he managed to get his team back without losing a man.

He carried one of his men some distance over a fire-swept area.

On the night of the final evacuation, Vince caused a stir when he reported that about 100 Turks were moving down Malone Gully, on our left; but, creeping down closer, he discovered they were digging in. His own previous scouting activities in the locality had evidently convinced the Turks that we were contemplating an attack. Recommended for a D.C.M., he was subsequently awarded the M.M., but the succeeding type of scouting necessary in France did not suit him, as did the free-lance Anzac conditions.

As he did not have previous military training, Vince's remarkable aptitude for the most difficult scouting operations in broken country was puzzling. A brevity of speech and almost total absence of facial expression in conversation were no more helpful, and while his ability was recognised, he was never in great favour with his platoon commander or fellow sergeants. However, he solved the problem, during a friendly chat in a Gallipoli dugout one night, when he informed me with just a touch of pride that the blood of an erstwhile Red Indian chief ran in his veins. He was difficult to understand, but rewarded adequately and to spare the study necessary.

A REMARKABLE R.S.M.

Normally, in the search for a man to fill the difficult position of regimental sergeant-major, a C.O. would scarcely expect an ex-second-rate English jockey, doing duty on an Australian stud, to be a likely man. Such a combination, however, was Warrant-Officer Williams, D.C.M., and, what is more, he proved a treasure in the job.

Following the smashing of so many good Australian battalions on the Somme in 1916, I was detailed to the command of the 24th Battalion, and, finding that most of the original N.C.O.'s had been killed, wounded or promoted to commissioned rank, I set to work personally to train and select men for the many vacancies. Apart from a few whom I marked for future commissions, Lance-Sergeant Williams stood out.

His civil occupation and his small stature were much against him, but he had ability, knowledge and personality, and, besides, as a corporal he had won the coveted D.C.M. for an act of outstanding bravery. My selection of Williams certainly created some surprise in the battalion, but he proved himself to the hilt before many weeks.

In the fighting before Bapaume in that worst of winters, 1916-17, his tireless efforts in nightly supervising the ration distribution and caring for the comfort of the men in the trenches won him the highest praise from the officers and the
gratitude of the men concerned. He was tireless in his efforts and no amount of shelling was allowed to deter him.

But perhaps one of the most surprising features of his work was the accurate account of ammunition in the area, both in regard to location and the quantities in each dump, which he always had up to date and appeared to always have mentally noted. Also he nightly furnished to me details of the exact quantities of rations supplied, all of which, for a man of his early training, is truly remarkable.

Keen though he was on his work, he never missed an opportunity to discuss with a willing listener the merits of British and Australian thoroughbreds, the big owners in both countries and turf history generally, in all of which he possessed a perfect fund of accurate information. Williams was a pleasant and interesting study.

Saving Mademoiselle of Armentieres

Dick Crye, of Waroona, writes—
The most outstanding deed of heroism it was my lot to witness happened at Armentieres in 1917, with Mam'selle as the heroine, and it happened thus.

Early back from the line, a mob of diggers, myself amongst them, adjourned to an estaminet (Lucy's) to sample a few glasses. Being rather white-haired boys, we were allowed into the best room, as Lucy always took a keen interest in the diggers, especially their knees-bend drill.

We had a strong suspicion that she practised it herself when alone, a suspicion that was to be confirmed in an alarming manner. As we occupied the best room, it was necessary for Mam'selle to go through a doorway into the other room to get our beer. As she came back through the doorway, carrying a tray loaded with glasses full of beer—whether she trod on some ice or our boots, or from some other cause, we never knew, but to our consternation we saw her stumble, and then in admiration watched her do a graceful knees-bend.

Did she spill a drop? No! not a bit of it.

At this psychological moment, when diggers were rushing to give assistance, salvaging glasses, and hovering over Mam'selle, who greatly enjoyed the fun, and laughed as if her heart would break, Fritz lobbed a concentrated iron foundry amongst some housts across the way, and in the backwash we were bombarded with falling plaster. But by keeping our heads together and closing in over the prostrate Mam'selle we saved her from injury and—what was nearly as important—prevented the beer from being spilled.

In saving Mam'selle from an untimely death I think we performed one of the outstanding feats of the war, as Mademoiselle has, since then, become world-famous.

A Sub-Branch Victimised

The Secretary of the Toodyay Sub-branch reports the following incident, hoping that other sub-branches will be warned against similar acts of victimisation.

"We had a regrettable experience this week," he writes. "Two chaps wearing R.S.L. badges (without crowns) arrived here and asked to be guaranteed board and lodging for two days until they made enough money to pay their way. After consulting our president and vice-president, I arranged accommodation for them. Their stunt was dry-cleaning clothes. One of our members, a tailor, gave them the use of his workshop and treated them well. They left the town owing several people money, and the sub-branch will have to pay out forty shillings for their board and lodging.

Mr. H. Ulloch, the tailor who helped them, now has to clean two suits which were paid for and left on his hands. We are naturally very sore about the matter, and would like to get hold of them for a while. These men said that they had come here from Kalgoorlie. In case they intend to try the same trick on other sub-branches, we would like to have their treatment of us broadcast."

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A Seafarers' Ball, arranged by the Ex-Naval Men's Association and the Mission to Seamen, will be held in the Y.A.L. Hall on October 19 (tickets, 7/6). The Admiral and Officers of the Canberra have accepted an invitation to be present.

Manhatma Gandhi says he will starve himself to death if his demands are not acceded to. The Government of India would be very foolish to turn down an offer like that.

Colonel (to sergeant-major, who has been acting as caddy for him): "Then you don't think much of golf, as a game, Sergeant-Major?"

Sergeant-Major: "No, sir, I can't say as I do. If I may say so, sir, it's too much like 'ockey at the 'alt.'"

Western Australia is no longer the Cinderella, but promises to be the Queen State of the Commonwealth. Its fate is in our hands to make it so.
Sir William Birdwood’s Visit

FAREWELL FUNCTIONS
THE R.S.I. LUNCHEON

The fates were indeed kind when they decreed that Sir William Birdwood might have an opportunity of being the luncheon guest of the State Executive of the R.S.I. after all. This farewell luncheon occurred on Saturday, September 3, in the Institute, which was brilliantly decorated for the occasion, the Field Marshal’s seat being placed under the rising light of H.M.A.S. Sydney, the cruiser which sank the Emden while the great Anzac convoy was on its way to Egypt. The representative gathering of about 80 persons included generals and leaders of units of the A.I.F. resident in the State, representatives of other ex-service men’s association, two V.C.’s (Jack Axford and Jimmy Woods), the Premier (Sir James Mitchell), the Chairman of the State War Memorial (Sir William Latham), the District Commandant (Brigadier A. M. Martyn), the members of the State Executive, and others. Immediately before the luncheon, those attending were presented in turn to the guest of the day.

Introducing the gathering, Colonel H. B. Collett, State President of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.I.L.A., said—

“Sir William Birdwood, it is not my intention to ask you to endure another speech from me, but, before asking Sir Talbot Hobbs to propose a toast to your health, I feel that some explanation as to the composition of this gathering is necessary.

“Primarily it is made up of the members of the State Executive of the League, who to-day have the honour to be your hosts. This body is charged with the direction of the affairs of ex-service men throughout the State, and is most devoted and unselfish in carrying out its duties. With your presence, sir, it receives a reward which it very greatly values. I would ask you not to attribute to its members the weakness and defects so obvious in their President. Like our friends in Parliament, the members go to the country periodically and represent the most recent choice of the electors.

“Associated with the Executive is a very efficient League staff, together with representatives of allied bodies, such as the M. & L.M. Association, the Blinded Soldiers’ Association, the T.B.S. Association, the S.A. & Imperial Veterans’ Association, and the Ex-Naval Men’s Association, included in which there are, of course, many elements (headed by Colonel Byron) of the Home Forces.

“Then there is the kindly disposed chief of the local branch of the Repatriation Commission, who is a consistent friend to all.

“Need I say how proud we are to have with us several of our most distinguished comrades—wearers of the Victoria Cross.

“Another link with our joint service abroad is the presence here of several General Officers, who are all members and workers. We presume to value them greatly for the help they render and the distinction they confer. I am sorry that General Wisdom is out of the State just now. Added to these are some of your former C.O.’s in the A.I.F.—all stout fellows. Some, perhaps, not correctly dressed, but in the rush of this morning’s work, it is possible that they may have mislaid the little badge which, to the people, marks the wearers as still being on public service.

“I mention Mr. Aubrey McLarty, the Managing Trustee of the Agricultural Bank, who is concerned—and deeply concerned—with the welfare of thousands of ex-service men who seek their living from the soil. I want to let you know, sir, of the great sympathy and consideration he has evinced in his dealings with many of our joint clients.

“In Sir William Latham, Sir Charles Nathan, and Sir Thomas Coombe, we have three men who have earned our profound gratitude for the great parts they have played in securing the erection and completion of the State War Memorial.

“Local government is represented in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Perth, the Mayor of the City of Fremantle, and the Mayor of Midland Junction. The gentlemen holding those offices bear many responsibilities, but have, times out of number, gone out of their ways, like numerous other civic chiefs, to show their confidence in this League and their appreciation of the value to the community of the ex-service man.

“I come now to the most important group of all. I have left it to the last in order to especially emphasise it—the representatives of His Majesty’s Government and H.M.’s Opposition. You probably know, sir, that there are three political parties in this State, and I am glad to be able to say, if I may do so without being considered impertinent, that they play the old game on quiet, decent lines. The three leaders—Sir James Mitchell, the Hon. P. Collier, and the Hon. Charles Latham are patriots and men that all recognised sections of the public look up to with more than ordinary respect. They have each encouraged this League in its endeavours to be of further service to the country. The latest proof of that is the action of the present Government in placing at our disposal a site upon which to erect permanent headquarters for our organisation. For that act of recognition and consideration we are most grateful.

“Sir James Mitchell recently made a strong appeal for a greater display of public spirit upon the part of the people. Therein this League has endeavoured to set the lead, and, whilst that which has emanated from it has not always flowed along the channels skilfully laid by the party politicians, we are conscious of having, by precept and example, and through our many branches, exercised a most beneficial influence from one end of the State to the other.

“I conclude with a reference to the Press, which professes (I believe there is an historical parallel) to be all things to all men. It has certainly been most things to us and we gladly acknowledge the help derived from that source.

“So you will see, Sir, that this gathering is no ordinary one. In your honour we desire to “do ourselves proud” and whilst we cannot pretend that all the brains of the community are present in this room, there is that type of brain that goes so well with heart and does so much good in a State in which all of us here take the greatest pride.”

Proposing the toast of “our distinguished guest,” Lieut-General Sir Talbot Hobbs said that Australia realised what it owed to Sir William for his magnificent leadership. It was under him that the great traditions of the A.I.F. were established, and it was fortunate that they had as leader a man who, above all things, was human. Under him, Australians knew they were going to get justice and a fair deal, and always had their entire confidence and sympathy.
Gallipoli, with all its horrors, was, he thought, the best thing that could have happened to the Australian army. No army had a better training ground, or a better leader. There's a standard was set that made Australia a nation. (Applause.) He sometimes wondered how many Australian parents knew how much they owed to Sir William Birdwood, not only for their personal care for the men in the front line and the magnificent skill of the evacuation, but for his inquiries among the men as to whether they were doing the right thing and writing home. He wondered how many knew how, during that frightful winter of 1916-17, Sir William Birdwood had gone about with his feet frost-bitten, to see things for himself and share with the men the hardships they were undergoing. Those hardships, in Gallipoli, France and Palestine, they had shared with men of the Imperial army and it was inconceivable that they could treat men with whom they had fought side by side in any other way than they treated one another. He could assure Sir William, who had now had an opportunity of judging for himself, that there was happily no cause for complaint by ex-Imperial men so far as this State was concerned. He also asked the Field Marshall, if he had an opportunity on his return, to convey to the King—the Prince of Wales an assurance of their continued loyalty to the throne and the Empire. In his daughter and his grandchildren Sir William had a very strong link in Australia. (Hear, hear.) Finally he wished him and Lady Birdwood and their other daughter a very enjoyable voyage home. (Cheers.) The toast was drunk with acclamation.

Sir William Birdwood's Reply

Sir William Birdwood, who received a great ovation when rising to respond, said he was sure it was entirely unnecessary for him to say how very glad he was to be with his old comrades. He felt overwhelmed by what Sir Talbot Hobbs had said of him, and he in turn would like to say something about his old friend, only, if he did, he feared they might be charged with being a mutual admiration society. (Laughter.) After the war it gave him great delight to realise that Sir Talbot Hobbs was for a time commandant in Western Australia, because if he were to adopt a motto it might well be that of his (Sir William Birdwood's) old chief, Lord Kitchener. His motto was "Thorough," and that might be applied to Sir Talbot Hobbs' fine work during and since the war.

He had already told them what a sore point it was for him to land in Australia upon the sick list. He believed it was also Kitchener who had said that the finest qualification for any soldier was the possession of a good middle-piece. The Premier quite agreed (laughter), and he thought the Commandant also agreed (renewed laughter). He trusted most of them there had good middle-pieces, because on it their whole happiness depended. On the day he left Cape Town he had received a telegram from the soldiers in Geraldton, and he had replied that he hoped to see them when he arrived. But then something had gone wrong in his middle-piece and he had at one time feared that he might have to be carried on shore on a stretcher. Since he had been here, however, and chiefly due to the care of his daughter, he had become very much better. Unfortunately he had to be back at Cambridge within a month, and that did not give him anything like the time he would like to have to see all his old friends and comrades in this State, and in other parts of Australia.

He felt deeply grateful for the reception given him last week. Over 2,000 men had been there to welcome him, first at the Cathedral, and then at the theatre, and some of them had come from quite a distance. His only regret was that with so many there had not been the opportunity to speak individually to all. He was glad, however, that he had been able to visit two or three of the country centres, where he saw all the local returned soldiers—and had a chance of an individual word with every one. He had wanted to find how they were settling down, and, practically without exception he found them carrying on and playing the part of really good citizens. What many of them said to him was:

"We have had a very bad time, things are extremely difficult, and whether we shall be able to carry on we don't know. But we think we shall." It was that spirit of cheerfulness under all circumstances that gave him enormous confidence in this country. He was also struck by the great number of returned men who showed themselves prepared to sacrifice themselves and give up their time and money to help others. He thought that was characteristic of Australians. The Ugly Men, the Legacy Club, the Fairbridge Farm School—these were examples of what was being done whole-heartedly and disinterestedly, to see that their old comrades and their dependants were being properly looked after. He was quite certain that men like the Premier, men like the Lord Mayor of Perth, and the Mayor of Fremantle, would agree that none had proved themselves better citizens than returned soldiers. (Applause.)

He believed that was because of the war years and the result of war comradeship. He always thought the greatest trait of the Australians was absolute devotion to one another, and certainly comradeship was one of the greatest factors that ruled the world.

Continuing, Sir William Birdwood said that Colonel Collett had told him there

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were about 140 branches of the Returned Soldiers’ League in the State. That spoke for itself, and he would like to see every possible member enrolled. Sir Talbot Hobbs had mentioned the Imperial service men. He had been told before he left England that the ex-Imperial man was not getting a fair deal, and he had wanted to find out if that was the case. He entirely agreed that, so far at any rate as Western Australia was concerned, such was not the case. (Applause). He hoped the ex-Imperial men present would confirm what he said. He had not had a complaint from any of them. “Try to get them into the League,” the Field-Marshal continued. “I believe I have been successful in roping in a few myself. Some have come along to shake hands with me and I have asked them, ‘Do you belong to the R.S.L.?’ If they said ‘no,’ I have told them to join the league and I know the leaders will do everything to help them.” (Renewed applause.)

Sir William added how glad he was to see so many West Australian comrades present. He mentioned particularly the 11th and 16th Battalions—the latter under Colonel Pope, whose name was commemorated in Pope’s Hill on Gallipoli, and whom he was delighted to see once more. He recalled incidents during that campaign, and mentioned how angry he had been on one occasion on coming upon trenches that were ridiculously shallow. He had told the “digger” officers that if they were not deep enough within a few hours he would take disciplinary action, but what was his dismay on his return to find them so deep that nobody was able to see over the top! (Laughter.) That had made him angrier than ever, and he did not know what would have happened if the Turk had come over. He had given him the greatest anxiety until proper firesteps were constructed, but from the time that was done Pope’s Hill was never likely to be taken. He was glad also to meet other fine comrades—Colonel Nicholson, Colonel Roberts, Brigadier-General Martin and Brigadier Martin. He was sorry General Wisdom could not be with them, and was glad to learn of the great reputation he had since made as Administrator of New Guinea. Before saying goodbye, he most sincerely wished ex-service men throughout Australia all possible happiness and prosperity in the years to come.

AT THE LEGACY CLUB

On Friday afternoon, September 2, Sir William Birdwood was the guest of honour, and was initiated as a member of the Perth Legacy Club. There was a large number of legates present. The oath was administered by the President (Mr. E. S. Watt), assisted by the President of the Fremantle Club (Mr. F. H. Marlowe). At the table with the guest of honour were Lieutenant-General Sir Talbot Hobbs, Colonel Collett, Mr. F. E. Edmondson (a Past-President of the Perth Club), Mr. C. H. Terry and the Rev. E. H. O. Nye, of the Fremantle Club.

Having initiated Sir William Birdwood with due ceremony, Mr. E. S. Watt said:

“Legates, it is my pleasing duty to propose the toast of our new member, Legatee Sir William Birdwood.

“Legacy has become sufficiently well-known to you, Sir William, to make unnecessary any lengthy recapitulation of its history and aims. Briefly, the movement is actuated by a desire born of the associations of that worthy brotherhood, the A.I.F., to carry on the old spirit of good comradeship, and to that end, do our utmost to secure a decent chance in life for children left behind by our comrades who did not come back.

“In this object, we endeavour by personal contact to gain the confidence of our wards, find them suitable employment, organise them into clubs, and generally assist in their mental, moral, vocational and physical well-being. We are endeavouring to, in some small measure, repay a debt that we owe to the splendid fathers, by helping them to become honourable and useful citizens—sons and daughters worthy of their inheritance.

“Today the members of the Fremantle Legacy Club have joined with us in this function, and together with their President, it has been my proud privilege to initiate into the Perth Legacy Club in particular, and Legacy in general, its most distinguished member and we are all grateful to you, Legatee Sir William, for your keen and practical interest in our movement.

“By becoming a Legatee this afternoon, you have greatly assisted us by focusing attention on our objectives. As Legates, we endeavoured to do our job of work as unostentatiously as possible, but it is necessary that the public should know our aspirations as we require all the assistance possible in our efforts to throw wide the doors of opportunity for our wards, particularly in the matter of employment.

“We understand that no similar movement to Legacy exists in the old land, and it may be that we have to-day planted a seed which will germinate and grow into a tree which will spread its protecting and comforting branches over the orphan children of the Great War throughout the whole of the Motherland.

“We deplore your illness, and are thankful for your recovery. We trust that your stay with us has been a happy one, and that it may be your pleasure and our delight for you to come back to us soon.

“Now, sir, we particularly welcome you to Legacy, not only because you are imbued with the spirit of service, which is the spirit of Legacy, but also because we honour and revere you as our great leader during the greatest trial in the history of mankind.

“Your name is not only written indelibly on the scroll of Australia’s fame, but your personality is also embedded deeply in the hearts of its people.”

On behalf of the Fremantle Club Mr. Marlowe expressed pleasure at being associated with the initiation of such a distinguished Legatee as Sir William Birdwood. He said that the personal touch which Sir William had with members of the A.I.F. was symbolical of the work of the Legacy Club, which endeavoured to get into personal touch with soldiers’ children and to help them along the road.

“I have just come from another institution, established by another man, which seems to have almost the same ideals as the Legacy Club,” said Legatee Sir William Birdwood, after the toast of his health had been honoured with enthusiasm. “To-day I visited the Fairbridge Farm School. Rarely have I been so impressed with a great work that is being done, and it seems to me that Legacy is being run on much the same lines. You can establish contact quickly with the children you need. There, they obtain their material from the slums of London, and many of the children do not know where they come from. You are both doing a wonderful work and I am proud

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Continuing, Sir William said that the Legacy Club was helping to mould into fine citizens children who had lost their fathers. "This is what every country needs," he said, "and you are doing a great service. Your motto should be 'I serve,' or, like the Prince of Wales, you really do serve. If we can live up to the ideal of service in helping the children of our comrades who died in fighting for an ideal, you and I will be rendering a national service. It has been suggested that I should endeavour to introduce the Legacy idea in England. We, as Britishers, are always against the word propaganda, but of later years we have come to realise that sometimes, for the public good, propaganda is necessary. If I can be supplied with some matter detailing the aims and objects of Legacy I will be glad to do all I can to interest the British Press and the British people in the 'Old Country.'"

"I do not know who is the founder of Legacy," Sir William concluded, "but...

A Legatee: Sir John Gellibrand.

"Well," Sir William said, "I can only say that he and Kingsley Fairbridge started fine works when they commenced Legacy and the Farm School, and I can only repeat that I am proud to be a member of the Perth Legacy Club."

OTHER FUNCTIONS
At the Repatriation Ward

On Sunday, September 5, Sir William Birdwood found time to visit the Repatriation Ward of the Perth General Hospital, and the Aired and Limbless Men's Hostel in Colin Street.

At the Perth Hospital returned soldiers from all wards gathered to meet Sir William. Some of the men were in bed, others had walked unaided from other wards; a few had been wheeled to the ward in chairs, and several had been carried on stretchers. They gave the Field-Marshal a hearty welcome. Accompanied by Dr. S. Heriot, medical officer of the Repatriation Department, and Sister R. Jones, a war sister, who is in charge of the ward, Sir William talked with every man in the room. There were 53 repatriation patients present. The chairman of the Perth Hospital Board (Mr. Hawkins), the Acting-Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation (Mr. H. Hocking), the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital (Dr. H. Stewart), and Mr. A. H. Panton, M.I.A, were in the ward while Sir William talked with the men.

After inspecting the ward Sir William was about to say goodbye when Dr. Heriot intimated that the men had a surprise for him. Dr. Heriot led Sir William over to the bed of Mr. A. G. Matthews, who on behalf of the "rank and file" presented him with a linen cushion bearing an attractive design in embroidered silk. The cushion, it was explained, was the work of Gunner J. Peak, who had been confined to a chair since he returned from the war.

"No words of mine are required to tell you of your popularity with the boys," said Mr. Matthews. "It is due to your ability to command a crowd. We have had ample evidence of that. You have endeared yourself to the Australians not as a leader, but as a man. Here we are surrounded by flowers, and are receiving all attention. We are thankful for many things—for the treatment of the doctors, the nurses and for the various articles contributed by that grand institution, the Red Cross. To have men like yourself come to see us occasionally acts like a beneficial injection. We hope you won't stop in that cold climate when you go back to Blighty, but that you will come back to Australia and be one of us. (Applause). We hope your fame will endure for time immemorial."

"Old comrades all," began Sir William. "I am deeply touched at seeing you. I thank Gunner Peak for the beautiful work he has done for me.

Sir William turned and pointed to the figure in the wheel chair. "When I see him sitting there," he said, "I know that he is cheerful, and that by his daily life he is an example to everyone. That has been the spirit of our men right through. Some of the best did not return. They gave their lives for the ideal for which we were all fighting. I am glad to find that you men who did not come home whole are still cheerful."

Mr. Matthews had rightly referred to the work the Red Cross Society had done work the Red Cross Society had done for them, he continued. It was something which the soldiers could never forget. The knocked-out men, and the sick always remembered what the Red Cross stood for. Although they had won the war some had not yet won peace. Some men needed care and he knew that the Red Cross would look after them for the rest of their lives if necessary. (Applause).

After signing his name in the special visitors' book—the last signatures were those of the Duke and Duchess of York—and being photographed with Gunner Peak and several sisters, Sir William proceeded to leave the ward.

"Goodbye," he called from the doorway, with his hand upraised in farewell.

"Goodbye and good luck," came a voice from the centre of the ward, and other voices took up the call.

Sir William left the hospital to the accompaniment of cheers.

Maimed and Limbless Men

About 100 "wingers and stumpies" greeted Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood at the Maimed and Limbless Men's hostel, West Perth, and for an hour he conversed with them in the meeting room. Sir William, who was accompanied by Lieut.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs and Colonel H. B. Collett, was introduced by the President of the Association (Mr. W. Oates) to every man in the room in turn, and he spoke with them individually.

"I am very glad to have had this chance of being with you," said Sir William, when saying goodbye. "You don't know what confidence it gives one to find you, men, who are so badly knocked-out, so determined to play the game. After all, it is only what any of us should do. I was one of the fortunate ones to come through without losing a leg or an arm. For you a few inches either way and it might have been the end. So after all you are fortunate to be alive. I know that many of you are going through difficult times. A few of you are out of jobs. I hope that times will improve. I admire the spirit with which you are now facing the difficulties—the same spirit you displayed in the war. I wish you all prosperity, happiness and work for many years to come."

Taken during his visit to Western Australia, August, 1932.
Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood addressing gathering of ex-soldiers at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Perth on the 21st August, 1932. On his left is Colonel H. B. Collett, State President. On his right, Mr. C. G. Latham, M.L.A., Deputy Premier. On the right of the platform is General Sir Talbot Hobbs, together with other distinguished officers of the A.I.F., and on the left members of the State Executive.
Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood and State President and Members of the Executive of the W.A. Branch, R.S.S.I.L.A., taken at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, September 3rd, 1932, after a luncheon tendered to the Field-Marshal. Reading from left to right:

Back Row: Mr. T. T. Hirst, Mr. H. G. Nixon, Mr. C. F. Longmore (Publicity Officer), Mr. E. W. Edmonds, Mr. W. J. Llewellyn, Colonel A. C. N. Ollen, Mr. R. Waddington (Employment Officer), Mr. E. G. Ferguson (Assistant State Secretary).

Middle Row: Mr. A. H. Panton, M.L.A. (Trustee), Mr. J. J. Pender-Gast (Auditor), Mr. A. J. P. Ray, Mr. E. H. Baker, Mr. G. S. Metcalf, Mr. D. M. Meinig (State Secretary), Mr. J. H. Tozer, Mr. E. M. H. Farquharson, Colonel E. J. March, Colonel E. J. Nicholson.

Front Row: Mr. G. H. Philip (Trustee), Mr. E. S. Millar, Rev. E. L. Elley (Vice-President), Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood, Colonel H. B. Collett (State President), Mr. A. Yates (Vice-President), Rabbi Freedman (Past President).
Mr. J. J. Prendergast

The subject of this photograph, Mr. J. J. Prendergast, played with Dalleys ex-Scholars from 1909 to 1911, with Victoria Park South Suburban Association during 1912 and 1913, North Perth Association in 1914 and part of 1915, and with the West Perth League Team in 1915 and 1916. One of the foremost runners of the State, he excelled in sprinting. He was a member of the Victoria Park C.Y.M.S. from 1910 to 1913, and for those years was practically back marker in all sprint events in amateur open handicaps. During 1915 and 1916 he was off the middle mark in all professional sprint events. After his return from the war in 1919 and 1920, he ran successfully in several professional open handicaps. Mr. Prendergast joined up with the A.M.C. in 1916, but transferred to the infantry, and went away with the reinforcements to the 11th Battalion, eventually joining the 51st Battalion in England. He left W.A. with the rank of sergeant. He was in Villers-Bretonneux, and served through the campaign in France until September 8, 1918, when he was wounded, losing the right-hand and sustaining injuries to the left-leg, etc., near Vedmark. He returned to Australia early in 1919, on the Dunluce Castle.

He had been an official of the State Government Agricultural and Lands Department for about seven or eight years, and had completed Intermediate Accountancy Examinations before proceeding overseas. Upon his return he continued his studies and passed the Final Accountancy Examinations of the Western Australian Institute of Accountants, Commonwealth Institute of Accountants, and the Australasian Institute of Secretaries, winning the Western Australian Institute of Accountants' coveted "Dicksee" prize by gaining first place throughout the whole examinations. During 1921 and 1922 he was Accountant at the Wyndham Meat Works, Wyndham. Early in 1923 he commenced practice as a public accountant, and now has varied interests in the form of directorates and secretariats. Since the depression, J. J. Prendergast has taken an active part in raising funds for the unemployed. He won the Leederville Ugly Men's Competition, raising over £70, and controlled the competition for the Leederville Popular Queen (H.M.S. Queen), from which the sum of £130 was raised. Various other activities that he has been in connection with have been the means of raising funds for charitable purposes.

Fruitsave Questionnaire

At the meeting of the State Executive on August 31, Mr. H. A. Walker submitted a scheme which he considered would benefit the fruitgrower.

The scheme involved the organisation of a "Fruitsave Questionnaire," designed to provide a ready market for many tons of fresh fruit, and, according to the proposer, cause the movement of something like £120,000 per annum, £39,984 of which would represent direct payment to the producer, £12,000 commission to the worker, £11,280 to the industries concerned in the manufacture and printing of certain scheme requirements, £8,736 for control expenditure, £4,800 to approved charities, and £43,300 for distribution as prize-money to the public.

Mr. Walker suggested that the "Fruitsave Questionnaire" be conducted fortnightly, (or when filled), each competition to involve 100,000 cartons, each of these containing one pound of fruit in season and a "Fruitsave Questionnaire" form. These would be sold at 1/- each, and the income would be £5,000. This would be distributed in the following manner:—Cost of cartons and printing, £270; advertising, £200; 10 per cent. commission on sales, £500; allocation of control costs, £364; 10 per cent. prize money to charity, £200; cash return to producer, £1,666; prize distribution, £1,800; total £5,000.

"The result of such an appeal," said Mr. Walker, "would undoubtedly do much to break down the wailer of contests being conducted at the moment. The discerning public could be relied upon to adopt the idea with alacrity when once the import of its object became manifest. I ask you to weigh the pros and cons. There are some delegates who will feel constrained to oppose the proposal on account of the lottery principle involved. To those I would say, consider seriously our own recent efforts to obtain the control of a lottery. Consider, too, the State Government's efforts to assist charity by the same method, and, further, remember that certain newspaper companies are fighting for circulation supremacy by use of the same agency. Then ask yourselves whether you can conscientiously oppose a scheme which will mean so much to the soldier settler and others concerned in the production of fruit (or eggs) in Western Australia."

Mr. Walker then moved: "That this Executive convene a meeting of fruit-growing organisations to discuss and prepare a tentative scheme for submission to the Government, with a view to obtaining its co-operation and assistance."

The matter was referred to the Land Committee for investigation and report.

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Mr. A. H. Lamb writes:—

I entirely agree with Mr. Thompson's remarks on the urgent necessity of reforming our present economic and financial system. I do not, however, agree with him when he states that he does not want charity. As he has, it would appear, already discovered the only method that we know as a means of acquiring the goods and services so essential to life, i.e., work, under our present economic system will not guarantee "the opportunity of earning a decent living." In addition, as has been pointed out previously, industry does not distribute sufficient purchasing power to enable all its products to be consumed; while the introduction, on an ever increasing scale of various forms of labour-saving machinery is continuously accentuating the trouble. It is also equally obvious that whatever form of economic system we may have, there is bound to be unemployment due to this cause; the solution must be, therefore, in devising means of distributing what is now lacking, in some manner altogether apart from and outside of industry itself. This would result, of course, in a period of "paid leisure" for those for whom no place can be found in the commercial or industrial system, and Mr. Thompson, in common with everyone else, must, if they do desire really to live and not exist only, either amend or else dump entirely, a point of view which regards as charity accepting something and not making any return therefor. Before he condemns, I might advise him quietly to think the matter over from this point of view—its reason, logic, and ethics will then appeal to him more strongly.

With regard to "Mr. Nedlands," before I reply to the remarks he makes, I would point out that it was not my intention, when writing originally, to attempt to propound a new economic theory, although it is evident one is very badly needed. What I have, successfully, I hope, pointed out to readers of this journal, was that the various stunts which have been tried out at various times really get us nowhere. In explanation of this statement, it should be evident, if a little thought is given to the matter, that whilst a very limited benefit may result from a " Wool" or a "Railway Week," as far as the depression is concerned and their ultimate effect upon it, they may be regarded for all practical purposes as nil. Their psychological effect is very similar to what takes place in the wider sphere of world economics, and, in this regard, it will be remembered that for some years now there has been a continuous procession of "conferences"—with each succeeding one promising to a patient and long suffering world, just what the preceding one failed to accomplish. Despite, or should I say in spite of them, however, there is no argument but that we are deeper in the quicksands now than ever before, and, what is more serious, are still sinking. It will also be recalled,vide the daily press at the time of each one (and immediately it was over), newspapers and politicians vie one with the other in announcing the great results that had been achieved. But the facts! Do they, or do they not, indicate anything of this nature having ever taken place? Obviously not; the depression is with us, and is gradually getting worse. Now, an international economic conference has been proposed, agreed upon, and will shortly take place. We must not lose sight, however, of what has been promised to us, i.e., that this conference will achieve all that the other conferences failed to do. But will it? It does not seem to me to be feasible toeurise it that either will or can, but in the meantime, the proverbial carrot is still being dangled in front of the donkey's nose.

It may be asked what has all this to do with the subject under discussion. And I answer, just this, that even as the world, generally, seems to expect some tangible result from the "much advertised and much discussed conferences," so, in the parochial sphere, one is led to believe, that somehow from the totality of the various "stunts" which have been devised, prosperity would come. This hope is genuine, the methods also are honestly organised, solely with this objective, but as I have previously stated, they are industrious futilities only. What beneficial result can possibly accrue to the community as a whole, if, for example, several hundred people who formerly travelled solely by taxi or bus, are prevailed upon to utilise the railways? A few suspended railway employees would, no doubt, be re-instated, but to offset this, a larger number of bus and taxi drivers, and employees in the oil and motor industries would be discharged, and be an additional burden to the tax-payer for subsistence. Boiled down, it simply resolves into a case of "as you were." The stark fact (and it has got to be faced and solved) still remains that if the average individual is induced to spend more in one direction, he is forced to curtail his expenditure in others, once again bringing us back to as we were. What is wrong is a chronic deficiency of purchasing power or money, whichever term is preferred. "There is nothing wrong with anything," said Henry Ford recently, "except the money system, and Mr. Hoover certainly has no control over that."

I disagree "with your correspondent, when he states that "every schoolboy knows that the depression has limited purchasing power." What he undoubtedly meant to say was that the limited and ever decreasing volume of this commodity in the hands of consumers throughout the world had caused the depression, and in this I entirely agree.

The statement that "this is neither the first nor the worst depression that the world has experienced" does not meet with authoritative support. Listen to what Doctor N. M. Butler, the President of Columbia University, has to say on the matter. He stated: "The economic, social, and political convulsions which are now shaking the whole world are without a parallel in history. It is quite futile to draw curves, and to make charts of how earlier depressions and economic crises have developed and how they have led the way to recovery. This procedure is wholly futile because conditions are entirely without precedent, and the remedies for these conditions will have to be without precedent also."

In dragging Pharaoh into this discussion, your correspondent committed an error into which many people are too prone to fall, and his effort at comparison between then and now is every bit as
useful as an attempt to mix oil and water. There is no scarcity to-day as there was then, owing to the inventive genius of mankind and the resulting, highly mechanised age in which we now live. The era of fat and lean years has very definitely departed, never to return, and the point at issue to-day is not how are we to prevent famine, but how are we to utilise to the full that lavish abundance man is now able to wrest so easily from nature? This again brings us back to the sole and only cause of our failure to make the fullest use of what we have obtained through the efforts of the scientist, the engineer, the inventor, the chemist, etc., i.e., the limitation of purchasing power. I would also remind Mr. Nelder that the world to-day is progressing, not retrogressing, as he implied when he stated that "boom and depression have followed one another in cycles throughout the course of history," and I regret that space will not permit me to deal with this point at greater length.

In stating also that "the man in the street is suspicious of the expert," has your correspondent so soon forgotten: "Be thrifty," "Spend more," "We must economise," "Spend wisely," "Work harder." "Consume less, save more."? Yet these catch phrases are all that the "expert" he attempts to "defend" can advance as a means of returning to prosperity. Such an exhibition of A1 intelligence should surely have convinced even Mr. Nelder of the utter, absolute, and complete mental bankruptcy of the genus "expert." In fact, I go further and assert that there is more real brain power and intelligent thought among the average C3 type referred to than in all the "experts," either collectively or individually. Might I support this contention by quoting one more? Professor Schiller, of Oxford University, says of them, "It is clear that the present economic chaos in the world has indirectly been brought about by the policy adopted by professors of economics forty or fifty years ago, for they then decided that they must escape the unwelcome attentions of the public by becoming more scientific. They ceased expressing themselves in plain language and took to mathematical formulae and curves instead, with the result that the world promptly relapsed into primitive depths of economic ignorance."

Finally, I have stressed and emphasised in this and my previous letters one point in particular, viz., that there must de-

"Tots"
A WAR MEMOY
(By W.G.S.)

Gunner Blinder is a very old soldier and, as our metaphorical curtain rises, we discover him meditatively smoking his abbreviated clay pipe in the drink department of our Regimental Institute. He had been seated for some time with an empty glass before him when his chum, the cheerful Smudger, entered the room with noisy greetings.

"Hello, me old Blinder," he shouted, "Are you having a drink, you long-faced looniosity?"

"Yes, Smudger," assented Blinder. "I'll have a drink just to show you that I'm not too proud to lower myself to drink with the likes of you. Lob it up, and I'll look into it.

The beer having been brought, Smudger seated himself opposite the ancient Blinder and quaffed:

"How long have you been sittin' here a-moping and moping? What's the matter with you?"

The old soldier drank slowly and thoughtfully and replaced his glass on the table, saying, "I suppose, Smudger, that you'd hardly think it possible that at one time of my life I was in love, would you now?"

"Well, hardly, you know, old rusty," replied Smudger, then, as he slanted his head to one side and critically examined his comrade's mummy-like face, he added, "No, Blinder, I can't imagine it at all. Yours is the face of a man who is either in debt or in trouble."

Blinder smiled indulgently, and said: "Love, debt and trouble usually follow one another in our line o' life. Anyhow, to-day being an Armistice Day, my mind goes back to the time when a girl was a bit fond of me during the war. I'll tell you how I nearly got married, once. Yes—you may stare, but I would have been married if it hadn't been for a contrytomp—which is French for a mishap—you know.

"And what was the contrytomp?"
asked Smudger.

"When the war broke out," Blinder continued, "I came up off the reserve like a lot more old soldiers. At that time I had only been out of the Army long enough to get fed up with civvy life. Anyhow, the order to mobilise came along, and I was sent to my depot, and from there I was posted to a lonely old fort off the Scotch coast. I became one of a small detachment on Inchkeith Rock. It was a miserable spot—not town, no pubs, no nothin'—and I was about as lonely as a louse on a skeleton.

"The other fellows of the detachment

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were mostly youngsters an' Terriers. I didn't find much amusement in their company, except at times when I floated the 'Crown and Anchor' board, and so won a few bob off them in a friendly way. Yes, those days at Inchkeith were dead slow, and I was fed up with it very soon for want of excitement.

"One day a youngster was talking to me about his home in Devonshire. He was quite a green lad, and was fond of tellin' me about his father and mother, and of a little sweetheart he'd left behind him in his village. He showed me his sweetheart's photo, and asked me if I had a girl—which, of course, I hadn't—and I told the lad that I'd never worried about such flippity things."

"Ain't yer got anybody who writes to ye?" he asked.

"I told him I hadn't.

"Wouldn't you like somebody to write to you?"

I explained that I would like someone to write to me, but that I had no relatives who cared enough for me to waste the price of a stamp. When I told the lad that, he pulled a London newspaper out of his pocket and points out a paragraph which explained that the Evening Star Lonely Soldier's Bureau would put lonely soldiers in touch with correspondents. I took the paper from the kid, and later—in a weak moment, Smudger—I wrote to that mischief-making editor an' told him what a miserable an' lonely bloke I really was. That is only one of the after-effects of the Indian climate, Smudger, it gives a man spasms of melancholy insanity when he gets home to England, an' he does things which make him look like a blumin' looner. Anyhow, I posted that letter an' in a few days the reply came. Yes, it came all right, and it was such a novelty for me to get a letter that our detachment postman—when he brought it to me—tried to be funny about it.

"A letter for you, Blinder," says he. "And it's in a lovely little lavender envelope. Smells of scented soap, too. Lot! But you are an artful old codger, aren't you?"

"I told him to go and eat coke an' thistles, but all the same I blushed like a newly sworn-in recruit as I opened the envelope. It smelt like a Saturday night bunch of violets, an' the letter was written on posh note-paper with the flags of the Allies on top of every sheet. But there wasn't much in the letter. All that the girl had to say was that she had asked the Evening Star for the address of a lonely soldier, and mine had been sent to her. She went on to say that she was twenty-one, and also that I must be a very brave man to come forward and fight for my country, and a lot more tosh like that. She promised that she would write me a cheerful letter from time to time, and that she would send me sweets. Send me sweets! Me! What do you think of that, Smudger?"

"S'like givin' a caramel to a Karachi camel," remarked Smudger as Blinder refreshed himself.

"Yes, just so," agreed Blinder, and he continued: "She finished her letter by saying that she was sincerely my Maggie Morley. Now, Smudger, I studied that letter an' somehow it took hold of me by the scruff of the neck, as it were. I sat, for hours on a lonely rock to think over what I should do about this 'ere queer new stunt. You see, I was getting on for forty years of age, then, an' I knew about as much about girls as a proctor knows about patriotism—an' that's less than nothin'. Anyways, that night it takes the bull by the forelock, or whatever it is, an' I sat down an' wrote to Miss Maggie Morley; an' I tells her how ruddy lonely I was—stuck on a lump of Scotch rock like Patience on the London monument. I told her not to worry about sending me sweets, as I had a holler tooth. All I asked her for was a nice kind weekly letter. To fill up my letter I told her that I was a single man and had been so from birth. That was true. I also told her that I was a teetotaller; that was not exactly true—but I thought it would interest her to know it. I posted that letter—and felt like a cat on hot bricks until I received the girl's reply. I got it in a few days, and it was a nicely written letter with the girl's photo enclosed. By the picture she appeared to be a good-looking girl in a quiet homely, sort of way—in spite of the fact that she wrote to lonely soldiers.

"So the game went on. We got on fine with our letters. Of course, I had to fill mine up with a lot of er or er-padd- ing. Among other things I told her that the War Office wanted me to understudy Kirchner an' take a commission. An I told her I'd saved up a lot of money whilst soldiering in India—but I didn't tell her that I'd boozed the lot in England. She lived in a Kentish village named Fodderham and, in one letter, she suggested that I should pay her a visit if ever I got the chance.

"Time went on and I remained on Home service, somehow or other, while far better men than me were being wiped out in thousands. Strange as it may appear to a blank-minded man like you, Smudger, but it is a fact that I slowly and surely found myself getting real fond of that girl—a girl whom I had never seen in real life. To cut the yarn a bit short, I tell you that in three months from the time we had begun our correspondence we had made up our minds to get married—some day, après la guerre, you know, Smudger. And the fact made me a different man. I knock-
ed off drinking more than six pints a day even when I could get them, and when I couldn't get them I used to go without. I stopped gambling with my 'Crown and Anchor' outfit, an' I used to sit about in quiet places making up letters to Maggie Morley; some of those letters had bits of poetry in them, too. Fancy 'me makin' poetry,' Smudgey.

"I cawnt," said Smudgey, laconically.

"No, of course not," continued Blinder. "Anyhow, soon after the poetry stage I got a job as batman to my O.C., and a week or so after he was posted to the command of a fort at the mouth of the Thames. He took me with him. The fort was stuck on a stinking mud-bank near where the Medway meets the big river; an' it was only a few miles away from Fodderham, the place where Maggie Morley lived. I soon acquainted Tots with the fact."

"Tots!" gasped Smudgey.

"Yus, Tots," replied Blinder. "I called her Tots in my letters to her and she returned the compliment by calling me her Lancebuff—whatever that might be—in the letters to me."

"Struth!" ejaculated Smudgey, "What fools these morsels be, as Shakespeare says in 'Sherlock Holmes.' Streuth! Carry on with your love spasm, it's getting on all right."

"Well," explained Blinder, "It all seems ruddy funny to you, no doubt, but the likes of you pap-brained Flat-heads don't know what love is. If you did, you'd understand what a fool it makes of even brainy blokes like me an' Mark Antony. Anyhow—to carry on—I wrote to Tots and told her how near I was to her in mind, heart and in miles. In reply I received a loving letter, asking me to go and see her as soon as possible.

"I had some trouble to get leave, but at last the Major gave me a pass so that I could visit Tots at Fodderham. I borrowed the officer's spiral puttees, and a pair of his beautiful boots, and some breeches; the last were a masterpiece by Hawkes of Piccadilly, and they fitted me like a pair of gloves. The major's cap was a bit of a bad fit, but I cut it about a bit and made it do. I arrived at Tots' village at about three o'clock on a Sunday afternoon. A policeman showed me the way to 'Virginia Cottage'—Tots' home—and, Lordy, how my old heart plonked at the thought of meeting the girl in real flesh an' blood.

"Virginia Cottage was a neat little house. After 'hesitatfin' for a while I took the plunge, walked up the garden path, and knocked boldly at the door. It was opened by a pleasant faced little woman. She gave me a smile and said, 'Are you Mister Blinder?'"

"I answered, 'Yes, mum'—as meek an' mild as a rooky asking for a bottle of pop."

"Oh, do walk right in, Mr. Blinder, there's a good man," gushed the lady. 'Maggie won't be long,' she continued as she showed me into a handsome parlour. As soon as I was seated she turned to me and said: "I am Maggie's mother. She takes a Bible class on Sunday afternoon, but she will hurry home to-day for she got your wire yesterday. She is always talking about her lonely soldier and so the little lady carried on, just like, females do, without seeming to take breath. Anyway, before she had got her second wind there came a knock at the door, and Mrs. Morley rushed to open it. She returned—bringing with her my Tots."

"Yes, at last we stood face to face. I have often wondered what she thought of me at that meeting. In her I was not disappointed. She was an English village girl—a girl of Kent—and there is no mother left us together for a while until our shyness with each other wore off. I don't remember what we talked about—and—well, anyhow, it doesn't matter, now. But, Smudgey, that little girl was the one little being who ever made me believe, in womankind—in their goodness, purity, and sweetness, for I never remember having a mother.

"I spent the happiest and holiest hours of my life with Tots that day; and as she walked with me through those pretty lanes that evening to the little station, we loitered so long that I lost my train—kind of accidentally on purpose—and much later I took Tots back to Virginia Cottage. After lingering at the garden gate with her, saying a hundred goodnights, I started to walk to Sheerness, from where I knew I should get a boat back to my fort."

"The night was dark and still. I plodded along the country road with a light heart. A new interest had come into my life—a great new hope—nay, a certainty; for I was sure that Tots loved me; loved an ague-faced old villain like me. Never mind; I'd be a good man in future. I'd be deserving of that little girl—and make her glad that she had befriended a lonely old soldier."

"All these thoughts and resolutions passed through my mind, and I was nearing Sittingbourne when I heard the dromings of motors from above. The noise increased until the sky seemed to thrrob. Then our flashed the search-lights; and the anti-aircraft batteries began to spit fire upwards towards the sky. I looked up and scanned the clouds for a while, and then I saw in the sheen of a powerful searchlight a great Zeppelin airship apparently over the village of Fodderham. Shells were bursting near the vessel, and she seemed to be floundering, as if lost. The fiendish crew must have got the wind up, for they dropped their hellish load of bombs in a hurry. The explosions came one after the other in rapid succession; the 'Zep,' then rose and disappeared into the clouds, and soon all was quiet again. Away to the South, however, there was a bright glare over Fodderham.
A cold shiver ran down my back, Smudger, an' I ran back to Tots' village as fast as I could pelt, and was soon in Fodderham. There was more than one fire, and all the village folks were out in the roads. Some soldiers from neighbouring camps were helping to put out the fires. The women and kiddies were in a kind of panic; some of them had seen horrors that night—horrors enough to last them for a lifetime.

Blinder paused and took a long drink from a newly-filled glass before he resumed his narrative. His face hardened as he continued:

"I went straight to Tot's house; I found the lane crowded when I turned into it; and, then I seemed to go scatty, for this is what I saw: A great hole in front of Tot's house—showed where a bomb had exploded, and the front wall of the cottage had been blown away, revealing the insides of the little rooms of this village home—the home of Tots; and, as I got through to the front of the crowd by pushing and shoving like a madman, two soldiers were placing a small sheet-clad form upon a hurdle. I bent down to see; a man said, 'Don't look.' But—I saw—and, by the God of battles, murders and awful death!—it was the shattered remains of my little Tots."

The old soldier's face was grim and pale as he was telling the concluding portion of his story. When he finished he gulped down the remainder of his beer with difficulty. The two soldiers sat in silence for a while; then the sympathetic Smudger asked in a husky voice: "What about the girl's mother, Blinder?"

"She was blown to smithereens—never a trace of her was found. In that little village there were about a dozen other casualties, mostly little children Two weeks after the death of Tots I was in a trench mortar battery near Hooge craters—and I stuck the game until Armistice, ten years ago this very day..."

Mr. W. James (President of the Blinded Soldiers' Association) and sister-in-law take part in the R.S.L. Mystery Hike.

**State Executive Meetings**

At the meeting of the State Executive, held on August 31, there were present Messrs. Collett, Riley, Yeates, Freedman, Philip, Tezer, Lovell, Edmonds, Nicholson, Smith, Watt, Farquharson, Pady, Birkwistle, Maglin, Nugent, Mellor, Bader, Coriell, Walker and Mann. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Gillett, Denton and Hunt.

_Land Committee._—Mr. Yeates, chairman of the Land Committee, reported that a deputation had interviewed the Premier and discussed certain proposals put forward by the Great Southern District Council in connection with interest on Agricultural Bank loans. As a result the Premier had approved of the request to capitalise arrears of interest due up to date and to defer interest for three years in the case of approved soldier settlers engaged in sheep farming in the Great Southern railway districts. Each case would be dealt with on its merits and soldiers who were in a position to pay interest would be expected to do so.

It was further stated that settlers receiving the concession would be required to give an undertaking to effect improvements of a permanent nature each year to the value of at least the amount of the interest deferred. The capitalised interest would be on mortgag-terms and would carry interest charges at the usual rate. The district officers concerned had been instructed to prepare lists of the settlers coming under the arrangement.

In connection with the waiving of accommodation interest, the general manager of the Agricultural Bank (Mr. E. A. McLarty) wrote stating that the trustees would be prepared to deal with each case on its merits.

The Land Committee stated in the report that a valuable concession had been gained, and that the League generally should appreciate the sympathetic action of the Premier and the Bank Trustees in this matter. Immune from interest on the capital liability for a term of three years, settlers should not only be in a position to advance their personal positions, but doubtless would appreciatively improve the bank security which, judging on the price level of wool to-day, was precarious.

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The report was adopted and a motion moved by Colonel E. J. M. Nicholson and seconded by Mr. H. Nugent that the Executive express its appreciation of the manner in which the Premier and the Treasurer, the Hon. C. J. Cottlesloe, had considered the difficulties of the Kojonup settlers. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Membership Committee.**—The recent activities of the Membership Committee were reported upon by Mr. L. A. Doherty. There are now 110 sub-branches in existence, and the membership figures, judged by the increased numbers of copies of the "Listening Post" sent out during the month, represents an advance of about 500 above what they would be normally at this time of the year. Approval was given for the expenditure of £2 2s. in connection with the broadcast from 6ML on Saturday, August 27.

**Visiting Committee.**—Rabbi Freedman reported that this committee had visited the Edward Millen Home, Healthcote and Lefonos, where treatment and conditions were satisfactory.

**Balingup.**—The Country Vice-President reported having represented the Executive at Balingup on the occasion of the opening of the Honour Avenue by Sir William Birdwood. He eulogised the work and the enthusiasm of the local sub-branch. The secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. McBride, the sub-branch president, complimenting the organisation on the arrangements.

**Pilbara.**—Mr. C. Longmore reported on his visit to the Pilbara Sub-branch and requested that letters of thanks be forwarded. The report was adopted and the thanks of the Executive conveyed to him.

**Dalwallinu.**—Mr. Yeates reported having visited company with Colonel Nicholson visited Dalwallinu in order to re-form the sub-branch.

**Ex-Imperial Men’s Rally.**—Mr. Yeates reported having visited Bruce Rock, Bunbury and other country centres since the last meeting.

**Reception to Sir William Birdwood.**—The State President conveyed thanks to all who shared in the arrangements for Mons Day and the reception, particularly mentioning Colonel W. Byrom, Mr. H. L. K. Austin, Mr. Gatt, M.C., Lieutenant-Colonel, McLean, M.C., Lieutenant-Colonel E. L. Margolin, D.S.O., Captain J. N. Tozer, M.C., Mr. Geo. Mellor and members of the R.S.I. Band and Orchestra, Mr. W. Wilkins and others.

Letters of appreciation were received from Mr. A.C. McGallum and the Harvey River Division Sub-branch.

**Management Committee.**—The Management Committee has arranged visits as follows: Harvey, September 16; Messrs. Gillett and Tozer; York, September 17; Rabbi D. I. Freedman; Wubin, September 18; possible arrangement representaion; Greenbushes, September 19, Mr. C. R. Gillett; Cottesloe, September 19, State President and Mr. Patty; Victoria Plains, September 12, Colonel Nicholson.

**Claremont’s Auxiliary Funds.**—The committee agrees to recommend to the Executive that from the facts available it would appear that this fund was raised for specific purposes, i.e., building a memorial at Claremont, and the committee therefore is unable to recommend the fund be halved as desired by Mr. J. T. Cottlesloe. The recommendation was adopted.

**General.**—Approval was granted for the formation of new sub-branches at Three Springs-Arriano and Tinglede. The appointment of officials of the Pilbara Sub-branch was confirmed.

The Harvey River Division Sub-branch wore thanking Archdeacon Riley for his visit to them.

A communication from the Wagin Sub-branch dealing with pensions was left in the hands of the State Secretary.

The Covaramup Sub-branch submitted a resolution dealing with the position of many ex-service men on group settlements, and referring to the apparent apathy of the State Executive in the matter, it was agreed to advise the sub-branch to ventilate this grievance at the forthcoming State Congress.

Approval was granted for the formation of District Committee No. 8, consisting of Midland Junction, Guildford-Bassendean, Bayswater, Upper Swan, West Swan and Herine Hill Sub-branches.

A communication about revaluation received from the Yandanooka Sub-branch was referred to the Land Committee.

A new regulation promulgated by the Public Service Commissioner, providing that where a pensioner entered hospital for the purpose of his treatment, his wife or next of kin would be advised, was referred to the Pensions Committee.

The House Committee was asked to take in hand the matter of the entertainment of this year’s Congress delegates.

At the meeting on Wednesday, September 14, there were present—Messrs. Collett, Yeates, Philo, Captain Tozer, Olden, Tozer, Hunt, Lovell, Edmonds, Farquharson, Pady, Margolin, Nugent, Mellor, Bader, Cornall and Walker. Leave was granted to Messrs. Riley, Gillett, Denton, Smith, Watt and Birtwhistle.

The State Secretary’s report was received. Arising out of the report, Boan Bros. requested the League’s approval for the purpose of advertising the model of an Australian soldier which they had for sale. They agreed to donate a portion of the proceeds to amelioration. On the motion of Mr. Tozer, seconded by Mr. Bader, approval was declined.

A suggestion that photographs taken during the visit of Field-Marshal Birdwood should be published in the "Listening Post" was considered and approval granted for expenditure of £6 14s. for the necessary blocks.

**Committee.**—The report of the Land Committee meeting held on September 13 was received and adopted. This report dealt with the scheme submitted by Mr. Walker in connection with fruit marketing. The committee could not recommend its adoption.

**Membership Drive Committee.**—The report of the committee was received and adopted. There are now 147 sub-branches.

**Provisional Agenda Committee.**—The report by Mr. Yeates on behalf of this committee was received. The President intimated that he had requested Sir J. Talbot Hobbs to address delegates at the opening of Congress.

**Federal Congress.**—Election of delegates: Nominees were received for delegates to Federal Congress to be held on November 3. Messrs. Olden, Mellor, Farquharson, Lovell and Pady were nominated.

The election resulted in Messrs. Olden and Lovell being appointed. The report was adopted.

The report on the appointment of Sub-branch officials was adopted.

**Dalwallinu.**—Approval was granted for the reformation of the Dalwallinu Sub-branch.

By the State President advised that he had requested that the Prime Minister address ex-soldiers during his visit to Western Australia. His action was endorsed.

**Federal Management Council.**—A communication from the Queensland Branch suggesting the appointment of a Council of Representatives of Claremont Women’s Auxiliary Funds. The Cottesloe Sub-branch requested that this dispute be left in the hands of the State President for a final decision. This course was agreed to.

**Morial (Mrs. Cowan).**—The National Council of Women requested a representative to attend a meeting to be held on September 22 to consider the matter of a memorial to Mrs. J. H. Cowan, O.B.E. Rabbi Freedman was appointed to attend.

**Victoria Park.**—This sub-branch advised that they contemplated conducting a "Missing Word" competition, and desired to know if the Executive had any objection.

The motion of Mr. Nugent, seconded by Mr. Edmonds, that the State Executive does not desire to raise any objection, was carried.

An amendment moved by Mr. Yeates, seconded by Col. Margolin, that the letter be received, was lost, as also was a further amendment moved by Mr. Cornall, seconded by Mr. Patty that this matter does not come within the scope of this Executive, no objection is raised.

**Bruce Rock Sub-branch.**—This sub-branch requested the State Executive to take action to place the Bruce Rock Sub-branch Auxiliary in recess. The matter was deferred until the next meeting.

**Yarloop Sub-branch.**—This sub-branch was granted permission to change its name to Cookernup Sub-branch.

**Civic Reception to Congress Delegates.**—The acting Town Clerk had advised that arrangements had been made to tender an official civic reception to Congress delegates on Thursday, September 29, at 12 noon, in the south upper room of the Town Hall.

**Sustenance Work.**—The Collie Sub-branch protested against the action of the State Government in taking into their hands a soldier’s pension when pay for sustenance work was calculated.

The matter was referred to the Pensions Committee.

**Anzac House Committee.**—Mr. A. H. Panton was added to this committee.

At the end of the meeting the President thanked all for the great co-operation throughout the year, and an impromptu social ended the last Executive meeting of the business year.
Sub-Branch Notes

TOODY

The monthly meeting was held on August 18, at the Newcastle Hotel. Good progress was reported with the Memorial Park, which has been laid out in a fine scheme of flower beds and rockeries, with a square lawn surrounding the obelisk. When completed, it will be one of Toodya’s beauty spots. Plans and flowers have been selected so that there will be a blaze of colour on Anzac Day.

It was unanimously decided that a membership drive be inaugurated. To that end it was suggested that monthly meetings be made more interesting by restricting business to an hour, so that the rest of the evening could be spent in a sing-song, parlour games, etc.

PILBARA

During the annual race meeting of the Port Hedland Amateur Race Club, the Pilbara Sub-branch of the R.S.L. held their 11th Annual Ball on the evening of August 22. This function, which had been a feature for many years, went off with the usual zest. The hall was attractively decorated in a manner rarely seen before in the district, which was only to be expected from the diggers.

The financial crisis was forgotten for the time, and the entertainment was normal, the hall being filled to its capacity. The coloured and subdued lights showed much of the new styles of ladies’ dresses. The Port Hedland Orchestra, under the able conductorship of Mr. J. Lawson, provided the music, which could not be appreciated.

During the early stages of the ball, the opportunity was taken by the Race Club to present to Mr. C. Holthouse the handsome trophy to the winner of the Ladies’ Plate by Mr. Lamond, M.L.A., and also to Mr. T. Molloy, the trophy donated by Mr. Hugo Fischer to the winner of the Port Hedland Handicap. Both these presentations met with great applause from those present, and Mrs. C. Holthouse, in a very happy speech, reminded the hall of the generous literary support of Mr. Holthouse, who was unavoidably absent. Mr. Molloy, overcome with embarrassment, also returned thanks.

Immediately before supper a splendid tribute was paid to the general regard in which Mr. Ross Keating (for many years President of the local branch of the R.S.L.) is held. The genial Ross has accepted a business appointment in Perth, and in the quietness of his departure, almost immediately, had been received with short notice. Mr. A. E. Richardson (Chairman of the Road Board & Race Club), supported by Mr. E. H. Greene (Chairman of the Marble Bar Road Board & Race Club), Mr. L. E. Taghi (new President of the sub-branch of the R.S.L.), and Mr. A. E. Moore (representing sporting bodies of the town), gave short addresses, eulogising the splendid work of Mr. Keating in the social life of the district.

At the conclusion of the address Mr. Richardson made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Keating on behalf of the residents of the Pilbara District. After the acclamation had died down, Mr. Keating responded on behalf of Mrs. Keating and himself, and it was evident that the ties which they were severing were strong and heartfelt.

Following this, supper was served, the catering being superbly carried out by Mrs. Miklejohn, and being of the usual high standard. On the completion of the work of the ‘fatigue details,’ dancing was resumed and continued until the wee sma’ hours, the orchestra dropping in exhaustion, but surviving for the ‘God Save the King,’ thus closing a most successful function.

LAKE KING

At a meeting held on Sunday, August 14, the President extended a hearty welcome to Mr. J. Harvey, of Lake Cann, on his becoming a member of the sub-branch. Mr. Harvey suitably replied. Nominations were also put forward on behalf of Mr. R. Perry, Lake King, and Mr. J. Smith, Lake Carron, who were duly elected. The Vice-President, Mr. T. Peck, put forward other, ‘ex-service settlers, with a view to their becoming members of the League.’ It was resolved that a dance be arranged for the second Saturday in October, a hearty invitation being extended to all friends of the Association.

No. 2 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

On Saturday, September 10, a meeting of the R.S.L. No. 2 District Committee was held in the commercial room of the Trayning Hotel, under Mr. F. E. Worner, who for the past year as district president, occupied the chair, and other present were Messrs. A. C. Andrews and J. H. Johnson (Nunngarin), F. Graves, T. Craike, Walker and F. Smeeton (Trayning/Yelbeni), Palmer (Mt. Marshall), and L. W. Brockway (Nunngarin), district secretary.

A letter was read from the No. 4 District Committee requesting a meeting of all district committees at some central town to discuss various items dealing generally with soldier settlement, and after discussion it was decided to notify the originators of the communication that although the No. 2 District Committee was in entire sympathy with them, it was thought advisable not to do anything in the matter until after the State Congress. Many items on the Congress agenda were discussed and explained by sub-branches sponsoring the motions. The secretary reported the formation of a sub-branch at Kunungara since the last meeting; also that Koorda had formed and asked for representation on the No. 2 District Committee, but up to date he (the secretary) had been unable to make any headway with the desired recreation of the Mukinbudin sub-branch. Progress report was made by Mr. Palmer regarding the formation of a branch in Kununurra, and the last meeting took place at Bencubbin on Saturday, 12th November next. At the instance of Messrs. Craike and Johnson, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Warner for making a special trip from Perth in order to be present at the meeting, a compliment which that gentleman suitably acknowledged.

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE

The usual fortnightly meetings were held on August 21 and September 4. Vice-president Len Yivian presiding. The former meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m., and closed at 8 p.m., the remainder of the evening taking the form of a social and dance under the auspices of the Women’s Auxiliary.

The large attendance of members and friends was a tribute to the success of this organisation. Mr. Alex Panton, M.L.A., was unanimously elected delegate to the forthcoming State Congress. A visiting committee was formed whose duties will be to call on sick members. It is desired that all cases of sickness be reported to the Secretary, Fred Charles. A sports committee has also been formed to devise ways and means of providing amusement for members at the con-

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cclusion of regular meetings, such games as are included in A.R.M. Shield Competition to be fostered.

The teams who have represented the sub-branch in this competition are to be congratulated on their efforts. Congratulations are extended to Perth Sub-branch on their victory. Both sub-branches had won their respective zones and in the play-off Perth won bridge, debates and able reading. We won shooting, peg quoits and draughts. This result was a draw, three all. It was decided that bridge, being a game of skill and luck, should be the deciding factor. It may be mentioned that this game commenced about 11.15 p.m. and concluded about 1.30 a.m. Perth winning the rubber. It was an interesting match in every respect and carried through with good sportsmanship by all who participated.

TRAYNING-YELBEN

This sub-branch held its annual meeting in July, when 23 members put in an appearance. The main business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Usually this is an easy matter, and quickly disposed of, but this year the proceedings were long drawn out, owing to the difficulty experienced by the outgoing President, Mr. T. C. Thompson, in persuading members that he would not accept nomination for re-election.

In the end, however, his plea for a complete rest from all official duties was allowed, and he was given twelve months' leave of absence. Several nominations were received for the vacant chair, but no acceptances, all standing down in favour of a past President, Mr. H. R. Craike, who was then duly elected, with Messrs. T. McGrath (re-elected) and F. Somerton as vice-presidents. The remaining offices were speedily filled, the following being elected: Messrs. N. Cuthbertson, Treasurer; F. N. Graves, Secretary; T. C. Thompson and H. R. Craike, Auditors; and R. V. Walker, J. M. Felgate, and S. Dewar as Amelioration Committee. The only new office-holder was Mr. Walker, vice Mr. Thompson.

On September 10 delegates attended a meeting of the No. 2 District Committee, when Congress agenda was discussed, and where we heard wonderful advance reports of the District Re-union Dinner which is being held at Bencubbin in November. Judging by these, it should be "some" dinner.

The sub-branch annual picnic is to be held at Waddouring on Sunday, 2nd October.

NORTH PERTH
A Digger's Diary
(With profound apologies to the shades of Samuel Pepys)

August 20—To Mr. A. Hawkins, he telling me, how last night the Membership Committee did meet, much business, and great discourse of schemes to keep all present members, and get new members to the sub-branch.

August 21 (Mon. Day)—With a cold in my head, so did not venture abroad.

August 22—News by sub-branch members of the doings at Sir William Birdwood's reception yesterday. All saying how pleased and merry they were, at singing of war-time songs and seeing "Birdest" again, and all the grand company. But, Mr. John Middleton did say, how Mr. "Bunny" Richmond, did sing all out of tune, and no time, so that he, Mr. Middleton, did split, almost, with inward mirth. Lord! it vex me, I did miss all this, being feared of my cold. Methinks it grand, Sir William being loved so well by all returned soldiers, and forgiven all the "bulls" he did tell them in war days.

August 21—News of Mr. Jago, Mr. Garland, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Bowles, being formed in special committee to do the business of a progressive syndicate, as a way of raising money for the sub-branch.

August 29—Did hear this day, of Mr. O. Newmarch (sub-branch treasurer) who, some days past, while mending his house, did fall and do much hurt, to his ribs, is now hingelf again. Which is pleasant news to all. Fell in with Mr. Charles Western, he telling me, how he, with Mr. Middleton and Mr. Hawkins, did get five new members yesterday, and saying: "When the people come to their door, they do get affright, thinking I am a lark, as do join up with much relief at knowing his business there." Methinks it no wonder at their being feared of such a big man, specially in his overcoat.

September 1.—This night, to Mr. Charlie Sadleir's home, he in his best, a handsome suit with stripes, and ready for bed, having just come from the country, and tired. Did sub-branch business and took leave of him.

September 3—Saw Mr. Bert Rigg, he looking well and seemed to be "a widower" a few weeks, and minding the children, do vex him, at times, yet he do make merry of it.

September 5—Up very betimes, a busy day, all hustle and bustle of work and preparation of our sweet pea show. Home to dinner, thence to the hall with my exhibit, my head full how to arrange them to win the champion cup. But, Lord! to see how full the hall is, no room for any company almost to come into it. A wonderful show, and as pretty a sight as I did see in all my life. Mr. A. M. Graves, the sub-branch president, who did open the show, and Mrs. Panton, a nice quiet lady. Also Mr. A. Haselgrove, who was to judge, and many other persons of quality. Anon the judging, Mr. R. B. Hopkins to gain the champion cup, and then my "widower" a few no prize whatever. Lord! was ever a man so beset with ill-luck? but can not be helped. By and by Mr. Hopkins come to me, he beside himself with joy, and bids me, with others, to the little how and drink with him, which we did most heartily. That being done, we to the hall again, there to hear much fine music, and Mr. W. Godden to win 10s. of the Women's Auxiliary lottery, the first he did for seven years, he said. I met my old friend, Mr. Jim Brown, of Leederville-Hawthorn, he do cry up the show for the best he did see, and North Perth the first of all sub-branches to hold a flower-show. Which was noble praise from a member of another sub-branch. A very nice supper, and home to bed, my mind in great content at so successful a show, but vexed at not winning a prize.

September 11.—To the general committee, there did see a vote of thanks passed to Mr. A. H. Panton, M.L.A., Mr. A. Haselgrove, Mr. A. Seldon, Mr. A. Turner, Mr. R. Heiler, Mr. S. Thrauss, Mr. W. Nightingale of the sub-branch auxiliary, for the able manner they did assist, and carry out the business of the sweet pea show.

September 15—1 to the social committee, much business to the holding of a huge jumble sale, in alliance with our Women's Auxiliary, it be in St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe Street, North Perth, on Saturday, 1st October, in the afternoon. That done, we fell to the business of the last card night of the season, it expected to be a splendid evening and in the North Perth Town Hall, Montsby, 3rd October. Lord how I must set at, to do justly do work to succeed in all their business, and mighty proud of it.

September 19.—This night, to St. Hilda's Hall, sub-branch general meeting, a good muster, the business done, thence to a supper of "hot-dog" and roll, with coffee, which all did enjoy, and very merry. Home, very good night.

BOYANUP

At the August 11 monthly meeting the vice-president, the Rev. A. C. H. Leppinier, presided over a large attendance of members.

On this evening a sub-branch was formed of the S. of S. League. The chairman addressed the
young men on this subject, dealing with its activities and the object of its formation, and promised the young members a lecture on the "Landing at Gallipoli," and other war matters. The young men duly moved a vote of thanks to the chairman for his kindly interest and great help.

The Secretary (Digger Harry) was instructed to secure control from the Capel Road Board, without reservation, of the grounds planted at Boyanup to perpetuate the memory of local soldiers who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War.

The diggers annually hold a children's sports gathering, with a few adult events interspersed. It was agreed at this meeting that Boxing Day was unsuitable for the fixture. Digger A. Phillips said that at this period of the year it was invariably blinken hot, and children holidays were broadcasted throughout the land, and the adult stay-at-home, by reason of a fierce appetite for Xmas cheer, may on that day be slightly inactive. Mr. G. H. Smith moved, and Mr. Jack Simmons seconded that the annual sports gathering be held on October 28. The motion was carried unanimously.

The fixture is a special event for the local diggers, and there is always a ball to follow. Over £10 is already available for the kiddies.

Attention was drawn to the fading lettering on the local obelisk, and it was agreed that the soldiers' memorial should receive early attention.

11th BATTALION

The quarterly general meetings held throughout the year have been an outstanding success, and as a result it is expected that the annual reunion, which will be held in the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4 (Show Week), will be even a greater success than those held in previous years. Arrangements are well in hand and a good time is assured, all diggers of the old battalion.

KOJONUP

Tuffy McPhail is back on the farm with his "G" string all taut and tempered again. Jack Main also developed a knock at the same time and got the garage broke to lift his bonnet too—and now reported to be sparking on all eight cylinders.

Major Lewis is now entitled to wear the regalia of a grandfather—whatever that is—and is hereby warned for duty in the canter to damp the child's head.

At the last meeting of the No. 4 District Council Pat Roche handed in his towel as President, remarking that the job was like bashing your head against a feather mattress—it gave you and was soft on the head, but inclined to smother you with softness. Jack Finlay has pulled the job on, and once he gets the feathers from the mattress blown out of his mouth may give the ticking a good go in other words:

"The president of the 4th D.C.
Has a tongue of some acicidy
In matters land—of urgency
He'll need it—for rapidity.
A car load of local troops went down to the Williams dance to meet "Birdie" on behalf of the Kojonup mob. It is reported that "Birdie" made a date with them to attend our re-union in 1936, so we're starting to lay in a supply of 'ops in case Kojonup goes dry in the interim.

NANNUP

At the meeting on September 8 a very spirited discussion took place as to ways and means to augment the funds. A children's paper fancy dress ball was decided on, as parents always turn up to see their kiddies. After business had been discussed, Mr. Fred Clayson, President of the sub-branch, made a little speech, which was far too modest to publish. He was supported by Mr. R. V. Sholl (vice-president). A letter of congratulations was received from the secretary, Mr. Joe Rydings. Our own popular secretary is selling "Cancer Ray", tickets like hot cakes. In your last issue fish orders were in demand for Andy and Len. Please state one order—Is to hand for Xmas: "Two Blow Fish."

UPPER SWAN

One of the largest and most representative gatherings of soldiers and friends ever held in the district assembled in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, August 11. The occasion was a smoke social given by the members of the sub-branch in honour of the approaching wedding of the President, Miss. H. R. Lewis.

Mr. A. V. Yeates occupied the chair and among the visitors were the Hon. the Minister for Works (Mr. J. Lindsay), Messrs. Smith and Barnard, Mr. I. A., who attended at the instance of the past-president, Mr. L. Thor, M.A. Others present were a big muster of local members, Jimmy Woods, V.C., and the boys from West Swan, Harry Lewer and members of the Herne Hill sub-branch.

Coffin arrangements were in the hands of Neil Lamont and his assistants.

The following toasts were honoured:—"The League," proposed by Mr. E. Harrison and responded to by Mr. J. Mayn, M.A.; "Guest of the Evening" proposed by Mr. Yeates; seconded by Messrs. Thor and Lamont, all past-presidents of the sub-branch. At this stage the chairman presented Mr. Feutrill with a solid leather suit case from members of the sub-branch and Harry made a suitable response.

"The Arno River," fell to Mr. Lamont, and was responded to by the Minister for Works, while "The Visitors," by Mr. Lawsson, was replied to by Messrs. Woods, V.C., Lewer, Ferguson and Bowcock.

The toast list was interspersed with vocal items of unusual merit, prominent amongst the artists being Messrs. Merrifield, Bridle, Lutter and Brand. Each member of Parliament voiced his appreciation at being present and tendered much valuable, if homely, advice to the prospective bridecrown.

At a late hour Ernie Vine led on his famous choir, soloist Tom 'Richards being in particularly good voice. Altogether the function was an unqualified success and spoke well for the popularity which Harry Feutrill enjoys and so richly deserves.

HARVEY RIVER DIVERSION

The Harvey River Diversion Sub-branch, which was formed on July 1, at Stonehouse and Myalup constructional camps, is now firmly established with a membership of 63 at the end of August. Despite the four miles separating the two camps, the part-time employment conditions and the lack of recruiting assistance, the result so far must be considered creditable. On August 19 the Harvey Sub-branch escorted the Senior Vice-President, Archdeacon Riley, to the camps. This visit was greatly appreciated and the Padre's address established a feeling that now the sub-branch is definitely represented on the Executive.

September 16 is the date fixed for a combined smoke night with the Harvey Sub-branch.

DALWALLINU

The Dalwallinu Sub-branch had been out of action for a considerable time, so Pithara and Myalup Sub-branches convened a meeting and assisted their old-time cobbos in reorganise Dalwallinu. Mr. J. Day, Wubin, was voted to the chair and Colonel Nicholson and Mr. Yeates, from the State Executive, addressed the meeting. The meeting was most successful and the Dalwallinu Sub-branch was reconstituted and is now functioning. The election of officers resulted in Mr. R. P. Rickett being elected president, Rev. L. E. Brown vice-president, and Mr. Horace A. Forward, secretary. After the meeting the members of the Dalwallinu Road Board gave the visitors a rousing welcome and entrained them at a light supper.

A most congenial evening was spent.
MAYLANDS

The Maylands Sub-branch sponsored an exhibition of local products in the Maylands Town Hall from August 16 to 20, and the effort was crowned with success. The exhibition was opened by the Minister for Industries (Mr. J. Scaddan), who was supported by the President of the Chamber of Manufactures (Mr. C. Perry). Others who attended were Mr. R. J. Veitch, M.H.R. (South Australia), Col. Collett (State President), and Messrs. T. G. Smith and J. S. Collett, of the executive of the Chamber of Manufactures. The exhibition committee of the Maylands Sub-branch, headed by the president (W. C. Clowes) and the secretary (H. King) left no stone unturned to bring the exhibition before the residents of Maylands. There were about thirty exhibits, displayed to advantage by Mr. R. Anderson, of the Department of Industries. The hall was decorated and well illuminated. The Sub-branch is to be congratulated on this their initial effort in this direction.

WAROONA

The esteem in which Cliff, Gillett is shown was when in August eight members of the Sub-branch journeyed to Bunbury to be present at the final re-opening of "Garrie*", which will provide an enjoyable evening and early morning was passed.

We were very fortunate on August 21 when "Birdie" stopped at Waroona on his way to Perth, and spoke a few words to each of those present. A start has been made on the new hall, in which a room is being set aside to be under the sole control of the Sub-branch. "Birdie" has promised an autographed photo of himself to hang in the room. This has exceeded the previous highest total of last year.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMITTEE

At the initial meeting of the Metropolitan District Committee one of the delegates from Nedlands Sub-branch (Mr. J. Riley) made a very telling speech in favour of a motion which that sub-branch has placed on the agenda of the forthcoming State Congress. The motion reads:

"In view of a further threatened attack upon war pensions, the R.S.L. institute a strong central attack on the payment of interest on war loans raised in Australia, believing that these shall be eliminated before pensions are further interfered with."

Mr. Riley said:

"In bringing forward this vital matter we are actuated by a desire to see that justice is done to the war pensioners and their dependents, and that the burden of further national sacrifice should not be superimposed upon the great sacrifice already made: a sacrifice of health, limbs, and even life itself, alongside of which any other form of national service pales into insignificance.

"It is a matter of social disgrace that, in the interests of economic finance, drastic cuts and cancellations have already been made in the pensions of maimed and broken men, and that the lack of practical effort on the part of the returned soldiers has been largely responsible for the success that has crowned the efforts of the pension cutters.

"Much more than half of governmental taxation in Australia is used in paying interest on war loans, and a substantial part of which should be wholly eliminated due to the war and in the immediate post-war years, and it was chiefly subscribed in Australia by Australians.

"In view of this fact, very serious attention should be paid to the equity or otherwise of this obligation, to the manner and purpose of incurring it, and to whether pensions should be reduced and progressively eliminated so that it may be met in full. That the extent of this obligation is enormous will be realised from a study of the fact that though soldiers' pensioners and their dependants have received in pensions since the war some 90 million pounds, interest and sinking fund charges on the war debt over the same period total 291 million pounds.

"So that we may have in the correct perspective this sacred obligation of debt, let us first of all understand what it really is. All thoughtful people to-day realise that our money, and our money system itself is only a bookkeeping system, that the basis of our money is the gold or real wealth at the back of it, and of which it is only the circulating symbol; so, in examining the basis of a war loan, we must be immediately struck by the fact that it represents a quantity of war armaments and munitions, food and clothing required by the soldiers, transport services, medical services, and all the thousands of other items required by military and naval forces, even including the 6/- per day paid to the men, the 4/- per week of youthful soldiers, and the 6/- per week paid to the men. It would be frequently emphasised."

"The fact will now be appreciated that war-loan subscribers have only loaned you the rifle and machine gun, the transport and medical services required in the protection of their property and of their freedom; that they have only loaned you the transport services you used; and on right down to the very medical services required for the treatment of your wounds; and also, let it be noted, the 6/- per day. Into the bargain, they are drawing in the form of interest on those loans, in many cases, very comfortable incomes, which, in spite of a belated small nominal reduction, are still greater in effective purchasing power, or real income, than they were when originally contracted.

"When you consider these aspects of the case, are you impressed with the great sacrifice that they have made? And do you consider that pensions should be further reduced, so that these payments may be continued? We consider that sacrifice on the part of the money lenders has been too long delayed; that the term "we gave you a loan" is sufficiently understood in its literal meaning, and that the complete cancellation of our internal war loans would not be a sacrifice at all comparable with that of one "Killed in Action."

"Our very moderate proposal that only interest on war loans should be eliminated must meet with the whole-hearted endorsement of every returned soldier, and of every citizen who really values the services rendered by the A.I.F."

MURRAY

Mr. McLarty, and Mr. Nash, presided over the monthly meeting, held at the Premier Hotel, on September 3. On the motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Johnson, it was decided that the President and Secretary (Messrs. Logan and Capp) be empowered to deal with urgent business arising between monthly meetings. It was decided on a motion, moved by Mr. Logan, and seconded by Mr. Nash, that a children's plain and fancy dress ball, a repeat dance recently held by the Australian Women's Auxiliary, be sponsored and organised, and that prizes be given. The meeting also carried a motion, proposed by Mr. Nash, and seconded by Mr. Johnson, in favour of again holding children's sports on the afternoon of Armistice Day. An appeal was made by Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Green, it was resolved that a dance be held on Armistice night, and that the profits be divided between the Amelioration Fund and the General Fund.

Women's Auxiliaries

CLAREMONT

To augment, the funds of the Claremont sub-branch of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, the Vice-President (Mrs. Gladish), of Goldsmith Road, held a bridge party on Tuesday last week. Ysps of Iceland Poppies adorning the music room and dining rooms, which were arranged with bridge tables. Prizes were won by Mrs. Shehan, Mrs. Bryden, and Mr. Kessell. Supper was served, the houses being assisted by Mrs. E. Clark. The President (Mrs. Mansbridge) and Secretary Miss Grant) were present, and with Mrs. Gladish, donated prizes.

SOUTH PERTH

The annual meeting was held on Friday, September 16, at 8 p.m., the following officers being elected:—Mesdames Philip (President), McDowell McNichol and See (Vice-President), Mrs. Orgill (Secretary), and Mrs. S. Beere (Treasurer), Mesdames Olden, Aberle, Kean, Pillargate, Marnham, Goss, Biggs. Mesdames Philip and Orgill were appointed.

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS

The meeting on August 19, was held at Mr. Helena. The amelioration fund maintains a fairly healthy condition despite the demands upon it during these distressful times. But for the Women Auxiliary's magnificent efforts, the trustees would be losing quite a lot of business. The greatest credit is due to these ladies for their untiring exertions. The membership campaign is succeeding. A big advance was set for September 4, covering an extensive sector, is being made, and some valuable captures should result, leaving very few who are left to receive the trusteeship of their moral rights and rewards. They may well have said, "Carry on. Keep in touch. Hold the line together."

"Birdie's" visit and his very keen interest in the welfare of diggers should, in itself, do much towards clearing down the scathing of many who have not yet come in.

A party of volunteers under the leadership of "Nipper" Patten put in some good work on Saturday, September 3, renovating and generally cleaning up round the local memorial. The president, as a scheme which he had drawn up for the consideration of the State Executive. It was supported by the majority of those who took part in the subsequent discussion for, though it is to all intents and purposes a lottery, the scope of its beneficial awards will be much greater than could be derived from any other scheme now before the public. One valuable feature is that the fruitgrower will benefit by securing a part of the proceeds of his produce and quick return of small profits. The sub-branch is badly in need of a pianist, Mr. Chappell would be pleased to get in touch with one, for he has a programme in view.
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| VICTORIA PARK   | Library Hall, Albany Road         | Fourth Friday, 7.30 p.m. | Mrs. O. Taylor, 54 State Street, Victoria Park | Mrs. D. Pike, 38 State St., Victoria Park |

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<td>Lt.-Col. I. E. D. Dunkley, 86 Angove St., N. Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion St., Leereville</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. Leonard's 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 Street</td>
<td>Last Tuesday</td>
<td>L. Kaye Perrin, 28 Margaret Street, North Cottesloe</td>
<td>E. Hirdman, Amateur Sports Club, Perth</td>
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<td>EX-NAVAL MEN: Fremantle Sub-Section</td>
<td>His Majesty's Hotel</td>
<td>2nd and last Wednesdays</td>
<td>J. A. Main, 10 Wray Ave., Fremantle</td>
<td>A. J. Rate, Royal Oak, 223 Mary St., Fremantle</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>I. E. Dunkley, R.A.F.</td>
<td>J. V. Pascoe, c/o Lyas Motors Ltd., 960 Hay St., Perth</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Annual Re-union, July</td>
<td>R. Alexander, c/o Government House, Perth</td>
<td>L. D. Lobuscher, 26 Second Floor, Economic Chrs., Perth</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>Major S. E. Grimwood, New Zealand Chambers, St. George's Ter., Perth</td>
<td>R. W. Perry, c/o Repat. Department</td>
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The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Friday, October 14, at 8 p.m. Thirteen new members have been enrolled, bringing the total enrollment to 66.

A full house, as usual, was present, and the refreshments were well appreciated.

During supper a two-tiered birthday cake with one candle was cut by the President (Mrs. Philip) and handed round by the makers (M. Dunn, Smith and Breden). Dancing and games helped to make the evening a very enjoyable one.

### NORTH PERTH

From our country link, Narrogin, we have received a most interesting letter, telling us of Sir William Birdwood's visit to their town. North Perth members were delighted to hear from Mrs. Job of the manner in which the Field-Marshal was entertained at Narrogin.

Nedlands Richmond and Middlebush have been elected delegates to conference from this Auxiliary.

### DARLING RANGE

A successful and enjoyable dance was organised by the Darling Range R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary on Monday, August 29, in the Agricultural Hall, Kalamunda, in aid of the Cancer Appeal. The music was supplied by Mrs. Dunton's popular orchestra, while the supper left nothing to be desired. The pleasing result was a cheque for £10 to be sent to the Cancer Appeal Committee.

### CARLISLE

The Carlisle R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, although a new branch, is proving its efficiency. Dances, held on the third Wednesday of each month, at the Memorial Hall, Carlisle, have been well supported. A pleasing feature is the co-operation of the Sub-branch with the Auxiliary. At the moment a "popular girl" competition is being conducted to augment the amelioration funds. The young ladies chosen are Misses Ivy Thomas, Phyllis Cable and Elsie Lush. The sub-committee is working hard, organising dances and house parties. Mrs. E. Palmer is a popular president, Mrs. Cabriella energetic secretary, and Mrs. Mason as treasurer looks after the financial part.

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