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This Peace Business

As usual, this year's anniversary of the signing of the Armistice has turned men's thoughts towards universal peace and the hope that wars will cease on earth forever. Those of us who were in France on November 11, 1918, will remember the sudden silence after 11 a.m. on that day of the greatest "Ground Arms" in all history. We had been prepared for the final German collapse by the news that was filtering through of the successive surrenders of Germany's allies. We had rejoiced over each in turn, so that when the arch-enemy finally gave in we had little spirit left for jubilation. There seemed to be no sense of victory or defeat, only one of general relief as when a man under sentence of death is unexpectedly reprieved. We could hardly realise that the war was over, that we had an excellent chance of seeing our near and dear ones at home once more, that any insurance company would again accept most of us as first-class lives without unduly loading the policy. But strained eyes looked at strained eyes out of grey faces. The sudden silence had an effect that numbed one. The guns, whose morning drum-beat and whose whittlings of evening hate could be heard at least forty miles behind the battle-line were suddenly hushed. Street lamps flashed in answer to other street lamps at night. One could walk after "Retreat" in comfort; one could retire to roost without worrying about turning out in the wee small hours in case of an air raid. There was relief, the sense of a burden suddenly removed. One was too dazed to analyse his own feelings, but had he been called upon to diagnose those of his best pal, he would have done so in the words of the old song, "Well, 'e dunno where 'e are." We recall that experience every November 11, and as Anno Domini strengthens his grip upon us we hope and pray that our sons will never be called upon to endure what we ourselves have had to endure. We would go through it all again to spare them similar years of suffering. This, the writer thinks, is the attitude of most ex-service men towards war as an institution.

Naturally, when commemorating the Armistice, one wonders whether wars will ever cease, and give an airing to our pet schemes for preventing their recurrence. One hears an infinite deal of talk about the futility of war on this important anniversary. Perhaps, if we could convince all mankind that wars are futile, even as earthquakes, floods, and plagues are futile, we might by a world-wide agreement prevent them from happening again. Unfortunately man is more biological than logical, and we can no more prevent catastrophies by pious resolution than we can make a diplomatic temperate by getting him to sign the pledge.

The good people who cry out for peace at any price, those who would eliminate the risk of war by reforming the economic system (and even if herd into groups, their name is legion) all the purveyors of pet panaceas, have this in common, providing they are honest. They do wish to make this planet a better and more peaceful world. Where they disagree, and fight one another like wildcats in the interests of peace, is in their methods. They seem to agree only in one thing—that the world is rushing headlong into another war. Certainly the cabled news in our dailies is more than sufficient to stimulate this war-fear, but our own private opinion is that the prospects for universal peace never looked better.

In our opinion altogether too much importance has been attached to Germany's expressed desire to re-arm and to Japan's activities in Northern Asia. The German sabre-rattling looks like a shrewd move on Herr Hitler's part to strengthen his political power by reviving national sentiment. He has repeatedly assured the Powers that Germany's intentions are pacific, though she refuses to remain covered by the guns of her late opponents any longer. Having gained a sweeping majority at the polls, it is quite on the cards that Herr Hitler will again listen to reason and come back within the fold of the League of Nations.

Recent arrivals from Northern Asia have assured the writer that the Japanese armed intervention in Chinese affairs has restored peace in a hand-tied-ravaged territory and saved one or more European Powers from the necessity of intervening. Aggressive and all as both Japan and Germany may seem, judged by cabled accounts of isolated statements and happenings, the fact remains that, though both have made the gesture of leaving the League of Nations, both are very chary of flaunting world opinion by admitting aggressive intentions. If Germany re-arms, she, like Japan with the new State of Manchouko, can face the world with a fait accompli, which the world must eventually recognise. Once that recognition has been accorded, the way is open to further negotiations and a better understanding all round.
R.S.L. Cricket Association

This Association, which was inaugurated last season, commenced the current programme of matches on October 22. Altogether there are nine sub-branches participating, and the matches are played on Sunday afternoons at Wellington Square.

The premier table, up to and including November 12, is as follows:

- **Perth**
- **West Perth**
- **Nedlands**
- **Maylands**
- **Midland Junction**
- **Cottesloe**
- **Claremont**
- **Fremantle**

There are many familiar names of past and present prominent cricketers appearing on the score sheets, as the following will disclose:- J. Everett, H. Jarman, L. Renfrey (West Perth), L. McComish, W. Sparrow, of football fame (Maylands), Cliff. Williamson, A. Rigby (Claremont), A. Watts (Mid. Junction), and others who will be mentioned in these columns as the season progresses.

The results of the matches so far completed are appended hereto, and will convey some idea of the relative strength of the competing teams.

On October 22 (West Perth v. Fremantle), owing to unforeseen circumstances, Fremantle did not turn up, so West Perth secured the match on forfeit.

The Nedlands v. Perth match was won by Perth by 27 runs. Scores:—Perth 103, Nedlands 76.

On October 29 (Midland Junction v. Claremont), Midland won outright by 75 runs. Scores:—Midland, 123 and 0 for 41 (declared); Claremont, 58 and 13.

The Maylands v. Cottesloe match was drawn, although greatly in favour of Maylands. Scores:—Maylands, 8 for 190 (declared), L. McComish 121, W. Sparrow 34; Cottesloe, 7 for 64 (Williamson 18, Rigby 15).

The game between North Perth and West Perth, on November 13, proved very exciting, North Perth securing the points by 4 runs. North Perth, 113 (J. Scott 38, R. Dival 16); West Perth, 109 (H. Holmes 29, J. Everett 21).

In Perth v Fremantle, Perth scored an overwhelming victory by an innings and 110 runs. Scores:—Perth, 5 for 214, declared; Fremantle, 33 and 69.

Christmas Carnival

Nedlands Sub-branch has everything well in hand for the Christmas Carnival, which the sub-branch will conduct between the nights of December 18 and December 23, both dates inclusive. One thousand lights are being placed on the University Hockey Ground, which the University authorities have been kind enough to lend for the purpose.

The sub-branch needs only good attendances to make the Carnival the success it deserves to be. Willing workers have gone to a great deal of trouble in arranging novel and unusual attractions, which, it is hoped, will include a log-chop under the W.A. Chopping League rules, a tug-of-war, in which all the prominent teams of more prosperous days will compete, a beach pyjama parade for the ladies’ life saving clubs, and others too numerous to mention.

The management guarantees that the sixpenny surprise packets will be of full value, in fact 500 of them at least are of phenomenal values up to a guinea. The "Digger Darkies" will be on parade every night. Visitors will also have the opportunity of winning a five shilling box of chocolates for sixpence.

On November 12 (Nedlands v. Claremont), Nedlands won easily by an innings and 18 runs. Nedlands 80, Claremont 19 and 43.

Maylands won comfortably from Midland Junction with 7 wickets and 69 runs to spare. Midland, 115 (Higgins 42, A. Watts 35); Maylands, 3 for 184 (G. Thomas 50 n.o., H. King, 52).

Broadening the Broadcast

(By A. H. Lamb)

With reference to your correspondent, "Rady O'Listener's" comments on Professor Murdoch's recent broadcast, I agree with the general tenor of his remarks. It is, in fact, generally admitted that the defences of this vast country are totally inadequate for its needs, and constitute a real danger to the inhabitants by their very weakness. At the same time, I would point out to your correspondent and readers of this journal that the best way of avoiding war, for which defence is not a cure, is first to find the cause and then remove it.

I emphatically disagree with your correspondent's remarks on the subject of the Professor's broadcast. Incidentally, I hold no brief for him, but would stress what Rady O'Listener has overlooked, viz., that armament concerns, as such, are businesses which are run solely for profit in just the same way as any other concern, whether it is commercial or industrial. This fact being indisputable, obviously the goods which any factory, armament or otherwise, turns out must be sold and not placed in museums for

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public examination. Equally obvious is the fact that a state of prosperity for an armament concern can only be achieved by war. Recalling the private as against national or governmental control of the majority of these concerns, it does not appear, on the evidence, that Professor Murdoch spoke without his book on the occasion in question.

Socrates said, many years ago, that "There is nothing wrong with man but his own ignorance." Lloyd George put the manner in different form when he stated in a recent speech that, "One of the attributes of small minds is that they resent a change in their accustomed methods because it implies a censure on their past record." "The idealist pacifist and the realist militarist can argue with each other to the crack of doom without convincing each other, unless someone points out to them the reason why, while the former may hold unanswerable arguments in the world of ideas, the latter can also hold equally unanswerable arguments in the world of reality. Instead of unending and unprofitable argument, it is much better to seek the reason why an artificial incompatibility between ideals and reality is introduced into society, and it is much better to come to a profitable understanding of how human nature re-acts to that artificial incompatibility than to indulge in useless moral judgments and recriminations upon men and institutions."

"Go to any man and call into question his actions, his tastes, his beliefs. His normal impulse is to defend them hotly. Most of the average man's beliefs have been accepted in early youth—without question, without investigation. The more blindly they have been accepted, the more hotly does he defend them, and casts about for reasons to justify what calm reflection and unbiased investigation would show him to have been mere prejudice. This mental process is termed 'rationalisation,' and is a bar to any logical discussion of any problem."

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This Evolution

Mr. F. A. Law writes from Merredin:
With a ready recognition of the generous hearing given to me by delegates to the recently held Congress during debates on motions dealing with economics and monetary reform, I refrained from making a reply, which would have demanded still more of the precious time of Congress, to certain of the arguments against money-reform.

I should, therefore, be much obliged if you could grant me the space to reply to one specious plea which was put forward by those who stand opposed to active interest in those matters which vitally concern us all.

The most amazing and least convincing argument put up against the case for monetary reform on Douglas lines was that one advanced by a delegate who advised Congress not to interfere in such matters but to leave them to evolution. We were cold, we should not take active part in attempting to bring about monetary reform; but rather wait — and apparently twiddle our thumbs — while "evolution" worked all sorts of economic marvels for us.

If anyone did not know better, he could be excused for thinking that "evolution" was some natural dynamic force which moved forward of its own volition to accomplish in due course every needful reform. One could be forgiven for assuming from the "evolution" argument that patient and inactive waiting would bring forth all sorts of joy for tomorrow; it is only a matter of sitting down and waiting. Evolution, pure, simple evolution brought us the development of printing; the French Revolution; the abolition of slavery; wireless telegraphy; and the low price for wheat.

That, of course, is absurd. Evolution is not a force, it is a result.

Evolution accomplishes nothing, it merely indicates something; it indicates progress and progress is the result of thought. People who think are hastening the unrolling of evolution; people who decline to think, but are persuaded to sit down and wait, retard progress, and one day they will wake up to the astonishing fact that the evolution they were waiting for has completely stopped moving. That will be the day when chaos falls around us, a day not far distant unless we think and ACT in this matter of monetary reform.

Points from the Pulpits

"People's opinions have changed in the fifteen years since the Armistice was signed. Most people would now agree that the Treaty of Versailles was indeed a treaty of vengeance and that it must be revised. The world seemed to be further away than ever from real peace, in spite of the League of Nations, the various pacts, and the efforts for disarmament. If only Christian principles could be translated into international relations, the present troubles would be largely solved." —The Dean of Perth (the Very Rev. R. H. Moore, M.A.)

"Almost every nation suffered in the four years of the World War and it is right and proper that the day on which the Armistice was signed should be celebrated with thanksgiving by the people of all countries. Such a day as this affords us the privilege of expressing our thanks to the men who went away, and to offer messages of comfort and consolation to those whose loved ones did not return."

"We extend to the men in the repatriation ward at the Perth Hospital our sincere sympathy and the hope that the great Providence of God will see health and strength restored to them... I know of nothing sadder than a visit to the repatriation ward, where men are still suffering, fifteen years after the war, and I never saw men bear their sufferings so cheerfully. May God bless them." —The Rev. C. H. Jenkins, V.D., Wesley Church.

"Disarmament will never end war. So long as men have the will to fight, so long as they have the desire to resort to force to settle their differences, just so long will we have wars. Until men learn to love one another, and to see the other man's point of view, war will always be a probability." —Canon E. M. Collick, at the South African Memorial Service.

"We remind ourselves to-day of the dead-in the Great War. We think not so much of the glory of their deeds as the completeness of their sacrifice. They fought and died because they believed that the best things in our civilisation were likely to be lost." —The Rev. C. E. Taylor, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

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the fears of nations. It has not done all that mankind expected. It has some successes to its credit, but also notable failures. It is difficult, however, to see that any good could come of abolishing the League. It still remains as the only practicable instrument for bringing the representatives of the nations together, cultivating an international mind and enabling the statesmen of every nation to understand each other's viewpoint by frank and open discussion, and so smoothing over difficulties and preparing the way for that peace which the world desires." — The Rev. N. Richards, B.D., Trinity Congregational Church.

"I am continually impressed by the remarks of overseas visitors on being shown the State War Memorial in King's Park. Its simplicity is its grandeur and, as such, creates a profound impression of reverence and, when the names of the honoured heroes have been read, almost without fail visitors express the opinion that no more striking declaration of the spirit of sacrifice and witness against war could be conceived . . . . It would be a sign of spiritual deadness if any could view it unmoved, for it enshrines not only the hallowed memory of those who so nobly fought and died, but also the high ideals that actuated their sacrifice . . . ." — The Rev. Harry Reeves, Perth Central Baptist Church.

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UNITY

(By "G.D.J.")

A wonderful bond of fellowship exists between all men of all ranks of all arms who have served the British Empire in theatres of war.

Sailors, soldiers, airmen, from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India, Africa, the old Homeland seemed to gather, in perfect harmony, moving shoulder to shoulder, sharing in one another's joys and sorrows, good times and bad — a happy family bound by bonds of blood and service into one big brotherhood.

Now some misguided fanatics are trying to split asunder these pales of long standing, by little pettifogging attempts to sow seeds of dissention and discontent over trifling matters of pensions — rights and privileges which some have and others, apparently, are unable to obtain.

Surely such little affairs can be easily settled by men of vision and human understanding through "Unity," far better than through petty strife.

As an ex-Imperial whose only brother died whilst serving in an Australian unit, and many of whose relatives died in units from all parts of our wonderful Empire, I have a right to express an opinion. This opinion can be summarised in the one word "Unity."

We can get all our grievances settled by helping each other. Returned-diggers and Imperials have one common aim — that is to look after the interests of their, less fortunate brothers, their widows and children. Nothing is to be gained by wrangling and splitting up into small bands of disgruntled dictators with selfish aims, but everything is to be gained through "UNITY."

BUYING BACK WAR HORSES

Animal lovers in the Old Country are gravely concerned about the tragic fate of the 22,000 war horses and mules which were sold into Egyptian bondage by the British Government after the Armistice. Light Horsemen well remember the gloom of the troops, when it was announced that they would not be allowed to bring back their chargers to Australia, and that all animals within a certain category were to be handed over to the Indian cavalry. The remainder were mercifully destroyed. For days, Arab scavengers haunted the Australian horse-lines, offering gold for horses, but it was considered more humane to destroy the animals than to sell them to such horse exploiters.

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The Sydney-Emden Fight

An important November anniversary is that of the fight of the Cocos Island group, in which the young Australian Navy had its first experience of enemy shell fire, and in which the German light cruiser Emden terminated in most gallant fashion her career of enterprising destruction.

The Emden was a light cruiser of 3,600 tons burden and a speed of 24 knots. She was built at Danzig and commissioned in 1908. She was equipped with ten 4-inch guns and was manned by a crew of 361. At the end of July, 1914, she was in Tsingtao Harbour, forming a unit of Von Spee’s squadron in Chinese and Pacific waters. Her captain, Von Muller, knew of the imminence of war and put to sea, ostensibly for practice manoeuvres; actually to rendezvous with the rest of the German squadron. The Emden soon made her first capture, a Russian vessel, but her raiding career proper did not commence until September 9. Passing through the Dutch East Indies into the Indian Ocean, the Emden spent the next two months capturing vessels flying the Allied flags, coaling from them, occasionally using them as supply ships, and sending off their crews or passengers on neutral ships to the nearest ports.

One of the Emden’s victims was the Poornabbel, a dredger which had been purchased by the Tasmanian Government. While on her way out from England she was captured and sunk in the Indian Ocean. The Emden’s most dashing exploit was her raid on Penang Harbour, in the course of which she sank the Russian cruiser Zemstov and the French destroyer Mouzette; her cheekiest was the bombardment and firing of the great oil tanks at Madras.

Moving further south, the Emden

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flanked the course of the large convoy bearing the first division of the A.I.F. and the New Zealanders. Had she got in amongst the convoy at night she might have caused an immense amount of damage and confusion, but the truth is Von Muller did not know how close he was to the convoy. Over-estimating the moral effects of his earlier successes, he imagined that the convoy was off a far more southerly course. Even when he sighted the Sydney on the morning of the action he took her for another ship altogether.

It was a little before half-past six on the morning of November 9, 1914, that the wireless operators in several of the Australian and New Zealand transports picked up a message in an unknown code and the immediate response of the Cocos wireless station, "What is that code?" It was ascertained afterwards that this was the Emden signalling to the Buresk, a captured ship which she was using as her collier, to join her in the Cocos group. Von Muller, never dreaming that an enemy was near, thought it would be a good opportunity to coal. Ten minutes later another message was picked up from the wireless station, "Strange warship approaching." This was repeated a few minutes afterwards, prefixed by the S.O.S. The last message sent by the telegraph operator at Cocos was a cable to Australia that a three-funnelled warship was off the island, and was landing a party in boats. It was the landing party which put the wireless station out of action.

H.M.S. Minotaur, having been called away on other duty, H.M.A.S. Melbourne was in her place ahead of the convoy. The temptation to go after the Emden was a sore one. The Melbourne actually did increase her speed and turn sharply westward towards the threatened island, but her captain, Captain Silver, remembered his responsibility and signalled the Sydney, the warship nearest the island, to raise steam for full speed and run down to Cocos.

By 7 a.m. the Sydney was off at a speed of 20 knots. At 9.15 a.m. the island was sighted, but so far it was uncertain whether the enemy warship was the Emden or the Konigsberg, which was also somewhere in the Indian Ocean. Knowing that he had the speed of either, Captain John Glossop, in command of the Sydney, slowed down to complete the preparations for the action. Captain von Muller of the Emden saw the Sydney's smoke and thought the Buresk was speeding in answer to his wireless message. When, however, his signaler reported a four-funnelled warship, he knew her for a British-cruiser of some description. He could not credit that Australian ships were so near, and believed the stranger to be the Newcastle, or a sister ship, nearer his own size and age. He decided to fight, and after warning his land party, for he could not wait to pick them up, he steamed out to sea where he would have room to manoeuvre.

H.M.A.S. Sydney was built in 1912-13. She was a cruiser of 9,600 tons, with a speed of 25 knots, and carried eight 6-inch guns. But though the Emden was outclassed in speed and fighting weight, she put up a wonderful fight. After her first salvo had taken short, her gunfire was rapid and accurate. One shell hit the Sydney's range-finder killing the operator and wrecking the instrument. Had it exploded it would have also killed Captain Glossop. All the Sydney's casualties occurred in the early minutes of the action. The Sydney's fire was not effective at first. On the way to Cocos, Captain Glossop had decided with his gunnery officer to open fire at 9,500 yards, and to fight the main action at a slightly shorter range. But the Emden's unexpected opening at 10,700 yards made it sound policy to get in some salvos earlier than was originally intended. The Sydney's first salvo went over the Emden; her second fell short; while from the third there were only two hits. The Emden, knowing that her only chance of avoiding destruction, much less gaining a victory, was in rapid fire, kept up a rate of a salvo every six seconds.

The Official Historian describes the fight in four stages. The Sydney was caught unawares at extreme range, and during this stage, from 9.40 a.m. to 9.50 a.m., the Emden scored her only hits. Then, the Emden finding herself outdistanced and likely to lose all power of retaliation, tried unsuccessfully to cross astern of the Sydney, but was practically wrecked fore and aft by the latter, which had by this time established superiority of fire. This was between 9.50 a.m. and 10.5 a.m.

Partly because of considerable interference by smoke, the Sydney allowed her opponent to close and attempted to settle the contest with a torpedo. This attempt was unsuccessful, and the Sydney resumed the long distance gunnery action, thus completing the enemy's ruin. This stage lasted from 10.5 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Incapable of further

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action, the *Emden* took advantage of the tactical situation to reach North Keeling Island, where she ran ashore at about 11.20 a.m.

Seeing her adversary aground and practically a smoking ruin, the *Sydney* went off in chase of the *Buresk*. A shot across the sollier's bows arrested her flight, and a prize crew was put aboard her; but the Germans, to frustrate capture, opened the *Buresk's* Kingston valves and it was noticed that she was rapidly sinking. To make assurance doubly sure her end was hastened by four shots from the *Sydney*, which then steamed back to North Keeling. At 4 p.m. she was again within signalling distance of the *Emden*. Then occurred an incident about which much has been written and which, though regrettable, could not be helped by the *Sydney's* captain. It was noticed that the *Emden's* flag was still flying, and technically a warship is still in action if its flag is flying. Though aground with her guns out of action she might still be able, by means of rifle or machine-gun fire, to inflict heavy casualties on a boarding party. Captain Glossop demanded by signal, "will you surrender?" The reply came in morse, "What signal? No signal books." Glossop repeated in morse, "Do you surrender." The *Emden* made no answer to this, nor to a further signal asking if the former one had been received. The *Sydney's* commander then took the only course possible. Running into two miles range, he fired two salvos, and immediately the *Emden's* flag was hauled down. Afterwards, on the *Sydney's* German officer prisoners accused the Australians of firing on them after they had surrendered, but other German officers flatly contradicted them. The matter was "put up" to Von Müller, who promptly issued a frank statement to his men, explaining the incident as an unintentional and regrettable misunderstanding.

All ranks of the *Sydney* had behaved splendidly and skilfully under their baptism of fire, and especially praise has been given to the boys who had only just passed into the R.A.N. from the training ship Tingira. But they hardly deserve the extraordinary, left-handed compliment bestowed upon them by Sir Henry Newbolt, the laureate of the Navy, though Australian will be amused by Newbolt's impression of some of our native fauna. In a poem which, by the way, is grossly unfair to the *Emden*, Newbolt writes—

"Their hearts were hot, and as they shot They sang like kangaroos."

Perhaps the Swan and Emu had some part in this unusual feat of vocalisation.

The *Emden's* landing party, which had taken no part in the action, succeeded in putting the wireless station out of action. Then seizing a sailing vessel, which was not the most seaways craft in the world, they succeeded in effecting their escape.

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**Personal**

Cliff Nixon, president of the Buckland Hill Sub-branch, has recently undergone a serious operation and at time of writing is a patient in Devonleigh Hospital. Cliff, who is a foundation member of the sub-branch, has always taken an active and prominent part in its proceedings and nothing will give his fellow members greater joy than the news of his recovery. This paper joins the sub-branch in extending sincere sympathy to Mrs. Nixon, who, in her capacity of secretary of the Ladies' Committee, has rendered yeoman service to the R.S.L.

Another cot-case, on account of his old gastric trouble, is Jim Morgan, late of Mt. Barker, now head teacher of the Spearwood State School, acting honorary - supernumerary - deputy assistant-unpaid unofficial sub-consul for Yugoslavia, and a valued contributor to THE LISTENING POST. Jim served through the war from Gallipoli until the Armistice, and then had a go at the Bolshies on the Archangel front. He is a diverging and amusing writer and has a repertoire of good stories. The best of these is about the digger schoolmaster and the digger cop in a bush town who formed a sub-branch of the League on their own. The other members required to make up the regulation number paid their subs., but they lived so far out in the wilderness that they could not attend meetings. Nevertheless the peeler and the pedagogue had a meeting every paynight, and they got away with it for twelve months before their good wives woke up to the situation.

Eddie Edmonds is just back from Adelaide, where he has been attending the annual conference of the Master Bakers' Association. While in Adelaide he put up at the Club, which, according to all accounts, is a very good show, and where he foreshadowed that the parson of good fellows, Colonel Jacob. Eddie, went over on the same boat as THE LISTENING POST's old friend Peter Hope-good, who, with his wife (also a writer of verse) is off to Sydney. He came back by the "Trans" and speaks in glowing terms of the courtesy and at-
tention of the digger crew of the train.

The members of the Claremont Sub-branch were pleased to see Captain H. L. Ball in his place as chairman of committee at the last general meeting after a long and trying illness. We sincerely hope that his health will continue to improve.

Another seafarer who has been on the sick list is E. Neison, of Cottesloe. We are pleased to be able to report that he is now out of hospital and progressing favourably.

We extend our congratulations to young Arthur Taylor, of Victoria Park, on his being chosen by Wing-Commander Laws to be one of the members of the Aerial Survey Expedition. He is a wireless enthusiast, holding a transmitter’s licence, a qualification necessary on this expedition. His father, Mr. H. Taylor, is well-known in W.A. Horticultural circles, while his mother is president of Victoria Park Women’s Auxiliary, and a trustee on the State Executive. Arthur, himself, is treasurer of the Victoria Park Radio Club.

One important anniversary which occurred this month was the seventieth birthday of Alf Pady, of Fremantle Sub-branch, who has served on every State Executive since the inception of the League. Although he is seventy years young, Alf has a capacity for terrific work. He says what he means and means what he says, and is one of the whitest and straightest men above ground. Formerly he was a cricketer of note. He still umpires and can explain precisely the difference between body-line and leg-theory. When he scores the full century against the bowling of Father Time readers will see a Pady centenary number of the Listening Post.

Another digger proved his popularity when Jack Lynch, the President of the Fremantle City and Districts’ Sub-branch, won the North Ward seat on the Fremantle City Council recently, by a large majority from Mr. Waldren. This ward was previously represented by Mr. J. W. Burgess, who retired on being appointed to the Licensing Board. Good luck, Jack, we know you will prove a worthy Civic Father, and will uphold the prestige of the League.

Denny Nolan (10th Light Horse), and Bill Lunt (A.A.M.C.) are at work on a real good show at Yarbu, in the Mt. Jackson district. With so many diggers, in both senses of the word, working claims in the neighbourhood, there are good prospects of forming a sub-branch in the district.

Lew Tuckett was seen lunching at the Wentworth the other week, in the company of several others wearing the badge. He was fathering a number of his old No. 4 Section of the 1st Division Signallers, the first section, by the by, to leave W.A. in 1914. On the first Monday of each month, those of No. 4 who can manage, foregather at the Wentworth for lunch at 1 p.m., to keep up the old associations.

Congratulations are extended to a good digger, Lloyd Allen, son of the late Eben Allen, who was once prominent in this State’s political and business circles, on his appointment as secretary to the Aerial Survey. Until recently, Lloyd, who served through the war with the A.A.M.C., was a member of the literary staff of the Daily News.

In town for the week-end, Arthur Nugent, of Campion, who, with another ex-cookie, Frank McKenzie, of the old 28th, has been engaged on a prospecting venture which, according to all accounts, is turning out successfully. Frank McKenzie, who was a teamster in the palmy days of the gold industry, is well known to all old goldfielders.

In town for a short holiday, Ione Idriss, the author of “The Desert Column,” and “Lasseter’s Last Ride.” Notwithstanding his literary achievements, Ione is a very unassuming chap, a typical light horseman in build, quiet and self-contained, yet capable of blooming out and telling some very capital stories. Preferring to enjoy himself in his own way, he has not attended many functions, though he did attend a pleasant informal gathering with Dick Collins, Eddie Edmonds, and some of the young Lochinvars from The West in the Palace.

28th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The usual general meeting of the Association will be held at the Soldiers’ Institute (Board Room) on Monday, December 11, at 8 p.m., when the report and accounts for the financial year will be submitted and officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

Past experience in this latter connection is that when the annual meeting comes around now but one but the committee attends. This is most unfair to the executive, who throughout the year give their time and considerable labour to keep the Association going. If you are satisfied with your committee, show appreciation by at least attending the annual meeting and if you are not satisfied with the committee, come along and say so.

After the business of the meeting, there will be time for a little refreshment and a talk over old times. The usual “bob-in” will be collected to defray expenses.

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The late Captain Hugo Throssell, V.C.

One of the most romantic figures of the Great War passed on to the long last rest when Captain Hugo Vivian Hops Throssell, V.C., died at his home, "Lazy Hit Ranch," Greenmount, on Sunday, November 19.

Hugo Throssell, Western Australia's first V.C. winner in the World War, was well-known and universally popular both in the city and in the country. He was what the Americans call a "good-mixer," and there are few who did not know him at least by sight. Born at Northam in October, 1884, Captain Throssell was the son of the late Mr. George Throssell, C.M.G., who was the second Premier of Western Australia. He was educated at Prince Alfred College, Adelaide, where he distinguished himself at football, cricket, and other sports. He was farming when the war broke out, but left for the front with the original 10th Light Horse.

He won his Victoria Cross "For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty during operations on the Kaiaikij Agala (Hill 60) in the Gallipoli Peninsula on August 25 and 30, 1915. Although severely wounded in several places during a counter attack, he refused to leave his post or to obtain medical assistance till all danger was past, when he had his wounds dressed, and returned to the firing-line until ordered out of action by the medical officer. By his personal courage and example he kept up the spirits of his party, and was largely instrumental in saving the situation at a critical period."

The medical officer who ordered Throssell out of the line was Captain Bentley, now Inspector-General of the Insane, in Western Australia. It was while convalescing in England that Hugo Throssell contracted cerebro-spinal meningitis, from which he never fully recovered. He managed, however, to return to his regiment in Sinai, but before his return he was invested with the Victoria Cross by His Majesty the King. He was again wounded in the second Battle of Gaza, in which action his brother, Lieutenant F. E. Throssell, was killed. After his second return from hospital, he took part in the operations which culminated in the capture of Jerusalem. The 10th Light Horse was the only cavalry regiment to enter Jerusalem, and Captain Throssell (the third star who had dwaned only a little while before) was selected to command the guard at the Jaffa Gate through which General Allenby made his official entry into Jerusalem.

Not long after this, a complete breakdown in health necessitated Captain Throssell's being invalided home to Australia. But this did not end his war service, as he threw himself heart and soul into the recruiting campaign. After the war, Captain Throssell married Miss Katherine Susannah Pritchard, the well-known novelist. He entered the service of the Agricultural Bank, but resigned to develop his property at Greenmount.

Anzac House Gymkhana

The Anzac House Gymkhana, to be held on the W.A.C.A. Grounds, Perth, from Monday, December 4, to Friday, December 8, both dates inclusive, will be a feast of sport which should appeal to all tastes.

One of the main items is the R.S.L.

He had rejoined the Bank's service as an inspector, some little time before his death.

Mrs. Throssell, who has been on an extended trip abroad, is at present in London. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to her in her bereavement. We feel that her loss is also our loss, for her late husband, like herself, is not so much an individual as a national figure. He was a most lovable character, a genial man seldom seen without a smile. The bravery which helped him to hang on, like grim death to an almost untenable position on Gallipoli, enabled him to camouflage his grief, the ravages of illness. Few, if any, of his friends were allowed to suspect how ill he really was or that death was a merciful release from years of progressively increasing suffering. He was a man among men and at the same time, one of those rarely gifted beings who could retain the heart of a boy. Peace to his ashes, for there were few like him.

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In addition to these features, there will be sideshows and other novel and amusing carnival features. The booth will be in the capable hands of Digger Jack Carter, Mica Host of the Windsor Hotel, South Perth.

The Anzac House Gymkhana has been organised by all the metropolitan sub-branches of the R.S.L., in aid of the Anzac House Building Fund. The Executive Committee consists of the Chairman, P. R. Allen (Maylands), the Organising Secretary, G. S. Mellor, and members, D. M. Benson (State Executive), W. Shanahan (Midland Junction), G. Tanner (W. Swan), J. W. Lynch (Fremantle), F. Matthews (Victoria Park), W. J. Hunt (Anzac House Committee), and A. G. Esnouf (Perth).

That eminent British exhibitionist, Brigadier-General F. Crozier, who, since his retirement from the Army, has been publicity officer in chief for Brigadier-General F. Crozier, told an anti-war audience in London that he "had led 7,000. Belfast youths into action, and brought out less than 100. He would not do that again." After such a mess up, it is hardly likely that the War Office would let him.

The late Mr. S. J. Chipper

At the meeting of the State Executive on November 8, delegates stood reverently in response to a motion that the sympathies of the R.S.L. be conveyed to the South African and Imperial Veterans’ Association on the death of their president, Mr. S. J. Chipper. The deceased gentleman, who was a prominent figure in the business life of Perth, served as a Lieutenant with the West Australian Bushmen in the South African War of 1899-1902. Since that war and the Great War, he has ever been to the fore in looking after the interests of his old South African comrades and those who saw service in the Great War. Touching references to his military and civil activities were made by Canon E. M. Collick at the South African Memorial Service on Sunday, November 12.

The deceased will be greatly missed, not only by the organisation of which he was such a capable and popular president, but by all ex-service men, and the community in general.

Armistice Day in Fremantle

Fremantle upheld its prestige in an unmistakable manner by the dignified carrying out of the Silence, as an outward carrying of respect to those who fell in the Great War. The Harbour Trust time signal and the Town Hall chimed announced the Silence, which was profound. All traffic ceased and pedestrians, the male section bareheaded, paid a silent tribute. Bugler Frank Hurst, stationed in front of the Town Hall, sounded the Last Post and the Reveille. In addition to the street demonstration, several services were held at the same hour in city churches. A telegram was received by Councillor J. W. Lynch (the President of the Fremantle Sub-branch of the R.S.L.) from Mr. Wm. Watson, M.H.R. The text of the telegram was as follows:—"Fate decrees that I must be absent on this, your great day. May your celebrations prove an inspiration to the people and give an impulse towards closer unity."

The Western Australian delegates to the Federal Congress of the R.S.S.I.A. kept their end up to some purpose. The main motions sent on from this Branch were all adopted, notably the motion in favour of the restoration of Universal Naval and Military Training. Archdeacon Riley’s speech to the motion received all due publicity and commendation in the press. Under the heading, "Well Done, Diggers," the Sydney Bulletin, of November 13, says that by passing this motion unanimously, Congress gave a jolt to the pacifist politicians. "Archdeacon Riley," the Bulletin continues, "spoke in a strain which may be commended to some bishops. He said that even under the present milk-and-water system of voluntary training he found the youths of his acquaintance infinitely the better for the taste of discipline to which, elsewhere, most of them were strangers.

"Other delegates pointed out that compulsory training would be a Godsend to many youngsters now eating their hearts out in idleness. "It will take courage," the Bulletin concludes, "to restore it, but, if Australia is to have an army worthy the name, restored it will have to be."

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The Great Ground Arms

Perhaps the most futile of the many futile things said about the futility of war is the frequently repeated assertion, originally put forward by the Germans themselves, that the final decision of the Great War was not made by the armies in the field, and that the collapse of the German resistance was brought about by the breakdown of the German home front. Some such assertion was needed to save the severely punched face of the German Higher Command. Its repetition nowadays, by people who cannot differentiate between assertion and argument, shows how soon the history of the Great War has been forgotten.

Many factors contributed to bring about the collapse of the German home front. The most potent was certainly the rigour of the blockade maintained by the Allied fleets. Not the least effective was the Northcliffe propaganda in enemy countries. But, had not the German High Seas Fleet been confined to port by the British Navy, and had not the German Armies been so decisively defeated on the Western Front that their very existence was in danger, no blockade could have been imposed, and no amount of propaganda, however insidious, could have been successful.

The breakdown of the German home front commenced when the sailors of the ships in Kiel mutinied on receipt of the order to put to sea and engage in a last desperate struggle with the British Navy. From Kiel the spirit of rebellion spread like wildfire throughout Germany. On November 4, soldiers and workmen's councils, on the Russian model, were formed and there arose an outcry for the Kaiser's abdication. The monarchy was abolished on November 8, and a few hours afterwards the republic was proclaimed, but by this time Wilhelm, who had fondly imagined that he inherited all the military genius of his ancestor Frederick the Great, had evaded the issue by taking refuge in Holland. Ludendorf vainly pleaded for another op-

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opportunity to attempt to stem the victorious advance of the Allied forces, but from the moment the republic was declared the Armistice was inevitable.

The last action in which the Australian Corps was engaged was the brilliant capture of the village of Montbrehain by the Second Division, on October 5. This village stood on a plateau which dominated any further advance, and the Australian Corps had now advanced its line to a point six miles to the east of the Bellicourt Tunnel, so confirming the collapse of the whole of the Hindenburg defences. "For the past nine weeks," wrote Sir John Monash in "The Australian Victories in France in 1918," "The enemy had suffered defeat after defeat. He had at one time been surprised and overwhelmed. He had at another time been driven from strong positions under conditions when surprise played no part. He had been defeated in gunnery, in the air and in close infantry fighting. The morale of his troops had steadily declined. They no longer hoped for victory, but anticipated defeat. They knew that they were a beaten army."

On the night of October 5, 1918, the Second Division was relieved by the 30th American Division, and Sir John Monash handed over the whole of his Corps' battlefront to the American commander, General Read. On the same day, too, Prince Max of Baden, the stop-gap German Chancellor, accepted the programme of the President of the United States of America, and requested him to take in hand the restoration of peace. On behalf of the German Government, Prince Max also asked for an Armistice on land, water and in the air. This was a full month before the collapse of the home front.

The negotiations which followed were necessarily long drawn out. It was first necessary for the Entente Powers to agree upon a common line of action; then followed negotiations between plenipotentiaries of the belligerents, and hostilities did not actually cease until after the conditions of the Armistice had been signed in the early morning of November 11, until, in fact, the capture of Mons by the Canadians had brought the British line back to where it had been at the commencement of the fighting in 1914.

The final decision to impose terms was made by Marshal Foch, in consultation with other Allied Commanders-in-Chief, because on November 11, the Allied advance to the Meuse had come temporarily to a standstill. The Germans, in their retreat, destroyed completely both roads and railways and until these could be replaced supplies could not be brought up to the front beyond the line reached on November 11. According, a short halt on the Meuse front was necessary and this would have given the Germans time to rally behind the Meuse, rendering further battles inevitable. Foch had provided for this contingency, upon which Ludendorff was also banking, and had actually begun to set in motion a new Allied offensive by the French and the Americans, directed into Lorraine on either side of the fortress of Metz, to turn the line of the Meuse. This portion of the line was but weakly held by the Germans. Against it the Allies could have brought their freshest troops and their largest reserves, for it was in this quarter that the bulk of the American Army was employed. Beyond all shadow of doubt the contemplated offensive would have been successful. It would have placed the Germans on the Meuse in a most embarrassing position by the time the general advance of the Allies could be resumed.

Foch and the Allied commanders, however, felt that if they could force the Germans to accept such terms as would leave them militarily helpless, they had no right to call for further sacrifice of life or to expose the territories of France and Belgium to further devastation. It was in this spirit that the great Armistice was signed in Foch's railway carriage in the forest of Compiegne, by Herr Erzberger, the leader of the German Centre Party, and three others on behalf of Germany, with Hindenburg's consent, and by representatives of the Entente Powers, on November 11, 1918.
"Hospital-ities"
(By W. Anderson)
(Relayed to Ward XI Through The Listening Post)

Another month gone! The milestones are being passed, and still Ward XI keeps up its reputation for the care of the sick and wounded. Since last issue the Government has declared its policy of no preference to soldiers, except those with a union ticket. There are many ex-soldiers in the ranks of the unionists but there are many that are not, but believe in freedom of contract. There are also others partially disabled, who will soon have to take a back seat when looking for work. Have a look at the tombstones in our cemeteries; then think of the grave of forgotten promises, one of those eternal incomprehensible Government mysteries; like unto a sting from the business end of a bush bee. However, we have one consolation. If the next war breaks out during the Collier regime it will be fine fun for us to stand outside the drill hall in Francis Street watching the recruiting sergeant demanding the union ticket before enlistment. What a contrast to what took place in 1914, when we all joined up in the biggest union ever organised in Australia—the A.I.F. See what membership of this A.I.F. union and patriotism did for us! Fractures, wounded bodies, amputations, injured spines and lungs, trench fever, totally blinded, some partially paralysed by shell shock, gas infection, septic wounds that will not heal, suffering, sleeplessness, restlessness, yet in an atmosphere of cheerfulness we displayed the courage of the hospital ward combined with the heroism of the battlefield. Yet these disabilities at present do not give us preference in this world. Someday, perhaps, our Government will find out, in the annals of war, that the men of today were the men of tomorrow. And as a matter of fact, some of the present generation have not the mental ability to take a back seat to the furnishings of the future.

The snake season is gradually coming nearer, and it reminds me of one of my adventures. It was at a bush concert at Wanneroo, and during the instrumental item (accordion) a big black snake crept to the front of the ex-temporised stage and apparently became entranced with the music. It reminded me of the snake charmers in Cairo, but the audience was not delighted and his snakeship did not enjoy the encore. You see, snakes are not the only reptiles susceptible to music. The audience evidently was—after a guillotine act.

Announcement: We have been requested to state that there will shortly be published a book Diary of a Daisy by Billie Fineday, dedicated to the Milk Board.

"Old Bill," now in the sere and yellow leaf, has a small poultry yard from which he derives much pleasure. However, lately there has been a big reduction in the egg production and enquiries were made at the various offices that supply information for the benefit of settlers. At one branch, after detailing his troubles regarding the cause of the paucity of egg supplies, he was (probably jocularly) informed "that your hens have evidently gone in for birth control."

The speed of the suburban train service provided our only Newgee, present address, Perth Railway Station, with the following anecdote for recitation at the Conference: The midday train to Midland Junction was about to leave No. 11 platform when a young man entered and almost collapsed on the seat of a carriage, breathing heavily. "Just in time," he muttered, when an old gentleman sitting opposite exclaimed, "When I was your age, I could run 500 yards and catch a train."

"I believe you," said the young man, "but I missed this one at West Perth station and just managed to get it here."

We will now have a talk on natural history, by Professor Blue Delirious, entitled "Reptiles or Romance."

"Have you ever heard of the Oogopogo? No, it is not a secret society in Russia, but an amphibian which, according to tradition, haunts the beautiful Njookendooroo Canal. A fairly good likeness of this mysterious creature can be conveyed by the different accounts given by those ex-soldiers who have been privileged, according to their own testimony, to gaze upon it. It is of enormous size, coloured black, with a snout like a dog and large flappers close to the head. It emits a loud whirling noise—like a motor launch. Unlike the shark, which consumes human beings, as well as other small fry, this creature is harmless, and it has been suggested that the residents might well tame it. If this singular objective can be achieved—unique attraction would be added to the Zoo, where every prospect..."
A Notable Achievement

(Jarrab Leaves, 1933. A Literary and Artistic Annual, wholly written and illustrated by Western Australians. The Imperial Printing Coy., Ltd. Price, 3/6. Our copy from the Publishers.)

On no section of the community has the depression weighed more heavily than on writers and artists. Those of them who are not more or less directly attached to the staff of some newspaper have been virtually denied that expression which is the breath of life to the creative worker. While the illustrator has had to depend upon private sales—few and far between, alas, in these hard times—or to look for commercial work, the literary craftsman has been dependent upon the more topical features of newspaper work, and not too much of that. The market for purely imaginative work is as dead as the dodo.

A glance through the pages of Jarrab Leaves, an interesting and well-published Annual, issued this month by The Imperial Printing Coy., Ltd., of Perth, will suffice to show that a large reservoir of local talent has remained untapped. This Annual, which is edited by Mr. John Glasscock, a well-known writer of verse, is this State's finest literary and artistic achievement. Mr. Glasscock has done his work faithfully and well, giving opportunity for many young writers, who might otherwise have had to waste their sweetness on desert air, the opportunity to see the light of print. The W.A. Digger Book, which the Imperial Printing Coy. published for the Press Sub-branch during the Centenary Year, was a more expensive production, and, perhaps, more even in quality, but its appeal was necessarily restricted. Jarrab Leaves caters for a wide range of tastes, and proves to the hilt that love of beauty and faculty of expression of beauty still exists in this age of crass materialism.

That the Annual has aroused interest beyond our own borders is shown by the congratulatory messages from writers and artists whose names are household words in the Eastern States. The editor, Mr. John Glasscock, has contributed several items of verse and prose. The illustrations attain a high degree of excellence, Mr. G. Pitt Morison contributes a picture of the Larding of Dirk Hartog, which is accompanied by an article by C. R. Collins. Among the interesting and ably executed Western Australian scenes are "The South Perth Ferry Jetty," by Mr. Lionel Jago, whose, recent exhibition of water-colours was so eminently successful; Rottnest scenes by Mr. G. C. Benson, "A Corner of the University," and "King Street, Perth," by Mr. Harold Vike, tree studies by Daisy Rossi, and Allan Cook, whose "Dying Red Gum" is strongly reminiscent of Corot; "The Perth Town Hall," by Miss M. Southern, the "Supreme Court," by Miss Amy Heap, who also contributes the attractive cover design, and the "Old Barn at Manjimup," "West from Kalamunda," by Mrs. E. Chappel; "Perth from the Water Front," by Evelyn Hill-Smith; "Interior of St. Mary's Cathedral," by Marjorie Sims; "The New Clearing," by Miss R. Perth. Among the contributors of short

pleases and only man and the Ogopogo are vile. According to legend, some 25 years ago the local drainage board liberated fish ova and residents have lent a touch of romance to the imaginings of ex-soldiers by asserting that the Ogopogo is one of the liberated aquatic vertebrates. Other inhabitants assert that there are people who see snakes and serpents and spiders in something like malt, hops and yeast. I might mention that this strange visitor was seen the day after the annual re-union of the local sub-branch of the R.S.L."

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He: "Just as Burgess and the Widow Jones started up the aisle to the altar, every light in the church went out."

She: "What did they do then?"

He: "Kept right on going. The widow knew the way."

Buckland Hill Sub-branch announces that plenty of work awaits volunteers at the Memorial Park. Working parties parade on Sundays at 10 a.m. in fatigue dress with hoes and rakes. The ladies hope to raise sufficient funds from their sale of work for the erection of gates at the park.

Some of those who are loudest in their outcries against military training are just the very ones who derive tremendous physical benefit from a little of it.

Old Sweats must have gasped at the cabled report that the Australian ratings on the destroyer flotilla had turned down the rum issue in favour of lime juice. As a matter of fact, though excellent rum is made in Australia, Australians are never likely to become a rum-drinking people. All the same, one trembles to think of what might have happened had those Australian ratings been offered beer.

Can any sub-branch in Australia show a record like Subiaco in this respect? Salubrious "Sooby" s representative in the State Legislative Assembly, the Mayor, the Mayoress (a returned nurse) and the Town Clerk, are all active members of the sub-branch. An esteemed honorary member is Councillor Lionel Boas, one of the first in this State to be awarded the League's Certificate of Merit.

One of the speakers at the Subiaco reunion on Armistice Night expressed uncertainty as to how the name of the sub-branch should be pronounced. "One of Mr. Mussolini's countrymen from whom I occasionally buy bananas calls it 'Subyacho.' On the trains I hear it called: 'Subakker,' while my own walled calls it 'Sooby.'" The local lads assured him that it is "Subi-ah-co," with the "a" sound like the "a" in a loud "amen." That probably accounts for the noticeable piety of most "Sooby" diggers.

W. Limber writes:--I remember a digger who arrived in London for his first leave. Having drawn some of the necessary he strolled up the Strand, which is about all he remembers until he was rescued by a friend, minus all his possessions, even to his identity disc. It was a bad case of dope.

Back to France he went, but was wounded six months later. After convalescence he got a cushie job in the Allotment Section on Horseferry Staff. Sitting with his back to the counter one day, he heard a very masculine woman demanding twelve months' allotment due from her husband, who had deserted her. She tabled her papers, marriage certificate, etc. As these appeared in order she demanded payment at once. She was asked if she could identify her loving spouse. Of course, she knew every hair of his precious head. By this time he was standing beside her and getting information as to what he really looked like in the eyes of his massive beloved. An appointment was made for that afternoon to finalise payment, but two Scotland Yard men were there and collected their bird, who insisted in having a rough house before she departed.

Everything was found to be faked. The joke had been put over on many occasions. It wasn't a case of Private G. S. Waggon this time. He was not always to blame.

"Old Soldier," writes from Claremont:--I was pleased to learn that only one day was to be devoted to Poppys sales this year. In my opinion, it is a mistake to ask for any collections from the public, for amelioration purposes otherwise than on the Day of Remembrance, excepting when the 11th falls on a Sunday. If we ask for funds on any other day how can we expect the public to contribute in remembrance of the Armistice? The two minutes' silence will be looked forward to on collection day as the public consider that is the day of remembrance. Let us forget.

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Another Digger Book


After the spate of filth and snivel of the so-called war books of a few years ago, an Australian war book always comes like a refreshing and cleansing breeze, for the war written about by Remarque and company, was never seen on sea or land. "The Gallant Company" ably and in places graphically written by H. R. Williams, is a worthy and welcome addition to the growing library of Australian war books. It is an Australian Soldier's story which commences with the formation of the new divisions in Egypt after the Evacuation. "The Gallant Company" is a Company of the 56th Battalion, and an early chapter of the book describes with a wealth of detail and grim realism the tragic desert march of the beginning of 1916. This torturing of troops to make a brass hat's holiday has been seldom, if ever, described in print. Then follows the move to France, the tragedy of Fromelles, the horrors of the Somme winter, Flanders pill-boxes, and the stirring events of 1918. Especially interesting is the chapter which describes the author's experiences as a cadet in the O.T.C. at Cambridge. "The Gallant Company" is a book which has been carefully compiled and well written. There is nothing strikingly new about it, for the author's experiences have been the experiences of most of us. But it rings true, and if it suffers at all by comparison with other digger books it is only because it is later in the field. We have read nothing better, and had "The Gallant Company" been published, say, four years ago, it would have been hailed by reviewers and public as the great Australian war book.

Sons of Soldiers' League

The report of the Committee appointed to deal with the S.S.L. items was submitted by Mr. Philp to Congress, reading as follows:—

"In accordance with Congress instructions, your Committee appointed to deal with items 190 and 191, as follows, desire to recommend:—

"190.— That membership in the Sons of Soldiers League be open to all returned soldiers' sons irrespective of age.

"191.— (a) That in recruiting boys for the Sons of Soldiers League, the guiding principle should be relationship of boys to sub-branches of which their fathers are already members, but no lad shall be debarred from joining a sub-branch of the S.S.L., which is geographically, or from the aspect of community of interests, suited to his needs; (b) in the case of sons of deceased soldiers, it is not desirable that formation of sub-branches of the S.S.L. should disturb any arrangements made for their care by the Legacy Club."

"1. That Congress adopt resolution 190, and in doing so agree to the admission of boys under twelve years of age as probationers in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained.

"2. That item 191 is endorsed by your Committee for adoption.

"The Committee further recommends that the sub-branches classify membership under the following grades for the purpose of entertainment and social activity:—

"(a) Senior Grade—21 years and over.

"(b) Intermediate Grade—16 years to under 21 years.

"(c) Junior Grade—12 years to under 16 years.

"(d) Probationers' Grade—under 12 years of age.

"Scope: Members of the Senior Grade may be admitted to R.S.L. Smoke Socials or any other function where liquor is provided, as this conforms to the requirements of the Licensing Act.

"Members of the Intermediate Grade may be admitted to all other functions.

"Junior Grade members may be admitted to meetings and social functions where the branch is working in conjunction with the Women's Auxiliaries.

"Probationers may be admitted to social gatherings of the Women's Auxiliaries where accompanied by either or both parents.

"Under this heading boys will not be entitled to the issue of the badge or the..."
Reminiscences of 1914-18

(Conducted by M.H.M.)

BLUEY RETURNS

"Bluey," our pet company dog, lobbed back into the line from Blighty leave. He silently took off his haversack, water-bottle, ground sheet, and etceteras, and placed them slowly and methodically on the ground. Then he carefully put a clip into the magazine of his rifle, snapped the bolt vigorously, spat over his shoulder with great deliberation, placed the rifle on the parapet, took steady aim, and conscientiously emptied the magazine into Fritz's wire. Then he assumed an air of great satisfaction and spoke: "There! that'll let the -- know that I'm back."—"Vaang-blong."

DIGGERS AND DAGGERS—AND OTHER THINGS

The Diggers lined the decks of H.M. Transport A.I.I, and gazed curiously at their surroundings. They were at anchor in the harbour of St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, and were pleased at even this rather uninteresting respite from the monotony of the open sea.

The pitiless sun beat down on the boat, and the perspiring troops looked longingly at the cool blue waters of the harbour. Flitting about, like insects on the top of the water, were numbers of native craft, full of jabbering, gesticulating niggers. From the top rail of the boat deck, a streak of dark humanity would suddenly flash by and enter the cool depths of the harbour, emerging presently with a silver coin held triumphantly to view.

The occupants of some of the native craft were engaged in fishing, tearing the raw flesh of a dead fish with their teeth for bait. Others swarmed the sides of the transport, displaying trinkets of little value to the troops, hoping to persuade them to make purchases as souvenirs of the visit.

Suddenly, in a spirit of devilment, a nigger takes aim at one of the boats with a raw potato. This was the signal for a furious bombardment of the natives, who grabbed their oars and made a hurried get-away from the transport. At the same time, the naked forms of two diggers cleave the water, as they take a neat "header" from the boat deck. The temptation is too strong, and, picking out each a native boat, they give immediate and swift chase. In quick time, one digger catches up with the fleeing craft and is about to grasp the stern, when a brown arm swings upward, and with a dagger flashing in the sunlight, strikes murderously at the clutching soldier. In the nick of time the digger releases his hold, only to be faced with a new danger. Riding serenely at anchor like a stately swan, lay His Majesty's warship, Prince Albert. Realize the situation, and knowing full well the dangers lurking in the cool, still waters, the following message was flashed across the harbour:—

"Order troops out of the water at once, harbour infested with sharks."

A chorus of warning voices soon acquainted the swimming diggers with their danger, and records were broken in their frantic efforts to reach the transport ere the death that lurked beneath could secure its prey.

THE DIFFERENCE—

Broodseinde Ridge was captured. The early morning mist and the smoke of battle were slowly melting away. Discernible through the strengthening light of this fateful day were streams of German prisoners, groups here, couples there, columns two abreast, in single file, all hurrying in their eagerness to reach the haven of safety behind the Allies' lines.

Crossing a ridge, well within range of the falling German shells, a party of prisoners, headed by a haughty staff officer, halted at a recently captured pill box, which was now an improvised depot for ammunition, rations, etc. At the rear of the pill box, a small band of
army medical men were busy attending to the needs of wounded Australian and German soldiers. The day was clear, but bitterly cold. The wounded; in varying degrees of suffering, were in need of warm covering. All spare overcoats were eagerly commandeered by the A.M.C. men, who were as solicitous as any hospital matron for the welfare of their charges.

Noticing the German officer, with his capacious overcoat, a digger approached him and, grasping the garment, and pointing to the wounded, he indicated plainly enough his requirement. Drawing himself up haughtily to his full height of six feet, the officer indignantly refused the humane request. Without any waste of time, the digger made his meaning a little clearer by adopting an aggressive attitude, and releasing a few poetic verbal reflections, which might or might not have been understood by the Fritz. However this may be, the overcoat was quickly handed over, and immediately used to protect one of the wounded from the bitingly cold Flinders' wind.

As the party of prisoners continued the rearward march, the officer leading with as much dignity as was possible in the circumstances, it was noticed that a Fritz A.M.C., private, refusing the opportunity to reach the safety zone, was busily employed assisting to bind the wounds of the suffering soldiers, Australian and German alike. He was an upstanding, middle-aged man, and without fuss or bother, worked while there was work to do. Many a withering, suffering soldier was relieved of considerable pain and discomfort by the voluntary services of this good-hearted German. As if to further enhance his selfless in thought and action, the German, in the course of his work, suddenly stopped, and, ripping open a trouser leg, revealed a gaping wound above his knee, which he hastily dressed, and then continued with his self-imposed task of mercy.

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

The night was dark and cold. No man's Land seemed possessed of myriads of supernatural sounds—relived occasionally by the very material whistle of machine gun bullets, and the dull, ripping explosion of a shell.

A digger sergeant and private were cautiously reconnoitring, immediately in front of their section, pausing rigidly as their surroundings were illuminated by the brilliant glare of a Very light.

Working their way cautiously side by side towards Fritz's trenches, and prepared for any sudden untoward happening, the pair had so far proceeded without mishap. In the utter darkness, progress was extremely difficult, and halting for a moment, the two listened intently for sounds of danger.

Feeling instinctively that, in the brief pause, something had gone wrong, the private called to his companion in a whisper. No sound reached him in reply, and stretching out in theinky void with his hands, he endeavoured to locate the sergeant. His efforts were vain, and with a feeling of awe, he realised that his companion had met with disaster.

The disappearance was sudden and inexplicable, particularly as neither shells nor bullets were encountered at the time. Returning to headquarters, the private reported the loss of his mate, who had eventially been posted officially as missing.

No Man's Land jealously guarded this, and many similar secrets.

“SPIRITUAL” STRATEGY

A French railway station; a busy R.T.O.; cases of liquor guarded by a sentry—and a thirsty digger. The problem as presented to the thirsty one, was how to transfer some of the contents of the cases to his own tender care. The sentry was certain not to be “squared,” and it was equally certain that the R.T.O. would not suddenly appear at the door of his office, and with a beaming smile, tell the digger to help himself. It was, therefore, a situation calling aloud for strategy.

Presenting himself in all his innocence to the R.T.O., he fired question after question at the busy officer, regarding the railway time table. Wearing his victim down to a state of exasperation, with his persistent questioning, the digger, judging the moment to be right, walked from the office straight to the cages of liquor. Placing his hands, on one of the cases, he turned in the direction of the R.T.O. and loudly inquired, "Do I take it from here sir?" The officer, thinking he referred to the departure platform of the train, answered crossly, "Yes, yes, from there."

With a sly grin at the unsuspecting sentry, the digger extracted three bottles of the precious fluid from one of the cases and went on his way rejoicing.

The sympathetic digger who climbed Napoleon's monument at Cairo and attached a nose-bag full of feed to the horse's head, is evidently still loose. T'other day he blew into a certain Boche-blighted town where, in the Grand Place, there stands an imposing statue of one of France's patriots. Noticing that the effigy had been struck in several places by pieces of Fritz's ironware, he clambered to the top and carefully placed a tin hat on its head and a gas mask at the alert position on its chest.

"Buckshe Bombardier"
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Captain Barnes, O.C. Brigade Signals, pondered deeply over his unenviable task. A big attack on the enemy's strongly fortified position was scheduled for daybreak the next morning. This was claimed to be the greatest attack yet attempted by the Allies, and all the multitudinous preparations for the event had been practically completed.

Captain Barnes was engaged on his task in connection with his unit duties. It was necessary to divide his men into two parties, one to remain at Headquarters, the other to assemble and advance with the attacking infantry. His problem of choosing the personnel for the forward party, never an agreeable one for the O.C., was now more distasteful, as his son, a mere lad of 17, was on the unit strength:

Unconsciously his thoughts flew back to his happy home life in the days before the World Tragedy. He traced his own movements from the outbreak of the war, to his enlistment. This severance of family ties was the hardest task of his life, and it was seldom he allowed his thoughts to dwell on the subject. Then his lad wanted to enlist. He refused permission at first, but there was no holding the boy back. Sixteen years when he attested, and he had been playing a man's part in this mad maelstrom for over twelve months.

A Fritz shell burst with a ripping explosion outside the dug-out door, and brought the O.C. back to the realities of the task in hand. He finished his dispositions, grimly, yet with a tug at his heart, assigned his boy to the advance party. Paternal love could not overcome a sense of duty and of duty.

Silently the men filed into the pill box. Orders were to make themselves as comfortable as possible until 3 a.m., when the party would advance to the front line assembly point. At 6 a.m., zero hour, the division would attack the enemy position, and every arm of the experienced and hardened fighting force was asked to give of its best.

Sleep was impossible for the troops in the pill box. Each was occupied with thoughts of the future. What would the morrow mean? Some must "go West;" others be maligned or mangled—it was all in the lap of the gods.

The cold, cheerless hours passed by with awful, nerve-shattering slowness. Midnight passed, and the wakeful men were aware of someone quietly entering the pill box.

A voice broke the eerie silence. "Are you awake, Stan?"

"Yes, Dad."

"Have you written home to your mother?"

"Yes, Dad."

"Good lad. Good-bye, my boy— and good luck."

A handclasp in the dark, and the unseen form had gone. Duty at least need not—could not—prevent paternal bonds being drawn together in, perhaps, a last farewell.

Stan stood at an open grave in a military cemetery behind the line, and watched the remains of his father being laid to rest. Following his boy into battle, the fate he so feared his lad would meet, was destined to be his own. So many thus had gone this way, kinsmen, comrades—all sharing a common grave.

A Westralian Sculptor

Western Australia has produced many writers and artists, but now, for the first time in the State's history, she has a sculptor of note. E. Kohler, now in Perth after a long sojourn abroad, went to the war in 1914 with the 11th Battalion, and was evacuated wounded after five months' service on Gallipoli. He was a machine-gun sergeant with the Battalion until he was transferred to the Australian Corps School, in France, towards the end of 1916, with the rank of Sergeant-Major Instructor of General Machine Gunnery. His valuable services in this sphere earned him the Meritorious Service Medal. After the Armistice, he became Assistant Records Officer with the Imperial War Graves Commission in France and Belgium, remaining with the Commission until 1926.

During these years, E. Kohler became aware of a talent which had hitherto lain dormant. He commenced the serious study of sculpture in the Art Branch of the French Academy in 1928, and during the first week of modelling his instructors considered him ten years ahead of the rest of the class. Kohler had modelled several important monuments in Belgium, and assisted with two in France. The Belgian monuments include that of Marshal Foch at Spa, the War Memorial, Liege, on which he worked in the studio of the famous sculptor, Pierre de Saete. Among the numerous busts he has executed are the Director of the Little Academy, Mlle.

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Palestine To-day

A correspondent sends the following interesting copy from Melbourne:

Lieut.-Colonel George Campigli, who left Australia as a trooper in the 4th Light Horse, and is now Commissioner of the Palestine Railways, said that when meeting Field Marshal Allenby a couple of months ago, he found him declining in health and showing visible signs of failing. However, he recalled the brilliant exploit of the regiments which charged Beersheba, and knowing that Colonel Campigli would be seeing his old comrades while on leave in Melbourne, asked that "his love should be given to the 4th Regiment" in which he takes a very special interest. Colonel Campigli said that personally he always regarded the Beersheba affair as the turning point of the Great War, as it presaged the crumbling up of the forces which opposed the Allies. Beersheba fell, the battle of Gaza was successfully fought, Jerusalem was taken, and ultimately the Turkish army was smashed. When he visited Beersheba he always visited the grave of Lieut.-Colonel L. Maygar, V.C., who was originally a Squadron Leader, 4th L.H., but was killed while commanding the 8th Light Horse.

Referring to Palestine to-day, Colonel Campigli said that it was one of the very few countries of the world able to balance its budget—it had a surplus in recent years. Many people would be surprised to learn of this in view of the fact that it was devoid of natural resources. He pointed out that the Jews who had migrated there since the war had developed the country very considerably, and millions of pounds have been invested within its boundaries. The Jews who came from Eastern Europe and Russia had proved to be fine agriculturalists, and Britain had given the Jews every opportunity to return to Palestine.

Referring to public works, he said that a huge electric station, which would supply power throughout Palestine, had been erected at a cost of £1,000,000, and a scheme to bring oil by pipe line instead of tankers was under way which would involve £14,000,000. Such works were of great benefit to the country. He said a proposal to construct a railway to cost £8,000,000 might suffer as a result of the recent death of King Feisal.
Colonel Campigli went on to say that the Dead Sea is being extensively developed for potash salts and bromine, which sell at £7 and £70 a ton respectively. A plan provides for obtaining a million tons annually of these salts and bromine which at present go to Jerusalem by road, but a railway now under consideration could take them direct to the seaboard for export to England. An alternative proposal is an aerial railway to Jerusalem. Land values had increased in recent years, and three million cases of oranges and grape fruit are exported annually. This is expected to rise to 20 million cases in the near future, though it is believed the attitude of Germany to the Jews may mean a loss of that market. Oranges bring £1 a case in England, and it is fortunate that they arrive before the Spanish oranges. A lot of country previously used for vineyards, at Richon, for instance, is now used for the growing of citrus fruit because the effect of U.S.A. going “dry” was keenly felt. The prohibition of the liquor laws in America would have its effect in this area.

Harbour works undertaken at Haifa will cost £1,250,000 when completed, and it is likely that as a port it will be a rival with which Beirut (Syria) will have to contend. The oak forests, which were destroyed by the Turks during the war, are being replaced by the planting of millions of trees, but it is doubtful whether they will ever compare with the demolished forests. Mosquitoes have largely disappeared. Through effective drainage works and in contrast with the heavy mortality of the past, malaria in most parts of the country may be regarded as stamped out as infection is now rare.

Jerusalem has been cleaned up and developed, and its hotel, run by the same management as Shepherd’s (Cairo), which cost a quarter of a million to build, is an effective addition to the city, as is the Rothschild-Museum, A good water supply is being developed.

The Listening Post

Frontier Cameos—III

THE INHERITANCE OF HALIM KHAN

(By T. G. Retalic)

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The raid had been a huge success. Selim, safe once more in his cavern in the rock-strewn nullab, threw back his beard and countenance and let his bull-roar of laughter echo again.

Had they not managed to get away with the torturing camels and many rugs, to say nothing of silver-ware and merchandise brought down by the caravan only yesterday?

To crown all were there not four or five young and beautiful women who had been taken with their husbands, the two brothers of Lalo the wealthy young merchant? Would there not be a huge ransom to collect from that quarter when the ears of the captives had been sent down to emphasise the necessity for early payment? True that Lalo might not wish to pay out his hard-earned gold; it would only mean two more threats to cut, and Allah knew the women were beautiful enough to compensate for the loss of the ransom.

The aeroplanes would undoubtedly be over the hills with the dawn, but what matter? There were hundreds of deep and rocky clefts in these hills, such as the one wherein his hair was hidden. No need to do more than bid his men lie close by day and let the storm blow itself out. Again the deep rumble from the hairy throat, as Selim pictured the

Colonel Campigli finished by saying that five years ago Palestine had a very serious depression, but when its people were assured of British protection, and the presence of two battalions of Regulars, financial and economic improvement was discernible. The last two or three years have been reasonably prosperous, and, what is important, the budget is balanced.

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as "The Plumber," and "Bhoosa" the F.O., sat under the punkah awaiting the arrival of the Political Agent.

A weird medley of noises from the direction of the cantonment market. Babel of voices and shrill laughter, the throbbing of the tom-toms and ever and anon arose the wail and shriek of native pipes. The sound increased, growing steadily in volume until, glancing out of the window, Bhoosa saw a mob of excited natives which crowded around a central figure who appeared to be the object of hero-worship.

"What's all the commotion about?" asked "Bhoosa" of the Political Agent, who had at that moment entered the room. Before replying, the P.A. ordered the mess waiter to bring a fresh supply of "cider cup," and then, turning to the two, pulled his chair under the punkah and produced his pipe.

"You two parasites appear to spend your lives trying to decide whether you are useful or merely ornamental," he remarked caustically, "but if you can keep awake long enough I will tell you why all that 'bobby' is taking place."

"All right," said the Plumber, with his usual cheery grin, "if you are not deadlier than usual, I think we can manage to remain conscious for ten minutes or so."

Without further ado the Political Agent plunged into the tale.

"You remember Lalo, the merchant, who died last year," he remarked. "Lalo was a fat man and young, moreover, he possessed two very pretty wives, but no other family. Curiously enough those two facts were the direct cause of his death. You will recollect that just before his death there was a tribal raid which deprived him of his nearest blood relations.

"It is not unusual for wealthy old men who possess young and pretty wives to die quite peacefully and leave the luce and the lasses to the next-of-kin on the male side, who, like Boaz in the story of Ruth, are bound to raise up seed to the inheritance, whilst he would keep the other wealth.

"I don't usually interfere with the elders in these matters, but it appeared that this business was a bit too dangerous, as it would establish a bad precedent, so after a bit of a pow-wow with all the village grey-beards, I managed to get them to agree, and I took the inheritance away from Halim Khan. The two wenches I handed over to the more distant relations, and Sharwal Khan got a year in gaol instead of a wife."

"Yes, O great White Chief," mocked the Plumber, "but what has all this windiness to do with the commotion outside?"

"If," said the Political Agent, politely, "you would cease from inibing the local anaesthetic contained in that tankard, and allow me to finish, I would inform you that the bird who is causing all the commotion is our old friend Sharwal Khan. He came out of quod today, and is now being welcomed home by his partners in crime.

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State Executive Meetings
October 25, 1933

At the meeting of the State Executive on October 23, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Phillip, Watt, Tozer, Hunt, Pady, Aberle, McDowell, Margolin, Lovell, Collins, Ross, Mel- lor, Wilkins, Lamb, and Farquharson.

The following additions were made to the personnel of Committees:

Anzac House Committee—Mr. G. H. Philp.
S.S.L. Committee—Mr. H. G. Nugeent.
Management Committee—Chairman of the Trustees.

The State Secretary advised that a deputation would await upon the Premier at noon on Monday, October 30, to discuss, with him the Government’s policy on the matter of preference to returned soldiers.

Poppy Day.—A meeting of representatives of metropolitan sub-branches recommended that the Poppy Day appeal be carried out on November 16, and that carry-over stocks be disposed of on November 11. After discussion it was agreed that the sales in the city streets be confined to Friday, November 10.

Ex-Naval Men’s Association.—Mr. L. Kaye Pirchin attended the meeting on behalf of the ex-Naval Men’s Association and addressed delegates, giving reasons why his organization considered it should be permitted to participate in the Poppy Day appeal.

After discussion it was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Colonel Lamb, that this Executive thanks Mr. Pirchin for his attendance, and although the League is as concerned with the welfare of ex-sailors as of ex-soldiers, the Executive regrets its inability to concede to the request of the ex-Naval Men’s Association.

Visits.—Colonel Margolin reported on behalf of the Lennox Board of Visitors. Mr. Farquharson reported having attended the inaugural meeting of the S.S.L. at Carlisle. Mr. Aberle reported having attended several meetings of the Building Revival Campaign. The State President reported having attended the Women’s Auxiliary Social. Colonel Olden reported on his visit to the Three Springs Sub-branch.

State War Memorial.—Mr. Watt reported progress in the arrangements for the ceremony of placing over by wardens and assistant-wardens.

Federal Conference.—The progressive agenda paper for the Federal Congress was received and passed to Congress delegates.

Anzac House Funds.—A communication dealing with the efforts of the Three Springs Sub-branch to raise funds for Anzac House was referred to the Anzac House Committee.

Maylands Sub-branch advised on an effort it is making to raise funds for the Anzac House Building Fund.

The organiser reported that the Grand Gymkhana, to be held under the auspices if the Perth Sub-branch, would be held on December 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

General.—Mr. R. Tyler, a former member of the Executive, who was present as a visitor, was formally welcomed by the State President.

General.—The appointment of officials as advertised by the Tingedale Sub-branch was confirmed.

A letter of appreciation of the League’s efforts on their behalf was received from Mr. and Mrs. Crowhurst.

The fremantle Sub-branch again asked that the Executive allow the proposer of the Yampi Sound Scheme to address delegates. The matter was referred to the Mining and Prospecting Committee, with power to finalise.

Advice of a meeting to be held by the Douglas Credit Movement on October 30 was received.

It was agreed that the resolutions passed by this year’s State Congress be referred to the Management Committee for allocation to the various sub-committees concerned.

Condolence.—On the motion of Colonel Olden and Colonel Lamb, it was agreed that a letter be forwarded from this Executive to the South African and Imperial Veterans’ Association, condoling with that body on the death of its late president, Mr. S. J. Chipper.

November 5, 1933

At the meeting of the State Executive on November 5, there were present: Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Phillip, Pady, Aberle, McDowell, Margolin, Lovell, Collins, Ross, Meller, Wilkins, and Farquharson. Leave was granted to Messrs. Riley, Anderson, Collett, Penion, Friedman, Watt, Nugent, Lamb, and Warner.

State War Memorial.—It was agreed after information given by the State President that the ritual be omitted from this year’s ceremony.

Poppy Day.—A suggestion from the Blind Soldiers’ Association that crosses with poppies attached be placed outside St. George’s Cathedral, was not recommended. It was decided to refer the matter to the next State Congress.

Congress Items referred to the State Executive were dealt with by the Management Committee and referred to the various sub-committees. This action was endorsed.

W.A. Aged Soldiers’ and Soldiers’ Relief Fund.

The State President read a communication from the Immediate Past President suggesting that application be made to the A.I.F. Canton Funds Trust for a donation of £100 for this scheme. It was agreed that the necessary application be made.

B.E.S.I. Delegates’ Reception.—It was agreed that a reception be tendered to Rabbi Freedman and General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs after the return of the former to Western Australia.

Employment.—The monthly figures for the Employment Bureau showed that the Aero Club had employed 100 per cent. returned soldiers in connection with their pageant.

On the motion of Messrs. Phillip and Aberle, it was decided that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to this Club.

Christmas Grant.—The Secretary was instructed to make enquiries concerning the Christmas Grant.

Visits.—The State President reported having visited the Morawa Sub-branch in company with the Assistant State Secretary, and having attended a meeting of the Friendly Union of Soldiers’ Welfare.

The State President reported having attended a dinner of the Italian Returned Soldiers to commemorate Armistice Day. Colonel Margolin

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and the State Secretary also attended. Colonel Olden reported having visited the Moorine Rock Sub-branch. Mr. Edmonds had visited South Australia and conveyed greetings to the State Branch. Mr. Aberle reported having represented the State Executive at the Ross Memorial Church Armistice Service in company with Mr. Philip.

Anzac House.—Colonel Olden reported on behalf of the Anzac House Committee. The report dealt with items of expenditure and the laying of the foundation stone. It was recommended that this ceremony should take place about the middle of February. The Memorial Window donated by Barnet Bros. is to be fixed to the west side of the foyer.

Details for the sub-branch drive, to be known as the Building Redemption Drive, were submitted, with the suggestion that sub-branches be circularised. The report was adopted.

Neeldlands Sub-branch thanked the Executive for the guarantee agreed to at a previous meeting.

Gymkhana.—The report of the Perth Sub-branch suggested that the Executive donate a trophy for the R.S.L. Trotting Handicap at the Gymkhana. On the motion of Messrs. Hunt and Wilkins, it was agreed that they should provide a trophy, the cost not to exceed £25.

Maylands’ Sub-branch.—Mr. Lovell reported that arrangements were well in hand for the effort the sub-branch is making in December.

Wyoortchew Sub-branch forwarded a cheque for £26/1/- as a donation to the Anzac House Building Fund.

Cathedral Service.—It was announced that a service will be held at St. George’s Cathedral at 10.45 a.m. on Armistice Day, Delegates expressed their intention to attend.

General Bestell-Browne acknowledged his appointment as Warden of the State War Memorial for the ensuing year, and stated that he was pleased to accept office.

Preference.—P.M.G. Contract Fremantle-Rockingham Mail: It was reported that a non-soldier had successfully tendered against an ex-soldier in this contract by a small margin. The matter was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

Tram Line Workers.—The Kalgoorlie Sub-branch reported in connection with the disregard of the preference policy on the Tram line. The Secretary will take action through the Federal Office.

Audit Department.—It was reported that preference had not been given by the State Government in the appointment of a Senior Audit Inspector. The matter was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

P.M.G.’s Department.—The Pension and Employment Committee were asked to make enquiries concerning the non-employment of ex-soldiers on work at Victoria Park under this Department.

Invitations from sub-branches were dealt with as follows:—Yannnah, November 23, referred to Management Committee; Murray, December 2: Messrs. Aberle and Philip; S.A. Veterans’ Association, November 12: State President and others to attend Memorial Service; A.F.C., November 20: State President appointed; Subiaco, November 11: Messrs. Lovell and State Secretary appointed; Collie, November 16 and 17: Mr. McDowell appointed.

Sir James and Lady Owen.—Advice was received that Sir James and Lady Owen would be in Perth in December 1 and 2. It was agreed that an invitation be extended to luncheon, and a tour of the district be arranged afterwards.

Sons of Soldiers’ League.—Carlisle Sub-branch advised the successful formation of a branch of the S.S.L.

Perth Sub-branch.—A suggestion from the Perth Sub-branch concerning the inclusion of benefits funds in the Constitution of the S.S.L. was referred to the S.S.L. Committee.

Poppy Day.—On the motion of Messrs. Philip and Hunt, it was agreed that West Perth be allowed to take delivery of their poppies at 2 p.m. on Thursday.

Sub-Branch Notes

BRUNSWICK JUNCTION

The meeting on November 2 was poorly attended. Arrangements were finalised for the “Poppy Dance” on the 16th. Jack Carter and Geo. Green are now back at work; we wish them a speedy return to normal health. The R.S.L. cricketers—suffered defeat at the hands of Brooklyn “A” Grade on the local pitch on October 28. A good day’s sport was enjoyed, although some of our members have been very stiff since. The captain criticised the fielding of our side—he intends to give some of them bending exercises, especially Joe Allan. Monday made a most spectacular catch during the afternoon, and was loudly cheered by spectators and players. Some of the ladies present remarked on his wonderful agility. We were out of form with the bat, but hope later to do better next time, and the bowlers are getting into some private practice.

Affairs within the sub-branch are going well. There’s not much dust raised, but things are done, thanks to our alert executive.

The President again reminds members to come along to the meetings. The pronounced apathy of some is very disheartening to the workers of the sub-branch. Roll up and display your interest in affairs.

CLAREMONT

The Claremont Council very generously offered the use of certain reserves to the sub-branch for car-parking at the Royal Show, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the sub-branch. Mr. Woodland had charge of the arrangements, which were carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned, and a profit of £11/7/9 was realised.

The cricket team suffered defeat at the hands of Midland, but its players are confident that, with a bit of practice, they will be able to give a better account of themselves. They would welcome a game with any other team on a date when they are not engaged in the Association contests.

The monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall, Claremont, on November 2, when there was a good muster of members. Two new members were enrolled. The sub-branch has decided to form a sub-branch of the S.S.L., subject to the being a sufficient number of boys available.

A meeting of boys is to be held in the Lesser Hall, Council Chambers, on November 21, at 8 p.m. Ex-service men with sons eligible are requested to bring this to their notice.

TOODYAY

Sub-branch members were the guests of the Toodyay Club recently for a bridge match. Although defeated, the diggers were not disgraced, and the function was unanimously voted a good success. That this is the forerunner of many similar events, was the view expressed by the president of the Toodyay Club, Mr. H. S. Campbell, Mr. R. A. Johnstone, president of the Toodyay Sub-branch, reciprocated, and said that the diggers would certainly return the compliment at an early date.

The Toodyay branch of the Country Women’s Association donated an arch for erecting at the gate of the Memorial Park, which was dedicated on Armistice Day.

The Toodyay Centenary celebrations were brilliant successes in every way, and great credit is due to the hard-working Secretary, Mr. Villiers, and the various workers, who gave of their best.

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An invitation from the Northam Sub-branch for Toodyay members to attend the smoke-night on Armistice Eve met with a good response.

YEALERING

On October 19, President Lawton led a strong contingent of "mixed forces" in support of General White, commanding the Corrigin sector. By 9 p.m. emma, a formidable garrison, concentrated from a radius of 60 miles, answered the call, and the most enjoyable evening was the result. In responding to the toast of the State Executive, Mr. Lawton, who had recently returned from Congress, whilst deploiring the loss of Colonel Collett's services, paid a glowing tribute to the sterling qualities of the incoming State President, Mr. Yate. The speaker outlined the selfless, meritorious years of service devoted to the League by the new President. In his address, Mr. Lawton made an eloquent and earnest appeal to all diggers to rally round the League's new leader, who, he said, should receive the same splendid support as was extended to our late president.

On October 22, the President gave a comprehensive report on Congress activities, and reiterated his remarks made at Corrigin. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the delegate for his good work.

ESPERANCE AND DISTRICT

On the night of October 28, the Esperance Sub-branch held a social and dance at the Parish Hall, with an open invitation to the town, to meet the Hon. J. Cornell, M.L.C., the sub-branch's delegate to Congress, who, however, did not appear till Sunday morning! Dancing started shortly after 8 o'clock, and was carried on with songs and musical items till midnight. About 150 responded to the invitation, and all expressed the opinion that it was a most enjoyable evening. The ladies turned up in strong force, and in their most charming costumes. The Secretary hopes to get some assistance in describing them at the next function.

Membership has increased from ten last March to 36 at the present time, with promises from other returned men in the district to join up at the New Year. The new works shortly to be started here should also increase membership.

WEST SWAN

There was a splendid attendance at the November meeting, and much business was transacted. The sub-branch's participation in the North Perth shoot is definitely off, as all members are producing, and are very busy with cultural operations, etc.

The Goose Club is well in hand, and tickets are selling well. All Poppy Day arrangements were finalised, four cars being available to take the lady sellers to the city.

The sub-branch is giving all our interested ladies a night-out next month in appreciation of their efforts—we cannot do without them—and on December 23 the children of the district will be given an evening's entertainment.

Our draw for the gymkhana is a "Darto" stall. We are prepared and organised, and will do our bit towards swelling the funds of Anzac House.

A social evening will be held at Mr. R. Knappman's huge shed on New Year's Eve. This will be a big affair, with gay decorations and brilliant lighting right out amongst the vines and orange groves.

TRAMWAY

The meeting on October 19 was a red-letter one; the sub-branch had the great pleasure of entertaining the Carlisle Sub-branch. Rather, it, would be more correct to say it was Carlisle who did the entertaining, and they did it to some purpose. Practically every member of Carlisle is able to give a turn. And they did not spare themselves in putting on just the turn that the digger likes and appreciates. Mr. Vicars, Jnr., was at the piano, and he also rendered popular airs on his accordion, which is nearly as big as the owner. The members of the sub-branch only hope that Carlisle enjoyed themselves, as the Trammies enjoyed their company. It is sincerely hoped that this is only the forerunner of many other visits from this sub-branch. The return visit was paid to Carlisle on November 2, by members of the Tramways, and was voted one of the most enjoyable in the history of the sub-branch. President Nieholl and members of Carlisle set out to make a good impression, and they certainly succeeded. President Wally Hadman was able to take along a representative muster. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presence of several members of the recently-formed S.S.L. These lads mustered 29 at their first meeting.

The meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, and the turn from the stage were the usual high standard of Carlisle. Messrs. Vicars and Sylvester were particularly pleasing in their "Magic Barrel" turn. Another who deserves mention was the magician on the barrel in the ante-room, for the supply from that source was never-ending. Members of the Tramways, who were booked to catch the 5.30 a.m. rattler, ex-Vic. Park, did not leave the hall until midnight was striking. This is surely an eloquent testimonial to the members of Carlisle.

The next meeting of the sub-branch will be on Wednesday, November 29. Members are reminded that the smoke social is to be held on December 20, for which tickets are 2/- each.

NORTH PERTH

A DIGGERS' DIARY (With profound apologies to the shades of Samuel Pepys.)

October 16th—To sub-branch general meeting, and find there a good muster of members. Did hear a circular read from Headquarters, it giving news of a five nights grand sporting/carnival to be held on the W.A.C.A. grounds from the 4th to 8th of this December come. There to be horse trotting, racing cycle and boat, and many other games. Also refreshment stalls and side shows, where the people, in merry merriment, paid a little from their purse. The profit from all against the Anzac House building fund. A motion passed that North Perth Sub-branch help in all ways it can in the business of this grand gymkhana. Hear reports by our congress delegates (Mr. W. James, Mr. L. McDowell, Mr. H. Rigg) on the business done there. All say how North Perth did come within ace of gaining the Newdegate Cup, but Narrogin to win the honour whom we all envy, but congratulate. This news put all in great heart and determined us to work with all energy against North Perth winning next year.

21st.—This night, I to our Women's Auxiliary's fancy dress ball for children. A very pretty and pleasant sight the children made in their fancy clothes, and all merry and happy at heart with much noise. By and by Mr. Les Hetherington

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and I, wanting to be free of the children's noise and being thirsty, away to the North Perth ale house. There I met Mr. Tom Stanley, who call me by name and speak jovially of the 51st, the battalion in which we both did serve in the late great war. A man of gay wit is Tom, and everready with a merry laugh. Back to the dance hall in time to support, about 12 o'clock and soon abed, being tired.

22nd.—Did walk to Mr. Hawthorn cricket ground, there watch a game between North Perth and Mt. Haythorn-Leederville Sub-branches. A cold, windy day, with little rain. North Perth to win by 16 wickets. Heard that Mr. J. Rankin's father did die of a sudden yesterday, which I was sorry of.

November 1st.—This day, I first meet Mr. W. Godden, then Mr. H. Garland, and both, in turn, tell me how, last Sunday, North Perth tennis team did win handsomely from South Perth Sub-branch by 8 sets and some number of games, which I have forgotten. I observe by the manner these gentlemen tell this news, that they be in mighty good content at this victory.

19th.—To Wellington Square, there watch North Perth and West Perth Sub-branches play at cricket (R.S.L. Pennant). West Perth to have 109 when all out. Mr. S. V. Dival bowl very pretty and get 5 wickets for 39 runs. This methinks exceedingly good, especially in the manner which he did deliver the ball. He, causing much sport with his queer little run, and delivering the ball high and high, which did fool the batsman to rush from his crease and make a mighty strike at the ball, but miss, and is bowled or stumped in a twinkle by Mr. Sampson (wicket-keeper). North Perth go in to bat, and Lord! what a sweet it put me in to see many wickets fall for mighty few runs. Mr. Jim Scott and Mr. Jack Rankin, being the last two men in and our score only 65. All North Perth company mightily disquieted at our position. But, to our excellent content, the batsmen snuff the ball higher and higher, now a six, then a four and so on, specially Mr. Scott (top score, 38). We all now very merry at our score going up, but still in a pretty twitter last one, get out, Lord! the fever when the score even, then Mr. Rankin hit a single to leg and so win the game for North Perth. No more pleasant and exciting a finish to a cricket match have I seen, methinks, in all my life. I did smile in my sleeve at hearing the captain of West Perth cry out that it vex him to be so bested by a lot of mug cricketers. Methought how strange it go against the hair, of some, to meet defeat in what is but a game. North Perth final score being 113. Home in good content.

10th.—Up very betimes, and find the weather hot and sultry. My wife all hustle and bustle to be away and sell poppies. I give no help this year, having private business to do this day, so my wife must do for both. Hear news that our sub-branch Christmas goose club tickets, which we have permission by law to sell, do go like hot cake and any who wish to buy one must do so pretty quick, or there be none left.

12th.—The weather very hot, I to general committee, where I hear that our sub-branch sales for poppy day be 1000, which do bear our own record of last year. Methinks this amount far above the sales of any other sub-branch in W.A. Mighty merry we all be at this success and drink a glass of ale to it. Mr. Secretary Hawkins, in his report, said how Mr. H. W. White be the greatest of all, his total being for poppies and stickers, £29.3s. A fine effort, which no member before has ever done, and methinks is worthy of great praise. The committee agree that the social evening for poppy day workers be held on Wednesday, 13th of this December. Did hear hears and much shooting competition. Mr. Dave James, I am told, be the best shot of our team, and so do win the cup presented by Mr. W. Melvin for the champion of North Perth team, Mr. E. W. Edmonds being second. Home, after another glass of ale in very good content and proud of being a member of so excellent a sub-branch as North Perth.

PEMBERTON

The last monthly meeting was very well attended. About 35 of the ladies rolled up to hear the news; war yarns and to find out if Sydney's tonic was as popular as ever.

After the business was despatched, the usual social began in good style.

Some brainy fellow quoted a piece out of the "L.P.," and Albert wetted the baby's head in the usual.

The sub-branch has played four cricket matches in the Association, won two and lost two.

At the small bore rifle shoot against the Warriors we had a victory. This was very keenly contested. It was even scoring to the last man out, but stalwart Jack Fulley pulled us out to win by four points. Yes, Jack was the marker. Why?

There was only one case on the districts list and he went away with a good heart. A helping hand is worth a ton of sympathy.

On Armistice Day the Women's Auxiliary sold out of poppies during the day and at night they provided their usual good fare at the dance, which was well attended. During the dance the new light over the honour board was dedicated by the Rev. Reynolds. He also gave a fine address. The President, Mr. Guppy, was in good form. He gave us this version of the why and wherefore of Armistice Day. Cock Redges gave the "Last Post," and "Revelle," and gave the event a military touch. The whole proceedings were much appreciated by everyone present.

On Sunday there was a special service at night in the Anglican Church. The Rev. Reynolds officiated.

It is hoped that the rifle range will become an accomplished fact now that funds have been made available. Pemberton district is one of the most thickly populated areas outside of Perth, and there is not a range within 50 miles, or a military unit within 110 miles. Now is the time to correct that matter. A troop of L.H. would easily be enlisted here. Why confer all the benefits on the city dwellers?

Scrap is home again, though not up to fighting pitch yet. He officiated at the last dance and had the pleasure of presenting the winning couple of the waltzing competition, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, with their prizes. Our thanks are offered to Billy Mac for acting as M.C. at our previous dance. He is to be congratulated on his brand new daughter and his wonderful escape while at work in the mill. You were lucky that time, Bill.

COTTESLOE

The committee meeting took place on October 17, at the residence of Captain W. J. Craze, 66 Forrest Street, Cottesloe, when a full attendance of officers, committee members, &c., were present. Mr. Vice-President Arthur White, who was unable to attend through very important business.

A lengthy discussion took place as to ways and means to raise funds for the War Memorial in the district, which the sub-branch is very keen to erect.

After completion of business supper was served by the Host (Captain W. J. Craze), which was enjoyed by all present.

S.W.A.N. BRAND CONDIMENTS WILL PLEASE EVERY PALATE
The monthly meeting took place on Tuesday, November 7, in the Council Hall, Cottesloe, the President (Mr. C. L. Harvey) presiding.

There was a very good attendance, and some very important business was dealt with.

On completion of business, Col. Fitzgerald gave a short lecture on the evacuation of Gallipoli by the A.I.F., which was extremely interesting.

Several new members were enrolled. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1.

**COLONEL OLDEN AT MORINE ROCK**

At the meeting of the State Executive on Nov. 8, Colonel A. C. N. Olden reported—

"I visited the Moine Rock district, leaving Perth by train on Friday, October 27, and arriving at Moine Rock early on the 28th. Being anxious to renew my acquaintance with as much as possible of the district which had interested me so greatly two years previously, I spent the greater part of my two days in a tour of the farms, accompanied by the President (Mr. Marston), Vice-President (Mr. Munyard), and Past-President (Mr. Morgan).

In my report of my previous visit I mentioned the abundant evidence of industry which had taken place in such a comparatively short space of time in order to convert a wilderness into a flourishing wheat-growing centre. The settlers then were full of enthusiasm for what they had achieved and what they hoped to achieve. Unfortunately, the bad times have affected this district in common with many others and it was with regret that I learned of quite a number of farms that two years ago were thriving and which to-day lie abandoned. Included in these latter was one property which I had greatly admired that had produced twelve thousand bags of wheat in that season. There are, however, many excellent crops to be seen this year although a substantial rise in price is desperately needed to enable many to carry on. Apart from the poor prices, many of the settlers are suffering from various other disabilities. Of these, lack of water supply, soil salinity and the increasing prevalence of barley grass on cultivated land are to be the most important and any assistance that can be rendered to successfully cope with these problems should be immediately made available. The ex-service men on the land in the Moine Rock district, mostly, as has been pointed out before, from the Old Country, are certainly worthy of all the sympathy and support of the League as a whole.

On the evening of October 28, I attended the annual re-union dinner of the sub-branch, at which 52 were present. The gathering was presided over by Mr. Marston, the President of the sub-branch, and an excellent league spirit prevailed throughout. The catering for the dinner was carried out by the wife of the sub-branch secretary, Mrs. McKittrick, and her very fine efforts were much appreciated.

The members are enthusiastic about the building of Anzac House and I feel sure that they will raise their quota for the redemption fund on the first favourable opportunity. I would like to express my thanks for the kindness I received at the hands of Mr. Marston, Mr. Munyard (Vice-President), who placed his car and his own time at my disposal; Messrs. Pickworth, Morgan and members of the sub-branch generally for making my stay interesting and enjoyable. The sub-branch is in buoyant condition. Of 69 members, 53 are financial, and there is no more worthy unit of the League in the State than Moine Rock.

**BRUCE ROCK**

At the meeting on November 13, the Hon. James Cornell, M.L.C., gave members a detailed report on Congress and explained the various items interesting to the wheat growers. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation.

This being the annual election night, the President declared all offices vacant, and requested the names of James Cornell, M.L.C., to act as Returning Officer.

The Hon. C. J. Latham was unanimously elected Patron. Other officers elected were:—President Mr. S. Brown; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Dean and Moore; Treasurer, Mr. R. J. David; Secretary, Mr. F. Bullimore; Auditor, Mr. G. H. Sherlock; Committee: Messrs. Black, Spalding, Hawke, Thon, Gibson, Foale, Munro and Wilkins.

Mr. Black kindly offered the use of his office to the new President for Committee meetings. Mr. S. A. Brown thanked Mr. Black for his kindness.

The next general quarterly meeting will be held at Shackleton on March 1 (1st Monday).

**STATE PRESIDENTS VISIT TO MORAWA**

In his report to the State Executive, the President, Mr. A. Yeates, stated:—

On Friday, October 27, in company with Mr. Ferguson, I left Perth by car to attend the re-union of the No. 3 District Council, held at Morawa on Saturday and Sunday, October 28-29. We journeyed through Northam and Goomalling, where we interviewed Mr. Todd and left literature for distribution: thence to Wongan Hills where the Secretary, Mr. Lindsay, was visited and League matters discussed. We then arrived at Morawa, where we stayed the night. Literature was left with Mr. W. S. Craike, an ex-Imperial soldier, who promised to discuss the forming of a local sub-branch with local ex-soldiers. We left Ballidu about 10 o'clock on Saturday morning and proceeded through Darlington, meeting Mr. Forward (the local Assistant Secretary) again discussing matters affecting the local sub-branch; then on through Wubin, Bugtine and Perenjari, where we found Mr. White, the Agricultural Bank Inspector and an ex-Imperial soldier, Mr. Pike, and talked with them on the desirability of forming the sub-branch, finally arriving at Morawa about 4.30 p.m. Just as we got to the hotel the main leaf of the rear hind spring snapped and the wheel moved back, jarring the break. The local garage took the car, and on Sunday morning a new spring leaf had to be made and fitted before we could leave.

Over 100 diggers attended the social re-union, including the Country Vice-President, Mr. Anderson; representation from Geraldton, Carnamah, Three Springs, Atrino, Yandanoora, Gutha and Perth. The chair was occupied by the President of the Morawa Sub-branch, Mr. Huangant, the Secretary is Mr. Groom, and a splendid dinner was provided and full justice was done to it by the company.

The toasts were numerous, your representatives and the C.V.P. were listened to with great attention and a good spirit prevailed. The position of the wheatgrower was stressed and the question of the evidence to be given to the Agricultural and Bank Commission is causing concern to the soldier settlers. The last sounds of the re-union died away soon after 3 a.m.

At 11.30 a.m., as soon as the car spring was repaired, we left, but unfortunately for us, on the road to Three Springs we took a wrong turn and later found ourselves at a farm on the Yandanoora Estate, where a soldier settler's wife gave us tea and cake. From there we journeyed to Moora through Three Springs and Carnamah. This ride of Gingin the rear tube blew out and had to be replaced in the dark. I reached home just before 1 a.m.
BOYANUP

There was a good attendance at the special meeting on October 21, presided over by the Vice-President, Mr. H. S. Jones.

The correspondence was a letter from an Imperial soldier-Mr. Stan. Howells, residing at Argyle, six miles from Boyanup, stating that, having a broken neck, he was doing photographic work, and printing Xmas cards, etc. A sample of his artistic work accompanied his letter.

The members present were somewhat startled, and thought perhaps another poor chap was losing his bearings.

The Secretary explained that Mr. Howells met with an accident some months ago, dislocating the cervical vertebrae, and a specialist has kept him in plaster of Paris ever since.

It is expected that good business will come his way.

Arrangements are being made to raise funds for the re-lettering of the local soldiers' memorial.

A cricket challenge from the R.S.L. at Brunswick was accepted.

Mr. F. Heath was appointed Sports Secretary.

Most of the evening was taken up by an able address on "Economics," by Mr. S. E. Turner, the Secretary. Rev. A. C. A. Lepinere also spoke and took the ethical part.

These two gentlemen are a valuable asset to this branch, and keener interest is now being taken by the diggers.

A smoke social followed.

OSBORNE PARK

At the meeting on November 1, Mr. R. Corlett, the President, was in the chair. Members decided to buy a rifle to enable them to get practice for future competitions.

Lady helpers of the sub-branch were very successful in their sale of poppies in town and in the district. They were supported by members of the sub-branch, whose thanks are due to them for their hard day's work.

A very successful fete and sale of work was held on Friday, Nov. 16 and Saturday, Nov. 17. Unemployed members have been busy for some time preparing articles for sale. They were allotted a stall and received the proceeds of the sale of their particular stall. The hall was beautifully decorated with streamers and flags, and the stalls with their gay colours were much admired by a large crowd on the opening night.

In the centre of the hall was a display of war souvenirs, which would have done credit to some of our large branches, according to a remark passed by Pommy Cattermole, one of the sub-branch's great supporters. In the grounds adjoining the hall were chocolate wheels, hoop-la, etc., which were well patronised. On Saturday, the patronage was just as good and a bumper house at the dance terminated a very successful venture.

The thanks of the members are due to all who assisted, and to the friends for their donations to the fete.

COLLIE

Well attended meetings are still the order of the day for this sub-branch, which is very active at this present time.

After Poppy Day comes the annual floral and industrial exhibition and Xmas fete and possibly the concert party will be in operation again in the near future. At the last meeting a donation of £1 1s. was forwarded to the ex-soldier's widow.

To enable the Collie Band hold concerts in the Memorial Park, it was decided to lend the seats from the R.S.L.charged for the benefit of the war injured.

It was decided a branch of "The Sons of Sailors League be formed and that a meeting be held in the near future.

A request from a returned soldier with respect to a certificate required in his employment was referred to a special committee.

New members are gradually coming in and numbers are taking a very active interest in the League's doings.

A cricket match will be played at Brunswick against a team from the Brunswick Sub-branch on December 3.

A report was received from the Pensions Committee that another non-member had received an increase in his pension.

As Mr. Panton, M.L.A., has been invited to open the exhibition the President and Treasurer were delegated to meet him at the railway station and conduct him on a tour of inspection of the district.

The thanks of the sub-branch were extended to the committee of the Church of England ball for postponing this function so as not to clash with the Bower show.

A report of Poppy Day appeal and results of the exhibition will be given in our next contribution.

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

STATE EXECUTIVE

The members of the State Executive elected at Congress held their first meeting on Monday, November 13. All were present except Mrs. Orsill, who was touring in the South West. Mrs. Wilson welcomed the new members, Medamates Downes, Pike, Turnbull and Hawtin, and expressed the hope that there would be a further advancement of the Auxiliary's services to the State during their term of office.

Those forming the Management Committee this year are Mrs. T. C. Wilson, Medamates McKinlay, Stockman, Kirby and Kettrier. The following were appointed to the Motor Outing Committee: Mrs. Stockman (Chairman), Medamates Randall, Stubberfield, Downes and Hopcroft. Medamates, Stubberfield, Stone and Power consented to visit at the Hospital until the end of the year, when a full committee will be formed. Five members are required for this branch of Executive work.

Christmas Social

The Christmas social of the United Auxiliaries will be held at the Institute, on Monday, December 11. The custom of "Ladies Only" will, on this occasion, be departed from, members bringing their husbands and gentlemen friends. There will be dancing, games and music. It has been suggested that flannels and tennis frocks be worn, so that a sudden rise in temperature will not mar the evening's merry-making. Supper will be catered for at the cost of 6d.

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<td>BAYSWATER</td>
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<td>MOUNT MARSHALL MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Road Board Hall, Bencubbin Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
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<td>P. R. Allen, 20 Coode St, Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
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<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>A. Grace, Northampton</td>
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<td>Avon Bridge Hotel</td>
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<td>A. S. Childow, Fitzgerald St, Northam</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (Off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. James, 21 Marian St, Leederville</td>
<td>A. J. Hawkins, 24 York St., North Perth. Tel. B3460.</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>C. Longmore, c/o. West Australian, Perth</td>
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<td>M., Collins, Tambellup</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Toodyay Newsagency</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. A. Johnston, Toodyay</td>
<td>N. H. Millar, Box 41, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
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<td>TRAMWAY</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Every 3rd Wednesday from August 16</td>
<td>W. B. Hudman, 18 Oswald Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>W. F. W. Saunders, 146 Albany Road, Victoria Park.</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
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<td>R. Alexander, 82 Shepparton Rd., Victoria Park</td>
<td>T. Chandler, 31 McMillan St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Thursday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>P. G. Miller, Taxation Dept., Perth</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers' Homes Board, Perth</td>
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<td>WUBLIN, BUNTINE, JIBBERJIBBER</td>
<td>Each place etc., commencing</td>
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<td>J. D. Buntine</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwallader, Wobin. Tel. No. 7</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge St., Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>V. E. Troode, 10 Harbourne St., Wembley Park</td>
<td>J. W. Smethers, 22 Woolwich St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
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<td>First Sunday, monthly</td>
<td>A. Paterson, Yandil Station, Wiluna</td>
<td>L. L. Cruickshank, C/o Wiluna G.M. Ltd.</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Commercial Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
<td>C. Vernon Harris, P.O. Box 99, Phone 3</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
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<td>T. Sten, York</td>
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<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonards Avenue, Leederville</td>
<td>W. R. Blair, 79 William St., Perth</td>
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<td>Ex-Naval Men's Association</td>
<td>Sports Club, King Street</td>
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<td>L. Kaye Perrin, 100 Melville St., S. Perth</td>
<td>Wm. Robbins, 122 Lake St., 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>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>Col. C. H. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George's Terrace, Perth</td>
<td>J. H. Gratwick, G.P.O. Box 444, 99 St. George's Terrace, Perth</td>
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<td>Medical Services Association</td>
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<td>Third Thursday, monthly</td>
<td>Col. D. M. McWhae (Chairman, R. Rattray, Public Works Department, Perth)</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., N. Perth, Phone B 8934</td>
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<td>Twenty-Eighth Battalion Assn.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. I. E. Dunkley, 84 Angove St., Nth. Perth</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Rialp St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>10th Light Horse Association</td>
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Exhibition Social

October 21, a united Auxiliaries' social was held at the Institute. Mrs. T. C. Wilson received the members who numbered over 160, and later, in the evening presented the money which has been won at the recent Exhibition. There was a usual dancing and games, aeroplane chairs causing much excitement and amusement. Songs were contributed by Mrs. Pellew of North Perth, and Mrs. Yen of Mr. Lawley. A graceful dance was given by little Miss Moore of Mt. Hawthorn. During the evening the gathering was honoured by a visit from Mr. Yeates, our State President, accompanied by Mr. G. Philip and Mr. Aberle, of the State Executive. In a short speech, Mr. Yeates emphasised the need for such service in the community as is rendered by the Auxiliaries. He hoped that they would support him as loyally as they had Col. Collett. In the community, as is appreciation the money which was contributed.

COTTESLOE

A very pleasant card evening was spent on Tuesday, 15th inst., at the residence of the Secretary (Mrs. A. G. Cook), "Liliydale," 4 Keane St., Peppermint Grove.

There was a fairly good attendance. The proceeds of the evening were for the benefit of the funds of the Annual Xmas Tree for the children of Returned Soldiers of the sub-branch.

The prize-winners were Messrs. Hubbard and Stewart; Mrs. Waterman and Miss Bow.

The annual Xmas tree will take place on Tuesday, December 19, at 7.30 p.m., in the Council Hall, Jarrad St., Cottesloe. Admission for the children will be by ticket only which will be forwarded to all concerned in due course.

BAYSWATER

This auxiliary has had a busy time lately. On October 19, Mrs. McKinnon attended the meeting and presented the prize cards won at the recent exhibition. Bayswater had 42 entries and gained over 12 prizes, Mesdames Dinning and McLaren being particularly successful. A pleasant social evening followed. The following week Bayswater members attended a most enjoyable party given by the Bassendean Auxiliary. In the coming year it is hoped there will be many more visits to and from auxiliaries to renew old friendships and form new ones, exchange chat and ideas, remembering all that members of the R.S.L. auxiliaries stand for. A number of new members have been welcomed: lately Mesdames Henderson and Dinning were delegates to Conference and their advocacy of improved conditions at the Old Women's Home, Fremantle, has not been in vain.

In October a successful jumble sale was held. All sorts of new and second-hand goods changed hands, as well as a good collection of sweets, home-made pickles, preserves, etc. A substantial sum was made, which will help the Xmas festivities for the little ones.

In conjunction with the R.S.L., the Auxiliary held a Back-to-Childhood dance in aid of the Anzac House building fund. There was a good attendance. Thrice members contributed music and the auxiliary was responsible for the supper.

Bayswater ladies made a great success of Poppy Day sales and are to be commended for their standing all through that Friday, when the temperature was over 95.

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