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The Passing Year

As the Old Year dies, and we go about wishing our friends all that is best in the New Year, it is one of man's amiable habits to look at the passing year in retrospect, to sum it up as if he were writing a testimonial for a departing servant who was at the same time a friend of long standing.

It has, indeed, been a strenuous year, one which will undoubtedly be marked as important in the history books of the future. At its commencement, the depression, for many of us if not for the country as a whole, was at its worst and there seemed little chance of any change for the better. We were told on every hand that 1933 would be the worst year of the great depression, just as cheery prophets used to tell us that the first seven years of the war would be the worst. There is an old saying that the darkest hour is just before the dawn. It seems to have been verified by recent history. The storm is not over, but there are already wide rents of blue in the clouds. The opportune rise in wool prices and in the price of gold has relieved the situation, and if only something could be done to re-establish wheat growing as a self-supporting industry, we could bid the depression the soldier's farewell.

The year has been an important one in the history of the League. The State President, Colonel Collett, was translated to the Federal Senate, and the number of candidates for the vacant presidency showed conclusively that the League is not a one-man show and that its leaders are prepared to pull their weight and accept responsibility. The new State President, Mr. Alf. Yeates, is a gentleman of great personal worth and integrity, a man in whom high ideals are reinforced by sound practical common sense. Quite unostentatiously he has settled down into the saddle and will prove a worthy successor to our late chief. During the year, two of our members, Lieutenant-General Sir Talbot Hobbs and Rabbi Freedman, attended the Biennial Conference of the B.E.S.L. They must have created a good impression there, for they were selected to represent Australia at Geneva. The General arrived back this month. The Rabbi is still abroad, but we are in a position to contradict the rumour that he intends spending Christmas with Herr Hitler. Perhaps, the League's greatest achievement on the material side during the year has been making Anzac House an assured if not yet an accomplished fact. The effort in this connection reflects great credit upon those whose foresight and energy enabled them to keep their eyes on the goal and ignore the jeerings of pessimists.

Developments in the national sphere have been of interest to ex-service men. The Federal Government has taken advantage of the more prosperous times to do something for our Scullinated defences. The destroyer flotilla of the recently denuded Royal Australian Navy has just completed its long voyage and is now in Australian waters, just twenty years after the arrival of the original R.A.N. squadron. The Government's defence policy has aroused the usual shrieks from those peculiar people who cannot differentiate between precaution and aggression, or between a fire insurance policy and incendiarism. Altogether too much hysterical nonsense is now being said and written about preventing war which may tend to produce the effect least desired. Even one or two of our own sub-branches have shown a tendency to become so branches in this respect; but for the most part the anti-war diatribes are emanating from altogether the wrong type of person. Much has been made of the revival of nationalism in Italy and Germany and the corresponding decline of international sentiment, as if nationalism in itself were something vicious. Long ago Mr. H. G. Wells propounded the social paradox that the strong individualist makes the best socialist. Similarly, a sturdy nationalism, though it may be resented by racial nongeists, can be productive of much good internationally. It was the commonsense British nationalism, for instance, which evolved the social and political institutions which have been copied by every civilised country in the world. On the humanitarian side, it established the liberation of slaves, and the elevation of the wage-earner, achievements which, in other countries, were made possible only by bloody civil wars and revolutions. The person who decries nationalism almost invariably decries British Imperialism, which, after all, is but a half-way house between a nation and a league of nations. Candidly, we do not think Italy's nationalism, or Germany's nationalism, will endanger the peace of the world. The nationalist revival in either country represents the impatience of a vigorous people at having its forward policy submitted to the criticism or the supervision of an international body. Even Italy's threatened defection from the League of Nations need cause no alarm.

There is certainly much justice in her contention that the League Constitution should be reformed and in her complaint that the League is simply part of the machinery for enforcing the Treaty of Versailles. In our opinion, the chief defect of the League is its inability to enforce its own decisions. Japan's defiance was a far more serious blow to the League's prestige than the defection of Germany or the threatened defection of Italy. In fact, Italy's defection for the time being might prove a decided advantage, especially if Italy, as the present situation seems to indicate, should form another League of the nations which prefer nationalism to internatism, that is, Germany, Japan and Russia. A healthy rivalry between two international bodies might conceivably accomplish more on behalf of world peace than the needlessly prolonged discussions and gestures of an institution which to many,
the Chinese in particular, has become a
league of hallucinations. Italy may yet
be the means of re-invigorating the pre-
tients and of bringing the dissen-
tient back into the fold.

Perhaps we are unduly optimistic, but
we see no reason for modifying the
opinion we expressed last month—that
notwithstanding the international storm
signals and the gloomy prognostications
of pacifists, the prospects of world peace
were never brighter.

We are now-bidding good-bye to a
year which was ushered in when things
could not have looked worse. We are
about to enter a new year with justifiably
brighter hopes for the future. Believing
this, we wish our readers and all those
near and dear to them a merry Christmas
and a bright and prosperous New Year.
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Digger, and when chimes are pealing
and hands are gripped as you sing "Auld
Lang Syne," follow the out the advice
of the Good Book, "Let not your heart be
troubled."

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War Novel Competition

An A.I.F. war novel competition will
be conducted by the Victorian Branch
of the Returned Soldiers' League to mark
the centenary of Melbourne. Conditions
of the competition were received by the
W.A. State Executive at its last meet-
ing. It will be open to those who served
in the Great War in the Australian
Forces. The novel (of between 60,000
and 100,000 words) must depict the
life of the Australian soldier and his
reaction to his environment, the matter
to be historically and geographically cor-
cert. All serial, novel and film rights
will be reserved to the author, to whom
all proceeds from the sale of the book or
of its rights will go. Manuscripts bear-
ing a pen-name, with the author's name
and address in a separate envelope, must
be submitted to the secretary of the
Victorian Branch of the League by
December 31, 1934. Prizes will be paid
subject to publication of the selected
novels, the first prize being £150 for an
unpublished novel, and the second prize
£50. If the winning book has been pub-
lished, the first prize will be £100, and
£100 will be awarded to the best un-
published novel. Payment of up to £100
may be awarded for a selected novel if
no prize money is deemed to be merited.

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Col. Collett on Australia's
Defence

Speaking in the Senate recently, Col.
Collett made an important contribution
to the debate on defence. In the course
of his speech he said:—

"I listened with a great deal of inter-
est last evening to the speech of the
Leader of the Opposition (Senator
Barnes). The figures that he quoted
have a peculiar significance which I hope
will not be lost upon any member of this
chamber. I am pleased with his accept-
ance of the ideal that Australians should
defend themselves. In making that state-
ment he committed his party to the sup-
port of the Government's present pro-
posals. I regret that there has not been
a more satisfactory outcome to the Dis-
armament Conference. Yet, the result
is not to be wondered at. Nobody can
be insensible to the highly nervous con-
ditions of the older nations of the world
to-day, or to the measures to which
some of them may resort, if the strain
which they are at present enduring is not
lightened. Combat is common through-
out the whole realm of nature, and is
comprehended by every known ethical
code. The conditions that exist to-day
resemble very much those following the
Napoleonic wars. Peace was required
then, and peace was advocated at any
price. I remember reading, not long ago,
of one who urged that in the event of
an invasion of England, its people should
welcome the invaders with open arms,
because the invaders would then be so
ashamed of themselves that they would
immediately discard or renounce their
hostile intent, and return to their homes
across the Channel. But I would remind
honorable senators that although war is
a product of nature, the human race has
proved its power to restrain or utilise
nature’s caprices in several directions.
That is why I am in favour of continu-
ing the efforts for peace. I feel certain
that with the spread of education and a
full appreciation of what true democracy
means the goal we all seek must ulti-
ately be reached. I believe in the cul-
tivation of the will for peace— of a peace
psychosis. This should begin at home,
and when progress has been made, our
police forces may be reduced or abolished.
There is a true analogy between nations
defending themselves against aggressors
and a community defending itself against
evildoers. And then, of course, there
should be no class distinctions and no
use made of provocative expressions such
as are all too common in this and other
Parliaments. In the meantime, however,
Australia should be prepared for possi-
bilities and even probabilities. There is
no doubt of the beneficent influence that
the British Empire exerts in the world
to-day. That is one reason for maintain-
ing the Empire intact. Without it, our
future independent existence cannot be
assured. Its defence is a responsibility
that concerns all of us, and every unit must
be a contributor. In arriving at the
basis of any scheme the factors taken
into consideration are many, and include
geography, history, politics, population
and other resources, economics, com-

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"I do not for one moment suppose that the Minister for Defence hopes to complete his scheme within the financial year, or with the means that are provided in the Estimates." Of necessity, its development must be progressive, and the foundations well and carefully laid. Material is a big factor in modern war, and it is mere murder to send 'craft to sea or into the air, or to send men into the field, unless they are given reasonable protection, effective communications, efficient transport, reliable weapons and ample supplies. Material is, therefore, the first consideration. We should be in a position to manufacture this for ourselves. That is of the utmost importance. Efforts will be made, I am sure, to arrive at the correct balance between the three services. I am convinced that, so far as Australia is concerned, any scheme of defence must depend for its success on the close co-operation of the Navy, the Army, and the Air Force.

"The wisdom of sending forces overseas has to be considered from two points of view, namely, strategy and policy. I do not propose to discuss it now. Honourable senators can think out for themselves whether they would prefer losing their lives in the ruins of their homes, or protecting their women and children by taking a risk and endeavouring to forestall and thwart the enemy near to his own shores.

"The next requirement is man power. At present we are, as I have already pointed out, down to bed-rock. In fact, but for the loyalty of the Staff Corps, and the loyalty and self-sacrifice of the Citizen Forces, the army would have entirely disappeared during the past three years. Having served under the voluntary system, I have, necessarily, a great regard for it. I would remind honourable senators that the Australian Imperial Force was composed of volunteers, and that its leaders in the successful closing phases of the Great War were volunteer officers. But in these days, the spirit seems to have died out of them because, in effect, the volunteers have been asked to 'carry on' on a scale of—shall I say—reduced rations. Furthermore, in the absence of the necessary personnel, they are unable to learn an important and practical part of the work, and are being trained almost wholly on theoretical lines. This, whilst facilitating the passing of examinations and the receiving of consequent promotion, creates a false sense of security, which must inevitably bring about tragedy in war.

"I am not prepared to advocate a return to universal compulsory military training on quite the same lines as formerly. There was too much waste of time and money. Square pegs were placed in round holes. The medical examinations as to fitness were, in the first instance, perfunctorily performed. There was political interference. The records were considered of more importance than instruction, and trinages in some areas were 'bored stiff' with being kept hanging about instead of being intelligently exercised. But, as we must have some strengthening of the several arms, I hope that the Minister will, in the near future, make a survey of the whole position, and decide upon a system that will be effective and appeal to those concerned. Uniforms should be attractive as well as serviceable; they should be made to fit, and not merely suggest a badge of servitude. District commandants should be invested with more discretionary
power in regard to exemptions and the expenditure of parliamentary votes, and more rewards should be given for proficiency. I believe in encouraging rifle clubs insofar as they can be relied upon to produce an effective reserve, liable to be called upon should the need arise. I also favour having our own munitions factories, and encouraging immigration as a sure means of increasing the nation's power of resistance.

"For any scheme devised, I am satisfied that we have in the personnel of the Navy, Army and Air Force staffs the means to give the fullest effect to it. With few exceptions, its members are highly trained, and have had a broad experience. Yet they are capable of being strengthened, and I hope that next year, when two vacancies occur on the Military Board, the Minister will adopt a bold policy having for its object the placing of army headquarters upon even a higher level.

"If it were not for the suggested high cost, I would like to see something done to bring the Royal Military College back to Duntroon. Its present situation is unsuitable, whereas the surroundings and atmosphere of its original location are such as to induce only the best in the mental and physical development of the young men who, later in life, have to bear great responsibility. Australia owes much to the late Major-General Sir William Bridges, who founded the college, and was its first commandant. The high standard of knowledge, conduct and sense of duty inculcated by him have been reflected in the magnificent services rendered by the pupils of the college during and since the Great War. I should like to pay a personal tribute to those men. I had the honour and privilege of serving with a number of them, and I know of the great aid they rendered to their country and to every Australian commander. These remarks apply with equal force to the graduates of the Royal Australian Naval College.

"My experiences have not bred in me any affection for war. I have seen too much suffering, and I would urge that every possible avenue be explored in the search for lasting peace. If honourable senators care to read a work that sets out clearly how strife between nations is generated, and how, possibly, it may be obviated, I would recommend General Fuller's The Dragon's Teeth."

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The Federal Congress

Archdeacon C. L. Riley and Mr. E. S. Watt, who represented this State at the Federal Congress, held at Canberra last month, submitted their report to the last meeting of the State Executive.

"It would be difficult for us to publish in full the deliberations of Congress, so we will largely restrict the report to the fate of motions submitted from this State.

The report states:

"Congress was opened by the Prime Minister, and we were also entertained by him and his Ministers to a very nice luncheon in Parliament House. Congress as a body attended a smoke social of the E.C.T. Branch on November 10, the Armistice Commemoration on November 11, and the Rotary Club dinner on November 13. The E.C.T. Branch deserve our sincere thanks for much hospitality.

"The general tone of the Congress was good, and the discussions were of the highest standard that is expected at such gatherings. With 175 items to deal with, Congress could not, in two and a half days, give much time to matters other than purely soldier questions, and the W.A. motions on economic and monetary reform shared the fate of similar ones from other States, and were voted out.

"Twenty-five of the W.A. motions were carried with or without amendment, and four were withdrawn in favour of similar motions which were carried. Seven were lost, mainly those already mentioned, and five were withdrawn. One was allowed to lapse, as it was not meant for Federal Congress, and one was ruled out of order. This last was our motion for change of election rules, and as it was forwarded by wire and too late, we could only concur. But a Counsel's ruling on the subject opened up a chain of argument which we will have to pursue. In all 40 items with withdrawn, a large proportion.

"Financial clips for 1934 are to be white and blue.

"The following items submitted by W.A. were lost:

"Congress affirms that no war pension be reduced until the pensioner has been given the opportunity to appear before the Appeal Board.

"That a returned soldier be allowed the assistance of his private doctor or doctors on pension awards.

"It was pointed out that a private doctor may advocate a case to Assessment Tribunal.

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British and German wines are scarce, but Australian table wines are very good this year. The. Wills' Vintners range of wines has a good range of good wines, and is always well selected.
Congress urges the Federal Executive to try to obtain a portion of the Federal surplus on £3,000,000 to restore the maximum Old Age and Invalid Pension, and, further, a grant to assist in the relief of unemployment.

Congress, after due consideration of conditions now existing in Australia, urges upon our legislature, both Commonwealth and State, the immediate necessity for a thorough, impartial and authoritative inquiry into the aim and the mechanism of the monetary system of Australia, the particular aim of such inquiry being to discover why, when goods of all sorts exist in abundance, as do also machinery and raw materials for the production of more goods and services as required, there are so many Australian citizens, who, through no fault of their own, are suffering a degrading and demoralising poverty, and that copies of this resolution be sent to Federal and all State Branches of the R.S.L., to all Federal Ministers, to all members of the Loan Council, and to all Parliamentary members, whether State or Federal.

In view of the fact that the world economic depression rests upon the continuance of a defunct money system, Congress is of the opinion that a new system aiming to equate purchasing power with production is urgently necessary.

The Congress considers the relief at present granted to the unemployed citizens of this State is altogether inadequate to their needs and to those of their dependents, and is convinced that serious deterioration of the race is resulting therefrom; and that this Congress therefore urges that whether work be available or not sufficient purchasing power be made available to ensure to the unemployed a home and an adequate standard of living; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal and to all State Councils of the R.S.L., and to all Federal Ministers, to all members of the Loan Council, and to all Parliamentary Members, whether Federal or State.

Congress views with alarm the proposed splitting up of the Territory in the North of Western Australia, and that no move be made in this direction other than by a referendum.

In regard to the following resolution—

That the Commonwealth Government be urged to introduce legislation providing for a first share of farmers' produce being his own property in priority to all liens, and such first share to be sufficient for the settler and his family to live on a reasonable standard of comfort based on the amount of £150.

Congress ruled that this must be a matter for individual State action; conditions varying in each State, but the following was carried:

That the Federal Government be requested to make a sum available to the State Governments to enable them to assist soldier settlers in conformity with the requirements of the State.

We were also successful in having passed the following:

In view of the alarming outlook of the wheat market, Congress approves and supports efforts to obtain a reasonable price for the present harvest, and that the Federal President approach the Prime Minister to urge a guarantee of not less than three shillings per bushel.

Of the five motions withdrawn, three were covered by other resolutions; one was considered impracticable, and would have been badly defeated, and one was withdrawn in the light of further information.

The best discussion resulted from the W.A. motion on universal training, which was amended to read:

That Congress urge the Commonwealth Government to bring the Defence system up to modern requirements, and is definitely of the opinion that the system of universal naval and military training should be re-instated at the earliest practicable opportunity.

This was carried unanimously; in spite of delegates from two States saying that they had no direction from their branches.

A Victorian motion was passed, suggesting a conference of representatives of all armies concerned in the Great War with a view to minimising the possibilities of future wars. This is a gesture with far-reaching possibilities if it is enthusiastically received.

We submitted the following additional item which was carried unanimously:

This Congress is of the opinion that one of the most vital problems confronting Australia to-day is the enforced idleness of thousands of our youth due
to the economic conditions prevailing for the past three years, and strongly urges the Commonwealth Government to treat this as a national problem and to provide means, probably along vocational lines, to cope with the position until the return of more prosperous times automatically adjusts it.

"Practically all items concerning War Service Homes and the Commonwealth Public Service were carried, and the latter should be communicated to the West Perth Sub-branch. The Pension and Repatriation questions should similarly be communicated to the Pensions and Employment Committee for its information and any necessary comments.

"We had the great pleasure of seeing a good deal of Colonel Collett, and having his sound advice on various questions. Mr. Watson and Mr. Gregory were also in evidence proudly wearing their badges as owners of the League's Certificate of Merit. We bring back from them and many other West Australians in Canberra very hearty greetings to the League and its members in W.A.

"Finally, we have to thank you for giving us the privilege of representing this Branch at such a successful Congress."

A Xmas Day Incident

On Christmas Day, 1917, in the great base workshops of the B.E.F., in Le Havre, there were working with the fifteen hundred or so British Tommy mechanics about a thousand German prisoners of war. They were always working under armed sentries. The Christmas spirit broke through all discipline and hatred and the Tommies downed their tools, called out their orchestra, and marched in a body to the shop where the Germans were at work. The orchestra struck up some old carols and the men began to sing. At first the Germans thought the Tommies were a bit madder than usual. Then the orchestra struck up "O come, All Ye Faithful." Every German's tool was thumped on to the benches as every man stood to attention and joined in the singing with the Tommies. A sergeant went and, called the Colonel in charge of the shops. He came down and as he stood and saw what was happening, he nearly choked with emotion and turned to the Sergeant, saying, "O blast—this dam war. Give 'em all a holiday."

Anzac House

Thanks to the unflagging zeal of the Anzac House Committee and the efforts of the sub-branches which have rallied to their support, Anzac House will soon be an accomplished fact. Good progress is being made in the building operations, and there is close co-operation between the League's Employment Officer and the Contractor to maintain due observance of the preference conditions of the contract: Foundation membership subscriptions are coming in slowly, probably because of the fact that every ex-service man in a position to subscribe £5 for a foundation membership has not yet been approached. Most of those who have already subscribed are residents in the metropolitan area. The prosperity of the goldfields leads the Committee to anticipate that members of goldfields sub-branches will soon be able to weigh in with their-quarter of support. It is the intention of the Committee to issue, at a later date, certificates for foundation members of Anzac House.

If the present rate of progress is maintained, the foundation stone will be laid by His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, about the middle of February. Negotiations are being made for the purpose of inducing either a member of the Royal Family, or Earl Jellicoe, the Grand Patron of the B.E.S.L., to perform the official opening ceremony next September.

Meanwhile, all metropolitan sub-branches are working assiduously in various ways to augment the Building Fund, while more than one wheat belt sub-branch has contributed to the cause.

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General Hobbs Returns
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Looking well and fit after his trip to Europe, Lieutenant-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs has many interesting things to say about people and conditions in other parts of the world. Australia is not the only Dominion which, to-day, is facing grave problems, but fortunately we have not to contend with the complicated race problems which confront our sister Dominion of South Africa. There, General Hobbs told our representative, a bitter racial feeling between the two sections of the white population still persists and colours South African politics to a great degree. It is just because of this racial bitterness that Rhodesia will not join the Union of South Africa at any price, and Natal would get out of it if she could. There is also a very large and virile native population, added to which there is the East Indian problem. The Asiaties have multiplied to such a degree that now certain suburbs of Johannesburg and Durban are decidedly Oriental and not African or European at all. The most difficult question of all is what to do with the mixed breeds, the half-castes and the quarter-castes, who are not socially acceptable to the pure-blooded of any race.

When Sir Talbot arrived in England, Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood was abroad, another serious illness having necessitated recuperation by means of a long sea voyage. Sir William visited the Argentine, but returned in time for General Hobbs to spend a few days with him. "Birdie" is doing excellent work at Peterhouse, where he is very popular. The Birdwood touch has won the Cambridge undergrads, just as it won the diggers, and they are a very happy family indeed at Peterhouse. The sea voyage improved "Birdie's" health, and he was very much better at the time General Hobbs left him. His memory is as phenomenal as of yore. He asked after all manner of people, brass hats, diggers, hard cases, and sent his greeting to the troops.

Four or five strenuous days were spent at the B.E.S.L. Congress. There were knotty and difficult questions to consider. The official delegates, the Rabbi and Leonard Robb, had to repel a vigorous and carefully planned attack on the R.S.L. and its methods. There were communist influences behind this attack, and this makes THE LISTENING POST wonder whether similar red intrigues are not responsible for the existence of a certain "blow-in" organisation which is striving to divide ex-service men in Australia. At the very time the attack was being launched at the B.E.S.L. Conference, the General said, he was one of a deputation waiting on the Minister for Pensions, taking up the case of an ex-Imperial soldier, resident in Australia, who, through his own negligence, had lost his papers and could no longer draw his pension. The Rabbi and Mr. Robb did excellent work at the Conference, which itself was a huge success on account of the way it enabled various ex-service-men's organisations to get closer together. General Hobbs said that it was the desire of the people in the Homeland to reduce the number of ex-service men's organisations so that all might pull together for the common cause. Colonel John Brown, the President of the British Legion, was an excellent chairman, and the Australian delegates were impressed by the expeditious way business was dispatched.

Another thing that impressed General Hobbs was what the B.E.S.L. is doing to provide employment for its less fortunate members, especially those who are suffering physical disabilities on account of their war service. The General had an opportunity of visiting a large establishment at Aylesbury (where the ducks come from), in Kent. Here, the Legion has bought one of those delightful old-world properties, a big house standing in its own grounds, and in this congenial environment the Legion has established a number of T.B. and gas patients with the idea of improving their health, and at the same time making them economically independent. These lads manufacture all kinds of things—tools, building lines, and even soap. The doctor in charge of the establishment is a man of charming personality, sterling character, and profound professional knowledge. Not only does he find congenial and remunerative employment for his charges, but he has actually effected permanent cures in cases that had previously been regarded as hopeless. Another place visited was the Haig Poppy Factory. Here the poppies for Armistice Day are manufactured, as well as other articles, such as wreaths. The factory employs only disabled ex-service men, and the machinery used is adapted to individual disabilities. This institution's only trouble now is that the men cannot sell as much as they make. The management of the factory is anxious, that the overseas Dominions should take a quota of the output. The General brought home with him samples of various lines manufactured by British
ex-service men in which he will try to interest local merchants.

The Armistice Dinner was an outstanding success. It was presided over by the Prince of Wales. The Prince, who spoke very impressively of his association with the troops in the field, had a long conversation with General Hobbs, during the course of which he recalled many incidents of his sojourn with the Australian Corps after the Armistice. After the dinner was over, the Prince waited behind and spent over an hour going round talking to various people. He wanted to meet everybody present, and sent his good wishes Australia.

Since the General's return so many routine matters have awaited his attention that he has had little time for social amenities, but perhaps after the holiday season he may find an opportunity of visiting an occasional sub-branch.

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**The Competitive Spirit**

In his essay on Wolseley, published in "Following The Drum" (Blackwood), the Hon. Sir John W. Fortescue writes: "War is only one form of the spirit of competition—the struggle for existence, if you will—which excites every man to get the better of his neighbour. It is the most primitive and downright form, but not necessarily the worst. The conventions which distinguish peace from war are very arbitrary. Any tradesman is at liberty to undersell his rival if he can and drive him to ruin, want, and starvation. That is perfectly legitimate. But he must not hasten the competition by driving a knife into the competitor's heart, otherwise he is hanged for murder. Whole communities may conspire to undersell other entire communities and to condemn them to economic ruin, anarchy and famine. Russia is doing so at this moment, yet we are supposed to be living in peace, and she is not treated as a belligerent. Germany, on the other hand, tried to appropriate the wealth of her neighbours by swift violence, being impatient of slower methods, and she is denounced for plunging the world into war. At a matter of fact, the ends sought by both countries are the same, though the means are superficially different; and it matters very little to the corpse of a dead man whether he perished through starvation or through the stab of a knife. He has been done to death by the action of a rival or enemy, and to dispute whether such action should be called peace or war is mere idle chatter about words. A general strike—Heaven knows why—supposed to be a peaceful proceeding. A general blockade, which is the object of a general strike, is an act of war. And in actual fact the General Strike of 1926 was a declaration of civil war. If the strikers had persisted, the blockade would have been raised either by the employment of troops—organised force—or by indiscriminate violence; and if those who stimulated and abetted it had been hanged on the nearest lamp-post, they would have had only themselves to thank for it.

"Yet, strangely and illogically enough, it is at this moment the fashion in England to declaim against war and incidentally to decry the military profession as typifying brute violence. There is nothing new in this. After every great war, there is an outburst of the same description from unthinking people. It would be quite as reasonable to calumny the calling of the police, who likewise typify brute violence, and whose business is daily warfare against other forms of brute violence. If we abolished the police, we should all have to go about our daily business fully armed. If we abolished the Army and Navy, we should have to improvise rude levies and contrivances to do badly the work the Army and Navy do well. It is very well for us to declare ourselves an enlightened nation and to vow that we will have nothing to do with war; but the question is whether war, and particularly civil war, will have nothing to do with us. Of course it may be urged that property is robbery, and that without property there would be no crime. But if all property were held in common there would still be war. For Nature has dealt out such gifts as brains, character, body health and physical vigour in unequal portions; and the ably healthy will not long be dominated by weakling fools. Not all the constitutions, votes, speeches in the world will make A.1 'serve C.3.'"

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SWAN BRAND TOMATO SAUCE IS DELICIOUS
Personal

We regret to report that Mrs. Stubberfield, of the State Executive, and one of North Perth’s most valuable auxiliary workers, has been a patient in the Perth General Hospital. Digger hospital patients will miss her weekly visits and her welcome issues of reading matter and cigarettes. We wish her a speedy recovery and return to her family and friends.

Our State Secretary, Mr. D. M. Benson, is one of the proudest fathers in the League this month. Son Bill was the winner of a scholarship for entrance to secondary schools. When one collects that young Bill Benson has been very much handicapped in his school work by illness, and that the scholarship he won was not one of those reserved for special categories of candidates, but one of the thirty gained in open competition, the performance is all the more creditable.

Charlie Moyle, who served with the 11th Battalion overseas, was drowned in the Collie River, near Roelands, on or about December 13. The deceased, who was 57 years of age at the time of his death, had been engaged on relief work in the locality. He was a well-known figure in Brunswick Junction, and a member of the local sub-branch. The funeral in Bunbury was well attended by old comrades and friends.

Fred Warner, M.L.A., and member of the State Executive, is now back on duty in the House, so that for the past month the great Independent Party of Western Australia’s Legislative Assembly has been able to parade at full strength. The broken leg has mended slowly and still causes considerable pain, but this has not been able to erase Fred’s genial smile. Sweet indeed are the uses of adversity. From lying so long on his back, with the injured leg extended, Fred was able to make a thorough study of ceiling designs. He claims that he can now design a new ceiling with the best of them, and he is quite an authority on leg-pulling— in the surgical sense, we mean. He is now busily engaged in wiping off the arrears of general work which accumulated while he was a cot case.

Duncan Grant, of the Big Stores in Midland and Guildford, known as C. & G. Stores, was known to all as a good, solid digger, who saw much active service.

He was one of Wn. Padbury’s managers, but is now running his own show, which is one of the largest in the suburban area.

Good luck to you, Duncan.

The many friends of Jimmy Morgan, of Spearwood, will be pleased to know that Jim has recovered sufficiently to leave hospital. Unfortunately, Jim is still a very sick man, and it is the hope of his hundreds of digger friends that he will be well enough to enjoy the Christmas festivities.

Among the diggers’ children to win scholarships for secondary schools were two little North Perth girls, Lesley Hetherington and Shirley James, daughters of Les Hetherington and Dave James, prominent members of the North Perth Sub-branch. The LISTENING POST adds its congratulations to those which these energetic young ladies must have received already.

As the result of an accident, with the emphasis on the axe, Jack Lynch, 10th Light Horse, will have to undergo slight operation, which will keep him in hospital until after Christmas.

T. Thurgood, one of our valued contributors, has started out in a new venture at “The Cottage,” Bedfordale, via Armadale, having abandoned archers for 3cres. He is now prepared to sell you first grade fruit and vegetables, and to quote wholesale rates for the best wheat and oats. In common with the rest of his friends, we wish him luck and hope the new venture will prove an unqualified success.

It is not generally known that the ill-fated airman Captain W. N. Lancaster served in the A.I.F. Captain Lancaster was educated at Stafford College, came out to Australia in 1914, joined the Australian Light Horse, saw service in the Middle East, was transferred to France in a field company, Australian Royal Engineers, in 1917, and then joined the Royal Air Force, serving with the Australian Air Force and the Royal Air Force in France and England. After the War he was placed on the unemployed list and studied at the London University, subsequently rejoining the active list in 1920, and going out to India. Captain Lancaster was also an amateur steeplechase rider, and, in 1924, won the amateur broncho-riding competition at the Rodeo at Wembley.

Captain Leslie Craig has announced his candidature for the South-West Province seat in the Legislative Council, rendered vacant by the death of the Hon. John Ewing, M.L.C. Captain Craig, who was away with the 10th Light Horse, was severely wounded during his war service. He is a well-known resi-
New Year Greetings

To all "Dinkum Digger Cobbers"

(By E. St. Ives Bilston)

A New Year's approaching! Bon com-
rades we greet you!
Right proud of the privilege, "dink-
num" are we!
May health and prosperity endlessly meet
you
To stem this depression; which none
could foresee!

But cobbers of yore, let us "Keep on be-
lieving!"
We'll get there in time, for we all
"understand."
"Box on," as you did when such mar-
vels achieving
"Bright skies" must return to our
own sunny land!

Ere the "din," by which Empires' fo-
foundations were shaken,
We knew not the comradeship made
"under fire!"
Where feats were accomplished, and
"stunts" undertaken
Stupendous in magnitude, dauntless, and
dire!

That comradeship made should remain
still unbroken,
Together we stood, "with our back to
the wall!"
"Tis our "chief souvenir"—should be
kept as a token
Of what is now hist'ry, by true
diggers all!

We have our own Brotherhood—our In-
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Place Aux Dames

Readers must pardon the French heading. The Listening Post is not suffering from one of these attacks of pedantic swank so common to ladies' papers, but on Wednesday, December 13, our representative attended a very enjoyable function in the North Perth Town Hall, where diggers and mademoiselles were so much to the fore that he has been thinking in French ever since. This function was a social evening given by the North Perth Sub-branch as a mark of appreciation to its Poppy Day workers. The whole show—the decorations, the preparation and serving out of the refreshments, and the less interesting job of cleaning up afterwards—was run by the men. All the ladies that had to do was sit down, be waited upon and be generally charming, and, of course, join in the dance.

The proceedings opened with a very well arranged tableau of a digger and a bluejacket resting on arms reversed, as heraldic supporters to an emblem of poppies blowing in Flanders’ fields. This was followed immediately by an estaminet scene in which diggers foraged round a piano and sang the old songs at the command of Eddie Edmons, who looked very soldierly in the garb of an Australian sergeant. The sailors and soldiers were O. Hill, H. W. White, D. Dingwall, E. Edmons, D. Cummings, J. Rankin, F. E. Sharpe, R. McIvor, C. A. Sadlier, E. Wheeler, N. Crawford, A. S. Hope, G. H. Davy, L. J. McDowell, A. Pearmine, W. A. Marshall, and D. A. James. Describing the sub-branch’s indebtedness to the Poppy Day workers, the President, Mr. W. J. James, mentioned that on Poppy Day this year they had sold 2,451 poppies and stickers, realising £122/11/–, breaking their own record of 1932, and creating a new record for the State of Western Australia.

Responding on behalf of the workers, Mrs. W. J. James (President, Women’s Auxiliary) paid a tribute to the sub-branch’s co-operation in the effort. She pointed out that the work of the auxiliary continues throughout the year, and appealed to league members’ wives present who were not already in the auxiliary to join up and help carry on with the good work. The President’s welcome to the visitors was received by Mrs. T. C. Wilson (State President, Women’s Auxiliary), and Mr. Fred Aberle (representing the State President). Mrs. Wil-
Varia

Now that prohibition has been repealed in the United States, we may assume that President Roosevelt will go a step further and proclaim Christmas and New Year's Day national alcohol holidays.

There is no shadow of doubt but that the disarmament movement is spreading. On the return of Sir Talbot Hobbs, the "Daily News" published a photograph beneath which he was referred to as "Lieutenant Sir Talbot Hobbs." When generals are so drastically reduced, how much easier will it be to get rid of the junior ranks altogether!

Jack Moloney, the eloquent digger who represents "Sooby" in the Legislative Assembly, is a vehement speaker whose unusual phrases often bewilder the House. Speaking on Mr. Lambert's Dental Bill, he said he had known of a man who went to America with £15 and returned with a dental diploma and a "mouth full of Nebraskas." Surely Jack must have meant "Tuscaroras."

According to a cable, twenty-one members of the Canadian Legion consider that, as nationalism has not been replaced by internationalism, the War was fought in vain. They therefore propose to return their war medals. The cable does not give the name of the mental hospital in which this resolution was carried.

Whilst at Canberra for the Federal Congress Archdeacon Riley preached at the historic Church of St. John the Baptist. After the service, a function was held, at which Sir Littleton Groom presided, who in a speech of welcome said, "We are delighted to have with us to-day Archdeacon Riley, and it is particularly pleasing that he should have supporting him his two chaplains in Colonel Collett and 'Texas' Green."

Busselton Sub-branch is holding its annual general meeting on January 22. As the main business of this meeting is the election of officers, after which there will be an enjoyable social, Busselton diggers are requested to roll up in force.

"England is progressing out of the depression soberly, legitimately, intelligently, and effectively. There is no socialist revolution in England, no dictatorship, no substitution of despotism for democracy. There is no interference in England with individual liberty and no National Recovery Act. England is still the home of freedom of thought, speech, publication and action." These few kind words are not taken from the speech of some hard-shelled Tory member of the House of Lords. They are the editorial opinions expressed personally by William Randolph Hearst, the American millionaire newspaper magnate, who, only a few years ago, used to see red every time the name of England was mentioned. Verily the Americans have discovered England.

It is recorded that the American humorist once wrote to a newspaper, stating, "The report of my death, which appeared in your columns yesterday, was greatly exaggerated." It is not given to every man to read his own obituary, but such was the lot of an Inverell (N.S.W.) digger, W. H. Glasser. Through some error, his name was inscribed on the Inverell War Memorial. Mr. Glasser has asked that it be removed, but the War Memorial Committee replied that the memorial would be spoiled if the name were gouged from the marble, and to black it out would also detract from the symmetry of the monument. Like Mark Twain, Mr. Glasser has been the victim of exaggeration.

Ribbons are now available, and can be procured on application to R.S.L. Headquarters, for the following war medals:

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The ribbons are procurable at reasonable rates because the firm which has hitherto manufactured them is going out of business. If each of the sub-branches were to buy a few inches or so for the future use of members, the whole of the medal ribbons would soon be absorbed, and the honourable purpose for which they were made will be fulfilled.

The report on the R.S.L. Relief Fund for November, 1933, discloses that of the 46 applications for relief, 25 were from A.I.F. men, and 21 from Imperials. Six applications, in either category, making a total of 12, were declined. Altogether 34-19 A.I.F. and 15 Imperials—were approved, involving an expenditure of £15 6/- A.I.F., and £10 18/- Imperials.

Nedlands diggers are working hard to make the Christmas Carnival a success. It was quite a brain wave, to say nothing of good staff work, to secure a team of dhinkum aborigines who will perform a corroboree at the carnival. Perth may never have such another opportunity to

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We conjure thee to bring back happier days
Than those too full of pain and blinding tears
Which overwhelm in warfare's bloody ways.
Goodwill and Peace! The Angel's ancient song,
Echoed in joy from childhood's splendid years,
Now often marred by Manhood's sense of wrong,
Or holy Love destroyed by Hate's stern fears.
War leaves a sting which Love alone can heal,
When childlike trust reclaims its tender mood.
The veil of years too often doth conceal
The simple things which childhood understood.
So Christmastide—the children's festival—
Comes back with Hope to comfort and to bless,
Goodwill and Peace, time's changeless coronal,
Which God doth through a helpless Babe express.
Reiterated as the years increase,
Its power at last must triumph over all:
Then shall the splendor of Goodwill and Peace
Enthrone True Love in every festal hall.
Come Memories, then! Join in the triumph song:
Come pain; come sorrow, to the throne of Love.
Come war and hatred with the hosts of wrong,
The Babe still triumphs from His throne above.
Life's anguish now is hard to understand.
Men bend in hatred to the chastening rod
Because the childlike mood of faith is banned
For Wisdom which defies all thoughts of God.
But Christmas comes to give such thought the lie,
Perpetual symbol of eternal things
Which must survive the man shall fail and die
With flowers and wars and all earth's vanishings.

While paying a visit to Dundee recently, an Aberdeenian was deeply interested in the number of gulls he saw flying about.
"What kind o' birds are these?" he asked his friend.
"Those are gulls," was the reply.
"Gulls," said the Aberdeenian. "Whit dae they live on?"
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THE BATTLE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

The sinking of Sir Christopher Cradock's squadron, off Coronel, on November 1, 1914, was the greatest blow to British naval prestige since the Dutch Fleet burned Sheerness and anchored in the Medway. This disaster left the German temporally in command of the sea in the neighbourhood of South America, and closed the great trade routes at a time when, for Britain, it was imperative that they should be kept open. British shipping was compelled to remain in South American ports, for there was no telling when Von Spee, the German commander, would strike next. Subsequent events indicated that Von Spee's intention was to raid the Atlantic trade routes. At the beginning of the Great War, Admiral Sir F. C. Doveton Sturdee was Chief of Staff at the Admiralty, after having thrice served as flag officer afloat. While in command of H.M.S. Porpoise, on the Australian Station in the late 'nineties, he was engaged in severe fighting arising from the civil war in Samoa. The tale of how Admiral Sturdee avenged Coronel and removed a serious menace to the Atlantic trade routes is graphically related by E. Keble Chatterton, in "Battles by Sea."

On November 7, the Admiralty detached from the Grand Fleet the two battle-cruisers, Invincible and Inflexible, which left Cromarty, reaching Devonport three days later. Here, as a result of efficient dockyard organisation and special acceleration, both vessels were so quickly got ready for sea that they were able to set out in the afternoon of November 11, with Admiral Sturdee's flag flying on H.M.S. Invincible. The secret of the preparations and their objective was marvellously well kept. A number of British cruisers already in South American waters were to join the battle-cruisers at a certain rendezvous. Avoiding the trade routes, altering the course where necessary to prevent being sighted by shipping, and not using their wireless, calling at Cape Verde only to coal, thence steaming across the Atlantic to the Abrolhos Rocks, the secret rendezvous thirty miles off the Brazilian coast, which was reached on November 26, Sturdee's force was increased by the cruisers Carnarvon, Kent, Glasgow, Corunna, and Bristol. The seven vessels then steered for the Falkland Islands in extended formation, Invincible in the centre, the ships ten miles apart, so that if Von Spee's squadron did come along it would be unable to slip through. At the same time, this formation, with the flagship in the centre, made it practicable for the rest easily to concentrate. It must be borne in mind, E. Keble Chatterton points out, that at this moment neither Sturdee nor Von Spee had knowledge of the other's movements, though it is a fact that on the very day the former had reached Abrolhos Rocks the latter was leaving St. Quentin Bay (Gulf of Pens, about 800 miles north of the western end of Magellan Straits) and proceeding south. On December 3, Sturdee was joined by the armed merchant-cruiser Macedonian. Von Spee's squadron consisted of five cruisers, Scharnhorst, Gneisenau (sister ships, each with a high reputation for good gunnery), Leipzig, Dresden, and Nurnberg.

But for one slight factor, Von Spee would have reached the Falkland Islands two or three days before Sturdee, with what results the imagination can easily answer. This factor was the four-masted British barque, Drumurich, which was sighted off the Horn. As this vessel was full of a cargo of anthracite. Von Spee relieved her of this fuel and then sank her, so that it was December 6 by the time the German squadron was again under way. It was this delay which proved fatal. Sturdee arrived off the Falkland Islands and steamed into Port William with his squadron at 10.30 a.m. on December 7. As a result of brilliant strategy, clear appreciation, determination to carry out a bold plan, and rapid execution of orders, here was a force that was to create that element of surprise which is one of the principles of victorious warfare on land and sea. At this time the obsolete battleship, Canopus, was lying in the inner harbour of Port Stanley, lightherto the sole defender of the Falkland Islands. There were also three colliers waiting, so that the squadron was able to coal straight away. All the vessels were inside except the Macedonian, which remained outside as lookout ship. They were ready for sea again when the first German vessels, Gneisenau and Nurnberg, which Von Spee had sent scouting ahead, were sighted at 8 a.m. on December 8. The old Canopus had the honour of firing the first shot at 11,000 yards; Von Spee immediately recalled his two ships and the Germans steamed at maximum speed first to the eastward, then to south-west. At 10.20 a.m., Sturdee gave signal for general chase.

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room staffs. The battle cruisers raced. In the meantime, a wireless message having been received from Bristol that three enemy ships had approached, off Port Pleasant, Sturdee ordered her and Macedonian to destroy them. These turned out to be German colliers, two in number and not three. After their crews had been taken off they were sunk.

It was at 12.20 p.m. that Sturdee decided to attack with only the two battle-cruisers and Glasgow, in order not to lose the advantage of the fine weather. Ignoring the three smaller cruisers he worked up to 25 knots with the sole object of bringing Scharnhorst and Gneisenau to action as soon as possible. From now onward the battle became a series of separate actions. Inflexible opened fire at 12.55 p.m., at a light cruiser. Inflexible fired at Leipzig at 17,000 yards. The first shot fell short. The second so nearly hit Leipzig at 1.20 that the latter, with Nürnberg and Dresden, turned away to the south-west. But Von Spee's intention for his lighter ships to scatter was frustrated, for in accordance with the British Commander-in-Chief's instructions, they were now chased by Glasgow, Kent, and Cornwall.

At 1.25, the two battle-cruisers were concentrating fire on Scharnhorst and Gneisenau. When the action began the range was 13,500 yards, but it increased until half an hour later it was 16,500 yards. At 1.45, the enemy hit Inflexible, but the latter, by altering the course two points threw the enemy off the range. There followed much manœuvring for position, and during this period of fierce fighting the range dropped to 10,000 yards. Both of the enemy had been hit—several times. Scharnhorst got on fire forward, and Gneisenau was being badly hit by Inflexible. The former's shooting deteriorated now, but at this juncture Inflexible was so hindered by smoke from funnels and guns that Sturdee turned his ships in a complete circle. Seeing this, Scharnhorst turned round about ten points to starboard. Already her third funnel was shot away, some of her guns were not firing, and she probably wished to bring her forward guns into action. But the battle-cruisers, clear of smoke, were able by means of their superior speed to choose the range again, and with the enemy now on the port side instead of the starboard, began to hit the German ships severely. Scharnhorst heeled over and sank at 4.17. Not a soul was saved. Von Spee had gone. Cradock was avenged. Gneisenau, on fire in several places, and with her ammunition expended, heeled over and sank precisely at 6 p.m.

Nürnberg was sunk by Kent at 7.27 p.m., and Leipzig by Cornwall. Dresden alone escaped, went through Magellan Straits, hid herself for some weeks, and then made for Robinson Crusoe's Juan Fernández Island, where she ended her days.

Ross-of Bladensberg

Writing in the "National Review" on the achievements of General Robert Ross, who afterwards became known as Ross of Bladensberg, Sir John Ross, formerly Lord Chancellor of Ireland, relates the story of one of the most brilliant of Britain's minor feats of arms, the capture of Washington by a small expeditionary force under General Ross in 1814.

In 1812 President Madison decided to take advantage of Britain's embarrassments in Europe and force a war, with the object of wresting Canada from her. It was thought at the time that the Canadians were disaffected, and that they would rally to the United States of their own accord. Instead, the Canadians put up a fight that astonished the self-appointed liberators. The British Government, in preparing an expeditionary force of 4,500 men asked Wellington to nominate a leader, and bearing in mind his signal services in the Peninsula War, the Duke sent in the name of General Ross. The force arrived in America, and on August 24, 1814, Ross reached Bladensberg, about five miles from Washington. The American army, under General Winder, numbered 7,000 and it was drawn up in a position supposed to be impregnable. The bridge before it, which was the key to the position, was defended by a flotilla and 26 guns. Ross immediately assaulted the bridge and carried it, capturing 14 guns and the commandant, Commodore Barney. Then he smashed the first American line, which fell back in conflu-

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sion on the second. Before either could recover, a furious bayonet charge caused the Americans to break and scatter. The defeat was complete. President Madison was so confident of victory that he had prepared a magnificent banquet for the American officers in the President's house. At the news of defeat he fled ignominiously, leaving Ross and his officers to enjoy the banquet, and drink the Prince Regent's health in the President's wine.

The victors paid the greatest respect to private houses and property in the captured capital, but Ross ordered the destruction by fire of the Capitol, the Senate House, the House of Representatives, the arsenal, the dockyards, the Treasury, the President's house, and the bridge over the Potomac, as a reprisal for the destruction by the Americans of Newark, and the public buildings of York City, in Canada. In his book, "The Art of War," Baron de Jomint, referring to the capture of Washington, writes: "The world was astonished to see a handful of Englishmen making their appearance in the midst of a State embracing 10,000,000 of people, taking possession of its capital, and destroying its public buildings—results unparalleled in history." Ross then marched upon Baltimore, but on September 12, in passing through heavily wooded country he received a mortal wound. The death of the general disorganised the whole undertaking, and the expedition was withdrawn. The news of Ross's death was received with wild rejoicing throughout the United States. A dozen men claimed the honour of having shot him. On the spot where he fell a monument was erected to an American named Aquila Randall, to whom the credit went.

The British deplored Ross's death, and at the opening of Parliament the Prince Regent, ordered the insignia of a K.C.B. to be sent to his widow. At the same time he commanded that the family designation should thenceforth be Ross of Bladensburg.

Indian bungalow, the idea for a new type flashed through his mind. He immediately sent for the regimental saddler and had the first belt built under his supervision. The number of Sam Browne belts now in use makes one tremble to think of the fortune which a small royalty would have brought.

At one time the belt was in the exclusive use of officers of the British and Indian forces, but since the Great War it has been used extensively in the French, Belgian, Chinese, and United States armies.

"Sam" Brown was born in India on October 3, 1824, his father being an army doctor serving with the East India Company. He entered the army in December, 1840, and received his first appointment as an ensign in the 46th Bengal Infantry. He had a brilliant war record. As a captain he served throughout the Punjab campaign of 1848-49. Later he was in command of the Punjab Cavalry and Corps of Guides, and served on the Deraikut and Peshawur frontier from 1850 to 1869, including operations against Oomurzaze Wuzeees in 1851-52; the Bozdar Belooch expedition in March 1857; the attacks on Naringee in 1857, and in various minor skirmishes. This brought him a medal and a clasp.

In the Indian Mutiny he was in command of the 2nd Punjab Cavalry, being present at the siege and capture of Lucknow, actions of Kooree, Rooyah, Allygunge, and the capture of Bareilly.

The incident which brought "Sam" Brown the Victoria Cross is recorded as follows:

"For having at Seepooorah, in an engagement with the rebel forces under
Khan Ali Khan, on August 31, 1858, whilst advancing upon the enemy’s position at daybreak, pushed on with one orderly sower upon a nine-pounder gun that was commanding one of the approaches of the enemy’s position, and attacked the gunners, thereby preventing them from reloading, and firing upon the infantry, who were advancing to the attack. In doing this personal conflict ensued, in which Major Browne, Commandant of the 2nd Punjab Cavalry, received a sword cut wound on the left knee, and shortly afterwards another sword cut wound, which severed the left arm at the shoulder, not, however, before, he had succeeded in cutting down one of his assailants. “The gun was prevented from being reloaded, and was eventually captured by the infantry and the gunner slain.”

In the Afghan War, 1878-79, “Sam” Browne again distinguished himself.

In his later service he was employed on the Bengal Staff Corps.

After a varied career of 48 years’ service, he retired from the Army, and took up residence in the Isle of Wight, where, in 1901, he passed to the place from which no warrior returns.

Not only does the sword belt, commemorate the name of this gallant and chivalrous officer, but to-day one of the finest regiments of the army of India carries the title “Sam Browne’s Cavalry (12th Frontier Field Force),” originally raised at Lahore in 1849, by Lieutenant S. J. Browne. His memory is also commemorated by a tablet and memorial in St. Paul’s Cathedral, London. At the unveiling ceremony, performed by Lord Roberts, he remarked: “There never was a truer man, a firmer friend, a braver soldier, or one more worthy of a memorial in that venerable cathedral than Sir Samuel Browne”—and Roberts knew him well.

He was a mighty hunter, and in his younger days few could touch him with either shot gun or rifle, and even after the loss of his arm, he was one of the best shots in the early days of the Northern Indian Rifle Association.

“Sam” Browne may be known to the present generation only as the inventor of the sword belt they wear, but on the Punjab frontier he will always be revered as the founder of a regiment second to no cavalry regiment in the world—a very true and gentle knight—sans peur et sans reproche.

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What the Language Owesto the Soldier
(By C. R. Collins)

As long ago as the seventeenth century, if Tristram Shandy’s Uncle Toby is to be believed, our armies swore damnable in Flanders. They seem to have done so everywhere in and every age, for “to swear like a trooper” is an indication of proficiency in this vigorous if reprehensible art. Messrs. John Brophy and Eric Partridge have compiled an extensive and interesting, if not altogether accurate, dictionary of soldier slang and phrases. Much of the slang we used in the Great War derived from the Old Army, the rest was peculiar to our own age. It is rapidly being relegated to the limbo of lost and forgotten things, but words and phrases have passed into the language of the man in the street, and will eventually find a place in standard dictionaries. In fact, certain words have already done so, and here history is repeating itself, for, throughout the ages, the soldier has enriched the English language.

Most of the technical terms to be found in a military glossary—the names of the various ranks, articles of equipment, arms, fortification and so on—are of foreign origin, and were picked up by the Army during its service through the centuries. The word “army” is from the French; “arms,” from the Latin “arma” through the French. “Wall” derives from the Latin “vallum.” “Street” is also a legacy from Roman times. Like the French Foreign Legion, the Roman Legions built their own roads which they called: strata, a word also applied to the paved ways through the lines of standing camps. Watling Street, built by the Romans, is just about the oldest road in England. The endings of English place-names—“caster,” “cest,” and “chester”—denote that these towns were originally Roman “castra,” fortified camps. An interesting contribution from Anglo-Saxon times is the word “gold.” That was originally soldier’s slang, and was used by our forbears much as we use its variant, “gilt,” to-day. It is now a highly respectable and eminently desirable dictionary word. A modern parallel would occur if the “fellow” of Egyptian memories were to be similarly raised to the peerage of cultured speech.

The “engineer” was originally the man who manipulated the various implements of siege warfare, such as catapults, ballistae, batteringrams, and so on, which preceded the cannon. “Cannon” itself is one of the most ancient of words. Presumably, it derives through the Greek from the Assyrian “kanu,” a reed, hence any hollow cylinder. Incidentally, “artillery” was, at first, a generic term which covered all implements of war. Long after the cannon had made its appearance on the battlefield the man who fired it was termed an engineer. No satisfactory derivation can be given the word “gun.” It is a survival of mediaeval soldiers’ slang. Some authorities consider it a shortening of the name of some Lady Gunhilda, just as in later times certain guns have been called “Mons Meg,” “Long Tom,” “Brown Bess,” and “Big Bertha.” Personal experience in research of this kind has taught me to be very suspicious of fanciful and romantic derivations. As a rule, the more romantic they are, the more likely are they to be incorrect. In the case of the “gun,” the derivation would seem to have been invented after the name. “Guard” and it variant, “ward,” have been contributed to the language by the mediaeval man-at-arms. The meaning of “drawing the long bow” is obvious and was most probably applied to the foremast of the warship; for instance, the night before Crecy—or perhaps the night after.

“Latice” is a Greek word Anglicised. Like the practice of forming fours it dates from the days of Alexander the Great. “Strategy” comes from the Greek “strategus,” a general. The ordinary every-day word “salary” or should I say every month word?—has had in interesting history, quite apart from emergency cuts. Its literal meaning is “salt money.” The armies of the early Roman republic were raised in a manner to the feudal levies of Medieval Europe. The individual soldier rendered personal service for his land or holding. He armed and equipped himself in accordance with the amount of land held, and served without pay, supporting himself in the field. For convenience, and as a concession, the Army found his salt ration for him while on foreign service, and when this could not be issued in kind, he drew “salarium,” or salt money in lieu thereof. Hence, also, the expressions “not worth his salt,” and “true to his salt.”

Like the sailor, the soldier picked up many words from the Dutch, either during his service in the Low Countries, or while, William of Orange’s Dutch troops were serving in England. “Enlist,” and “furlough,” “scuff,” “boozie,” “brandy,” “haversack” (from “havers,” the Dutch word for “eats”), and “commander,” are all of Dutch origin. The last fell into desuetude for a long while and was revived during the Boer War. “Trek,” “outspan,” and “snipe” were adopted into the language from the South African Dutch. The original “freebooter,” afterwards corrupted into “filibuster,” was a volunteer in the old wars.
of the Netherlands, who served without pay for the sake of the booty to be picked up during the campaign. In this connection it is interesting to note that "plunder" is one of the very few words the British soldier of pre-war vintage learned from the Germans, yet the historical associations of British with German troops lasted longer and were more intimate than those with the Dutch. "Loot" is not European at all, but Sanskrit. John Shipp, a military writer of the early nineteenth century, writes of the "looties" or native irregulars, who plundered on the flanks and in the rear of Lord Lake's Army during the campaign of 1803.

How many persons know that a "marquee" was not originally a tent, but the great lady of the Court who occupied it. The word is a false singular for the French "marquis," and soldiers applied it in good-humoured derision to the gay ladies who accompanied Louis XIV to the wars. Louis was a harsh king in some respects, but he was very kind to the ladies, and would frequently take a bevy of them along with him whenever he sought military glory in some "cushy" part of the front. It required a very big tent to house them all, and from the "marquees" tent this outsize in canvas became the "marquee." Among the French words which have been passed into the ranks as a result of the Great War are "camouflage," "barrage," and "estaminet." To train us for the real business, many of us went for "route" marches in France. In older wars, the "route" had nothing to do with the road or the direction, it corresponded more nearly to the more modern "movement order." Of course, the words derives from the French "rue" (road), but the extended form pre-described the road, the distance, the time of departure, and the time the troops should arrive at their destination. "Bully Beef" was an expression that Tommy Atkins brought back from the Crimean War. On that front the French were also our allies, and the recently devised process of preserving meat in metal containers was introduced to the troops for the first time in history, and the transition from the French words "bouilli" (boiled) and "boeuf" (beef) to "bully beef" was too easy to be missed. One Anglicism from the old Napoleonic Wars was revived in 1914 by the English press. This was the linguistic souvenir "napoo," "napoo," a cockney corruption of "il n'y a plus" (there's no more) was not invented by the Old Contemporaries. It occurs in the pages of that writer of capital sea stories, Captain Marryat. Some well-read burglar of Fleet Street remembered this and inflicted it on a public eager for the news behind the war news. The troops immediately took the expression into use. The French understood it, therefore, the British soldier thought it was a French word, while the French, the Saints forgive them, thought it was English. The word maranges in step with "commandeer" as a word rescuscitated from older wars.

Our armies also swore damnably in Spain, but they did not add very many Spanish words to the language, which is passing strange, for the Spanish swear words, like those of the jewelled Orient, are very blasphemous and very, anatomical. The devotional word "padre" certainly appears in military narratives which ante-date the Peninsular War. The consensus of Army opinion favours the belief that soldiers of John Company in India learned it from recruits from the Portuguese possession of Goa. On the other hand, it must be remembered that English soldiers fought under Peterborough in Spain during the War of the Spanish Succession. Priestly and Lavoisier discovered oxygen independently, so it is quite feasible that the chaplain was dubbed "padre" in two separate quarters of the globe. Quite naturally, from long service in India, the Army added much to our working vocabulary. Many words, which at first sight look Oriental are really Portuguese, for the settlement at Goa provided many recruits for the armies of the Honourable East India Company. Among these are "caste," "picaninni," "tank," "verandah," "topi," "peon" (also Spanish), "obra," "tea," (a corruption of "chah," the correct Chinese word), and "pagoda.

Indian languages and dialects have contributed "sahib," "salaam," "fakir," "howdah," which meant a camel litter before ever it burdened the elephant, "chir," "cot," "wallah," "babu" and "shampoo," "Tiffin" is not a native word at all, but Anglo-Indian slang. "Blighton," which was a name to conjure with in the strenuous years, derives from the Hindustani word "bilati," which means not the home land but government, hence the Home Government, and ultimately England. The Arabic form of the word is "wilyat,"—really a plural, meaning "governments," like the royal and the editorial plural, "we." The "mufti" is the Mohammedan expounder of the law. In the old days in India it was the practice

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of Army officers to wear embroidered silk dressing gowns when on parade. The mess "wit would naturally associate these with the flowing robes of the Mohammedan, dignitary and eventually "muff" was the term applied to civilian attire of any description. "Magazine" is Arabic and "khaki" is Persian. "Puttee" is Sanskrit, and means a-cloth wrapping for the legs. To speak of leather puttees, as do the American reformers of the English speech, is radically wrong and a contradiction of terms. Other words which the soldiers brought home from the Orient are "bazaar," "pyjama," "cumbarband," "sash," "dixie," and "lascar," which are almost pure Persian.

In connection with the last, it may be mentioned that gun lascars were included in the armies of the Honourable East India Company fully a century before stakes formed parts of ships. "Polo" came from Thibet by way of Persia. "Compound," an enclosure, is Malayan.

It is not claimed that the examples of words brought into this dictionary by British soldiers form a complete list. In citing them, I have endeavoured to ignore all words which have a purely-military significance, confining myself as far as possible to words which form part of the working vocabulary of ordinary civilians. No doubt, readers will recall many others, which the editor of the Listening Post will be pleased to receive. Yes, our armies swore damnably in Flanders and elsewhere, but though the soldier has often defiled the language he has also enriched it by making a host of interesting additions to the vocabulary.

The owner of one of our comic weeklies was discussing a new member of the staff with his managing editor, who expressed the opinion that the new man was quite a versatile writer. "I don't know he wrote poetry," was the comment of the local Northcliffe.

Freddy: "Paps, what are friendly relations?"
Papa: "I don't know, Freddy. I never had any."

Rations
(By Morkis H. Mundy)

A shrewd look, accompanied by an occasional grin of anticipation, adorned the face of Corporal Nugget Jones, a Field Engineers, A.I.F. When Nugget assumed this expression, something usually happened—and it certainly happened this time. His unit was billeted in a Belgian village, immediately following the Armistice, and Nugget, therefore, had ample opportunity to cultivate his particular propensity.

Corporal Jones was detailed to collect the unit rations. With four other ranks, he was to proceed in an Army lorry to the Tommy ration dump, 10 kilos. away, and bring back the usual allowance of tucker. Nugget did not intend this to be any dull, stereotyped routine affair. He was accustomed to an element of excitement accompanying all his jobs while the war was on, and he decided that this particular undertaking should at least resolve itself into

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a battle of wits, with the risk of detection thrown in.

Choosing his assistants, and armed with a ration requisition for 30 men, he moved his party off. On the journey Nugget disclosed the plan of campaign hatched in his fertile brain. A chorus of quiet, approving chuckles greeted the conclusion of his speech. Evidently Nugget had kept up his reputation. Quickly the lorry jolted over the cobble-stoned road, passing field and farm house, until the destination was reached.

Nugget had been on this journey before, and knew the layout of the village. The ration dump, in charge of a Tommy corporal, was installed in a rambling farm house, the provisions being stored in the stable buildings at the rear.

Clasping his requisition, and accompanied by one of the men, Nugget Jones approached the Tommy corporal with a most ingratiating smile plastered all over his now innocent looking countenance. How simple he appeared! Just a homely, harmless, honest digger! Yes—perhaps—but wait. The curtain is about to rise.

After perusing the requisition, and being satisfied as to its genuineness, the Tommy corporal placed it idly on the table, and rose with a stifled yawn to attend to Nugget's requirements. How fortunate for Nugget's plans that the requisition should be left on the table, begging to be taken care of! Nugget's off-sider took it to his bosom as the two corporals were earnestly engaged in conversation. Nugget was a talker—when it suited him, and he did not spare his words at this juncture. Praise and flattery for the British Army, from lance corporal to field-marshal, sympathy for the "bob a day" soldiers as compared with the "six bob a day" tourists—anything to keep the corporal's mind off that requisition.

Breaking off occasionally during the conversation to instruct Nugget's off-sider where to find the bread, meat, pork and beans, etc., the task of loading was eventually completed.

Things now began to move. Instead of taking leave of the corporal, Nugget tactfully suggested the transfer of a ten franc note, holding it temptingly to the corporal's view. Yes—he fell. Again the trek from the ration stacks to the lorry took place, bags of bread, cases of pork and beans, bully beef, cheese, meat—certainly 10 franc's worth.

Nugget's plans were working well. While the second issue (inspired by the ten franc note) was being loaded, a similar mission was being performed by a further member of the party, by way of a back entrance to the store shed. The element of risk entered here, but Nugget's volubility kept the corporal's attention away from the successful rear attack.

Eventually farewells were made, and Nugget paddled contentedly off to the lorry to survey the result of his well laid plans. All, however, was not yet over. One final smashing blow at the enemy was to be attempted. This was Nugget's special piece of strategy which, in the first place, brought the cunning grin to his features as he contemplated his plans.

Receiving the requisition so nimbly confiscated by his off-sider, Nugget produced a pencil eraser from his tunic pocket. Rubbing energetically at different parts of the paper, and carefully replacing new names and figures in the blank spaces, Nugget had at his command, a further ration requisition for a fictitious unit, numbering 30 men.

Instructing the lorry driver (himself a corporal) to move to a new position in the village, he then handed him the requisition, and accompanied by the remaining member of the party; this pair, as yet strangers to the Tommy corporal, presented themselves in all their innocence, for their issue of rations.

Nugget, keeping well out of sight and hearing, waited until he judged the final loading to be completed, and hastily rejoined the party, guided the ration raiders to their billets in triumph.

Pork and beans, bully beef and cheese, comprised the staple diet of several Belgian households in the near vicinity of Nugget's billet, and that estimable barterer found joy and comfort for many days in the diggers' national game of 'Headin' em.'
When 'Plane Fought Balloon
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One of the strangest air fights in the war was that between a British aeroplane and a German captive balloon, above the airshed at Gontrode, near Ghent, in Belgium, far behind the German lines.

Lieutenant L. G. Hawker, of the No. 6 Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps, set out alone in clear weather on April 18, 1915, in a B.E.2c machine to make a reconnaissance of the shed.

He carried three bombs, which he proposed to drop on the shed to test its defences.

MACHIN-GUN FIRE

Hawker made a successful flight across country to Gontrode, and as he drew near the shed, at a height of about 6000 feet, he saw a large captive balloon above it.

As soon as Hawker arrived over his objective he dropped two of his bombs. To his surprise, anti-aircraft shells burst in the air near his aeroplane, and machine-gun fire was opened against him from the basket of the captive balloon.

He shut down his engine and descended in a side-slipping spiral round and round the balloon. This disconcerted the anti-aircraft gunners on the ground, as he presented a difficult target, and they were in danger of hitting the balloon.

HIT BY 24 BULLETS

He was still in reach of the machine-gunner in the balloon, so he threw hand grenades in, and effectively demoralised the machine-gunner.

Hawker continued this fantastic spiral until he was within 200 feet of the ground, when he passed directly over the shed and dropped his last bomb. He flew away and escaped, although his aeroplane was struck by 24 machine-gun bullets.

For his bold and resourceful feat Lieutenant Hawker received the Distinguished Service Order. Several months later he was awarded the Victoria Cross in recognition of his determined attack on the enemy.

Commenting on the recent Naval and Military Tattoo, the editor of a sob-branch organ hastened to assure the general public that war, like women, is a deceiver ever. The staff of the Listening Post has had more experience of the former than of the latter, but we are quite prepared to bow to superior knowledge in either direction. All the same, we wonder how the ladies of the auxiliary will relish such a sweeping statement.

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State Executive Meetings  
November 22, 1933

At the meeting of the State Executive on November 22 there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Philip, Pantoe, Watt, Edmonds, Nugent, Tozer, Hunt, Pady, Aberle, McDowall, Margolin, Lovell, Collins, Ross, Mullor and Wilkins.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Collett, Anderson, Penton, Freedman, Lamb, Farquharson and Warner.

Condolence—Hugo Throssell, V.C.: At the instance of Colonel Olden, the Executive extended to the relatives of the late Captain Throssell, V. C., deepest sympathy at the untimely death of that gallant Western Australian soldier. Colonel Olden spoke with great feeling on Captain Throssell's services at the front, and upon his qualities as a man. Delegates stood in silence to signify the depth of their sympathy.

A telegram was received from the South Australian Branch asking that its sympathy might also be conveyed to Captain Throssell's relatives.

Reports.—The Management Committee recommended that Yarmah and Bridgeport Sub-branches be advised that representation to their functions could not be arranged at this juncture, but that attention would be given to visiting the South-West sub-branches in sequence some time early in the next year.

Mr. H. H. Howard, Chairman of the War Pensions Assessment Tribunal, attended the meeting and was welcomed by the President, Mr. Howard suitably responded.

Congress Delegate.—Mr. Watt, a delegate to the Federal Congress, was welcomed by the President.

Consideration of the delegates' report on Congress was deferred until the return of the other delegates Archdeacon Riley.

State War Memorial Committee.—A report of the State War Memorial Committee in connection with the ceremony on Armistice Day was submitted by Mr. Toller. The report contained suggestions and expressed thanks to those who assisted, including Perth Sub-branch, which originated the idea. After Mr. Tozer, who was responsible for the conduct of the ceremony, had been thanked, the report was referred to the State War Memorial Committee.

Visits.—The following reports on visits were submitted:—Beverley, Darling Range, and No. 2 District Council, South African and Imperial Veterans Service and Flying Corps Association (State President), Meckering and Merredin (Mr. A. Pady), Subiaco (Mr. C. R. Collins), Wellard Sports (Mr. Geo. Moller), Economic Council (Mr. W. J. Hunt), Coolup (Col. A. C. N. Olden).

Preference.—Colonel Olden reported that together with Wilkins, McDowall and the State Secretary, he was on the Premier in connection with the Government's attitude towards preference, and a sympathetic hearing had been afforded the deputation. The opportunity had been taken to mention a specific case of non-preference in a Government Department.

The following reports on Living:—communication was received from the Government Statistician concerning the cost of living, which stated that Collie had been included for some years in the list of towns that comprise the wage group. It was decided to keep a careful watch of the cost of living in Collie Sub-branch after further inquiries had been made from the Registrar of the Arbitration Court.

The Government Statistician advised that he was aware that considerable disparity existed between retail prices on the Goldfields and those of the metropolitan area. In view of this, the basic wage for the adult male worker had been determined as follows:—

- Goldfields: £3 17s. 6d.
- General: £3 17s. 6d.

It was agreed that the Executive congratulate the North Perth Sub-branch on its exceptional Poppy Day efforts. A letter from the Collie Sub-branch concerning a resolution for the prevention of war, passed at the recent Federal Congress, was received.

On the motion of Messrs. Aberle and Margolin, it was decided that a list of the sub-branches in the various electoral districts, together with the dates of their meetings, be supplied to delegates who represent the respective districts.

A letter from the Primary Producers' Association, advising that tomato week would be held in February, and requesting that two delegates be appointed to the Tomato Week Committee, was referred to the Empire and Local Trading Committee.

Norwood Sub-branch requested that certain moneys be utilised in connection with ex-Imperial men's names on the War Memorial. It was agreed that further information be requested.

The State President was granted leave of absence from the next meeting.

Land Committee.—At the instance of Mr. Watt the Land Committee was asked to give consideration to the Victorian Soldiers' Settlers' Act when submitting evidence to the Royal Commission on the Agricultural Bank.

It was further agreed that the Land Committee give consideration to the submission of evidence to the commission appointed to inquire into the position of stored wheat.

Anzac House.—A suggestion for augmenting Anzac House Building Fund, submitted by Mr. Marshall, a Sub-branch was referred to the Anzac House Committee.

December 6, 1933

As so many delegates were assisting at Anzac House Gymkhana, the first executive meeting of the month, was held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, instead of the normal hours being 7.30 p.m. There were present Messrs. Riley (Chairman), Olden, Philip, Watt, Edmonds, Nugent, Tozer, Hunt, Pady, Aberle, McDowall, Margolin, Collins, Ross, Wilkins and Farquharson. Lember, Yeates, Anderson, Penton, Damon, Freedman, Lovell, Moller, Lamb and Warner.

Anzac House.—Colonel Olden presented a report on behalf of the Anzac House Committee which intimated that a part-time clerk of works had been appointed on the recommendation of the architect for a period of twelve weeks. A satisfactory arrangement had also been made between the contractor and the employment officer which ensured consistent attention to the obligations of the contract. The report also suggested that an application be made through the Federal office to a member of the Royal Family of the Grand President of the B.S.L., Earl Jellicoe, to open the building in September next. The report was adopted.

Federal Congress.—Archdeacon Riley submitted on behalf of himself and Mr. E. S. Watt, a report covering the deliberations of the recent Federal Congress held at Canberra. The report was adopted and it was decided that it be published in the "Listening Post." A resolution of appreciation of the services of the delegates was carried unanimously.

-Appreciation.—It was agreed that a letter of thanks for their services on behalf of a member of the Geraldton Sub-branch be sent to Mr. Willcock, M.L.A., and to the Fremantle Sub-branch.

Koorda Memorial.—Archdeacon Riley intimated that he would be dedicating the War Memorial at Koorda after the unveiling ceremony on December 11.

Nedlands Carnival.—Mr. Tozer made the League record its appreciation of the prompt and sympathetic assistance given to the Nedlands Sub-branch by Mr. A. O. Neville, the Chief Protector of Aborigines, in connection with the approaching carnival, and to the Commissioner of Railways for his help in the same matter. The motion was carried unanimously.

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The committee of the Cottesloe Sub-branch held a meeting on Tuesday, November 21, at the Council Hall, Jarrahd Street, the president, Mr. C. L. Harvey, presiding. A very satisfactory report on the result of Poppy Day was recorded by the secretary (Captain A. G. Cook) and a very hearty vote of thanks was placed on record towards the ladies of the Women’s Auxiliary for their valuable assistance on this occasion. It was decided to hold a games evening at the next meeting.

The War Memorial committee held a meeting on Friday, November 24, at the residence of the president (Mr. C. L. Harvey). Preliminary arrangements were made for raising funds to erect a hall, and it is hoped that something of importance will be heard from the committee at the next meeting.

The December meeting of the sub-branch took place on Tuesday, December 1. There was a record attendance, several visitors being present, and the secretary was very busy with his pencil enrolling new members. The most important business concerned preference to returned soldiers engaged on the erection of Anzac House, and whether all the material used in the construction of the building was of local production. The secretary was instructed to write to the State Executive on the matter.

On completion of business a games and social evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all (Captain W. J. Craze and Mr. S. W. Martin were in the picture). The draw of the raffle for the children’s Xmas Tree was conducted, and resulted, as follows: Ham, ticket No. 1136 (Mr. J. Noble); Xmas cake, ticket No. 1007 (Mr. J. Cowan).

The next meeting will take place at the usual time and place on Tuesday, January 2, 1934. All members are requested to come along to the first meeting in the new year and bring a bigger friend. We would also like to have a glimpse of our representative on the Executive (Mr. E. S. Watt) at this meeting.

We were very pleased to see two of our members (Messrs. E. Mison and A. E. Carlelon) at our last meeting, who had recovered from their recent illness, and wish them the best of luck.

The Cottesloe Sub-branch wishes all returned soldiers in the State a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

The secretary’s address is: Captain A. G. Cook, "Lilydale," 4 Keane Street, Egypermint Grove. He is always prepared to listen to all troubles and enrol any eligible digger or Tommy.

MURRAY

On December 2 a very enjoyable evening was spent at Mandurah when Messrs. Philip and Abele attended from the State Executive. The sub-branch is hopeful of getting some of the returned men at Mandurah to join up with them.

On December 9 the Annual General Meeting took place at the Premier Hotel, Pinjarra. Owing to Mr. R. McLarty, M.L.A., who is president of the sub-branch, having to attend a meeting away, Mr. E. Logan (vice-president) took the chair. The secretary presented the balance sheet, showing the activities of the sub-branch for the past twelve months, which leaves them in a sound financial position.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. R. McLarty, M.L.A., was elected unopposed. Vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Logan and Mr. G. Capp; secretary, Mr. E. Paterson; committee: Messrs. C. Paul, J. Green, G. Hovey, R. Paterson, R. Gillies; Land Committee, Messrs. R. Paterson, Patten and Green.

Owing to Mr. and Mrs. Murley, of the Premier Hotel, leaving the district, it was decided to make a presentation to them, for the splendid way in which they at all times have catered for the local sub-branch, in social evenings and in placing a room at their disposal for all meetings.

The Inter-School Sports, held last Armistice Day and conducted by the sub-branch, with the co-operation of the various school teachers, proved to be one of the best children’s sports ever held in Pinjarra, eight schools from surrounding districts competing for various trophies. The following were the results: Pinjarra won the cup and shield for the highest number of points scored. Champion senior boy, R. Beacham (Pinjarra); champion senior girl, E. Truant (Mandurah); champion junior boy, B. Logan (Pinjarra); champion junior girl, J. Patten (West Coolup).

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COOLUP

At the meeting of the State Executive on Nov.
22 Colonel Olden reported—I visited the Coolup
Sub-branch on Saturday, November 11, was met
by the President, Mr. Sinclair and hospitably en-
tertained at afternoon tea by himself and Mrs.
Sinclair. In the evening I attended the annual
reunion dinner at which about 40 ladies and mem-
bers were present. An excellent dinner had been
prepared which reflected great credit on the ef-
forts of the lady associates of the branch. The
visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Ross McLaury and
Mr. and Mrs. Patten from Pinjarra. Also present
was a stalwart supporter of the sub-branch in the
person of Mrs. Studd, mother of Mr. Arthur
Gibbings. This lady for many years had been an
enthusiastic worker in the interests of the League
and it is mainly owing to her activities that the
fine war memorial and surrounding garden have
been erected and maintained. The toast of her
health was specially honoured.

Unlike most country districts that one, visits
these days, the Coolup area appears to be in
comparatively flourishing condition, despite the
low rate ruling at present for butterfat. The
sub-branch, though not a large one, is in a
flourishing condition. The membership is 17 and there is £6 10s. to the credit of the general fund and £2 11s. in the Amelioration Fund.

The sub-branch has already sent a contribution
to the president, Mr. H. Lutter, of the distri-

cut executive, and chairman of the lands committee. Mr. Philip (Executive), spoke in support of the toast, saying he considered it an honour to be able to do so as he had been a member of the League
for many years on the Executive.

Mr. R. Brown also expressed his regret that he and the staff had always found it a pleasure to
work with Mr. Yeates and felt sure that his
genial personality would make him a fit successor
to our late President, Colonel Collett. Mr. Yeates,
in replying, thanked all gathered together that
evening for the many fine tributes paid him, say-
ing that he fully realised he had a hard task in
front of him as State President, and only wished
that he might be able to work and live up to the
high standards set by his predecessor, Colonel
Collett, who had held the position for eight years
during which time the League in this State had
grown out of all recognition. The toast was ably
supported by Mr. Day, President West Swan Sub-
branch, and Mr. Lutter, Vice-President Hercu-

The catering was in the capable hands of Mr.
J. N. Lamont, H. Feustill, Lowson and E. Harrisson,
to whom many thanks are due. Items were con-
tributed by Messrs. Brindle, Lutter, Goodall,
Neavy, Ahrer, Lowson, A. Yeates, Prynn (con-
certina and bagpipes). The choirs were led by
Mr. J. Cunningham, pianist.

PEMBERTON

There was a good muster at the general meet-
ing and business centre chiefly round the:
picnic and the treatment of Agricultural Bank
clients. The usual "bob-in" brought forth the
means to quench the singers' thirst and assi-
ning the rest to explain how their moods nearly
got blown up on various subjects. Several new men
joined up.

The cricketers are still in the winning vein
having lowered the colours of the Leofray Club.
They were unbeaten till they ran up against the
R.S.L. team. On the off Sunday the Women's

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CLAREMONT

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting in the Parish Hall, on December 7, Brigadier A. M. Martyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., presiding. The sub-branch is steadily growing, three new members having been enrolled during the last month. We are fortunate that Mr. Farquharson has taken up residence in Claremont, and has had his transfer from South Perth. Members such as he are a tower of strength to any sub-branch, and we must console with South Perth in losing him.

The cricket team has still to record its first win in the R.S.L. Cricket Association fixtures, but we understand that every week there is an improvement, and perhaps in the near future our opponents will get a surprise.

The inaugural meeting of the Claremont Sub-branch S.S.I. will be held in the Parish Hall, Claremont, on January 23, 1934. Members are asked to give their support by attending this meeting, and also, by interesting any boys of their acquaintance who are eligible for membership. At present there are 21 boys on the roll.

The next meeting on January 4, 1934, is the annual meeting, and the Executive ask all members to make a special effort to be present.

In conclusion, we wish all members of the League a Merry Xmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

TRAMWAY

The usual tri-weekly meeting was held on November 29, with the added importance of election announcements of the Executive for the year 1934. Much interest is generally taken in these elections, but the nominations were very heavy this time, and the popularity of each nominee made the task of choice very difficult, therefore, the resultant declaration was received with a generosity of applause not altogether usual in the sub-branch. Results were: President, G. J. Robertson; Vice-President, Messrs. Sinclair and Crispin; Secretary, W. F. W. Saunders; Asst. Secretary, E. Franklin; Treasurer, H. Myers; Auditors, Messrs. J. Duncan and C. Robson; Committee, W. Rodman, T. Freedman, E. Woodhouse, J. Shields, G. P. Owen, H. Timms, A. McDonald.

The present or 1933 executive holds office until the first meeting in the New Year, and until then we will not indulge in further comment, but before we pass on to a continuance of this election meeting, it would be ungenerous if we did not give Mr. Ferguson, of the Head-quarters Staff, our own President, Mr. W. R. Hudman, Mr. E. Longdon, and Mr. H. Timms, a good digger’s handshake for the manner in which they have endeavoured, through the Pension Fund, to secure for the wife of our late comrade, Frank Harford, some measure of security for her and her young family, and though, at the moment, their efforts have not been successful, we believe that, with the further aid of the Mother Branch, it is still possible to help her, who is left widowed while yet young, from causes which we believe could only be attributable to war effects.

We will pass on now to the ‘strobilome’ side, and in the passing please take notice that a digger’s meeting is in no way comparable with any other and in the case of the tramway we do not believe that we can seriously consider the possibility of holding such meetings, were we to repeat this meeting with that bonhomie which is peculiar to the type that mattereth in the good, bad, and indifferent days of 1917-18.

Games of many sorts are provided for those who are so inclined. Parlour bowls seems to take precedence, and last we forgot, let us mention some of our champions in this category. Jack Sinclair is very good, though a trifle conceited over his last victory, but wait until the Lineyard section claims you, Jack! Arthur Crispin is improving, but requires a little more practice. E. Franklin is promising, but should restrain his hurry to leave when his side is losing. Joe Berg plays a good ball, but has a flair for talking angles when he plays with a reputedly round ball. J. Shields, even when in earnest, will not get on the right spot. J. Malone seldom sights the spot. W. Hudman seems to develop a swinging leg when he gets close up. J. Duncan is a good all-rounder. F. Saunders and Tom Freeman sometimes adjourn to the table together; Ivan Crowe and Harry Timms to the quoits, and to the game of golf.

E. Hamnett is the leader of the community singing and a serious rival to Billy Edwards, of 6WP fame; J. Harris on the piano, and everybody on the leg—and so the game goes.

Now, you Tammany people, who do not belong to a sub-branch, take notice that it is only by the efforts of all that we can help the individual. We could quote many instances, if it were our policy to seek publicity, of the helping hand, but refrain on the grounds that what is done is not a hunky form of elusive popularity, but rather our good deed done for the day. So, Tamminis, who are eligible, get in and join those of your mates who are so desirous of meeting you in the place where I am sure our soldier predecessors coined the phrase—“For he’s a jolly good fellow!”

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Women’s Auxiliaries

At this year’s R.S.L. Congress it was approved that the women’s auxiliary have a country vice-president. The honour of holding this position has fallen to Mrs. Harding, of Donnybrook, who has been president of the auxiliary at Donnybrook for three years. She is the proud wearer of a gold medal, presented to her by the Memorial Hall Committee, Donnybrook, for war work.

Mrs. Ottaway, of Victoria Park, has left for Canberra to be with her husband, who now holds a position there. She will be very much missed, not only by Victoria Park Auxiliary, but by all who attended the united socials and picnics at Caversham, where her beautiful singing always gave so much pleasure.

PERSONAL PARSE
We regret to announce that two of the most popular members of our State Executive were absent from the December meeting through illness. Mrs. Stubberfield and Mrs. Keteeau will both require a long period of rest before they resume their work on the Executive, when they have not spared themselves when there was hospital visiting to be done, or needy cases to be attended to.

The Women’s Auxiliaries were officially represented at the R.S.L. luncheon to Sir James and Lady Owen, by Mrs. T. C. Wilson. Archdeacon Riley presented the membership badge of the League to Sir James, but he in turn gave it to Lady Owen, remarking that it was the women who did the work of looking after the men during war time, and it was they who were still doing it, in time of peace. Mrs. Wilson was asked to show the auxiliary badge to Lady Owen. She then asked Sir James if he would care to accept it. He seemed delighted, whereupon Mrs. Wilson pinned it on his coat.

STATE EXECUTIVE

Christmas Social

The Christmas social of the United Auxiliaries was held at the Institute on December 11. Gentlemen friends of members were present, although very much in the minority. The evening followed the usual lines of the auxiliary socials. Old-time dancing to Mrs. Power’s music was very popular. The prize winners were Mrs. Massingham, stepping the line; Meddines Barrow and Thomson, Monte Carlo; Mrs. Mackie and Mr. Chandler, aeroplane chairs; Mrs. Wear held the lucky supper ticket.

The artists were much appreciated. Miss Northover gave two humorous recitations, “A Man in the House” and “The Motor Car”; Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Keiller, and Miss Batey sang solos. There was also a community chorus, “Learn to Smile,” which Mrs. Wilson hopes each Auxiliary will learn and keep as its slogan for the coming year. Mrs. Harding, of Donnybrook, the newly elected country vice-president, was present, and gave a recitation. Supper was served by members of the Executive.

Towards the close of the evening, Mrs. Wilson wished all present the complements of the season, and a vote of thanks was passed to the artists. The social concluded with the singing of “Auld Lang Syne” and the National Anthem.

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To attend the annual re-union dinner of the Second District Committee, and to visit number of auxiliaries in that locality, Mrs. T. C. Wilson left home on November 16. Arriving at Wyalkatchem on the 17th, she received a hearty welcome at a meeting of the auxiliary, whose membership numbers over 10. On Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, of Benjabber, motored Mrs. Wilson to Trayning, where the re-union dinner was held. Over 200 sat down to dinner, which was catered for entirely by the Trayning Women’s Auxiliary. It was our president’s duty to respond to the toast of the Women’s Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Bodey, of Kewlan, was Mrs. Wilson’s hostess for the next few days. Kewlan is fourteen miles from Trayning. On the Sunday morning, a tour of the women’s auxiliary was held in Trayning. Despite very hot and dusty weather and the activities of the previous day, only two members were absent, and these two through illness. This auxiliary is already contemplating nominating for the Country Queen Competition. Next month, members of the Maggari and Kununoppin were entertained by Mrs. Bodey, at her home, and a combined meeting was held in honour of Mrs. Wilson. En route to Merredin, the local hospital and the “Muriel Chase,” Hotel was visited, on the invitation of the Kununoppin Auxiliary, the Hospital Committee all being members. The latter has been built by the Bush Nursing Association for waiting mothers.

In the evening, Mrs. Wilson was met by Mrs. Haines, President of the Merredin Auxiliary, at Nakurni. A meeting was held in Merredin the following afternoon, and at the same evening the R.S.L. gave a social to the auxiliary, at which Mrs. Wilson gave an address on “Poppy Day,” and presented the prizes to the various queens for Poppy Day.

Next day found Mrs. Wilson homeward bound after an absence of nine days. "GUILDFORD-BASSENDEAN"

A “Ladies only” social took place in the Trades Hall, Bassendean, on December 4. It was held by request, owing to the success of one held a few weeks before. Opportunity was taken by the members to pay a visit to Mrs. Grieve, President, and Mrs. Irwin, Treasurer, who will spend Christmas in the Eastern States. The evening passed swiftly with old-time dancing, Sir Roger and games. Mrs. Gallagher supplied paper caps, which, with a few streamers, gave a festive atmosphere. The prizes were donated by Mrs. Galley and Bennett, and Mrs. Rany.

"To provide funds for the Edward Miller Christmas Cheer, a euchre party was held last month. The members will visit the Home before Christmas to distribute their usual monetary gift, and a concert party will accompany them. Several new members have been welcomed during the last two months.

F.U.S.W.

There was a very large attendance at the monthly meeting in St. George’s Hall, on December 7, when Mrs. Kerr-Perse gave an interesting talk on her recent tour in the Eastern States.

During the few hours’ stay in Adelaide, Government House and the Botanical Gardens were visited. In Melbourne, the chief point of interest was the War Memorial, not quite finished yet. Mrs. Kerr-Perse gave her impressions of the Sydney Bridge, across which one must walk, to appreciate its great width and massive structure. The beautiful parks around Sydney were described—the Koala, Taronga, and National, with its Bird Sanctuary. Government House, at Canberra, said Mrs. Kerr-Perse, was like an English country home, three-stories high, and quite in the country. The surrounding hills were, at that time, covered with snow. Blossom time was over, but the front of Parliament House was a mass of multi-coloured tulips. A flying visit was paid to the Blue Mountains, 197 miles being travelled by car in one day.

A very fine programme, arranged by Mrs. Birt, took up the second part of the afternoon. Violin duets were rendered by Mrs. Birt and Miss Ashton; songs by Miss Kennedy and Mrs. Cearns, and a humorous recitation about a family luncheon party, by Miss McCallum.

Final arrangements were made for the Christmas treat to be held on December 16.

BAYSWATER

The R.S.L. Basswater Sub-Branch Women’s Auxiliary held their usual monthly meeting last week in the Lesser Hall. At 7.30 p.m., we assembled for business purposes, mainly, the children’s Xmas party, to be held next Tuesday, the 19th. It was decided to hold it in the form of a concert and games. Items from the children themselves, then an early tea, for which all sorts of good things have been promised by members and friends. On leaving each child will receive

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<td>HARVEY</td>
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<td>Phone Harvey 108M</td>
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<td>Every 2nd Tuesday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. R. Gibbs, Bank of N.S.W., Hannan St.</td>
<td>T. C. Fairley, 49 Campbell St., Kalgoorlie, Tel. 290</td>
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<td>KOJONUP</td>
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<td>T. G. Sounness, &quot;Merryup,&quot; Mt. Barker</td>
<td>C. Verden, Lake King, Tel. No. 1</td>
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<td>MOUNT MARSHALL</td>
<td>Road Board Hall, Bencubbin Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Third Sunday, 8th month,</td>
<td>P. R. Allen, 20 Coode St, Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Maylands</td>
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<td>H. Walker, Mt. Helena</td>
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<td>MUNDARING AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Alt. Mundaring and Mt. Helena</td>
<td>1st Friday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Shanahan, Lindsay St., Perth</td>
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| MIDLAND JUNCTION           | Town Hall Committee Rm.    | 3rd Thursday                   | T. G. Sounness, "Merryup," Mt. Barker | R. E. Marsh, Harold Road, East Midland, Tel. MJ9

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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Glebe St. (Of View Street)</td>
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<td>W. J. James, 31 Marian St, Linderville</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours 9 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>C. Longmore, c/o West Australian, Perth</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Soldiers’ Institute</td>
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<td>TAMMELUP</td>
<td>Road Board Lester Hall</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. A. Johnston, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Toodyay Newsagency</td>
<td>4th Sunday</td>
<td>R. V. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
<td>Trarining (I), Yelbeni (I)</td>
<td>Every 3rd Wednesday from August 16</td>
<td>W. B. Hudson, 18 Oswald Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>TRAMWAY</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>R. Alexander, 82 Shepparton Rd., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Library Hall, Albany Road, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>P. G. Miller, Taxation Dept, Perth</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Bunting</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNNINE</td>
<td>Each place alt., commencing Bunting, March 1</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>V. E. Troode, 30 Harbourne St., Wembley Park</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
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<td>T. Sten, York</td>
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**R.S.L. Sub-Branch Women’s Auxiliaries**

| DONNYBROOK          | Memorial Hall                             | First Saturday, monthly         | Mrs. Harding, Mrs. V. T. Miller, Donnybrook |
| VICTORIA PARK       | Library Hall, Albany Road                 | Fourth Friday, 7.30 p.m.         | Mrs. O. Taylor, Mrs. D. Pike, 30 State St., Victoria Park |

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<td>1st Tuesday</td>
<td>Bgr.-Gen. A. J. Bassell-Brown</td>
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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>D. M. Benson</td>
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<td>ELEVENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Avenue, Leederville</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion St., Leeville</td>
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<td>EX-NAVAL MEN'S ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Sports Club, King Street</td>
<td>Alt. Tuesdays</td>
<td>L. Kaye Perrin, 100 Melville St., S. Perth</td>
<td>R. W. Blair, 79 William 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>Wm. Robins, 122 Lake St., Perth</td>
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<td>FORTY-FOURTH ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>Col. C. H. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George's Ter., Perth</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, monthly</td>
<td>Col. D. McWhae (Chairman, R. Rattray, Public Works Department, Perth)</td>
<td>J. H. Gratwick, G.P.O. Box 445, 99 St. George's Ter., Perth</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHT BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. I. E. Dunkley, 86 Angove St., Nth. Perth</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., N. Perth</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Annual Re-union, July 24th, 1934</td>
<td>G. Abjornson, 19 Esplanade, South Perth</td>
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<td>16th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>Lieut. E. Knight, c/o Lands and Surveys Department, Perth</td>
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COTTESLOE

The November, monthly meeting took place on November 16, at the residence of the president (Mrs. B. May), 68 Forrest Street, Cottesloe, at 8 p.m. In the absence of the president, the vice-president (Mrs. E. Lowick) very ably occupied the chair. There was a remarkably good attendance; and one new member was enrolled (Mrs. Chester, 5 William Street, Cottesloe). Preliminary arrangements were made for the children's Xmas Tree and some other very important business was transacted.

The December monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, December 1, at the residence of the president (Mrs. B. May), 68 Forrest Street, Cottesloe. This meeting was the most interesting of the season as a Xmas party was planned for the children of the branch. The chair was occupied by Mrs. B. May, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lowick; Secretary, Mrs. Chester; and Treasurer, Mrs. E. Lowick.

The meeting opened with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. The president then reported that the Xmas party would be held on December 16 at the residence of the president. The annual Xmas party was then opened and the first business was the introduction of the new member, Mrs. W. J. Lowick, who was received with a hearty welcome.

The next business was the presentation of a Xmas gift to the president, Mrs. B. May, who was presented with a handsome gold watch. The president then presented the following gifts: a Xmas card to Mrs. T. See, who was presented with a beautiful Xmas card; a Xmas tree to Mrs. E. Lowick, who was presented with a beautiful Xmas tree; and a Xmas card to Mrs. Chester, who was presented with a beautiful Xmas card.

SOUTH PERTH

Thirty-three members were present at the November meeting, at which Mrs. T. See (president) took the chair. After the usual business was despatched an interesting report of the activities of the Amelioration Committee was read by Mrs. G. Philip. A small band of willing workers has attended the sewing circle, and the work is now in full swing. The committee is still doing good work, and the members are doing their best to make the work a success.

The committee is now in the process of planning a Xmas party for the children of the branch, and the members are doing their best to make the party a success. The committee is also planning a Xmas gift for the president, and the members are doing their best to make the gift a success.

NORTH PERTH

A meeting of the Women's Auxiliary took place in the Library Hall on Friday, November 27. Reports on the year's work were read by Mrs. Taylor (President) and Mrs. Pike, Secretary, and were received with acclamation. Mrs. Tolmie then read the balance sheet, which was well received.

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