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DAWN

The moon's pale scimitar still cleaves the sky,
Though Morning haunts her fiery pageantry,
And darkness fades before the threnody
Of sobbing bugles. As their echoes die,
A grimmer vision looms in Memory's eye—
Gray-tunneled shadows rising from the sea,
Cliffs belching flame, Death's awful revelry
Of splint'ring shell and bullet's droning sigh.
In that dread travail was a spirit born,
The comradeship that makes a people great.
They who were slain bequeathed this sacred trust
For us to hold in fee, or earn the scorn
Of their son's sons. Ah, let no sordid hate
Brand us as traitors to their hallowed dust.
April, 1933
—C. R. Collins.
The Digger of the Future

With the rhythmic recurrence of Anzac Day and Armistice Day, one is frequently asked, "What will become of the R.S.L. when the last digger dies?" Another thirty years or so will see most of us in a better land, so that the League, by the very nature of its composition must fade away. Another war might give it an accession of strength, but the Press and the pacifists between them have abdicated war, and in any case all political parties have conspired to see that Australia is deprived of the means of going to war. Of course, people like the Japanese and the Chinese have declined to accept this delectable situation, but then they are so remote from Australia that fully five days' steaming, and less aeroplaning, would be needed for hostile action against our shores, and moral platitude constitute a surer defence for our wide open spaces and long coastline than cruisers or aircraft. As things are at present, it looks as if the League will exercise its measure of usefulness, and will cease to function when we who compose it have passed on. Whether our passing be to-day or tomorrow it matters not; but it will matter a great deal, and Australia will become a very much worse place, if the ideals which we strive to inculcate, and for which so many of our comrades died, pass away with us. The ideals of public service, of loyalty to King and country, of mateship, duty, and reverence for the liberties our forefathers so dearly won for us, are worth cherishing and well worth making sacrifices for, despite the sneers of the chilled cynic and the pallid neurotic.

We think the great Australian public realises this, and that is why, as Anzac day succeeds Anzac day, an added solemnity and spirit of reverence pervades the annual commemoration. That spirit, we hope, will survive when the last digger has gone to his long last rest. Its perpetuation will be the privilege of the newly formed Sons of Soldiers’ League. It is the Sons of Soldiers who will grasp the torch from our failing hands and hold it proudly aloft to be a guiding light for succeeding generations.

The middle generation, those who were living during the war years, but who were just too young to see active service, are very unsympathetic, if not definitely hostile, towards ex-service men. Their adolescence and early manhood coincided with the jazz-made period of re-action which followed upon the epic heroism of a nation’s endeavour. Their attitude finds expression in the so-called realism of the nastier type of war books, in the cheap cynicism and the sex-obessions of the fictions of the last decade. The middle generation feels that it has been cheated of something, and has taken its revenge in emptying garbage tins over the past. It feels, with a certain amount of justice it may be confessed, that it was born into times twisted out of joint by the old men, and forgets that those same old men were young men for many years before they grew old.

The younger people who will be enrolled in the Sons of Soldiers’ League fall into line with a clearer vision and with more clarified ideas. It is to them rather than to their prematurely disillusioned immediate elders that we must entrust the future of the race. It will be their privilege to keep alive the spirit of the A.I.F. But privileges imply obligations, and their task will be no easy one. To-day, the times are just as much out of joint as they were on April 25, 1915. The struggle is just as bitter. In the place of foreign foes are world depression and internal dissension. Theirs will be the duty to preserve the heritage their fathers saved for them with their blood and sweat. The words of an orator of Ancient Greece might well have been addressed to the young men of to-day, they are so modern in spirit and they fit, so well, the situation our sons are called upon to face.

"Your country," he said, "has the right to demand of you not merely the laying down of your life (which some have called supreme sacrifice), but a sacrifice more difficult in that you shall at all costs to yourself develop the individual within you and make the most of him, training every instinct, every innate faculty, until in any sphere, art, literature, politics, religion, you can make to your State and your fellow men the contribution of the best and soundest judgment, and the best and greatest achievement."

We commend these words to all who come with clear and honest eyes and firm steps to take our places in the ranks. We commend to them also the advice of a great American President. The Americans, as a people, have their faults—serious ones, if their own film stories are to be believed—but throughout the course of history they have had one saving grace; they have almost invariably selected men of outstanding moral calibre as their presidents. Of these, none was greater than Abraham Lincoln, the self-educated bush boy who spent his early
days under conditions similar to those of our own Australian back blocks, who, for want of better materials, worked his sums by candle light with charcoal on the blade of a shovel. Handicaps like these did not prevent him from becoming a scholar and a statesman, and, what is even better, a great and good man. His public life was also cast in troubled times. The Americans fought one war to establish their country and another to maintain its political integrity, but this did not prevent hot-headed irresponsibles from plunging their country into a war of disruption, the bloodiest and most terrible war of the nineteenth century.

It was Lincoln, more than any other one man, who guided his country's destiny through this time of trial and stress and who eventually held it together, though he was struck down in the moment of victory. While that struggle was still at its height, while father was fighting against son and brother killing brother—and this is no mere rhetorical flight, for such things actually happened—Lincoln had sufficient breadth of vision, sufficient transcendent humanity to say—

"With malice towards none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Let this be your watchword and your task, O diggers of the future, for as you are, so the race will be.

The Press Sub-Branch and Mr. Hughes

Since its inception, the Press Sub-branch has followed out a programme of luncheon-hour addresses by men prominent in the literary and public life of the community, on subjects of general interest. That several of these gentlemen have been members of the sub-branch is a feather in the cap of that organisation, but when the speaker of the day is a gentleman of the tonnage of Mr. W. M. Hughes, he is assured of a large audience.

Mr. Hughes is one who has done much for Australia and much more for the Australian soldier; therefore it was up to some organisation of the R.S.L. to show him a certain measure of hospitality during his recent visit to Perth. That privilege fell to the lot of the Press Sub-branch. Mr. Hughes was invited to address the members of the sub-branch at the luncheon on April 5, on recent happenings in China and their bearing on Australian defence. Among the official guests were the District Naval Officer (Commander Griffiths Bowen), the Commandant, 5th Military District (Brigadier A. M. Martyn), Lieutenant-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, and the editors of the daily and weekly papers of the city. An apology was received from the editor of the Sunday Times. Individual members also brought along private guests, and the gathering was the largest the sub-branch has yet sponsored.

Mr. Hughes was in excellent fettle. As he touched upon a wide range of topics, the Far East, the League of Nations, defence, and so on, there were many flashes of the old fire, the old mordant humour, and the discourse was interspersed with a running fire of anecdote. In speaking of defence, he also touched upon the question of secession. It is difficult to see how he could have avoided this altogether, for the two, notwithstanding assertions to the contrary by civilian and semi-civilian propagandists, are inter-related. Something, possibly it was the contrast between a courtly bearing and the raucous hooliganism he had been forced to endure elsewhere, made "Billy" take the bit between his teeth and bolt off into a scathing criticism of the secession agitation. Be this as it may, his speech was listened to with great enjoyment, and was warmly applauded by several known secessionists who were present.

Many members of the sub-branch were surprised and indignant when next day there appeared in the West Australian a letter signed by a Mr. J. E. Gibson, commenting upon the incident. Mr. Gibson's letter would not be worthy of comment but for one or two things. He commenced by stating that he had attended the function at the invitation of the Press Sub-branch, and ended by suggesting that as Mr. Hughes had spoken against secession, the R.S.L. should give an opportunity for certain members of the Dominion League to state the case for secession. In the first place, Mr. Gibson was not present at the invitation of the sub-branch. If he were present at all it was as the private guest of an individual member. Leaving on one side the dubious taste of one guest publicly criticising another, Mr. Gibson's final suggestion is not worth a cupful of cold water. The State Executive had already turned down a request for facilities to be afforded for Federal League speakers to address diggers, and if Mr. Gibson's closing remarks have any bearing at all, they apply directly to the Press Sub-branch. The members of that sub-branch, as pressmen, are fully aware of all that has been advanced in favour of secession, and there is nothing that the speakers he suggests foisting on the sub-branch can say on secession, or on any other subject, that would be likely to interest a gathering of writers and journalists, added to which, few of the suggested speakers would be personally acceptable to members of the sub-branch.

It is not for us to enter a defence. From what we know of the sub-branch, it is more than competent to answer ill-judged and one-sided criticism, but the
matter, it seems to us, involves a question of privilege. To our way of thinking, a sub-branch is in an analogous position to a regimental mess. There are certain broad lines of procedure to be observed, but other than that the guests and the subjects to be discussed are matters for the sub-branch to decide upon. There was no public outcry when Perth staged a full dress debate on the matter of secession, or when Mr. H. K. Watson addressed Mr. Lawley on that subject. There was not the faintest echo of a protest when Darling Range acted unconstitutionally by circularising other sub-branches, including the Press, in favour of secession. But when a really interesting speaker deals with the matter in a devastatingly logical way, Mr. Gibson becomes afflicted with the writer's itch. As Mr. Gibson did not attempt to refute a single one of Mr. Hughes' contentions, the inference is that only one side of the question should be put forward at sub-branch gatherings. One of the most regrettable features of these quasi-political agitations is that they generate a spirit of intolerance which soon becomes the parent of crass impenitence.

Anzac Day Message
From Mr. C. G. Dyett, C.M.G.,
Federal President, R.S.S.I.L.A.

"Anzac Day, because of its sacred significance, has an irresistible appeal to the people of Australia, and its observance is honoured with due solemnity and pride throughout the British Empire.

"The 18th Anniversary of that epic achievement, the Gallipoli landing, will, as did its predecessors, recall the valorous conduct and heroic self-sacrifice of those whose memory the inspiring name of 'Anzac' perpetuates. While this historic occasion enables us to commemorate the glorious and imperishable deeds of the A.I.F., whose loyal and unwavering collaboration with the British Forces ensured the successful emergence of our Empire from the Great War, we must not forget those who survived that dreadful conflict—the unemployed returned sailors and soldiers, and also the dependants of their departed comrades. Therefore, I earnestly appeal to the employing sections of the community to endeavour to provide suitable work for the unemployed ex-service men and women, who so nobly responded to the call of Empire during an unparalleled crisis."

Anzac House

At the meeting of the State Executive, on March 29, Colonel A. C. N. Olden submitted a report on behalf of the Anzac House Committee, which intimated that the design competition among returned soldier architects and draftsmen had been most successful. Mr. J. F. Allen, President of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Western Australia, who had been unanimously selected as adjudicator by the competitors themselves, awarded the first prize (£100) to Mr. A. R. Baxter Cox, of Mt. Lawley; the second prize (£50) to Mr. Eustace G. Cohen; and the third prize (£25) to Mr. S. Rosenthal.

The three prize winners are gentlemen well-known in the professional and social life of Perth. Mr. A. R. Baxter Cox served in the war with a field company of Engineers. He has kept in close touch with military affairs since the declaration of peace, and is now, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, the commanding officer of the 11/16 (City of Perth) Regiment. Mr. Eustace G. Cohen served with a unit of the B.E.F., while Mr. S. Rosenthal enlisted in Western Australia and served throughout with the A.I.F. In connection with the competition, an interesting coincidence is recorded. It will be remembered that the present headquarters of the League were erected in Government Gardens by the Soldiers' Welfare and Red Cross Societies. The honorary architect who designed the building, now known as the R.S.S.I.L.A. Institute, was the father of the winner of the first prize in the competition for the new building.

The Anzac House Committee unanimously endorsed the assessor's decision, and recommended that the premium in accordance with the previous decision of
The Straits Impregnable
(By C. R. Collins)

The Gallipoli Campaign was not the first fighting in the neighbourhood of the Dardanelles. The historic strait and the adjacent shores have resounded to the clash of arms since the dawn of history. In ancient times, the narrow strip of waterways connecting the Mediterranean with the Black Sea, formed a serious obstacle in the way of migration—in ages when migration was equivalent to invasion—to and from Europe just as, in modern times, the Turks, sitting astride them, have been able to cut off Russia's sea communications with the outer world.

On the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles, a bare three miles from the entrance, stands the hill called Hissarlik, or the Castle Hill, whence all the plain country north and west to the sea is overlooked by the Executive and the Assessor's fee of £75 be paid. It was also recommended that the thanks of the Executive be extended to all those who submitted designs. Regarding the transfer of land at Carlisle for the benefit of Anzac House, it was decided that this suggestion be referred back to the Committee for investigation. The Committee proposed to conduct an exhibition of the competitive designs at the Industries Hall, Barrack Street, on Tuesday, April 11. This exhibition was held on the date proposed, and was well attended by the public. The Committee regretted that information had been received from the Government that the easement of ten feet on the eastern side of the building block could not be granted, although a further six feet had been approved. Colonel Olden stated that this was a serious matter, and recommended that the State President and the Building Committee immediately wait on the Premier or Deputy Premier to try and secure an adjustment. The Committee expressed appreciation of the manner in which the Assessor, Mr. Allen, had dealt with a most difficult task.

At the meeting of the State Executive, on April 12, a further report of a meeting of the Anzac House Committee, held on April 10, was received and adopted. This report recommended that the winner of the design competition, Mr. A. Baxter Cox, be engaged to carry out the architectural duties, providing that the certificate was given by the Assessor in accordance with the conditions and dominated. It was on this eminence that ancient Troy reared her topless towers. It was a fine strategic position for the general practice of preying upon passing shipping, and this, rather than the episode of the prudent bride, was the probable cause of the Homeric siege, thought it must be admitted that such escapades were treated more seriously in the Heroic Age than they are now. Until quite recently, Chintak, on the Asiatic side, and Kilid Bahri, on the European, were identified with Sestos and Abydos, but later research assumes that Leander's nightly swim was between points further north. It was to prove that Leander's prowess in the water was no mere poetical exaggeration that Lord Byron, and several others, since his time, swam across the Hellespont.

The peninsula of Gallipoli is identical with the Thracian Chersonese, once ruled by Miltiades. Miltiades commanded a contingent of his subjects during the expedition of the first Darius against the Scythians. According to Herodotus, it was he who proposed to the other Greek captains who had been left with him in charge of a bridge over the Danube, that they should destroy the bridge and leave Darius to his fate. The improbability of this story may be judged from the fact that for the next twenty years Miltiades was left in undisputed possession of the Chersonese. However, and fortunately for western civilization, he quarrelled with his Persian neighbours, and, fleeing to Athens, was able to take revenge by defeating the Persian hordes at Marathon. Across the Narrows, Xerxes built his famous bridge of boats for the passage of his motley army into Europe, and it was by this route that Alexander the Great returned the compliment when he invaded the Persian Empire. At least one invincible conqueror found the straits a permanent check to his operations westward. They compelled Tamerlane to pause in his pursuit of the beaten Turks and turn home again. Had he been able to penetrate into Europe, history would have had a very different course.

The town of Gallipoli was a flourishing city in the Middle Ages. It was an important commercial centre, with a population of about 100,000. Gallipoli was well fortified by the early Byzantine Emperors. In 1190, the army of the Third Crusade embarked at this port for Asia Minor. In the thirteenth century the town and the surrounding countryside became part of the amphibious empire of Venice, and the scene of much fighting between the Venetians and their Genoese rivals. Not until the middle of the fourteenth century did it pass under the power of the Crescent, and though the Turks were signal defeated here by the dispossessed Venetians in 1416, the place remained in Turkish hands. The passage of the Dardanelles was forced in 1807 by a British naval squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Sir J. T. Duckworth. It was on the anniversary of this exploit that the Navy made one of its attempts to repeat the performance during the Great War. Gallipoli was held by the allied British and French armies during the Crimean War, when the isthmus a few miles north of the town was fortified, mainly on the lines of old fortifications which had been erected in 1357. By a treaty of 1841, confirmed by the Treaty of Paris in 1856, it was prescribed that no foreign ship of war might enter the strait without Turkish permission. It will be remembered that this permission was refused in 1915.

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Bombs and Beans
(By M.H.M.)

For many weeks Fritz had made the nights hideous with a seemingly unending stream of bombs. In the trenches, and back areas the diggers' nerves were all "on edge." It was bad enough in the day time, but at night—well, Fritz might at least let the diggers sleep. So thought Privates "Bluey" Jones and Jack Strong, two pillars of the A.I.F., enjoying the comforts of billeting in an army hut about a mile behind the line.

The previous night this particular hut had been very nearly obliterated, and Blue and Jack were cursing the fact that once again the conditions were perfect for a night visit from Fritz. Tea was rather late, as "Bluey" had found some difficulty in "souveniring" coal for the brazier. Darkness had set in, and the coals in the brazier were a glowing red. Blue had toasted one piece of bread, which Jack at the moment was placidly munching, seated on an upturned box, at the improvised table, not far removed from the welcome warmth of the brazier.

A suggestion from Bluey that some hot pork and beans would go well with the toast, was heartily endorsed by Jack, who forthwith discovered an unopened tin and passed it over to Blue, who placed it on the coals to warm.

Slowly the minutes passed, and quietness reigned in the hut, as the two diggers were eating their toast with evident relish. Blue was still standing over the glowing coals, toasting his second piece of bread, whilst Jack, with his back to the brazier, was nose-deep in a dishy of tea, when the familiar drone of a Fritz bomber was heard.

Suddenly it happened. Blue, at the moment had bent low to inspect his piece of toasting bread, and Jack, with neck craned forward, was enjoying the last mouthfuls of tea. A loud report and a piercing yell from Jack, was followed by a gasp of amazement from Blue, as he staggered back from the brazier with both hands covering his face. A fragment had apparently hit Jack in the neck, whilst Blue appeared to be blind.

The empty tin was found in a far corner of the hut, whilst stunned all over the roof were beans, one-time inmates of the same empty tin. As Jack pushed his arm further down his neck in a vain search for a red-hot bean, he heard Blue muttering in a faint voice that the next time he warmed beans on a brazier he would first punch a hole in the tin!

The Gardens

There are 978 Cemeteries in France and Belgium, and 546,707 British soldiers sleep in these "corners of a foreign field that are for ever England" with a simple white headstone to mark their resting place, and English flowers to add beauty to the "Gardens of Peace."

There are gardens out in Flanders Where our brothers lie at rest; There are rows and rows of headstones (Countless rows of simple headstones), Marking where we've laid our best.

There are flowers out in Flanders, English roses, white and red; Growing free between the headstones, Tween the rows and rows of headstones, English flowers for our dead. In the gardens out in Flanders, 'Neath the soil for ever ours, Lie out brothers 'neath the headstones, (Countless rows, of simple headstones), And above them, English flowers.

—Alexander Woods.
What did I gain from my War Service?

(By "Camejo")

I had the question put to me the other day by a lad in his early twenties, after I had been trying to tell him that war was not all evil. "Anyhow," said he, "what good did you get out of your service in the war?" It was a question that set me thinking deeply in an endeavour to sort out the personal effect of nearly four years of mostly front line service. I am sending my reply to you, Mr. Editor, with the hope that many returned men will also answer this question through your columns in their own way.

Looking back I see an irresponsible, hasty tempered lad of twenty-one going to war largely for the fun of the thing. First came intense training at Blackboy, with its discipline, which not only hardened my muscles, but taught me that I was a very minor unit—only a splinter in the spoke of the wheel. It taught me true humility and the worth of respect and obedience. From bitter experience I soon learned self-control.

Then came the years of battle, the hell of which taught me to get a little closer to someone's side, and to be just a little more patient, tolerant, and genuinely sympathetic with my comrades. I met men from other countries, and I learned to appreciate their humanity. I fought alongside a battalion of undersized Londoners; men who largely came from the slum areas; men who, from a worldly standpoint, had little to lose, but what wonderful things they were! Because they knew how to live, and to die, with a smile they taught me to be cheerful in the face of adversity. I spent three months in hospital, and there particularly I learned the lesson of courage. There I saw the spirit which could face pain, maimed limbs, sightless eyes, and unhearing ears with a courage mixed with kindness and self-forgetfulness. And there in the midst of pain and death I found true womanhood in our nursing sisters, teaching me the lesson of patience and unfaltering devotion to duty. I also learned the value of co-operation and the need for united effort in the face of a common foe.

And mixing with men under conditions that exposed the soul of man, I learned a lot about human nature.

I discovered:

That because a man appeared to be hard-boiled was no evidence that he did not possess a heart of gold.

That in motive most profanity is an offence against good taste, rather than a sin against the Deity, and that many virtuous men have foul mouths.

That essential gentlemanliness is as apt to be found in the cook's son as in that of the earl's.

That intelligence is not confined to men of academic training.

That a Protestant, or a Catholic, or a Jew is not to be evaluated by his label, but by the fidelity with which he practises his tenets.

That "there is so much good in the worst of us, that and so much—bad in the best of us."

The most vital thing which came out of my war service is that immortal comradeship which grew big when there were no such petty things to divide us as capital and labour, succession and anti-succession, creed or colour.

I returned with a firm feeling of satisfaction that I was a member of the British family, and with a glow of pride in my Australian nationhood. I am grateful for all the experiences and lessons of the war, for the opportunity it gave me to study men and countries, and I know that true patriotism means doing one's duty as a citizen in peace as well as war.

Many of my comrades were so physically injured, and so many of the dependants of those of my mates who lie in "gardens of peace" over there, need my help that it would appear to be rank treachery to fail to accept my share of the common responsibility, and while I last I intend to retain my membership, and do my bit in the Returned Soldiers' League, and also in order to maintain a valued comradeship and to keep fresh the experiences and lessons of the war that were paid for at so hight a cost.

"Though bleeding and torn, a new man was born, in the din of the warning thunder."

I am a better man, please God, because of the things I got out of the war.

(We hope that many of our readers will follow "Camejo's" suggestion, and tell their comrades, through our columns, what they gained from their war service.—Ed., "L.P.")

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(By "Robbo")

"Young man, are you fond of women?"

This startling question was addressed by our Captain Quartermaster, "Old Jerry" Hazlitt, to "Daveo," temporarily orderly in charge of the Dressing Station in the barn at Millencourt. Again boomed out the demand, "Young man, are-you-fond-of-women?" and "Daveo," always remembered by his big "starting-out," eyes, snapped, "I dunno what you mean." "Don't know what I mean? Then what's the meaning of this?" and Jerry strode across to the bag-covered window, ripped down the sack, and revealed a dainty pair of knickers hung across the window, making admirable curtains. You know the kind, two fancy bags on a strip of tape, each "bag" with dainty blue ribbon at the end, just in the manner you'd tie a back curtain! Did "Daveo" start then? My oath, he did—those big eyes of his were easily an inch out of their sockets. "Don't know what I mean, eh? Umph," and Jerry stamped off on his tour of further inspection, snorting.

How did they get there? Well, here's the story.

Anzac Day, 1917, was approaching, and it was decided the Australians and New Zealanders in France should fittingly celebrate the occasion. Our division was just coming "out," and as we were not going back too far, it was decided a sports gathering should be held in the grounds of an old chateau. To add to the fun and try and make us forget the horrors all around, prizes were offered for impersonations of well-known characters (Charlie Chaplin seemed to be the most popular). Prizes were also offered for female impersonations. My unit was settled down in Millencourt some little distance from the sports ground, and as we had good representation in the sporting events, it was thought we should also contribute to the amusements. "Bill" Dickson, a living double for the Charlie so well-known on the screen (he was always recognised by the French kiddies as "Chaplain Charlie") naturally dressed the part, whilst it was suggested I'd make a good mademoiselle because I had curly hair. To obtain the clothes was a job. Marie, in the estaminet, came to the rescue with a white lace frock and shawl, satin shoes with red roses, stockings, and a large hat, which we trimmed with some flowers. But as for lingerie—"Non, non, monsieur, pas lingerie." A wig was "borrowed" unknown to its owners, from a pierrot troupe conveniently close handy.

"If you're going as a girl, Robbo, you must be a proper girl, and don't you must have," so a job was found for young McKinley, in Amiens, and he was duly commissioned to buy all that was necessary. Too true, Mac got them, but he was "stung" when he arrived back, and "pinched" for overstaying his leave.

The day of the sports arrived, and I never forget that long, hot, walk on "Charlie's" arm, with shoes miles too tight, and heels miles too high—and the boys—well, they just would make certain I was properly dressed! Even dear old General Holmes had to make certain, and then "shout" a "French biree," and that was the first of many. All good days come to an end; the prize I got certainly never covered my expenses at the refreshment tents or estaminets, but the walk back to Millencourt was more comfortable than the previous journey, even if I did wear out the feet of Mademoiselle's stockings, carrying her shoes around my neck.

Well, of course, everyone knows how Anzacs collected souvenirs, and so my clothing, or some of it, was "souvenired," but whether "Daveo" souvenired the "curtains" that Jerry objected to is not known, but "curtains" they became.

Sequel: One day in 1919 my wife received a small parcel, with a little note "Ask Robbo where he got 'em." You bet she asked—and was satisfied, and I've still got the "souvenirs" at home, but one blue ribbon is missing.

The Friendly Union of Soldiers' Wives and Mothers

The usual monthly meeting was held at St. George's Hall, on April 6. Mrs. T. C. Wilson addressed the gathering on "The Woman's part in Empire Building." The women of to-day had great responsibilities as the mothers of the future nation. Mrs. Wilson pointed out how the primary productions and industries of the State could be assisted, by the women purchasing locally made goods whenever possible. A keener interest ought also to be taken in the civic life of the State.

During the afternoon members had the opportunity of listening to a short address by Mr. W. M. Hughes, who visited the Union as the old and valued friend of the A.I.F.

A bright, musical programme, arranged by Miss Rene Esler, was followed by afternoon tea. Mrs. C. H. Manning, President, and Mrs. T. C. Wilson both referred in happy terms to the recent affiliation of the Friendly Union with the R.S.I. They were now one large family, with a common interest—the welfare of the returned soldier and his family.
The New Senator

Our Senate retains the name, if not the form, of the old Roman Senate. The name means, literally, an assembly of old men. As with most primitive peoples, the early Romans had some say as to how they were governed, and important decisions were ratified by assemblies of the free men in arms. In all constitutions, whether written or unwritten, procedure is determined very largely by custom and precedent. Custom is the parent of law, and the phrase, “according to the customs of our forefathers” appears frequently in Roman legal writings and documents. The authorities who decided what these customs were and gave rulings on moot points, were the old men of the State. They had lived longer, so they would be more likely to remember what was customary and what was not; for it must be remembered that there were no reference libraries in those days. The senator was looked up to as a man of dignity and integrity, and these qualities have been looked for in rulers and leaders ever since.

Colonel Collett’s military career and his services to the League are so well known that they need not be described in detail here. In replying to the speeches of congratulation made at the State Executive meeting on April 12, he stated that just as a commanding officer was sometimes decorated on account of the unit’s exploits, so he regarded the new honour that has been conferred upon him as much a compliment to the League as to himself. That may be so, but let us not forget that it is very largely through Colonel Collett’s wise leadership and his own personality that the League, today, has a status worthy of having an honour conferred upon it.

Colonel’s untiring zeal and devoted services to both the League and the country has set an example to everyone in the organisation. His ideal of public service, of serving the country in peace, as we served it in war, has found an echo in many hearts. It has been, we firmly believe, in no small measure responsible for the active interest of diggers throughout the State are taking in public affairs. There is hardly an avenue of life, in which one does not find a digger or two taking the lead. Our President has set us a standard of public service and private conduct which is well worthy of imitation. His broad human sympathies has attracted to the League, and kept in it, many whom hard times might other-

wise have forced in to the position of non-membership. Under his guidance a spirit has arisen within the organisation which is more akin to the spirit of the trenches, but which was for some years after the war regretfully absent from its councils. He has steered the League through some troublous times, and there are still indications of troubles ahead which will make us miss his kindly counsel and wise leadership. Under him, we have learned the value of moderation and tolerance. We have learned the folly of tilting at windmills and of dropping the substance to grasp the shadow. The lesson has been driven home so well that now the requests of the League to responsible Ministers are treated with respect, even when they cannot be complied with.

Several papers, commenting upon Colonel Collett’s selection for the Senate vacancy, have drawn attention to his lack of political experience. After all, is political experience the only, or even the main qualification we look for in a statesman. How much political experience had the younger Pitt when he became Prime Minister of Great Britain, at the age of twenty-three? How much experience, either military or political, had Cromwell at the outbreak of the English Civil War? Did the lack of apprenticeship as party hacks prevent them from becoming two of our greatest statesmen? On the other hand, Frederick the Great had a camp mule which had served through twenty campaigns—it remained a camp mule. After all, it is the man rather than length of his experience who counts. Colonel Collett brings to his new sphere of activity an open mind and an unwarped judgment. He has proved himself a leader of men, both abroad and at home. (He is an able and a fearless speaker, an incisive reasoner, and one with the saving grace of humour. Courage, tact, capacity for work, personal integrity, ability in the mental realm, and patriotic selflessness are the qualities we look for in our statesmen, and all these qualities the Senator-Elect possesses in a very marked degree. The country’s gain is our loss, but that cannot be helped. The whole is greater than the part, and we feel that our leader will not be lost to us. We have worked him hard—too hard at times—for in our own regard for him there has been a certain degree of selfishness, but we believe that in his new office he will still be able to render the League valuable service.

We do not think speculations as to his successor desirable at this stage. Colonel Collett will be a hard man to follow. To few men is given the ability to combine so many outstanding qualities, or to hold the esteem of the digger and the general public alike. Fortunately, he will remain in the chair until next Congress.

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Digger A. Glass, treasurer of the Osborne Park sub-branch, has been a patient in the West Suburban Hospital. Typhoid has been the trouble but we are happy to be able to state that he, at last advice, was progressing favourably.

We regret having to record the death of Henry Evans (late 5th Pioneers), secretary of the Boyanup sub-branch, who died in the St. John of God Hospital, Bunbury, on April 2. The deceased was born at York, 44 years ago. He was one of the most popular residents of Boyanup and his death cast a gloom over the whole district, and was buried the following day. The funeral was well attended by ex-service men from Boyanup and other centres. The Bunbury sub-branch was represented by its president, Mr. O. R. Gilbert, and Messrs. N. C. Ryder and A. E. Murray. The guard of honour, under the leadership of the president of the Boyanup sub-branch, Mr. E. P. Ecclestone, was extended from the Soldiers' Memorial to the cemetery, where an impressive service was conducted by the Methodist minister, the Rev. M. Maley. The officiating clergyman said that the departed one had not only served his King and Country, but also the King of Kings. He was a good Christian and his death came as a profound shock to the community, and to the bereaved ones the heart-felt sympathy of all was given. Bagler J. Farnell of Bunbury sounded the Last Post.

At the meeting of the State Executive on April 12, Mr. R. H. Alderson attended by invitation and was presented, at the request of the Boulder sub-branch with a Certificate of Service. Mr. Alderson, who served in the war with the 44th Battalion, was formerly a member of the West Perth sub-branch. On being transferred to the Goldfields by his department, he linked up with the Boulder sub-branch and has been senior vice-president of that sub-branch for two years. His work on behalf of unemployed ex-service men on the Goldfields will be long and gratefully remembered.

Irrespective of political leanings, diggers generally regret the loss to Parliament of Sir James Mitchell. These in the inner circles know that Sir James has always been a firm friend and admirer of the returned soldier. Although outside Parliament, we know that Sir James will continue to serve his State to the best of his ability.

The Canning District Branch, R.S.L., in this State, lost a very valuable member in the passing away on Friday, March 31, of W. Shakespear (late 5th Pioneers). Bill, as he was known to all, was a Past President of the sub-branch, and has missed very few Congresses ever since the R.S.L. has been formed. He was a loyal member, and one who was never afraid to express himself or fight for his comrades. Not only did he serve, but he had two sons who also were on active service, so he did his duty to his country both during the war and since. Men like him we can ill afford to lose. The sympathy of all goes out to his wife and family.

Enquiries have been made to the R.S.L., Perth, concerning the whereabouts of George Stewart, No. 10381, K.O.S.B. He is reported to have come to Western Australia from Scotland, about 1920, and was last heard of in Perth in 1922. Before the war he was in the Lancashire Fusiliers, his Regimental Number being 3436459. Any information regarding this man would be welcomed by the R.S.L., who will forward it to his mother in Scotland.

One of the Listening Post's valued contributors, E. St. Ives Bilston, of Wagin, is a proud father once more. Our old friend has not been receiving a visit from the stock, but his son, Kenneth, is now Bilton, B.A., Dip.Ed., and President of the University Debating Society, has just been appointed by the Federal Government to a position in the Public Service of the Territory of New Guinea. Out of 2,126 applicants, ten were selected, and of these ten, two were West Australians, the other successful applicant being Harry Edward Hamilton. K. W. Bilston, who is now 22 years of age, has had a distinguished academic career. From Guildford Grammar School he won an exhibition for the University, where he won a Hackett Bursary, and took his B.A. degree with honours over a year ago. At the last graduation ceremony he received the Diploma of Education. Under his leadership the Varsity Debating Society won the shield from the Judaean Society, who had held it for two years. His father, who has now linked up with the Wagin Sub-branch, visited us during the month, and seems much improved in health after his recent illness.

Cardiff Sub-branch has just sustained a serious loss in the death of its Secretary, Mr. Reuben Pritchard. The deceased, who served with the Tunnellers in the war, has been secretary of the Cardiff Sub-branch since its formation about ten years ago. During his period of office he was very keen, and worked hard to maintain the sub-branch as a separate entity. He engaged actively in the public life of the community, and occupied a prominent position in local industrial circles. His loss will be keenly felt by the sub-branch and the district, and we tender our sincere sympathy and condolences to the bereaved relatives.

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The recent general elections emptied a few saddles of returned soldier members, but the little quota of digger legislators has received reinforcements, and remains almost at the same strength as in last Parliament. The present Parliament includes Alec. Panton, of Leederville, who, we are delighted to learn, has been elevated to the Speakership; Charlie Latham (York), who will most probably be the new Leader of the Opposition; Veteran Arthur Wilson, of Collie; Charles North, who retained the Claremont seat; Lin Thorne (Toodyay), and Ross McLaren (Murray-Wellington), who were returned unopposed; A. R. "Coverley (Kimberley), and Vic. Doney (Williams-Narrogin). The new digger members are Fred L. Warner (Mt. Marshall), Ross McDonald (West Perth), J. D. Maloney (Subiaco), and H. S. Seward (Pingelly). While heartily congratulating the successful candidates on both sides of the House, we extend our condolences to the losers. Hubert Parker, who succeeded Mr. T. A. L. Davey as Attorney-General, was unseated at Fremantle. Ted Corboy lost out in the pre-selection ballot, and H. E. Wells lost Canning after a hard fight. There were also many good diggers who had their first flutter at this election.

The Listening Post's old friend, "Dick" Law, is to be congratulated on the fight he put up for the Avon seat. We wish him better luck next time, especially as a little bird has told us that the Labour Party intends grooming him for the next Federal Elections. Among those who won golden opinions in the electorates they contested, even if the road did not lead as far as Harvest Terrace, were Kaye Perrin, in Canning; Charliet Plunkett, in Maylands; Jim Keightley, in Southern Cross; Colonel Nicholson, in Moors; Drake Brockman, in Middle Swan; Calder Crowther, in Guildford; C. L. Elsegood, in Pinjéigley; Fred Knapp, in Nelson; J. T. Blair, in West Perth; C. H. Briggs, in Claremont; W. R. Orr, in Swan; Paul McGuiness, in Greenough, and others. With the evergreen Jim Cornell in the Legislative Council, the digger members now number thirteen, as against fourteen in the last Parliament. There were three digger ministers in the last cabinet, but, unfortunately, there are none in the new cabinet.

A member of the Tingledale, Hazelwood Sub-branch, No. 3589469, Sergeant E. J. Pyle, 1st Battalion, Border Regiment, who landed at Gallipoli on April 25, 1915, with the famous 29th Division, wants to get into touch with others of that division. Financial conditions will probably prevent him from being in Perth on Anzac Day, but he would like to get into communication with men of his own division to see if arrangements can be made to be present at the march.

One of the little acts of kindness, which make one think that the world is not such a bad old joint after all, occurred last week when Mr. Peter Dawson, the famous singer, who was also a digger, went along with Mr. Alec. Panton, and sang for the boys in Number 11 Ward of the Perth General Hospital. Mr. Peter Dawson is an Australian of whom we are all justifiably proud. Not only is he a famous singer, but judging by his performances at Legacy and Press Sub-branch luncheons, he is a witty and entertaining after-dinner speaker, added to which he has the kindliness and human sympathy which impelled him to visit and cheer the lot of less fortunate comrades. He will be in Kalgoorlie on Anzac Day, when he will march with the boys.

28th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

At the last monthly meeting of the Association Executive, reference was made to the honor conferred on Colonel Collett, C.O. of the unit abroad and Patron of the Association, in being appointed to the Senate of the Commonwealth, an honor ex-service men throughout Western Australia will applaud, as apart from the Colonel's personality, it is an expression of appreciation of the public service rendered by the League of which the Colonel has for a number of years been President.

Ex-members of the Battalion will on Anzac Day fall-in at 9.30 a.m. on the Cathedral side of St. George's Terrace, where a flag bearing the unit colour patch will be set up.

Lt.-Col. Dunkley will be in charge of the parade. Last year the unit was second in numerical strength, the parade slate showing 290, and it is hoped to improve this figure on this occasion.

The practice of placing color patches on the trees commemorating its fallen members in Honor Avenue, King's Park, will be carried out this year during the evening preceding Anzac Day.

Mount Lawley and North Perth Sub-branches will assemble at the State Theatre, at 2.30 p.m., on Anzac Day, and march to the Mt. Lawley War Memorial. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend the service at 3 o'clock sharp at the Memorial. A big parade of Scouts and Girl Guides has been called, and the North Perth Band, Salvation Army, and Scottish Pipers will supply the music. Padre Vines will conduct the proceedings.

Mr. Lawley are holding a "Get to Know Each Other" Social on Saturday, April 29, in St. Alban's Hall, at 8 p.m. A good programme and an interesting evening is assured. All members and friends are invited to attend.

We have been requested to remind all Light-horsemen and Camelers to fall in with the 10th Light Horse Billizacs on Anzac Day, and so keep the old Gipps flag flying.


Varia

T.Y.T. writes from Bullfinch (April 9):

I attended a joint meeting to-day of the R.S.L. & S.S.L. Sitting in that hall, my memory went back to the days when I was as the S.S.L. members present. Sons of Sailors' and Soldiers, sons of men who had dared all, on the seven seas, in India, in South Africa, in China, Mens men, men who served the world over, and I felt that the S.S.L. is the best guarantee possible that, when, through time, the veterans are few, those few would be well looked after, and their dues for "services rendered" safeguarded. I felt proud of those young men, and realised how foolish are the criticisms levelled at the S.S.L. Does man dare to say that these sons will make and be inferior citizens of our Empire to the sons of a grocer's manager, who, during the war, became, in four days, a munitions inspector; or the tailor's cutter who blossomed into a forage officer, or the man who received the O.B.E. after making a fortune out of cornering beans and rice. No, sir! Our sons are men who are, and will be, prepared to do their duty, to suffer and die if needs be, so that duty be done faithfully, "Foster the War Spirit," rubbish. We detest war almost as much as we detest funk hole rabbits. We salute the S.S.L.; may it prosper and perpetuate the spirit of real comradship.

J.H.B. writes:—Anzac Day, 1916, saw the 4th Division lying on the canal at Serapeium. We were visited by the General Staff, including Prince Teddy, so the "heads" decided to do us proud, and organised a big aquatic sports for the troops. A feature of the afternoon was to be a "Smoker" for the officers while the boys were away enjoying themselves. Sergeant X and his three cobbers heard the tinkle of glasses inside the big marquee as we marched down to the canal, and decided that it sounded good. All was going well as four sleeky forms sneaked up over the bank and headed for the camp, and marched up to the door of the big tent, which had been left in charge of two barmen. "Colonel Ross and Lieutenant Blank have fallen in the water, and have sent us up to tell you blokes to take down some dry clothes," said X. "We are to hold the fort here till you get back." Away trotted the barmen with the clothes, whilst our four heroes quickly got a move on with the greg. A few minutes later all the officers streamed into camp with a thirst that would make a navvy blush. An empty tent awaited them. Next morning, as all good 1st men will remember, and for three successive mornings, we were treated to a solemn lecture, entitled "Who pinched the General's beer?"

Colonel Collett’s Acknowledgements

Colonel Collett writes:

The announcement that the State Government had appointed me to fill the vacancy in the Senate of the Commonwealth Parliament, caused by the resignation of Sir H. P. Colebatch, has placed me in the position of being a recipient of many acts of kindness from sub-branches and individual members of the League.

The number of letters and telegrams of congratulation and good wishes sent to me renders personal replies an impossibility for the present. I would, therefore, like to avail myself of your courtesy in order to express through the Listening Post my most grateful acknowledgements.

During his broadcast speech, the night before the elections, Mr. Norbert Keenan repeatedly referred to the "louise" this State was suffering under Federation. Apparently when we get the new dominion we are to have a new language with it.

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State Executive Meetings

March 29, 1933

At the meeting of the State Executive on Wednesday, March 29, there were present Messrs. Collett, Riley, Freedman, Philp, Olden, Nugent, Lovell, Tozer, Edmonds, Marigold, Zeffert, Farquharson, Aberle and McDowell. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Fairley, Panton, Denton and Watt.

Sir Donald Cameron.—The State President advised that an invitation had been extended to Sir Donald Cameron to meet members of the Executive at a combined luncheon of the League and the Legacy Club. A previous engagement prevented Sir Donald from accepting this invitation.

Imperial Service Pensions.—Delegates were advised that Imperial Service pensions were exempt under the Income Tax Acts. They were considered to be in the same category as State or Commonwealth Superannuation or Service pensions and therefore taxable under the Acts. It was decided to advise the Norwood Sub-branch of this ruling.

Visits.—The State Secretary reported having visited officially the following sub-branches: York Quarter, Bruce Rock, Ardath, Mundaring, Merredin, Burringcup, Westonia, Southern Cross, Moorine Rock, Bullfinch and Kellerberrin.

Anzac Day Committee.—The State President reported that arrangements had been made for a wreath from the 29th Division to be laid at the Dawn Service. It was also advised that the forenoon march would be diverted to Murray Street. It was resolved that the State Executive should march as a unit. The matter of the Address at the Esplanade service was left in the President's hands.

The Pensions' Committee reported that a deputation had waited upon the Lotteries' Commission with regard to preference to returned soldiers in employment under the Commission. It was agreed that the Pensions and Employment Committees should watch the position in order to see that the preference principle was carried out.

Tomato Week.—Mr. Fezer reported on Tomato Week, which commenced on April 1. On his motion, seconded by Mr. Nugent, it was agreed that the Executive should commend the idea of Tomato Week and urge sub-branches and women's auxiliaries to support local products.

Incorporation.—Communications requesting permission to become incorporated were received from the Collie Sub-branch and the Victoria-Park Sub-branch. On the motion of Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Archdeacon Riley, it was agreed that both requests be referred to the League's solicitor for final opinion.

Secession.—The Federal President had circulated branches on the matter of secession and requested permission to issue an appeal in Western Australia, advising soldiers and their relatives to consider the pros and cons against secession. He had been advised that the New South Wales Branch considered secessionists as well as anti-secessionists, and that such an action would be likely to divide the League. At two previous State Congress meetings oh the agenda paper which, if carried, would have committed the League to one side or the other, were ruled out of order. Telegrams to and from the Eastern States were read out.

It was agreed that the Federal Executive should be advised that the Prime Minister was entertained by the State Executive at a complimentary luncheon and that he, realising the neutrality of the League on this question, refrained from mentioning the purpose of his visit to the League.

Certificate of Service.—R. H. Alderson: The Boulder Sub-branch advised that Mr. R. H. Alderson was in Perth and desired that he be presented with the Certificate of Service. It was agreed that the matter be left in the hands of the State Secretary.

Member, Repatriation Department.—The organising committee of Repatriation Department officials advised that a bridge and rummy evening was being held at the Institute on April 6 to assist the wife and family of a member of the staff, who is at present in a low state of health.

Adaptation.—The Queensland Branch requested the support of the Western Australian Branch for a motion concerning adequate defence of Australia, which was submitted to the Federal Executive meeting.

W. A. Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief Fund.—The Perth Sub-branch requested that action be taken to prevent the Commonwealth Government from taking into consideration benefits from this fund when dealing with Old Age and Invalid Pensions. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee for a draft of a resolution to be submitted to next Congress and subsequently to Federal Congress.

Donations.—The Lake King Sub-branch protested against the Executive requesting donations for memorials, etc. The matter was left in the hands of the State Secretary.

General.—Mrs. Whitall founded an amount of £1 4s. 3d., being the balance of funds in the Women's Auxiliary, as a donation to Anzac House. The minutes of a meeting of the No. 4 District Committee, held on March 24, and the President's report, were referred to the Land Committee.

Mr. M. E. Zeffert tendered his resignation from the State Executive on account of pressure of private business. The resignation was accepted with keen regret. It was agreed that the next on the list be written to and asked to fill the vacancy.

Rabbi Freedman reported having visited the Mt. Lawley Sub-branch. Mr. Philip reported having visited the Kelmscott Sub-branch. Mr. Edmonds reported having visited the Maylands Sub-branch. Archdeacon Riley reported having attended sub-branch meetings at Bunbury, Nungarin, Morawa, Bencubbin and Koorda.

April 2, 1933

At the meeting on April 12, there were present Messrs. Collett, Riley, Yeates, Freedman, Philp, Olden, Watt, Lovell, Tozer, Pady, Marigold, Edmonds, Mellor, Farquharson, Aberle, McDowell, White and Collins. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Fairley, Panton, Denton and Hunt.

State President.—Rabbi Freedman proposed a motion congratulating Colonel Collett on his selection as Senator for this State in place of Sir Hal Colebatch. The Rabbi's complimentary remarks were seconded by Archdeacon Riley and supported by Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Edmonds, Pady, Marigold and Watt. The motion was carried with acclamation. In responding, Colonel Collett intimated that he had received so many letters and telegrams of congratulation that he did not know how he was going to reply to them all. (A voice: "In the bereavement notices.") He hoped that everyone would accept his sincere thanks. Colonel Collett then formally tendered his resignation as President.

Archdeacon Riley moved, and Mr. Yeates seconded, that this Executive requests the State President to withdraw his resignation and continue to occupy the position of President until next Congress. The motion was carried unanimously and Colonel Collett agreed to complete his term of office.

Presentation.—On behalf of the Boulder Sub-branch, Mr. R. H. Alderson was presented with a Certificate of Service.

New Delegates.—Captain C. R. Collins, the new delegate to the Executive, who succeeds Mr. M. E. Zeffert, was formally welcomed.

Management Committee.—Mr. Wilkins was appointed to the Finance Committee in place of Mr. Zeffert.

Several invitations were referred to the Committee.

Representatives of the Women's Auxiliary State Executive had interviewed the Management Committee about disputes which might arise between...
between auxiliaries and sub-branches. They requested that such matters should be left in their hands. The representatives were informed that in no case could this be done, as the sub-branch's interests were involved, and that the motion was agreed, however, that in cases of internal disputes within the women's auxiliaries, these should be dealt with by their own State Executive.

The report was adopted.

Anzac Day Committee.—A progress report of the arrangements for Anzac Day was received. Mr. Watt was appointed to represent the League at the Belmont service; Messrs. Edmonds and Birtwhistle at the Ross Memorial Church on April 23. A representative will be arranged for the Mundijong service. Mr. Farquharson was to attend Carlisle and Victoria Park services. It was agreed this General Hobbs be asked to lead the Legacy Club children in the march on Anzac Day. It was also agreed that Mr. F. G. Shand be asked to represent the W.A. Branch at the service in Sydney, Mr. Z. F. Freeman in Adelaide, and Mr. Charles Taylor, in Melbourne.

Land Committee.—Yeates submitted a report of the Land Committee, which dealt with individual cases and requested that where official deputations are to be made, responsibility be given to responsible Ministers, the District Committee to be invited to appoint a representative to the deputation. This is to be applied to district committees operating in wheat, wool and dairying centres. The report was adopted and it was agreed that the expenses of the delegate from each centre should be paid by the State Executive.

State War Memorial.—A report from the State President's, report on behalf of the State War Memorial Committee, approval was granted for the expenditure of £12 2s. 6d. for alterations to the drainage system of the Memorial; £121 16s. for waterproofing the platform; and £72 10s. 4d. in payment of an outstanding account.

The State Secretary reported having visited the East Fremantle Sub-branch. The report was adopted.

Mr. Yeates, who acted as delegate at the recent meeting of the Federal Executive, tendered his report, which was discussed. With the motion of Archdeacon Riley and Rabbi Freedman, he was accorded a vote of thanks for his services.

B.S.L. Conference.—In his report, Mr. Yeates advised that Mr. L. A. Robbins (N.S.W.) and Rabbi Freedman, had been appointed delegates to the B.S.L. Conference, which will be held in London on July 25, 1933. Rabbi Freedman stated that he had received official notification to this effect.

Empire Shopping Week.—The Empire Shopping and Trading Council asked that the League consider the question of entering a tableau or float in the Empire Prosperity Procession, to be held on May 24. The Executive approved of the idea and it was agreed to ask a sub-branch to comply with the procession. The motion of Messrs. Watt and Yeates, it was agreed that the usual donation of £5 be forwarded to the Empire Shopping Council.

General.—The Perth Sub-branch submitted information about the non-appointment of qualified telephone mechanics in the F.M.G.'s Department. The matter was referred to the Pensions' Committee.

Bruce Rock Sub-branch advised that it approved of the amount of money remitted by its Auxiliaries for that purpose being allowed to remain in the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust. Approval was given for the formation of new sub-branches at Esperance and Ararat.

Appointments of officials in the Southern Cross, Yandana and Kalgoorlie Sub-branches were considered.

The Mr. Hawthorne-Leederville Sub-branch requested a ruling as to what capitulation fees should be paid on arrears of subscriptions. It had been pointed out by the State Secretary that the fees were based on the motion of Messrs. Lovell and Wilkins, the State Executive's action was endorsed, and he was instructed to make a further explanation to the sub-branch.

The Women's Auxiliary advised the bridge evening would be held on April 20, and that they requested Executive delegates to be present.

The secretary of the committee which cared for the Wargambling war memorial advised that the gardening work in connection with the memorial was always undertaken by a local lady, Mrs. H. Kippen. At the request of the Secretary it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Kippen.

Mr. J. S. Whittam forwarded a communication concerning the League's inactivity in regard to the Selection referendum campaign. Mr. Whittam pointed out that the Operation of the R.S.L. should have a lead to ex-service men. It was decided on the motion of Messrs. Watt and Yeates that the reply be left to the State Secretary and that Mr. Whittam be advised that the State Congress had already decided on this matter.

Obituary.—Advice was received of the death of two sub-branch secretaries, Mr. R. C. Pritchard, of Cardiff, and Mr. H. Evans, of Boyup. A resolution of condolence was carried with Executive delegates standing.

Group Settlers' Sons.—With reference to the information received from the Northcliffe Sub-branch in this matter, representations had been made to the Agricultural Bank. The General Manager replied that this matter had already been discussed with group settlers and that the Trustees were endeavouring to assist. The matter was referred to the Land Committee.

Congratulations.—On the motion of Archdeacon Riley and Mr. Kinder, the Executive agreed to extend its congratulations to the successful ex-service candidates in the recent election and regrets to those who were unsuccessful.

Notice of Motion.—Colonel Olden gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting that this Executive approach the Government with a view to having legislation brought forward in the near future whereby all funds received and accumulated during the past years for the amelioration of returned soldiers, sailors and nurses, be concentrated in one central fund to be administered by the State Branch of the R.S.L.

Moorpark.—Archdeacon Riley having visited the Moorpark Sub-branch.

Next Meeting.—In view of the fact that the date of the next meeting is the day following Anzac Day, and, for many reasons it was not considered desirable to hold a meeting that night, it was left to the Management Committee to call a meeting during the next fortnight if necessary.

Anzac Day.—Mr. Watt, President of the Legacy Club, extended an invitation to the Executive delegates to attend the Legacy Luncheon on Anzac Day, as paying guests. It was agreed that the invitation be accepted by as many as possible.

Women's Auxiliaries

MaTHERS OF ANZAC

The Mothers of Anzacs! Let us give them a special thought during our services of remembrance. They were called upon early to play their part, and they did it with the same courage, patience, and endurance as did their sons. Although the reflected glory of the landing was theirs, it was overshadowed by the toll taken of their boys. Feverishly they worked to send the best of comforts to the troops and to keep things going as usual at home. Many a time they were anxious, saddened and grief-stricken, but they did not complain. They were there to welcome back their sons, or perhaps only the comrades of those sons. And, now, after eighteen years, those indomitable mothers are amongst the most loyal and busiest workers in the cause of the returned soldier and his family. All honour to them, brave mothers of brave sons!

In a little village, among the Pyrenees, of Southern France, stands a war memorial. It has been fashioned by a famous sculptor, a native of the district. On a pedestal stands a peasant woman holding up the corner of her apron, which has been full of flowers. But many of the blooms have fallen to the ground at her feet. Surely a beautiful tribute to all war-time mothers!

STATE EXECUTIVE

At the meeting of the State Executive held on the 10th April, the resignation of Mrs. T. E. F. Marshall on account of ill-health, was received with great regret. Mrs. Marshall has held the position of Vice-President since the inauguration of the State Executive in 1928. Her clear judgment and wise counsel have always been valued highly by her fellow-members and her resignation means a considerable loss to the Executive. We wish her a speedy recovery to good health again.

Mrs. Kirby will become Vice-President in her place.

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stead and Mrs. Randall of Nedlands, will fill the vacancy on the committee.

Two motor outings have taken place during the month. The Lemon patients were driven to Scarboro' where they witnessed the Life-saving Caravan. Tea was served at the R.S.L. Institute by the Miss Hawthorn Auxiliary, assisted by the sub-branch. Patients from the Disal ward were entertained at the Hotel Kalamunda, on the 24th April, by members of the Darling Range Auxiliary. In spite of a very wet day, the trip was most enjoyable.

EXHIBITION OF WORK

Eighteen auxiliaries were represented at a united meeting held on the 20th March, to discuss the forthcoming exhibition (Item 14; Conference Agenda). It is hoped that this exhibition will take place at the Institute on the Friday and Saturday preceding the annual Conference. Only auxiliary members will be eligible to compete.

In order that members may receive instruction in the art of basket-making, knitting, fancy work and toy-making, classes are held at the Institute fortnightly—Wednesday evenings, 7.10. Instructors will also visit auxiliaries if desired. Wherever a club of instruction is held the small charge of 3d. per member is to be levied, which goes to the Exhibition fund. Auxiliaries will also be required to pay the expenses of the visiting instructor.

Two classes have already been held at the Institute, Meddames Haigh and Smith had many eager pupils in basket-making, and Mrs. Dean aided the knitters. The next class will be on the 26th April. Members are asked to bring their materials with them.

Members of the Miss Hawthorn Auxiliary have promised to give instruction in toy-making during the month of May. Arrangements for the exhibition are in the hands of the Management Committee of the Women's Auxiliary State Executive.

PICNIC TO CEVERSHAM HOUSE

The combined auxiliary picnic to Caversham House is now regarded as an annual event. This year, it took place on Saturday, 18th March. Col. and Mrs. Wilson welcomed the members as they arrived in buses and private cars. Refreshment was found under the olive trees, where a table was loaded with luscious pears and grapes. The swimmers and tennis players had an enjoyable time, likewise the spectators! The ladies' swimming race was won by Mrs. McCallum, while in the one promoted for the younger set, Jean McKinlay came first.

Tea was served on the lawn where members sat in groups, picnic fashion. Thereafter, Mrs. Wilson led the way to the beautiful old fig trees which were then in full bearing. A variation to the usual flat race was a walking race, won by Mrs. Cliff, and a mixed shoe race; Mrs. Hetherington finding her limit. After the prize-giving, Mrs. Philip and Mrs. Richmond, on behalf of those present, expressed their appreciation of the great kindness and hospitality shown to the auxiliaries by Mrs. Wilson.

An impromptu concert followed, with Mrs. Irvine at the piano; there was community singing and soloi by Col. Wilson, Mrs. Grieve and Mrs. Ottaway. Mrs. Liddington recited Sir Roger de Coverley, as the finale, ended a very happy afternoon.

BULLFINCH

The Bullfinch Sub-branch of the Women's Auxiliary of the R.S.L. was formed during the month, at a meeting held at Mrs. Scott's. Fifteen members were enrolled and is says much for the real enthusiasm of the Ladies, that the wet, cold day did not stop them—attending the meeting (some travelled twelve miles single journey by truck or cart).

The first President is Mrs. O. B. Hoffman, East Bullfinch, and the first Secretary, Mrs. R. Baird, Bullfinch. The election of Vice-President and Treasurer was held over until next meeting, when it is hoped to have a fine day and a much larger attendance.

Mrs. Scott entertained the ladies and their men folk to tea.

WAGIN

Evench parties are still being held fortnightly, the proceeds of which are used to alleviate distress amongst the women and children.

On December 19, a Christmas tree was held for returned soldiers' and sailors' children (10 years and under). One hundred and eight children received presents from Father Christmas. Each child sat down to sumptuous refreshments which included cool drinks and sweets. In conclusion about fifty parents joined in, the children in games, singing, dancing, and a very merry evening was spent among young and old. No charge was made to either children or adults for the evening's entertainment.

Two adults and seven children have received assistance with clothing and boots. A guinea was donated to the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust Fund, and one fallen soldier's son received a very useful parcel of books from the Fund.

A very pleasant evening was held on February 21, when a united Auxiliary and R.S.L. social took place at the W.A. Hall. Among the activities were whist drives, pool, and a raffle; and the proceeds were received by a representative of the Auxiliary. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, of the Auxiliary, were present to receive the proceeds.

More of these socials are mooted, with the object of obtaining new members, keeping old ones, and generally helping to keep the R.S.L. and Auxiliary together and the old flag flying.

Bullfinch was given to a member, who recently returned from a trip to England. The President presented the member with a Doulton jug as a small token of appreciation of her past good work.

Much regret was expressed at the sudden death of Mr. Murphy, a past Vice-President of our branch. She was a very energetic worker for the Cause and for other interests for the good of the town.

Very keen interest is still being maintained by members, and the branch is in a fairly financial position.

Meetings are held on the last Friday of each month, at the Road Board Hall.

NANNUP

A large gathering took place on Thursday, March 18, at Mrs. Shill's residence. Things have been very quiet for a couple of months, but once more distressed cases are under notice. Two being fixed up at the meeting. It was decided to hold a series of card evenings, once a fortnight, charging a small sum for admission, and the ladies of the Auxiliary to provide the supper. These evenings are to commence on Wednesday, March 29. A good prize will be given at the last evening for highest score.

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Sub-Branch Notes
WEST LEEDERVILLE
The West Leederville Sub-branch of the R.S.L. will be conducted an Anzac In Memoriam Service onтhe afternoon of Anzac Day. At 2.11 p.m. all returned soldiers in the district are invited to parade at the corner of Oxford and Newcastle Streets, move off at 2.30 p.m. and march to the Town Hall. The local Salvation Army Band have again offered their services and will head the march and provide the music for the service. Local militia, Boy Scouts, and Girl Guides are also invited to take part in this parade. At 3 p.m. the service commences in the Town Hall, Cambridge Street, West Leederville, and following on an Address, which will be given by the Rev. R. C. Foyster, M.A., B.D., ex-Chaplain of the 31st Battalion, the final part of the service will be conducted in the War Memorial grounds adjoining the Town Hall, when the ceremony of laying of wreaths will take place. Relatives and friends wishing to lay wreaths on the memorial can do so at any time during Anzac Day. Members of the public may bring the portion of the service held in the Memorial grounds. Full information in this respect can be obtained from the sub-branch President, Secretary, Executive officers and the caretaker of the Town Hall. The local clergy of all denominations are invited to take a seat on the platform. Special seats will also be reserved in the hall for aged relatives and incapacitated soldiers. The various Churches of the district have formed a combined choir, under the baton of Mr. Jack Hasham.

NORTH PERTH
A Digger's Diary
(With profound apologies to the shades of Samuel Pepys)
March 14th—1, with other North Perth members, to Nedlands Sub-branch. There by invitation to play games and hear a lecture by Mr. Hubert, Opperman, a man of much cycle fame. Three motor coaches crammed full did go. I might add when to Nedlands come, it being a ride—be little comfort: the meeting—hall we find such crowd of company that there be no room to stand almost. A Nedlands member did very civilly press me to accept his seat, which I did with thanks to him. This courtesy, I did observe, was shown to all visitors, which was a pleasant thing to see. A fine lecture with lantern slides of Mr. Opperman racing in foreign lands. By and by to playing of games and supper with Mr. Waller and chosen Hawke in good content of having spent a pleasant evening in so excellent a company.

20th—This night, I to sub-branch general meeting. Mr. Secretary Hawkins in report did declare we have no member on the roll. They by name being Mr. S. J. Munday, 14th Bn.; T. Elder, 7th A.F.C.; T. Copley, 11th Bn.; G. Davey, 3rd A.G.H.; T. Moorehouse, 1st A.G.M.; F. McAdams, 7th Bn.; A. Richards, 19th Bn.; G. Copley, 2nd A.G.H.; J. Edmondson, the sub-branch decided to ask Mr. Hawkins to draw a design for the League Certificate of Service competition. This, I am pleased at, he being a gentleman of much knowledge of art and a man great hope that he carry off the prize. 25th—With Mr. J. B. Beaven, a private motor coach, to Mr. Lawley Sub-branch concert. Among the company there I did spy many gentlemen of quality, some of whom did speak with merry jest and cause much sport. A very pleasant evening and a fine dinner of ale with much good things to eat. Mr. J. K. Graze (Mr. Lawley Secretary) methinks should be pleased at heart of so successful a night. Home in very good condition about midnight.

24th—News of Mr. and Mrs. C. Western's little daughter, Shirley, having been ill in hospital some days past, but is now home with her parents, and almost well again, which I am pleased at heart.

April 3rd—To sub-branch card evening, first of this season. There I met Mr. Johnnie Johnson and his wife, the having been ill in health of late but now feeling better, which I hope she will continue to do and improve with time. A pleasant evening at cards. These evening will continue the first Monday of each month through the winter.

9th—To general committee, much discourse of Anzac Day and other business. Home to dinner, thence with Mr. Les Hetherington, by his motor coach, to Wellington Square; North Perth to play weekly men of the Sports Grounds for cricket. Lord! was ever such a wet, cold day for cricket, the players to run off the ground at every shower, and shelter near the ale barrel. North Perth to win by 16 runs—in the game, I mean, not to the barrel.

12th—I to Mr. Middlesex's boot—repair shop, it being my birthday yesterday (legs eleven), and his on the morrow (devil's own). So, we drink to each other between days, and say to other men we be cause for jest, being born in 'fools' month.

13th—News that our tennis team did win handsomely from Roseneath team, Wednesday last. Did hear the story how Mr. Keith Davis, some days past, did get a toe-cut off, while he was playing tennis, a cut from a wagon that met with accident. It dropped his foot with mighty weight. This I am sorry at, and methinks it poor reward when helping another in trouble.

16th—Did plant sweet peas against the sub-branch show this year. Did plant a few only, but will do more next week and so on. So, will have blooms at the right time, and not too soon or too late. A cunning move methinks which I will keep mighty secret.

YANDANOOKA
The annual meeting was held in the Yandanoaka Hall, on March 18, when reports from the Branch and Secretary were read. Election of officers for the ensuing year—resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J. A. Brown; Vice-President, Mr. N. M. Noble; Secretary, Mr. E. Y. Taylor; Auditor, Mr. P. C. Neville; Committee, Messrs. Lynch, Whelan, C. Dowmes, and S. H. Wettenhall. Wickham, Chairman.

It was resolved that all arrangements for Anzac Day be left to the Committee, and that the service be conducted wholly by the sub-branch. A social is being arranged to entertain the ladies of the district, and a grand ball will be held about the end of April. The President was empowered to make arrangements for a meeting to receive the State Secretary on his expected arrival. The local members on the Mingenew Road Board, the President and Secretary, were accorded a vote of confidence.

GASCOYNE
At the monthly meeting held at the Gascoyne Hotel, on February 6, a fair number of members were present. In the absence of Mr. C. R. Cornish (President), Mr. McCracken, Vice-President, occupied the chair, the recent addition to the local membership was read and discussed at great length. Members of this sub-branch are in accord with the suggestion concerning the Edith Cowan Memorial (that members pay a contribution of 2d. towards the memorial).

Again the North-West disabilities question arose, after being held over from two previous meetings. It was decided that delegates from this sub-branch be requested to meet the Mayor (Mr. Egan) to discuss the matter further, and to call a meeting of the delegates of the various bodies concerned. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Gascoyne-Minilya Road Board, the Upper Gascoyne Road Board, and Pastoralists' Association.

A number of sub-branches of the R.S.L. have their own room, where members meet. A motion in favour of this sub-branch renting a building or procuring a room where members could meet, was lost, as funds are low.

Mr. R. W. Gratwick, the past Secretary, has suffered a bereavement in the loss of his wife. Members of the sub-branch and friends in the city tender the bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

A number of diggers who have lost their discharges, etc., might do well to apply at Base Records, Melbourne. The writer has been handed his after being lost for "contemptuous" years.

EAST FREMANTLE
Remembrance Service will be conducted by the East Fremantle Sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League at the Fremantle Cemetery, on the morning of Anzac Day, at 9.30 a.m. The service takes the form of a floral service, when flowers are sent by the relatives and friends are consecrated. They are then placed by members of the branch and Women's Auxiliary, and a bunch is placed on each soldier's grave in the cemetery. These flowers are sent by the relatives and friends of the men buried there. An invitation is extended to any relatives or friends to send flowers or a token to the cemetery on the morning of Anzac Day, when they will be taken

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CANNING-DISTRICT

To encourage the children of the district, the sub-branch presented a shield to the four local schools to be competed for at cricket. This year the Convent School again secured the shield. Medals are also given to the best bowler and best batsman. These were won by G. Beale, of East Cannington, for bowling, and J. McCormack, of Convent School, for batting. A medal for the best all round player was won by I. Kerner, of East Fremantle School.

It is pleasing to be able to report that this sub-branch has improved considerably during the last few months. Many interesting debates are being held, and silent members are coming out of their shells and holding their own in debate.

ARMADALE

The sub-branch held a smoke in the Armadale Hall, on Thursday, March 9. This social was the first held for a number of years, and for the purpose of getting the diggers together once more. As a result, five new members joined up. The total membership now totals 22. Over 60 were present, including the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson), Mr. L. J. Dowell representing the State President; Mr. J. Abernethy (Acting Chairman of the Road Board), Mr. Atkin, Town Ward member; representatives of Kelscott, Mundijong, and other branches. Numerous toasts were honoured, and items of harmony were rendered by Messrs. Birch, Collin, Millett, McCarthy, Cloutt, and the orchestra.

A vote of thanks was carried to the orchestra, who gave their services free. Community singing was indulged in, and many old digger songs revived. Items of music and singing made the evening go with a swing, and it proved a great success.

Mr. D. M. Benson, State Secretary, and Mr. McDowell gave fine addresses, and the responses to speeches were appreciated by all present. The evening was run at the low cost of 1/6 a head, with the object of permitting all to attend, and to join up with the branch. This object was realised in increased membership, and thus the evening, financially, was assured.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month.

CLAREMONT

Attendance at monthly gatherings is increasing and the sub-branch membership is on the up grade. A special trophy has been presented by Vice-President Keeney for the most points gained by members who obtain new members of the League. Social activities in the past month have been most successful. On April 6 the Women's Auxiliary met the sub-branch at indoor bowls and an enjoyable evening was spent. A social and dance has been arranged for Thursday, April 27, at which all diggers and their friends are invited.

On May 18 a monster bridge evening will be held in aid of the scholarship fund, at which a large attendance is expected.

The Building Committee has formulated a plan and is busy working for the erection of a club-room. Gala days, etc., are being arranged.

A comprehensive programme has been drawn up for Anzac Day, and the sub-branch will hold a service in the park on that day.

On Saturday, April 23, Anzac Day, a parade of members combined with the Women's Auxiliary, will be held at the Church of England, Claremont, when an appropriate service will be held.

In conformity with its policy of helping public movements in the district, the Women's Auxiliary with some assistance from the sub-branch, took charge of the afternoon tea section of the Baby Health Centre Fete, on Saturday, April 8, and the splendid work of this committee resulted in a substantial addition to the funds of the Centre.

WAGIN

At the monthly meeting, on March 10, arrangements for Anzac Day were finalised. The Fallen Soldiers' Monument, where the service is usually held, is in apple-pie order; and everything points to the gathering being a record one. Mr. Ainsworth, Vice-President, who gave a stirring address last Anzac Day, has been requested to deliver something similar this year.

The resignation of President Shenton, both as office-bearer and member of the sub-branch, was accepted with regret.

Quite a glow was cast over the town and locality when it became known that Sister Brown, wife of Wigan's popular Town Clerk, had passed away in the local hospital.

The deceased lady, who was beloved by all who were sufficiently fortunate to have made her acquaintance, had a distinguished war service with the Imperial Army, whilst her bereaved husband, Mr. Jas. Brown, did his bit with the 12th Bn. Royal Scots. A little girl of 12 months also survives a noble mother.

At the funeral, which was largely attended, a guard of honour was formed, each of the Women's Auxiliary and the R.S.L., the former taking post from church door to the gate, and the latter from gate to hearse. Whilst at the cemetery the order was repeated from gate to graveside. The "Last Post" was sounded by Bandmaster Bob Baker.

Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Brown in his great sorrow and tribulation.

SPEARWOOD-HAMILTON HILL

Dear Mr. Listening Post,—

Seems like old times you and me being correspondent again, though I hope you have improved a bit since then. I doubt it, as the boys say: you don't write too us regular.

What about coming along to our "Hop-over" on May 19th? Bring a few bobs with you and any of the silver-tails who are well-heeled, and Nick, Albert and the gang will complete your education. Dinkunk, we could do with a bit of foreign capital, what with Bert Ellement and a few others away. Dave toasting us up about the old days would have forgotten—they've been owing so long—and the "bob-in" being 1/2—light last Monday.

Talking of Albert, you'll be sorry to hear he lost the Soldiers' Institute milk contract. We had to cut him out as his juice went off considerably just about the time they changed the brand of chalk up at the school.

You ought to come out our way if it's only to get an eye-full of our memorial. Do you good to see the way it's kept, Frank Gibson's effort on the hill in Fremantle, and the State Memorial are decent shows, I'll grant you, but weight for age, we reckon our will stand up to them. Of course, they've got us knocked when it comes to lighting effects, but you get the Board to take the meters off the top of the poles and put them where they used to be and we'll show you. Shoving a meter up in the

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clouds don’t give a man a chance these days.
You’ll go “nap” on our Institute, too; and if I was to tell you of the honest hard work put into it you’d say I was “bullshitting,” knowing you as I do—and you knowing me. Anyway, we did get the land honestly, thanks to a bloke called Hibbo. (His other name was Harold, but he’s not a decent President for all that.) “Cock” Wayman says there’s a lot of people don’t know just how generous they were about the time we were building that Institute. Which reminds me, “Cock” has joined up with the Freemantle unit. Must have more money than George Berry.

I was going to give you an invite to one of our fortnightly combined whistles, but Bert Ellement said he didn’t think it was a fair go to drag you in the way just on the off chance of getting a game as he reckons from past experience the place will be crowded out. They kick-off on Thursday, 20th.

Last time I saw you you were asking about that “house-warming.” Nick intends giving the boys a “bash” and said right.

I was up your way having a “scrub” at the wrestling last week, and it struck me a live wire like Wally Blackwood, O.C. Hamilton Hill, could stage a couple of dinkey shows with the material we used to put on an “all-in” go between Tony Sintich and Morgan, followed by three two-minute rounds between Andy Bailey and Lydon, say down in Watson’s Swamp, would pull a big crowd. It’s worth considering.

We are expecting an increase in the family. Some of the mob have been sparkling with a blint called Miss Jandakot. They met her twice at cricket matches, the attraction was mutual and so she’s going to sling in with us—about a dozen of her members. We’ve got to do everything to call on the family for the “once-over” next monthly meeting, six car-loads of us, with a barrel of dinkey-oil. The wedding is fixed for May 19th—the same as I asked you to early in the piece.

Next time you’re chatting to Phil Collier, you can put him wise to settling the unemployment business once and for all. We’ll lend him Jim Thorpe, for a day or two, and I’ll bet you a zoot full of tigers Jim will think up jobs for the lot of them.

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A Bit Fishy
(By Paisley Flatic)

Captain Boyd Arrons, commonly known as "Annie" by all 4th and 5th 11th diggers, was noted for his unconscious humour by all those who came under his command. One particular instance comes to my mind. We were embarking by train for Alexandria, to proceed to Gallipoli. After being lined up in the vicinity of Zeitoun in alphabetical order, the order to form fours was given by Annie, with a view to marching us up to the open doors of the waiting troop train. The order to number had been overlooked, so, of course, the troops, seeing the joke, kept perfectly still. The order was repeated in a louder voice, but still not a move. Annie by this time was red in the face, and exploded a "form fours" in a very loud and indignant voice for the third time, and still not a move, but a slight titter went along the line. A sub. whispered in Annie's ear, and then Annie ordered, "Oh, all right, just turn round and go along as you are," and we did.

Old 4th and 5th—11th, do you remember that covering party? Harry Stanbury will. I was next man to him, with my nose in the dust, when Jacko filled his arm with lead from a machine gun. It was the next night, I think, when Webb, of the Perth City Football Club, was killed. Annie was indignant, and walked along the ridge just afterwards to try and draw the fire of the sniper. "I can't make it out," he complained. "Not a shot fired at me." Dear old Annie, what a beautiful target, too.

The above stories are quite true, but please take a pinch of salt with the following:—A digger was placed on guard at the mouth of a tunnel, with orders that no man be permitted to enter. Along came Annie, and attempted to enter. He was quietly informed that it could not be done. "Oh, it's quite all right, sentry, I am Boyd Arrons." "I don't give a —

Your Career

Unless you have been specially fortune favoured, the success of your career, so vital to your whole life, is going to depend primarily upon your own efforts. There may be factors over which you can have no control, therefore it is the more necessary that you seriously grapple with those you can yourself govern. Naturally, money must enter into your plans for tomorrow, but action must be taken to-day if you are to succeed.

Don't wait upon so-called "luck." The Savings Account costs nothing, pays interest upon your savings, and provides the best possible aid to self-help.

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Home
(By Peter Hopegood)

Kings have their mausoleums—and Love's elect
The Taj Mahal, that moon-pearl peri-tomb,
Fashioned in Faerie, anchors yet to Earth,
Weigled 'neath the sorrow of a king of kings.

Bold bones and mighty claim majestic carvings.
Rhodes has his granite range for sepulchre.
The leopard-and lion keen his wake
With feral moan and awful echoings.

And, out in Flanders, and in Picardy,
Strict by the right, on poppy markers dressed,
Or midst Aegean isles, or Turkish hills,
Mute sentinels their hard-won terrain hold.

Doubt not, if individuals survive
Death's soul-shake, these shall flock like homing birds
Back to the haunts, nor swerve haven-find
Than in the hearts which cherished them of old.

April, 1933.

My Fallen Comrades
AN ANZAC DAY SOLILOQUIE.
(By Wallace Spencer)

Brave pal of mine,
a link divine.
Was forged twixt you and me.
It holds still fast,
though you have passed
Into eternity.
To me bereft,
there yet is left,
A fadeless memory.
The flowers I wreathe,
in fragrance breathe,
A comrade's elegy.
My spirit knows
that you arose,
Unfettered by a shroud.
Your soul afar,
like radiant star
I glimpse through rifted cloud.
Parade and show
have oft' below
A grander truth to teach.
So shall I pray,
this day, I may,
The deeper treasure reach.
Content to wait,
until the gate
Beyond is opened wide,
Until stand I,
unparted, by
My fallen comrade's side.
Hospitalities
(By W. A. Njookendooro)

Salute, diggers! Our monthly programme for April includes a Scotch romance and revelry relayed through the courtesy of The Listening Post to Dundee, via Aberdeen and Caithness, and other B Class or A1 stations.

There were more tartans seen in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Osborne Park, at the "Hogmanay" celebrations than ever seen before. I counted 64 separate tartans represented in the kilts and plaids and decorations. I got in by displaying the Anderson tartan. However, the Laird of Cockpen, discovered that the so-called Anderson tartan was the ribbons attached to the Victory and Peace medals, and I was on the verge of ejection when the committee discovered I was "a chief among them takin' notes," and my indiscretion was pardoned. It was a merry gathering of exiles and the varied accents of the Scots tongue or the musical south country (?) and the softness of highlanders (??), etc., blended (no reference to whisky) pleasantly in the happy atmosphere. Amongst those I noticed were Annie Laurie, Robin Adair, Bonny Mary of Argyle, Barnacle Bill, Robbie Burns, Bella the Belle o' Dunoon, the Laird of Cockpen, Ben Bolt, Master Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomon, Win Lung Tu, Young Locknager, Jessie—the Flower of Dumblane, Rob Roy, the Laird of Bonnie Doon, Sandy McNabb, the Mayor of Bonnie Scotland, Harry Lauder, the Lass o' Killiecrankie, Mussolini, etc.

The decorations with prominent tartans made a 'brave show. Around the walls were stags' heads and white and purple heathers. Pipers there were and the English, friends watched amazed at the enthusiastic energy of the Scots in their reels and scottishs. There were present people who had danced these reels in barns and on hillsides, and to them it was good to hear again the skirl of the bagpipes and keep to the strict and lively time necessary to complete the figure of the "Gay Gordons."

The last toast I remember was "The Lassies," responded to by Annie Laurie. Subsequently I woke up and found myself in Tom Kinsella's cow shed, with the old shorthorn, Strawberry, standing over me while she was enjoying a sort of a feast—she had mistaken my bald pate for a salt lick. No more "Hogmanays" for me, until the next.

Now I will broadcast my experiences of the village barber in France. I screwed up courage one afternoon and went to the village barber. It was a most original barbery, I must say. The old pot cuts the hair and the daughter does the shaving. While awaiting your turn with the old man, one is treated to a free comic entertainment by simply watching the daughter shaving the brave customers. First of all, she comes along with an enamel bowl of hot water, which the victim is ordered to hold up under his chin, while she rubs it into his face as though her very life depended upon it. Then she rushes at her prisoner with a thing shaped like a brush, which she manipulates like a cocky farmer white-washing a fowl house. Then, all preparations having been made for the slaughter, she sneaks on her quarry with an open razor, a savage look and a piece of rag. She uses the last-named article to wipe the razor, although I believe more civilized barbarians (I mean barbers) use paper for this purpose. She then gets to work like a man with a scythe on a crop of wheat and, after a few short, sharp struggles, all is over.

Then the old man beckoned to me. I took my seat in the executioner's chair, with cold shivers chasing each other up and down my spinal cord. He commenced with what I thought at first were a pair of clippers, but I decided afterwards, by the feel of them, that they must have been pincers. When he thought he had done enough damage with these, he fished out a pair of rusty scissors. "I believe they were the pair used by Delilah on poor old Samson. After he had done his—sit to my hair from the rear, he called out something which, if it were translated into English, would probably be: "Half-time, change ends."

At first I didn't understand him, so he roared out again. Then I got him. When he sings out you have to get up and turn your chair round, so that you have your back to the window. Whatever this was for I don't know. Then he got to work on my front hair and after a few more agonising minutes he roared "Finis," and I got out of that chair a sadler but a wiser man. After all this he had the cheek to charge me a franc for the afternoon's entertainment.

We'll now have a bit of (B) ironic verse:

There was a sound of revelry by night,
Where Osborne Parkites had gathered then—
The flower of Anzac chivalry (slow music),
Did ye not hear it? Methinks 'twas but the wind,
Or Burgess and his car on the Main Street.
But, hark! That tinkling sound breaks in once more,
Outside the tavern the echo does repeat,
And nearer, clearer, deadlier than a weir:
That awful syphon sound of lapping beer.
Yes, there were sudden partings, which in'er might be repeated;
At nine o'clock they left their pots and orderly retreated.

Next month, "Jimmy Pickles and his Elephant," a rural romance. Good-night, everybody.

Guest (angry at being kept waiting at station): "So you couldn't find me, eh? Didn't your master describe me?"

Chauffeur: "Yes sir, but there were several bald-headed old buffers."

Mutooroo...

Blowfly Trap

This trap was designed by a pastoralist with many years experience in combating the pest. Mr. Findlay is General Manager of the Mutooroo Pastoral Co., Ltd., Mutooroo Station, Broken Hill Line, South Australia. The "Mutooroo" Blowfly Trap is made of heavy gauge galvanized iron and steel gauge. It will hold a large number of flies before it needs emptying—a valuable feature when flies are numerous.
16th Battalion Colours Wanted

The old 16th Battalion A.I.F. is represented in the Commonwealth Military Forces by the 11th-16th Battalion. Regimental and King's Colours have been presented by the Perth City Council but these only show the battle honours of the 11th Battalion A.I.F. and do not include those of the 16th Battalion.

It is the desire of the 16th Battalion A.I.F. Association Committee to present the Citizen Force Unit with regimental colours (and King's colours if possible) that will also perpetuate in silk the traditions of the Old Sixteenth. The cost will be about £38, and the Committee appeals to ex-members of the 16th Battalion and others who admire the great fighting record of the unit, to assist with donations, no matter how small, towards this end.

The 11th/16th Battalion will have a ceremonial parade on the Perth Oval in October next and if the Regimental and King's Colours could be purchased before then they would be consecrated and presented to the C.M.F. Unit on that parade.

Donations can be sent to Colonel E. L. Margolin (President), 62 Tyrrel-street, Nedlands, or Mr. Vic. Ketscher (Treasurer), C/o Repatriation Department, Perth, and will be duly acknowledged in the Press.

Subscriptions received at date of writing are H. Pope, £1/1/-; E. L. Margolin, £1/1/-; L. Brickhill, 3/-; W. Mack, 5/-.

Digger Sporting Recollections

(By M.H.M.)

It is a familiar saying that war is a great leveller. A similar claim can be advanced for sport. On the playing fields all meet on common ground, with interests akin. During the war, whilst on parade, discipline was essential, but it was all one from private to brigadier on those improvised playing fields in France. Stripes and crowns were forgotten in the exhilarating pursuit of the elusive football. A private would toss with a general for the first use of the wicket in a cricket match, and hard blows would be exchanged in friendly competition between all ranks in boxing tournaments.

Not only was sport the leveller, but it was a tonic for fight-weary diggers, and at such played a prominent part in the dull routine of the soldier's life.

In lieu of our usual procedure of outlining the sporting career of a well-known digger athlete, we will, for this issue, recount some happenings that occurred in the sporting life of the A.I.F., and which will include the names of many well-known diggers who were prominent in local sporting circles.

Football with the 28th

Keen rivalry existed between the Australian rules football followers of the 28th and the 27th (South Australian) Battalions. When these two evenly matched teams met, the games were generally well worth watching. A glance at a few of the names of the 28th boys reveals the fact that a great deal of talent was included in the blue and white triangle team. Diggers will readily recall to mind such players as Ernie Riley, Kiff, Thomas, Gurney, Downey, Simmons, Denton, Fred Hicks, Eric Lord, J. Hawkins, to name only a few. Ernie Riley was the erstwhile famous East Fremantle "high flier." It is doubtful if the game has ever seen a more delightful high mark than Ernie, in the hey-dey of his football career. "Wonderful judgment, combined with the grace of a bird when flying for the ball, made Riley's name famous amongst football followers, not only in this State, but in other States of Australia as well. The 28th was indeed fortunate to secure the services of such an artistic footballer.

Before Riley joined the battalion, the 28th played an exciting match with the 27th in Steenwoorde, in October, 1917, just after a severe gruelling in Ypres. The W.A. boys won by a few points, but were assisted by their opponents of having played more than the time allowed for the match. A few months later, in March, 1918, these same teams met again at Le Waast, near Boulogne, and word had been received that Ernie Riley was joining the Battalion. This news caused the 28th to feel very confident of the result of the match, and brought the battalion punters to the fore with a godly supply of francs. The match proved very exciting, and the result depended on a kick by Mellowship, within easy distance of the posts, just on time. He kicked poorly, however, and the 28th lost the match—also their godly francs.

Incidentally, Riley, from whom great things were expected, had a real off-day, and hardly had a kick. In addition to the names mentioned earlier, two well-known players in Bell and Snowy Bryant took part in this match, and the South Australian team included Clem Dayman and "Nip" Pellet, the famous Australian Eleven cricketer.

Blackboy Camp Cricketers

The following is a report of a cricket match, published in the West Australian early in 1916. Many diggers who took part in this match were prominent sportsmen at the time of enlistment. Such names as Jim Everett, Jim Foy (killed in action), Bob Blundell, and V. Harold were familiar to most of the sporting fraternity. Fred Senior, also mentioned in this report, was an excellent cricketer, and is now president of the Sandstone Sub-branch. Here is the account of the match:

Soldiers in Camp v. W.A.C.A.

At the Association Ground yesterday, a game was played between the soldiers in camp and a W.A.C.A. Eleven, the W.A.C.A. team winning a most enjoyable match by 9 wickets. The Premier (Mr. J. Scaddan), and Mr. Geo. Foley, M.L.A., acted as umpires; the former officiating from 10.30 a.m. to 6.15 p.m. On a good wicket the soldiers' side failed in their first attempt, and Broadway, Hughes, and Christian dismissed the side for a modest score of 62. To this the W.A.C.A. replied with 182, Hubbard, Stretton, Rowe, and Jones getting runs. The "camp" men did well in their second innings in notching 179, of which the old East Perthsites, Sergeant Everett and Harrold, scored 68 and 27 respectively, and Signaller Mundy, 47. Le Couteur
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<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>Bgr.-Gen. A. J. Beswell-Browne</td>
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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>Lt.-Col. I. E. D. Dunkley</td>
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<td>ELEVENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>A. R. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Avenue, Leederville</td>
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<td>EX-NAVAL MEN'S ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Sports Club, King Street</td>
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<td>A. J. Main, 10 Wey Ave., Fremantle</td>
<td>R. W. White, Wm. Ros, Royal Oak, 221-3 Mary St., Fremantle</td>
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<td>His Majesty's Hotel, Perth</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
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and Christian were the best trundlers for the W.A.C.A. in this innings. Packham and Christian gave an entertaining display in hitting of 78 runs at the end of the game in 20 minutes, Christian 36, including four grand sixers. The soldiers were entertained at luncheon by the W.A.C.A., and afternoon tea was provided. The Boys in Camp was the chief toast at the luncheon, and was proposed by Mr. H. Rowe, and responded to by Lieutenant J. Tuckett and Sergeant Everett. The umpires were toasted by Mr. R. H. Barrett, and other toasts honoured were the organisers of the game and the W.A.C.A. The following were the complete scores:

### BLACKBOY HILL CAMP

#### 1st Innings:

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<td>Gunner Blundell, c Packham, b Hughes</td>
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- **1st Innings:** 21
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### Total:

- **1st Innings:** 62
- **2nd Innings:** 47
- **Total:** 79

### Bowling:

- **1st Innings:**
  - Elliott, 0-13; Christian, 5-28; Hughes, 3-16; Broadway, 3-5
- **2nd Innings:**
  - Packham, 0-13; Broadway, 1-6; Streton, 1-50; Christian, 3-27; Crawford, 2-27; Le Couteur, 3-3; Hubbard, 1-33

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