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It was indeed fitting that May 24, the birthday of Queen Victoria, should have been selected as Empire Day. It was during her long reign that the Empire expanded to its present size, that imperial sentiment as we know it germinated and came to fruition, and that there arose a new conception of the relationship between the Mother Country and the Overseas Dominions. During the Diamond Jubilee celebrations colonial troops paraded the streets of London. During the South African War colonial troops fought shoulder to shoulder with regulars, yeomanry and volunteers from the Homelands. At no time in the history of our race, except in 1914, did such a wave of fervid patriotism flood all parts of the British Empire, and the focal point of that loyalty was the old Queen herself, who was looked upon as a Madonna of Empire. Since the Great War Empire Day has been somewhat eclipsed by Anzac Day, but the week in which the day falls has been set aside for the Empire and Local Shopping Campaign.

This also is appropriate, for much of our Imperial expansion has followed in the wake of trade. Trade follows the flag; but in very many instances the flag has followed trade. Many of the older colonies were established as trading ventures by private companies. In the Nineteenth Century both Carlyle and Ruskin advocated the foundation of colonies as outlets for surplus population and as natural markets for British goods. The ideal of Imperial Economic Unity has always been present in the minds of our Empire builders. It has led to a wider appreciation of what the British Empire really means and what it stands for. It is no imperium in the Roman sense; it is a family concern, a partnership between Mother Country and Daughter Nations, such as no other empire has been. No other community of nations has faced the situations arising from the world depression so logically and so fearlessly. Critics of the Ottawa Conference and of the principal of Empire Unity which conference implied, were fearful lest in clustering at immediate gains we might be incurring greater losses by alienating foreign countries with whom we have been in friendly fiscal association. Those fears have not been justified by subsequent happenings. As a writer in Our Empire, the official organ of the B.E.S.L., says, "Great Britain has ceased to be the world’s dumping ground, and has risen accordingly in the world's respect. Twenty nations have asked her to negotiate new trade treaties." During the past six weeks trade treaties have been concluded with Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and the Argentine. Mr. L. S. Amery and others have criticised these treaties on the ground that they contravene the spirit of Ottawa. Whether that is so, and whether their conclusion will have an adverse effect on our own export trade, remains to be seen. But the fact that such treaties are being concluded and asked for clearly indicates that the Ottawa agreements have provoked no hostility outside the Empire. Rather does it show that it is possible to make the Empire an economic unit and that other countries recognise this and want to become a part of that unit, economically at least. Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that this is "a thing which never happened in the days of Free Trade, for the simple reason that we had nothing to offer in return." Speaking at Birmingham, Mr. Chamberlain declared:

"Our credit has been so fully restored that to-day we are almost embarrassed by the amount of money that is coming to London from other countries, brought here by people who feel that it is a safer place than that from which it came. From having slipped back to the position of the third exporting country of the world, we have once again regained our position as the first exporting country. Over 200 new factories have been established here with foreign capital, thus giving work to British workmen at home, instead of taking their livelihood by sending goods in from foreign lands. There are many factories here where people were working short time but are now working full time."

One wishes that such a rosy picture could be painted of Australia. The Empire and Local Shopping Week Council, on which the League plays an important role, proceeds with its annual campaign in recognition of the economic unity of the Empire. The underlying idea is that by patronising our own producers we shall be helping to keep our own men in work. Economic theorists have criticised the campaign as a mere palliative, but it has never been suggested by its promoters that it is the only means of lifting the depression. Whatever one thinks of the monetary system now in use, whether it has broken down hopelessly or whether it is still capable of being satisfactorily amended, the fact remains that it is still in use. No adequate substitute has been provided for it, though several other economic theories are struggling for recognition. Even a palliative cannot be discarded these hard times. A palliative is no more a permanent cure than is first aid to the injured, but the doctor’s job will be much harder later on if first aid is not administered.

The League as an organisation has done and is doing much to foster the objects of Empire Shopping Week, but all the tumult and the shouting is as nought if the precepts are not practised. Look in your mirror, Mr. and Mrs. Digger, and give your dinner table the "once over," and then decide for yourself what your effort is to further the Local and Empire Shopping Campaign.

Pax Tweedledum and Pax Tweedledee

That pacifism, like poverty, makes strange bedfellows, was manifested at the anti-war meeting held in Perth during the month. The conveners of the meeting spared no effort to tout for the support of returned soldiers and ex-service men and genuine idealists, like Mr. Fred. Alexander, who were present, soon realised that their attendance had been secured under false pretences. The whole dreary show was but another instance of the communist cuckoo usurping the peace dove's nest for the purpose of propagating red propaganda. The whole evening was occupied in discussing a long hazy motion and an 'amendment whose sole merit was in being a little less verbose and slightly less hazy. The amendment was lost and the motion carried. In fact, the chairman was so uncertain as to the procedure of public meetings that several
To a Contemporary
(By Pte Tok)

(In support of its touting for popularity campaign, The Sunday Times publishes several letters from unknown warriors, thanking that extraordinary and veracious paper for services, unspecified, which it is supposed to have rendered diggers. One alleged correspondent, communicating with The Sunday Times to assist him on a military matter, declares "The Sunday Times has done more real good for the State as a whole than anyone in Western Australia, including the R.S.I., of which I am a member.")

O Pride of all the Universe,
The shelter shed of verse and worse,
For that "real good" which you disburse,
I humbly dedicate to you my song.
No bushel hides your modest light,
Omniscient and erudite.

Like J. T. Lang, you're always right,
Except the cent. per cent. of times you're wrong.

You put the Empire on the map,
You beat the Boers, and on that scrap
We had with Fritz, you gave the slap
That made the blighter take the final count.

You fell like Larry Foley on
The Federal Apollony—
Of all that's good and holy on
This continent you are the source and fount.

You've served the local diggers well,
Far better than the R.S.I.,
Though when 'and where you cannot tell:

Anzac House

Although there has been no information published, the Building Committee has been active in proceeding with all the preliminaries of the building proposal. The Finance Sub-Committee, consisting of Colonel C. H. Lamb, Mr. L. J. McDowell, and Sir Charles Nathan, is now engaged in preparing a memorandum in support of the League's request for financial accommodation from one of the banks to enable the owners to meet progress payments as they arise. Another sub-committee, consisting of Colonel Olden, Mr. G. H. Philp, and the State Secretary, exhaustively reviewed all the anticipated necessary accommodation also the layouts submitted by the architect, Mr. A. E. Baxter Cox. Finally in this matter has now been reached, and it is con-

Why leave the world so overwhelmed with doubt?
Ah! let not boastfulness subside.
Should any oaf your claims deride,
We'll rag him on to suicide—
Or else recruit a team to count him out.

Alas! some Dig, or Tommy pal
May find your statements comical
And make the anatomical
Resort the surly, workhouse paupers made.
But gibes, how'er emphatical,
Can ne'er put our Sabbatical
And somewhat ungrammatical
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This function will be held on Friday, June 16, at 8 p.m., in the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, when it is hoped that all ex-service Engineers, Pioneers, Funnellers, Railway Operating Corps, Electrical and Mechanical Boring Companies, and Allied Units will meet once more to renew the bonds of friendship welded on active service.

The fact that any ex-member of the above units may be unfinancial or have never joined the Association should not deter anyone from attending the social, which will show that though distance and time may divide, the comradship still exists. The usual fee of 2/6 is charged.
Soldier Settlers

The Land Committee of the League recently met, there being present Messrs. A. Yeates (Chairman), W. J. Hunt, and Mr. F. Warner, M.L.A. The latter was recently co-opted by the State Executive to assist the Land Committee.

The main question discussed was the League's policy in regard to what is necessary to ease the position for Soldier Settlers who have remained on their holdings in spite of adversity.

The State Secretary said that he had forwarded a copy of the policy, as enunciated by Congress, to the Minister for Lands, with information as to how far negotiations had proceeded with the late Premier, Sir James Mitchell. The Committee was unanimously of the opinion that same strong and definite action should be taken to arrest the drift, otherwise a steady depopulation of country areas would result. Reference was made to the liaison recently approved by the Executive, on the representations of No. 4 District Committee, and now, when deputations to responsible Ministers are fixed, the District Committee concerned in the subject matter of the deputation will be invited to appoint a representative, the State Executive bearing the expenses of his journey to the city on League business.

A number of individual cases were dealt with by the Committee, including a comprehensive questionnaire from Kojonup Sub-branch, which, if was agreed, should be passed to Mr. McLarty for any information he could give.

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STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No doubt some of us thought last year that Anzac Day, 1932, marked the peak period resulting from our efforts to secure its fitting observance. Evidently "we built better than we knew," and I desire now to most heartily congratulate this Executive, the members of the League, and the public throughout the State upon the wonderful attendances and atmosphere that marked this year's commemoration services. I think we may safely assume that our former aspirations in the direction of making the 25th of April Australia's national day have reached realisation and that the true lessons of the Great War are not to be lost to posterity.

For the measure of success achieved I must again acknowledge our obligation to the Churches, Sir James Mitchell and Mr. P. Collier and their respective Governments, the Military Commandant and his staff, the District Naval Officer and staff, the Commissioner of Police and Inspector Hunter, the Lord Mayor and Council of the City of Perth, the City Engineer, the Mayor and Council of Fremantle, and other local governing bodies, the King's Park Board, the Press, and the Broadcasting Companies.

To the foregoing list must be added Mr. O. G. Campbell-Egan, L.A.B., and choirs and the various bands of the cities and towns.

For direct personal assistance I must single out as recipients of your gratitude Lt.-Colonel G. F. G. Wieck, D.S.O., the Superintendent of King's Park (Mr. Heath), the members of Perth Sub-Branch, Miss Mary Meares, and others who lent their cars for the conveyance of the sick; Mr. G. Mellor and the R.S.L. Band, Lt.-Colonel E. L. Margolin, D.S.O., and his assistant marshals, and, finally, the State Secretary and his staff, whose share in the success of the day is of more than ordinary importance.

In Perth this year the confraternity of the services was especially emphasised by the presence at the main service of a detachment of New Zealand and other Dominion troops, a strong contingent, well organised, of our comrades of the Old Armies; a well turned-out and efficient looking brigade of the serving Militia, and a smaller body of the Naval Reserve.

Finally, I know that you would not like me to close this report without some reference to the most creditable attendance and display of the Boy Scouts and
Girl Guides, whose leaders are to be complimented upon the great value of the success which is accompanying their efforts on behalf of the rising generation. Nor should I omit to mention the pleasure we all experienced on witnessing on parade so many of our comrades—the veterans of the South African War.

One further word, and that is to congratulate the Fremantle and District Sub-Branch upon the gratifying success that rewarded the revised arrangements for its annual service held during the afternoon of Anzac Day.

As regards the immediate future, I think, as a result of my observations this year, that we will have to devote close attention to improvements in the following directions—

- **Dawn Service**
- Arrangements for the laying of private wreaths.
- Marshalling of official wreath-bearers.
- **Esplanade Service**
- Lengthening of march route.
- Provision of extra bands.
- Organisation of singing.
- Broadcasting.
- Reserving seats for those officially connected with the arranging of the service.

The present year with the A.I.F. unit of the King's Colours gave immense satisfaction, and I am hoping that, with the collaboration of the District Commandant, it may be possible twelve months hence for the Colours and the Militia Units to which they have been allotted to march from the assembly point to the Esplanade with and as part of the parent unit.

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**A Visit to the South-West Sub-Branches**

The following is culled from a report submitted to the State Executive by Mr. Tozer:

- **Donnybrook:** Mr. Tozer and the State Secretary arrived at Donnybrook about 5.45 p.m., on May 5, and later in the evening joined about 50 ex-service men at a social gathering in the local memorial hall. Mr. J. E. W. Harding, presided, and extended a cordial welcome to your representatives, Mr. J. Egan, Chairman of the Roads Board, President Mr. Norman Ryder, and Secretary, Mr. Arthur Murray, of Bunbury Sub-branch, and President, Mr. Frank Tutton, and Secretary, Mr. J. Lavery, of Kirup Sub-branch. The portion of the memorial building in which the social function was held is available for the sole use of returned men and their auxiliaries, at a peppercorn rental of 1/- per year. The piano in the R.S.L. part of the building is half paid for, and chairs and other furniture are amongst the sub-branch assets. Mr. F. C. Dallow, who served with the Worcester Regiments of the Imperial Army, gave a very fine description of the ideals of the League, and the obligation of all ex-service men to join it. The general account of the sub-branch is low, but it is expected it will be augmented by the proceeds of the annual ball, to take place on the 9th instant. They have about £1 in the sub-branch Amelioration Fund. Financial members, about 25. The only matter submitted to the visitors was the case of a settler who had been dispossessed by the Agricultural Bank. The Secretary intends taking this matter up with head office.

- **Kirup:** The President and Secretary of this sub-branch, continues the report, journeyed to Donnybrook to specially request that, whilst in the district, we make a presentation of the League's Certificate of Service to Major Dick Geddes, M.C., well and favourably known in League circles throughout the State. The request was gladly acceded to, and Major Geddes not being able to get in to Kirup, your representatives journeyed twelve miles to East Kirup to make the presentation. After suitable recognition, Mr. Geddes accompanied us to Greenbushes, which was reached by direct bush track from East Kirup. Kirup Sub-branch consists of about 15 members, all very keen. The local memorial, constructed of bricks, has now adjacent to it about one-third of an acre planted with trees. The memorial contains the names of 71 soldiers, eleven of whom were killed. The Memorial Park contains 26 trees, planted in memory of men who enlisted from the district, or of famous units of the A.I.F. The sub-branch, although small, is very loyal and vigorous agency of the League in this district.

- **Greenbushes:** We reached this centre at 4 p.m., on Saturday, after a trip over a bush road through jarrah forest country. We were joined, on arrival, by the President, Dr. Andrews, and the Secretary, Mr. S. Guest, and the usual hospitality was extended. Later on, Mr. C. R. Gillett, of Bunbury Sub-branch, joined the party. The social at night was held on the premises recently acquired by the sub-branch, and the title for which is in the office safe. In presenting at the social, Dr. Andrews welcomed the President and Secretary of Balingup Sub-branch, and Messrs. Rydings and Elsegood, of Nanup. Amongst the gathering of about 60 were several fathers of returned soldiers. Greenbushes claims a membership of 34. Our records show 24. They are an enthusiastic body of men, and have made very creditable strides since their affairs were directed by the present President and Secretary. In the General Account there is about £10, and about £70 in the Amelioration Fund. The local memorial is well kept, and lit by electric light. In consultation with some of the officials of the sub-branch, we noticed that the pensions question was frequently before them, and we were told that the sub-branch considered the local medical officers should be called into consultation with the visiting medical officer from the Repatriation Department, when the affairs of local pensioners were under review. It was also suggested that the Repatriation Commission could, with advantage, call a conference of country repatriation doctors to co-ordinate ideas on disabilities. The social function went very well until questions were invited by the President, and this brought out the problem of ex-Imperial men and the vexed question of preference. It is a pity that such a contentious matter is introduced at social gatherings, for obviously, to explain in full, would occupy too much time. We left Greenbushes early on Sunday morning, and after a short stay again at Donnybrook, arrived in sufficient time at Brunswick to join the cricketers at lunch.

Brunswick members impressed the visitors as being of a very fine type, and quite undisturbed by some problems, which confront other sub-branches. The

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Colonel Collett Marches Out

The week before his departure for Canberra, Colonel Collett had nearly as many farewell appearances as the late Dame Nellie Melba. The event of the week was the huge gathering in the Drill Hall at Francis Street, on Monday night. Over six hundred diggers turned up, a far bigger crowd than was expected, so that the holy water had to be rationed, there being just enough to go round for the toasts. Nevertheless, the composite committee responsible for the arrangements is to be congratulated on the undeniable success of the evening, one of the outstanding features of which was the rousing and entertaining speech of the genial Brigadier Martyn.

Two nights later the State Executive entertained the Colonel at an informal dinner and evening in the Institute. This was a function without: toasts and without a set programme, but with plenty of fun. After dinner the tables were cleared away and a ring formed round the fireplace. Archdeacon Riley and the Rabbi opened the proceedings by indulging in the national game of "heading 'em" with bottle capsules. They were soon pinched and paraded before the Colonel by Stan Watt, with Farkie and Carl for the escort. The escort sloped brooms in great style, but when the business end of Farkie's broom kept doing the "Van Tromp business on the shiny part of the Rabbi's head, the solemnity of the court was somewhat upset. Someone suggested that the court had no jurisdiction over padres, but the Rabbi himself corrected this impression by informing the court that he had put the Jew in jurisdiction. Wilkie brought his fiddle into action. He played Dvorak's "Humoresque" like the artist, he is, and followed on with that little pony-wonky piece of his which ends to the refrain of "The Ginger-headed Cat Next Door." Fred Abele told the audience how the famous pug, Bendigo, used to convert sinners. Alf Yeates told his one story. "Dick" Collins read some Pip Tok verse, and told a French story that we dare not print. Margie, Jack Tozer, and Sid Longmore were also in good story-telling vein. The only formality of the evening was the presentation of pipes, etc., to the Colonel. Alec. Panton, who was congratulated on his elevation to the Speaker's Chair, and his patriotic thrift in saving the country the expense of a Speaker's wig, was informally presented a wig, which had been specially, though crudely, made for the occasion. Alec. then showed the kind of speaker he will make by suspending various members, including that stickler for procedure, Jimmy Cornell, and the suspended ones were duly carried out. But perhaps the star turn of the evening was the presentation of Eddie Edmonds with his naturalisation papers in recognition of his services to the country as an Australian barracker during the Test Match season. For an impromptu affair, it was the most amusing and enjoyable one the LISTENING POST has attended for a long time. Sid. Longmore laughed so much that he forgot that he has a controlling interest in the depression, until his ribs began to ache; then he remembered it once more. But Sid. was not the only one who complained of aching sides on the way home.

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"Official History of the War, 1914-18"

We wish it known that Volume IV of the "Official History of the War, 1914-18," by Dr. C. E. W. Bean, has now been completed, and will be available for distribution throughout the State by the end of the present month. This volume deals with the A.I.F. in France during the year 1917, and is divided into twenty-two chapters, together with maps, illustrations and index:—Chapter 1, Plans of the Allies for 1917; 2, The Wiper Ends; Stormy Trench; 3, The German Plan, 1917, and its Immediate Result; 4, The Germans Retire (Malt Trench, Le Barque, Sunday Trench); 5, The Occupation of Rapuane and Grevillers; Discord in High Command; 6, The Advanced Guards (Fremicourt, Delsaux Farm, Beaumetz, Beugnatre, Vaulx Vraucourt, and Lagnicourt); 7, The Taking of the Outpost Villages (Noreuil, Doignies, Louveral, Boursies, Demicourt, and Hermies); 8, The Genesis of the Bullecourt Plan; 9, First Battle of Bullecourt; 10, Lagnicourt—The German Counter-Stroke; 11, Nivelle's Offensive: Its Effect on "Second" Bullecourt; 12, The Second Battle of Bullecourt; 13, The Second Battle of Bullecourt (continued); 14, The Flanders Plan, and the 3rd Division; 15, The Battle of Messines, June 7; 16, Holding the Gains at Messines; 17, The Third Battle of Ypres (including the work of Australian Miners at Neuveport and near
The Long-faced Mate

As one who served in France, this reviewer has often envied the Light Horseman the opportunity he had of seeing and becoming familiar with places like Beersheba in the land where our faith was cradled. Still more does he envy him the wartime association with man’s noblest friend and ally, the horse. In a horse-loving country like Australia, much verse has been written about horses, but very little prose that will endure.

These are but some of the reasons why Mr. Davidson’s new book is timely, and has such an appeal. The writer is no recruit in the ranks of authorship. His “Man Shy” and “Forever Morning” are both excellent books to which this stirring account of one of the most interesting episodes of the war is a worthy successor. We have read all sorts of books, good, bad, indifferent, and merely beastly, about man’s reaction to the phenomenon of war. Mr. Davidson has given us a view of war, “straight from the horse’s mouth,” to borrow a metaphor from a more ignoble game. He is a horse-lover with that eye for country which can only be developed by the man who has spent much of his life in the saddle.

The narrative he gives of the horse-
The Architect of Anzac House

Alfred Richard Baxter Cox, son of Alfred Edward Cox, architect, of Perth, was born at Cue, Western Australia. He was educated at Christian Brothers' College and the Perth Modern School until he commenced the study of the architectural profession, when articled to the firm of Oldham & Cox, in 1913. Enlisting in November, 1915, he left W.A. with the Australian Mining Corps in March, 1916. After serving with this unit, subsequently termed the Tunnelling Companies, he transferred to the 4th Battalion, and attained commissioned rank early in 1918. After the Armistice he pursued his architectural studies at Oxford until December, 1919, when he returned to W.A. While in England he was successful in gaining the first prize in a county housing scheme competition.

He was admitted an associate of the Royal Institute of Architects of W.A. in 1921 and later served for two or three years as a member of the council of the Institute. He was also elected a junior member of the Institution of Engineers in 1923. He went into partnership as an architect with his father in 1923 and was largely responsible for the design and supervision of such buildings as Padbury Buildings, Town Hall alterations, Mackay Buildings, General Motors' assembly plant at Cottesloe, and others.

Realising the need and great advantage to be derived from first-hand practical experience in actually erecting buildings, he associated himself with A. T. Brine & Sons Ltd. in 1929, and was solely responsible for the erection of St. Mary's Cathedral (greater part), Chas. Moore & Co.'s building in Murray Street, the University buildings, and the new Shell building.

Lieut.-Colonel Cox has carried on his military service without break since 1913, and since the war commanded the 13th Field Company A.E. for five years; while in May, 1932, he was appointed to command the 11/16th Battalion (City of Perth Regiment), which post he now holds.

What did I Gain from My War Service?

(By T. V. T.)

What did I gain from my war service? That question brought back memories; they thronged on my consciousness and the years returned. As a youngster I was under fire many times and was discharged "medically unfit" with a badly damaged leg and shattered arm. My job in the last war was in the "Repair Department, Dental Section," and the impressions I gathered, though from a different angle to that of the man in the front line, were nevertheless definitely my gain. I had through my hands men of all types and ages—men going out, on leave, returning wounded and maimed; men of all ranks and units—Canadians, Australians, Indians, American airmen, German prisoners, interned people, conscientious objectors; W.A.A.C.'s, mothers, wives, widows, daughters, sisters, sweethearts of men serving or "promoted," and a number of "funk-hole wallahs" and "rabbits." I saw every conceivable human emotion expressed, and many stories—grim, gay, sorrowful, joyous, agonising, pathetic, funny, and idiotic—came my way. To offer sympathy here, reproof there, and help when needed, was my privilege. What did I gain? Much, very much. I gained experience in life, my life and the life of the other man and woman. I learned—

That, no matter what is planned or attempted, the human element is the "king pin" and keystone; That good and evil, wisdom and folly, kindness and cruelty, nobleness and viciousness, exist in each and every one of the human race, to a greater or lesser degree; That "ye cannot serve both God and Mammon" is a verity; That if those people who directly or indirectly cause war or gain financially through war had to do all the dirty work and endure all the suffering, war would be no more; That it takes a greater and nobler courage to be a genuine conscientious objector than to be a conscript.
That aggressively patriotic people should, in times of stress, be given a general anaesthetic "for the duration";
That in the most unexpected places, amongst the most humble, illiterate and debased of humanity are to be found beautiful mental gardens of divine flowers in full bloom, and fountains of every known virtue in full activity;
That they also serve who only watch and wait;
That when "Love thy neighbour as thyself" and "Do unto others that which you would have them do unto you" are taught and learned in the home, the nursery, the school, the college, the factory, the workshop, the office and the churches, that time will see the birth of a nobler race than has yet has been;
That when "we know as we are known" we shall be judged by our motives—not our thoughts, words, or deeds.
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Personal
Gascayne reports that a discharge certificate and Victory medal belonging to G. McDonald have been forwarded to the State Secretary, from whom the owner may claim them.

Major G. K. Ryder, formerly of Carnamah and other places in this State, has been transferred to Melbourne, where he is now as much settled as it is possible for a baker to be in the unsettled times. After leaving the "West," Geoff was for a few weeks stationed in Deniliquin, one of the southern border towns of New South Wales. He did not tell us the reason for his transfer further south, but probably Mr. Lang's State is not considered a safe place for bakers at present.

Collie Sub-branch reports that Secretary H. H. Stretbury is still unfortunately on the sick list, and unable to attend meetings. The boys wish him a speedy recovery, and hope to see him back in harness soon.

Sid Johnson, Treasurer of the Pemberton Sub-branch, and genial Mine Host of the "Pemberton" Caravanserai, has been elected to the Road Board by a vote that was practically unanimous. Congratulations to the man who can pull his weight in public affairs as well as the gadgets that bring forth something amber and foaming.

His many friends in the Mt. Barker Sub-branch and elsewhere will be pleased to learn that Digger L. S. Stanley, of the apple-growing Eden, is at last on his way to recovery from a very severe illness, and will soon be home again.

Arthur Dedman, the LISTENING POST's correspondent for the Brunswick Sub-branch, was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis and hurried to hospital on May 8. Fortunately the operation was successful, and his fellow diggers will take heart of grace again when we tell them that the patient is still able to talk as well as ever.

Tambellup diggers are also rendering personal service in the public affairs of the district. Two members of the sub-branch, Mick Collins and Fred Daddow, have been returned for two of the three vacant seats on the local Road Board. There were seven starters in the field. Good electioneering work was done by the candidates themselves, and special praise is due to Frank Roenfeldt, who worked like a Trojan on their behalf.

Veteran Bob Tyler is back in town again, and has linked up with his old sub-branch, West Perth. He attended the last monthly meeting, and was well and truly roped in for a vacancy on the committee.

Charlie Kirkman, late 48th Battalion, and an old member of the West Perth Sub-branch, passed away on May 2. In private life he was an officer of the Taxation Department. The funeral was attended by about twenty members of the sub-branch. This paper joins with his fellow diggers in extending sincere sympathy to Mrs. Kirkman and family.

Murdock McNees (late 28th Battalion), of the Forestry Department, has again, for the third time in the past few months, been admitted to the Repatriation Ward of the General Hospital for treatment of war-caused disabilities.

"Mac" has the sympathy of all members.

Congratulations to Ted Privett, of the Yanmah Sub-branch, on the birth of a daughter during last month. Our Yanmah correspondent states that if the new arrival grows as fast as Ted's recently planted passion vines, she will be "some grower." Ted served throughout the Palestine campaign with the Camel Corps and the 14th Light Horse.

At the meeting of the Mount Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-branch, on May 4, President Jim Morton voiced the regret experienced by all present at the death of Mrs. Charles, wife of Secretary Fred Charles, and mother-in-law of H. Richardson. The deceased lady was one who had taken an active interest in the welfare of the sub-branch since its in-
Federal Correspondence

APPEAL TRIBUNALS

With reference to the Resolution: "That the Tribunals be asked to state on what grounds the claim of an appellant is rejected, and that their reasons be on the same lines as that adopted by the Canadian Tribunals." The Minister for Repatriation has replied as follows:

"In order to comply with such a request, it would necessarily mean that the Tribunal's reasons would have to be given for acceptance as well as for rejection. This would not only slow up the finalisation of appeals, but would result in a great deal of additional correspondence of doubtful value and create increased administrative expense to no useful purpose.

The analogy quoted in the resolution between Australia and Canada is not quite correct. Although the Canadian Pension Tribunal is required under the Act to indicate the grounds upon which its conclusions are based, the final appeal body—the Pension Court of Appeal—is not required to give reasons for its decisions. The Canadian Pension Tribunal acts in a similar capacity to the Australian Repatriation Commission, whilst the functions of the Canadian Pension Court of Appeal are on all fours with those of the Australian Entitlement Appeal Tribunal.

"In all the circumstances I regret that the request put forward in the resolution cannot be acceded to."

ADEQUATE DEFENCE: LAND SETTLEMENT

Strategical Positions

The Federal Secretary writes: "I desire to show herewith copy of reply received from the Prime Minister's Department relative to the above resolution, and to state that subsequent to the receipt of same, a further communication has been sent requesting advice of any action the Government propose to take to give effect to the resolution:"

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st November with which you forwarded copy of Resolution No. 88, passed by the 17th Annual Congress of your League on the subject of Land Settlement in the vicinity of strategic positions along the underfunded coastline of Australia, and to inform you that the views expressed in the Resolution have been noted."

"MENIN GATE AT MIDNIGHT"

The Federal Secretary writes:

"Further to previous correspondence in connection with the above, I am now showing herewith copy of letter received from Major J. L. Treloar, Director of the Australian War Memorial, which is forwarded for your information:

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The War Memorial staff has practically completed the distribution of Will Longstaff's paintings, "Menin Gate at Midnight," and "The Immortal Shrine." "To provide continuity of employment for the returned soldiers who have been employed in connection with this work, arrangements have been made to publish, in book form, under the title "Australian Chivalry," reproductions in colour and duotone of official paintings in the War Memorial collection. The first supplies of the book are now being received from the printer, and distribution is being commenced immediately.

"In accordance with the practice which the War Memorial has followed during the past three years of paying portion of the proceeds from the distribution of reproductions, etc., to the R.S.S.I., to be used for the relief of distress amongst ex-service men and their dependants, portion of the proceeds from the sale of "Australian Chivalry" will be paid to you quarterly for the purpose mentioned.

"It is hoped that the new volume will be favourably received, and that, with improving conditions, good results will be obtained, thus enabling further substantial contributions to be made to your distress funds."

**EXEMPTION OF WAR PENSIONS FROM COMPUTATION AS INCOME**

The last Federal Congress passed the following resolution:

"That the Federal Executive endeavour to have the existing legislation amended to provide that war pensions shall not be regarded as income when assessing old-age pensions."

The following reply was received from the Commonwealth Government Commissioner of Pensions, in response to representations made to the Minister for Repatriation in connection therewith:

"In connection with your representations I have to say that the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act was amended by the Financial Emergency Act, 1931, to provide that war pensions should constitute income within the meaning of the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act. This legislation was portion of the plan agreed upon by the Commonwealth and State Governments for rehabilitating the finances of the Commonwealth, and under the circumstances it is regretted that it is not possible to accede to your request that war pensions shall no longer be regarded as income within the meaning of the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act."

A.S. writes.—The building of Anzac House (certainly a laudable object) is, to my mind, only of secondary consideration in comparison to the preference policy, and has been allowed to overshadow practically all other matters of importance connected with the R.S.L. in this State. As all are aware, a big fight was put up some time ago in the Prince of Wales Theatre in regard to preference to returned soldiers. From that meeting a strong deputation, headed by General Sir Talbot Hobbs, waited on the Premier, Sir James Mitchell, by whom many promises were made for the future. Since

then, unfortunately, the matter has been allowed to die a natural death. Many appointments have been made by and through the Government since that memorable day, among them being the appointment to the Lotteries Commission and staff, the Milk Board, and now, last, but not least, a secretory to the Milk Board. Scant consideration has apparently been given to returned soldiers in any of the foregoing appointments. As a digger, I am convinced that sufficient vigilance has not been exercised in allowing this position to continue without some strong and effective protest. After all, a matter of such vital importance to returned soldiers generally should have received greater consideration.

The hit-and-run motorist divides mankind into two classes—the quick and the dead.

She was only a Mahatma's daughter, but she led a fast life also.

Some of our correspondents get atmosphere into their reports of sub-branch sporting activities. We have been informed that the North Perth Sub-branch contended at cricket with the workmen of the Swan Brewery, April 9. The sub-branch won by 12 ordinaries and four batters.

A man's death was wrongly announced in the papers. The next morning his friend was surprised to hear his voice on the telephone. "Did you see the announcement of my death?" asked the voice. "Yes," said the friend nervously, "where are you speaking from?"

**Variation of the Invalid and Old-Age Pensions Act.**

**ALLOWANCES**

The General Secretary advises as follows:

As you are probably aware, an alteration was made some time ago in regard to the Regulation which deals with the allowances payable to appellants attending Appeal Tribunals.

The effect of the alteration was that a man residing in a city area would not be reimbursed to any extent for time lost in attending his appeal.

I have much pleasure in advising that as a result of representations made, this matter has now been adjusted as from the 1st February, the old Regulation having been reverted to, with the exception that 10/- has been substituted instead of 12/6 in paragraph (c) thereof.

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E. Wells (late 4th Division, A.F.A.) writes.—Will you allow me to express my feelings regarding the Dawn Service, held at the State War Memorial, on Anzac Day. I am one of the unfortunate who cannot stand the strain of hearing the gun-fire, and by going to the service I cause trouble to myself and concern to others. There are many others who are affected as I am, who are very anxious to show respect at this heartfelt service to the memory of their brothers and comrades who have “gone west.” Is the firing of the gun of such importance after all?

[We will send Mr. Well’s letter to the Anzac Day Committee of the State Executive for their consideration. We must admit that the firing of the gun so close to the gathering causes ourselves to start. The sound of the gun fire in the still morning air is heard for many miles, and acts as a reminder to those not able to be present. Perhaps if the gun were fired further away from the gathering the same useful purpose would be served without affecting those suffering from war nerves.—Ed., “L.P.”]

Commenting upon the situation that has arisen regarding the State Presidency, a weekly contemporary stated, among other things, “There is no need for Colonel Collett TO ACTUALLY RESIGN” before his term of office expires. And so say all of us. Meanwhile the House Committee might consider the question of repairing the split infinitive.

Reporting to the State Executive about a request from a women’s organisation, Padre Riley explained that the wording of the request conveyed a meaning different from that which the ladies intended. The ladies, said the Padre, had used “a bad word,” whatever the bad word was, it was inaudible at the Press table so we must infer that it was not intended for publication.

The sub-branch had unanimously decided to do something towards raising funds for Anzac House, but when it came to a question of ways and means there were nearly as many plans as there were members present at the meeting. The debate was prolonged and stormy, when, at last, the disputants paused for breath, the Padre was heard to murmur:

“Quot homines, tot sententiae.”

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State Executive Meetings

May 3, 1933

At the meeting of the State Executive held on May 3 there were present Colonel Collett, Messrs. Riley, Yeates, Freedman, Paston, Philip, Hames, Watt, Lovell, Tozer, Pady, Margolin, Edmonds, Cornwell, Farquharson, Wells, Aberle, McDowell, Wilkins, and Collins.

Leave was granted to Messrs. Fairley, Olden and Mellor.

Resignation.—Mr. Cornwell asked to be relieved of his duties on the Land Committee. This was agreed to.

Anzac Day.—The State President submitted his report on Anzac Day and acknowledged the League’s obligation to all those who assisted in its organisation. The report, which is published in another column, was received and adopted. Mr. Charles Taylor, the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation, attended the meeting and reported on having represented the A.W.A. Branch at the Anzac Day ceremonies in Melbourne. He was thanked by the State President. Various delegates submitted reports on attendances at suburban services on Anzac Day. Greetings were received from Miss Ettel Campbell, of Dunbar. Suggestions for improvement from the Cottesloe Beach and the South Perth sub-branches were referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

Visits.—Captain C. R. Collins reported having attended a meeting of the East Fremantle Sub-branch in company with the State Secretary. A report forwarded by Colonel Nicholson on his visit to Canning Sub-branch was also received. Mr. Philip reported having visited the Maylands Sub-branch in company with Colonel Olden. This visit was mainly in connection with Anzac House.

Mr. Camille Robert, composer of “La Madelon,” which was the favorite song of the French soldiers during the war, is to be congratulated on receiving the Cross of the Legion of Honour after only eighteen years. He knows now that he was premature in having, at that time, given up composing as a “thankless trade.” What thanks, by the way, has the composer of “Tipperary” had, and who even knows his name?

The Marquis writes from Torbay:—

I notice that through the press an appeal has been made for subs to provide a flag for the 16th Battalion. What has happened to the numerous flags given to the reinforcements and battalion? The 21st reinforcement was presented with a flag costing thirty guineas by the Kalgoorlie Racing Club (this late in the war). The last time I heard of this flag it was hung in the sergeant’s mess at Codford. Well, we know what the sergeants did with our rum, now we want to know what they did with our flags.
Farwell to State President.—It was agreed that the State Executive arrange a farewell dinner to Colonel Collett on May 17.

Secession Resolutions, Federal Executive Meeting.—A communication was received from the South Australian Branch, denouncing resolutions 10 and 13 of the Federal Executive meeting held on March 29. These resolutions dealt with the matter of Secession.

Sub-Branch Incorporation.—The League's Solicitor advised that in his opinion it was most undesirable to agree to the incorporation of sub-branches of the League, as they would become independent bodies and might embark on projects not in conformity with the League's objects and ideals. He doubted whether it would be constitutional for sub-branches to become incorporated and pointed out that the constitution as framed at present certainly does not contemplate the incorporation of sub-branches. It was agreed that the Collie Sub-branch be advised accordingly.

Financial Crown.—The Kalgoorlie Sub-branch wrote concerning supplies of financial crowns, complaining that insufficient had been sent. It was also suggested that small envelopes be provided for the purpose of forwarding crowns to members. It was pointed out by the State Secretary that further supplies were needed and it was agreed that a further 1,000 be procured and that the position be explained to the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch.

Rifle Range, Swanbourne.—The position regarding the preference policy in employment of marksmen at the Rifle Range as it affected members of the Claremont Sub-branch was reported by the State Secretary. It was agreed that Captain Caffin, the Sub-branch representative, attend the next meeting of the Sub-branch.

General.—As the fixture at Yealering on May 17 clashes with the dinner to the State President, it was decided to ask the Yealering Sub-branch if it could be postponed until May 18. The State Secretary was asked to attend a meeting at Meckering on May 9.

North Perth Sub-branch agreed to assist the Executive by arranging for representation in this year's Empire Procession. The matter was referred to the Empire and Local Trading Committee.

The Old-Contemporaries' Association wrote expressing appreciation of the assistance given by the League to the organisation.

The appointment of the Secretary of the Morawa Sub-branch was confirmed.

Approval was granted for the formation of a District Committee, comprising Wubin, Buntine, Jippling, Dalwallinu and Pithara Sub-branches. The numeral '9' was allotted.

Archdeacon Riley was granted leave of absence from next meeting.

May 10, 1933

At the meeting, on May 10, there were present Colonels Collett, Messrs. Yeates, Freedman, Philip Denton, Olden, Hunt, Watt, Lovell, Tozer, Pady, Margolin, 'Edmonds, Cornell, Farquharson, Wells, Abercrombie, McDonald, Will, and Collins.

Certificate of Service.—It was reported that the competition for design for the Certificate of Service had brought forth only two entries. The Management Committee agreed that as a competition it had failed to achieve its object. The Committee recommended that the design of the present certificate be continued, and that the question of suitable 'colouring and costs be investigated. This report of the Management Committee was adopted.

House Committee.—It was approved that Mr. C. R. Collins replace Mr. M. Zegfrie on the House Committee.

The Land Committee was reconstructed as follows: Messrs. Yeates (Chairman), W. J. Hunt, H. E. Wells, A. C. N. Olden, E. J. H. Nicholson, with Messrs. J. S. Denton and F. Warner as consultative members.

Management Committee.—In view of the departure of the State President and the Immediate Past-President from the State, it was agreed that the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Pension Committee, and Employment Committee, and the Relief Fund Trustees be added to the Management Committee.

Empire and Local Trading Committee.—The report of the meeting, held on May 9, was received and adopted. The report dealt with the question of local titles, and stated that the response received from a circular issued by the Executive to various trading concerns, etc., was very disappointing. The report also dealt with the Empire Procession and the League's participation therein.

Visits.—Mr. J. H. Tozer reported on his visit to Brunswick Junction, Donnybrook, and Greenbushes Sub-branches in company with the State Secretary.

Mr. R. Collins reported on his visit to the Claremont Sub-branch.

Anzac Day.—Correspondence was received from His Grace, the Archbishop of Perth, expressing his appreciation of the assistance rendered.

An Anzac Day dinner to His Excellency Mr. Toody, the Governor of Western Australia, was requested by the Sub-branch.

Toody-Day.—Coastal Sub-branches requested that the Executive make a representation to the Government regarding the localities

The Toodyday sub-branch submitted a report on the success of the local ceremony.

Invitations.—The State Secretary was deputed to attend a meeting of the Yealering Sub-branch on May 19.

An invitation was received from the Newdegate Sub-branch for June 3 was referred to the Management Committee.

Archdeacon Riley was appointed to attend a meeting of the Spearwood Sub-branch, on May 19.

Sub-branch Officials.—The appointment of officials in the following sub-branches was confirmed:—Newdegate, No. 5 District Committee, Wagin, Gascoyne, and Claremont.

C.P.S. Taxation Department.—The Executive endorsed the action of the West Perth Sub-branch in forwarding a letter to the Prime Minister in connection with certain appointments.

44th Battalion Auxiliary.—The Women's Auxiliary State Executive advised that the 44th Battalion Auxiliary desired affiliation with them. The matter was referred to the Management Committee.

Kojonup Settlers.—A communication from the Kojonup Sub-branch, requesting certain action in regard to soldier settlers, was received and referred to the Land Committee.

Vacant Group Holdings.—A communication from the Agricultural Bank, setting out the policy regarding Group holdings was received. It was decided that the sub-branches concerned be advised.

Edith Cowan Memorial.—The Hon. Treasurer of the Edith Cowan Memorial Committee thanked the League for its donation of $22/19/6 received from sub-branches, and conveyed his Committee's appreciation of the assistance rendered.

Airmen's Parents and Red Cross Society wrote requesting an interview to discuss the amelioration of ex-members of the A.I.F. during the coming Winter. The 'Trustees were asked to arrange an appointment.

Douglas Credit System.—The Pemberton Sub-branch asked the State Executive to consider the Douglas Credit proposals with a view to placing them on the agenda paper of the next State Congress. As this matter had previously been considered by the Executive, the reply was left in the hands of the State Secretary.

Swanbourne Rifle Range.—The Claremont Sub-branch had previously asked that the Executive receive a deputation concerning preference in employment at the Rifle Range. In view of the action being taken by the President of the sub-branch, it was asked that the matter be left over for the time being.

Unemployment.—The Harvey River Diversion Sub-branch again wrote concerning the scheme for the alleviation of unemployment, and asked the Executive to receive a deputation. As the matter was in the hands of the Employment Committee, the communication was referred to that Committee for reply.
Sub-Branch Notes

MIDLAND JUNCTION

A special commemoration of Anzac Day, organised by the Midland Junction and Districts Sub-branch, was held in the park at Midland Junction at 3.30 p.m. on Anzac Day. A parade of ex-service men, the "local unit of the young 28th Battalion, and Boy Scouts, fell in at the Drill Hall and, led by Major Shanahan, marched to the park. The parade was commanded by Major H. G. Wilson, C.O., 28th Battalion, A.M. Forces. The commemoration was preceded over by Mr. J. Shanahan, president of the Sub-branch, and the success of the ceremony reflects great credit upon Mr. Shanahan, the secretary, Mr. R. E. Marsh, and all the other willing helpers concerned. A large body of the general public were present and this included Mr. Lin. Thorne, M.I.A., the digger member for Toodyay, Prayers, "In Commemoration of the Fallen," "For Our Nation," and Scripture reading and prayer for "Peace and Fellowship" were offered by the Rev. H. H. Strugnell, Rev. L. Woods, and the Rev. J. E. Stone, respectively. During the service addresses were given by the president of Midland Junction (Mr. A. W. Brown), Captain G. R. Moffat, and Collins (State Executive), and Major Seaton (A.I.F. chaplain), of the Salvation Army. An impressive feature of the ceremony was the laying of wreaths. These had been placed on a table in front of the platform and during the service they were taken up and a procession of ex-service men, bareheaded and in single file, bore them from the ground to the Town Hall, where they were placed on the Memorial.

BRUNSWICK

The ordinary fortnightly meeting was held on April 6 at Roelands. Twenty-three members rolled up and enjoyed themselves. It was decided to send Col. Collie, a letter expressing the opinion on his elevation to the Senate. Members considered it a reward long overdue, and expressed the hope that the R.S.L. would not lose his valued services altogether. Business was dispensed with promptly, because the members were competing with the "mess orderlies," so the chairman ordered them to take the necessary steps, and festivities commenced. The Sub-branch has the best "mess orderly" in the State in Squadron Carlison. When you say "mess orderly," you should not mean the right faculties for the job—keen eyesight, indifferent hearing, and a strong will.

In reporting the annual dinner, mention was omitted of the names of three gentlemen who assisted in the entertainment of the members of Collie; Mr. Ned Swindell, of Roelands; and Mr. Bernard Sturmer, of Brunswick. We submit our apologies to them.

Anzac Day was celebrated here at 8 p.m. A prominent feature of the ceremony was the laying of the wreath by Lieutenant Ray Clark (11th Battalion). The President delivered an impressive address, and the hymn-singing, led by Harry Mowday, was harmonious and vigorous. The Rev. R. H. Atkin, R.R., and the sub-branch were recognized for the gift of a silver loving cup, and the right faculties for the job—keen eyesight, indifferent hearing, and a strong will.

The division was having manoeuvres for the benefit of visitor’s day, and everything was being let loose at once. A pretty girl was eagerly watching the performance when a rifle, volley clattered out. With a surprised scream she fell back into the arms of a young corporal who was standing just behind her. "Oh, beg your pardon," she gasped, blushing, "I was frightened by the rifles." "Quite alright," replied the corporal. Then he added hopefully. "Let’s go over and watch the heavy artillery for a while!"

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MT. BARKER

The Anzac Parade Service was held in the District Hall, when between three to four hundred people gathered. Several members of the sub-branch marched from the Memorial Club to the hall, Captain Frank Goble, M.C., in command. The President, Mr. T. G. Sounness, announced the order of service, and Dr. Clarke gave the address. The members of the sub-branch wish to thank the Rev. Inwood very sincerely for the able way he carried out the whole of the service. An apology was received from the Rev. Hoilock, who was unable to attend through ill health. It was very unfortunate that the Rev. Hoilock should have decided to visit the Porongorups on that day.

PEMBERTON

The monthly old-time dances for the benefit of the Amelioration Fund are still a regular feature, and eagerly looked forward to by young and—older. The Social Committee is deserving of the thanks of every person present, for the manner in which the dances are conducted, and the splendid return shown. After long agitation, the Senior-Vice-President was successful in having a Sports Committee formed, and although late in the season, two cricket matches were played. The results do not matter (they can be guessed), but the matches were enjoyed so much that there is no doubt the cricket team will be a regular institution next season, and a good "un, too. Progress with the Rifle Club is held up by lack of funds in the Defence Department, and the same disability locally is proving a stumbling block in the way of the bowling green. The Anzac Service in front of the local War Memorial was the most imposing and best attended yet in the district. President Guyce gave an inspiring address. The sub-branch has at last acquired control of the War Memorial. (An Honour Board in the Mill Hall), and three trustees have been appointed. Despite hard times, the sub-branch continues a remarkably lively body, and in strength as large as ever.
KULIN

Anzac Day service was held as usual in Kuln this year, and it was very noticeable that the attendance was bigger than usual. Quite a few of the diggers who had held aloft in previous years were in attendance and they have promised their support in future. The troops paraded in charge of Captain W. Tumber, and marched to the Kuln Memorial Hall, where the opening was held on their behalf by the Rev. Jones and Mr. Thrum. Mr. C. D. Parker delivered a very fine speech on behalf of the R.S.L., and Mr. W. Dick, the president of the local Sub-branch of the League, in a few words thanked those present for their attendance and support. The music was supplied locally, and the anthem "Land of Hope and Glory" was sung by Mr. C. G. Gordon, the assemblage joining in the chorus. Mr. J. Keegan came down from Kondinin and assisted in blowing the "Retreat" and the "Revelle." At the conclusion of the whole the troops again paraded through the town to headquarters, where they were dismissed. As a mark of respect, wreaths were laid at the foot of the honour board, which was draped with flags, and a number of flags were flown on the building. Great pleasure and appreciation of the service was expressed by many of the general public, and the underlying intention of the day is becoming more generally understood and appreciated.

SHEERAN BAY

Anzac Day service, the Kuln Sub-branch held its annual general meeting, and Mr. W. Dick was again appointed president, with Mr. W. Tumber, secretary. Owing to the good work of the latter, the Sub-branch is now pushing on strongly and membership is steadily increasing. It is the aim of the Sub-branch to get a 100 per cent. membership this year. This is a great day with the boys, and many are the tales of the "old good days" unfolded and scenes re-created. A "Smoke-oh" will be held at a later date and a good time is anticipated. The Sub-branch hopes to see representatives along from neighbouring "mob"s and can promise them an entertaining evening.

YEALERING

At 10.30 a.m. on Anzac Day the local diggers assembled in force to participate in the Anzac Commemoration Service conducted by this Sub-branch. The parade strength was 40—fully 90 per cent. of the eligible in this district. The troops mustered opposite the post office in Railway Avenue, and marched via Lake Street to the "Town Hall," where an impressive service was conducted by President Lieut. J. H. B. Lowton, assisted by the Rev. A. MacLever. The service was conducted as laid down by headquarters was closely adhered to. President Lawton delivered a dignified and inspiring address upon the meaning of the day—sacrifice, devotion to duty, and the need for such spirit of comradeship in order to face the national problem of to-day. The President extended the sincere thanks of the Sub-branch to the Rev. A. MacLever for his co-operation and continued interest in the welfare of the diggers. Though services have been held in the past, this was the first occasion on which the "troops" have paraded. Clusters of the district were marched in the rear of the column. There were over two hundred people present at the ceremony, some having travelled long distances to attend.

Preparations are well in hand to receive the State Executive delegates at our annual reunion on May 17.

Local returned soldiers (and many others) are enthusiastic over the elevation of our State President to the Territorial. Of course, it is realised that his place will be exceedingly difficult to fill.

CARLISLE

On the evening of April 12 a very successful carnival dance was held in the Birdcage Soldiers Memorial Hall. The function was well attended, and visitors coming from Suburbs and Claremont, with the result that the amelioration fund benefited. Many novelty numbers were introduced and prizes were awarded as follows:—Monte Carlo, Mr. and Mrs. Jacks; lucky hat, Mr. Little; lucky number at door, Miss Cook; spot dance, Miss S. Cleve and Mr. J. McKay—statue dance, Miss Hedges and Mr. Sullivan. Refreshments, which were greatly appreciated, were supplied by the Women's Auxiliary, while the Nandas orchestra provided suitable music.

The monthly meeting was held on April 6, when Mr. Nicol presided over a gathering of 35. Several visitors were present. After the usual business had been transacted, the usual smoke social was held, at which Mr. Scott sang and Mr. Hayes told some good stories.

WEST PERTH

The Committee are endeavouring to arrange with another sub-branch to co-operate in the conduct of an entertainment for the purpose of assisting the Anzac House Building Fund. Teams are being arranged for the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield competitions. A Sports Committee, Messrs. Farrell, Myer, and Knight, are to take the necessary action.

The Secretary has been advised that the request made to have appointments under Section 134/9/C in the Commonwealth Service ant dated, has been refused. The repainting of the memorial name plaques in honour Avenue, King's Park, has been completed also the marrining of the tree with a ton of blood and bone manure. The cost (approximately £60) will be met from donations received from generous donors. Space is now available for the planting of more trees in Lovekin Avenue, the charge for this is reduced to £1. Relatives or friends desirous of having a memorial tree planted, should get in touch with the Hon. Secretary (Mr. P. L. Ross), e.o. The Workers' Homes Board, Barrack Street, who will supply all particulars.

The monthly luncheon has been abandoned, owing to the very poor response from the members.

A meeting takes place in the Institute on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Afterwards a semi-social evening is held, when games, cards, sing-tongs, and refreshments are indulged in, and the cost is only a bob-in to meet expenses. These monthly socials are not being patronised as would be desired, and it is hoped for an improvement.

WONGAN HILLS

After nearly three years the Wongan Hills Sub-branch has been resuscitated with renewed vigour and enthusiasm, and after approximately two months of existence is nearly 40 strong. The following officers have been elected:

President, Dr. A. E. Stennings; Secretary, Mr. R. A. Lindsay; Treasurer, Mr. A. H. Ventson; Town Committee, President and Secretary; Land Committee, Messrs. B. J. Liddelow, A. R. Ventson, and J. E. Poulton; Social Committee, Messrs. V. P. Beaton and W. Sanderson.

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month, and have been well attended up to the present.

There was a splendid muster at the Service and again at 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. service was conducted by the President (Dr. Stennings), assisted by the Rev. Hall and Messrs. Lindsay and Poulton.

An effort is being made to erect a war memorial in the near future.

ESPERANCE

The eighteenth anniversary remembrance services were held at the Esperance Memorial, on April 25, conducted by the President, Rev. J. W. Campbell, and Mr. H. C. Sims (Chairman and Secretary of the Road Board). Owing to sickness, Mr. J. Leck, V.C., was unable to attend. A fair number of returned men, Boy Scouts, Cubs, and the general public attended the Dawn Ceremony at 6 a.m. Mr. C. Richardson, of the railway staff, sounded the "Last Post" and the "Revelle." At 10.15 a.m. returned men, Boy Scouts, and Cubs fell in at the Scouts' Hall, and marched to the Memorial O.F.C. at 11 a.m.

At 10.30 Mr. F. Moore, N.W.S. Bank, opened the service. Addresses were given by Messrs. McCarthy and Sims, and a written address by Mr. Leck, V.C., was read by Mr. Martin. About 155 persons were present.

MURRAY

The sub-branch held a sports gymkhana on the Pinjarra Race Course, on Easter Monday. The events consisted of foot running and horse and pony races for children. It was a great day, and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, especially the children and the ponies.

The sub-branch intends to make it an annual affair. The Anzac Service, held in the Memorial Park, was again well attended. The "Last Post" and "Revelle" were sounded by two boys from Fairbridge Farm. The President, Mr. Ross McLarty, M.L.A., gave a very impressive address. We are in hopes of increasing our membership this year.

MUNDIJONG-JARRAHDALE

Anzac Day was observed throughout the district, with due reverence. A fine service was held in the morning, at the Jarrahdale Memorial, by the Rev. Hobbs and Byleveld, and an inervice address was delivered to a good attendance by the sub-branch President, Mr. Fleeman, who quoted appropriate extracts from the poet Laureate's prose epic, "Gallipoli." Mr. Fleeman urged also the need of rejuvenating the spirit of Anzacs, and fortitude, which was so much in evidence during the war. In the evening a service was held in the Memorial Hall, Mundijong, by the Rev. Byleveld, and Mr. Ross McLarty, M.L.A., gave an eloquent address on the spirit of Anzac. He touched on the importance of employing a little more self help and optimism in these days of hardship and distress, and finally he emphasised the necessity of supporting the League of Nations, which, as he reiterated, had

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not achieved all that was expected, but it certainly was a step in the right direction.

**OSBORNE PARK**

The usual fortnightly meetings were held on April 19 and May 3. The President, reporting on the Anzac Day parades, thanked the members most heartily for the way they turned out all day. In the afternoon, at 2.15 p.m., the members and their friends met at the Billies' Memorial Hall to hang a wreath on the photo of the late Jim O'Malley, our old friend, whose kind hearted deeds shall never be forgotten. Mr. Frank Guelfi thanked Mr. Harold Millington, M.L.A., member for this district, and a true friend of this sub-branch, who unveiled a beautiful clock, donated to the soldiers for the Memorial Hall, by our esteemed friend, Mr. Charles Chanters (Patron of the R.S.I., local sub-branch, and father of one who paid the supreme sacrifice).

At 2.45 the returned soldiers, assisted by the S.S. League, marched to the Agricultural Hall, which was promptly decorated. A wreath was placed round the Honour Board by the Church of England, Methodist Church, the sub-branch, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, and Chairman J. J. Nicol. Addresses were given by Rev. J. J. Nicol (Church of England) and Rev. Jacke (Methodist Church), and prayers were offered by the Rev. Ughtrath (Baptist). Mr. Eastman officiated at the organ. After the service, all wreaths were taken and placed at the Soldiers' Memorial, King's Park, in a ceremony by Mr. A. Mitchell.

Mr. Gillett's reports on Social and Sports Committee's activities, and the fancy dress ball for May 20, were read by Mr. A. Mitchell, and supported by Mr. Secretary, J. G. Anonymous, as Mr. Gillett and Mr. Kirkpatrick were at a meeting of A.R.M. Shield Competition Committee. Mr. D. Foreman, Librarian, reported that the Library is growing, over 300 books are now in hand, so that there will be plenty of reading material for these cold nights.

It was brought to the notice of this sub-branch that Congress should still press for Anzac Day to be a holy day, not only a holiday. Let us see whether that shall be a holy day for all workers where possible.

**TAMBELLUP**

The usual monthly meeting was held on April 13, with a record roll-up of 24 members, the attraction being an address on the construction and working of submarines during the war, by Lieutenant Bayne, ex-R.N. The first part of the address was devoted to the more serious side of the actual methods of building and handling these weird craft, and the latter part to highly interesting anecdotes of submarine operations around the Gallipoli Peninsula and the Aegean Sea. To say that Mr. Bayne had his audience sitting up and asking for more at the conclusion of his address was sufficient proof of the attractiveness of it.

Anzac Day celebrations went off very successfully, with the program being carried out by Messrs. Steele, Hammer, and the Secretary, proving about the most successful to date. Troops paraded in front of the memorial under the command of Colonel G. W. H. Birt, D.S.O., with Lieutenant Steele second in command. The necessary "calls" were played by Bugler Bawdon, and at the end of the two minutes' silence and placing of wreaths, the diggers marched into the hall, which was completely filled by an attentive and appreciative audience. Addresses were given by the Branch President, Mr. M. Collins, Colonel Birt and the Rev. Thrum, of Katanning. Mrs. Gimnan presided at the piano, while Digger Jerry Gielni told that he had not slipped back any, his rendering of "Heroes of the Dardanelles" being much appreciated.

Visitors to Tambellup during the week included Colonel Benton, accompanied by Ernie Coburn, these gentlemen called at the local "pub" so, naturally enough, it was not very long before they ran foul of the "Navy" and the Secretary, and a pleasant evening was had by all, somewhat marred by the "Navy" getting sick, not being used to that sort of thing, of course.

**PORT HEDLAND-PIBARRA**

The usual Anzac Day memorial service, conducted by the Rev. A. G. Greg, under the patronage of Dr. W. T. Dermer, R.M., was held in the Mechanics Institute, Port Hedland, on April 25. Addresses were given by Dr. Dermer, Mr. L. E. Taplin (President, Pilbara Sub-branch), and Mr. A. E. Green, J.P., while Mrs. Ford's rendering of "Land of Hope and Glory" was much appreciated by all present. A wreath was placed on the Honour Roll by the President. The attendance was the largest ever known at this service in Port Hedland, which shows that, in spite of assertions to the contrary, the public is not forgetting the sacrifices made during 1914-1918.

**MOORINE ROCK**

Again there was a large attendance of people from every part of the district at the Anzac Day service, which was conducted in the hall, under the auspices of the Moorine Rock Sub-branch. Before the service a large number of ex-service men paraded at the top of Driver Street, and marched to the hall, where the President, Mr. G. A. Marston, conducted the service, also giving an address, which was carried out by Messrs. Morgan and Pickworth. Mr. Morgan directed his remarks to the children, telling them of the British Empire and its meaning. Mr. Pickworth spoke on the spirit of Anzac and the sacrifices made. During the service the "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Mr. D. Corbett, and again Mr. D. Allen played the bugle in a fine rendering of the National Song, "Land of Hope and Glory," accompanied by Mrs. Waugh. The sub-branch and other wreaths were placed at the foot of the altar, which was draped with the Union Jack. At the conclusion of the service, the President thanked the citizens and members for their co-operation and attendance.

**ANZAC DAY IN BROOME**

(By "MUGUMP")

The Day of Days, April 25 was celebrated in the most magnificent manner.

We of this pearling city are not the great body of men we were before. Each year there is a lessening in numbers, very occasionally a death, more frequently a moving on to try the better elements elsewhere. Still our band of old soldiers, sailors, and nurses are to the fore, and are pulling their weight in assistance, charities, and so forth. And for our size (in comparison with any other body among the sub-branches) we have done our bit for the good of the service, recognition and promotion. And so our great day was quiet; there were no processions in their thousands, and there was no grand little city to have its boulevards and parks packed with onlookers. We gave our little memorial service quietly, not in a large hall, but in the open air. The place was chosen rather than fixed, where there was a flagstaff and a flag at half-mast until 11 a.m., when all were hoisted to the mastheads. Then in the afternoon all Broome gathered around our little memorial, which is on the Reef, to view the five names prescribed.

The "Last Post." The old hands in their white suits with their ribbons, the relatives and friends, the children gathered in a semi-circle around the monument and their wreaths, the beautifully coloured sea as a background reminding us of our Navy, the green lawn and the quietness of the people thereon telling of peace; the beat of the drum in the distance, before us, with its names telling us of the past.

President, Mr. Vy Oglyv-V typing to those who were too young or did not know what Anzac meant; he told us of those long days and weeks of preparation and training, the typical description of the first days of Anzac life, the fact that the tragedy of war, nor because of the birth of our nation, but to teach of peace and the better ways in which nations should trade. Mr. A. S. Mab, Chairman of the R.C. Church, gave us the fact that the sacrifices made in the Great War were now assisting in the will for universal peace. Rev. Donald Dow, on behalf of the Presbyterian Church, and one of our old padres, was glad that Anzac Day was one of all mourning nor all rejoicing, but a combination of the two in which our men's achievements should hold a high place. Mr. J. P. Gill, on behalf of the R.C. Church, quoted from Tennyson's Charge of the Light Brigade, as the words of our own times and of our own day. He told the children the good the League of Nations had done and is doing. Colonel W. O. Mansbridge, D.S.O., V.D., spoke to the children at until saying many of the little incidents of Anzac, this time being mainly about the things they did in the early stages, the flowers and shrubs, and their destruction.

The children then filed past in groups, placing their wreaths on the monument and saluting.

**WAGIN**

Anzac Day at Wagin was celebrated under ideal conditions, the weather being perfect, the area surrounding the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial in Peace Park in excellent condition, whilst the

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VICTORIA PARK

Victoria Park and Carlisle Sub-branches combined and held the Anzac service at the Memorial Gardens. The parade, led by Mr. R. Alexander, arrived at the St. Post Office, at 2:45 p.m. Taking part in the march were the Victoria Park Band, the members of the Sub-branches and the Women's Auxiliaries, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. The combined churches of Victoria Park and a choir of eighty children from the lower and upper schools assisted in the service. The address was delivered by Mr. Farquharson, of the State Executive.

The Sub-branch is still increasing its membership. During the winter months meetings were held on the third Friday of each month will be substituted for the usual fortnightly meetings. A block of land on Safford St., opposite Manchester St., has been purchased with the aid of the Women's Auxiliary. On April 29 and May 1st, "Diggers' Night" was held on the block to raise funds for the proposed Memorial Hall. The purchasing of this block has already provided a little work for a few unemployed members. Messrs. Matthews and Shadggett, who were instrumental in obtaining the block at a very reasonable price, were warmly thanked by the committee.

GASCOYNE

At the monthly meeting, presided over by Mr. Cornish on April 4th, arrangements for the social on April 24th and for Anzac Day were finalised. The social, which was similar in character to those of previous years, was held in the Parish Hall. A hearty invitation was extended to the Mayor, Mr. G. F. Egan, Mr. Hammond, and the veterans of past wars, few should be made in the Anzac Day programme this year. At the Dawn Ceremony the president of the Sub-branch (Mr. C. R. Cornish) laid a wreath on the Memorial. This year, too, the sons of deceased soldiers were invited to march with the ex-service men. The troops assembled in front of the Parish Hall, and whistle signals were used instead of verbal commands. The parade was also attended by the local school children and the Girl Guides. Suitable addresses were given to the children by the Mayor, Mr. G. F. Egan and to the adults by Rev. B. Eden. Mr. Frank Thornett kindly lent his truck to convey members and friends from Yankton.

Members of this Sub-branch are of the opinion that the money spent on Anzac House might better be employed in relieving distress among unemployed ex-service men; but if ever the Sub-branch is in possession of a surplus the Anzac House scheme will not be forgotten. At present the Sub-branch has no funds to lend members, are now reminded that subscriptions are due.

CLAREMONT

On the 27th April the Social Committee and ladies' Auxiliary held a combined dance in the Parish Hall, which turned out a huge success. The success of the Amelioration Fund. On 4th May the usual annual meeting was held. There was a large attendance of members, showing that the efforts of the committee are being rewarded. Mr. W. Ford was unanimously elected Secretary, (on the recommendation of Mr. G. Dewar, whose resignation (owing to pressure of other duties) was accepted with regret. Proceedings opened with a ceremony of remembrance modelled on the procedure of the Eastern States, which was most effective, and it was decided to adopt this ceremony as part of the usual meeting of the Sub-branch.

The representative for the district of the State Executive addressed the meeting on 'preference to returned soldiers in connection with rifle ranges, etc. The sub-branch has a number of social fixtures in hand.'

On Thursday, May 18th, a monster bridge night, in aid of the A.I.F. Scholarship Fund, is to be held in the Parish Hall. All diggers and their friends are invited. The Shell Oil Company has donated an oil column, on "Oil," at our next meeting (June 1), and we cordially invite visitors to be present at this show.

SPEARWOOD-HAMILTON HILL

Dear Mr. LISTENING POST:

Seeing that you are getting so fussy, I bought a book all about writing letters, as you suggested, so here goes. It is with the greatest of pleasure that I take up my pen to inform you that I hope this finds you still leaves me at present is that any good?

Well, after lying low for a week or two, I chucked the old tit-far-tat into the last monthly meeting the other night. Everyone jake. In fact, the mob reckoned it was about time Albert of Atchel took a trip up town, after he was showing a bit too much -H. MacKinnon, who kidded me over at his joint. Of course, I didn't expect it to be as good-looking as the one you were having tea with your mother morning, still I went George Smart'ssmart and a ground-sheet, and we came. Came a bit of a gusher. It was one of them machines like that Jardine in our-order room used to.

Well, dear sir (that's what the book says, thought I didn't see why, as you weren't an old dog yet), please, I beg you, please, don't grant a salary, I mean to be decided and paid at some future date, which I thought very decent of him, and it was carried enormously. Not a bad sort of bloke, Herb, except that real nasty finds you still leaves one out to the Re-union on the 19th.

And while I think of it, Nick asked me to let you know about the party. "Don't let it go any further, but everything will be jolly as soon as this wife leaves on her trip to Europe.

Forgot to mention we held our last meeting at Jandakot, just to show the rest of the blokes there we're a live mob, and worth joining, up with. Anyway, a good muster of Jandakot, as well as Spearwood, diggers put in an appearance, and everything went boner until Curley Follington reckoned we would have to cancel the re-union owing to depression. Without any hot-air, Bert Roberts and Jack Goucch put up facts-and-figures and things were looking pretty crook until Wally Blackwood hopped in with a roasting appeal "to make her run" that would have done you good to hear. Tell you how good it was, when Curly and Nick guaranteed ten bob each towards clearing off any overdraft on the evening! I might have known there was a catch in it, for they cleaned me out of buying one card to three of a kind, so watch him when you come out to the Re-union on the 19th.

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soleninity of the occasion excelled that of all previous anniversaries.

A record muster of ex-soldiers responded to the "fall in" at 10.10 a.m., and with the school children leading, headed by the Salvation Army Band, marched to the monument, where members of the Women's Auxiliary, R.S.L., were assembled.

The address was delivered in masterly style by Mr. H. C. Ainsworth. The "Last Post" was sounded by Bagler Godfrey, who also sounded the "Reveille," at the conclusion of the laying of the wreaths. At the conclusion of the service, the parade marched back to the flag-pole, saluting the flag as it was raised from half-mast.

The annual meeting for the election of officers was held at 2 p.m., in the Road Board Hall. The following were chosen:—President, Mr. H. G. Plesse; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. H. C. Ainsworth and Mr. R. B. Noonan; Secretary, Mr. F. S. Tassicker; Committee, Messrs. C. K. Campbell, R. Booth, E. J. Walton, C. G. T. Lloyd, R. Howie, A. Gell, J. Wellard, and H. Lee; Auditor, Mr. C. M. Shenton.

The Wagoon Sub-branch wishes to express its unceasing thanks to the aforementioned, who so kindly assisted in the Anzac Service—the Salvation Army Band, Mr. H. C. Ainsworth, for rendering of 'Land of Hope and Glory,' Mr. Chelley, and members of the choir, members of the Wagoon Road Board for the use of the Road Board Hall.
Hibbo, Bert Ellement, and about ten others retailed by producing the British Legion, the 17th Lancers, the Piano Fund, the Boer War, the Euchre Parties, the P. and C. Association, and sustenance allowances. There was a lot more, but that's all. So my private could write down, as he broke our pencil. At this stage it was discovered that Reg. Barrett and Greeny were A.W.L., and as we left the leg outside—well the three blokes left in the room decided immediately that the day and leave is the President and Secretary to check up on all members.

Our Anzac Service was a humdinger, but we can't claim all the credit, as every association in the district supported it right up to the hilt. The boys and the public rolled up in full force, reinforcements from the Peel Estate, Alf. Hearts brought a team of buglers and all his medals; Eric Nye put on just the right sort of address, and the whole of the arrangements went like clock-work. By the way, I saw a couple of medals on parade that were new ones on me. I asked the bloke what they were, and he said there was the W.A. Emus War, 1914 to 1918, and the Adelaide Test Match Star, 1935. You might find out if that's dinkum, as I believe he was the Jim Poole was picking.

Hamilton Hill put on a very impressive little set-up, and a lot of the chaps went along at the close of our own, but here's something you haven't heard before. A lot of people have forgotten that a score so or so and the boys were buried out at the Quarantine Station. Every Anzac Day a car load of two of our crowd go out with a few flowers just for old time's sake. It's not a classy show like the big parade up your way, but it is a dinkum comradeship, and you can't tell me the boys out there don't rest a bit easier for it.

You'll be pleased to hear the euchre parties are showing a Robinson—12/11/9 in the Piano Fund for a start sounds good to me. To kick it along, Eric Nye put on a popular digger competition, which is a bit of bad luck for George Geraghty, as the gang that went to Fremantle with him the other day, as they haven't been too popular ever since—not at home, anyway. I hear they lead the schoolmaster astray. It's a crying shame, and someone ought to wise him up to them, as he seems a decent, quiet sort of bloke.

That's about the whole issue. Remember me to all at home, not forgetting the typewriter. Mum's the word, Serge, and I wish I had half your luck. I remain, Your affectionate friend (this bit doesn't sound right to me, but the book says so),

A. B. DIGGER.

[You never knew about these schoolmasters, dig. Remember their job is to teach and lead others, and the whole art of leadership is leading while seeming to follow. As for that recent, quiet sort of bloke in charge of your own little academy, still waters are like pre-war pots—they run devilish deep.—Ed. "E.P."]

YANNAH

A well attended meeting was held on May 10, and in the absence of Mr. Stahl, the President, the chair was taken by Arthur Hodgson, the late Secretary. Members were indeed pleased to have Frank Hunter with them again after his prolonged illness, and trust that his health will continue to improve.

The Bridgetown Repertory Club, whose recent production, "Tons of Money," was staged at Yannah, and who donated 50 per cent. of the nett proceeds to sub-branch—Amerization Funds, wrote that they were rehearsing again. A new comedy will be staged in the near future, and Yannah, is again included in the tour on the same terms as before.

Secretory Homser's financial statement proved that since the sub-branch was re-organised last August, it has rapidly forged ahead, and if the several schemes now under consideration mature, the future is indeed bright, more especially if all members pull together for the common good.

A discussion took place as to the advisability of the sub-branch linking up with the recently formed Combined Overseas Settlers' Association, and it was decided that the existing machinery of the R.S.L. was most competent to deal with all lands matters as a recently formed association.

The Secretary reported having written the State Secretary, asking him to approach the Agricultural Bank and ascertain whether the Bank's former method of treating each case on its merits had now ceased. The definite case was cited of a comrade who had suffered with sterility in his dairy herd for four years, and who now claimed sustenance until his cows (now fortunately in calf, but due to calve during November and December) calved.

Six months sustenance would enable this man to stay on his holding. For four years, with only one or two cows in profit yearly, he has sustained himself out of his own pocket, and it was felt that some consideration was due. The Secretary was therefore instructed to write Mr. Benson again, as no reply to his previous communication has been received, and also to the Minister for Agriculture, pointing out that £25 would prevent this man from going on the dole. As a married man with children on sustenance, he would receive almost double the sum asked for now.

MT. HAWTHORN—NORTH LEEDERVILLE

The regular fortnightly meetings were held on April 20 and May 4, and on each occasion the attendance was very satisfactory.

On delivering his report on the Anzac Day Service, the President expressed his gratification at the splendid support accorded his appeal for a representative turnout of members. It was also encouraging to have seen present so many relatives of members and residents of the district. Once more the service was conducted by Padre C. A. Jenkins, supported by representatives of the local clubs, and as on previous occasions the furniture was loaned by the Baptist Church. At the conclusion of the report a munion was passed that letters of appreciation be sent to all who assisted.

The nomination of Padre C. A. Jenkins as a member of the sub-branch was received with acclamation.

Director of Games (Tom Campbell) reported having attended a meeting of delegates of Section 'C', Zone 1, of the A.R.M. Shield Competition, and that it was agreed that the content be played off in June. Table tennis at Mount Lawley, peg quoits at Our Headquarters, shooting at North Perth, and draughts at Osborne Park—dates to be fixed by sub-branches responsible. Secretary Billy Rowles, of the Cricket Club, reported on the play in the final of the R.S.L. Pennant, in which Claremont-Cottesloe proved victorious, and he congratulated them on their win, and thought we had every right to be just as proud of our own team. He also intimated that the Cricket Club social would be held on May 18.
The programme drawn up by the Syllabus Committee included the following—June 1, Lecture 2: Douglas C. Spooner.- "Women's Auxiliary Committee," June 16, A.R.M. Shield Competition Peg Quoits.

MECKERING-UNDERDIN

At the first re-union social of this recently constituted sub-branch, presided over by Mr. Charles Webster (ex-R.A.N.), and ably assisted by the Rev. J. C. Lord (9th West Yorkshire), and at which C. C. Abbey was in charge of the following ex-service men signed the roll book—W. Price (Corps Signals), J. Chandler (48th Battalion), R. Price (2nd Hampshire Regiment), H. Brown (16th Machine Gun Corps), A. Taylor (16th Battalion), W. J. Power (16th Battalion), J. W. F. Hoddy (16th Battalion), P. D. Budd (16th Battalion), F. Kessell (A.S.C. Remounts), S. E. Snook (16th Battalion), F. C. Scarlett (6-11th Battalion), W. J. Sayer (28th Battalion), J. P. Mulhall (Ist Irish Guards), D. Pearce (10th Light Horse), M. Hogan (Ist Division Signal Co.), D. K. Shaw (Machine Gun Corps), R. D. Davis (A.A.S.C.), W. A. Devennis (44th Battalion), H. S. Herold (44th M.C.T.), W. P. Colborne (28th Battalion), J. J. Pearse (6-11th Battalion), A. Mettams (43rd Battery), V. E. Biddle (A.M.T.S.), F. Armstrong (112th Howitzer Battery), K. McNally (73rd Battery).

The social was a great success, and already the sub-branch has a good membership. The formation of this sub-branch, in the words of the President, completes the chain of sub-branches between Perth and Kalgoorlie.

MAYLANDS

The members of the former Rock Sub-branch are to be congratulated on their Anzac Day service. About 100 members attended the parade, which was under the command of Mr. Arthur Hullett. Headed by the Maylands Salvation Army Band, the parade was followed by the Maylands Young Women's Guild, twelve Life-saving Girl Guides, and eighteen Cub Scouts, and marched from the Maylands railway station to the local Town Hall, where a very impressive service was held. After a number of wreaths had been placed on the monument, Col. C. H. E. Manning delivered a very fine address on Anzac Day and the good work of the R.S.L. At the meal meeting there was a record number present, when Mr. Ken Henderson gave a very interesting talk on his book, entitled "Khaki and Cassocks," which was very appreciated by those present. The President, Mr. Bill Clowes, referred to the tremendous interest taken in the public at the afternoon service, which, he said, was a record, and the Maylands diggers are extremely grateful to the general public for the interest displayed in their branch.

The usual fortnightly meeting, held on 8th May, about forty members were in attendance, and two new ones, Messrs. Wray and Halse, were enrolled and welcomed in the usual Maylands way, after which both suitably responded. The President received two very handsome comradship cups in St. John of God's Hospital, and asked members to call and see him.

The captains of the various teams for the Archibald Riley Shield reported progress, and although the weather is not so fine, they expect to be there at the finish.

Correspondence dealt with included War Pensions, and in order to bring the matter under the notice of every member, it was decided to publish it in this issue.

Our Women's Auxiliary is giving a tea to ex-service men from hospitals at the Soldiers' Institute, on June 23, and all members of the sub-branch who can attend are invited to do so, and bring their luncheon and suitable refreshment.

Mr. Edmonds, our sub-branch representative on the State Executive, was present, and presented Mr. Ernie Spencer, with a Certificate of Service for the good work which he has rendered to the sub-branch. After Mr. Spencer had delivered to him the certificate, the rest of the evening was spent in various card games, quizzes, etc.

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS

Last meeting was held at Mr. Helena, on April 21. A letter from President Harry Walker was discussed. Mr. Walker asked for relief from the onerous duties of his office. The Secretary unani- mously requested him to carry on in office, until his term expired, to which he acceded.

The Secretary reported that all necessary arrangements had been carried out for the parade of parade and service on Anzac Day. A letter was received from the Hills Teachers' Association, intimating that a decision was reached, whereby the schools would not be officially represented in the parade, but that children would be encouraged to attend. This communication evoked keen disappointment and concern, for in the past, the schools' participation in the parade and march lent greater significance to the ceremony, and it was felt, too, that the impression obviously sensed by the young generation in their active participation in ceremonies would be weakened. Eventually it was decided to communicate with the H.T.A., and request that a deputation be sent from this sub-branch to discuss the matter. On Sunday, April 23, Messrs. Martin and Rutherford were courteously received as delegates of the teachers, and after a frank discussion, an amicable arrangement was reached, whereby the children would be represented in the parade.

Beautiful weather prevailed on Anzac Day, and a splendid attendance witnessed the parade of ex-servicemen, who were followed by a long column of pupils, representing the various schools throughout the district, in charge of their respective teachers. Captain McKean was O.C. Parade. Revs. Whitehead and Farmajy conducted the service, while Miss Margaret Watson officiated at the piano. The address was delivered by Captain E. H. Sheild, whose forceful eloquence was in itself very inspiring, and theme fittingly appropriate to the occasion. An innovation at this year's service was the singing by senior girls of "Mr. Helena State, School, of Henley's "Last Post," the beautiful expression of this sacred tribute and salutation to the heroic dead impressed everyone with its purity and pathos. Mr. Hartfield and his pupils must be highly commended for this noble rendition.

Messrs. R. S. Simpson, M.L.A., and Vernon Hamersley, M.L.C., were among those present. Many beautiful wreaths were laid at the monument, included among them were those from this sub-branch, Women's Auxiliary, respective schools, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jacoby, and other respected identities.

At the April meeting the Editor of the official organ was heartily congratulated upon his initial production of the journal. Mr. Bastian appealed for continued support, in order to increase its scope and circulation.

Keen sympathy was evinced after learning that Senior V.P. Jim Wilksusen was forced out of harness by order of the M.O. Let's hope that our worthy old team-mate shall soon be among us.

BRUCE ROCK

On Anzac Day a large crowd congregated in the Road Board Hall, at 1 p.m., to do honour to the Anzac dead. The Chairman of the Bruce Rock Sub-branch (Mr. H. W. Wilkins) presided, while also on the platform were Mr. J. Lethlean, Deputy-chairman of the Bruce Rock Road Board, and Mr. J. Miller, representing the Bruce Rock Memorial Hospital Board. As the congregation were being seated, Beethoven's Sonata in A Flat was expressively rendered on the organ by Mr. W. H. Hood, who conducted the choir. The service was conducted by the Revs. F. G. Smith and F. Slater. The "Last Post" and the "Re-ville" were sounded by Mr. L. Wood. After prayers for King and Nation had been read by the Rev. Smith, the Rev. Slater gave a brief but graphic address on the origin and significance of Anzac.

The President intimated that any relatives might take the flowers from the grave and place same on the grave of deceased returned men who had been buried in the Bruce Rock cemetery.

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The sub-branch wish to extend thanks to Mr. and Mrs. F. Pearse for their assistance, with donations of flowers.

At the invitation of the President of the Bruce Rock Sub-branch of the R.S.L. (Mr. H. W. Wilkins), immediately following the Anzac Memorial Service in the Road Board Hall, a large number of returned men and their relatives adjourned to Longdale Hall, where a dinner afternoon tea, was partaken of, and an appropriate toast list honoured.

The President stated that it was gratifying to see so many new members present. Ardash-Babakin had recently formed a sub-branch, and were well represented that afternoon. In the evening a memorial service was held in the Arndt Hall, which had the support and attendance of representatives of the Bruce Rock Sub-branch.

**WUBIN**

The Anzac Day commemoration service, held at Wubin, was well attended. The returned men of the district paraded under the command of Mr. Percy White. Chaplain L. E. Brown, of Dalwallinu, was in charge of the religious portion, and the service was concluded at Wubin Sub-branch.

After Mr. Day had formally opened the proceedings the service commenced with the hymn, "Lost We Forget," followed by two minutes silence. Chaplain Brown then offered prayer for our soldiers, sailors, and nurses, Mr. Ernie Myers sound the "Last Post", and "Reveille" immediately after. "Lead, Kindly Light" was sung, and the chaplain recited prayer for the Empire and the troops who were killed in action on Gallipoli. This was followed by the hymn, "Q God, Our Help in Ages Past," and inspiring addresses were delivered by the Rev. Sullivan and Mr. Jas. Day.

**NORTH PERTH**

A Digger's Diary

(With profound apologies to the Shade of Samuel Pepys)

April 21.—My wife mighty pressing for a holiday in the country, so we decide to take steam coach tomorrow for Moora town, it being her birthday and where her mother lives.

22.—Up bets and prepare for our journey, thence to the steam coach and away. A weary ride, and we both pleased when to Moora come. Mrs. George White, and he told me of a smoke concert the Moora Sub-branch do hold this night. He invite me to attend with him, which I accepted with pleasure, so anon to the ale house, where it is held. There I see the tables on which were many good things to eat and drink, and meet Major Jack O'Neill (President, Moora Sub-branch), Dr. W. S. Miles (Vice-President), Mr. G. A. Bradshaw (Secretary), Mr. C. H. Davies, Mr. S. Seymour, Mr. Geo. Reeves, Mr. W. H. Boyce, Mr. A. Lumber, and many other gentlemen whose names I cannot remember. All did welcome me very civilly, saying they were pleased to have one from Perth City to show how their sub-branch did do things, though their members be scattered far and wide. Some gentlemen from Moora came, they they drove fifty miles to this gathering. "But," said I, I did travel 114 miles. Then they twit me merely that it be not specially for this social smoke, which was a truth. A very pleasant evening of song and many stories of men. Methinks Mr. O'Neill was a hard worker for his sub-branch, and deserving of much credit at organizing so successful a night, and having so large a muster. Mightily pleased I was at having great company. Home to bed, in very good content.

25 (Anzac Day).—Attend Anzac Service in Moora Hall. A mighty crowd of people, all the town and countryside to attend methinks, there being but little room for more company in the hall. A fine service, conducted by Major O'Neill, and nice singing. Especially solos by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Kuhl, who did sing in voices of excellent quality. The service was attended by all our soldiers present (about 10 in number) parade to the memorial, where was the laying of wreaths and sounding of the "Last Post." It very pleasant to see that not only in the city do people remember, but those in the country also do, and come many miles to show their respects to our fallen soldiers.

May 1.—Leave Moora town by steam coach for Brooklyn. Not much to see, about 11 o'clock tired of the long journey, so straight to bed.

9.—Meet Mr. Bob Helier, he introduce Mr. Sam Vincent, a new member of our sub-branch, and addition to our Social Committee. A gentleman, I am told, of sound agricultural knowledge.

11.—Hear news of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins' little baby boy (Jimmy) having got his arm caught in a washing mangle. This I am very sorry to hear, and hope the hurt be little, he being a bright, chubby little chap.

13.—See little Jimmy Hawkins, he with his arm in sling, but smiling and talking as though ought not be wrong with him. A brave little boy who I hope will soon get better of his bad arm.

15.—To sub-branch general meeting. A poor muster there. Methinks most members do attend the farewell smoke concert to Colonel Colet's this night. The business did take but little time, mostly reports of sub-branch activities. Mr. Heber- ington (member of committee) did report how we now have over 200 members, which did please us all mightily. Mr. Rankin (Social Committee) did say this year's Sweet Tea Show will include prizes for Gladion Heart, and Poppies. Mr. Rigg (Hospital Officer) did give us news of four members being in hospital, which did put us all in sympathy, and to wish them a quick recovery and speed home. The business over, so to play games. Thence to a dances and home.

17.—Meet Mr. Hawkins, he giving me nine names of new members. 'They being, A. Coveley, M. I. A., 10th Light Horse; R. E. Ethington, 28th Battalion; R. McLean, 7th Light Horse; H. E. Wishart, 16th Battalion; D. Doid; 11th Battalion; D. Simpson, 28th Battalion; R. George, 16th Battalion; J. Stevens, Wilshire Regiment. Imp. "North Perth the greatest sub-branch of all,

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had likewise completed a stuffed elephant. Mrs. Stockman was instructing in soft toy making, and Mrs. Doran, of Mt. Lawley, in knitting. Mrs. Job, of Narrogin, having heard of the classes from her 'town link,' North Perth, was also present.

As I have said before, our Executive members are all busy women. The trustees work in co-operation with the R.S.L. Trustees. They investigate cases, purchase goods economically, and despatch them. The amount of correspondence dealt with is considerable. Five of our executive are responsible for the visiting of the returned soldiers patients in the civilian wards of Perth Hospital. During last month 76 soldiers were visited. Very often wives and children of diggers are also visited. Then we have the motor outing committee, which has arranged fortnightly outings for the soldiers in the Edward Miller, Lennox, and the Repatriation Ward during the summer season. We trust that at the next R.S.I. Conference, when alterations to our Constitution are under consideration, we will be granted three additional committee women, as several of our Executive are on two sub-committees at present, there being so many phases of work.

Recently, at a combined meeting of the Management Committees of the R.S.I. and Women's Auxiliary State Executive, the subject of disputes arising between sub-branches and auxiliaries was discussed. After some discussion, it was decided that it is the duty of a sub-branch reporting any dispute (between it and its auxiliary) to the State Executive, the latter would notify the Women's State Executive, and no decision in the matter would be made before it had been considered at a combined meeting of both Management Committees.

The Soldiers' Children Scholarship Trust Fund seems to have specially appealed to our women, and there is no doubt that the sum contributed last year will be far exceeded this year.

"Our State Executive has arranged the next combined auxiliary social for June 12, a Monday evening. The usual arrangements will be carried out, and Nedlands will be in charge of the supper. These socials are very popular among the members, the dancing room being taken to its utmost capacity.

"My recent tour to Dangar, Quairading, Beverley, and York convinced me that our women are very anxious to know what is required of them in R.S.L. work, and are ready to do their bit for the League. I endeavoured to impress on all the necessity for co-operation between the sub-branch and auxiliary, and the cultivation of that spirit of comradeship for which the R.S.L. stands. I should like to thank all sub-branches and auxiliaries for the delightfully courtesy extended to me on my tour. As Mother of the Women's Auxiliaries, I took it as a keen appreciation of the work done by our branches in the cause of the returned soldier and his dependents.

"Next Conference is only four months distant, so please note that the motions for the agenda should be sent in very soon, and do make a big effort to make our first exhibition a huge success."

"We enjoy ourselves only in our work, our doing; and our best doing is our best enjoyment."

FRIENDLY UNION OF SOLDIERS' WIVES AND MOTHERS

The monthly social afternoon was held in St. George's Hall, on May 9. The speaker was Dr. Cyril Lyman, who gave an interesting address on "London." Instead of the usual concert, Mr. Billy Edwards led the gathering in community singing, an innovation which was greatly enjoyed. The annual meeting will be held on June 1, at 2 p.m., in St. George's Hall. This will also take the form of a welcome home to Mrs. Kerr-Pearce, our President, who recently returned from England. Since her return, her room at the Esplanade Hotel has been a mass of flowers—tokens of love and sympathy from her many friends in the State.

NARROGIN

At the monthly meeting held on March 29 there was a good attendance and much business was transacted. The auxiliary has had a very busy time with its afternoon teas, bridge and rummy evenings, and a Paddy's market, which was held on February 24. All these features showed a profit, which will help to pay off the debt on the Memorial Hall and from which a donation has been made to the Soldiers' Scholarship Fund. Auxiliary members conveyed their hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wald, who celebrated their golden wedding on April 21. Mrs. Wald was an enthusiastic Red Cross and war worker and in a foundation member of the auxiliary, in which she still takes a very active interest.

NORTH PERTH

At the April meeting twenty-six members were present. Medcames, Cliff, Hetherington and McCullagh were congratulated on winning events at the United Auxiliaries picnic at Caversham House. During the month a very pleasant afternoon was spent at Nedlands, where a tennis tournament was played against that Auxiliary. Mrs. Rigg and Mrs. Rendel would be pleased to hear from any other Auxiliary which would like to challenge us at tennis.

The winner of the pair of fat Easter ducks raffled by the Auxiliary was Mr. J. Penn, 10 Waugh Street, North Perth.

On April 24 several members of the Auxiliary attended the Anzac service at the North Perth State School. After the service, Medcames James went to the Royal Perth hospitals: one basket to the Children's Hospital, two baskets to Lennox Hospital, one basket to Repatriation Ward, and two baskets to other wards at the Perth General Hospital. The flowers were an Anzac gift from the children of the school. Each child had brought a floral tribute to the service and a beautiful wreath had been made to place on the State War Memorial at the Dawn Service on April 25. The patients of the various hospitals were delighted to receive the children's gifts.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Reeves has been discharged from hospital and is making satisfactory progress at home.

"During the month we have received letters from our friends, Mrs. Job, of Narrogin, and Mrs. Hopkins, of Boulder.

YORK

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the Women's Institute, York, Friday, April 21, when Mrs. Wilson, President Women's Auxiliary, R.S.I., State Executive, gave a very interesting and helpful talk on the policy of the Women's Auxiliary, and also the good work of various auxiliaries in the metropolitan areas. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Wilson and a dainty afternoon tea concluded a happy afternoon.

CLAREMONT

In aid of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust, the Claremont Branch R.S.I. Women's Auxiliary held a bridge evening in the Parish Hall, Claremont, on Thursday, May 18.

On April 27, the Claremont Sub-branch and Women's Auxiliary gave an enjoyable dance in aid of the Affiliation Funds at the Parish Hall, which was prettily decorated with the R.S.I. colours. Owing to the sudden illness of the President, Mrs. C. Gladish, Mrs. Copelin, Vice-President, was in charge, and was ably assisted by the following committee members: Messrs. Milne, Fitzpatrick, Wade, Williamson, Keene, Ingram, Misses Dewar, F. E. Bryant; Secretary, Messrs. Avery, Copelin, Keene, Fowler, and Bannister. A dainty supper was served.
Digger Sporting Recollections
(By M.H.M.)

On the football fields of the city, town and suburb, the shrill whistle of the referee is heard once again. Highly organised clubs struggle for supremacy, urged on by the encouraging shouts of their supporters. The games are played under ideal conditions on beautifully grassed ovals containing up-to-date grandstands equipped with every modern convenience for players and spectators alike. In the higher grades the games are taken seriously, and the play is hard, only the very fit being able to maintain their places in the various teams.

Digger readers of these columns will readily recall to memory the sound of the referee’s whistle in France, controlling games which were played under anything but ideal conditions. Muddy fields in place of the beautifully grassed ovals; dilapidated farm sheds or may be shell torn houses serving as dressing rooms; and the teams’ personnel frequently changing as war took its daily toll.

The phantom whistle grows yearly fainter as one by one the diggers retire from the realms of active sport. Memories, however, are still left to us, and hereunder we recall the deeds of one of Australia’s staunchest defenders in the Australian Rules game of football.

Ray Mudie
Noted Back Player and Carnival Rep.

Although it is five years since the fair-haired East Fremantle backman, Ray Mudie, retired from active football, his deeds and personality will be easily recalled to mind by followers of the Australian game in the West. His record, as revealed herewith, is certainly one to be proud of, and both East Fremantle and the State suffered a distinct loss when increasing years caused Ray to retire from the game.

As a schoolboy, he showed early promise in the football realm, with both the North Fremantle and Fremantle Boys’ Schools teams. In 1909, the latter school team won the premiership, having an undefeated record. It is of interest to recall here that in this year, a team of American boys visited this State and played various combined school teams. Ray played for the Fremantle district team, but was on the losing side, the Yanks beating our boys at their own game. In this year also, Ray was the winner of the Fremantle Boys’ Swimming Championship, and in the following year was runner-up in the State Schoolboys’ Championship. He did not, however, continue to seek honours in the swimming world.

Leaving school, he graduated through the Junior Football Associations, playing three seasons with Kingston’s, and one season with an Association team, this latter being the recruiting ground for the League teams. He was, at this time, a member of the Compulsory Training Cadets, being attached to the Garrison Artillery. When war broke out, he was mobilised and was stationed at Fort Forrest and Arthur’s Head.

In 1915, when nineteen years of age, he played his first League game with East Fremantle against Midland Junction, and kicked two goals. Incidentally, this was destined to be the only occasion during his thirteen years’ association with East Fremantle that he troubled the goal umpires, being permanently stationed on the back line, and, therefore, not finding any opportunity for kicking goals.

In November, 1915, Ray enlisted for active service overseas, and left for Sydney in the same month with the Siege Artillery Brigade, which was composed mostly of permanent force men. The Brigade trained in Sydney until January 1916, and then embarked for England to complete the training course.

IN ENGLAND

The destinies of the Brigade led them in pleasant places during their stay in “Blighty.” Training time was divided between camps in Taunton, Somerset, and Sheerness on the Isle of Sheppey. Coming in contact mostly with Imperial Regiments, the Artillery boys were instructed in the wiles of ‘Rugby,’ and proved no mean operators of the game, as will be revealed later. During the summer months in England, the Artillery Brigade played a great deal of cricket. Ray had as unit companions Wally Gunnyon, noted W.A. Carnival half forward, and a fair cricketer; Cliff Rankin, who later played for Victoria in the carnival series, and Fred Ion, the well-known ruck man of East Fremantle and carnival fame. Geo. Mettam, the scorer, and

VICTORIA PARK

The regular monthly meeting was held on April 21, when the matter of holding a children’s fancy dress ball in June, was discussed. Sick visitors reported on the monthly visit to the Edward Millen Home and distribution of cigarettes, sweets, and reading matter. In this connection the patients would welcome any copies of the English Daily Mail. With the idea of keeping members up to date, visits to various enterprises have been arranged. On April 26, a party of 40 members visited the office of the West Australian, which proved highly interesting, the party seeing the whole newsroom of one of the daily newspapers. On May 9, the Auxiliary paid a visit to the new Commonwealth Bank. The ladies also saw the huge sums of money, and expressed pleasure at having the opportunity given them of seeing such a wonderful building.

CARLISLE

The Carlisle Women’s Auxiliary has had quite a busy and enjoyable month. They held a social in the hall on Friday, May 3. The President, Mrs. Monkhouse welcomed those present, and appealed for new members, the response being seven. Vocal items were rendered by Mrs. Keelor and Miss Tally, and Mrs. McDonald recited, the aeroplane game was won by Mr. McDonald, and a competition by Mrs. Woods, and the lucky ticket by Mrs. Gillen, while a cake donated by Mrs. Boland went to Mrs. McDonald. Mrs. Starkie played for dancing and accompaniment.

A house party, held on May 12, at Mrs. Andrew’s residence, was large, attended, and helped to swell the fund. A cake donated by Mrs. Wills was auctioned and realised 16s. 6d. a statuette was raffled by Mrs. Cable, and won by Mrs. Loveloy, No. 83. Games and cards helped to bring money in.

The monthly dances are still largely attended. A social will be held on the second Monday of each month, at 3 p.m., in the hall. All interested are invited.

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<td>ELEVENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
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"Chitter" Brown, well-known footballer, were also in the Brigade, so that it is small wonder the unit was able to hold its 'own' in the realm of active service sport.

In one of the cricket matches played whilst training, against a R.G.A. team, interest was aroused by the presence in the latter team, of Major Grace, son of the G.O.M. of cricket, Dr. E. M. Grace. Great things were naturally expected of the Major, and when he was put on to bowl, the field was spread wide as for goony bowling. Great was the surprise of the Aussies when the Major sedately ambled to the wicket and delivered—an upender arm bowl! He finished with an average of 1 for 39, and evidently did not inherit his famous sire's ability for cricket.

FRANCE

The career of the 2nd Australian Siege Battery in France (Ray's unit in France) commenced in November, 1916. Owing to the fact that they were separated from the bulk of the A.I.F., it was difficult to arrange Australian rules football matches. They had to perforce to play rugby, and in the summer played a good deal of cricket.

One cricket match in which Ray figured to some purpose, was played in June, 1918, during a rest period at Boulougne. The Battery played a team from the 2nd A.G.H., and the score-board at lunch showed 6 for 40—rather disastrous for the Battery boys. When Ray joined a batsman named Orr, the pair added 180 runs, of which Ray made 88 not out, and the total eventually reached 230. At drawing of stump the 2nd A.G.H. had lost 9 for 98, so it was a moral victory for the Artillerymen.

After the Armistice, the Battery took part in the 15th Corps Rugby Competition, which was played round Fouroucoing and Roubaix. They won this competition, and were each presented with bronze medallions, as a memento of the occasion. Ray is still in possession of his medallion, and it is a pleasing souvenir of the bright side of war. The winning of this competition entitled the team to play in the 5th Army Competition, but after winning the semi-final match they had to withdraw, as most of their players were in process of demobilisation.

HOME

Ray returned home in July, 1919, and immediately re-commenced playing with East Fremantle. It was not long before he gained a great reputation as a backman. He was indeed difficult to pass, being a strong, rugged player, and tenacious withal. He was not a great high mark, but, once getting his hands on the ball, he seldom lost it. He gave and took, hard bumps, and his fair hair was usually to be seen wherever the fray was thickest. Many a match has he made safe for East Fremantle, and he was ever a staunch club man, East Fremantle being his only football love throughout his senior career. His leadership record is as follows:

- 1922, Vice-captain
- 1923, Captain
- 1924, Captain
- 1927 Captain and coach
- 1928, Coach
- 1929, Coach

In 1920 he was a member of the combined W.A.F.L. team which played Sturt.

In 1921, the Australian Rules Football Carnival was held in W.A., and our State team, of which Ray was a member, won its first and only carnival.

In 1923 he captained the State side which journeyed to Adelaide, only to be severely beaten by the local side, led by Vic. Richardson, the Australian Eleven cricketer.

In 1924 he went to Hobart as a member of the W.A. Carnival team, and took part in the now famous match with Victoria, which the latter won, after a grueling game, by 7 points, the match concluding in semi-darkness. He was also picked in the State side of 1926, but was unable to accept owing to business ties.

In addition to football, Ray was keenly interested in cricket, and was a more than useful player. He played many seasons of a "A" Grade Pennant Cricket with Subiaco and Fremantle, and was a solid if not showy batsman, good fieldsman, and useful change medium fast bowler.

Ray has been a resident of the Fremantle district all his life, and is now residing in East Fremantle. This district sent many great sportsmen to the war, and the subject of this article is a prominent representative and one who has earned the popularity and esteem of those with whom he has come in contact.
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