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Month of Anniversaries

August is a month when men naturally turn their minds backward, for it is the month of great anniversaries. It was on August 4, 1914, that Great Britain entered into the war against the Central Power. It was on August 8, 1918, that the Australian Corps achieved its greatest success in the second Battle of the Somme. During the month of August, 1916, the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Australian Divisions were heavily engaged at Pozieres. On August 21, 1918, Sir Julian Byng's Third Army followed up the success of the Fourth Army on August 8, by launching its counter-offensive to the north of the Somme. On August 23, 1918, was fought the Battle of Mons, the first encounter between the old regular Army and the Germans.

On an occasion like August 4, one is tempted to reflect upon the train of events which led to the most stupendous event of modern history. One also hears much talk about the futility of war, the inference being that had the wise ones who talk in this strain been in charge of the nation's destinies, the war could have been avoided. In this connection reference must be made to those estimable persons who think, or who think they think, that the interests of universal peace can best be served by forgetting the war, by pulling down all war memorials, and by inaugurating a conspiracy of silence with respect to everything that happened between August 4, 1914, and November 11, 1918.

Captain B. H. Liddell Hart, one of the soundest writers on the history of the war, has, propounded a new maxim in place of the older one, "If you desire peace, prepare for war." It is this: "If you desire peace, understand war." It is only by understanding the causes of war and eliminating them that future wars may be avoided, and that the world may be spared such another orgie of wholesale, slaughter. Liddell Hart considers that the ultimate cause of the Great War was fear, British fear of the Kaiser's ambitions and intentions, German fear of Britain's commercial and colonial supremacy. Events between 1896 and 1914 certainly seem to support such a hypothesis. The Kaiser's notorious Kruger telegram aroused a storm of indignation throughout the British Empire. In 1900, British, German, and America troops fought side by side under a German commander in chief for the relief of the Pekin Legations. This association did not make for any better international understanding. Count von Waldersee, the leader of the expedition, succeeded in quarrelling with all the other allied commanders, and his dispute with the American General Chaffee almost led to international complications. The Kaiser's megalomania and its attendant habit of sabre-rattling brought us to the verge of war with Germany more than once during the years that preceded 1914. In 1907, there was his interference in the matter of the Franco-British agreement with respect to Morocco. The British public felt that every increase in the strength of the German Navy was an added menace to the security of the British Empire. The opponents of the Liberal Government made every indirect utterance by the Kaiser an excuse to clamour for an increase in the naval estimates, while the German press pointed to British criticisms as proof of Britain's intention to deprive Germany of her place in the sun. It is all very well to declare that a more enlightened press in both countries might have worked for better mutual understanding. The world had not developed a peace consciousness in those days, and the feelings that were growing on both sides of the North Sea made war inevitable whatever the immediate causes might be.

But wisdom after the event is not to be despised. It should be used for the benefit of the future. If we are to avoid future wars we should, as an initial step, study the long train of causes which led to the Great War, dismiss from our minds every vestige of militarist or pacificist bias, weigh events and their sequences calmly and dispassionately, see where firmness would have counted for much, and where vacillation was more dangerous than determined action. We then might recognize, when they arise, the situations which must inevitably lead to another outbreak for, as Liddell Hart has sagely remarked: "If you desire peace, understand war."

Anzac House Ball

Diggers, with their women folk, attending the Anzac House Ball, to take place in Government House Ballroom, on Friday, September 1, are assured of something out of the ordinary in the way of entertainment. There will be a distinguished company, including the Lieut.-Governor Sir James Mitchell, the Premier, Mr. Collie, General Sir Harry Chauvel, the Lord Mayor, Mr. J. T. Franklin, M.L.C., Brigadier Martyn, Senator H. B. Collett (State President), the Speaker, Mr. A. H. Panton, M.L.A., the President of the Legislative Council, Sir John Irwin, M.L.C., the District Naval Officer, Commander Griffiths-Bowen, Sir Charles Nathan, M.L.A., and many other notables.

Joe Aropson's Band will play dance music from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., and for the benefit of country sub-branches conducting dances for the Anzac House Building Fund, the Australian Broadcasting Commission has agreed to the continuation of the broadcast until 12.30. Military and naval uniforms may be worn, and Mrs. O'Connell will provide a sumptuous sit-down supper. Tickets are 12/6 double, and 7/6 single, and may be obtained at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, or at Newspaper House, Perth.

Anzac House

FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

The Foundation Membership Appeals, to be distributed to ex-service men who are considered to be in a position to pay the £5 for Foundation Membership of Anzac House, are now being completed by the State President, Colonel H. B. Collett. That the opportunity to contribute something substantial to the League's great project is likely to be accepted by many ex-service men is already evidenced by the receipt at Headquarters of Foundation subscriptions from Mr. Alex Anderson (Subiaco), Colonel C. H. Lamb (Perth), Mr. E. S. Watt (Perth), and Sidney Johnson, of Pemberton. Foundation membership does not entitle a subscriber to any special privilege, but a suitable certificate will be issued, and these will no doubt become highly prized souvenirs. In connection with the build-
Soldier Settlers

Mr. A. Yeates, Chairman, led a deputation of Land Committee members to the Minister for Lands, Mr. M. F. Troy, on Friday, August 4. The League’s Policy was enunciated at the last Annual Congress, and shortly after submitted to the State Government without, however, any finality being reached, beyond many discussions with the then Minister for Lands (Mr. Latham) and the Premier, Sir James Mitchell. The League’s case was presented to Mr. Troy by Messrs. Yeates, Olden, and Colin Craig, the latter representing the No. 4 District Committee. Summed up, the deputation asked for:

1. That arrears of principal be placed in suspense account for five years.
2. That arrears of interest be placed in suspense account for five years, and that interest on such arrears be suspended for the same period.
3. That current interest be deferred providing a proper proportion of such interest be expended in further development.
4. That at the end of five years a revaluation take place by a Special Re-Valuation Board.

In reply the Minister agreed to the capitalisation of arrears of principal up to five years, and the capitalisation of interest payments for the same period. Every case, however, he stated would be dealt with on its merits, and if conditions or prices improve, and it was found that the soldier settler could pay any portion of the arrears, he would be expected to do so. The Minister declared that eventually there would have to be a review of the capital indebtedness, but he would not agree to the creation of a board or permit any outsider to come between the soldier settler and the Agricultural Bank. Mr. Troy stated that he very well knew that soldier settlers were suffering great difficulties at present, but they should look ahead and hold on to their farms and not give way to a policy of despair. Referring to the Great Southern Districts, the Minister said that the difficulties there were not due to the insistence by the Agricultural Bank on the payment of principal and interest, these settlers were largely the clients of stock firms, and while the State had provided the land and made improvements, the stock firms had secured whatever benefit there was to be had from the operations of the soldier settlers. Their troubles, therefore, lay with the stock firms and not with the Government.

Referring to the difficulties of the Agricultural Bank, the Minister said that a great many soldier settlers were neither paying rent or interest, and such interest had to be found by the general taxpayer. On repurchased estates the amount of principal and interest outstanding was £131,217 on ordinary conditional purchase lands the rents outstanding amounted to £70,244. The total amount of outstanding interest due to the Agricultural Bank by soldier settlers at June 30th last amounted to £754,570, whilst the total arrears of rent and interest due to the Lands Department and the Agricultural Bank by all settlers amounted to the staggering sum of £2,350,000, and this huge indebtedness did not include arrears and interest due in respect to losses on Group Settlements. The Minister said that the taxpayers of the State had been called upon to finance this lee-way, and the number of people capable of paying taxation is shrinking year by year. Probably the greater proportion of the burden is being carried at present by less than 40,000 people, and so the deputation would realise the difficulties of the Government and its institutions associated with land settlement.

The Broadcast Night

(By C. R. Collins)

Being the world’s worst letter-writer, I wish to return thanks, through the Listening Post, to numerous friends and others for their kindly criticisms of the Broadcast Night on August 4. The sub-committee of the State Executive and the staff of 6WF worked hard to make the evening a success, and the sheet of congratulations that has been received shows that their efforts were appreciated. It was not a one-man show by any means; the earnest co-operation of all concerned ensured the measure of success that was achieved. That blushing modesty which is absent from the make-up of all writers—otherwise they would not be writers—should prevent me from discussing my own part of the performance, but a lifetime in the army thickens the epidermis, if it does nothing else, and I must refer to it in order that others may receive their due meed of recognition.

To start with, I am deeply indebted to Mr. Basil Kirke, Colonel Olden, and others of the committee, for their suggestions and advice while the Panorama was still on the stocks. Thanks are also due to Mr. Harry Graham, of 6WF, who produced the Panorama, and acted in some of the sketches. I know the A.B.C. people prefer to remain anonymous in these matters, but the League is vastly indebted to them nevertheless. The management of 6WF was responsible for the effects, which supplied the touches of realism. The ladies and gentlemen who played the various roles must also be

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remembered. The excellence of their acting and the well-sustained narration of Mr. C. P. Smith contributed very largely to whatever degree of success was attained.

One or two critics—the number is not understated—considered that the affair should not have taken place at all; that the League did wrong in celebrating the outbreak of the war. The answer to that is the League did no such thing. The League simply made use of that wonderful invention, the radio, to hold a reunion over the air, of all the sub-branches in the State, a reunion which would have been impossible by any other means. August 4, was the night selected, because the anniversary of the outbreak of the war is the occasion above all others which has a common significance to ex-Imperials and ex-A.I.F. men. The affair was a reunion of all ex-service men, in the true sense of the word. But, of course, the chronic moralist must register his little objection. He would do so, no matter what anniversary was made the occasion of a State-wide re-union.

One lady said to me, “I did enjoy it. I cried all the time.” Rather a left-handed compliment, and this brings me to another criticism. Not a few listeners thought that there was too much pathos in the Panorama, and with this point of view, I am in a certain amount of sympathy; or, at least, I was after I had completed the task of writing it. I have written other things which demanded longer periods of intensive concentration, but never anything which was such a severe tax on one’s own personal emotions. In writing of any historical event, the work should be done in an impersonal spirit of complete detachment, but the war was too recent, and its significance too personal for this. If listeners’ feelings were harrowed, so were mine while writing, and for several days after the last page of the script was typed my family knew all about ragged nerves. My only excuse, if one is needed, is that such things as those described in the sketches, or things like them, did happen. The intention—and how seldom does attainment overtake intention—was to give a panorama of as many phases of the war as was possible in the time. After all, was not the war an extremely tragic episode? And, do we want our young people to grow up with the idea that it was one long glorious task?

Too many impressions of that sort are already disseminated by the American films and Eastern weeklies that publish “digger” pages.

Employment of Ex-Service Men in England

Some interesting information is to hand from the General Secretary in regard to the percentage of ex-service men employed in Government Departments in England, and the preferences and advantages granted to ex-service men in Government schemes.

Disabled ex-service men receive substantial concessions under the unemployment insurance scheme; their payments amounting to from one-third to one-sixth of that of others to secure the same benefits.

Employment exchanges have been instructed as follows: “Local officers should give preference to the applications of ex-service men for employment in their trades. This means that if two or more applicants for employment in a given trade, who are registered at the same local office, and are in other respects equally suitable to fill a notified vacancy in that trade, the ex-service applicant is to be given preference over the applicant who is not an ex-service man.” Special arrangements are in force at the Employment Exchange for dealing with disabled ex-service men who are unemployed. Ex-service men have the preference for temporary clerical Government employment, and since August, 1919, over 100,000 disabled men have received courses of training to enable them to take employment. In the same period £24,000 grants were made to disabled men to enable them to set up in business on their own account. The total value of the grants was over £4,000,000. Grants have been made to many public bodies on condition that not less than 75 per cent. of the men taken on for the special work must be ex-service men. Many other concessions have been given, but the most interesting and pleasing information is that which discloses that the percentage of ex-service men employed in all Government offices in England is approximately 50 per cent.

Abbotts, Food Specialists, of 431 and 433 Fitzgerald Street, is the shop that caters for North Perth residents with all the best of eggs and vegetables.

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A specialty, line of theirs is dressed poultry, buyers coming from every part of the metropolitan area. The price offered for a picked bird dressed can outdo all others, and Mr. Abbott, being a judge of birds, can assure you of the quality.
Varia

An illustration of the mechanical mind of politicians' speeches at soldier functions may be taken from that at the West Perth annual smoko last month. The Chairman (Mr. P. G. Miller) called on a well-known West Aust. Federal Member (who was present) for a speech. Mr. M.P. commenced with "My Lord Mayor and gentlemen," and after hurling a few bouquets round, finished up with, "Thanking you, ladies and gentlemen for an attentive hearing." He was evidently under the impression that he was attending a three per cent. chivoo at the Town Hall or elsewhere.

The first article of our series, "What Did I Gain from My War Service," by "Camelo," has been republished with acknowledgements to the LISTENING POST by Our Empire, the magazine of the B.E.S.I. Our Empire refers to the article in an editorial note, describing it as striking and thought-provoking. "In our opinion," the editor concludes, "the sentiments expressed therein merit the widest publicity—hence this reproduction."

Three young ladies from Boan's supplied a touch of mystery at the Diggers' Ball, held at Mt. Helena, on July 8. As our Mundaring correspondent states:

From Boan's there came three young misses, who may have been looking for kisses. They were not out for fame, for when asked for their name, they refused and looked very suspicious.

Speaking of Mundaring reminds us that the president of the Mundaring Road Board recently took advantage of the occasion of a local diggers' deputation to the Road Board to unload a lengthy homily on what he considered the evils of placing captured guns near war memorials which happen to be in the neighbourhood of State schools. The sight of guns round a war memorial might make the children want to be soldiers when they grow up. He cited the instance of the boys of a certain family being induced to go to sea by a picture that used to hang on the walls of the family mansion. The writer well remembers that picture of the execution of Mary Queen of Scots that graced a wall of the home of his boyhood, but that did not fill him with any ambition to become a hangman, nor did the excellent breakfast which his good mother always provided inspire him with any earnest desire to figure in the role of the condemned man who, according to the press, always eats an excellent breakfast. Neither did the conspiracy of silence on sex matters make the mid-Victorians any more moral than their twentieth century descendants. We do not know what the Mundaring diggers thought of the good president's homily, but if his ideas are carried out to their logical conclusion, we shall have to screen all butchers' shops lest our children become addicts to vivisection, and shut all men up in monasteries lest our sons become manly as they grow up. It all makes us think that one potent cause of the world depression is the extraordinary mentality of some of those we elect to govern us.

Another example of the futility of those who seize every opportunity to spout about the futility of war was provided by a lady doctor, who, in a recent address to a women's organisation, made the astounding statement that the war was not won by the armies in the field. "How soon is history forgotten, or ignored for the purposes of specious argument? At the time Germany asked for the armistice, her armies had been thoroughly beaten and were in full retreat. Her navy was confined to port, and her sailors mutinied when ordered to put to sea and engage the Royal Navy in a last desperate battle to secure peace terms. This condition was brought about only after four years of hard fighting, and yet there are people irrational enough to tell us that the war was not won by the armies in the field."

At least one practical result was achieved by the Broadcast on August 4. After listening-in, Gabbin diggers decided that it was high time they became more closely associated with the League, and so a new sub-branch was formed.

"Ever heard this one before? The teacher in a certain Perth school had been explaining to the class the signs of the Zodiac, and after a while, decided to test what they had learned.

"Now, Jimmie," she said, "tell me one of the signs of the Zodiac." "Taurus, the Bull," answered the boy brightly. "Right. Now, Willie, another one," pointing to the next boy. "Cancer, the Crab," said he. "Right," again remarked the teacher, pleased with the class. "Now, next boy, young Albert, tell me another sign." The boy addressed hesitated a few moments, looking thoughtful, and then, with a smile of happy recollections, said brightly: "Please, sir, Mickey the Mouse."

In the course of an excellent speech at the 48th Battalion Re-union, Captain Lionel Carter said that the 48th had been envied the yeeks of the 12th Brigade. It was an unintentional piece of humour on Lionel's part, but during the week he had been busy over the affairs of bakers in the Arbitration Court. The laughter with which it was greeted showed that the diggers appreciated the point.

On August 20, in the Y.A.L. Hall, members of that virile organisation and their friends gathered to participate in the impressive ritual of a Y.A.L. annual commemoration of the fallen. In all, 300 Y.A.L. boys saw active service, and of these 89 were killed in action or died of wounds. During the service, Mr. A. R. G. Hawke, M.L.A., delivered a very telling speech. The State Executive was represented at the ceremony by Mr. E. S. Watt.
Hospital-ities
(But W. A. Njooenbooroo)

Relayed to Ward XI by courtesy of
LISTENING POST.

Good afternoon everybody, sister and
nurses. Announcement: Old Nick of
Njooenbooroo is missing. He was last
seen with the new 12 ounce pot en-
devouring to drink out of the horse
trough on the North Beach Road. He
may attempt to gain admission to Ward
XI, and, if so, Billy Fineday is requested
to communicate with this office, when
provision will be made to restore him to
his friends and foes.

We have pleasure in announcing that
you will now hear Senorita Fewclothes in
the favourite old ballad, "On the Banks
of Allan Water." "No, Billy! Don't
give that. The boys up there don't like
Allan Water. Tell her to give something
with a poultry atmosphere, such as the
Swan and Emu blend." "Oz! right.
Next item..."

News has been received that the De-
patriation Department has, after consult-
ing about twelve medics, decided to
place kangaroo tail soup on the —
menu. It will be known as "Marooopial.
Dyspeptics are also to have a change
from stewed tripe to three pork chops
and other savouries at the mid-day meal.
See what reduction of and abolishing of
pensions has done for the sick and
wounded.

Here's an old tag; must be over 80
years old, if not older; one my mother
used to often refer, and is very applicable
to returned men, and could appropriately
have been quoted by C.P.S. at the radio
re-union of diggers:

"'Tis a very good world to live in,
To spend, to tend, or to give in;
But to beg or to borrow, and get one's
own,
'Tis the very worst world that ever
was known."

We will now give the story of "Driven
from Home," by our thrilling writes, A.
Balliff, written early in 1918. "The
Duchess of Njooenbooroo crossed the
Scarborough Beach Road, boarded Miler-
's big bus, and alighted in Wellington
Street. The Duchess entered the Italian
fish and chip joint, and while enjoying
the meal, muttered, "He does not love
me; he promised to be here at 7.30; it
is now half-past. I will go home and
wait my return." A train steamed into
the station. The Duchess dropped her
fish and chips and made for the entrance
followed by Jimmy Codferry and Carold
Nugee, two red cops. She was in time
to hear the guard blow, the train moved,
the whistle and the flag rushed off to
West Perth. After admiring the Rich-
mond Beer posters, her ladyship sauntered
in Forrest Place, and was swallowed up
for a while in the heart of the great
metropolis.

Down to the To-fat Department be-
side the Swan, and over the counter she
drew her sister's husband's allowance,
and thought that she need not have left
home in swamps had her gallant Anzac
officer kept the appointment at the fish
and chips. The Chief Remissioner passed
from and his inquisitional sanctum with
a brow on his frowd and a monopole
cigar between his teeth, struggling men-
tally with the Scarborough sea-side
problem, 'How much weed could the sea-
weed weed, if the sea-weed could see
weed?" The Duchess pictured all this in
her misery and returned to the big gaunt
umpy of a home. She rushed into the
back scullery screaming, "Eggs-a-cook-
ed," and tripped over a still, stark form
on the floor. Snatching out her trench-
ing tool, she attacked, with a ferocity
that was almost malignant in its inten-
sity, a man escaping through the window
with her government sustenance issue.
The brave girl dragged at his beard, only
to find it was false, and revealed the
features of her recalciant lover. The
form on the floor groaned and murr-
mured. What was the form.

(Owing to the armistice this tale will
not be continued until the next war.)

A "Cutty Sark" Digger

The report that the famous old clipper,
(Cutty Sark), now a training ship in Fal-
mouth, is being prepared for a cruise of
the English coastal resorts has awakened
a train of memories for at least one good
digger. Mr. A. J. Hornsey, of Perth, a
shellback of the good old vintage which
is rapidly becoming extinct, celebrated
his sixty-seventh birthday on August 15.
Mr. Hornsey, who has had experience of
many types of craft—barges, barques,
barquentine, and full-rigged ships—served
as an apprentice on the Cutty Sark on
her second voyage to Australia. She
brought out general cargo and took back
wool and hides. We were not a wheat-
growing country in those days. The
famous clipper arrived at Newcastle,
New South Wales, the same day that Bill
Beach, after defeating the Canadian, N'd
Hanlon, for the world's sculling champi-
nship, returned to his native district.
Escorted by the Newcaslte Rowing Club,
Beach gave an exhibition of sculling on
the Hunter River, which impressed itself
on all who were fortunate enough to
belong to it. Mr. A. J. Hornsey saw active
service during the Great War with the
11th Battalion. A son was an original
Light Horseman.

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A Vice-President's Tour

At the meeting of the State Executive, on August 16, Mr. A. Yeates reported—

In Company with the Assistant State Secretary, Mr. Ferguson, I visited the reunion of the Kulin and Kondinin Sub-branches of the League on August 10 and 11. Mr. Ross Harwood, who was invited by the Kulin Sub-branch to their function, accompanied us. Leaving Perth at 9 a.m. on Thursday, we lunched at Narrogin. At Wickepin we met the ex-secretary, Mr. Kirby, who is an ex-Imperial soldier, and he travelled with us and represented his sub-branch at the two functions.

The Kulin re-union was attended by about 50 ex-service men, including a number of ex-Imperials. Yarloop, Kondinin, and Wickepin Sub-branches were represented, and the social was a most successful one. Addresses were given by your representatives on the activities of the State Executive, the need for a united effort to make the new Anzac House a financial success being stressed. The Kulin Sub-branch consists of 27 financial members, three of them joined on this particular evening. The president is Mr. W. Dick, a farmer in the district, who, owing to a last minute call to Perth, was absent. His place for the evening was taken by Mr. Reg. Davies, a previous president, and a most enthusiastic worker. The secretary is Mr. W. A. Tumber, an ex-Imperial man, who impressed your representatives with his keenness for the cause. The total funds of the sub-branch, including amelioration, amount to £7/4/-.

On Friday, prior to our departure for Kondinin, we were motored around the Hyden Rock district by Mr. Peter Mickle, a member of the original 16th Battalion, who, with Mrs. Mickle, entertained our party to lunch on their farm.

We left Kulin at 2.30 p.m. for Kondinin, and on our arrival there we were welcomed by the chairman and members of the local Road Board at their office. Your delegates acknowledged this very fine tribute to the League, and were assured that the local sub-branch was held in very high esteem by the Road Board, and the community generally. I am sure that the Executive is gratified to know this. We were then motored by members of the Road Board to view the golf links, of which the people are justifiably proud. An excellent view of the surrounding district was obtained from a prominent rock adjacent to the golf links. Crops throughout the Kulin and Kondinin districts give excellent promise, provided the necessary rains are forthcoming.

The Kondinin function was a most successful one, and was attended by about 60 or 70 men, including representatives from the newly-formed Karlgarin-Hyden Rock Sub-branch, Corrigin, Kulin, Wickepin, and North East Fremantle. The president, Mr. Sykes, was in the chair, and a good evening was spent. Your representatives were listened to with great attention, and a very enthusiastic League spirit was apparent. Kondinin and Karlgarin were previously united, but owing to the distance apart, and the growth of interest in the League, Karlgarin and the further district of Hyden Rock have now formed their own sub-branch to the number of 36, and promise of more. Glowing tributes were paid to the energetic and capable secretary of Kondinin, Mr. Ken. Young, and the president, Mr. Sykes, for their work for the League, including their efforts in assisting the formation of the new sub-branch.

A splendid League tone is apparent, and generally the outlook and morale of the settlers is good. (Capital values appear to be their great worry.) Tributes were paid to the work of the Executive, and there were no complaints.

Forty-eighth Battalion Reunion

The 48th Battalion and 12th Brigade Units Association held an annual reunion on August 5, the anniversary of the night the battalion went into the line at Pozieres. At dusk, about seventy survivors assembled at the State War Memorial, where a wreath was laid in honour of fallen comrades. The sight of a full moon in a lilac sky balanced on the tip of the monument, as a "bull" is balanced at "six o'clock," was strangely effective. Most impressive, too, was the sight of President Gordon Young, limping up the steps of the monument to lay the wreath. Among those present at this ceremony were Sir Charles Nathan, M.L.C., Warden of the Memorial, Mr. J. Heath, and members of the Perth Sub-branch. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Mr. &. Gilmore. The smoke at 8 p.m. was well attended, so well attended in fact that the ammunition supplies gave out before the boys were tired. Among the guests were Bob Alexander (32nd Battalion Association), representatives of the 44th Battalion Association, Maimed and Limbless, 10th Light Horse, South Africans, Mr. C. Ferguson, Assistant State Secretary, and younger relatives of members. Jimmie Woods, the Battalion's one V.C., received a great ovation. He made a good speech in reply, and we have a suspicion that Jimmie would rather win that V.C. again than make a speech. Peter Roxby, with his songs, H. MacMahon, with his cornet, and Ted Scott, with his Scottishness, delighted the Company. Mr. H. J. M. Harvey, was in excellent voice for the more serious type of song. Harold Hoperton betrayed some kitchen secrets, which we will not enlarge upon as we do not want to get Harold into any rows at home.
and the evergreen George Hipe, with Messrs. James and W. C. Nixon, formed an excellent little orchestra for the occasion.

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Gunners' Day

Sunday, August 6, saw the annual commemoration of Gunners' Day at Guildford. Members of the 8th Battery and Old Artillery Comrades' Association and of the 10th Light Horse Regiment and Camel Corps, paraded in honour of their fallen comrades, most of whom had received their preliminary training at Guildford. Members of the young militia units paraded with the veterans, who were commanded by Brigadier-General A. J. Bessell-Browne.

Among those present were the District Commandant (Brigadier A. M. Martyn); Mr. W. D. Johnson, M.L.A., the Mayor of Guildford (Mr. R. Calder Crowther), Archdeacon Riley, and Mr. A. Yeates (Vice-Presidents W.A. Branch R.S.L.), and the State Secretary — (Mr. D. M. Benson), Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. Mitchell, the Secretary of the Artillery Comrades' Association (Mr. J. L. Smyth), Colonel Manning, and Messrs. E. G. Pretty, and Schroder, representing the South African and Imperial Veterans' Association.

The service at St. Matthew's Anglican Church was conducted by the Rev. R. Vine, during which an address was delivered by Archdeacon Riley. The church service was followed by the laying of wreaths at the memorial by the following: — Lieutenant Knight (10th L.H), Mr. A. Yeates (R.S.L.), Brigadier-General Bessell-Browne (in memory of fallen gunners), Lieutenant-Colonel A. T. Watts (3rd A.F.A. Brigade), and John Cook (S.S.L.): The usual calls were sounded by two members of the R.S.L. Band, and the Band played the music of Kipling's "Recessional."

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Mons Sunday

The Battle of Mons, in which the old Regular Army first encountered the German hosts in all their glory, was fought on August 23, 1914. Throughout the day the British troops held their own, repulsing every attack and maintaining a superiority of rifle fire which paralysed the Germans. So effective was the British musketry that the German leaders refused to believe that the British superiority in this respect was due to rifle fire alone, and that the British were equipped with only four machine guns to the battalion. After a day's heavy fighting, the British troops retired in conformity with the French retirement on the right, thus commencing the historic retreat, which has only two parallels in British history. These were the retreat of Sir John Moore on Corunna, and Wellington's retreat to the lines of Torres Vedras. On all three occasions the British Army ended the retreat by turning on the pursuing forces and severely defeating them. At the time of the Battle of Mons, it was openly asserted that the French had let us down. In the light of after knowledge, this charge cannot be sustained. The writers of official war history, on both sides, are now of the opinion that the initial concentration of the Allied forces was much too far forward. The battle proved that man for man the British Tommy was a better shot, a better marcher, a harder fighter, and generally more efficient than his highly-rated German opposite number. It is in gratitude to those splendid men, especially the incomparable British foot-slogger, that diggers join with their ex-Imperial comrades in the annual celebration of Mons Sunday, the Sunday which falls nearest to the actual anniversary of the battle, and which, this year, fell on August 20.

It was a sight for the gods to see these five hundred ex-service men marching through the streets of Perth on the Sunday afternoon, and it must have been interesting news to the people of this State to learn that we have no fewer than 42 Mons' men in our midst. The parade was commanded by Major R. H. A. Graham, with Captain A. H. O'Toole as his adjutant. His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor Sir James Mitchell, a good friend to all ex-service men, took the salute at the corner of Hay and William Street. That good all-round man and prince of "stout fellas," Dick Bond, led the Mons' men, and there were many well-known identities marching. The parade started from Mons, 42; "Old Contemptibles," 65; ex-R.N., 27; B.U.S.A. and Norwood Sub-branch R.S.L., 42; British Legion, 213; South African and Imperial Veterans, 14; ex-R.A.N., 16; ex-A.I.F., 80; total, 504. The marching tunes were played by the R.S.L. Band, the Salvation Army Band, and the Coastal Scottish Band.

The Regent Theatre was crowded out long before 3 p.m., the hour at which the special service commenced. The officiating padres were the Rev. C. L. Jenkins, V.D., and Archdeacon Riley. The Archdeacon's address ended on a note which should be heard oftener in a young country like Australia. After speaking of the debt of gratitude owed to the men who fought at Mons, he added that on occasions like these more was remembered than the actual incident commemorated. "They recalled," he said, "the glowing of the Empire. Tradition was essential in the building of the Empire."

Colonel Collett presented a framed charter to the president of the "Old Contemptibles" (Lieutenant A. C. Bond), and Lieutenant L. Kaye Perrin thanked all those who had co-operated in arrang-
The late T. A. L. Davy

On July 26, a motion of condolence to the widow and children of the late T. A. L. Davy, was passed by the Legislative Council. Speaking in support of the motion, the Hon. James Cornell, M.L.C., said: 'I desire to associate myself with the motion on behalf of a section that is largely represented in this House, that is represented in large numbers outside. I refer to the Returned Soldiers of Western Australia. My acquaintance with Mr. Davy dated back to 1919, and from that time onwards until his death I was on terms of closest personal friendship with him, particularly in relation to the affairs of the Returned Soldiers’ League. I know the services he rendered in the Great War were effected as a member of the Imperial and not as a member of the A.I.F.

On the other hand there was no more loyal digger in the A.I.F. than the late Hon. T. A. L. Davy. No member of the A.I.F. was more seized with the point of view of the returned soldier from the private upwards than was Mr. Davy, nor was anyone done more than he in helping to promote the interests of that section of the community. I have met many men, but I cannot remember having encountered a greater mixer than Mr. Davy. He was equally at home with the humblest as with the highest in the land. That is one of the characteristics of a really great man. Frequently I have sat in Council meetings of the R.S.L. that to the late Mr. Davy much was owed that was not fully known. At a time when the R.S.L. was very popular with ex-officers, it was men like Mr. Davy who did so much to promote the success that the organisation has attained so far. On that ground alone I would desire to associate myself with the motion, and to convey the sincerest sympathies of the returned soldier section of the community to the widow and children of the late Attorney-General. I have suffered a great personal loss for Mr. Davy was one of my closest friends and one of the finest I have ever met.

Sons of Sailors and Soldiers’ League

Fred W. Batean writes—As one who has taken a keen interest in this excellent movement from the word go, I wish to put before comrades a few facts and figures. At all I would ask, what have we to offer sons in return for so much that we ask and demand of them? I take it, the one great—thing is comradeship. How is this to be done? The answer is easy; by admitting them to our social activities and giving them our close fellowship. We cannot allow them to participate in our sub-branch meetings, but we can, and must, allow them to take an active part in our social life.

At last Congress I had the pleasure of moving some resolutions on these lines, but owing to the pessimistic views of some members, with a flow of oratory I do not possess, they poured cold water on all of them. (These men have missed their vocation; they should have been firemen.)

The object of the S.S.L. is to perpetuate the R.S.L. through its sons, and sooner or later, if this object is to be attained, we must admit them to our fellowship. Why not now, before we dishearten some very fine young men? I attended a meeting of the Sub-branch of the A.I.F. on the other day, as a delegate of the Perth Sub-branch, and by motion from Fremantle had my heartfelt support.

The motion was to allow one or more sons to be played by any team so desirous. I was defeated by the firemen. If I have the honour of being a delegate to Congress this year, I shall do my best to have a select committee to go into the whole matter, and put before Congress something definite regarding their welfare and the future of the S.S.L. I have spent many pleasant evenings with the original sub-branch of the S.S.L. (Midland Junction), and trust to spend many more, and I would suggest to the firemen that they take the first opportunity, and go along to the nearest sub-branch and see for themselves, and then return and start a sub-branch in their own area.

Let me assure comrades I have no axe to grind, not having a son of my own, but I can, and do, take an interest in theirs.

What did I Gain from My War Service?

WHAT I LEARNED IN THE A.I.F.

(By E. St. Ives Bilston)

“Camelot,” “T.Y.T.” and “J.C.” are responsible for some highly interesting matter entitled “What did I Gain by War Service?” Each narrative is a masterpiece of art, the portraying being admirable, and I sincerely trust that other readers of the L.P. will follow the excellent example set by those ex-soldiers.

Being rather a “dunnderhead,” much as I would like to chip in, I am afraid that were I to do so it would only be a case of plagiarism or repetition, so I will endeavour to relate what I learned while in the A.I.F. and since discharge.

At Blackboy Hill I learned a new language (to me), now styled “digger lingo,” in the art of which I have become a pastmaster.

That I was amongst the real he-men, with whom I must “keep my end up” or be left.

To accept the advice given in that sterling, time-worn, hackneyed phrase, “Never judge a book by its cover,” as I have beheld (to outward appearances) the roughest coaling fail to camouflage a refined nature, a heart of gold and a clean mind; whereas, on the other hand, a “just it” get-up proved—at times only a shell, “armour-plating,” a mass of corruption and iniquity, plus a mind like a sewer. Fortunately for all, such cases as the latter were very rare.

That as an inventor the digger has no superior, through hearing stories related to account for being on sick parade on Monday mornings in Egypt after weekend leave to Cairo.

That we angels of the 28th Battalion frequently had to suffer for the sins of others, our leave being stopped owing to a percentage of some other unit “running amok.”

That A.I.F. boys could never be made to take matters seriously but as a burlesque, both before and since “the big opera.”

That sectarian prejudice was absolutely non-existent, and the subject “taboo.”
That the majority of officers, though machines of discipline, were only human, and not different to other men off parade.

Later on I learned that with reference to true comradeship it was a case of one first, the rest nowhere—that formed in dugouts and on the firestep, which should be further cemented through the medium of our own brotherhood, the R.S.L. All those who join and stick to it fully realise this.

That as I had often longed to travel and see for myself what I had read about in Scripture and history, it was a super educational stunt to be granted that privilege.

That I could "make myself at home" far more easily amongst the so-called best people in Blighty than with those who aspire to be what they are not and never can be—"blue-bloods."

One form of expression I picked up from a dear old lady—who acted up to it: Some people aspire to be fine ladies and fine gentlemen, but begin at the wrong end, by looking down on those less fortunate, who, in the majority of cases, wear their misfortunes by shouldering others' burdens.

That I had never really known what it was to get a thorough insight into 100 per cent. manhood like that of my cobbers in the 28th Battalion, as well as those I became associated with belonging to other units.

Of not the least importance I learned to say "ninety-nine." Have repeated it at medical examinations, reviews, etc., at the request of a variety of examiners speaking in varied tones, standing erect, full bent, or lying prone.

Subsequently to my return I was fourteen weeks or so in base hospital with rheumatism, under the needle and massage. Coincidentally, I received that inoculation on 99 successive days, and being up for discharge back to my unit on the 100th day, I ducked out of the way.

And now, to crown all, my pension rate is fixed at 99 pence a fortnight. I have repeated these figures so frequently that the whole issue has become a phantasmagorical problem.

"Nine and Ninety," late "Ninety-nine!"

I've heard them said in tenor voice
And deepest baritone;
In homespun lingo, English choice,
Erect, full bent, or prone.

And like a parrot, learned them off,
All eager to divine
What link existed 'twixt a cough
And bawling 99.

I learned them till at times I dreamed
Of figures intermixed,
Phantasagorical they seemed—
By stethoscopes prefixed.

I'd learned religiously and well
What seemed just in my line.
Alas! Assuredly I fell
A thud with 99!

The fun and frolic now commence—
Each pension day of mine
Is fixed at nine and ninety pence.
To H— with 99!

P.S.—A proposition has been put to secure a "Tatt's" ticket 99.

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**Personal**

Mr. Percy G. Miller, who has been elected President of the West Perth Sub-branch of the R.S.L., was for a time after returning from active service employed in the Repatriation Department, later transferring to the Taxation Department. He has been actively connected with the West Perth Sub-branch for the past ten years. Hale fellow, well met, he should make an ideal president, but he will have his work cut out to follow in the footsteps of such as the retiring President, H. B. Hayles, and others of the past in Garnet Philip and Bob Tyler. The new President is an ex-Q.M.S. of the 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

An enthusiastic and live-wire member of the West Perth Sub-branch Committee is John Vincent Farrell, who, at the outbreak of war was enjoying a holiday in England. Being anxious, and a long way from home, Jack decided to join up in U.K. Enlisting on 21/12/1914, at Whitehall, he was posted as a trooper in the King Edward Horse. On completion of hostilities, he returned to the West to take up duties with the Taxation Department. He is an enthusiastic tennis player, is also branch representative to the R.S.L. Cricket Association this year.

Mr. W. L. Boyd, of the Agricultural Bank, enlisted at an early age as a private
in the 16th Battalion, on 26/2/1917, and saw a good deal of tough service with that unit. "Bill" has been connected with the West Perth Sub-branch for many years. Of quiet disposition, he is a keen and silent worker. As Treasurer he keeps a strong and steady hold on the funds of the sub-branch.

Three Past Presidents' Certificates (two of them belated) were handed out at the West Perth annual meeting on July 20, and after a lengthy discourse on the merit, good qualities, etc., of each of the recipients, three short responses were recorded as follows—

H. B. Hayles, "Thanks." Garnet Philp, "Good-oh." Bob Tyler, "This is the seventh." Bob only wants a few more now to complete the papering of a room.

It is always with feelings of the deepest regret that we say "Good-bye" to old friends, and such were the feelings when the Traralgon-Yelbeni Sub-branch and the Women's Auxiliary met to farewell Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Thompson last May. Tommy was an old member of the sub-branch, having taken an active part in its work for over ten years, during six of which he was president. A genial chairman, a good organiser and leader, and a keen worker, he more than pulled his weight in whatever task he undertook. The same can be said of Mrs. Thompson, who, as President of the Women's Auxiliary, was indefatigable in her efforts on behalf of the returned men. They will both be very much missed by a wide circle of friends, but Traralgon-Yelbeni's loss will be a gain for somewhere else.

A number of Carlisle ex-service men and their sons, who are feeling the pinch of depression, have decided to set their troubles to music. Mr. F. L. Fricker, the secretary of the Carlisle Sub-branch, advises us that he can, at any time, supply the needs of sub-branches as regards comedians, pianists and entertainers in general, for a nominal fee. He would like sub-branch social committees to think of their Carlisle coppers when arranging for the next "smoko."

J. Nugent, son of the illustrious Harold of that ilk, and full nephew to Arthur, of Campion, is an ardent member of the Sons of Soldiers' League, and a regular attendant at the Mt. Hawthorn Methodist Sunday School. He was the only Western Australian candidate in this year's Scripture examinations to score the full hundred per cent. of marks.

Sapper H. Holmes, late R.E., has been appointed Quantity Surveyor in connection with Anzac House. He is a good Leagueite, and has just linked up with the Nedlands Park Sub-branch.

The hearts of Colonel Olden and the Anzac House Building Committee have been raised by the receipt of a cheque for £100 from the Swan Brewery Company Ltd. Mr. Arthur Jacoby, the general manager of the company, is a gentleman who has always been keenly interested in the returned soldier movement, and has on very many occasions shown himself in practical sympathy with the ideals of the League. All honour to him and the company he manages. May their example be followed by others.

Frank Kendall, the energetic secretary and mainspring of the Nedlands Park Sub-branch, has had to resign that office on account of ill health. He will still remain with the sub-branch, and his advice; as a committee man, always worth following, will still be at the disposal of members. We wish him a speedy restoration to better health.

At the annual meeting of the Nedlands Park Sub-branch, Certificates of Service were presented to V/C. Ketterer, Ted Newnami, and Ernie Mockridge. Each of these gentlemen can boast a record of splendid service and fully deserves the honour bestowed.

Senator E. H. Payne, of Burnie, Tasmania, who is on a visit to this State, is one of the stalwarts, and at the same time one of the few survivors of the old Liberal Party still in politics. He is the father of Major L. Payne, who gained the D.S.O. while serving with the 40th Battalion in France.

During Frank Kendall's indisposition, and throughout the year, big M. Ryan officiated as assistant secretary of the Nedlands Park Sub-branch. But even an understudy's job can be strenuous these times, and ill-health has compelled him, also, to relinquish office for a time. His fellow diggers thank him for his services, and hope that he will soon experience a marked improvement in condition.

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**SWAN BRAND PRODUCTS ARE MADE BY A DIGGER**
Jim Morgan, the treasurer, who did so much to keep the Nedlands Park Sub-branch in a flourishing financial condition, is off to Canberra. In wishing him bon voyage and the best of luck, we also congratulate the Federal Territory Branch on securing a live wire in the person of their new member.

A little bird has whispered to us that Jim Anderson, of Nedlands, is not sleeping too well these nights. The bird adds that Jim is suffering from storkitis, as its big cobby with the long bill left a recruit for the Sons of Soldiers' League on Jim's doorstep. The walled will be old enough for membership by the time the sub-branch has made up its mind to form a branch of the S.S.L.

The Listening Post's old friend, Scotty Wilson, has been on the sick list again. His many friends will be glad to learn that the braw wee lad is about again, and was seen braving the elements on one of the coldest days of the week.

These Nedlands Park diggers are well in the limelight lately. One of the latest to make history interesting is the genial "Jock" Davidson. He did so by winning the wool-classing cup, no mean effort in a State like this. "Jock," to whom we extend heartiest congratulations, is off again on business to the wild, woolly North.

Paris Leave
(By M.H.M.)

"Big Bill" Peters was not born so very beautiful. But at least his entry into the world was not destined to be altogether without benefit to some of his fellow beings. When Bill decided to enlist, it can be safely presumed that he realised it was no beauty contest for which he was entering. He was over six feet tall, and badly proportioned—in fact, Bill was ugly—externally. Also in manners he was rough—akin unto the proverbial "bags." When Bill wanted something, he usually got it—matter not the how or the wherefore—he got it.

As a soldier he was of the stuff that made the A.I.F.—well, disagreeable to Fritz. Bill of course, was not always the adored of his Battalion. His very uncouthness brought forth many a scathing criticism.

Bill had a cobby. And once when Paris leave was to be had for the asking, Bill's cobby was forced to look and sigh—his pay-book was empty. Now Bill had been to Paris, and he still kept awake at nights thinking of those ten glorious days. He knew that his cobby was not steeped in worldly unison like himself, and thus a train of thought was started in his ever-active and fertile brain.

The poker school had been running from the first day the troops were out on rest. Bill was a regular attendant, and his fortunes varied. At times down to his last franc, by some freakish stroke of luck he would come to the surface again. At last he obtained his objective. Leave the school one night with his pockets crammed with francs, he made his way to his cobby's billet. Finding him awake the startled his friend by pressing 300 francs into his hand.

With a grin of satisfaction, Bill shook hands with his cobby the next day, and wished him luck on his "Paris Leave."

You will be well pleased if you leave your horticultural needs in the hands of Ray Pritchard, Seed Specialist and Florist, of 442 Fitzgerald Street, Ray Pritchard's newest Nurseryman and Florist, and has already gained a great deal of the major portion of the high-class gardening work of the State. A line to him will always command his prompt and courteous attention, and his fine nursery at Hillcrest, Mt. Hawthorn, has only the best in its bed.

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the wall. On his return he spotted the device, and could hardly move his gear quickly enough out of the village. He cooked under the bank of a sunken road for the rest of the stunt.

There was one other thing besides cooking that he was a champion at, and that was draughts. When we were billeted near a 'strange unit' (he was too well known in our brigade), he would haunt the Y.M.C.A. huts and get into a game with any player who fancied himself. After losing a few games he would suggest having a few francs on the next game, and then wipe his opponent off the board.

I shall never forget him during the Passchendaele-Zonnebeke stunts, when we were wet through and caked with mud, and shelled night and day with guns of all calibres. "Yorky" did not like cooking in such an unhealthy locality, so he found a posy somewhere on the Menin Road, back towards Ypres, and three times a day, through mud and shells, he struggled forward to us with fantassins of hot tea and stew.

In the German offensive of 1918, near Amiens, "Yorky" excelled himself. We feasted on tame rabbits, sucking pigs, and poultry of all species. At Bresle he arrived at the cookhouse one morning with a calf, but whether he brought the calf, or the calf brought him, it is hard to say.

Only on one occasion can I recollect him dishing up an unneatly meal; that was after a long route march, when the signal officer discovered that two large mangolos had been placed in his pack during a halt. He carried them for the rest of the march, and on our arrival back in billets, made "Yorky" put them in our stew.

I have lost touch with him since our returns, but if this is ever printed, and meets his eye, I know he will remember the time I used to keep his wood heap well supplied, and not be too hard on me for giving him such publicity.

FRIENDLY UNION OF SOLDIERS' WIVES, MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS

At the meeting on August 3, in St. George's Hall, a splendid attendance of members listened with interest to an address on "Loyalty to Local Products," by Miss N. Stewart, a manufacturer of boys' and men's clothing, in Perth for over 20 years. With such experience, her words carried much weight with her audience. At present two-thirds of the factory was closed down, not only through competition from the Eastern States, but chiefly through dumping. It was a short vision that made housewives refuse to pay an extra penny for some W.A. goods. That penny would go further the development of a rising industry, and subsequently give more employment. Miss Stewart pointed out that proved from figures that the working conditions in W.A. are the best in the Commonwealth. It was in an earnest endeavour to re-instigate her Workers to full-time that Miss Stewart had first commenced this campaign some years ago, of pointing out how prosperity for the State lay in the loyal purchasing of W.A. products and manufactures.

A musical programme contributed by Mr James Sturton, Temby, and Leithhead was enjoyed by all, and afternoon tea concluded a pleasant gathering. Mrs. C. H. E. Manning and Mrs. Harold Dean were unable to be present owing to indisposition.

The Fremantle Sub-branch will be holding what they term "A Grand R.S.L. Ball," on the State Steam-ship Kooilina, on October 10 (Show Week), in aid of their amelioration fund. President Jack Lynch is the organiser, so those who attend are assured of a pleasant time.

Jimmy Stiles, who is a member of the South Perth Sub-branch, is making a fine success of the Grand Theatre of Perth, of which he is manager. It is always pleasing to record the success of a digger. The boys always get a warm welcome from Jimmy when visiting the Grand.

State Executive Meetings

August 2, 1933

At the meeting of the State Executive, held on August 2, 1933, there were present Mears, Olden, Hunt, Lovell, Tozer, Fady, Margolin, Collett, Riley, Yeates, Pantson, Phillips, Denton, Edmonds, Mellor, Cornell, Cape, McDowell, and Ross. Leave of absence was granted to Mears.

League Patron.—Arising from a suggestion that the Lieutenant-Governor be asked to accept the office of Patron to the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L., it was agreed that further consideration be given to the matter by the Management Committee, and that the committee be asked to bring in a recommendation to the Executive.

Soldier Settlers.—In connection with the deputation to the Minister for Lands, arranged for Friday, August 4, it was notified that No. 4 District Committee would be represented on the deputation, and that, in accordance with a previous decision, the expenses of one delegate would be paid.

R.S.L. Handyman.—Delegates were advised that a travelling outfit complete with tools had been made available by an anonymous donor, and it was to be let to an approved person at a small rental. It was agreed that the anonymous donor be thanked.

Poppy Day Committee.—It was reported on behalf of the Poppy Day Committee that the Mained and Limbose Men's Association, has been allotted an order for 20,000 poppies and 70 wreaths. Tags to the number of 10,000 were being obtained from the Pedagol Office, and these would be affixed by the Mained and Limbose Association to the poppies at a cost of 2½ a thousand. Action was endorsed.

State War Memorial Committee.—A report was submitted on behalf of the State War Memorial Committee in which it was recommended that in

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future the Warden and Sub-wardens of the State War Memorial hand over to their successors on Anzalnic Day of each year. On the motion of Messrs. Riley and Hunt, the recommendation was adopted.

It was also reported that accounts amounting to $411/- were passed for payment.

Management Committee.—The Management Committee reported that a ball would be held in the Government House Ballroom on Friday, September 1, the proceeds to be in aid of Anzac House. Aronson's band had been made available for the occasion.

Appointments.—Appointments of officials in the following sub-branches were confirmed:

- Merredin, North Perth, Beyswater, Quairading.

Whole Milk Board.—The Harvey Sub-branch wrote concurring the licence granted by the Whole Milk Board, pointing out that the board, by enforcing immediate improvements to premises before granting licences, was causing hardship. The matter was left in the hands of the State Secretary.

Monash Day.—Communications concerning Monash Day were received from the President and the Secretary of the B.U.A. respectively. On the motion of Messrs. Cornwell and Hunt, it was decided that both letters be acknowledged, and that the letters be assured of the League's interest and best wishes for the success of the day.

Employment, North-West.—The Gascoyne Sub-branch forwarded particulars of a case of a man and his wife who accepted a position on a station out from Carnarvon. After working five weeks they had been discharged, and had then become a charge on the sub-branch. The Gascoyne Sub-branch wished publicity to be given to the fact that full inquiries should be made by prospective employees before accepting employment in the North-West.

State Presidency.—Belmont Sub-branch requested the State Executive to ascertain from the General Post Office if it would be willing to accept nomination for the office of State President.

It was agreed to advise Belmont Sub-branch that it was not the function of the State Executive to ascertain if any person would agree to his nomination, but that another sub-branch had already communicated with the General on the subject.

Sons of Soldiers' League.—The South Perth Sub-branch suggested that a meeting of presidents and secretaries of S.S.L. sub-branches should be called for a round table conference. It was agreed to adopt this suggestion.

The South Perth Sub-branch also desired a ruling as to whether the step-sons of ex-service men were eligible to join the S.S.L. It was agreed to refer the matter to the S.S.L. Committee.

Fremantle sub-branch advised the formation of a branch of the S.S.L. with eighteen members.

Employment.—Kalgoorlie Sub-branch wrote concerning sustenance work and pensions. The matter having been already dealt with, the letter was received.

A communication from the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch concerning the employment of aliens on the mines was received. The State Secretary informed delegates that a resolution on the question was being submitted to the forthcoming State Congress by an interested sub-branch.

The Belmont Sub-branch drew attention to the practice of racing clubs and governing bodies employing men who are full-time workers, on Saturday afternoons and holidays. The sub-branch asked that the Executive approach the bodies concerned to obtain discontinuance of the practice in favour of the employment of unemployed ex-service men. The matter was referred to the Employment Committee.

Mundaring Sub-branch requested that further action be taken in the case of G. C. Stanley, representing this case to the Executive, the Senior Vice-President and the Assistant State Secretary. It was decided that further action be taken.

A further communication was received from the Gutha sub-branch in regard to a matter in dispute between the sub-branch and the Morawa Road Board. It was decided that a copy of the letter be sent to the Road Board.

Protection, League Badge.—A communication from the League's solicitor in this regard was referred to the Management Committee.

Lady Owen.—Mr. R. E. Stirling advised that Sir James and Lady Owen would be leaving England for Australia next November. While Mr. B. W. Ester, Lady Owen had done a considerable amount of good work amongst soldiers, and it was asked that the Executive show some recognition of this. It was agreed that the information be passed on to the Federal Executive, and that Messenger be kept in mind to be brought up at a future date.

State President.—The opportunity was taken to congratulate Colonel Collett on his recent election by the State Parliament to the Senate. Colonel Collett responded, and submitted an interesting report of his recent visit to Canberra.

August 16, 1933

At the meeting on August 16, there were present Messrs. Collett, Yeates, Philip, Panton, Olden, Hunt, Nugent, Watt, Lovell, Tozer, Pady, Denton, Marigold, Edmonds, Mellor, Cornwell, Parquette, Wells, Aberle, McDowall, Wilkins, Collins and Rostie.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Fairley and Freedman. Arising out of the State Secretary's report, it was decided that the matter concerning the Victoria Plains sub-branch be referred to the Management Committee for recommendation to the Executive.

Executive Meeting.—So as not to clash with the Commercial Travellers' Choral night on August 30 in aid of Anzac House, it was agreed that the next Executive meeting be held on Tuesday, August 29.

Amendments to the Constitution.—It was agreed that the following amendments to the Constitution be recommended to Congress:-

Rule 13—Add the following sub-section:

a) No sub-branch shall take on or to be taken any steps to incorporate under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1891.

The following rules to be added after Rule 20:

20. (A) The W.A. Branch and the property and affairs thereof shall be under the control and management of the Executive except to the extent that sub-branches are empowered by these rules or by the Executive to control and manage the property and affairs or any property acquired by them for their own exclusive use.

20. (B) In addition to all powers hereby conferred upon it and without detracting from the generality of its powers under Rule 8, or any

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The following invitation were accepted:—Osborne Park, August 23, Mr. Yeates; Artillery Comrades, August 11, Mr. Wilkins; Bunbury, August 23, the State President; Y.A.L., August 20, Mr. Watt. Invitations from West Swan (September 14) and Harvey sub-branch (September 12) were referred to the Management Committee.

Notice of Motion.—Colonel Margolin gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting: “That accommodation in Anzac House be provided for ex-service men who through stress of circumstances are unable to become fully contributing club members.”

General.—Approval of the appointment of officials as advised by the following sub-branches as given:—Albany, Traralgon-Yelbeni, and Nedlands Park.

Approval was given for the formation of a new sub-branch at Gabbett. Harvey sub-branch advised that it was forming a branch of the S.S.L. and requested the Executive for official representation at the initial meeting on August 22. It was agreed to suggest to Harvey that in view of the fact that a representative will be visiting the sub-branch in September the matter of the S.S.L. could then be discussed with the representative.

On the motion of Messrs. Pady and Farguson it was agreed that a pennant, costing 25s., be donated to the R.S.L. Cricket Association this year.

Approval was granted for the amalgamation of the Augusta and Carridale sub-branches.

Reports were exercised from the Bannadare sub-branch and from officials of the Kellerberin sub-branch, who represented the Executive on the opening night at Bannadare.

A communication from the Citizens’ Federation concerning public welfare was received.

Preferre.—A communication was read from the Minister for Employment advising that he would be pleased to meet members of the Employment Committee, but pointing out that the policy of the Government was preference to unionists.

Mons Day.—Information was received from the Chairman of the Joint Committee organizing Mons Day. It was asked that the League appoint a marshal and a commanding officer for the a.L.F. section of the parade. Colonel Margolin was appointed.

Broadcast Smoke Social.—Further communications were read and received from several sub-branches congratulating the organizers of the Broadcast Smoke Night.

A letter from Mr. H. Jay, of Yarram, was referred to the Sons of Soldiers’ League Committee.
and a very big bunch of credit is due to him for the success of the evening. The total profits for the night approached the fifty pound mark, and credit is due to all concerned, as well as our best thanks to all who helped with the show, and their name was legion.

On Anzac Day was held the usual Dawn and combined services, both showing increased attendance over last year. Several members attended the services at Nungarin and Kununurra.

At the annual meeting, the President, Mr. Harry Craigie, regretted his inability to hold office this year, so R. V. (Rod) Walker was chosen in his place. The other officers, all re-elected, were Messrs. Smith, McGrath (Vice-President), N. Gothenberg (Treasurer), and F. N. Graves (Secretary).

FREMANTLE

There was a successful function in the Soldiers' Institute, on Friday, August 4, 1933, when the president of the sub-branch, Mr. John W. Lynch, with the assistance of a strong committee, working under the director of the secretary, Mr. Phil. J. Lane, and the pleasure of entertaining 200 guests ex-service men members of the sub-branch and dependants, the guests being invited by the president to a pictureque "At Home," where they took the form of a general social. Dancing, singing, gaming, and many novel turns helped to make the night a great success. Non-dancers were catered for in the adjoining curchall, where a wireless was installed, and many listened into the Broadcast Social, which was held in Perth the same night. The music for the dances was provided by the Fremantle Workers' Fu-Fu Band. Several good items were supplied by the Naval Concert Party. A dance was given by Miss G. Dace, a dance and song by Miss Lilian Lynch; Mr. C. H. Jones and other items by Messes. Goddard, Jennings, and others kept the crowd amused until about midnight. This was the first of this form of a social held by the sub-branch, which was the means of bringing together the members; dependants, and friends: the evening was just wonderful. Everybody present seemed to have that great spirit of comradeship which the Diggs knew when on active service. The directors were met at the door by Mr. H. G. Wilson, who ushered them in. They were introduced and received by the president. Messrs. A. Baker and J. Brown acted as doorkeeper.

YEALERING

On the evening of August 4, a large and attentive gathering of diggers "leged-in" to the 6WF broadcast of the dramatised reminiscences of 1914-18, and to the Model Re-union.

Subsequently it was unanimously resolved that the sub-branch extend its heartiest congratulations to all participating in the preparation and presentation of the excellent programme. Numerous parties (other than returned soldiers) gathered around radio sets. The general opinion expressed was that the effort was fine.

The local troops are positive that the atmosphere of "14-18" was recaptured—to use Col. H. B. Collet's phrase. All sincerely hope that the Radio Committee will continue its good work and put over the air similar excellent efforts. Toasts and choruses were followed in a practical manner.

President J. H. B. Latham has been appointed delegate to Congress.

CANNING DISTRICT

On August 4, the sub-branch met in full force with their wives and the Women's Auxiliary at the Queen's Park Hall, where Messrs. Elliot and Johnson, of Bennalls Arcade, were good enough to put in two wireless sets to that we could all enjoy the broadcast from 6WF, and what a treat it was. Everybody very much enjoyed it.

The C.A.G. belonging to the sub-branch is going ahead, and is now over 20 strong and growing every week. It would be an eye-opener for anybody to walk in the hall while the boys are at work—dine in one corner, boxing in another, and the like. There, will be quips, jokes, all going, and there is no doubt about it. the boys put in a good night each meeting. The football in the school, run by the sub-branch, is coming to an end, and the Cannington school boys are to be congratulated in having won every match, and so will secure the cup presented by one of our members, Mr. Caporn.

We will soon be getting the boys together for cricket, and it looks as if it is going to be a keen go this coming season between the schools, for each school is anxious to take it away from the Convent school, which has held the shield for three years.

NARROGIN

Fifty members were present at the annual general meeting last month. The balance sheet of the past years showed a surplus of assets over liabilities of £1,108. The President recorded the tribute to the secretary's efforts in this splendid achievement. The takings for the hire of the hall amounted to £64/13/6; billiard room takings, £132/17/6; Institute Members, £24; Women's Auxiliary, £33/10/-; Poppy Appeal, £20; R.S.L. League, £96/3/-.

There were 224 financial members. The overdraft on the Institute was reduced by £66/10/-.

A very successful re-union was held during the year at which the State President, now Senator Collett, was present, with Mr. E. S. Watt, a member of the Executive, which was one of the most enjoyable ever held by the branch. The sub-branch also had the signal honour of entertaining Sir William Burnet during his brief visit to the State. Sir William kindly autographed a photograph of a review of the troops held in France early in 1917, which now hangs in the Card Room.

The State President expressed his appreciation of the excellent efforts made by this sub-branch which he classed as the Premier Country Branch of the State. The Governor-General also paid a visit of inspection during his visit to the State, and expressed himself highly delighted with the Soldiers' Institute. During his short stay in the town we found him very charming gentleman, and very interested in our league.

The Dawn Service and afternoon service was a wonderful tribute to the memory of our fallen comrades, there being over 1400 present.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, J. Clunas; vice-presidents, H. Devenish and T. Morrell; treasurer, F. Freeman; auditors, H. Adshead and Mr. E. Bray; secretary, T. Hogg (re-elected fifth year of office); executive, J. W. Holden, J. Williams, H. Gill, R. Ewing, R. Mathews, H. Prider, H. Smith, J. Causebrook, and H. Campbell. Comrades H. C. Gooding and H. Hansen were placed next in the list.

Mr. V. Doney, M.L.A., moved a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

In conclusion the president thanked the members of the executive committee for their loyal support and the work done during the year, and particularly to the valuable services once again rendered by our indefatigable secretary, Tom Hogg. All members consider that it were not for his untiring energy the sub-branch would not be in the happy position it is today. Supper was then taken, and members resolved to free the institute from debt this term.

WEST SWAN

There was a good attendance as usual at the August meeting. Business was suspended to allow Mr. W. Jones, delegate from North Perth Sub-Branch, to explain all particulars regarding his Sub-Branch's activities and the conditions governing the Shooting Competition to help the Anzac Homeless Boys. He also acted practically as a sub-branch, and it was also decided to ask the Upper Swan and Herine Hill Sub-branches to co-operate in an inter-sub-branch competition at the same time. Look to your laurels, diggers of the metropolitan area. The radio bird tells me that there are some aspirants entering who are experts at shooting the "Green Eyes" on the wing, to which we can expect at a "still"—target.

A letter was received from the local scouts asking for a donation towards the purchase of their new "Colours," which were to be presented at a "Jamboree" to be held on August 19th. A donation of 5/- was collected.

This sub-branch—has been paying 5/- per meeting night to the Hall Committee, ever since its formation. After discussing the matter, it was decided to write asking for a reduction. It is one of the few halls which charged ex-service men for its use, although it is a "Memorial Hall." This is a very sore point with most members.

It was decided also to issue a general invitation to the Herine Hill Sub-branch to attend the social at which a certificate of service nearly framed will be presented to our late President, Mr. J. Woods, V.C.

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On June 14, at the Road Board Hall, a well-attended public send-off was held to speed Mr. P. Markay, on the occasion of his transfer, following an operation, to North Perth. Mr. and Mrs. Markay were presented with a cheque, and many regrets were expressed at their departure to fields fresh.

The local diggers staged a reunion on June 21 to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Markay for their many kindnesses and for the use of their residence as a meeting place for many months past. They told us it was a labor of love; but some of the boys reckoned it must have been more like "hard labor," at the clean-up in the morning. J.P. has been our Secretary and delegate to congress, and proved himself a "front feller" in many ways, and his departure leaves a gap in the ranks which will take some filling. We all hope 'North Perth will benefit by our loss, and the boys wish their best wishes to J.P. and Mrs. Markay. J.P. was presented with a suitably inscribed gold wristlet watch, and Mrs. Markay with a very handsome dressing case, also inscribed, and the evening will long be remembered as a distinct social success.

On July 1 a send-off was given to Mr. D.

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Spence, who has announced the raising of "woolies" in favour of selling to the consumer, at Gnowangerup, various edibles. Our Vice-President presented him with a steel shafted golf club, on behalf of the sub-branch.

On July 23, the Minister for Health, Mr. Munnie, journeyed to our town, and with Mr. A. Piesse, M.L.A., was welcomed by the chairman and members of the Road Board. In the afternoon, accompanied by Messrs. A. Piesse, C. Wattenoom and E. Thompson, M.L.C., the Minister formally opened additions to the local hospital. Six months ago the hospital was closed, owing to lack of support, and the sub-branch took up the work of putting it on its feet. A Hospital Board was appointed from members, and the hospital was soon-opened for service again. Ably assisted by lady associates, a "hop over" to raise funds was planned, and a Hospital Queen Carnival, and other activities netted us about $1200, which, with the $ for $ subsidy, gave enough for needed extensions. An operating theatre and the "Kyra Box" and "Betsy Barton" wards were erected by a local digger-contractor, and the Minister heartily congratulated the Hospital Board on its efforts. The Minister and members were entertained to dinner by the Hospital Board, and "Jerry" being in good voice, musical honours were put over with great success. At the evening social gathering, Mrs. Munnin crowned Miss Kyra Box as Hospital Queen, and with her attendants, princesses, train-bearers, and page, the Queen held high court to the admiration of all beholders. As the poet says, "a good time was had by all." At the public meeting on July 27, held for the purpose of receiving the yearly report of the Hospital Board, the R.S.L. sub-branch was unanimously elected to carry on the good work of the past year; so we have a further term of interesting and productive work to hop into.

On August 4, the members of the sub-branch met at Snowy Wilson's to listen in to the Radio Sub-Brancher Reunion. Snowy had rigged up six speakers from his 8-valve Radiola, and the programme was keenly enjoyed. We heard our name mentioned a couple of times during the evening, which shows that the locals are interested in our progress. The mess orderlies were kept busy, and a very pleasant evening closed with a vote of thanks to Snowy for his kindness in arranging things for our privacy and convenience.

**CLAREMONT**

Instead of the usual monthly meeting, the sub-branch invited members of the Women's Auxiliary, Claremont branch of Toc H, and the local branch of the C.M.F. "to listen in to the Broadcast Smoke Social on August 4. There was a good attendance, and the programme was much enjoyed by those present. Owing to the Parish Hall being booked for that date, the Presbyterian Hall, Princess-road, was engaged for the occasion.

The President (Brigadier A. M. Martyn, C.M.G., D.S.O.), on behalf of the sub-branch, presented Mr. Robt. Dewar with a Certificate of Service granted by the League for services rendered during his term as a Health Officer.

The Secretary with Claremont. This recognition of "Bob's" services was well deserved, as it is due in no small degree to the energy and tact which he displayed in his job that Claremont Sub-Branch is in the sound position it occupies at the present time.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Grand Concert to be held in the Princess Hall, Claremont, on Thursday, August 31, in aid of the Anzac House Building Fund. As stated last month, the leading artists of Perth, together with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Claremont Sub-Committee are confidently asking members of Claremont to put their full weight into making this entertainment a success. Neighbouring sub-branches are requested to keep this date in mind, and to roll up in force. Seats may be booked at Mrs. Pimlott's, Cosy Corner, Bay View terrace, Claremont, free of charge.

The Social Committee of the sub-branch, is running a series of Bridge Evenings in the lesser Hall, Council Chambers, on the second and fourth Fridays in each month, the first one in September being on the 8th. So far the attendance has been poor, but with the active 6-operation of the members, the committee is confident that these evenings will become a success. Tables can be booked with Mr. F. Copelin, 13 Chatsworth Terrace. The Social Committee is also considering arranging a char-a-blanc trip to Yanchep Caves in the latter part of next month, and would be glad of the opinion of the next general meeting regarding this proposition.

It is pleasing to note that our membership is still increasing, two new members being enrolled on August 4. The number now stands at 79.

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**OSBORNE PARK**

On July 22 and August 7 Branch meetings were held by Mr. R. Corlett, President, in the chair. Saturday was expressed at the last number of members attending these meetings, and the interest displayed. Mr. F. Gillett reported on the Saturday night socials, and Doug Foreman on the library, the one asking more members to turn up at the social gatherings, and Doug Foreman mentioned the great rush for his library.

On Saturday, August 29, the members, in recognition of the work the ladies had rendered for the past year, gave them a social evening. The wives of the members and friends turned out in full force, and packed the hall, members acting as waiters on their guests.

Miss Mollie Wagner, Pat Wagner, Ethel Crips, Eric Burnett, as a concert party, were much ap
in spite of the depression members felt gratified that they were able to carry on the good work, which is hoped that the next six months will bring a better return to the members who are trying to carry on in peace the lessons learnt in war time. The feeling of comradeship and the will to help one another so exemplified in the "Digger" in peace or war.

MURRAY

The monthly meeting was held on August 4, instead of the first Saturday in the month, on account of the smoke social being broadcast on the night of the 4th. Those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, many of the diggers present joining in the songs which came over the wireless.

The meeting was held at the Premier Hotel, Pinjarra, where Mr. Tom Murley, the popular host, went to no end of trouble to see that everything was right for the occasion. The wireless was in perfect order, and, as usual, Mrs. Murley saw that the diggers were well provided for. The sub-branch is holding children's sports on Armistice Day, which it is hoped will surpass any yet held.

BOYANUP

July 27 the annual general meeting was held in the Agricultural Hall, when a good number of members was present, welcomed by the president, Mr. E. P. (Joe) Eccleshone. Correspondence was received from headquarters and dealt with. There was an invitation, too, from the Karridup Sub-branch to a smoke social. In Boyanup some years ago, this avenue of trees was planted, one tree for each local soldier who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. At this meeting arrangements were made to have identification brass plates (now completed) placed conspicuously at each tree. The president worked harmoniously in this matter, showing, as it has practically materialised. The report and balance sheet were read and adopted. There is a credit balance of £11. Small outstanding accounts were passed for payment. The question of the R.S.L. sports, usually held on Boxing Day, was discussed. It was agreed this year to call a public meeting, as the co-operation of the general public would ensure a better and better fixture.

The secretary, Mr. A. C. H. Lerpiniere, was warmly thanked for his secretarial work, which had been much appreciated. The president made a strong appeal to the diggers for a better attendance, the average attendance for the year being very small. Two members, who are new arrivals in the district, Diggers H. S. Jones and S. E. Turner, were welcomed by the president. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:-President, E. P. Eccleshone; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Timewell and H. S. Jones; secretary and treasurer, Rev. A. C. H. Lerpiniere; commodore, Digger Jack Simmons; G. H. Smith and H. Triggwell; press secretary, S. W. A. Kilpatrick. The president thanked those present for the honour conferred, and briefly stated that he would do his best for the sub-branch during his term of office. The vexed question of economics then arose. It was suggested getting an expert from Perth to lecture on the subject. Then Mr. Turner turned himself to good account. He said, "I presume you all take the West Australian. "Well, this paper will furnish you with all you need to know on this subject, without incurring a lecturer's expenses. Anyway," he said, "I am an accountant. I know a little about figures, etc. If you think I will not weary you, I will speak on the subject myself at your next meeting." His offer was accepted with pleasure. All I can say is, if Mr. Turner can speak as well as he could, the cream puddings at the social which followed, a literary treat is in store. The smoke social was a great success, and stories were told by those present which passed the time quickly. There were plenty of refreshments on hand, and the cup that cheers was again requisitioned. The Padre told a few stories, too, and it was noticeable at times he did not seem to hear the war stories of others. That's another of his virtues to his credit. A state mail master (Digger Arthur Phillips) was present. He sat in the corner. I first thought he was chewing the cud, or his end, but discovered later it was the refreshments he was chewing so complacently. However, he returned to mundane things at last, and told some yarns. It was about the time that the padre's hearing seemed to be affected. Mr. Turner, that same state mail master, told some new and strange tales, too. Digger Jack Simmons, who went all through the war, said he could tell a true local, story that
could beat any of his war experiences. A South- 

West man suffering from D.T.'s lay in the sun- 

shine all day with a bottle of beer, occasionally 

crawling and striking with the bottle at imagin- 

ary snakes that he invented up for hours. At last a great snake did spring out of the 

grass. He smashed the bottle of beer over its 

head and killed the reptile. The company 

retired at midnight. Luckily, it was too cold to 

meet any snakes that night.

BAANDEE

The opening night of the newly-formed Baanadee Sub-branch, on July 25, in the Agricultural Hall, Baanadee, went off very well. In spite of the threatened inclement weather and the cold, there was an attendance of thirty members from 

Kellerberrin, Merredin and the local lads of the village. A nice big fire in the upper room re-

ceived much attention until the toast of "The 

King" was drunk, then proposal by Mr. A. T. 

Levings; then "Fallen Comrades" and "The 

Baanadee Sub-branch," by Mr. G. O. Clivage, 

and Mr. Geo. Goodwin on behalf of Head Quarters, Perth; the toast of "The Navy, Army 

and Air Force," by Mr. P. K. McQueen, and 

response by Mr. Dick" Law, of Merredin sub-

branch. The toast of the sub-branch, Baanadee, 

was given by Mr. Albury, president of the 

Merredin Sub-branch, and responded to by 

Mr. R. Webb; and in the intervals between the toasts the drinks were served amidst the usual laughter and bantering. The speakers congratulated Baanadee on the efforts to raise a sub-branch, and considered they had done very well, and the number is rising. The sub-branch needs another dozen badgers, as there are some members waiting for them. The hall was a 

picture, thanks to the great kindness of Messrs. 

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and Messrs. W. Y. & A. W. Gore, who also donated. 

Strether added a very colourful note, and the 

tables were well and tastefully set out with flowers, serviettes and silver, and samples of raffles. Thanks are due also to the Swan and Kalgoolie Breweries for their kind patronage, and to Mr. A. Hobbs, of Merredin, and Mr. Williams, of Kellerberrin, each donating a box of soft 

crunches to the committee. The speakers congratulated Baanadee on the efforts to raise a sub-branch, and considered they had done very well, and the number is rising. The sub-branch needs another dozen badgers, as there are some members waiting for them. The hall was a picture, thanks to the great kindness of Messrs. Booth Ltd., who

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they hope to finalize shortly. Each individual seems to have some peculiar phrase and attitude which can always be seen and heard—at each committee meeting. Bob Alexander's "If it's not going to cost the sub-branch anything, I think it's a good idea," comes quite naturally; whilst the secretary, Tom Chandler, who is the sub-branch's sanitary authority, seems to be always looking for a missing paper. When you see two of them get up together and glare at each other, you can depend it's Jennings and White; and Fitzsimmons can be relied on to pour oil on the troubled waters by explaining what the two intended to say. Bob Hewson reminds one of Phil. Collier as he gently murmurs, "This is how the motion reads." During a lull in the proceedings, Tucker asks Scotty Gray if he has seen the new three-penny-piece. Scotty, all interested and misunderstanding, whispers "No; where does she live?" Fred Matthews can always be relied on to prolong the discussion by moving the amendment, despite the president's resolve to finish the meeting at ten o'clock. Bill Colley, who, owing to increasing weight, has the form all to himself, will always volunteer to do the odd carpentry work. Jack Smith rises to the occasion by removing his pipe from his mouth with his left hand and wiping his mouth with the right, as he gives the proposed plans of the extended hall. Joe Barnard, who reports on the social side, is generally brief as he proclaims "The social made a profit of fourpence at the last meeting." Jack Cox, the latest acquisition, reminds one of a Christian Scientist as he thunders forth: "You say it can't be done. I say it can, and will be done." The meeting closes. Jack Matthews remarks "It is earlier than the last meeting—it is now quarter to two." They round up White and Jennings, almost walk arm-in-arm discussing the future on their way home. Yet they certainly work hard.

One misses the familiar face of: Tomlins, who has got employment in the country, and Shadgett, who resigned owing to ill-health, but always helps when able; and Nicola, who is always ready to assist at the monthly meetings.

NORTHCLIFFE

Someone said the Northcliffe Sub-branch had taken the count. So it did, but it has come up smiling again, with Secretary "Gibbie" as cheerful as ever. The president, Mr. "Bill" Hood, who, by the way, has easily qualified for the Certificate of Service is marshalling his forces for a special effort to raise funds to replenish a sadly depleted exchequer. He is staging a surprise non-stop entertainment on September 16 with this object. Any visiting diggers or ex-Imps, who have never seen or heard Bill Hands' Wiffum-Waffum-Wuffum Band will be sure of a bob's worth of amusement on that night and be contributing to the good cause.

SPEARWOOD-HAMILTON HILL

Dear Mr. LISTENING POST:

It's no use going off crochet at me about not dropping a line last month. I posted your letter alright. You want to pick that "Boonah" Anzac of a Perige. Him and Bill Hunt, and that Pommy bloke they've got in the Executive, ought to be jailed, kicking a man on about the new underground post-office in the Terrace.

Well, I've got some bad news for you for a start. Last week after a long spell in dock. The whole district, as well as the sub-branch, is pulling together to see Mrs. Santich and the kiddies get a fair crack of the whip, which is as it should be, and always is, out our way.

This is cigar, the same one as far as I could judge, as that James from North Perth, were out for the last monthly meeting, to wise us up about Pensions, Congress, and Rifle Shooting, so they had an argument about the R.S.L. Cricket Association. That's what I like about a diggers' meeting—you can always get straight on with the business of the evening. Some bloke proposes something, ten other blokes get up and talk dead against it, the motion's put, carried unanimously, some hairy goat remembers it wasn't seconded in the first place, you find Greeny's put the rum in the coffee an hour ago, and it's all boiled away—anyway, that's his yarn, and I've never had a diggers issue yet, let alone a "sergeant-major's." Cripes, I dunno. And talking of hot air, Mr. L. P., did you read about that Jane going through on the mail boat the other day? Reporting the way the grapes in Blighty was kept was a disgrace. Just show you now. Fred. Render sent along a cutting and some photo's of a service held at Sutton-Perney last Anzac Day. About 600 people went along to the cemetery, and after the "Last Post," the school kiddies placed poppies on each of the 150 Aussie, as well as on 40 Fritz graves. That's dinkum. Here are the cuttings and the photo's so as you can show them to your cobbers.

Hibbo brought his wireless along to the Institute on August 4. It was a real good kow, and we were all dead keen to hear you say your piece after the way you'd been buming yourself. George Cook reckoned you squibbed it at the last minute, but I wouldn't have that, Mr. L.P., knowing you as I do. I says probably you and Dave was helping to open a new barrel and couldn't play up—mean to the microphone. Anyway, the boys want to know if that cove, "Decy Dent," your substitute kept mentioning, is any relation of "Jimmy Dent," of the old 11th? Somehow, after listening to him, we all got terrible thirsty, had a "bob-in," and sent Wally Fears down to the rub-a-dub to get a supply. Oughta had more sense than to send a 10th Light Horse bloke—we was still thirsty when the indignation meeting broke up about 11.30 p.m.

While I think of it, Herb, Parratt will be up for Congress to give you the dinkum oil about this new Marketing Bill, so give him a go.

I know I'd forgotten something—we've got the news home! It's a bonzer—all bright and shiny. Albert could shave in it if he had a shaving kit, and wanted to. George Cook says the pedal is the shiniest he's ever seen. Andy was a bit disappointed when he worked the pedals and she wouldn't play a note, but Jack was playing "The Long, Long Trail" with one finger the other night, and, I tell you straight, you could almost chop the tune. She's not fully paid up yet, but if the web keep on supporting the Popular Digger Competition as they are at present, we'll have her clear by November (1949). The "Populars" and their committees are still at it, and I'll have to mention, are doing a dinkum job on the populars, the sub-branch are too kind-hearted to bust in and help them. Albert and Jim Morgan went off real crochet about it last meeting. I thought Bert Ellem would support their remarks, and wasn't disappointed.
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BAYSWATER BITS
(By "JINGHIE"

The annual meeting of this sub-branch was held recently. The past year has been a very strenuous one; the struggle to uphold the interest of increased membership being one of the main difficulties. Various membership drives were held, which proved very successful. At the end of 1932 the number of financial members was 40, which was a very fair percentage comparing the average with previous years, despite the fact that our Secretary has been A.W.L. for approximately three months—on sick-leave—and a number of our members being placed on relief work in the country, the falling off has been slight. Much work was devoted to augmenting the General Unemployed Fund. Consequently, to this our own Amelioration Fund was rather neglected, though, during the year many unemployed returned men and their families were assisted in various ways. Touching on general topics, the most notable feature has been the total lack of discord within the branch.

Following the last General Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, a combined surprise social was held in the Lesser Hall, the guest of the evening being Mr. Roy Henderson (Assistant Secretary of the sub-branch), and Mrs. Henderson (Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary). Mr. Ratcliffe, President of the sub-branch) and Mrs. Power (President of the Auxiliary) spoke in glowing terms of both officers' untiring efforts and of the efficient manner in which they carried out their duties during their term of office.

Mr. Henderson was the recipient of an engraved silver Swiss Lever watch, and Mrs. Henderson was presented with a handsome handbag and shaper. Mr. Henderson suitably responded. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Formally sub-branch bridge parties are held at Mr. J. Brown's residence. A goodly number of players roll up, and the tournaments are becoming increasingly popular.

The Annual Meeting of No. 8 District Council was held in Council Chambers, Guildford, 09

SWAN BRAND TOMATO SAUCE MADE FROM FRESH TOMATOES

Nick isn't too good lately. Comes down of a Monday night laughing fit to break all the windows, and keeps on muttering something about his brother. George Berry told me it wasn't anything to worry about, and that Nick will be a different man when his wife's boat is signalled off-Rottenest.

We thought we'd give that, Sons of Soldiers' round a fly. I didn't get along myself, but as far as I can make out, they are all Marich in the chair, and a row started between young Ellement and Jimmy Gosch about how many Germans their old men had stoned. About 42 other kids nominated their dads, but when Phil Follingham looked an easy winner with a score of 68, "Ogie" Hibberd moved Follingham's old man be disqualified, as he was in the A.M.C., and had a pull over the other blokes' old pots. Both the Corps went off pop at little George Berry, and that started a free for all. Anyway, George Janet allowed out to play now, and no more meetings until we've arranged for the two troopers and the schoolmaster to keep order.

Wally Blackwood told me to put it up to you, that if you are printing the Anzac House Bulletin, to let you know that's the only chance of getting there most of us have with you blokes cutting out onion. I said I didn't think there was much hope, but, anyway, you know my address.

Crier-on, Yours,
A. B. DIGGER.
August 7.—Up and away to Mr. Middleton's boot-repair shop (472 Fitzgerald Street) and pay my nomination for an entrance to the sweet show, so make sure I in before closing time which is the end of this month. This night to the sub-branch card evening. I did loiter near the entrance and feast my eyes upon the many gowns and beauties who come. Pretty soon the hall fell so all it could hold, which did give me great pleasure to see, it being a benefit night to our women's auxiliary. The card games done, so to a dainty supper and giving of prizes. Home shoot with Mr. F. E. Sharpe, we both in great content that our auxiliary do profit like 84 of this night, and he of winning the gentleman's prize at whist.

10.—When I come home this evening I find my wife in great bustle to have the dinner done, she going, with other ladies of our auxiliary, to West Leederville Auxiliary. There to a party for ladies only, she said. By and by when my wife come home late, she did awake me from a sound sleep, the wretch, and tell me of the merry evening she did spend and how she win a prize at dancing with Mr. A. Murnach. In no mode for talk, being half asleep, I turn over and to sleep again, which did please her.

13.—To general committee and hear much discourse on many matters, among which was our forming of a sub-branch to the Sons of Sailors and Soldiers. Mr. L. Darder explained the business done to the big shooting contest he is organising to benefit Anzac House. This to be a brave contest methods, and is open to members of all sub-branches. Time to nominate (2/6) extended to this month end, said Mr. James, and the shoot to be through the month of September come. Much talk of the C.T.A. Choral Party's concert in His Majesty's Theatre, the 10th August come, and Mr. Bert Mcllwraith distribute tickets for committees to sell. Our sub-branch members now 230, which is very good news. Home, and find my wife, plainly dissatisfied with me, that I be late and cause the dinner to near spoil. She flying into high words and call the committee a lot of tattlers, and what not.

19.—Full moon, Mr. L. Jago and Mr. L. McDowell and drink ale with them. Mr. James did tell us how he did have a brain wave to the forming of a concert party in our sub-branch. There must be, said he, among all our members some who can sing, play instruments, and do other act to entertain the audience. And a fine suggestion, and Mr. McDowell and I did make promise to assist him in what way we could in his proposal.

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Dear LISTENING POST:

Having a recurrence of ingrowing chilblains, I have asked the local padre to report on our annual smoko for me. I trust his efforts meet with your approval.

And it came to pass that one, Joe, went forth into the highways and byways proclaiming: "O ye of the tribes of Digs and Imps, that hide your lights beneath the twelve by etc., hearken ye unto the word! For on the four and twentienth night of the sixth moon, the lads will assemble at the temple to partake of the ear of the pig and lift voices in songs of praise. Tarry not with your two-up or poker or best girls, but he ye to the temple with three pieces of silver as alms for the poor!"

And lo! he was not as a voice crying in the wilderness, for on the day appointed there did assemble two score and five of the lost tribes. There were men of the Tribe of Digs and of Eng, and men with hairy legs of the Tribe of Scots, and men with countenances as of flint, of the Tribe of Ire. And they came from far off places, yea, from the Land of Greenbushes, and beyond, did they come and their Chief Priest Doc did lead them.

And they one and all assembled in the Temple, and when they were set the High Priest did speak words of wisdom to them, exhorting them, Why has thou tarried so long without the fold? Return O ye lost ones." And some were repentant and brought pieces of silver to the High Priest's assistant, as a token of penitence. And then the lesser Priests did speak words of wisdom, and those of tribes far off spoke words of wisdom, and they, the others spoke of divers times, but their words were not wisdom. And the Temple was filled with song and thanksgiving and incense and hiccoughs.

And the servants of the Temple, Mike the Son of Hig, and Snork the Son of Hum did move among the multitude with uncertain steps, bearing the magic Grail which is never empty, and crying, "Let not the ear of the pig lose its savour, for verily I say unto you, an empty cup is the sign of a head which is likewise empty." And they took their advice and their nectar, and lo then was the Temple as glass and their speech as that of babes. And voices were lifted in anthems of days far off. Yes, of Fritz's and Kew Ems, and of maidens of Armenia did they sing. And of their psalms some were righteous and some were unrighteous.

And the people without wondered and said one to the other, "What strangers are these in our midst for they sing strange words?"

And one in the Temple surnamed Thom the son of Hill did lift his voice unto the heavens in a psalm of history and reverence, and every one did he sing, but few hearkened. And others lifted up their voices in speech and song, but few hearkened for the voices of Mike and Snork were all-powerful.

And for their services the High Priest did bestow honours upon his servants, whereupon the people lifted their voices proclaiming them mighty men of valour. But the receivers of honours replied not, being too full for words.

And one, Sholl, did also receive honours before his departure to dwell among strange people. And those that had voices remaining in them did declare him a mighty man of valour.

And with much joy did the night pass, until the men of the Tribes remembering the words of their wives, hastened to their tents with heavy feet, crying "Hoanna, we are full of joy and pig's ear. The night passeth too soon. May the next sixth moon come quickly."

And the High Priest passing through the Temple did find Lauri of the Tribe of Spill, and Pat of the Tribe of Stew, singing songs of praise and playing upon the sacred piano. Whereupon he said, "It is not meet to spill or let fall the pig's ear into the bowls of the sacred instrument. Depart, Whereupon they departed, each helping the other, and thus remained in the Temple.

And next morning those of the tribes after prepared to depart, but a wheel flew from their chariot and they could not. Then said their Chief Priest Doc, "Here shall we abide and continue where we left off last night." And seeing the wisdom of his words, the others bowed their heads and said, "It shall be," And it was.

WAROONA

Forty-three members of the Waroona Sub-branch of the R.S.I. and S.S.I. gathered together in the Memorial Hall Friday night last, to listen to the August 4 broadcast. A Batysphere was kindly installed by Mr. A. W. James, and the reception and programme were excellent. After the the broadcast refreshments consisting of "hops" and savoys were partaken of, a local programme was proceeded with. Mr. Coupe recited the "Green Eye of the Little Yellow God," and Mr. J. Twaddle followed with a "Virgin's Trip to Heaven." As the result of a persistent encore, he burst into song for the first time in history, accompanied by Mr. Jack Neal, with an imitation of the bagpipes. Mr. J. Bresley (tenor), and Mr. Frank Nie, D.C.M. (baritone), suitably costumed, rendered "Soldiers of the Queen" and "Tommy Atkins!" in great style, and Mr. Roy Walsley sang several much-appreciated songs. Other items were rendered by Mr. Frank Conso and Mr. Bob Cockburn. On Friday, September 1, there will be a broad-

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Women's Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

Exhibition

Schedules and entry forms have now been forwarded to all auxiliaries. Extra copies can be had on application to the secretary of the exhibition. The committee has been granted the use of the Board Room and Reading Room at the Institute for the exhibits. The trials will have the use of all available verandah space, and afternoo tea will be served in the dining room. The Press Auxiliary promise a gay and entertaining evening at the Exhibition Carnival, to be held on the closing evening, September 30.

In aid of the incidental expenses of the exhibition, Mrs. Stockman recently organised a card afternoon at the Institute. It was well attended. Gifts for prizes were donated by Medames Wilson, Kirke, and Stone. Mrs. Wilson won the prize for euchre, and three tickets from Belmont, Medanades Courtland, Lance, and Tate, were the prize-winners in bridge. Mrs. Williams, of Mt. Lawley, held the lucky number for a posy of Cecil Brunner roses. Afternoon tea was served at the close of play.

VICTORIA PARK

The Women's Auxiliary met in Library Hall on July 21, with a large attendance of members, and many hominations were received. Reports from sick visitors and distress committees were received. The State President, Mrs. Wilson, has announced that she will be present at the next meeting. It is hoped a good roll up of members to welcome her. The Secretary, Mrs. Pike, and Treasurer, Mrs. Tolkien, were elected delegates to congress. At R.S.I. Industries Exhibition to be held in September, Victoria Park will have charge of the doylay stall. The Popular Lady competition is still being enthusiastically supported, and will close in September. It is hoped a good sum will be raised towards the local New Hall Building Fund. On Friday, August 4, a Radio Concert was held at Mrs. Taylor's residence. A good attendance of members were thoroughly enjoyed the "Diggers' Concert and Smoke," and a collection in aid of the Building Fund was taken up. A very pleasant evening ended with a dainty supper.

MT. LAWLEY

The monthly meeting of the Mount Lawley Women's Auxiliary was held in the Congregational Hall, William-street, on Tuesday, August 8. Mrs. Doran presided over an attendance of 30 ladies. During the afternoon three new members were welcomed. A dainty tea was served at the conclusion of the business.

On Saturday, August 12, a very successful Children's Ball was held in St. Albans Hall. Each of the 119 children in fancy dress received a gift. During the month a combined Social for Auxiliary Sub-branch members only, was held. Various games and competitions made the evening a very popular one.

All members are enthusiastically awaiting the forthcoming All Nations' Fair, and are working hard for the success of this event. Miss Packer staffed it having the pride of place, representing the British Isles.

NORTH PERTH

The pic-nic at National Park, given to the patients of Lemoson Hospital by this Auxiliary, was a great success. They thoroughly enjoyed the outing and the tea.

At the August meeting six new members were enrolled, a very good beginning for the new year. Mrs. E. James is now President. During the month we had a visit from Mrs. Porter, of the Meredith Auxiliary. On September 8 there will be a tennis afternoon at Redfern tennis courts commencing at 12.30 p.m., the profits of which will be given to the Anzac House Fund. The hostesses are Medames Rendle and Hetherington.

Medames Richmond and Mellorrie are holding a Bridge Party on August 17 in aid of the same fund.

The delegates chosen by the Auxiliary to represent it at Congress are Medames James and Middleton.

The winner of the tennis club raffle was Miss Pat Sadler.

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CLAREMONT

On Friday, July 14, the Claremont Sub-Branch R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary held a Children's Fancy Dress Ball, which was a great success. The Parish Hall, which was prettily decorated with R.S.L. colours, was the scene of great enjoyment among the younger set, who danced to the strains of Miss Gibson's Orchestra. Miss Northhope and Mr. Gibson were in charge of the grand march. The Mayors, Mrs. Mengler, and Mrs. Descon acted as judges, and presented the prizes, after which four of Miss Northhope's pupils gave an item.

Owing to the illness of the President, Mrs. Gladith, Mrs. Copelin was in charge, and ably assisted by the following committee: Messrs. Miller, Hunter, Fitzpatrick, Wade, King, Ingram, Booth; Misses Bryant, Dewar and Freeman-Smith; Messrs. Ford, Bannister, King and Copelin. A dainty supper was served, after which the children occupied the floor, while the Lancers were danced, followed by Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

BAYSWATER

The auxiliary held a party in the Drill Hall on July 12, to celebrate its fourth anniversary. The event was a huge success, over 100 relatives and friends of members being present. Mrs. T. C. Wilson (State President) made a special trip from Caversham to be present. She presented the honour of cutting the beautifully decorated, twocent cake. A keg and four candles were on the upper tier. The cake was made and decorated by Mr. Todman, and was pronounced delicious. The fruit was kindly donated by Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. Noble, our former secretary, gave us all a pleasant surprise by coming for the special occasion. Messamis McKislay and Grieve, from Bassendean, and Mrs. Kerrish and friend from Leederville were also present. We are indeed grateful to these ladies for the interest taken in our branch, and hope to see them again ere long. An enjoyable programme was arranged by our executive, Messamis Power, Henderson, and Thair. Songs were contributed by Messamis Hammond, Kerrish; West, and Anderson, with a violin solo by Mr. Batey. Dance music and some of the accompaniments were played by Mr. Cooper.

A potato race was won by Mrs. Power, stepping the line by Mrs. Blackford, and a spot wait was won by Mr. and Mrs. Sloss. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the "National Anthem" brought a happy evening to a close.

At the monthly meeting on July 27, the business portion was put through quickly as visitors had asked to attend the social portion, the occasion being a farewell and presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson. Mrs. Henderson has held office as secretary for the past two years, and has worked hard and faithfully for our branch. Too much cannot be said in her praise, and it will be hard to fill her position. Three members of the Church of England Ladies' Guild were present, and they spoke most highly of Mrs. Henderson's work and popularity amongst them. The parting gift was a beautiful handbag and shopping bag. Members of the R.S.L. Sub-Branch were also present and spoke in glowing terms of this popular couple, presenting Mr. Henderson with a watch. In thanking members, both Mrs. and Henderson spoke in a brief but feeling manner. The evening terminated with dancing items and games.

GERALDTON

The Geraldton Branch held a very enjoyable social evening at the home of Mrs. C. O'Neill. The guests of honour were Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McCullivray, and Mrs. Peunster. Presentations were made to these three ladies in recognition of their services in the past as president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively. A sewing circle has been formed, and is meeting fortnightly at the home of the secretary, Mrs. E. A. Moos. At present the ladies are making cushions and mattresses for the lodges at the local hospital, also quilts for distress cases. Much material is on hand, having been donated by several local stores for making up into clothing for distress and other association work.

At the meeting held July 9 to a large number were present, the vice-president, Mrs. O'Neill, being in the chair. Owing to indisposition, Mrs. McCullivray was unavoidably absent. At this meeting it was decided to send a delegate again to Conference, while suggestions were received for the agenda paper.

WAGIN

At the Annual Meeting of the Wagan Branch the following officers were elected—President, Mrs. C. G. L. Lloyd; vice-president, Mrs. B. Baker (re-elected); and Mrs. E. Holland; treasurer, Mrs. F. Warding; hon. secretary, Mrs. J.wellard (re-elected). Mr. Shenton, R.S.L. representative, congratulated the Auxiliary on a successful year, and their financial record and Auxiliary working along so well together. Several of the ladies contributed items, and in conclusion afternoon tea was served. On July 12 a surprise party was arranged by the officers and members of the Auxiliary, the occasion being the secretary's birthday. A pleasant surprise. The President presented the Secretary with a very suitable gift as a mark of appreciation of work done amongst them.

On August 7, Mrs. T. C. Wilson, State President of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliaries, presided at a meeting of the Wagin Branch. Mrs. Wilson addressed the gathering on the very instructive and able manner, and the knowledge gained will be of great assistance in helping the Branch along on the right path. Mrs. Wilson also congratulated the Auxiliary on the very fine progress since its formation. Quietly the ladies attended, and a very pleasant afternoon took place. Several of the ladies contributed musical items, and in conclusion a tasty afternoon tea was served by members of the branch on small tables nicely decorated with flowers.

Mrs. Wilson was present at the R.S.L. Ball held on August 8, and she was very delighted with the evening's entertainment and arrangements.

DONNYBROOK

The annual meeting was held in the R.S.L. Room on June 3, twenty members being present. The president, Mrs. Harding, reported on a most successful year. Twenty-seven eucharistic parties were held, for amelioration funds; two social evenings for Cancer Appeal, for which £10 was raised; two bridge gatherings for the R.S.L. piano fund, and raffles, etc., for general funds. These would be continued throughout the winter months. The biggest expense against the amelioration fund was the financial assistance given to two maternity cases. Articles of furniture including chairs, accordian, crockery, table clothes, kettle, etc., had been donated to the R.S.L. Room, costing £13 5s. 2d. The combined hall of the R.S.L. and Women's Auxiliary, held in the Donnybrook Hall on June 7, was a great success, and resulted in a credit balance of £11 2s. 6d. for R.S.L. funds. Our own Women's Auxiliary bank books showed: Amelioration £13 8s. 8d.; General, £9 16s. 2d.

The president also reported making two trips down to Kirup for the purpose of explaining the aims and objects of the Women's Auxiliary, and was pleased to say that, on the second visit, she was successful in forming a W.A. branch in the town. In closing, Mrs. Harding thanked the members for their loyal support and their splendid attendances at the monthly meetings, and which was probably a record of an average of 20 out of 24 members. This alone proved the interest taken in the work of relieving the R.S.L. of minor cases, thus enabling them to cope with the more important amelioration work.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year—President, Mrs. J. Harding, for the third year, Vice-President, Mrs. Atwell; Secretary, Mrs. V. T. Miller; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Colema. Mrs. Peel was included on the executive committee, and a social committee of six ladies was also formed.

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Digger Sporting Recollections
(By M.H.M.)

It was typical of the British troops in the different theatres of war, that at every available opportunity, sport was indulged in. The conditions, climatic and otherwise, under which the games were played, varied greatly. In the heat of Egypt’s climate; in the cold, bleak winters of France and Belgium, sport was carried out. Can anyone forget the glorious summer days on the “Home Front” in Bighty, when in the course of training for the “great game,” field games of various descriptions were played. It was all a tonic as well as amusement for the fighting forces.

In place of the usual resume of the deeds of an individual ex-soldier sportsman, let us this month visit in fancy, Egypt, England, France and Belgium, and recall, by the aid of briefly related incidents, the atmosphere of these various countries in which most returned soldiers during their army career either took part in, or viewed as spectators, many interesting sporting fixtures.

FOR THE LIGHT HORSEMEN IN PARTICULAR

The following descriptive account of a horse show, held at Ismailia, will convey the Egyptian atmosphere, and is culled from a copy of the “Kia Ora Coo-ee,” dated July 15th, 1918.

Horse Show at Ismailia

The Military Horse Show held at the Sports Ground, Ismailia, on June 12th and 13th, proved to be one of the most successful exhibitions of its kind yet held in Egypt, and it is doubtful whether horsemen from so many different nations (Allies against a common foe) have ever competed against one another at a similar display in this or any other country.

Tall trees surrounding the ground afforded spectators a pleasant shade from the sun’s rays, and the cloudless sky seemed to be intensely reflected in the blue waters of Lake Timsh in the distant background. Bright flags fluttering in the breeze gave a carnival air to the gathering, and the whole setting was picturesque. From early morning until well on into the afternoon, cars, lorries, chariots, and various other vehicles were used to convey visitors from far and near to the scene. The ringside was thronged early each day by those who did not want to miss any of the features of the programme.

Officers and men of the British, French, Australian, New Zealand, Italian, Indian and Egyptian Forces were present, but although khaki was the predominant colour it was relieved here and there by the dresses of ladies, the bright red and blue uniforms of the Spahis, and the white summer garb of British and French sailors. Much interest was shown in the band of the Chasseurs d’Afrique, which enlivened the show at intervals throughout the day, with martial music drawn from cavalry trumpets and quaint key bugles, to the accompaniment of deep rolling side drums. The lion’s (or should it be kangaroo’s) share of the musical part of the proceedings, however, fell on the shoulders of the 3rd Australian Light Horse, Brigade Band, which, under the able-leadership of Lieut. G. O. Boyle, played popular selections, and contributed in no small manner to the success of the Show.

Interest chiefly centered in the performance of those braise troops, the Spahis, who won plenty of applause with their fascinating Fantasia. To the accompaniment of wailing music, these troops, mounted on grey Arabs, dashed into the ring, and we had a display of “Parthian shooting and various other kinds, which involved the rapid handling of two carbines by each man, who could sling them as quickly as they were fired, to make way for fierce-looking sword swinging tactics.

The mule race for Allied Naval riders caused uproarious excitement. At times, during this event, the ring seemed fully of plunging, prancing mules. The sailors couldn’t get any steerage way on at all in some cases, and even when they did, it was only a matter of a slight prop on the part of the mule, and the rider metaphorically, bit the dust for a little while. The judges had their work cut out to decide who to place in this event.

The Show was held under the patronage, and in the presence of, Major-General A. R. Hoskins, Colonel J. M. Arnot, Majors C. S. Reynard and Lebanon (Commanding French Cavalry). Brigadier-General Peck was the most indefatigable official on the ground, and his unflagging energy and personal supervision of practically every event, were largely responsible for the success of the exhibition. Co-operating with Brigadier-General Peck on the Committee were Majors S. E. Grimwood, A. B. Patterson, E. C. Tomlinson and Brooks; Captains Pichon (Chasseurs d’Afrique), R. N. Cadden, C. J. S. Clarke, A. J. Chauvel, Broadley, Mylne, and P. P. Buckland; Lieuts. A. C. Pigon (N.Z.M. Rifles) and L. C. Hughes.

The principal events on the programme were as follows:

- Best Officers’ Charger, light weight
- Best Officers’ Charger, heavy weight
- Best Officers’ Pony
- Light Weight Troop Horse and Turn-out
- Heavy Weight Troop Horse and Turn-out
- French Officers’ Charger
- Best G.S. Wagon
- Best Limber Turnout
- Officers’ Charger Jumping
- Troop Horse Jumping
- First Mule Race (Allied Naval Riders)
- Second Mule Race (Allied Naval Riders)
- Best Humorous Turnout.

BELGIUM

Comfortably billeted in a small Belgian village near Charlois, after the Armistice, a body of Australian troops found time hanging heavily on their hands. As usual, relief was sought in athletics. Despite the fact that the country was in winter’s grip, it was decided to appoint a committee, and arrange for a big athletic fixture to be held in a field on the outskirts of the village.

The innovation was taken up with enthusiasm and a collection for funds with which to purchase prizes, returned a handsome result. The committee spared no pains to make the event an outstanding success. A level field was chosen and tracks for the various races, marked out.

Permission was granted to journey to Brussels in order to purchase the prizes, and this trip itself proved an interesting and instructive experience. Arrangements were made for a Regimental band to be in attendance and last, but not least, a huge marquee was borrowed from the Y.M.C.A. authorities, who happened to...
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<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
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<td>1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1 p.m.</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YEI BENI</td>
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<td>Every 3rd Wednesday from August 16</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNNIE,</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
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<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
<td>C. Vernon Hayles, P.O. Box 99, Phone 3</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
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<td>ELEVENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>56 Angus St., N. Perth</td>
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<td>EX-NAVAL MEN'S ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Sports Club, King Street</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
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<td>R. Alexander, c/o Government House, Perth</td>
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be in the vicinity. The Y.M. people were very particular about this marquee, which was a decidedly useful and valuable asset.

The “stage” was set for the big attraction and the committee men retired to their billets the night before, well pleased with the arrangements and the prospects for the morrow.

Next morning came disillusionment. Snow was falling heavily, and the fixtures seemed doomed to failure. At the appointed time, only a few enthusiasts were on the ground, and in full of the snowstorm, a limited number of events were completed.

Unhappily the storm developed to such proportions that the fixture had to be abandoned for the day, the committee hoping that the following day might be more propitious. The 28 however, were unkind, as the snow continued to fall for two whole days, and all ideas of concluding the programme were dismissed.

The finale to this unfortunate venture was rather embarrassing and annoying to the promoters. Trusting the nearby Belgian inhabitants (rather foolishly as it turned out) the Marquee was left on the ground, awaiting fine weather to dismantle it. The Belgians apparently sought to sample the diggers this trouble as the secretary was informed that if he wished to save any portion of the marquee, it would be advisable to take immediate action.

A visit to the ground disclosed the fact that some of the Belgian civilians had deliberately hacked away with a knife, large portions of the hanging sides of the marquee, and only prompt action saved the bulk from disappearing.

SUMMER IN BLIGHTY

Not far from the Big Metropolis, yet far enough to be set in picturesque surroundings, and away from the roar and rattle of the City, lies the tiny village of Houghton-Regis. The village consists practically of a large Manor House grounds, a centuries-old church, and a number of small farms. Houghton-Regis is sandwiched, as it were, between the large town of Luton, and the much smaller town of Dunstable.

A fairly large number of diggers found themselves comfortably and conveniently camped in the capacious grounds of the Manor House in Houghton-Regis. The house, a fine old-fashioned English building, overlooked a private playing field, used principally for Rugby.

Dunstable, a mile distant from the village, boasted a really fine oval, on which both cricket and football were played. A challenge cricket match between Dunstable and the diggers, resulted in a win for the latter, and following this, an invitation was extended to three members of the diggers’ team to assistant Dunstable in their annual match against Luton.

The previous match between these teams resulted in an overwhelming victory for Luton, which included a sprinkling of professional players. The day of the match arrived, and Dunstable, reinforced by the three diggers, prepared themselves for annihilation.

Rain had affected the wicket to a certain extent, and the professional bowlers of Luton had a merry time dismissing Dunstable for the small score of 48. Faces were long and serious, and one of the mainstays of Luton was so confident of success, that he changed from flannels to ordinary attire.

Nothing daunted, the Dunstableites and the diggers set about their task, and so well did they perform that the Luton players received the shock of their lives by being sent to the right-about for the miserable total of 24!

It is safe to assert that this match, in which the three diggers played no small part, is talked of to this day in Dunstable cricket circles.

On the same oval, which incidentally is, or was, privately owned by an influential English firm, the diggers provided an exhibition match of Australian rules football, following which a challenge was thrown out” by a number of Imperial officers, good sports, all of them, to a Rugby match. This game, which took place on the Houghton-Regis Manor House ground, resulted in an easy victory for the officers.

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