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(For letterpress see page 12)
The Spirit of Anzac

So deep was the impression that the World War made upon most of us that we are still apt to regard it as a thing of yesterday. In fact, our feelings are like those caused by a cold douche—when we pause to realise that young men who are now entering the University, or filling in claims for enrolment as electors, were not yet born, or were still babes in arms, when men of the newer nations made history at Anzac.

It is on behalf of this generation which has grown up since the war, and whose knowledge of the war is gained from reading or hearsay, that most of the contemporary anti-war agitation has been undertaken. Unfortunately, of late, the zeal which ourrunneth discretion has induced speakers and writers to cross the borderline of decency, in their diatribes against war, by vilifying the men who fought and died for that very freedom of speech and action which they so abuse. Indeed, one or two of our local publicists have gone just as far as they dare in this direction. Amidst all this plethora of talk about preventing war and eliminating the war spirit, the youth of to-day may be pardoned for asking,“What manner of men were those who enlisted in 1914?”—for the men of 1914 lit the beacon which showed the path of duty to their successors—and, “What was the spirit that nerved them through- out their trials, their hardships, and their unparalleled exploits?”

The answer is not to be found in war books of the “All Quiet,” and “Goodbye To All That,” school, nor even in the columns of those Australian weeklies which publish so-called digger pages and represent the digger as a cheeky larrikin in uniform. The war fiction of a few years ago has been described as a revolt against the older type of war-book which stressed the soldier’s heroism but ignored the inherent horrors of war. This is not quite the case. Realism is just as old as romanticism. Writers like Flaubert in his “Salambo,” Hugo, in “Les Miserables,” Zola, in “The Debacle,” had stripped the glamour from war-like enterprises long before 1914. Henry Seton Merriman, in writing “Barlasch of the Guard,” drew much of the raw material of his story from the “Memoirs of Sergeant Bourgogne,” a survivor of the Retreat from Moscow, who described his experiences with a ghastly realism. Immediately before the Great War, the veteran American war-correspondent, Frederick Palmer, published “The Last Shot,” in which he predicted with uncanny accuracy the course of events on the Western Front. The Remarque school of war fiction is, rather, conscious propaganda to prevent future wars by misrepresenting those who fought in the last war, by making them appear unthinking youths who were duped into the trenches by men of an older generation, urged on to mutual slaughter by inefficient higher commands, and quavering all the time in an ecstacy of fear and self-pity. Only last year an official of the British Legion found it necessary to refuse a printed statement in a reputable journal that the deeds for which men were decorated were performed under the influence of alcohol. Even in Australia there are current many false impressions which should be corrected before it is too late.

There may have been deluded youths among those who enlisted in 1914, and who landed on Gallipoli in 1915, just as there may be disillusioned ex-service men to-day, but we do not believe that this is true of the average. Whatever else the man of 1914 may have been, he was certainly no fool. That he could think for himself is indicated by the fact, that, in 1914, as in 1910, he returned a Federal Labour Government to power in the teeth of the great dailies who, one and all, supported the opposing party. Neither should it be forgotten that the Labour Party of those days was pledged to the maintenance of an Australian Navy and a system of universal naval and military service. The majority of those who enlisted in time for the Landing had had a certain amount of military training before the outbreak of the Great War, and quite a number of officers and other ranks had seen active service in South Africa and elsewhere, so it may reasonably be presumed that they had some inkling of the nature of the task in front of them. The flamboyant oratory of the recruiting platform was unknown and unnecessary at that stage, for more men were offering themselves than were needed.

It is all very well for people to sneer, in the light of after knowledge, or what appears to them to be knowledge, and to say that none of these knew what he was fighting for. Such assertions are curiously absurd slurs on the average digger’s intelligence. In the old army, when a man told you how he came to enlist, it was considered proof positive that he had lingered longer than necessary in the canteen. Men joined up for many reasons. No doubt the spirit of adventure was present, as it has always been, in those who are not physically and mentally anaemic. To some, perhaps, war opened up the prospects of a career. Men were perhaps more reticent in those days. They did not prate so readily of their patriotism, nor of their doubts and fears. At the same time, it is safe to say that the majority were imbued with a sense of the seriousness of the situation and of the justice of our cause. Patriotism, like courage, varies with individuals, but even in the least articulate there was the glimmering of the idea that every man worthy of the name must play up for his side.

It was in this spirit, we believe, that the men of 1914 left their native shores. It was in this spirit that they landed on Gallipoli. In those days we heard none of the rant about the “War-to-end-war,” or “Making the world safe for democracy.” These were the catch phrases invented later by politicians to stimulate the deep-thinkers. That the war did neither of these things is not the fault of the soldier, nor it is any reason why he should feel that he has been duped. Promises far more extra-
vagrant, and even less possible of fulfillment, are uttered from the hustings at every general election, but the faith that moves motions does not condemn democracy on that account.

During the course of his service, the soldier was often disappointed and often disillusioned, but the soldier, throughout the ages, has reserved to himself the right to grumble. In the old French army, the name for an old-soldier was "groggârd," the French equivalent of "grouser." On the other hand, the ex-service man strongly resents the civilian, who did not bear the heat and burden of the day, doing his "grousing" for him. While he was at the front, and during the process of repatriation after the war, the soldier shed those illusions that were not worth retaining; those that were, he crystallised into ideals. The digger's outstanding characteristic was his broad tolerance which is the basis of both comradeship and discipline. He learned that a rough exterior often masks an innate nobility, and that polish is often a camouflage for inherent baseness. He learned that there is often a broad strain of goodness and high principle even in men whose language and habits do not always coincide with suburban concepts of ethics. He realised only too often the smallness of the great and the greatness of the lowly. It was this realisation that made possible the glorious comradeship of the trenches and transmuted it into the freemasonry that exists among ex-service men of all nationalities to this very day.

Akin to that comradeship, perhaps because of it, was the subordination of self for the attainment of the common end. Of all the ideals that survived the shock of battle, the ideal of service is the noblest and the most practical.

It is in and through the younger generation, the Sons of Soldiers' League, that we hope to see that comradeship and those ideals perpetuated. The father and son cult which the younger league embodies will help the younger generation to understand the men of 1914 and the spirit in which they went forth to fight. Unfortunately, the purpose of the younger League is not understood as fully as it might be, even within the parent body itself.

It has been alleged, by persons who should know better, that in forming the Sons of Soldiers' League the R.S.L. is fostering class distinctions and fostering the military spirit. Even in the most ideally-constituted state, class distinctions will exist no matter who fosters them. On the other hand, no one other than a snob himself can see anything snobbish in fathers endeavouring to train their sons in the ideals that have inspired men of all great nations throughout the course of history. Again, if the military spirit consists in those ideals of loyalty and service, let us foster that spirit by every means in our power, and remember at the same time that some of the greatest soldiers of history—Wellington, Sherman, Stonewall Jackson, to mention but a few—have been the most outspoken in their condemnation of war as an instrument of national policy. Perhaps we are old-fashioned, but we believe that there is still a place in the world for the simpler virtues of what Henry Lawson called the good old Australian mateship, of loyalty, of self-sacrifice, and public service, and of the patriotism that transcends narrow parochialism. Such ideals have stood the test of history and the shock of battle. So far no adequate substitute for them has been suggested. We believe that they can be fostered and perpetuated in and through the Sons of Soldiers' League to the extent that they will leaven the whole social mass and that only by such a leavening will we bring about that era of peace on earth and good-will to all men which a war-fearing world so earnestly desires.

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German Retirement from the Somme

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By the beginning of 1917, all five infantry divisions of the A.I.F. were at the front—the newly arrived Third Division in Flanders, the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth, on the Somme—ready to play their part in the new offensive. In spite of the unusual severity of the winter, the British and the French had maintained their offensive, pursuing those "wearing tactics" which General Joffre favoured as preparation for the decisive stroke. Minor operations against local objectives were carried out, and in one of these, the affair of Stormy Trench, Captain (afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel) Harry Murray gained the Victoria Cross. The Allies, believing, not unreasonably, that the Central Powers, who had been strained by the tremendous blows of 1916, would collapse under the weight of concentric blows on all fronts. The main stroke of this general Allied offensive would be delivered by the British and French, north and south of the Somme. As the Fourth Army was to play but a subsidiary role in the new offensive, the First Anzac Corps (1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Divisions) was transferred from it to the Fifth Army on its flank. Preparations were also made for the formation of a Sixth Australian Division in England.

Before the end of 1916, Germany had addressed "peace proposals" to President Wilson. These, however, were not acceptable to the Allies. It takes two to make peace, as well as to make war. The German proposals were so worded that they gave no guarantee for future peace. President Wilson proved as unfortunate a mediator as he was an arbitrator after the Armistice. His persistence in assuming that the war aims of the Allies were as iniquitous as those of the Germans caused bitter resentment in Allied countries. Even before the proposals had been finally rejected, Germany broke the pledge given to America nine months before, and embarked upon "unrestricted submarine warfare." The German High Command knew quite well that this gambler's throw must inevitably bring America into the war on the Entente side, but it was hoped that Britain could be starved into submission long before America could send any appreciable body of troops to France. The decision was hastened by the knowledge that there was now no chance of achieving a decisive military success on the Western Front.

The 1916 offensive had made a salient north of the Somme battlefields dangerously exposed to attack. Realising this, at the end of September, 1916, the Germans commenced the construction of a new line, almost 100 miles in length, running across the base of the great salient from Arras to Soissons. This strongly fortified rearward line would either bar the advance of the Allies in the event of a break-through, or form a new front on which the Germans could voluntarily fall back to avoid pressure. Documents and information elicited from prisoners and deserters should have warned the Allies that a withdrawal was imminent. Nevertheless, the preliminary withdrawal on February 25 was not expected. Nivelle, who had replaced Joffre as Commander-in-Chief of the French Armies, actually refused to believe the first reports of it. Despite good patrolling, the preliminary withdrawal was unhindered by the Australians for nearly 48 hours. But from that moment the continuance of the withdrawal was expected. The efforts of the Australian patrols became increasingly tense. In spite of this the retirement on March 11-12 was not discovered until 24 hours after the main German garrison had withdrawn.

The British leaders have been criti-
cised for lack of enterprise in exploiting this retirement, but the German withdrawal was aided by dense fog and the sturdy resistance of their strong covering posts. As Captain Bean points out, in Volume IV of the Official History, the cautious policy of keeping in touch, following the enemy with forces as light as possible, passing the remainder into reserve, and steadily proceeding with preparations for the Arras offensive," was justified. A less patient attitude might easily have ended in disaster, or at least have incurred unnecessarily heavy losses. "There emerges," Captain Bean continues, "the interesting conclusion that Zeki Bey and his colleagues at Anzac were right; that an opponent's carefully prepared withdrawal from a strongly held trench-line does not—even if expected, and eagerly watched, offer a favourable opportunity for hastily attacking him, and that the most that can effectively be done is to make demonstrations and cautiously follow him."

This was the policy, pursued by the Fifth Army and, in the series of advance guard actions which followed, the divisions of the A.I.F., had a welcome taste of what was practically open warfare. The moral effect of the capture of Bapaume by the 30th Battalion, the recovery of villages long occupied by the enemy, the change from the constriiction of muddy, frozen trenches to movement through pleasant, though devastated, areas behind the old German line, cannot be over-estimated.

In their retirement, the enemy systematically destroyed everything that might shelter or be of use to the pursuers. In addition he left behind numerous "booby-traps," such as helmets coated with fulminate of mercury, mines in dugouts and buildings, like the one that destroyed the Bapaume Town Hall, and so on. Our intelligence was well aware of these Parthian pleasures. The troops were warned in advance, and the casualties caused by these means were infinitesimal. The Bapaume Town Hall explosion was looked upon by the fighting troops as an act of poetic justice. That building, the most desirable billet-space in the recaptured town, had been "hogged" at the expense of the P.B.I. by a non-combatant organisation.

As the new German line was approached, the enemy resistance stiffened, so that the outpost villages were taken only after severe and determined fighting on both sides.

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The new German line, running back as it did at a sharp angle from the Arras sector, still offered a most inviting objective for a powerful stroke; but such a stroke would entail much artillery preparation. The wire entanglements of the Hindenburg line were the most formidable ever constructed, and were arranged so that they could be swept by machine-gun fire. But Gough, the Fifth Army Commander, persisted in believing that the Germans were occupying the Hindenburg Line merely as a rearguard position. To attack it with artillery and infantry in co-operation would afford valuable assistance to the Third Army during the Arras offensive.

Neither Birdwood, nor White, his Chief of Staff, approved of the dispositions for the first attack, which was allotted to the 62nd (British) and 4th, Australian Divisions, in co-operation with tanks. They pointed out to Gough the condition of the enemy wire, but the Army Commander assured them that the tanks would overcome that difficulty. However, the tanks failed to arrive in time, and the attack arranged for April 10 was postponed. This was what the diggers called the "Dummy Stunt" and the "Buckhee Battle." But the attack was launched at 4.30 on the morning of the 11th, when both troops and tank crews were thoroughly exhausted. It was this fatal reliance on tanks, and failure to understand their limitations which caused the disaster that ensued. To enable the tanks to effect a surprise, the creeping barrage was dispensed with. The tanks failed to perform their allotted task. The 4th Brigade arrived at the wire, only to be subjected to a decimating machine-gun fire. Even so, that gallant and hard-fighting brigade took its first objective, and Major Black was shot through the head just as he finished dictating the report, "The first objective is gained and I am pushing on to the second."

All four battalions of the 4th Brigade suffered terribly. The 12th Brigade was also held up by enemy fire. The 46th

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Battalion entered the German line, but the enemy on the flanks were too strong to be dislodged. The Germans counter-attacked immediately, and a bombing fight was in progress when the first wave of the 48th Battalion arrived. A large number of the 48th reached the German support trench and seized it. Both Brigades maintained a precarious hold upon the captured positions until their supply of bombs gave out, and they were swept back by a vigorous German counter-attack. In this action, the 4th Brigade had 3,339 casualties out of some 3,000 engaged, while the losses of the 12th Brigade amounted to 910, including casualties sustained by the 47th, which provided carrying parties for the 46th and 48th.

In these days when the least literary section of the vernacular press seeks to serve parochial ends by sneering at the Royal Australian Navy, it is fitting that readers should be reminded of the outstanding performances of that navy during the early days of the war. Before the end of 1914, the R.A.N. had suffered loss and had made history in a manner which well justified its formation. It had taken part in the capture of German New Guinea, and had kept the waters of the Western Pacific clear of German warships. In fact, after sinking Cradock's squadron at Coronel, the German Admiral von Spee admitted that he would have bombarded either Newcastle or Sydney, but for the fact that he was uncertain as to the whereabouts of the Australia. The first serious loss occurred when the Submarine A.E.1, disappeared while the R.A.N. squadron was at Rabaul in September, 1914. This loss was more than offset by the sinking of the Emdey by H.M.A.S. Sydney, early in November, 1914. During this early period of war, the long coastline of Western Australia was guarded by the R.A.N., just as effectively as if there had been a battleship tied up in Gage Roads, the only form of defence which can be conceived by the vernacular press and its dupes.

The other Australian submarine, the A.E.2, after the operations in German New Guinea, accompanied the Australia to Suva, and returned to Sydney with two of the destroyers, when the flagship was at last allowed to sail for the South American coast in November. By December 16, 1914, the situation in the Pacific had improved to such an extent that the Australian Government offered the A.E.2 for service in European waters, an offer which the Admiralty gladly accepted. Accordingly, the A.E.2 left Albany on December 31 with the Second Convoy. Here it may be mentioned that the submarine service demands a highly specialised training. Consequently, at the outbreak of the war, the two Australian submarines were manned by R.N. ratings on loan to the Australian service, or specially transferred to that service, less than half the crews consisted of men born in Australia.

The A.E.2 was the first British submarine to make the passage of the Dardanelles into the Sea of Marmora. Up to April 25, 1915, the day of the Landing, her part in the fighting had been uneventful. On that day, Admiral De Robeck, commanding the Eastern Mediterranean Fleet, gave Lieutenants-Commander H. H. Stoker, the commander of the A.E.2, written orders to attempt the passage of the Straits, and added verbally that when the Sea of Marmora was safely reached, he might take whatever measures he chose to block enemy traffic between the Bosphorus and the

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Dardanelles. Keyes, Robeck’s Chief of Staff, suggested further that, should the A.E.2 get even as far as Chanak in the Straits, “she should endeavour to sink any mine-dropping vessels she could see, and should run amok generally.” “Two previous attempts to get through the Dardanelles,” says the Official History, “had completely failed; the obstructions, both natural (e.g., the strength of the outward current) and artificial, were known to be great; submarines diving even at the entrance to the Straits had been swept ashore. As an example of difficult and audacious submarine work, Stoker’s achievement ranks high.”

The perilous voyage commenced at about 2.30 a.m. on April 25, when the Straits were entered at eight knots. Stoker held on the surface as far as possible. “As I proceeded,” he writes in his report, “the searchlights at White Cliffs, sweeping the lower reaches of the Straits, forced me to edge towards the northern shore. At about 4.30 a.m., being then not quite abreast of Swandere River, a gun opened fire at about ½ miles range from the northern shore. I immediately dived and, at a depth of 70 to 80 feet, proceeded through the minefield.

During the ensuing half hour or so the scraping of wires against the vessel’s sides was almost continuous, and on two occasions something caught up forward and continued to knock for some considerable time before breaking loose and scraping away aft. Having risen twice for observation in the minefield (which I considered necessary, as E.15 had run ashore in this vicinity); on arising the third time I found the vessel in good position, rather over to the northern side of the Straits and approaching the Narrows, some two miles distant. The time was then about 6 a.m. In order to take stock of the situation, I remained at 20 feet depth with periscope up.

“The sea being a flat calm, the periscope was immediately sighted and a heavy fire was opened from the forts on both sides of the Narrows; the accuracy of this fire made observation through the periscope difficult.” Stoker’s first target was a small Turkish cruiser which he torpedoed, but in doing so narrowly escaped being rammed by a destroyer. Coming up again, he observed that he was immediately under Fort Anatoli Mejidieh, one of whose guns opened fire, the flash almost reaching A.E.2’s periscope. Twice the A.E.2 grounded, the last bump being calculated seriously to impair the vessel’s fighting efficiency. Then followed a period of running the gauntlet of pursuing craft and the danger of grounding on Nara Point. Diving again and again to elude pursuing vessels, coping with leaks and avoiding enemy gunfire, Stoker entered the Sea of Marmora at about 9 a.m. on April 26. The A.E.2 carried no gun and had only eight torpedoes, two of which had already been expended, one of the cruiser and another in an unsuccessful attempt to hit a larger ship. The want of a gun was a severe handicap during the remainder of Stoker’s operations. He fired at and missed a troopship on April 26. He was similarly unsuccessful through the failure of the torpedo’s engine to start, in hitting a destroyer on April 27. On the 29th, he attacked a ship convoyed by two destroyers. Again, the torpedo missed, and A.E.2 had to submerge to avoid being rammed by one of the destroyers. During this time he made several unsuccessful attempts to establish wireless communication with Gallipoli. On April 29, he was in communication with E.14, which had also penetrated.
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The Straits. The two submarines were to rendezvous the next day at 10 a.m., but at that hour, on April 30, the A.E.2 sighted a torpedo-boat approaching from westward. This was the beginning of the end. "Dived to avoid torpedo-boat," writes Lieutenant-Commander Stoker. "While diving, sighted smoke in Araki Bay, so steered south to investigate. About 10,30 boat's nose suddenly rose, and boat broke surface about a mile from torpedo-boat. Blew water forward, but could not get boat to dive. Torpedo-boat, firing, got very close, and ship from Araki Bay, a gunboat, was also firing at range of about three miles; flooded a forward tank, and boat suddenly took a big inclination down by bows and dived rapidly. A.E.2 was only fitted with 100-foot depth-gauges. This depth was quickly reached and passed. Went full speed astern, and commenced, to blow main ballast. After a considerable interval the boat rose rapidly, passed the 100-feet mark, and, in spite of efforts to check her, broke surface stern-first. Within a few seconds the engine room was hit and holed in three places. I therefore blew main ballast and ordered all hands on deck. Assisted by Lieutenant Haggar, I then opened the tanks to flood, and went on deck. The boat sank in a few minutes in about 55 fathoms... at about 10.45 a.m. All hands were picked up by the torpedo-boat and no lives were lost."

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"Oh, Colonel dear, I think there must have been a bad mistake; I only did me dooty when we had those lines to break."

But I was not at Rev-pray, sir, I swear by Moses' pippers; My company was stationed just beyond the town o' WIPERS."

Out of the Silence
(By G. L. Gardiner, 10th Light Horse)
I had been out all night on the screen in advance of the Anzac Mounted Division during one of the early desert campaigns.

Just before dawn the word was passed along that we were to halt and act as flank guards while the division passed through.

We halted and dismounted. We waited a few minutes, then "Out of the Silence" they came. First the relieving screen; huge shapes they appeared to our eyes weary with sleeplessness, and streaming into the night. Next the connecting files, then the division itself—squadron after squadron, regiment after regiment, they passed by. Batteries, ambulance, transport, all in perfect silence, save for the occasional jingle of a chain, or the creak of a leather. The horses' hooves were well muffled by the sand.

A contrast, this, surely, to the conventional picture of war, accompanied by bursting shells and deafening clamour. But through this silence could be felt the quiet determination and steadfast courage which were to lead these men, the spearhead of the attacking forces, to the ultimate goal of Damascus and victory on this Eastern Front.

Anzac House Ball
Arrangements are well advanced for the Anzac House Ball, conducted by the Press Sub-branch, which will be held in aid of the Anzac House Building Fund, at Government House Ballroom, on May 24, Empire Day.

Much interest is being shown in the presentation of debutantes, and at the time of going to press, over 40 young ladies, including many daughters of ex-soldiers, have notified their intentions to appear as debutantes on that occasion.

The secretary of the Ball, Mr. R. A. Biggs, c/o the West Australian Office, Perth, informs us that a little misunderstanding appears to have arisen among readers of the Listening Post regarding a paragraph in the March 23 issue. A president of a country sub-branch informed him that he had secured a number of debutantes who found a difficulty in the belief that each debutante had to have a partner dressed in either military or naval uniform. Mr. Biggs explained that this is not necessary, as the Committee will supply officers in mess dress to act as temporary escorts for the debutantes for the period of the presentation, and the subsequent sets of the Lancers. After this ceremony, the escorts will conduct the debutantes back to their partners.

The Ball will be held under the patronage and in the presence of the Lieut.-Governor and Lady Mitchell; to whom the debutantes will be presented early in the programme.

Tickets and sale and application may be made at the West Australian Office, Perth, the branch office of the West Australian, Market Street, Fremantle, The Daily News Office, and the Soldiers' Institute. Early application is advised, as the attendance will be limited on this occasion.

The Committee has decided, in order to avoid any crush at supper, to offer a buffet supper to be continuous during the Ball. This is an experiment based on the success of that method at fashionable balls in Melbourne, and it is confidently believed that the innovation will prove very popular.

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The West Australian, March 9, 1934

Sub-leader (Extract) YOUTH AND POLITICS

"Our Party organisations and the electors both need awakening to the need for more well-trained youth in our public affairs. For a young community, the advanced age, on the average, of members of our legislative and municipal bodies is extraordinary, nor in many cases has this over-maturity much else to recommend it."

Selected Labour Candidates

Metropolitan Province

J. Levey

Metropolitan-Suburban Province

J. M. Fraser

Authorised by P. J. Mooney, Trades Hall, Perth.
Our Senior General
(See Illustration on Front Page)

Lieutenant-General Sir Joseph John Talbot Hobbs, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., V.D., Hon. LL.D., F.R.I.B.A. (W.A.), was born in the artistic London quarter of Chelsea, on August 24, 1864, and was educated at Merton. An architect by profession, he had his introduction to soldiering in the English Volunteer forces before coming to Western Australia. He had had long service with the military forces in this State before the outbreak of the war. Being appointed to the A.I.F., he left with the 1st Division in 1914, took part in the Gallipoli Landing, and was C.R.A. 1st Division during the Gallipoli Campaign, being mentioned in despatches and awarded the C.B. From 1916 to 1918, he was G.O.C., 5th Division, and was G.O.C., Australian Corps, after the Armistice. He was created K.C.B. in 1918, and K.C.M.G. in 1919, and was eight times mentioned in despatches. His foreign decorations include the Serbian Order of the White Eagle, and the French Croix de Guerre avec Palmes. After his return from active service, General Hobbs was G.O.C., 13th Mixed Brigade, until his retirement in 1927, when he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-General. He is Honorary Colonel of the A.F.A. and of the 44th Battalion.

The Pathway of Eternal Peace
(By Wallace Spencer, of Boyup Brook)

(Mr. Spencer has submitted the following as a suggested hymn for Anzac Day Services to be sung to the tune of the Doxology.)

O God our praises rise to Thee, For those who purchased liberty With their dear lives, that we might know, No bondage to an alien foe.

O may the flowers, the wreaths we lay, The hymns we sing, the prayers we pray, Bespeak our reverence and esteem For their Great Sacrifice Supreme.

We pray that we shall ne'er forget, The grand example they set,

shalom. After his return from active service, General Hobbs was G.O.C., 13th Mixed Brigade, until his retirement in 1927, when he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-General. He is Honorary Colonel of the A.F.A. and of the 44th Battalion.

And mould our lives, that word and deed, Shall be from selfish motive freed, O Prince of Peace, Immortal Man, Who trod for us the mortal span, Teach us to tread without success, The pathway of Eternal Peace.

Prospecting

In our February issue we published extracts from a letter we received from Mr. Arthur Nugent, of Campion, describing in glowing terms a field on which he and his associates were doing well. This week we received a letter from the Secretary of the Moorine Rock Sub-branch, complaining that several members of the Moorine Rock Sub-branch had spent time and money on this field, securing hardly a trace of gold. We regret that anything we published in all good faith should have been the means of causing readers loss and inconvenience, and can only conclude that the situation has altered since we received Mr. Nugent's letter. We are forwarding Mr. Nugent a copy of the letter from the Moorine Rock Sub-branch, asking for fuller and later information.

Legislative Council Elections
Polling Day, Saturday, May 12th

The Candidate who will Preserve the interests of the Returned Soldiers' Preference

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Authorised by R. C. Sanways, Lombard Chambers, St. George's Terrace.

Metropolitan Province

April 25, 1934
Local and Empire Shopping

THE LEAGUE’S FORWARD MOVE

One of the most important national objectives of the League is to promote Empire Trade, which is interpreted by the League as extending first preference to goods of local manufacture, then to those of Australian make and all the time to buy British. The State Executive, through its Local and Empire Trading Committee has done much towards this splendid ideal, and many sub-branches have worthily responded. Many displays of local products have been organised by the League throughout the State, and Empire Shopping Week has been well supported.

But although much has been achieved, much more remains to be done, and this year sub-branches are being asked to increase their efforts in this direction.

The League has accepted the responsibility of the organisation throughout the State of Empire Shopping Week, and a central committee has been formed, consisting of the Executive Local and Empire Trading Committee, and representatives of other organisations having similar objectives. Mr. Hastings C. Reid, who has been hon. organiser of Empire Shopping Week since its inception in the State, very generously agreed to carry on as usual.

Recently an important meeting was held at League Headquarters of metropolitan sub-branches, at which the Minister for Industries (Mr. Kenneally) and others attended. Much useful information was disseminated, and figures were produced to prove that we would be a prosperous State with no genuine unemployed if only we would purchase more goods manufactured in our own State. Far too much foreign produce is being sold, when British goods are available.

In order to provide a special feature for this number, we called for items from the various units formed, or formed partially in this State, for service in the Great War. Unfortunately every unit has not been able to comply in time for publication, but we hope to publish further contributions in a future issue of The Listening Post. Contributions of this nature, especially those which have a personal bearing, are always welcome. In addition to engineer, artillery, tunneling, and other technical units, this State raised and maintained in the field, one regiment of light horse, the 10th, and four complete infantry battalions, the 11th, 28th, 44th and 51st. In addition, Western Australia helped-in the formation of four other infantry battalions, the 12th, 16th, 32nd and 48th. Volunteers to the number of over 32,000 made up the total 33 of the State’s contributions in man power, which was greater, in proportion to the population than that of any other State. The State leads similarly in monetary contributions, and, unfortunately, in the casualty lists. In all, ten Victoria Crosses were won by Western Australian soldiers during the course of the war, to say nothing of a host of other decorations. Sir Harry Chauvel, before he retired from the service, wrote, “The 10th Light Horse, a regiment of which I have the honour to be Honorary Colonel, and which had already established a reputation on Gallipoli, served under my command in Sinai, Palestine, and Syria. It had the honour to be the first cavalry regiment to enter Jerusalem, and the first of the Allied troops to enter Damascus, and was one of the finest cavalry regiments in that campaign.” The 11th and 12th formed part of the 3rd Brigade, which was the covering force for the Landing on April 25, and, as much, the first actually to land on the Peninsula. The 4th Brigade, including the 16th, landed the same day. The 28th, at a later stage, also saw gallant service on Gallipoli. After the evacuation, the battalions of the first four brigades were detailed to transfer companies to battalions of new divisions that were being formed. Thus, the 51st became the sister batta-

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The Landing of the Sixteenth

A Close Call

(By Vic. Ketterer.)

Vic Ketterer enlisted in Kalgoorlie in November, 1914, and went with the 2nd Reinforcements of the 16th Battalion to Egypt, joining the battalion a few days before leaving for Lemnos. He landed on Gallipoli on April 25, and remained in the line until the evacuation, with the exception of three weeks in hospital (wounded). He was with the battalion in France from its arrival until the final stunt at Le Vergue, and was then attached to the American Army as advising officer in its ill-fated attack on the Hindenburg Line, September, 1918.

During four years' active service, he rose from the ranks to gaining a commission and the M.C. He was one of the very few members of the 16th Battalion to be mentioned in Despatches both on Gallipoli and in France.

Since his return to Australia he has been an active member of the 16th Battalion Association, and is also Vice-President of Nedlands Park Sub-branch.

Space will not allow me to describe in detail the forming and early training of the "Old Sixteenth." Let us, therefore, follow its career from the canvas days of Helipolis. Who of the few remaining men will forget those marches to the second and third towers and then the skirmish back to camp across those memorable war-fields where Sir Garnet Wolseley, in charge of the British Army, had defeated the "Gypsies" some years previously?

After this preliminary training came the train journey and the battalion's march through Alexandria to pile into that iron monstrosity, the Hiaa Pascha, which conveyed part of the 16th to Mudros Bay and anchored for ten days in company with scores of transports and war vessels, waiting for the great day.

The morning of April 25, 1915, found the scene changed. Most of the vessels had glided silently away towards their goal. The rumble of guns could be heard, causing much speculation and excitement. About mid-day the ship moved out towards Gallipoli, and on nearing the coast a wonderful panorama of the heavy fighting was disclosed. War ships extending from Helles to Suvla Bay were shelling various positions, and together with the rifle fire were creating a fearful din.

The transport moved slowly towards the shore, dropped anchor, and immediately came under enemy shell fire. The troops transhipped into small boats and were pulled to shore with naval assistance. Darkness now coming on, the whole hillsides were lit up by rifle flashes and hundreds of small fires where the tired men were having a dixie of tea after their strenuous day's ordeal. The
With the 11th Battalion at Pozieres

With a Brief Resume of Prior Activities in France

(By Capt. F. G. Medcalf)

Captain F. G. Medcalf left Australia as a private in the 11th Battalion in November, 1914. He gained stripes and attained commissioned rank on Gallipoli, and was gazetted Captain during the re-organisation after the evacuation. He was awarded the D.S.O. in July, 1916. Being subsequently invalided to Australia, he was demobilised in August, 1917. Since the war he has been employed as a licensed surveyor on a contract basis with the Lands Department. At present he is a member of the Albany Sub-branch.

Having reorganised in Egypt after the Gallipoli campaign, the 11th Battalion disembarked at Marseilles on April 5, 1916, and immediately entrained for a destination behind the lines in Belgium. In reserve billets at Salliy, they spent the next month assimilating sufficient local knowledge to enable them to take over a sector of the Armentieres front, including Cordonnerie Salient, about the middle of May.

The trenches had previously been held by the "Bantams" and fire-step, dug-outs and apportunums had been built to suit their stature. On May 30, the fire of six and a half batteries of artillery, including two heavy howitzers, also nine light, six medium and four heavy trench mortars, was concentrated on "B" Company front for an hour and a half, inflicting heavy casualties on this Company. The fire opened out into a box barrage for a few minutes and a raiding party of 100 came forward. A counter-attack was delivered, and casualties inflicted on the raiding party. In ensuing orders the Higher Command expressed satisfaction with the manner in which this situation was handled. (See Bean's "A.I.F." in France," Vol. II, pp. 210-218).

The battalion was relieved on June 6 and went in support and reserve billets. The next item of interest offered to the battalion was a raid, conducted by five officers and 62 other ranks against the German work known as "The Tadpole," on the night of July 2-3.

This was carried out without untoward incident, everything working to schedule. (See p. 281, Bean's Vol. II). This training and these minor demonstrations served as useful exercises to the battalion, the one impressing on their minds the orderliness and thoroughness of the Germans, whilst the other awakened in them a confidence in their own artillery support, and gave the clue to the method of attack they were shortly to adopt in the great Somme offensive which had just begun.

A few nights later the First Division entrained and duly arrived some miles west of the Somme battlefront, early the following morning.

An electric interest in the air foretold the imminence of participation in the great assault. The roads were a seething mass of traffic, well regulated, but immense. Endless streams of motor transport passed on the way to the front; laden hospital ambulances and empty wagons took their way to the rear. For a fortnight the 11th spent the time route-marching from village to village behind the Somme front in Picardy. All ranks were in the pink of condition and ready for anything. Gradually they worked up towards the front line, passing through Albert on July 19. Familiar to all troops at this period were the slanting figures of the Madonna and Child.
leaning at right-angles from the top of Albert Cathedral, and the local legend, "When the Madonna falls, the war will end."

A halt was made for a few hours just beyond Albert, and a hot meal served. At about 9 o'clock in the evening orders were received to move forward in single file at two paces distance. At first the reports from our heavies were the all-absorbing sounds. And then our 18-pounders filled the night with fearful noises. These having passed, the enemy's shell formed the chief objects of interest and din.

Entering the old German trenches beyond Fricourt, the alarm "gas" was raised; so respirators were donned.

Guides eventually took units to their allotted positions, relieving English troops in support lines in the vicinity of Contalmaison. Here they remained for what was left of the night.

Sentries were posted and the remainder composed themselves for sleep. An hour before dawn they stood to arms, and wondered what the day would bring. Each man had three days' rations in his haversack and his water-bottle full. The majority managed to make tea and, with a moiety of bully beef and biscuits, a suitable breakfast was consumed.

Orders came to improve the communication trench system leading to the front line. The communication trenches were full of mud and dead Germans. Shovels and picks were quickly forthcoming, and details from the unity spent the morning flinging up the mud; sometimes rolling, aside dead Germans, at others burying them with a thin bank of earth. By midday the trench was passable and the men retired to rest and lunch.

Pozieres lay three-quarters of a mile ahead on rising ground, a depression lying between that village and the present trench system occupied by the First Division. The afternoon was spent studying the lie of the country, in cleaning arms, attending to ammunition supplies, and otherwise making all preparations for the coming onslaught.

Fire shells thrust forward their tongues of flame, of necessity burning up whatever lay in their path. Ceaseless enemy shells were passing overhead, and a few fell into the trenches holding the waiting troops.

All eyes were centred on two of our aeroplanes directing fire above a point half-way across "No-Man's-Land." A few clouds were passing over them, when suddenly, out from the clouds, darted five German Taubes. They caught our men with their fire and down one crashed headlong to earth. Immediately half a dozen of our machines flew up from the rear to engage the Germans. More Germans appeared, and in a few minutes, a dozen or more aeroplanes had issued up there above No-Man's-Land. The manoeuvres of the fighting airmen were incredibly fascinating. There were two more crashes before the Germans were forced down behind their own lines, and as darkness settled on the scene our men made their way back to their own positions.

The Eleventh kept that night in shallow dug-outs in the side of the trench, although the night was hideous with tearing, crashing shocks, and shells, hostile and friendly, rushed by overhead. The troops had expected the launching of the attack before this, but on the morning of the 22nd, Company Commanders were informed that the attack would come off that night. A and D Companies were to take their place in the first wave of the attack, following hard on the first barrage, their objective being the first line of defence in front of Pozieres.

B and C Companies were to go over their heads half an hour later, following hard on the second barrage, and to secure the second line of defence. Another unit was to lead further forward half an hour later and hold the road through the centre of the village.
Just before dusk, A and D Companies were led by the Battalion Intelligence Officer up Black Watch Alley to take post in the jumping-off trench forward, which had just been completed by the Pioneers and Engineers.

The 9th Battalion was on the right, and under cover of darkness, a point was staked within 100 yards of the enemy's trench to indicate where the 9th's left flank and the 11th's right should rest, so that the two battalions would be in touch throughout the assault. Touch was also maintained with the 1st Battalion on the left. The enemy displayed a certain amount of uneasiness as the first line crawled forward, a succession of flares, bursts of machine-gun fire, and a fair amount of shelling coming from them.

The troops took cover in the shell holes and prayed for the minutes to pass when all our artillery within range was to concentrate on a final two minutes' barrage on Pozieres trench.

At last, at 12.28 a.m., the 23rd, precisely, hell's furnes were let loose. A bright red semi-circular glow diffused the sky to the west, stretching from north to south as far as the eye could see, as the engines of destruction opened up their fire. The shells seared through the air close overhead and crumped into the enemy's trench a hundred yards ahead.

The troops crept forward another 50 yards under the barrage. Then, at 12.30, the concentrated fire lifted to the enemy's second line. Numerous whistles could be heard as the signal for the final assault across the 50 yards to the enemy's trench, and the men joined in the wild bloody rush forward.

Machine-gun bullets zipped close above and around and shells burst right alongside and in front.

Enemy flares dropped in the midst of the assaulting Australians. On they stumbled, in that wild race against death. Suddenly khaki figures loomed all round and they realised they had half fallen into Pozieres trench, the first of the objectives.

The enemy who had held that immediate spot had either been killed or had fled.

The right flank of the 11th had maintained touch with the 9th Battalion, but there was a space of 30 or 40 yards between A and D Company of the 11th. An enemy machine-gun occupied this position, and had collected a considerable toll and was still chugging away. Several of A Company dashed down on it from the flank, slew the gunners, turned the gun about and directed its fire in the enemy's direction.

All hands had now set to work digging for their lives, clearing out the pounded trench, in order to have the maximum amount of cover for the inevitable moment when the enemy would pour his deluge of retaliatory shells into the trench.

Meanwhile, B and C Companies, taking their part in the second wave, had passed overhead, ready to storm the second objective, when the second barrage was lifted. This operation was successfully carried out, but the enemy's trenches had been so demolished and the whole area so pitted with shell holes that it was impossible to recognise the trench in most places. The second wave, accordingly, at first checked by the third barrage, ultimately ended up almost at the third objective, along the Bapaume Road, in the middle of the village. Here they quickly dug a series of strong posts and set about joining them up to form a continuous trench. Presently A and D Companies arrived to reinforce and by dawn the 11th were securely settled down along the line of the third objective laid down by the operation orders.

Companies of pioneers had been busy digging new communication trench systems, and as the light increased, the night's battleground presented a more or less orderly and settled appearance.

The 12th were now on the right of the 11th, and the 3rd on the left. Meanwhile adventurous spirits were revelling in the work of cutting out the German snipers from their points of vantage amongst the debris of the ruined buildings.

So keen were they on the hunt, that they exposed themselves without thought. Our artillery had kept up a continuous shrapnel barrage on the country ahead, making an infantry counter attack practically impossible. The enemy had not yet picked up the range for his counter shell fire. Accordingly, a little open duelling, reminiscent of early Gallipoli days, was taking place. Men with rifle, bayonet, and bombs, acting on their own initiative, stalked German snipers in their lairs. Two men quietly crawled out of the trench and disappeared behind the crumbling wall of a building a chain away. There was sharp rifle duelling for a few minutes, followed by the bursting of several Mills' bombs, and a moment later, back from the ruins trooped a party of nineteen Germans, their two captors marching at the rear with rifle and bayonet at the ready. Included amongst the prisoners were two infantry officers and one medical officer. Other organised patrols were bringing in further batches of prisoners; although in

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doing so, there were some unfortunate casualties amongst our own troops.

In addition to prisoners, much booty was captured in the village, consisting of such varied things as howitzers, field pieces, arms and equipment of all sorts, black bread, telephones, bicycles, a motor car, and a miscellaneous assortment of other sundries.

Towards evening, the enemy began to pick up the range, and shells crashed and drunmped around. All night the men worked, deepening and strengthening the new position, which was later on useful for support. During the night, the Germans evacuated their trench on the open ground beyond the village, and on the morning of the 24th, the Colonel, having inspected this position, instructed his battalion to occupy it.

This was done, but little work could be done in it during the day as the enemy shelled it unmercifully whenever any activity was shown. Consequently the troops obtained what little rest was possible, considering that they were under the strain of being prepared for any infantry counter-attack which might suddenly eventuate. Several times messages were received from aerial observation to the effect that the enemy was massing for that purpose; but our excellent artillery dispersed these attacks before they arrived at our position. The village of Pozieres was now won.

Throughout the 24th the volume of enemy artillery fire increased, and at night it continued even more violently than by day.

Shortly before dawn orders were received to dig a new trench along a tramway track some 200 yards ahead. Working parties moved forward, accordingly, but were observed by the enemy, who poured such a tornado of shell fire upon them, that the parties were forced to withdraw. The enemy followed this up with a most fearful concentration of shell fire. A continuous succession of crashes rent the air without an instant's pause until one o'clock in the afternoon. The air was musty with gas fumes. The

"Eggs-a-Cook!"

There was a time when that term was applied with derision to the Third Division, A.I.F., by its war-battered big brothers belonging to the other four Australian Divisions. It was the cause of many a bloody (nosed!) battle on Salisbury Plain, when the wearers of the oyal colour-patches got "fed-up" with being blamed for something they were not responsible for and waged fierce war on their tormenters. However, the Third Divvy lived the suggestion of inferiority down, and there came the day when any one of the other units was perfectly happy to know that the "Eggs-a-Cook" crowd was on its flank, and, as every ex-service man knows, no higher compliment than that can be paid to a fighting unit.

When the Third Division was organised in Australia early in 1916, the raising of the 44th Battalion was allotted to Western Australia. That unit was trained on the Claremont Show Grounds, under Lieut.-Colonel W. O. Mansbridge, unit had now been five days and nights in the Somme battle, and for the last three nights and two and a half days, no man had had a minute's respite from the strain.

At this stage the writer received a fractured arm and leg, from a burst of shrapnel, and during the afternoon was taken to the rear by stretcher-bearers.

The three brigades of the 1st Division were relieved during the night of the 25th, reaching the brickfields west of Albert on the morning of the 26th; just a week since going forward into the fight.

The casualties during that period were 18 officers, 511 others.

Captain C. L. Longmore ("Non Com," of "The Western Mail") was born in Melbourne in 1887. He came to the goldfields in 1904 as a Staff Sergeant-major of the Instructional staff, and at the outbreak of the war was engaged in camp duties, during which he had much to do with the training of the original 11th and 16th Battalions, and was an instructor at several officers' schools. He was gazetted Second Lieutenant in the 44th, and promoted to the rank of captain while serving with the 44th Battalion in France. During his service with the battalion he was Lewis gun officer, and on different occasions commanded "A," "B," and "C" Companies. For a time he acted as Adjutant, and was second in command of the battalion during the last stint. He was wounded at Messines and on the Somme, but was away from the battalion only for very brief periods. He was awarded the Order of Leopold and the Croix de Guerre. He served for a few years on the State Executive of the League, is an ex-president of the Perth Sub-branch, and is president of the Press Sub-branch. He wrote the history of his battalion, and also that of the 16th.

D.S.O., a veteran of the early fighting on Gallipoli with the Old Sixteenth. It left Fremantle in the Suvic on June 6, 1916, and proceeded on its long, lone voyage, via the Cape, to England. The end of July saw it camped on Salisbury Plain, near ancient Stonehenge, where the
Third Division was congregated under the leadership of Major-General J. (later Sir John) Monash. Its training there was vigorous and thorough and every lesson of practical value, resulting from the fighting in France was embodied. Trench systems were dug and occupied under make-believe service conditions, and generally, the units of the Third Division received the benefits of first-class instruction in modern methods of warfare.

Incidentally (and I know this statement is likely to be queried, though I give it as a fact), it was here the 44th Battalion was the innocent origin of the term "Digger" being applied to the men of the A.I.F. At the finish of the tour of the 11th Brigade in the "Bustard" system of trenches, the Brigadier (Brig.-General Gannan) addressed the four battalions and eulogised the 44th on its digging prowess, its members having dug more than the other three battalions combined. They were labelled "the diggers" as they marched off that parade and individually addressed as "digger" from then on. The name so given stuck. Never before generally used, it was quickly adopted as a mode of address throughout the A.I.F. That incident happened in September or October, 1916.

Arriving in France in November, 1916, the 44th occupied the line in front of Armentieres. The main feature of this period was a midnight raid by about half the battalion under Capt. J. H. Lamb. The wintry conditions and the muddy nature of No-Man's-Land militated against success, and the raiders were beaten back by a heavy concentration of shell and machine-gun fire, after losing very heavily. Although this first operation was a failure, the magnificent efforts of the stretcher-bearers and others to bring in casualties, even from the middle of the enemy wire, with enemy searchlights and flares making the night like day, were never forgotten. Indeed, the defeat, strangely enough, because of those self-sacrificing efforts, engendered a battalion tradition, creating a personal confidence through the knowledge that even if a man was hit, aid would be forthcoming in any circumstances.

The battalion next moved north to Ploegsteert Wood and took over the line in that sector. After a short spell in billets, it marched up to take part in its first major operation, the battle of Messines. A daylight raid for identification purposes, by 40 of its members, resulted in seven prisoners being captured, in spite of the fact that 26 of the raiding party were killed or wounded. When the battle commenced, on June 7, the 44th was in reserve in the catacombs on Hill 63, but early next morning it went over the top at Bethlehem Farm to restore part of the objective re-captured by the enemy. This was entirely successful and the battalion hung on to its gains until relief came. Its casualties were about 60 killed and 200 wounded. Shortly afterwards the 44th took over the trenches at Gapard and for 19 days endured in misery the muddy drains into which the unseasonable weather had turned the trenches. Intense shell-fire made this tour of duty a dreadful experience of trench warfare. After a brief rest, the battalion struck another trying period, the "six-days stunt" in front of Warneton. Here, although the 44th did not attack, the week was looked upon afterwards as a nightmare of filthy mud and shell-fire.

The next big event in the life of the battalion was the struggle for the ridges in front of Ypres. On October 4 it assembled near Zonnebeke for the attack on Broydeinde Ridge. While it was lying waiting for zero, the hostile barrage caused heavy casualties, some of the companies losing half their strength in two hours, and when the signal for the advance was given at dawn the men were eager for movement. The assault was most successful and the objective was taken on time. During the next two days the enemy counter-attacks were beaten off, and then came relief.

The battalion went into the forward area again on October 9, and on the afternoon of October 10, following an abortive attack by British troops, it was ordered to re-occupy its former position on Broodeinde Ridge. With rain coming down in torrents the whole area was a churned up ocean of mud.

The four battalions of the 11th Brigade moved forward in artillery formation and were seen by enemy balloon-observers. A barrage came down like a blanket and so far as the 44th was concerned, the advance went on in the growing darkness by individual effort, with small parties struggling to their positions in their own time and way. After a night of sheer horror it was found that battle discipline had not been wanting, for the whole battalion was lying in the mud along the line it had been ordered to occupy.

Then followed a period of 11 days in
which the elements and the Germans combined to make, even the holding of the line a supreme test of courage and endurance. An unsuccessful attack on Passchendaele by the 9th and 10th Brigades and the New Zealanders on October 12 was smashed. The 44th was now holding the line under conditions of rain, mud and shell-fire, which were almost inconceivable. Mustard gas shells were used by the enemy in profusion and every day saw its percentage of men carried out by the stretcher-bearers. Movement of any sort was most difficult, and stretcher-bearers in particular were required to make stupendous efforts in the performance of their tasks. On October 21 the exhausted remnants of the battalion were relieved by a company of Canadians, and left the field of Passchen- daele wondering if war had any greater horrors to offer than those just experienced. From its entry on October 4 until the relief on October 21 the 44th had lost 859 officers and men from all causes, not the least of which were the truly awful cases of trench feet and gas poisoning. The bodies of 109 members of the battalion were never recovered from those terrible swamps.

After a month or so of reorganisation the 44th took over the line at Le Bizzet, a quiet sector. The year 1918 was opened in the forward area—in the line, in billets, or in camp, and at the beginning of March the battalion entrained for a rest area near Boulogne. Training was proceeding quietly when the German offensive down south caused it to make its bow to the famous Somme. After a confused four-days' journey by train, by bus and "per boot," the 44th was thrown in on the left bank of the Somme near Sailly-le-Sec. There, on March 30, it was in the line when the Germans attempted to continue their advance, to be repulsed with bloody slaughter—their first definite check since the opening of the offensive on March 21. On various sectors in the vicinity the battalion was in the line during the next three months—a most enjoyable period from the diggers' point of view.

Serious operations were next entered upon at Hamel, when, alongside the 16th Battalion, the 44th took part in the battle of that name on July 4. The attack everywhere was highly successful, being classed as a model in conception and execution. A month later the 44th was in the first line of attack in the offensive operations inaugurated on August 8. Again it was entirely successful. Then followed the final 60 days in which the 44th, like most other units engaged, had little time for the amenities of life. Fighting, marching, digging—opposed by an enemy who stubbornly resisted every yard, the advance along the Somme is a kaleidoscopic blur upon the memory. Nowhere was the 44th checked, even after the formation of the two coys, several cases occurred of men being gassed and robbed between the hotel and the camp. Beyond being a topic of conversation, very little notice was taken of this until the garotters had the temerity to attack "one of ours." This aroused intense indignation amongst the boys, and all sorts of schemes were proposed as to the best method of dealing with the situation. Eventually some of the officers, N.C.O.'s and men formed themselves into a vigilance committee, to use an American phrase. The victim was always some lad who had taken "one over the eight," so we decided to supply a nice drunk with plenty of money as a bait. On the night selected for the operation, all badges of rank were discarded, and the committee was distributed at various strategic points along the road. C.S.M. (afterwards Captain) Ernie Mills acted as decoy. He was a teetotaller, but made a very convincing drunk. He staggered into the bar of the Sous Hotel and called for drinks, displaying a fair waif of money when he paid for them. Incidentally, when he tasted his beer it made him sick, which also helped to give the impression that he was not quite sober.

After a time he reeled out onto the roadway and commenced tacking towards the camp. Everyone in the know was keyed up and tense with excitement, and the disappointment when nothing happened can be better imagined than described.

Whether the garotters had got wind that we were on the warpath or not we will never know, but no further cases occurred while we were in camp.

The training at Blackboy was very strenuous. A very small proportion could get leave each night, and, if one were lucky, leave every second week-end. Everyone was so tired at night that he was glad to turn in, and it was only at week-ends that there was any competition for leave. As an instance of the confidence that existed between the officers and other ranks might be mentioned the address given by one of the Coy.-commanders at the last parade on the eve of our departure to Adelhild. He finished up by saying "As we are embarking tomorrow, there will be no leave tonight, but for God's sake let everyone be back in time for parade in the morning." Needless to say, his confidence was not abused. The two companies embarked on the Indarra with only one man short, and it was discovered later...
No one applied for a pass, but after dark it would have been hard to find anyone in camp. When the last train arrived from Adelaide the Battalion detained in approved fashion, and under command of a voice in the darkness, marched off in columns of fours. As they debouched from the station yard on to the racecourse, the troops were met by a party, carrying a hurricane lamp, which endeavoured to halt the column and collect the names of those who had been A.W.I.

The column simply wheeled round the obstructions and carried on. The part with the lamp would then rush round to the head of the column, and the same thing happened again. It was a screamingly funny sight to watch from the stand—the light dodging about from place to place, and the column like a huge snake, twisting this way and that to avoid it. The extraordinary thing about this episode was the orderly way in which it was carried out. Ordinarily the last train brought back a number who were glad of some help on the short journey to their beds, but this night every man was absolutely sober.

We had been advised by men returned from Gallipoli to have our hair clipped close. Most of us were glad to take the advice, but one N.C.O. was rather proud of his ‘beautiful curly locks,’ and steadfastly refused to have them cut, so he was seized and a furrow cut down the middle of his head. It did not take him long to find a barber and have the rest taken off.

The battalion embarked on the Geelong in November, and went direct from Port Adelaide to Port Tawfik—a long journey without a break.

The food was anything but good, and caused a good deal of grumbling. On one occasion the cheese was a little worse than usual, and the boys decided to give it a decent burial. A small Union Jack was obtained (goodness knows where it came from) and draped over the “corpses,” and a procession solemnly marched through all the decks, and after an impressive ceremony the “body” was consigned to the deep. The captain of the ship (whom many suspected was also the caterer) was furious and took days to cool down again.

In reading the above it might be imagined that the original 32nd was an
Can diggers who entered hospital on the Peninsula for dysentery treatment remember a certain book kept by the Staff Sergeant? Many a sure case of lead swinging was upset by the unanswerable evidence disclosed therein. Further information apropos this book will be gladly supplied by Vice-President Alex Hood, Press sub-branch, formerly Staff-Sergeant 4th Field Ambulance.

It is surprising to us that none of our prominent pacifists have uttered any protest at the threat implied in a speech at a recent public meeting of "staging a sugar party at Fremantle." Apart from the stupid effervescence of such a threat, an extremely foolish proceeding of this nature could not fail to cause bloodshed. But, on the other hand, our pacifists, perhaps, like ourselves, are unable to picture the speaker taking part in any enterprise involving personal risk.

It is not generally known even among cricket enthusiasts, that a brother of D. R. Jardine, the much-discussed English Test Team skipper, joined the A.I.F. in Queensland, and was killed at Pozieres while serving with the 25th Battalion.

In Memoriam
(By C. R. Collins)

Two hallowed monuments adorn that height
Round which the river croons a soft refrain;
One, of the man who wrought with heart and brain
To make our land a sanctuary of Right;
The other, that chaste obelisk which light
Floods nightly in remembrance of the slain,
Who died lest all his work should be in vain,
And, dying, live while e'er Time wings his flight.

Like Forrest, they were also pioneers,
The first to tread fierce Honour's fiery way.
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From Thornton Heath, Surrey, England, Mrs. Florence Smith sent this message to friends at Arncliffe, imploring them to seek the aid of the Returned Soldiers League to trace her son, Alexander.

An original member of the 11th Battalion, A.I.F., with the Regimental Number 597, Alexander Smith sailed with the first contingent of the A.I.F., was in the Landing at Anzac, and later was awarded the Military Medal. He returned to Australia on Anzac leave in 1918.

Information as to his whereabouts would be welcomed by Mrs. F. Petty, 70 Wollongong Road, Arncliffe, or the Hon. Secretary, Fremantle Sub-branch, R.S.L.

What should be a very interesting illustrated lecture on “Palestine” will be given by Rabbi D. I. Freedman, B.A., at the Karrakatta Club Hall, on Tuesday, May 1, at 8.15 p.m. The lecture is open to the public, and seats may be booked at Musgroves Ltd., or tickets may be purchased at the hall door.

His many friends in and outside the League will be pleased to hear that Major G. D. Shaw, M.C., V.D., has been appointed Poultry Adviser in the Department of Agriculture. Arriving in Western Australia as a baby in arms in 1897, he has the distinction of being one of the few infants taken from Southern Cross to Kalgoorlie in the Roaring Nineties. Enlisting while still very young, he went to Gallipoli with the 28th, of which battalion he was machine-gun officer. His guns were among the last to leave the Peninsula at the time of the evacuation. In France he gained the M.C. and further promotion. After the war he continued to serve with the military forces, and for a time commanded a local field engineer unit. For the past twelve years, he has been engaged in poultry farming, and last year was managing the export floor of Messrs. Baxter and Macfarlane’s egg business. He has therefore acquired an all-round knowledge of the poultry and egg production industry, which should make him a valuable asset to the Agricultural Department. Personally, George Shaw is one of the best, a straight-goer, and an energetic worker. He has pulled his weight in the League as well as elsewhere, and for a time was a member of the State Executive. We join with all his friends and well-wishers in congratulating him upon his new appointment.

They all come home again. Old 11th men will, rejoice at learning that the cheery face of Carl Milbank is to be seen again in the Terrace. Captain H. (Carl) Milbank is the son of F. W. M. Milbank, who was, until some six or seven years ago, Chief Inspector in the P.M.G.’s Department in Perth. Carl was one of the original Area Officers under the Universal Training scheme, and was in charge of the Perth Area. As a subaltern, he went away with the 11th Battalion and took part in the Landing on April 25, 1915. After the war he went in for insurance work, and has acquired extensive experience in this and the other States, as well as in New Zealand. His cheery bonhomie, allied to a capacity for hard work and business organisation, assured his advancement and he has now returned to the old home town as manager for Western Australia of the A.P.A. Insurance Company.

For a number of Anzac photographs in this issue we are indebted to Staff Sergeants Alex. Hood and L. O. Sargent, late of the 4th Field Ambulance. Alex. Hood is now chief machinest of The Worker, and L. O. Sargent is a well-known chemist at Maylands.

Joe Levey, the Labour candidate for the Metropolitan Province, saw service during the big scrap with the Royal Fusiliers. It is interesting to learn that the 38th, 40th and 42nd battalions of this unit were composed entirely of Jewish soldiers, and that Col. Margolin commanded the 38th battalion for a period. Joe came to Australia in 1925 and for six years he has been organiser of the Shop Assistants' Union. He is a good debater and a keen student.

A welcome visitor blew into the office, in the person of Captain E. Grey, of the Laverton Sub-branch. Captain Grey served with the 113th 60-pounder Battery, R.G.A. He was able to give us cheerio news of country cobblers in Laverton and elsewhere. The Laverton Sub-branch is now booming satisfactorily, thanks to the untiring efforts of Secretary Frank Banks. There are now fifty on the membership roll.

It is with regret that we announce that ill-health has compelled the resignation of Harold Nugent from the State Executive, for we realise to the full when a severe blow this necessity will prove for poor old Harold. The genial “Nugie” has lived for the League is perhaps few other men have done. Besides holding office in the Osborne Park Sub-branch, he has had several years service on the Executive. We wish him all good luck and a speedy return to improved health.

Mr. Hubert Parker, who is contesting the Metropolitan-Suburban seat in the Legislative Council, being rendered vacant by the forthcoming retirement of Sir Charles Nathan, needs no introduction to the public. The son of the late Chief Justice, Sir Henry Parker, K.C.M., he was born in Western Australia and was Crown Prosecutor for five and a half years. He represented North-East Fremantle for three years in the last Nationalist Government and following upon the death of the late Mr. T. A. L. Davy, K.C., he was appointed Attorney-General and Minister for Education. Mr. Parker served in the Australian Field Artillery, attaining the rank of Major and being twice mentioned in despatches prior to having the D.S.O. conferred upon him. He served throughout the whole of the Gallipoli campaign; also on the North-West Frontier of Egypt and in France and Belgium. The candidate has been interested in public welfare and sport and is a past president of the R.S.L. as far back as 13 years ago. He played “A” Grade cricket for East Perth. Today he is on the committee of the Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. With tradition and training behind him, while still a comparatively young man, Mr. Hubert Parker promises to be a worthy representative of the people in the Chamber where commonsense and integrity are required.
We have received a letter from a former flying officer commending our suggestion that the Flying Corps Association should lay a wreath on McIntosh's grave at Karrakatta on the anniversary of his death. McIntosh, it will be remembered, was the intrepid airman who flew with Parer to Australia, after the war, in a condemned machine, and who was subsequently killed in a flying accident. Our illustration is of McIntosh as a signaller in the 4th Field Ambulance on Gallipoli.

Councillor Jim Fraser, who is contesting the Metropolitan-Suburban seat in the interests of the Labour Party, pulled his weight during the Great War. Endeavouring to enlist early in the war, he was turned down. Not to be deterred, he paid his own fare to England and endeavoured to enlist there, but again without success. He then turned his attention to munition work and for four years was employed at the Royal Laboratory at Woolwich Arsenal, where he took a prominent part in the organisation of the Australian Munition Workers' Association.

Sub-Branch Notes
NORTH PERTH,
A Digger's Diary
(With apologies to the shadier of Samuel Pepys)

March 16—By appointment to Victoria Park Sub-branch, with other gentlemen of our sub-branch, they being Mr. Les. Hetherington, who did carry us there by his private motor coach, Mr. Bill James, Mr. H. Rigg and Mr. Tom Brown. When come there we make haste to the meeting hall and find there a merry crowd of company. No sooner inside when I meet Mr. Ike Powell, a gentleman I have not seen for many months, and Mr. J. T. Goodlet, brother of Mr. W. Goodlet of North Perth Sub-branch. Both these gentlemen Carlisle Sub-branch and give me invitation to attend their meeting some evening. Anon., Mr. President Shadgett call all to attention, and then make presentations of certificates of service to Mr. R. Alexander and Mr. W. A. G. Tolmie. Thence to the drinking of toasts and a very pretty programme of music and song, which was very well done. Bye and bye I met Mr. A. C. Shadgett (President), Mr. T. Chandler (Secretary), and Mr. J. Jennings (Treasurer) all of whom I found well spoken gentlemen, and pleasant company. Home in very good content at spending so merry an evening in excellent company. Mr. Tom Brown carry home a handsome clock he did win in lottery there.

19th—To sub-branch general meeting. There, after the business done, hear a fine lecture by Mr. L. Glaubert, of the Museum and Art Gallery. He lecture on the curious ways and manners of birds in this world. But, what put us all to great wonder, was the explaining by Mr. Glaubert, that for man to fly, he would need the having of breast bones and muscles projecting four feet or more to carry their wings.

27th—Fall in with Mr. Tom Brown, who told me how he has been charged with the business of forming a team of workers to the building of a cricket pitch at "Lemnos," that the patients in that asylum might have a little more pleasure in life. Mr. Brown said the Matron of "Lemnos," did show very pretty pleasure at learning we will build the pitch, and did cry up our sub-branch for a noble and benevolent body of men. Saw Mr. J. Rankin. He give me news of a lottery of a fine picture of the State Memorial, done in oil... This business being done by the sub-branch sports committee, who have permission by law.

31st—Met Mr. W. Menkens who give me sad news of the death of Mr. George Charles Smith, a member of our sub-branch and, I am told, a

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foundation member of the League. The poor man, having been ill and in no. 11 ward for a year.

April 8th—Up betimes and find rain falling most heavy like a winter's day. I away, in the rain, to general committee meeting. There it was given out that Mr. Tom Brown and his team of workers, do be working on the cricket pitch at "Lemnor" this month. So Mr. President, James despatch Mr. Hetherington with his motor coach, and four bottles of ale, that they, poor fellows, might be wet a little inside as out. He then carry them safely to their homes.

In Fall of the month Mr. Brant Littler, come on holidays from Boulder City. He for many years a member, and a past secretary of North Perth Sub-branch. Mighty pleased I was to see him again. He looking 'very' fit and well, which I was pleased at! Hear news of Mrs. H. White, wife of our champion seller of golf-club tickets, being abed with child, a daughter.

KULIN

The sports meeting, which had been postponed from the previous Saturday on account of heavy rain, was held on Wednesday, March 21. The weather was all that could be desired, and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day. President W. Dick was well to the fore in the proceedings, as were also those good troops, Dave and Peter, Harry and Mich, of the old 16th. Mark was a very disappointed man that day, as he departed a sheep for a weight-guessing competition, but after Mik had left the ground the affectionate animal escaped from its pen, and, like Mary's lamb, followed him, and at last report, was still romancing the bush in search of more carrots and carrots. The match was a great social success. The Sub-branch is greatly indebted to its Women's Auxiliary for assistance rendered during the day; and in connection with the dance. Members are now talking of holding a grand ball to augment the Anzac House fund.

28th BATTALION

The Committee of the Association expect an even larger muster of members than last year, when the "parade state" disclosed 310.

The battalion will fall-in in colors on its next meeting, 9th April. On the arrival of the colour party the Unit will be called to attention by the O.C. Parade, Lt. Col. Dunkley.

All those ex-members who can be present are urged to attend this annual commemoration of comrades who fell in the war, and who have since passed on.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at the Dawn Service in King's Park. The President of the Association will lay the unit wreath at this service.

Following the usual custom, a party will proceed to King's Park on the evening of the 24th for the purpose of affixing colour patches on trees commemorative of ex-members who fell in the war.

CLAREMONT

At the monthly meeting on April 5 the President, Brig. A. M. Martyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., had the pleasure of extending a welcome to four new members, and to visitors from Buckland Hill Sub-branch, and Mr. Watt, our representative on the State Executive. It was pleasing to note the large attendance of members at this meeting, there being a greater number than for some time past.

Captains for the various teams in the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield competition have been elected, and the members are confident that they will be in a position to give their opponents a tough battle in the competition games.

Judging by the situation at the games evening in the Drill Hall to date, it does not seem a suitable night, and an effort is being made to change over to the second and fourth Mondays in each month.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the passing of a member of the Sub-branch in the person of Mr. Booth, after a long and distressing illness extending over about four years. The sympathy of the Sub-branch goes out to his widow and son.

Mr. Watt briefly addressed the members on various matters of interest to the League, and complimented the Sub-branch on its sound position.

After the business of the evening was concluded, members adjourned to partake of a good meal, a bob-in. Teams from Buckland Hill and Claremont had a return match at shooting, Claremont winning by the narrow margin of 2 points.
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CARLISLE

On March 14 we held our usual monthly carnival dance. There was a splendid attendance, and everything went with a swing. Good prizes, good supper, novelties in galore. The hall was decorated by Mrs. Marshall, and was very favourably commented on by those present. The music was supplied by Don Vickers’ orchestra.

On March 16 we went to the Victoria Park Sub-branch, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Good music and artists. I am sure these exchanges of visits between the sub-branches go a long way in furthering the interests of the League.

On March 18, with the aid of our Women’s Auxiliary, we gave the children of R.S. and S. a picnic, which was held at the Zoo. There were about 290 children and 40 adults present, and a very enjoyable day was spent. Plenty of cool drinks, ice cream, sweets, and the smiling faces of the children was sufficient reward. I wish to make special reference to the services of Mesdames Gilksen, Hutchinson, and Lally, who were uniring in their efforts to make the picnic such a success.

On March 22 the Sub-branch gave a social to the parent branch and the Women’s Auxiliary. This was well attended. A pleasant evening was spent, and it goes to show that the three branches work harmoniously together.

On March 24 the usual monthly meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, President Nicholl in the chair. Colonel Margolin and Mr. Benson were present. The usual business was promptly despatched. Then Col. Margolin gave us a very interesting account of the progress of Anzac House, dealing with the financial position. Mr. Benson followed with the business aspect and inner workings of the League up to date. Both of these gentlemen had a good reception, and their speeches were much appreciated. Harmony and tales, with plenty of refreshments brought a pleasant meeting to a close at 11 p.m.

On April 11 our Social Secretary, Mr. S. Wills, produced another carnival dance. This was a huge success. Our weekly dances are a great success, and are very favourably commented on throughout the metropolis and suburbs. Mr. Gilligan and Mr. C. Don Vickers’ orchestra provides the music.

Mr. W. J. Hunt’s Report to the State Executive

I desire to report on my visit to Kojornup on Saturday, March 17, in company with the State Secretary and Mr. Longmore, to attend the No. 4 District Committee Re-union. The function was very successful and very representative. Delegates attended from Cranbrook, Tambellup, Williams, Katanning, Wagin and Darkan. Apologies were received from Lake Grace and Pingrup. Mr. Doney, M.L.A., represented Narrogin and Mr. Day, of Widin—Bunting, was also present. Nearly 120 ex-service men attended. Mr. G. Anderson, President of the Kojornup Sub-branch, presided, having travelled specially from Perth in order to do so, the re-union having been arranged to take place during the annual leave.

The usual toasts were honoured, that of the State President and State Executive was received with enthusiasm. The task of responding was the responsibility of myself, and the State Secretary.

The Kojornup Sub-branch is still functioning well, and is very usefully served by Mr. Anderson as President, and Mr. L. Treasure as Secretary. This sub-branch maintains a substantial Amelioration Fund which apparently it regards for...
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jealously, but disburse to all deserving cases that apply for benefits. This branch recently made an excellent effort. By direct giving it raised in a very short period nearly £80 and presented to the local hospital a very up-to-date operating table, which was badly needed.

On the Sunday morning we attended the No. 4 District Committee meeting, which was presided over by Capt. Colin Craig. The Secretary is Mr. W. Richards, of Williams. Most of the time was occupied with the appointment of office-bearers for the coming year. No finality was reached on an election held before we were obliged to leave for home. Mr. Doney placed before the meeting the question of calling soldier members of Parliament together in order that they might meet with Executive and discuss measures which it was anticipated would come before Parliament and would affect ex-service men in some form or another. This matter has already been submitted to the Management Committee from the Narrogin meeting held previously, and of this fact the meeting was informed.

Another matter considered by the meeting was the evidence submitted to the Agricultural Bank Committee on behalf of the soldier settlers of this district. The Statement was informative and comprehensive. The preparation of the evidence was the work of Messrs. P. Koche and R. Potts, to whom the meeting duly expressed their appreciation. A rather disquieting statement made at the meeting, and one which is rather difficult to comprehend, was the difficulty experienced in obtaining suitable evidence, owing to fear of victimisation.

The meeting adjourned until after lunch, and we left for Perth at 2 p.m.

YANDANOOKA

The President, Mr. J. A. Brown, presided over a well-attended meeting on March 24, when he reported the evidence submitted to the Federal and State Royal Commissions on Wheat Growing and the Agricultural Bank.

Information was received that interest on January 1 on repurchased estates for soldier settlement would be reduced to 1½ per cent.

An Anzac Day service will be held in the local hall at 8 p.m. Local Church representatives, Boy Scouts, Rifle Club, Road Board Members are invited to assist.

The annual ball will be held on Thursday, May 3.

YEALERING

Sub-branch meetings, now that the Albany tourists have left, are being well attended. President Elsegood is well into his "stride," and carrying on the good work of his predecessor, Past-President Lawson.

Congratulations to Digger C. Warner, who recently joined the nucleus.

The first of the annual "Hop-over" will be held before the end of May.

Preparations for Anzac Day services are well in hand. All diggers are specially requested to parade at 5 p.m. on April 27th, when a record muster is desired.

On February 25th the local cricket club entertained the sub-branch at a "friendly" match, the club winning by the narrow margin of six runs. "Captain" Cooke handled the troops in an efficient manner, and set a fine example of keenness and skill to his side. Several of the R.S.L. team demonstrated their ability to handle the Mills' grenades. Unfortunately the game was marred by a minor accident to Mr. M. Rigg, and a painful one to veteran Mr. R. Kew, of the opposing side. When the former has completely recovered, we regret to learn that Mr. Kew will have to spend at least another three weeks in hospital. We all wish this good sportsman a speedy and complete recovery.

The R.S.L. Club marksmen proved their superiority on the local range on Sunday, March 11. Conditions were: No slings, open sights, over the 300 and 500 yards range. Mr. A. Sibley, for the Rifle Club, and Capt. Digger Vesle of the R.S.L. secured the aggregate trophies. "Bill" Honeyman was undoubtedly our dark horse. Whilst the secretary was not the lowest scorer, he certainly fought valiantly for one of the minor trophies! It is rumoured that he is keeping clear of a sheep-owning near the range, in case there is a claim for a few dead sheep!

QUAIRADING

Mr. W. J. Hunt’s Report to the State Executive

With Mr. C. G. Ferguson, I attended the annual re-union of the Quairading Sub-branch on Wednesday, March 21. Mr. A. Fraser, the President, presided, and to Mr. Tom Ettridge, the Secretary, was due the organisation of what proved a very happy gathering. Some 35 members were present. Visitors included Mr. C. W. Latham, M.L.A., the chairman of the Road Board, Mr. Rowden, who incidentally is a South African veteran. Representatives were present from Colligee and included the President, Mr. White, and Padre Fry. The latter, in replying to the toast of the visitors later in the evening, made a very eloquent speech on the work of the League.

Mr. Latham replied to the toast of “Parliament” in a very able manner. His reference to the relations that existed between himself as Minister for Lands and the Land Committee was of special interest. Mr. Ferguson and myself, in replying to the toast of the League, endeavoured to convey as much information as possible regarding League affairs.

Altogether the gathering was an exceedingly enjoyable one, and we are grateful for the invitation to represent the State President and the State Executive at this sub-branch, of which I was the first President on its formation in 1918.

HERNE HILL

State President’s Report to State Executive

In company with Messrs. Philip, Aberle and Lovell, I attended a smoke social on Friday, March 23, at Herne Hill. There were about 50 present, including representatives of Upper Swan, West Swan, Midland Junction, Maylands, Claremont and South Perth Sub-branches.

The President, Mr. B. A. Black, occupied the chair, the Secretary of the sub-branch is Mr. J. Andrews, and a membership of over 20 was reported. The sub-branch is functioning quite well and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Myself and Mr. Lovell replied to the toast of “The League,” and Messrs. Philip and Aberle proposed the “Herne Hill Sub-branch,” all speakers being listened to with marked attention.

Herne Hill ladies deserve great credit for the splendid repast provided.

MOORINE ROCK

The monthly meeting was held, with the President, G. A. Marston, in the chair. Weather conditions mitigated against a large roll-up. None the less, members, arrived from as far as Noonigara.

Details for the service to be held on Anzac Day were gone into, final arrangements being left in the hands of the committee.

D. G. C. Morgan having appeared before the Federal Commission sitting on the Wheat Industry, was asked by the president to deliver his report, which was received, and Mr. Morgan was thanked.

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placed one of his shops at the disposal of the sub-branch
for the function. Again rain interfered with the
attendance, but those who braved the elements
enjoyed themselves.

Three members of the branch, Messrs. Pryor,
Potter, and Kingdom, are very bitter over an ar-
ticle which appeared in "The Listening Post."

This article was contributed by Mr. Nugent
and invited Diggers to go prospecting for gold
in the vicinity of his hotel. After travelling 110
miles both ways, the three members maintain that
their time and money had been wasted. The
object of bringing the matter forward was to
protect other Diggers from a similar experience.

WEST LEEDEVELLE

Members are looking forward to the Anzac
Day services. The special committee has every-
thing in order, and asks that all ex-servicemen join
in the march from the corner of Oxford and
Newcastle streets to the Town Hall. The parade
will be led by the Salvation Army Band, and
will be in charge of Captain Joce.

The Speaker, the Hon. A. H. Panton, has kindly
agreed to give the address of appreciation at the service in
the Town Hall. A special choir, under the baton of
Mr. N. H. Summers, will lead the singing, and
render a special choral number. Prayers
will be offered by the local clergy.

A painful accident occurred to one of our
members, Mr. George Timol, recently, at work,
and he is at present in St. John's Hospital. Mem-
bers wish him a speedy recovery.

The president and secretary represented the
branch at the Empire Shopping Week Conference
and will report the result at the next meeting
to be held on May 14.

MT. LAWLEY

On March 24 the members rolled up in full
force to the annual smoker of the Mt. Lawley
Branch of the R.S.L., and the well-laid tables
full of the good things of life, were good to
behold, but forgetting the amber coloured liquid,
of which there was an abundance, and all did
dull justice to it. Colonel Flintoff was in the
chair and with him were the Base Commandant,
Brigadier-General A. M. Martyn, D.S.O., Colonel
H. B. Collett, Rabbi Freedman, Mr. A. H. Panton,
Major Meredith, and several lesser lights. Colonel
Flintoff proposed a toast of the King, Army,
Navy and Air Force, and Brigadier-
General Martyn replied. Mr. L. L. Robinson pro-
posed the toast of the State Executive and Mr.
A. H. Panton replied. Colonel H. B. Collett pro-
cessed the toast of the Artists, and Mr. H. Web-
ster replied and the artistes gave good en-
tertainment, finishing at about 11.30 p.m., and still
there was some of the beverage left for the
working party on Sunday morning.

Eight members of the Mt. Lawley Sub-branch
trodden to Lennos Hospital and took a full
passenger list of inmates for a motor run through
Jellinark to the Switch-back, City Beach, and then
along the west side of Herdman's Lake through
Osborne Park to Waterman's Bay; and, after a rest
while several Sisters and drivers indulged in a
swim, the party adjourned to the hostel, where
the Ladies' Auxiliary had provided a dinner in
repart which all did full justice to. The ladies' pres-
tent; Mrs. Doran, proposed, the toast and
Colonel Flintoff replied and about 6 o'clock a
return to the hostel was made and when the
drivers had set down the patients they were
treated to a very wet drive to the various homes
and ended a perfect day.

SUBIACO

A special Anzac Service is being held in the
Presbyterian Church, Bagot Road, Subiaco, on
Sunday, the 22nd inst., at 7.30 p.m., and arrange-
ments have been made for a bugler to be in atten-
dance.

It is the desire of the sub-branch that all mem-
ers that can possibly do so should attend this
service.

KENTDALE

Two holiday makers, Messrs. G. Mellor and H.
Stevens, were invited to attend the general meet-
ing held in the R.S.I. Club Room on March 1.
With the kind assistance and useful information
supplied by George Mellor, the business was soon
transacted, to be followed by an impromptu smoke
social, which was such a success that it was
decided to have a drink one before our visitors
returned to Perth.

This was held, to be remembered by all for a
many a day to come. The visitors, Messrs. Mel-
lor, Bell and Eric, kept the mops on their toes
with musical items and yams. E. Southall's pathet-
ically rendering of "The Monk" was very favourably
commented on. The social had its after-effects on
many, especially the secretary, if all one hears is
true. He reckons "The Gay Serenader" from a
Perth sub-branch has a lot to answer for. This
is the yarn as he told me. He has no objection to
"The Gay Serenader" and party serenading
outside his house during the small hours. If
they had waited until he returned home all would
have been well. He spent a good time navigating
the creek and negotiating the tables and chairs,
only to find Wifey sitting up in bed looking at
the clock. She demanded to know "Who was
born so beautiful?" "Thinking to square matters, he
replied, "You (hie) dear." Then he collected.
Morning came. Things were just as bad. (So was he!) His wife asks, "What are you saying
about a haircut, shave and manicure, and who
was the Monk?" (New secretary wanted.)

Is it true that "The Gay Serenader has been
walking around muttering "The Old Cod. The
Old Cod." The £5 drought is still on down here. 
What has the Gay Serenader got to say?

COTTESLOE

A committee meeting was held on Tuesday,
March 20, at the Council Hall, Jarrad Street, Cott-
esoe, at 8 p.m. The president (Mr. C. L. Har-
voy) presided over a full committee. Nothing of
very great importance took place, only a lengthy
discussion over the War Memorial.

The monthly meeting took place on Tuesday,
April 3, at the usual time and place. Another
large attendance was recorded. Some very im-
portant business was dealt with, and on comple-
tion, the gathering enjoyed a very pleasant evening
of cards, etc., mingled with refreshments.

The next meeting will be held in the Council
Hall, Jarrad Street, Cottesloe, on Tuesday, May
1, at 8 p.m.

After completion of business a games evening
and the "bash in" will again be the mode of en-
tertainment for the remainder of the evening.

KELLERBERRIN

Owing to the musical festival to be held at
Doodaline on April 15, the annual smoke-oh
has been postponed till May 15, when a good
roll up is anticipated. Rabbi Freedman will
represent the executive. Our secretary, Mr. G.
Mann, has been appointed manager of the Fithara
Farmers' Co-op, and, needless to say, he will be
greatly missed. We all wish him success in his
new position. Don't forget to roll up for that
smoke-oh.

Women's Auxiliaries

The Silence

The hour preceding the dawn of the first Anzac Day was one of intense still-
ness. No breeze rippled the smooth water as the boats slid towards the beach. No
sign of life came from the shore nor from the hills looming out of the dark-
ness. The men, under orders, silently awaited the dawn and their baptism of
fire.

And after nine months warfare, priva-
tion and sickness, there came another
silence, when those who were left filed regrettfully down the gullies to the wait-
ing boats. "I hope," said one of them to General Birdwood, on that last morning,
as he pointed to a cemetery on the hillside, "I hope they won't hear us marching
back to the beach." Thus did the epic of Gallipoli begin and end in silence.

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The idea of keeping two minutes silence at 11 o'clock on the 11th of November, in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the War, was conceived by a young Australian, Edward G. Honey, of Caulfield, Victoria. He was a Fleet Street journalist until his suggestion was adopted in England, but he died soon after.

As well as being the most solemn part of all memorial services, the two minutes silence has become the standard procedure in the opening of all R.S.L. and Women's Auxiliary meetings. Though children may clamor thoughtlessly around War Memorials, the silence seems to hold them in its spell. At an R.S.L. river picnic it is the custom for the two minutes silence to be observed as the boat passes by the State Memorial. This year, before the return trip, the children had been issued with pasteboard trumpets, much to their delight. What happened when the Memorial was reached? The engines ceasing, not a sound broke the stillness and even the tiniest child stood with his trumpet silenced.

During the silences observed on Anzac Day we keep tryst with those valiant hearts who braved so much for Australia. Can we meet them unashamed, feeling we have done our best for those they left behind and for their comrades with whom the years have fared so badly? Are we upholding the ideals they fought for, and are we looking to the defence of our Empire so that the silence will never again be broken by sounds of war? The "Last Post" is their farewell. With the "Reveille" we renew our pledge to live and work more worthy of those who now dwell in the Silence.

COTESLOE
The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, April 19, at 68 Forrest Street, Cottesloe. A very good attendance was registered, over which the vice-president (Mrs. B. Allen) presided.

At the meeting it was decided that, with a view to augmenting funds for the next Xmas tree, a bridge evening be held on or about April 27, and a ball be given about June 6. Further particulars will be circulated to all members.

The president and members of the Auxiliary sincerely hope that members of the sub-branch will make a note of these two forthcoming events and endeavour to make both a success by attending and bringing their friends.

NORTH PERTH
We had an enjoyable social on April 11th. Our guests, who numbered 37, came from South Perth, Maylands, and West Leederville Auxiliaries. Musical items were given by Mrs. Henderson, of Maylands, and Mrs. Perrot, of North Perth. We are desirous of obtaining more members to help on our work. Any lady eligible for membership and who has not received a personal invitation to join us will be made welcome at our meetings. The auxiliary meets on the second Wednesday of each month in St. Hilda's Hall, at 2.30 p.m.

As the winter is approaching, parcels of second-hand clothing will be gratefully received by the Secretary. Just advise 326 Charles Street, North Perth, and arrangements will be made to collect same.

At next meeting, May 8th, nominations of officers will take place.

BAYSWATER
The meeting held in the Lesser-Hall, Bayswater, on April 5, was well attended.

Thanks to Mrs. Thain, satisfactory arrangements were made to entertain to tea on the 29th the men from the Edward Millen Home and the Repat. Ward.

Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Lyons, who recently returned from the Eastern States, were warmly welcomed back, also a new member was added to our list.

Arrangements were finalised for a Jumble Sale to be held on April 19. We are all pleased to learn that members of the B.E.S.L. will fall in with us on Anzac Day.

Two competitions were won by Mrs. S. Smith. A pair of towels raffled were won by Mrs. Stanwell. Dancing brought a very happy evening to a close.

PRESS
The members held their monthly meeting at the Soldiers' Institute, on Monday, April 9. There was a good attendance of members. Mrs. Biggs was in the chair. Reports were received on the picnic to Caversham and on the entertainment of Lennons patients to a bus drive and tea.

Arrangements were finalised for the first monthly dance of the season, to be held at the Institute on Saturday, April 21.

Mrs. J. McKinnay, vice-president of the State Executive, gave an address on the beginning and growth of the auxiliaries in the State.

The meeting concluded with supper, the hostesses for the evening being Mesdames Longmore and Collins.

MT. HELENA
The Women's Auxiliary, R.S.L., Mandurang and districts, will in future be known as the Mt. Helena R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, on account of a separate sub-branch being formed here. As our meetings have always been held at Mt. Helena and our membership drawn from there, it was felt that we belonged to the Mt. Helena R.S.L.

On March 22 the annual meeting was held. The balance sheet showed the amount of £16 had been handed over to the Amelioration Fund, Mandurang and districts, rather less than previous years, but the membership was smaller.

In May, 1933, Mrs. H. Walker resigned the presidency which she had ably held for two years, as she was leaving the district. Mrs. W. Mayne was elected president. March elections resulted in Mrs. Mayne being re-elected, with Mrs. A. W. McGregor, vice-president; Mrs. W. Bentley, trea-
GUILDFORD-BASSENDEN

The usual monthly meeting was held in the basement of the Town Hall, Bas sendean, on Thursday, April 12. Three new members were welcomed. Mrs. Griev was in the chair. The members decided, that in order to raise funds, they would make useful garments and articles which could be disposed of at a sale of work, in a few months' time. The first fruits of their work will be brought to next meeting and stored in the Auxiliary cupboard.

Mrs. Brewer, of Midland Junction, held the winning ticket in the raffle of a s pretty tea cosy, donated by Mrs. Faithful.

VICTORIA PARK

The general meeting held on March 24 was well attended, so was the social that followed. The ducks donated by Mrs. Barnett were won by Mrs. Massey, and the cockerels donated by Mrs. Smith went to Mrs. Kanzler. Mrs. Tolmie and Mr. Holzberger were the winners of the peanut race, and the artists for the evening were Miss Vickers and Mr. Diamond. Dancing filled in the evening to good music, and Mr. Fred Mathews acted as M.C. in his usual capable manner. Guests were welcome from the South Perth Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary is running a Novelty Carnival at the Town Hall, Victoria Park, on May 1. Tickets will be 6d. each, and will be numbered. The lucky numbers will secure prizes. There will be plenty of attractions, a Maypole Dance, Balloon Dance, and all sorts of novelties. Supper will be provided. Transfers stop at the door, therefore, if children from other districts wish to come along, they will be assured a good time.

The Auxiliary Tennis Committee will hold a visitors' day on Wednesday, May 3, when-guests will be welcomed in the afternoon for the small charge of 6d., this includes afternoon tea. It is hoped to get a good attendance, as they have secured the hire of the court (SALFORD ROAD—on the Hall side) free for the occasion. Members are paying 1/- each for the day, and are asked to come early to get in a game, in the morning, as the afternoon play will be given over to the guests.

State Executive Meetings

28/3/1934

At the meeting of the State Executive on March 28, 1934, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Collett, Philip, Freedman, Watt, Edmonds, Pady, Aberle, McDowell, Lovell, Mellor, Lamb, Farquharson, Warner, and Bryan. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. G. Ridley, Anderson, Panton, Denton, Hunt, Margolin, Collins, Ross and Wilkins.

British Film.—The State President advised that he had written to Mr. Hamilton Browne, and explained that there were good reasons why the League could not extend its patronage to the British film, "Bitter Sweet," but that the State Executive would do all in its power to assist the success of the production. A reply was received from Mr. Hamilton Browne conveying his thanks.

On the motion of Messrs. Watt and Mellor, it was decided that the State Secretary endeavour to arrange a party of Executive delegates and members of the League to see the film on a night to be fixed.

Appreciation.—A letter was received from Sir Carne Rasch, expressing his appreciation of the hospitality extended to him during his visit to Australia.

REPORtS

Management Committee.—Aising out of the Management Committee's report, the following decisions were arrived at:

1. Liaison Members of Parliament.—It was agreed that Messrs. Panton, Warner, Seward, and Ross McCarthy be called to a preliminary conference to discuss ways and means of bringing about effective liaison between the League and Parliament.

2. Invitations.—Lake Grace Sports: Owing to the short notice, and the impossibility of cooperating with neighbouring sub-branches, the Management Committee was unable to arrange for a member of the Executive to be present at the Lake Grace sports on April 7.

The following invitations were accepted:

Upper Chapman, April 7 (the Country Vice-President); Bruce Rock, April 11 (Mr. Warner); Armadale, April 13 (Messrs. Philip and Aberle); Yealands, April 13 (President and State Secretary); Kellerberrin, April 18 (Rabbi Freedman); Kelmscott, April 7 (State President and Mr. Farquharson).

State War Memorial.—Mr. Peter E. Ross was appointed to the State War Memorial Committee.

State Secretary's Report.—In connection with the alleged breach of the policy of appointments in the State Audit Department, it was decided that the State Secretary confer with the West Perth Sub-branch and report to the Executive. Later in the evening representatives of the West Perth Sub-branch waited on the Executive to discuss this matter. The decision of the Executive was conveyed to them, and they withdrew.

Empire and Local Trading.—Mr. Watt submitted a report of the meeting of the Empire and Local Trading Committee held on March 22. The report dealt with the point raised from Mr. Hastings C. Reid that the Empire Shopping Week this year should be conducted under the auspices of the R.S.L. The Committee stated that it agreed to place its services at the disposal of the movement, as desired, subject to the approval of the State Executive. Mr. Hastings C. Reid attended the meeting and addressed delegates. He considered that the movement would benefit greatly by the League's active support. The acceptance of his suggestion would not entail further cost or extra work as far as the League was concerned.

On the motion of Messrs. Philip and Lovell, it was agreed that the Empire Shopping Week Campaign be conducted under the auspices of the Executive.

Anzac House Committee.—Colonel Olden reported on the success of the ceremony of laying the foundation of Anzac House on Sunday, March 25.

On the motion of Messrs. Philip and Lovell, it was decided to send letters of thanks to the R.S.L. Band and others who helped to make the function such a signal success.

Anzac Day.—Aising out of the Anzac Day Committee's report, the following recommendations were adopted:

That Colonel Ciplett represent the Executive at the Anzac Day services in Kalgoorlie and Boulder.

That Mr. Warner be authorised to attend the Koorda ceremony. Other representatives appointed were Mr. Farquharson (Carlisle), the State Secretary (Belmont), and Mr. Watt (Mundaring).

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Mr. Edmonds reported having attended a meeting of representatives of ex-imperial organisations as which their participation in the Anzac Day parade was discussed. He stated that these organisations had agreed to fall into line with the League's suggestions.

The Press Sub-branch, asked for reconsideration of the place allocated to the S.S.L. in the Anzac Day parade, as the sub-branch considered that this organisation should march immediately behind the A.I.F. It was decided to refer the matter to the Anzac Day Committee.

**Federal Executive Meeting**—Mr. Wilkins' report on the recent meeting of the Federal Executive was referred to the Management Committee.

**Visits**—Colonel Collett submitted an interim report on his visit to the Eastern Goldfields. Other reports received were, Herne Hill and Press (the State President); Calingiri (Colonel Collett); No. 4 D.C., Kojonup, and Quairading (Mr. Hunt); Kentdale (Mr. G. S. Mellor); and Dowerin (Mr. F. Warner).

**Federal Correspondence**—A draft Tribunal. The Federal Executive, advised that the term for which the present League nominees on the War Pensions Entitlement and Assessment Tribunals were appointed expired on May 1, 1934. At its meeting on March 14, the Federal Executive recommended to the State Branches that the names of the present nominees be submitted for re-appointment. It was therefore agreed that this Branch submit nominations as follows—Entitlement Tribunal, Lieutenant-Colonel E. L. Dibden, D.S.O., V.D.: No. 1 Assessment Tribunal, N. H. Mighell, Esq.; No. 2 Assessment Tribunal, H. H. Howard, Esq.

A copy of a paper on the relationship of cancer and T.B. was received and referred to the Pensions Committee.

**Reparation Officers**—A communication was received from the Secretary of the C.P.S. Clerical Association, pointing out that endeavours had been made for some time to obtain from the Federal Government full rights as provided under the C.P.S. Act for officers of the Reparation and War Service Home Committee. The communication asked whether the League be prepared to support the request when action is being taken to put the matter before the Government and before individual Federal Members.

After discussion, it was agreed on the motion of Messrs. Watt and Philip, that this Executive support the C.P.S. Clerical Association and help in any way possible in the direction desired. It was further agreed that the matter be brought before the Federal Congress through the State Congress.

**Country Vice-President.**—On the motion of Messrs. Warner and Freedman, it was decided that in accordance with Congress resolution a suitable certificate be prepared for presentation to Country Vice-Presidents.

**Forest Grove Sub-branch.**—The Minister for Lands, to whom a copy of a report from the Forest Grove Sub-branch had been forwarded, pointed out that in regard to amelioration, the amount which was available from the Lotteries Commission would not go far when the requirements of group children had been satisfied, and there would be no funds to meet the wants of adult settlers who needed clothing and overcoats. He suggested that the matter be taken up with the Commonwealth authorities, which had already been done. The letter was received and the action approved.

**Metropolitan Sub-branches.**—On the motion of Messrs. Watt and Lovell, it was agreed that a meeting of metropolitan sub-branches, presidents and secretaries be called at any early date to consider:

1. Anzac Day arrangements.
2. Empire Shopping Week.
3. Meeting the Minister for Industries to discuss with him the organisation of Local Product Exhibitions.
4. Any other matter which may be brought up by the Management Committee.

**S.S.L. Committee.**—The report of the S.S.L. Committee, which was deferred from the previous meeting was considered, and after the deletion of Clause 1 (A and B) the report was adopted.

The Clause deleted recommended that the age for entry to the S.S.L. be reduced to 10 years, or failing that, boys from 10 to 12 years of age being admitted as probationers. The Committee decided to recommend Clause 2, which contained the suggestion that Sons of Soldiers be allowed to march after the S.S.L. in the Anzac Day Parade, as there would be no means of identifying the boys.

It was recommended that further consideration of the War Australian Youth Demonstration be deferred for twelve months.

The Committee did not recommend the issue of financial crowns to members of the S.S.L., considering that the organisation is not advanced sufficiently.

It was recommended that arrangements be made for the committee appointed by the meeting of R.S.L. and S.S.L. representatives on February 12, 1934, to interview controllers of established youth organisations. The committee appointed consisted of Messrs. Birnworth, Swinbourne, Bull, Kelly, and Bateson.

It was also recommended that, at the end of the first year, and in the case of sub-branches, in their second year, the parent organisation appoint annually one of its members as Warden and two or more Assistant Wardens. The duties of these officials will be for one or more to attend every meeting held by the S.S.L. Branch, to guide and counsel the boys, and see that the tenets and traditions of the League are strictly upheld, and to represent the S.S.L. at executive meetings of the parent branch.

It was agreed that the decision be conveyed to sub-branches of the S.S.L.

**General.**—A communication from the Moora Sub-branch was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

On the motion of Messrs. Watt and Lamb, it was agreed that the usual donation of £5 be forwarded to the Empire Shopping Week Committee. Delegates were informed that Captain H.

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At the meeting of the State Executive on April 11 there were present: Mses. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Collett, Philp, Denton, Freedman, Watt, Edmonds, Hunt, Pady, Aberle, McDowell, Mar- golin, Cllins, Ross, Mellor, Lamb, Farquharson, and Bryan. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Anderson, Fenton, Lovell, Wilkins, and Warner.

Visit of the Prime Minister.—It was agreed that during his next visit to Western Australia, the Prime Minister be asked to address a meeting of ex-service men on national questions, and that the arrangements for the meeting be left in the hands of Colonel Collett.

Next Meeting.—As the date of the next meeting would clash with Anzac Day, it was decided that this meeting be abandoned, and the following meeting be as usual, unless the State President deemed it necessary to call an extra meeting in the meantime.

Empire and Local Tradings.—The Empire and Local Trading Committee reported that a meeting of presidents and secretaries of metropolitan sub-branches, called in response to the Executive's decision to conduct the Empire Shopping Week campaign this year, had been called for Friday, April 13, and that the Minister for Industry (Mr. Kennelly) would address the meeting.

Anzac House.—Colonel Olden reported on behalf of the Anzac House Committee that the official opening of Anzac House would be performed by His Royal Highness, Prince George, on the morning of October 5, 1934.

Visits.—The following visits made by delegates to sub-branches were reported: The State President, Kalin, April 7; Mr. Hunt, Gnowangerup, March 28; Colonel Margolin, Carlisle, April 1; Mr. E. S. Watt, Claremont; Rev. C. L. Riley, Morawa, March 17, Mount Lawley, March 24, Merredin, March 26, Bruce Rok, March 28, North-East Frankland, Vice-President, Carnamah, March 17; Colonel Olden submitted a report on his tour of sub-branches situated in the goldfields area. The sub-branches visited were Merredin, Moorten Rok, Southern Cross, Kalgoolie, Boulder, Laverton, Gwahlura, Leonora, Meckatharro, Moorab, and Limbells. Also reported having formed a sub-branch at Cue.

The Executive tendered Colonel Olden thanks for his very interesting and informative report, and approved of its publication in "The Listening Post" at a future date. Arising out of the report, approval was granted for the formation of the sub-branch at Cue, and a vote of thanks was tendered to the sub-branches which had so hospitably entertained Colonel Olden. Colonel Lamb will attend the reunion of the Wongan Hills sub-branch on April 8.

Anzac Day.—Mr. Aberle reported that he would not be able to attend the Anzac Day ceremony at Katanning. Colonel Olden was appointed. The State Secretary's action in engaging the Gottesbro Band for Anzac Day was approved.

On the motion of Mses. Watt and Freedman, it was decided that the Guildford Council be asked to arrange for the Guildford service to be held in the afternoon, so as not to clash with the main service in Perth, and that the Guildford-Busselton sub-branch be forwarded a copy of the letter. The Guildford-Busselton Branch was asked for arrangements to be made to allow hospital patients in cars to leave the

parade earlier. It was reported that arrangements had been made for cars to leave the western portion of the enclosure.

The matter of representation at the service and parade of the Calingiri Sub-branch was left in the hands of the President. — Osborne Park Sub-branch advised that a tree grown from a seed from Gollapilli would be planted in front of the Osborne Park R.S.L. Hall on Anzac Day.

Women's Auxiliary.—A communication from the Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary State Executive on the re-establishment of the State psychological services was received.

A communication regarding a cup for competition amongst auxiliaries was referred to the Management Committee.

A communication from the 44th Battalion Auxiliary was referred to the Women's Auxiliary State Executive.

Resignation.—Mr. H. G. Nugent forwarded his resignation from the State Executive on account of ill-health. On the motion of Colonel Collett, seconded by Mr. Collins, the resignation was accepted with regret, and it was agreed that appreciation of the services of Mr. Nugent be recorded.

The State Secretary was instructed to advise the delegate in writing.

Preferment.—A communication from the Norwood Sub-branch on the matter of preference was received. Norwood recommended that the present policy of preference be dropped in favour of "the more equitable one of preference only to disabled men. It was agreed to advise the sub-branch that this was a matter of policy which should be submitted as an item for next Congress, when the position may be fully discussed.

General.—Approval was given for the formation of the Mount Helena Sub-branch.

Correspondence from the Claremont Sub-branch regarding relief work was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee, with power to act.

The Secretary of the R.S.L. Cricket Association reported on a very successful cricket season, and that the Midland Junction Sub-branch had won the pennant. It was agreed that congratulations be forwarded to the Association and to the Midland Junction Sub-branch.

Torbay Sub-branch's request that the Executive give publicity and support to Mr. Bruce's scheme for orderly marketing was referred to the Land Committee.

In view of correspondence received from the City Council, it was agreed to inform Mr. C. Milligan that the State Executive regrets that it can do nothing further in connection with his case.

A communication from the Debating League of Western Australia was received.

Extracts from Mr. C. L. Bishop, former Treasurer of the Perth Sub-branch, forwarded by the Sub-branch, were read with interest. Mr. Bishop stated that he had received invitations to address sub-branches of the British Legion in England on the Returned Soldier Movement in Australia. It was agreed that Mr. Bishop be thanked.

Notice of Motion.—Mr. Farquharson gave notice of his intention to move at the next Executive meeting—"That all Sub-branch Secretaries be notified through the State Secretary's circular to keep the Executive Office advised of the names of all unfinancial members whom they do not wish to be circularised when subscriptions are due. Such exemptions to be recommended only in cases where through unemployment a good member has become unfinancial.

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The big tourer skidded violently as the Political Agent jammed his brakes hard on, the loose flint hurled over the edge of the "Khud," rattling into the hazy depths below.

"What's all the fuss about, anyhow?" asked a lazy voice from the back seat. Then, as the owner awoke to reality, he realised that a camel caravan was huddling close to the huge precipice overlooking the Kutch road.

A few minutes later, the car was speeding south and the Political Agent was airing in forcible terms his opinion of camel drivers in general, and that caravan in particular.

The Plumber winked slyly at the Foreage Officer. "Listen to him, Bhoosa," he chuckled. "Anyone would think he knew all about camels! Why, only this morning I had to go down the lines to see a transport wallah who had a chunk bitten out of his posterior by a camel he had had around for ten years.

Yet here is a representative of His Majesty giving us a lecture on camels. You would think a man, on the strength of a mere passing acquaintance.

A fierce snort from the Political Agent showed the matter to be beneath contempt.

The car stopped at the Club. "Early after all," said the Plumber, as he trolled to the nearest easy chair, "Drinks, eh! Hum!"

Presently the Political Agent turned to his companions and, with his usual twinkle, he inquired, "Can't we hear about camels?"

Over the edge of two long glasses, two pairs of eyes gave acceptance.

"So long as it isn't one of your usual chestnuts," jeered the Plumber.

"Well, it's been told before," confessed the Political Agent, "but perhaps it may bear telling again.

"You may recollect that up at Kandahar there used to be an old Johnny called Ibrahim Said, who did all the wood supply and general transport around the Residency.

"Quite a good old scout, in my way, but did not understand a 'chitty' or any other written contract. More or less left everything to the Sahib and knew it would be O.K.

"He used to have three lumps of lads to help him handle his camels and do the rough work generally, as he was getting on in years.

"Well, to get to the point, the old jesser kicked the bucket suddenly, and, of course, there was the usual lamentations and all that, but a dead man was a dead man, and the sons decided all the tears wouldn't make him a live one again.

"But he had left his camels behind and they were alive 'so much as they, the sons, lamented his death; they were anxious to divide his possessions.

"They struck a snap right away, however, for Ibrahim left seventeen camels and also left a will to say that half the camels were to go to his eldest son; the second son was to get one-third of the herd, whilst the youngest lad was to have one-ninth only.

"So the sons led the camels out into the courtyard and started to have a roll call. Here they were, seventeen stout camels.

"'Now, then,' said the eldest son, 'take your camels and begone.' So they started to calculate and very soon they were worried to death.

"The eldest son looked at his brothers and said, more or less in his own way, 'H'mm. Unless I'm batty, one half of seventeen is eight and a half. How the deuce do you divide a camel?'

"'Huh! That's simple when you study my little bunch,' says the second son, 'For if I get one-third I take five and two thirds of a camel, and who, in the name of Allah, can divide a camel into three?"

"Then they looked at the youngest brother who had fainted off and when they had revived him, he said something I dare not repeat, because one ninth of the seventeens was a horrible mess.

"The elder brother then decided he would take his eight and a half and, as the other half was no good to either of them, they might just as well let him have it. That would make it easy then to divide the remainder, perhaps!

"So they started to quarrel about it and, presently, the eldest son had a brain wave. 'Come along and let us see the Mullah,' said he, 'for is he not a very holy man who has performed miracles? He can solve this riddle if we agree to abide by his decision.'

"So off to the Mullah they went and told him the whole story.

"'The Mullah sat quietly for a bit and did a little contemplation of the matter, and, finally, he said to them:'

"'It's not for me to criticise your old man now that he is gone, but the fact remains it's a headache trying to divide up that herd of camels as he directed.'

"'Now, I am only a poor old cove and I have only one camel, but to help you out, you can have him and, with the eighteen camels, you won't have any bother dividing up the herd.'

"The sons were all decent chaps and of course they didn't like the idea of
taking the old bird's camel, but, as he insisted, they finally agreed.

"What is a camel," said the Mullah, "I don't deny he has been of use to 'me, but what greater service can he give than to restore your peace?"

"Take him, for Allah is just, and in due time I will have my camel restored."

Feeling a bit worried about it, but confoundedly gratified to the old joker, the three young men went home with the camel and, of course, they had no difficulty in dividing up the camels.

The eldest took half, that is, nine camels. The second brother took his third and departed with six of the herd, whilst the youngest took possession of two camels, which was the ninth part of the herd.

"Of course, they still felt a bit worried about the holy camel, and none of them included it in their share, so when they had each prepared to depart, the elder one suddenly looked up and said: "Well I be blown," or words to that effect, for there was that camel all alone.

"So they checked up again and again, and each one had his rightful share, so that there must be a miracle in it. The eldest had his nine, the next his six, and the youngest had his two; yet here was the Mullah's camel.

"Well, they hurried back to the Mullah, and he stroked his beard and said, 'Oh, well, my sons, it's clear Allah wanted me to retain my camel, so He sent it back to me.' Great is Mahomet: the Prophet of Allah!"

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The New Germany

Mr. W. A. Wilkins, D.C.M., president of the Subiaco Sub-branch, sends us the following extract from a private letter recently received from England. The letter gives a young student's impressions of Germany, to-day and incidentally gives information as to how to get an enjoyable and fascinating holiday on little money, providing, of course, one starts from London and not from Perth.

I'd like to write you a book on my travels last summer, but it is difficult to give a good idea of the wonderful time I had in a short space of time.

I spent two days in Antwerp and ten days at Essen, which I made a centre for various outings while I waited for permission to come through from Berlin for my friend and I to go to the Labour Camp. When, after no end of bother, we got that, my friend came over from Cambridge, where he'd been putting in a long vacation term, and we went off to the work camp. This was an official Nazi institution where unemployed and students did manual labour in return for their keep and 1/6 a week pocket money. The unemployed went voluntarily, most of them preferring it greatly to the dole.

There are over half a million so employed throughout Germany to-day, making roads, draining, clearing land, cutting forests, building dykes, making public parks and sports grounds, and so on. The students are more or less under compulsion, as Hitler has made it a pre-condition of sitting for a 'varsity degree that the candidate should have spent forty weeks in a work camp or work camps. Our camp was right in the mountains near Liegen, 2,000 feet up. We were mostly engaged in clearing land for cultivation, building roads into the forests for lumbering purposes, and draining the valley bottom. The camp was a small one, just over 110 unemployed and two students, one of whom spoke a little English. So we not only learned a great deal about Hitlerism and the new Germany, but also quite a lot of the language. The whole country is now being run like a military machine, all the old Prussian elements have come out, everyone seeming to be either in uniform or in gaol, and yet in many ways the country is far more efficiently run than when I was here last year.

Then there are some half-dozen private armies in existence, every political party dressed its supporters in a different uniform and armed them, and one felt one was on top of a volcano, where anything might happen at any moment. Hitler has at least brought internal peace to Germany so far as those who are neither Jews nor actively opposed to him are concerned. But I didn't like the atmosphere of fear and suspicion at all. I never felt any danger to myself; I was allowed to discuss politics as I liked with those in the camp, and even gave two talks to different camps on English political opinion and Germany. But the Germans themselves were reticent and very loath to talk, and some of them were scared stiff of giving offence by anything they said or did. One day when the manufacturer I stayed with in
Essen was out with me in his car and we had two interesting experiences. First we were stopped, with other cars, by a party of police and storm troopers, and searched, and our papers examined. Then a little later we turned a corner and bowled straight into a storm trooper with upraised hand. The chauffeur jumped on all brakes and sat back and waited to see what unpleasantnesses were brewing. The "Hitlermann" came up to the car and politely requested the loan of a spanner! I smiled. "Shh," said my friend, "you mustn't laugh—it isn't safe!" He himself is a proper Vicar of Bray—became a Nazi when it became wise to do so, and has been most careful to keep in with them ever since. It was really amusing to see him saluting and flattering and "sucking up" to all the Nazi officials. When we were paying a visit to the head of the Dortmund Arbeitcamp, in connection with the permission to go to the work camp, he took the trouble of stopping the car and going to buy a Swastika pin—to put in his tie, as he thought his loyalty would then be more obvious! But I must say he was very good to me when I was there, and we would never have got permission to get into the camp without his help. It actually took a letter from a friend of his to a member of Hitler's cabinet, and two telephone calls to Berlin, before the string-pulling had a satisfactory result! We must have been almost the only foreigners in Germany to see the inside workings of Hitlerism from the viewpoint of the work camps. There's one thing at least that Hitler has done for Germany—he has at least given the Germans hope, and even confidence, for the future, in place of the despair that one found everywhere amongst the middle classes and workers before the revolution.

We enjoyed our stay in the camp very much indeed. We got up at 5 a.m. and worked with the men till 1 p.m.; then there was drilling and goose-stepping and what-not after two hours' rest in our bunks. In the evenings there were educational lectures or political talks, or games and singing. On Wednesdays and Saturdays one could go into the village and drink beer. We did. The food was shocking—rye bread, potatoes, and "kornkaffee" mostly, margarine, etc; plenty of turnip, some sausage, and occasionally hoh-poh or soup. We left the camp feeling amazingly fit and muscular and tanned to a disgusting brown all over after three weeks glorious weather. We went on excursions every week-end; sleeping Sunday night away from the camp.

After the camp we cycled to Switzerland—back through France. The Black Forest was just wonderful.

What do you think of this for a cheap holiday? We were away nine weeks, and, apart from the money I spent on films (I took over 100 photos), it cost me £10! We slept in barns and lofts, and in hostels where we couldn't, and food was cheap. As for transport, our 2,000 miles only cost us the price of the Channel crossing and two short train rides up mountainous bits of Switzerland. I have now sampled the hay of odd members of the farming community in Belgium, Holland, Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland, and France, and am an expert in pitching a tale in German, French, Dutch, or Flemish, to meet every farmer's case. I've only once been refused.

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To those who paid the uttermost price of their undying glory, the nation, now and for all time, renders its loving and reverent remembrance. They shall not utterly perish from the earth, for "To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Anzac Day would still fail greatly of its mission were we not to make it also a day of high resolve to share through all our years the inspiration, and example of those we this day honour. Theirs was the spirit that in a momentous crisis led them to lay aside lesser and transitory things of life in the presence of higher and lasting issues, and to meet a common need with common effort. To be loyal to this example in whatever changes or trials time may bring to our national life is the truest homage we can pay to the men of Anzac.


"An Anzac Day message must primarily be a message of remembrance, and our first thoughts are necessarily thus directed.

"It is usual subsequently to make exhortation for the perpetuation of the spirit of Anzac, and for its application to the needs of the present time. I think, however, in all humility, that a retrospect of the past few years in Australia gives us the right to congratulate ourselves upon the fact that the people of Australia have nobly and in a spirit of self-sacrifice faced and overcome the most adverse conditions with cheerful courage and unfailing fortitude. It is not too much to say that the broad-mindedness, tolerance, and community spirit displayed by the people of Australia has been largely a response to the challenge of the past, and show that the spirit of the A.I.F. and Anzac has in reality been a leaven capable of leavening the whole. In this belief, I urge the League and the men of the A.I.F. not to let their influence wane, for future generations will thank them not for their war prowess but for the peace they brought their land."

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In a sequestered portion of the beach on the Gallipoli coast, a field hospital was established, and the wards were contained in marquees. There were two patients in the dysentery ward, who began to realise that the system of starvation then in vogue made the cure worse than the complaint. These two diggers got their heads together and launched an adventure likely to remedy the situation.

A little distance from their ward a stack of cases of cheese was guarded by Imperial troops—one sentry only being posted. To this dump Fred Rawkins and Tony Griffiths departed in the still watches of the night, after having previously reconnoitred the position, both intent on doing a bold stroke for what they deemed a deserving cause.

They stealthily approached the objective, and saw that, although dog tired, the youthful Tommy sentry was keeping his watch fairly well. Now, to capture a case of cheese under those conditions, required some strategy, and they decided that one should keep watch on the sentry while the other lifted the case. Fred Rawkins was the scout, and he stole round to the side of the dump on which the sentry was resting on his beat—the latter, however, was far from sleep, and Fred found himself looking along a glaring bayonet faintly visible in the starlight. "Halt—who goes there?" "Oh, 'salright, cobber; just blew along for a yarn," was our digger's reply, and soon a quiet conversation was going on.

In the meantime, Tony had approached the ration dump from the reverse side, and was expecting to be able to carry out his venture undetected.

All went well until Tony eased the top case over and prepared to lower it to his shoulder, and at that critical moment the hoop-iron, with which the cases were bound, caught in a nail in the lower case and set the whole column in motion. There was a startling crash as the cases reached the ground, and the sentry rushed towards the sound.

"No!" said Rawkins. "It's all right, ole man, that's only me cobber, lifting a case of cheese for the poor starvin' chaps in the trench," and with that he handed the Tommy a half-crown piece.

"But it'll be missed," said the sentry, without omitting the action of pocketing the coin.

"Not it!" responded Fred. "'D'you think they knew what was here when you took over? Not a bit of it. They'll never jerry!"

By this time Tony had regained his breath, and had steadied his frantic heart sufficiently to permit of a hasty departure with the goods. At the appointed rendezvous Fred rejoined Tony, whom he found with the opened case gorging the cheese. "This beats Fr. Bentos!" said Tony with mouth filled and a smiling face. Fred Rawkins was not long in following up, when they had both satisfied themselves they had cut the cheese up into large pieces of about two pounds weight and carried them back in an overcoat slung over their shoulders.

At the marquee all was peaceful, and these adventurers stole softly inside and quietly went round to each bed, and after waking the patients, handed to each one of these a huge slab of cheese. Needless to say, these diggers were heroes forthwith, for only those who have been so very unfortunate as to suffer from dysentery, with no other food than tinned dog and hard biscuits, can realise how welcome was the change.

All would have been well if it had been left at that, but success breeds daring, and these two foragers set out for the Q.M.'s marquee and succeeded in pilfering some bread. A glorious night was spent by the patients, and the remnants of the cheese were placed under their pillows for safety.

On his rounds the next morning, the M.O. said, "Orderly, what's the strange smell? The place seems clean enough. Open up the flaps and let some fresh air in."

Later on the Q.M. missed the bread, and a thorough investigation was made, but not a trace could be found. The only man who seemed to get wise to the happenings was the orderly, and a piece of the cheese bought his silence.

This diet had its effect upon the patient, and whereas they had been going from bad to worse before they took a hand in feeding themselves, they were now able to be discharged from hospital for duty in about two or three days.
Extracts from A.I.F. Publications

BILLJIM AND POLITICS

(Written by S.W.H., in _The Yandoo_, which was issued in a Fritz Dugout on September 1, 1917.)

The association of the above names is quite inappropriate because politics are quite beneath the concern of the average Billjim. He knows little about them, and, as he will picturesquely tell you, he cares infinitely less. He judges broadly of politics and politicians. He thinks banquets and self-interest are not nearly as worthy as sacrifice and honesty.

Billjim is faced with elemental things now, such as, for instance, "What's for dinner?" "Are you chatty yet?" "Swop you two little 'uns for a big 'un?" "Is it an outer or an inner?" "Got the wind up?" "Archie's still at it." "How many letters did you get?" "Poor old Dick got skittled." "Got any Kiwi?" "When's pay-day?" "How is it for five francs?" "Are you set?" "Wish I was a Gunner," "Wish I was a bloomin' Driver," "Damn bully beef," "That's a dud.

These are questions and remarks relating to things that really matter. They indicate the boundaries of our lives and thoughts. They are more important than "Who will I vote for?" or "Who won?"

Politics are now quite foreign to us—as much outside our lives as asparagus, kidney on toast, whiskey-and-soda, back-answering or flirting.

"Who got in?" concerns us hardly at all. What matter to us if they pass Daylight Savings Bills and immediately repeal them? Such things cannot affect either Australia or the "duration"—therefore we dismiss them. What matter if the States are disappointed in their loans? The word "loan" makes us shudder a little, because "Billjim" is nothing if not self-reliant. We also know that Australia is the best place on earth; the most promising both of men and products; so, surely, we argue, they can, "keep going" without continually pawing, cap in hand, their country's future.

But though we are not concerned one iota about Party or Politics, we are concerned, to the heart, about Australia. Australia is out Idol and Ideal. We left it because we loved it, and we left it confident that those who were precluded from joining the forces would strive, and maybe suffer for and in the interests of Australia. They—the nation's trustees—would be loyal; they would be true; they would be "dinkum" trustees. That is all we still ask. That is all that concerns Billjim.

"Party" and "Platform" are but words to us. There should be one end to all parties, all platforms—Australia. If he lives through it all, Billjim is going back to Australia to take up again his gapped life, and he requires to know that Australia will be none the worse for his absence. "Red Flags" and "Class Legislation" are outside Billjim's area—and he doesn't wish to understand them. He wants to know one thing: is Australia—the big Australia—the sole thought of those in command? That is the one question we ask the politician, irrespective of party. Billjim still grasps the plough of war and there is no time for turning back or hesitation.

Besides, Billjim is awfully busy. He is also very determined to finish well his present job. But, some day, when dreams come true, he will go back to the Land of Wattle and Golden Beaches, and Billjim, who is sacrificing his years, some prospects, and, occasionally, his life, will seek out the Politician, the Keeper of the Vineyard, and casually ask "How's things?"

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<td>Last Thursday in each month</td>
<td>C. Nisson, View St., Peppermint Grove</td>
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<td>CARLISLE</td>
<td>Bickford Soldiers’ Memorial Hall</td>
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<td>H. Nicoll, 31 Millar St., Vic. Park</td>
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<td>COLIE</td>
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<td>D. W. Paterson, Swanton St, Collie</td>
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<td>COWARAMUP</td>
<td>Cowaramup Institute</td>
<td>2nd Sunday, 2 p.m.</td>
<td>A. T. Cooke, Cowaramup</td>
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<td>CLAREMONT</td>
<td>Parish Hall, Claremont</td>
<td>First Thursday in each month</td>
<td>Brig. A. M. Martin, C.M.G., D.S.O., Swan Barracks, Perth</td>
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<td>Road Board Hall, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alt. Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. (pension week)</td>
<td>P. R. Allen, 20 Coode St, Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>L. F. Ash, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>Avon Bridge Hotel</td>
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<td>A. S. Childlow, Fitzgerald St, Northam</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Glebe St.</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. James, 21 Marian St, Lederville</td>
<td>St., Northam. Tel. 174</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Hopperton, 30 Waterloo Cres., East Perth</td>
<td>Geo. S. Mellor, Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>(Office hours 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>At Luncheon, ‘Soldiers’ Institute</td>
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<td>C. Longmores, C/o. West Australian, Perth</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>Billiard Saloon</td>
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<td>W. E. Elston, Pithara</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
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<td>RAVENSTHORPE</td>
<td>Miners’ Arms Bldgs., Morgan St.</td>
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<td>H. E. Day, 18 Hensman St., South Perth</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Public Hall, Swan Street</td>
<td>4th Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. A. Wilkins, 262 Hammersly Rd., Subiaco</td>
<td>Benji, Williamson, 87 Salisbury St, Subiaco</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokeby Rd., Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Hammer, Southern Cross</td>
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<td>SOUTHERN CROSS</td>
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<td>M. Collins, Tambellup</td>
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<td>TAMBEILLUP</td>
<td>Road Board Lesser Hall, Toodyay Newsagency</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday</td>
<td>R. A. Johnstone, Toodyay</td>
<td>N. H. Miller, Box 41, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TOODAYAY</td>
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<td>R. V. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
<td>Trayning (3)</td>
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<td>G. J. Robertson</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Every 3rd Wednesday from January 10, 1934</td>
<td>A. C. Shadgett, 13 Gallipoli Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers’ Homes Board, Perth</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Library Hall, Albany Road, Victoria Park</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>P. F. Miller, Taxation Dept, Perth</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwallader, Wubin</td>
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<td>WUBLIN, BUNTINE,</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Thursday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Buntine</td>
<td>J. W. Smethert, 18 Woolwich St, West Lederville</td>
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<td>JIBBERDING</td>
<td>Each place st., commencing Buntine, March 1</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Peters, 57 Woolwich Street, Lederville</td>
<td>L. L. Cruckshank, C/o. Wubin G.M. Ltd.</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge St., Lederville.</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>A. Paterson, Yandil Station, Wiluna</td>
<td>Keith J. Jones, Yealering</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
<td>Mine Boarding House</td>
<td>First Sunday, monthly</td>
<td>C. L. Elsegood, Yealering</td>
<td>C. Vernon Harris, P.O. Box .99, Phone 3</td>
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<td>YEALERING YORK</td>
<td>Commercial Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Korrelecking</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
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<td>1st Saturday, Quarterly</td>
<td>C. Henning, Hamel</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
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**R.S.L. Sub-Branch Women’s Auxiliaries**

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<td>Mrs. O. Taylor, 14 State Street, Victoria Park</td>
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ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

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<td>ARTILLERY COMRADES’ ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday</td>
<td>Bgr.-Gen. A. J. Bessell-Browne</td>
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<td>BLINDED, SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>D. M. Benson, Soldiers Inst., Perth</td>
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<td>ELEVENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard’s Avenue, Leederville</td>
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<td>EX-NAVAL MEN: Fremantle Sub-Section</td>
<td>His Majesty’s Hotel</td>
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<td>J. A. Main, 10 Wray Ave., Fremantle</td>
<td>19 Marion St., Leederville</td>
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<td>FORTY-FOURTH ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>2nd and last Wednesdays</td>
<td>Col. C. H. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George’s Ter., Perth</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>Col. D. M. McWhae (Chairman, R. Rattray, Public Works Department, Perth)</td>
<td>79 William St., Perth</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. J. E. Dunkley, 86 Angove St., Nth. Perth</td>
<td>A. J. R. Rate, Royal Oak</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Annual Re-union, July</td>
<td>G. Abjornson, 19 Esplanade, South Perth</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>J. A. B. Philp, Agricultural Bank, Hay Street, Perth</td>
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Autographed Flags of the War,
DONATION TO AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Through the generosity of Mr. Edward Solomon, of Melbourne, the Australian War Memorial has been enriched by a unique collection of autographed flags, presented by him to the Commonwealth Government. On the completion of the National War Memorial at Canberra they will be accorded a prominent position among the exhibits to be permanently housed there.

His collection includes the flags of most of the Allies, which bear the signatures of rulers, Generalissimo of the Allied Forces, Prime Ministers, army and air chiefs, naval leaders, and of men whose names are linked with famous exploits.

In view of the layman’s well-known difficulty in telling when a flag is right-side up, it is hardly a matter for surprise that two or three in Mr. Solomon’s collection were signed upside down.

Occupying the pride of place is the historic Kitchener Flag, the raffling of which realised £30,000 for the benefit of incapacitated sailors and soldiers. The story of this flag is an interesting one. As a means of raising funds for the purpose stated, Mr. P. W. Tewksbury, of Melbourne, conceived the idea of having an

Australian flag autographed by famous men of the day.

During a visit to England and America in 1916 he was able, by personal interviews and letters of introduction, to secure most of the signatures, but before his quest was finished the flag travelled nearly 200,000 miles and went twice round the world.

It was in the trenches in France, and was there signed by General Joffre, Sir Douglas Haig, the British Commander-in-Chief, General Sir William Birdwood, and Sir William Robertson, Chief of the General Staff. It went into the homes of Mr. Balfour, Lord Rosebery, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, Rudyard Kipling, and others. It was also twice at Buckingham Palace, where the King’s Private Secretary, Lord Sanfordham, signed it, and later the autographs of the King and Queen were added. It travelled to the Admiralty and Whitehall, in London. The Archbishop of Canterbury signed it in the House of Lords. Mr. Lloyd George, in his private office, and Lord Kitchener, Mr. Asquith and his great bank in Wall Street Mr. Pierpoint Morgan, the American millionaire, Viscount Grey in their official rooms. In affixed his signature, Admiral Jellicoe had a star sent to him which he signed and returned.

Having completed its journeyings, the flag was offered as the first prize in an art union in Australia in 1918. Mr. Solomon announced that he was prepared to buy it from the winner for two thousand guineas, and, in addition, gave the art union a start by taking £100 worth of tickets. The average holder of a ticket would probably have preferred the cheque, but there were in fact many subscribers who purchased hundreds in the hope of winning the flag, which, to a collector, would be practising ticket, however, proved to be an actually priceless. The holder of the win-old sailor living in Melbourne, who promptly took the flag to Mr. Solomon and received a cheque.

J. C. CORNISH
M.P.S.
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<td>Before You Build</td>
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<td>Proprietor (late A.I.F.)</td>
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<td>Optician</td>
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<td>D. BELL</td>
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<td>Watchmaker, Jeweller and Engraver</td>
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