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The Namby-Pambyism of Forgetting

The May editorial of "Our Empire," the official organ of the British Empire Service League, concluded with this reference to British ex-service men: "In common with their comrades in the U.S.A. and all Allied countries," the editor states, "they know too much about war lightheartedly to contemplate its repetition. But they also know the horrible penalty of unpreparedness; the havoc that war can wreak on a fair countryside such as Eastern France; the dry-eyed misery that invasion leaves behind it."

That, we think, sums up the attitude of most ex-service men in Australia, and of many others who, for various reasons, are not ex-service men. Unfortunately, those of our pacifists who are most clamant, and most aggressive on paper, have not had first-hand knowledge of war. They see, or profess to see, in the annual commemoration of Anzac Day and Armistice Day, an impetus to future wars, and to use the parrot-cry which has recently become fashionable, a stimulus to "national sentimentalism."

The proposal to hold a Festival of Remembrance on Armistice night, as is done in Great Britain, has not passed beyond the committee stage, as yet, and members of the State Executive are not unanimous upon this subject, which will, in all probability, be a matter for discussion at the next State Congress before a final decision is made. Notwithstanding this, one, John K. Ewers, has assumed the role of spokesman for the younger generation and his attack upon the project, in The West Australian, provoked quite an interesting controversy. With much that appeared in Mr. Ewers' letter, this paper agrees, but his nauseating assumption of intellectual and moral superiority is an insult to the intelligence of ex-service men and calculated to do more harm than good to the cause he advocates. In his ex cathedra assertions, Mr. Ewers displays an abysmal ignorance of the spirit in which Anzac Day and Armistice Day are celebrated. There is no need for a re-statement of our position. There is no need to apologise for it; League speakers and writers have been altogether too apologetic in the past. The fact that the bulk of the public is behind us in the manner in which we yield the homage of remembrance to our slain comrades, and to our less-fortunate living comrades who are still suffering from war disabilities, is more than sufficient to confirm the R.S.L. in its present attitude, even though that attitude may offend omniscient youth, as exemplified by Mr. John K. Ewers.

The pacifism which passeth all understanding has never been able to explain how the Great War could have been averted, nor what course, other than the one they took, lay open to ex-service men. There are the usual standardised assertions that the young men of 1914 were the dupes of propaganda and, of course, we should be very rude were we to hint that those who make such assertions are, themselves, the unconscious dupes of quite another type of propaganda. Curious mental types who believe that their own country is always in the wrong find something inherently wicked in nationalism, to use the clumsy synonym they have devised for patriotism; but this new parrot-cry of emotionalism is cucksure and, like all cocksure things, extremely cheeky.

It is highly amusing when it is raised by Mr. John K. Ewers. Mr. Ewers is, among other things, a writer of verse, and, if we accept the definition of poetry as emotion recollected in tranquillity, Mr. Ewers must be a very emotional man; either that, or he is no poet, for even Mr. Ewers cannot have it both ways. Yet, in his letter to The West Australian, he would have us believe that he is the hard-headed, logical fellow, while those who do not accept his ruling on the matter of remembering war are merely emotional and, by implication, unthinking. After all, our emotions, properly controlled, are not indecent things. Great men have never feared them. The shortest verse in the Bible tells us that Jesus wept. So did Wellington when he beheld the awful carnage in the breach of Badajoz, and again, during his night ride round the field of Waterloo. Poets, musicians, painters and others have given their emotions with a loose rein, and if great men did not fear the emotions, why should Mr. John K. Ewers?

Mr. Ewers has entirely missed the point of ceremonies of remembrance. These Anzac Day and Armistice Day commemorations are not in remembrance of war in general, but of one particular war, the Great War, for it was the greatest war of all history, despite Mr. Ewers' childish objection to the adjective. His condescending approval of the spirit in which Anzac Day was celebrated this year suggests that it is the first Anzac Day commemoration that he has seen. There was no essential difference in this year's observance and the tone of the addresses from those of previous years. Their object is not to provoke another war, nor even to foster the war spirit. The days in question are ann...
verses of events of great military and national significance. Many estimable people believe that we cannot secure peace until we forget war and excise all references to war from school history books. In other words, we should falsify history in the interests of universal peace. A “hush-hush” policy as to the past has never achieved reform in any direction. On the contrary, there are numerous instances in history of such a policy provoking a repetition of the very ills it has aimed at eliminating. Much of course, depends on the point of view, but when all is said and done, how is it humanly possible for ex-service men and others who were scorched by war’s blast, to forget the war? We are more in agreement with the opinion of Captain B. H. Liddell Hart, one of the best-informed and most capable of the multitude of writers on the Great War. Captain Hart amended the old Roman proverb to read, “If you want peace, understand war.” None of us who went through the last war wish to repeat the experience, but we fail to see how the ingratitude-and namby-pambyism of forgetfulness is going to usher in an era of perfect peace. Carping at ex-service men because they prefer to commemorate their dead in their own way, a way which has earned the approval of the general public, cannot alter the course of history, and it will certainly have no effect on the policy of the R.S.L. “Even at the risk of offending a minority of young intellectuals, we refuse to be swayed by every wave of herd hysteria, however popular it may be, however respectable it may seem. After we have passed on to the eternal billet elsewhere, the younger generation may do as they like about the matter.” Meanwhile, let us preserve our sense of proportion, which is but another name for that sense of humor upon which we Britons pride ourselves. As that great preacher, C. H. Spurgeon, once remarked, “There is a medium in all things; only blockheads go to extremes.”

The cocksure impudence and muddled thinking displayed by “The Sunday Times” in its recent attacks on the State Executive cannot fail to remind ex-service men of Mr. Codlin, the noisy showman in Dickens’s “Old Curiosity Shop,” who went about assuring all and sundry that Codlin was the friend and not Short. As readers of The Listening Post are aware, the State Executive has, for some time, been dissatisfied with the pensions position as it applies in this State. Through its efforts, the Executive has procured a gradual improvement, and is aiming at still further improvements; but because it will not play silly beggars with “The Sunday Times” in attacking members of the Repatriation Commission that extraordinary publication has again commenced to lash out in all directions and pose as the champion of the war pensioners. Among the many stupid assertions it has published lately, is the statement that the R.S.L. has lost its punch. This is based on the alleged increase in the numbers of ex-service men who take their troubles to “The Sunday Times” instead of to their own organisation. “We have only the word of “The Sunday Times” for this. No numbers are cited, so those who know that paper and the recklessness of its statements may infer that the number has increased from two or three to four or five.”

On a former occasion we challenged “The Sunday Times” to state definitely, giving names, places and dates, when, if ever, it had done anything for ex-service men that could not have been done more expeditiously and more efficiently by the League. The challenge was not accepted on the grounds that the men allegedly concerned might be victimised —a stupid evasion which deceived nobody. So far from the League losing its punch, our organisation was never stronger nor more influential than it is at the present, and we defy Mr. Codlin of Stirling Street to prove anything to the contrary, and we again challenge him to give particulars of what “The Sunday Times” has ever achieved for the ex-service man, or is ever likely to achieve. That paper never sends a reporter to Executive meetings, nor does it endeavour in any way to correct its own colossal ignorance of the subject on which it professes to be an authority.

As an example of the paper’s unscrupulous attempts to hoodwink the public, consider statements it has published with reference to an association which is already dying a natural death. Referring to an attempt made by a deputation from this organisation of the disgruntled to interview the Minister for Repatriation, “The Sunday Times” stated that the deputation “was given official recognition” and that “in the matter of securing recognition, and a hearing for the deputation, the pensioners have to thank Mr. Harry Gregory, M.H.R., who interested himself on their behalf.” If these statements mean anything at all, they mean the Minister received a deputation which was introduced by Mr. Gregory, and that was the impression created in the minds of the public. Mr. Gregory evidently did not thank “The Sunday Times” for using his name in this connection, for a few days later he caused to be published in “The West Australian” a paragraph acknowledging the valuable assistance given him by R.S.L. officials in advancing the claims of pensioners, and advising ex-service men to join the R.S.L. and strengthen it in its work. Mr. Gregory’s announcement was a virtual smack in the face for “The Sunday Times,” and an endorsement of the Management Committee’s published statement, which de-
scribed the new association as a superfluous one. In trade-union circles the adjective "superfluous" is replaced by a shorter and more forcible one.

In its published statement, which was approved by the State Executive, the Management Committee declared that the Minister for Repatriation declined to receive the deputation referred to, and that therefore the R.S.L. must withhold official recognition from it. Evidently annoyed at this exposure of its deception, "The Sunday Times" published a column or so of polysyllabic bombast attacking the Management Committee and the State Executive. This effort was a mass of misinformation, too palpably stupid to call for a reply. Meanwhile, a public meeting of war pensioners rejected a proposal that a deputation of five members of the new association should wait upon the State Executive to obtain official recognition and to arrange for affiliation with the R.S.L.

Then, on the strength of a telegram from the Minister for Repatriation to the effect that he did not refuse to receive the deputation, but sent his secretary out to see what its members wanted, "The Sunday Times" has the effrontery to accuse the R.S.L. of publishing an untruth and to suggest that a withdrawal is indicated. The vernacular press has a strange way of saddling others with its own sins. The Management Committee's statement was in correction of the impression deliberately created by "The Sunday Times." Neither that body nor the League has anything to retract or apologise for. Though, in his telegram, the Minister seems to differentiate between refusing and declining to see a deputation, the fact remains that he did decline to receive these people, although he received deputations from the R.S.L., and other ex-service men's organisations. This is a plain statement of fact which "The Sunday Times" cannot deny, whatever misrepresentations it may make of the fact in the future.

Anyone familiar with the workings of the State Executive knows that that body does much of its work by means of sub-committees.

Even "The Sunday Times" should know this, yet that ornament of the vernacular press is stupidly brazen enough to hint that the Executive's attitude to the matters under discussion is determined by a small coterie. In other words, two or three individuals lead by the nose the rest of the twenty-one Executive delegates. What am I saying? This suggestion must have provided diggers who have occasionally been present at Executive meetings and heard the debates that occur before the recommendations by the various sub-committees are finally adopted or rejected! "The Sunday Times" suggests that it would be interesting to know who was the mover of the motion that found expression in the Management Committee's recommendation and action. What, in the name of common sense, has that to do with the case. Someone must move and second motions; it is the fate of those motions that matter in the scheme of things; but perhaps "The Sunday Times" wishes to select some individual as its target for that snarling abuse which is its sole claim to originality.

Whichever alternative readers may choose for their individual satisfaction, one thing stands out as plain as a pikestaff. In exploiting the pensioner for circulation purposes, "The Sunday Times" has, in the language of Stirling Street, "Come an awful cropper."

**To Northampton and Back**

**REPORT PRESENTED TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE**

by Colonel H. B. Collett

I have considerable pleasure in submitting a report upon a five days' tour of the Midland and Geraldton district, undertaken at the direction of the State Executive. Primarily, the journey was made in response to an invitation from the Northampton Sub-branch to assist at the ceremony of unveiling a war memorial to the men of Northampton and district who fell during the great conflict. The actual unveiling was to have been performed by the State President, but owing to sickness in his family he had been compelled to leave the State, and before departing had requested me to act for him.

For the occasion I was glad to have the benefit of the company and support of Mr. G. H. Philip, Chairman of the Trustees, and Mr. D. M. Benson, the State Secretary. Mr. Philip gave the necessary time at considerable inconvenience to himself, and also entertained us, as a welcome passenger, Mr. M. Gregson (16th Bn.), who was returning from Perth to his home in Geraldton, where he is an active member of the League.

Leaving Perth at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, May 21, we passed through New Norcia, the scene of Bishop Salva do's great work, and halted for the night at Moora.

The annual general meeting of the sub-branch commenced at 8 p.m. About 25 members were present (Dr. W. S. Myles (late A.M.C.), Vice-President. The sub-branch has been handicapped during the past year by the departure from the district of the President, Major J. F. O'Neill (11th Bn.), and Mr. G. A. Bradshaw (11th Bn.), who was Secretary. However, it was obvious to your delegation that interest in the League had been sustained. On this evening a new set of officers was elected. Mr. W. H.
Boyce (12th Batn.) becomes president, Dr. Myles remains a vice-president, and Mr. A. Glover (16th Batn.) has very kindly undertaken the duties of secretary.

Sunday matters were discussed during "general business." Members earnestly requested that the Trustees of the Agricultural Bank might be induced to visit the local settlers and ascertain for themselves the difficulties that beset them on the land. Complaint was made in regard to the non-issuance of the annual Bankruptcy Act upon the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Act, but enquiry, since made, reveals that the amending Commonwealth Bankruptcy Act, as assented to on the 15th December last, is designed to protect the farmers' rights legislatively of the States. It provides that when a petition is lodged against a farmer, who is under a Relief Act, the State authority administering that Act has to be notified, and he is empowered to apply to the court and obtain a stay order. A discretion is reserved to the court to allow the sequestration to proceed in proper cases, e.g., where the farm is being allowed to go to ruin, but the general purpose of the amendment made by the Commonwealth Parliament was to validate the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Acts.

Resuming the journey north on Saturday morning, we called on the President of the Carnamah Sub-branch, Mr. G. F. Brown (Siege Artillery Brigade, A.I.F.), and, later, at the popular resort of Mr. B. Barnhardt (28th Batn.), located in Three Springs. At 1 p.m. junction was effected with the Yandamoika Sub-branch, and Mr. J. A. Brown (10th A.H.), President, had assembled members and ladies to a number approaching sixty. We were entertained, not only with select company, but also with an excellent lunch, refreshments and exceedingly pleasant two hours. Of course, there were speeches, but these were likewise interesting and confirmatory of zeal for the League's work existing locally as elsewhere throughout the States.

A request was made that the text of the reports of the Land Committee might be published in full in the LISTENING POST for the better information of those directly concerned.

Moving via Miingene, where we heard with regret of the illness of the Chairman of the Road Board (Capt. G. Perrier, M.C., A.A.F.), we reached Dongara. At this point we were intercepted, with good and sufficient reasons, by Mr. A. L. Smith (44th Batn.), but subsequently proceeded on to Geraldton, which was formally occupied at 6.30 p.m.

We willingly allowed ourselves to be taken charge of, in the first instance, by an old friend, in the person of Mr. G. A. Houston (Aust.-Eng.), formerly Mayor of the town, who installed us as his guests in his hotel—the Freemasons'. Found upon the premises also was Mr. A. H. Milford (11th Batn.), who, together with Mr. Milford, did much to make our short stay agreeable.

Joining us later, Mr. A. E. Anderson (16th Batn.), the Country Vice-President, conducted us to the Town Hall, where arrangements for our reception, in the form of a conversation, had been made. This was an unexpected and most flattering compliment to your delegation, and although the cause of some momentary embarrassment, was highly appreciated and most thoroughly enjoyed. The function was unusually well conceived and largely attended, a special feature being the fine quality of the musical programme. Amongst those present, besides members of the League and their wives, were the Mayor (Mr. G. Lester) and Mayoress, Councillors, the Soldiers' Institute Trust, Mrs. McGillivray (the President) and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, representatives of other sub-branches and public bodies of the town. The warmth of the welcome extended by the gathering was a valuable tribute to the standing and prestige of the League, and also marked the esteem in which the local sub-branch is held. In addition it confirmed our own impression of the sterling worth of the work put in by Mr. Anderson himself, who is, undoubtedly, held in high regard by the community.

On Sunday, May 29, a number of carts took the road to Northampton—some 35 miles north of Geraldton. Reaching that town about noon, the first greeting was from that indefatigable worker, Mr. A. Glance (16th Batn.), who is still well connected to the Road Board office, we were privileged to be received by the Chairman, Mr. C. T. Lauder, and his members, supported by several of the leading settlers. The kindliest feelings towards the delegation and its mission were expressed. Later we Luncheoned with the members of the sub-branch, and immediately afterwards Mr. T. Simpson (16th Batn.) requested our attendance at a hurriedly convened meeting of some twelve members of the Upper Chapman unit then present in the town. It was their desire to again impress upon the State Executive, through ourselves, the gravity of the situation that will arise should the reports of the Royal Commission at present sitting and dealing with the wheat industry not provide for substantial and lasting relief for the farmers. The crisis is, of course, fully understood by the Executive—it affects not only 'soldier settlers'—and anything we can do will, I'm sure, be done to bring about the needed improvements.

At 3.30 p.m., a surprisingly large number of ex-service men assembled and marched to the public reserve. Here the people of the district have caused to be erected a memorial to commemorate the services of some 165 men who enlisted in the A.I.F. The memorial takes the form of a obelisk, well executed in granite, so situated as to render the surrounding area susceptible to successful treatment by the planting of ornamental trees and garden plots. It was a great privilege of unveiling the memorial. The ceremony was witnessed by some 700 people—said to be the largest gathering ever known in the town—some of whom had travelled from far distant parts, and presented by Mr. F. L. Ash (11th Batn.), the President of the Northampton Sub-branch. He was supported by the Chairman of the Road Board. Both these gentlemen gave short addresses during the holding of a simple but effective service, and the dedication was done by the Rev. C. G. Tiller.

Upon the memorial were inscribed the names of 46 men who fell in battle. Many relatives laid wreaths.

I think that you can rely upon the people of Northampton taking every care of a work that reflects great credit upon a community having such a fine record of gallant deeds.

In regard to the local observance of Anzac Day, we were informed that satisfactory arrangements and attendances had been recorded at a Commemoration Service, held this year. Particularly noticeable had been the address given by Captain W. C. Cooper (11th Batn.) who is the representative of the Education Department in Northampton.

That evening your representatives returned to Geraldton. Unfortunately the day was marred by a road accident in which the car of the Mayor of Geraldton was involved. I regret to say that one man or six persons were injured. These included the Mayoress, Mrs. McGillivray, and Mrs. Briers (44th Batn.) one of the Councillors. Before we left the town we were relieved to hear that the sufferers were doing well.

Monday morning afforded us a little leisure which was utilized for the purpose of viewing the harthous improvements. These appear to be planned on an extensive scale and are indicative of the confidence, apparently held by all, in the future development and prosperity of the town and port. At 11 a.m. we were the guests.

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of the Mayor and Councillors at a reception arranged in our honour and largely attended by representative citizens. Again flattering references were made to the ideals, policy and operations of the League. Emphasis was given to the satisfactory position that exists in regard to the Soldiers’ Institute Trust. Upon this Trust the Council is worthily represented by an old friend of ours, in Councillor J. T. Clarke. The Institute building itself has been renovated and is now let as a hostel and is bringing in revenue. It was found unsuitable for League purposes. For the future, a piece of ground in a favourable position has been secured and a scheme is under consideration for the erection of another building. A fund has been opened and these projects will be in keeping with the needs and desires of the Sub-branch. It is pleasing to add that complete amity exists amongst all those concerned and this fact does, of course, ensure ultimate success.

Leaving Geraldton at 1 p.m. we called in at Irwin Park near Dongarra, on the request of Mr. Irwin Burgess (10th A.I.H.), who, as a member of the League, is impressed with the need and opportunity for extending the work and proposes to set up a sub-branch. He is confident of securing approximately twenty members and we were glad to be in a position to afford him helpful information. He tendered our visit a most pleasant duty. We reminded with regret that considerable damage to the blocks in this district is being done by wild dogs.

Carnamah was reached during the evening. This was the venue for the last appointment of the tour. Once again we met the troops. This time Carnamah was reinforced in force by reinforcements from Three Springs, Yandanooka and other places. Mr. G. F. Brown made an excellent chairman at a smoke night in which about sixty participated. The music and other items left little to be desired. The Dongarra crayfish retained their beauty—even in death. Nothing was lacking—except some share of the departed’s summer. We were told that it was the coldest night experienced locally for over eighteen months. Our feelings supplied complete verification of the statement. Otherwise we felt that to be privileged to take part in the meeting was one of the many fine rewards for any trouble we may have been put to in undertaking the tour.

On the Tuesday commenced the final stage to Perth. A halt at Maitland for lunch enabled us to visit the local War Memorial. This is well situated but the surrounding area seems to require treatment different to that so far received. The memorial itself is of excellent design. However, the material used in its construction is not above criticism, nor can the “finish” be described as satisfactory. Considering the price said to have been paid for the work a better result might justifiably have been expected. No doubt the local sub-branch will interest itself in this matter.

Our tour ended on May 29th, about 7 p.m. A distance of some 680 miles had been covered and contact gained with eight units. So far as the League is concerned we found conditions which it would be difficult to describe as other than satisfactory. Once again we were reminded of the valuable efforts constantly being put forward by teams of honorary officers whose enthusiasm knows no ordinary limitations. Kindness and generous hospitality was extended to us on all occasions. We acknowledge this most gratefully, not wholly for personal reasons, but because that which was done illustrated how active still is that spirit of helpfulness and comradeship once so highly prized in the field. It marked also the sincere regard for our organisation possessed not only by the members, but also by the communities in which they reside. To this last The Geraldton Guardian of May 31 gives point in a leading article from which I extract the following:

“...one of the ideals of the R.S.L. is to encourage amongst its members a readiness to take their part in the many directions in which work can be done for the benefit of the community. And right valiantly are large numbers of ex-service men responding to the call that their country requires their help in the years of peace just as much as it did in the troubled years of war. There will always be plenty of opportunities in civil life for those who are anxious to help in the task of making the world a little better than they found it. Such service will act as an inspiration to the rising generation to emulate the example of those who preceded them, and in their day and time to help to tackle the problems of a war-weary world, and help to make it possible for everyone to get the utmost good out of life.”

The speeches made at the various functions were in every instance encouraging and helpful to our work. Interest was shown in matters affecting pensions, land settlement, amelioration, women’s auxiliaries, the S.S.I., and especially in the promotion of good citizenship. Many enquiries were made as to the purpose and progress of Anzac House. These were, I’m sure, answered fully and satisfactorily.

We found the Imperial Ex-Service man quite at home and everywhere without specific complaint.

In concluding I wish to say that to Mr. Philp and the State Secretary I am indebted for excellent companionship and for the performance of more than a fair share of useful work. They quite successfully demonstrated how teams can function in the manner suggested recently by the Finance Committee when submitting a scheme for regular planned visits.

Said the judge in the dentist’s chair, “Do you swear that you will pull the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth?”

Action on Federal Congress Resolutions

The Federal Secretary forwards the following information with reference to resolutions passed at the 18th Annual Congress.

LOCAL MEDICAL OFFICER

“That the Repatriation Department be requested to appoint the Local Medical Officer to sit with the Departmental Medical Officer on all examinations of war pensioners that are carried out in the district for which the Local Medical Officer is appointed.”

The adoption of this suggestion would not be acceptable to very many local medical officers.

Occasions do arise when the local medical officer is called upon to review a pension, but it is understandable that the possible effect on their private practice makes them chary about undertaking this duty as a regular practice.

When a medical officer is sent by a branch office to undertake country reviews, he has the necessary medical facts in his possession, and, in ordinary circumstances, he is in a position to assess with equity, after examining the pensioner, the degree of physical or mental damage which is related to his war service. It frequently occurs that a medical officer employed on this duty consults with the local medical officer before arriving at his assessment, especially where the ex-soldier has been under treatment by that gentleman.

There is one important aspect of this matter which appears to have been overlooked, and that is the absence of local medical officer, in the ordinary course of
private practice during the visit of the branch medical officer. This has two main sides, the visiting as a routine of other towns in an area, and the attendance of private patients. While the former may, in some instances, be possible of adjustment to fit in with the pension examinations, the demands of private practice involving long journeys or a protracted stay with a patient would defeat any attempt to put this suggestion into practice.

DEDUCTION FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' SICK PAY

"That representations be made to the Federal Government that in the event of an inmate of a Military Hospital applying for medical sustenance, sick-pay received from a Friendly Society, Lodge, and Union be not classed as income."

It is desired to make it clear that Repatriation Sustenance is now looked upon more in the nature of a subsistence allowance, and the ex-soldier's "income" from all sources must be taken into account when computing the amount of sustenance payable. This means that such "income" as salary, wages, sick-pay, lodge benefits, rent, interest, dividends, etc., received by an ex-soldier in respect of a period of medical treatment for his war disabilities cannot be disregarded when considering his eligibility to receive sustenance under the Repatriation Regulations.

In regard to lodge or friendly society benefits, such as sick-pay, it has been ruled that the amount to be taken into account would be the nett amount only, that an ex-soldier lodge beneficiary received, i.e., subscriptions are deducted from the weekly amount received.

It is not obligatory upon an ex-soldier who is a member of a lodge, or other benefit society, to apply for, or accept, "Sick-pay" or other similar benefit from his lodge or society while he is undergoing hospital treatment for his war disabilities, and he is not, of course, penalised by the Department for not so doing. At his own discretion he is entitled to draw Repatriation Sustenance (if otherwise eligible) instead of participating in lodge benefits in respect of the particular period concerned, and thus, as well as conserving the fund of his society he also conserves, purely for his "civilian" illnesses, his full sick-pay rights.

PERSONAL ATTENDANCE OF APPLICANT BEFORE STATE REPATRIATION BOARD

"That representations be made to the Federal Government that applicants for War Pensions be entitled to personally attend before the State Repatriation Board."

When an application is submitted for either medical treatment or war pension, there is appropriate medical examination, involving in some instances indoor admittance to General Hospital for investigation and diagnosis. Pathological, Radiological and other tests are made as required by the signs and symptoms. The applicant is invited to and assisted in preparing all the other evidence as to absence from work, ill-health, treatment, etc., in the intervening years since discharge from the Forces. When the evidence is marshalled it is placed before the Repatriation Board for decision, but no good purpose would be served by the attendance of the ex-soldier concerned. If given effect to, this resolution would increase the volume of work tremendously without added benefit; but in any case, on the grounds of increased expenditure alone the Government is precluded from giving its approval.

You are aware that there is a nominee of soldier organisations who sits as a member of the State Board, which is a safeguard, if one is needed, that the cases coming up for decision receive appropriate consideration.

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"That the Repatriation Commission be asked to grant first-class rail tickets and free sleeping accommodation to returned soldiers having to travel long distances for medical treatment or examination."

Some years ago the Repatriation Commission advised all its Deputy Commissioners that every case must be considered and decided on its merits, and that when doing so due regard was to be had to such factors as the nature of the man's disability, his physical condition for the time being, the length of the journey involved, and the standard of railway or other accommodation available. The Repatriation Commission states that decisions are given with an appropriate measure of liberality, and it is not considered that any change is necessary.

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The Folly of Forgetting

(By E. S. Watt)

It is evident from the many and diversified opinions expressed by correspondents in the "West Australian" during the "Remembering War" controversy, that there is a school of thought whose adherents honestly believe that the best means of preventing war is to forget past wars.

Those of us who served in the Great War, and consequently "cannot forget," have no doubt about the futility of war. Doubts are often cast on our sincerity when we state that we would steadfastly support all legitimate and proper means having as their objective the maintenance of world peace. Could any sane man honestly support a system which in four years was responsible for the ruthless slaughter of ten million men built in the likeness of their Maker, broke as many more in body and mind, and in the inferno of destruction and waste squandered thousands of million pounds of wealth?

Who but a few cranks among us would deny that we fought for a righteous cause, and what sane man can honestly deny what would have been the result as known to us had we remained neutral or had we been defeated? Don't let us become apologetic because we did our duty, even if the results were disappointing. Certainly the black clouds of war receding left behind a torn, dazed and bleeding world, but liberty and justice had triumphed, popular and just government was rendered more secure, and modern civilisation was preserved. The Victory was certainly worth some sacrifice.

And now we are urged to forget. To forget is to lose valuable experiences and lessons dearly bought. In forgetfulness lies the breeding ground of future wars, and is an evidence of ingratitude to those who made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf. The commemoration of Armistice Day, Anzac Day, and all the intervening acts and homage at the war shrines are the best possible antidotes to aggressive militarism.

It is certain that the next war will be fomented by the young men, unless they are made to realise something of the cost and ghastliness of war. We owe it to those who fell in battle to see that their desires and dreams for peace come true, and we mustn't forget—we dare not forget. It's too dangerous.

When thinking people subscribe to the doctrine of forgetfulness, one thinks of that epic of human cruelty, and sublime suffering and sacrifice, Calvary, and wonders what the world would have gained by scrapping all its reminders and forgetting.

Malcolm Humphrey expressed what I have in mind in these simple verses:

"Forget the war," the loud cry starts From empty lips, and shallow hearts. "Since life is short, come and be gay. Forget the past, live for to-day." Of what do they dead? Lo, they are dead; More pleasant paths we choose to tread. And so they leave the war behind. What care they for the maimed and blind? But many eyes are dim and wet, Who lost their all—Can they forget? Will not the broken, too, retain Always the memory and the pain? They chose to give—and paid the price In choosing greater sacrifice, To them you owe your freedom's debt, Brothers, will you so soon forget? Returned-men should strenuously resist the wiles of the peace crank. Although it is tragic to have to admit it, we now know that the seeds of war have not been destroyed, and the obligation to defend his country from foreign oppression should still be the first condition of any man's citizenship. In adopting this attitude, we are not illogical, we are realists. While endeavouring to win the nations to the ideal of peace by preaching the futility of war, we are not prepared to leave our country their defenceless prey in the event of the rejection of our advances. It is as true today as it was in the days of Pericles, "that prosperity can only be for the free, that freedom is the sure possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it."

It has been said that war has a brutalising influence on its participants. On the contrary, it brings out and develops the virtues of courage, fortitude, faithfulness, self-sacrifice, self-discipline, devotion, and the wonderful comradeship that was such an outstanding characteristic of the British forces in the war. How much better for the world it would be if those aspects of the war-time spirit could be carried into the daily activities of peace.

Mr. John K. Ewerts, the gentleman who possesses such a warped sense of what is hoped for and achieved by the post-war memorial services is evidently of the opinion that because we have progressed in other ways since the stone age it should not be necessary to be prepared to defend our country if attacked.

We are told in the Holy Writ that when the children of Israel had settled down in the land of Canaan, after violently dispossessing their predecessors, they beat their swords into ploughshares, their spears into reaping hooks, and sat down to dream serenely of an era of universal peace. So it has been through the ages, from the days of Joshua to the days of Foch and Haig. But to urge that as
human beings have fought since the dawn of time, they will continue to fight while the world lasts is tantamount to a supine acquiescence in the suicide of the human race. Although the world has perforce remained an armed camp, endeavours have not been wanting to realise the dream of universal peace. Throughout history efforts towards the attainment of this end have fallen into one of two categories. Either through preparedness for war backed by powerful alliances, or complete disarmament, with the idea that, if you do not provoke the other fellow he will not strike you. The extreme example of the latter is the case of Korea, and this policy resulted in that peace-loving country being oppressed and exploited alternately by her powerful neighbours, China and Japan. Present-day Europe appears to be making an effort to reconcile both policies.

When Mr. Ewers can feel safe in leaving his valuables on the table and go out with the door open, then and then only will it be safe for Australia to completely disarm.

Resolutions railing at war won't give us peace. The life of a nation is its individuals, therefore, let us begin with fundamentals, and educate our citizens in the solid facts of world history, to fit them for the task of procuring lasting peace by a programme of intelligence and practicability.

But in our worthy advocacy of world peace, don't allow any shadow to fall across the graves of those of our kith and kin who made the supreme sacrifice. They died not because they wanted war, but because they loved peace.

The exultant strains of "The Reveille" on Anzac and Armistice Days, with its motif of the spirit of joyful resurrection, I am sure inspires returned men with the determination to work for peace, so that their sons and daughters may be spared the sights their fathers witnessed, and the agony of suspense their mothers endured during those bitter years.

Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—Lest we forget!

Buy a Brick for Anzac House

A NOVEL SCHEME TO ASSIST THE BUILDING FUND

The Anzac Gymkhana Committee has been authorised by the State Executive to conduct an appeal, which is to be known as the "Buy A Brick For Anzac House Appeal." The scheme was placed before a meeting of representatives of metropolitan Sub-Branches on Monday, the 11th June, and adopted with slight adjustments.

Competition

The project is of a competitive nature, and is so arranged that irrespective of the membership of a sub-branch or ladies' auxiliary, all will have an equal chance of winning the prize. The R.S.L. Sub-Branches and Women's Auxiliaries will compete in the one competition, and a special competition has been arranged so that the S.S.L. Sub-Branches can participate. The opening date has been fixed at the 1st July, and the closing date October 6th.

The Idea

The winning Sub-Branch or Auxiliary will be the one which makes the best returns in ratio to its membership, therefore, the weakest are on equal terms with the strongest. The membership basis is that which will be recorded at the State office on June 30th, 1934. Sub-Branches and Auxiliaries will be supplied with tokens, which are of a very neat design, and these will be sold by the Sub-Branch members at not less than 1/- each. Sub-Branches may conduct any form of entertainment they think fit to help this appeal along, and provision is being made to recognise donations of greater amounts. The competition amongst the S.S.L. Sub-Branches will be on a similar basis, but they are not expected to compete against the parent Sub-Branches and Auxiliaries.

The Prizes

The Sub-Branch or Auxiliary which wins this competition will be awarded a first-class return to Melbourne with £10 expenses added for any member to visit the Centenary celebrations or the Melbourne Cup. The second prize will be an order valued at seven guineas on the R.S.L. Trading Co. A special prize of £3/3/- has been set aside for the winning S.S.L. Sub-Branch. Should the winners so desire, a cash equivalent will be paid in lieu of the first and second prizes. The allocation of the prizes is left entirely to the sub-branch or auxiliary itself. The only condition imposed by the organising committee is that the allotting of the prizes must be done at a regular meeting of the sub-branch or auxiliary concerned.

The Organising Committee is a particularly strong one, and it is composed of P. R. Allen (Chairman), W. J. Hunt (Anzac House Committee), W. James (North Perth Sub-Branch), J. Lynch (Fremantle Sub-Branch), T. Sibbritt (Belmont Sub-Branch), R. Biggs (Press Sub-Branch), W. Lovell (Maylands Sub-Branch), P. Ross (West Perth Sub-Branch), and G. S. Mellor (Perth) doing the secretarial work.

In this issue of the Listening Post appears a letter which you can use to communicate with your Sub-Branch Secretary, and which will enable you to get busy early and give your Sub-Branch a good start in this competition.

All ex-service men and women must realise that the cause is a most worthy one, so the scheme is put forward with confidence, the committee recognising the fact that a headquarters such as Anzac House will be, is a real necessity for the betterment of all League activities.
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ADDRESS

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The Secretary,

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Empire and Local Trading

Empire Shopping Week A Great Success

Encouraged by the success of the recent Empire Shopping Week, the Empire Trading and Local Products Council, which conducted the Week, decided recently to continue its activities throughout the year. Reporting to this effect to the State Executive, which played a prominent part in the organisation, the Chairman of the Council (Mr. E. S. Watt) expressed satisfaction at the degree of help received from supporters. He said that such thorough organisation should not be allowed to slip apart, and it was intended, therefore, to stand behind the Industries Department in future in arranging local exhibitions. Accordingly, it had been decided to hold displays as follows:—Maylands, June 18, 19 and 20; Midland Junction, June 23, 25 and 26; Victoria Park, June 28, 29 and 30; South Perth, July 2, 3 and 4; Claremont, July 5, 6 and 7; Fremantle (tentative); July 9, 10 and 11; Subiaco and Nedlands, later. Mr. Watt congratulated the honorary organiser (Mr. Hastings C. Reid), who, he said, had earned the greatest credit for his major share of the work. (Applause.)

Mr. Reid, who had been invited to the meeting, submitted the following comprehensive report, which was adopted with acclamation.

Speaking from a knowledge borne of eight years' association with this particular movement, I should say that the Week this year has been one of outstanding value from the point of view of the end it was desired to gain. The fact that approximately 2,000 persons were actively co-operating with the Council in almost every part of the State, and that these helpers had been able to enlist the support in the campaign of about the same number of shopkeepers and traders, speaks volumes for the enthusiasm and energy of all concerned. The result of the effort was that during the Week there was presented for the approval and detection of the public the largest and most imposing array of Empire and local products ever shown simultaneously in Western Australia. It is not possible at the moment to give an estimate in figures of the extent to which the public took notice of and responded to the appeals that were made to their loyalty and common sense, but it can be stated positively that on every day of the Week in question the demand for the classes of goods, whose cause it was sought to espouse, far exceeded that of any other week in the year. Particular interest, it may be observed, was displayed in the large variety of local products that graced the windows and shelves of the various trading establishments, and countless numbers of shoppers specially asked for goods of Western Australian manufacture. Upwards of 5,000 persons in this State have been absorbed into local industries in the last 12 months, so we are informed. It is felt that if authoritative figures could be published every month henceforward indicating that this improvement was still being made manifest, the public would more than ever be brought to realise that it was by their efforts that the situation was primarily being relieved.

"With regard to Empire products generally, it is perhaps idle to suggest that whatever the public may have felt impelled to do while the Week was in, they will continue to do those things for the remainder of the year. The facts stand out clearly, however, that every pound spent within the Empire is one pound less that would be going to some other country with which Western Australia has no family tie whatever, and that scarcely a commodity can be mentioned as coming within the requirements of the citizens of this State that is not available to them from some part of the Empire. With what overseas country has Western Australia a closer tie than it has with Great Britain, and whose goods can lay a greater claim to public attention in this State than those from Great Britain?"

"Associated with the campaign was of necessity the supply of the requisite propaganda, with which to appeal to shoppers and with which to enable the traders to embellish their displays. Of the 16,000 posters that were made available, and circulated amongst the 200 branch organisations which came to the Council, 4,000 were despatched from London, and 12,000 were printed locally (of three kinds) by the Council. There are still in hand some undistributed locally produced posters, and these are being passed on to the Department of Industries for use at the various exhibitions of local products that will be arranged from time to time.

"In reviewing the work which was accomplished during the two months campaign, I desire to acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude the unselfish and zealous efforts of the R.S.L. sub-branches and their auxiliaries. It can well be imagined that these intensely patriotic men and women had duties of their own to perform, but were they never so important they were cheerfully set aside at the behest of the Council, and the new ones assumed. It is perhaps wrong to refer to these duties as "new" in association with the R.S.L., because it is well known that part of the policy of the organisation is to keep before the public all the year round the undoubted claims to their notice of Empire goods, be they of Western Australian origin, or that of some other part of the Empire. Principally through the medium of these sub-branches there was put into circulation practically the whole of the Council's propaganda, and a State-wide interest in the movement aroused that has never been equalled in any previous year. By no means the least important part of their work lay in helping, by example as well as by precept, to break down some of the prejudice that still seems to exist against goods that are produced within our own borders, and in proving that whilst distant fields ever look greener they are not always the best.

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THE OFFENSIVE IN FLANDERS IN 1917

Commenting on the fighting at Bullecourt, Captain C. E. W. Bean, the official historian of the A.I.F., wrote: "The Second Battle of Bullecourt was, in some ways, the stouter achievement of the Australian soldier in France, carried through against the stubbornest enemy of the whole war. Fortunately, it was the last such achievement. When next the Australian infantry divisions entered battle, they found their actions directed by higher leadership of a strikingly different order. "Nowhere was this more apparent than in the Messines offensive a month later."

By the end of April, the German submarine campaign had reached its most critical stage, and there were signs that the Russian morale was weakening. Consequently, no relaxation of effort on the Western Front could be thought of, but with the replacement of Nivelle by Petain came a change of policy more in tune with Haig's own. The Allied chiefs were in agreement that grandiose attempts, such as Nivelle's own, to break through towards a distant objective, did not pay. With the exception of the first stage of the Arras-Vimy battle, the whole offensive, including Nivelle's, had been too costly. "The only successes attainable," writes Captain Bean, "seemed to be those secured by minutely prepared offensives with limited objectives. But, with the artillery now available to the Allies, successes of that sort should be attainable whenever desired. It was only when infantry advanced beyond the protecting barreling of their own guns that they suffered heavy losses out of proportion to the value of their gains. The agreement reached by the Allied generals and politicians encouraged Haig to carry out his projected Flanders offensive.

THE NEW PLAN

It was a definite part of Haig's plan for a Flanders offensive, "that it should lead eventually to a breaking through and to the gaining of positions so important to the enemy that their capture might end the war by causing the German people to despair of winning it. One feature of the plan was the capture of the Messines-Wytschaete Ridge, the intruding height from which the Germans looked down on the Second Army's line south of Ypres."

Before the offensive commenced, the Fourth Australian Division was transferred to the II Anzac Corps. This corps, now comprising the Third and Fourth Australian and the

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New Zealand Divisions, formed part of the Second Army. The Third Division, commanded by Major-General John Monash, was formed in Australia, and before its arrival in France at the beginning of the previous winter it had undergone a long and valuable period of intensive training on Salisbury Plains. The "Eggs-a-Cook," as the veterans of Gallipoli and the Somme nicknamed the new division, on account of its oval shoulder patches, contained splendid material, and had the reputation of being one of the best-trained, best-equipped, and best-disciplined divisions in the whole army. During the winter it had been well "blooded" in Flanders, and had established an enviable reputation in raiding and other departments of static warfare. Messines was its first big offensive.

**MESSINES**

Probably no battle in the history of war was more carefully planned or more carefully rehearsed than Messines, and although Plumer, the commander of the Second Army, and Harrington, his Chief-of-Staff, have been charged with overcaution, fewer brilliant successes have been won with such a relatively small death-roll. Apart from the fact that it was the Third Division's debut, Messines was an interesting battle from several other points of view. It was practically the first instance of the successful application of the new tank arm. In this battle, too, the Australians first encountered the "pill-boxes," those concrete blockhouses which formed such an important feature of the new German system of defence in depth. The battle was a masterly exposition of leadership from divisions down to platoons. It was the Australians' first experience of a covered machine-gun barrage, and the battle opened with the crashing, bewildering overture of mine explosions. Here, one may pause to mention the excellent work of the Tunnelling Companies of the A.I.F. The 3rd Tunnelling Company was recruited mainly from Western Australian miners, and their work has received the highest meed of praise from the official historian. On their way through Ploegsteert Wood to their assembly points, on the night of June 6, the battalions of the Third Division had to endure a severe drenching of gas shells. Altogether, about 500 of all ranks were put out of action during this stage of attack, mostly by gas in this wood. At 3.50 a.m. came the tremendous explosion of nineteen mines. The effect on the German troops in the front line is indescribable. Even those Australians nearest the explosions were dazzled, especially as the mines had blown up a few minutes before the expected time, and, for a while, there was the uneasy feeling that the wily German had forestalled us with a counter-mine. Vast craters, 30 feet wide and from 50 to 70 feet in depth appeared. Huge mounds of debris piled themselves in the track of the attacking troops, and each individual explosion obliterated the garrison of some 150 yards of trench.

**THE TWO PHASES**

This stupendous opening, followed by the artillery and machine-gun barrage, facilitated the attack of the 10th Brigade of the Third Division and the New Zealanders, to whom were entrusted the opening phases of the attack. The German barrage and the drenching of gas shells ceased almost as soon as our attack was launched, and all objectives were taken with little opposition. Having reached their new alignment, the New Zealanders and the 10th Brigade methodically commenced to dig in and consolidate.

The second phase of the battle was the afternoon attack of the 9th Brigade (Third Division) and the 12th and 13th Brigade (Fourth Division). During the process of assembly, the 12th and 13th Brigades were heavily shelled. It was here that Colonel Pope, of the 32nd Battalion (afterwards Commissioner for Railways in West Australia) was severely wounded. This bombardment was the preparation for an extensive German counter-attack, which, however, melted away under British shell, machine-gun and rifle fire. It was during this afternoon attack, in the neighbourhood of the Hun's Walk, that "pill-boxes" were first encountered, and the stories of their subjugation are epic of gallantry and resourcefulness. All objectives were taken and held, but there ensued several days of hobbling, consolidating, and hard fighting before our troops remained undisturbed masters of the ground they had gained so brilliantly.

The State Secretary requests us to acknowledge on behalf of the Anzac House Building Fund the receipt of a donation of £1 from "A Growler," 16th Battalion, A.I.F. The official receipt number is 132, dated June 13.

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Personalities

Diggers who are business men, and many who are not, will miss the cheery smile and genial personality of Charlie Robson, who died suddenly last month. During the war, Charlie served with the 8th A.F.A., and has taken a very active part in the affairs of the Unit Association. As representative of the Emu Brewery, he was one of the best-known and best liked men of Perth. His jovial greeting and breezy manner were as good as any tonic in these trying times, and though he was a great sufferer of late, few of his friends knew how very ill he was. For some weeks before his death he had experienced an apparent improvement in health, but a sudden relapse robbed many a digger of a good companion and a valued friend. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his sorrowing family.

Ross Keesing, formerly of Port Hedland and Claremont, is now carrying on good work for the League at Muntadgin, where he has linked up with the local sub-branch. During the week we received one of his characteristically cheerful letters, in which he says "I have settled down well to the work here, which at first was all new to me, and might say that I like it very well, as also do all the family." Like everyone else, Ross has had his worries since peace broke out, but he is just the lad to present a brave front to difficulties, and that is half the battle in overcoming them.

Among the recipients of Birthday Honours, this year, is Lieutenant-Colonel L. M. Mullen, C.M.G., D.S.O., who was awarded the C.M.G. Colonel Mullen, now President of the Tasmanian Branch of the R.S.L., is a veteran of two wars. As a youth, he served in the South African War as a private of the 5th Victorian Mounted Rifles, and was in the action at Wilmansrust when that regiment was so severely cut up by the Boers. After the re-organisation of the Commonwealth Military Forces, L. M. Mullen, then an infantry lieutenant, was appointed Area Officer at Burnie, in Northern Tasmania. He left Australia in 1914 as transport officer of the 12th Battalion, A.I.F., but going into a company, was wounded on Gallipoli. He was temporarily in command of the 11th Battalion in September, 1916, and in the December of that year, he was appointed to the command of the 9th Battalion. Among his decorations are the D.S.O., and the Belgian Croix de Guerre. After the war he held several civil appointments in Tasmania, and, since 1928, has been governor of the Hobart Gaol. Colonel Mullen was elected President of the Tasmanian Branch of the R.S.L., in June, 1922, and has held that office for twelve years without a break.

One Australian lady to be honoured by His Majesty the King, on the occasion of his birthday this year, is Mrs. Manning, wife of Colonel C. H. E. Manning, D.S.O., O.B.E., of Perth. Mrs. Manning, who receives the O.B.E., is president of the Women's Immigration Auxiliary Council in Perth, and has, for many years, carried out important welfare work among British migrants, especially those who joined the group settlements in the South-West of this State. Recently, pressure of other work compelled Mrs. Manning to resign the presidency of the Friendly Union of Soldiers' Wives, an office she had held since the war.

It may be that one of our readers is wanting some repairs or additions to his house and is desirous of knowing where a good returned soldier can be found to do the job. We suggest getting in touch with Andy Hughes, of 31 Joseph Street, Wembley, who will give an estimate and do a good job. Andy is a member of the West Leederville Sub-branch, and served abroad with the 51st Battalion.

Diggers should stick to one another when possible, and often only a gentle reminder is necessary to get them to look for a digger in business when purchasing commodities. This also refers to tickets in the Charities Consultations. George Rapp's selling stand is in the Royal Arcade, Perth. George is a member of the Perth Sub-branch.

A visitor during the month to League Headquarters was big Bill Armstrong, of Cranbrook. Ever since the war Bill has been a great worker in the League. His unit abroad was the 11th Battalion.

In a recent issue of the Sunday Times, a semi-educated curiosity made reference to "the Unknown Soldier of The Listening Post," and went on to say because the Sunday Times has published unpalatable facts about the pensions position we are faced with the hard work of concocting a reply. Strangely enough, the Old Lady of Stirling Street never has published facts about war pensions, palatable or otherwise, and The Listening Post, having access to first-hand information, and not being obliged to glean misinformation from hearsay in bars and elsewhere, has no need to "concoct" a reply. Even if a reply were necessary, it would not be hard work. It is only too easy to refute the Sunday Times' obvious fallacies. We neither knew nor care who is meant by the Unknown Soldier of The Listening Post. As is well-known, even in Stirling Street, it is preferable to be favourably unknown than to be known unfavourably.

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The Dawn Picture

The "Dawn Picture," which is reproduced elsewhere in this issue, and which is being purchased for the League for Anzac House, is a striking painting by G. Benson.

Although the canvas is related to war in the abstract, or to the aftermath and inevitable consequences of mass strife, it is not a war painting in the usual sense of the term. Indeed, so far from being a glorification of conflict, or an attempt to lead men's minds to a belief that war, for all its horrors, has its aspect of sublimity, this painting is a powerful preaching against that vague emotionalism and loose sentimentality which, even in these days, is sometimes permitted to obscure the truth.

Mischievous militarism, the selfish nationalistic outlook, jingoistic flag-flapping, bellicose talk from ossifying armchair warriors—it is against such things as these that the picture under review aims its quiet, but none the less devastating, satire. It is not in any way an expression of contempt for the profession of arms, but, properly regarded, is an expression of keenly-felt reverence for those whom war destroyed in their prime.

But it is something more than a tribute; it is a treatise in paint. It says to all men, more clearly than words could convey: "Assess the gain, but count the cost." While no sane human being can be indifferent to the devotion and sacrifice of the soldier, who are we that we should ever feel justified in accepting such things again?" And since human memory is short, and the warmest heart is all too apt to become chilled by time, the canvas bids us remember that there are few things more contemptible than to accept the gifts and forget the giver, and that the free men who make up the British peoples all over the world will no longer be worthy of their freedom when they have grown unmindful of those by whom it was assured to them.

In the foreground of the canvas are citizens of the State taking part in the dawn ceremony of remembrance at King's Park, around the national memorial to the war dead. In the background, marching rank on rank amid the sacrificial clouds of daybreak above the hills in the east, is the army of the slain. For them, the day's high work is over and done; they cancelled all their joys and laid down their youth for the sake of their fellows, but the glory of their deed did not end with their deaths, because in its influence upon human destiny it shall be never-ending. "Something of the eternal significance of sacrifice, as of all the highest virtues which are possessed by the man of selfless temper, is suggested by the artist in the dim unearthly light with which he has clothed his marching host. Here are not men, but spirits, born into immortal life. Having loved greatly they now have love's reward, and removed from earth's joys and sorrows they go forward into eternity with peace in their hearts and tranquillity all around them.

References to Merredin in Colonel Olden's report of his visit to that centre are the subject of an explanation from the LISTENING POST's old friend, "Dick" Law. Saturday night, being a late shopping night in Merredin, is the worst possible night for a visit, and with only two days' notice and without information of the exact time of the visitor's arrival, it was impossible to round up more of the boys to meet him.

In view of the criticism of a country sub-branch wanting a hall of its own when it is situated in a town possessing a theatre, railway institute, and a town hall, which was placed at the disposal of the League free of charge, Dick goes on to explain that the real position is that the theatre is not available to the sub-branch for its meetings. The railway institute is for railwaymen only, and the Town Hall is hired to the sub-branch at the ordinary rates, with the proviso that it is not available if required for other purposes. At the dates of two recent meetings it was required for other purposes, so that the meetings had to be postponed, with unhappy results. Merredin Sub-branch does appreciate the Anzac House idea, and is making efforts to raise funds for that purpose. One such function has been held since Colonel Olden's visit, and another is under way.

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THE STORY OF UM REGAB
By Lieut.-Col. N. B. De Lancy Forth, in *The Kia Ora Coo-ee*, of April, 1918.

This is the story of the Mother of Regab told by her one evening, after she had carried Regab's evening meal, balanced on her head, from the Company Harrimat to the Camel Picketing Lines. Sitting on the sand, she told her story naturally and simply, and all little Engishdners should hear it, then ponder over it, and think.

I was the wife of an Arab, who lived in the country to the west. He took me to wife before I had grown my full height, and before I knew how to bake Kista, or how to brew good, strong Marrisa (native beer). But for five years I lived with him, and we were happy, and each year I had a child. Our grain pits were always full, and we had three grass houses in our Hosh, and cows, with much milk for our children.

One night I was carrying grain in baskets with my sister to the market, when merchants from Kordofan sprang on us. My sister was younger than I, and had not many children, so could run faster; she escaped, and fled into the night. But I was caught, tied on a camel, and the thieves carried me away. I have never seen or heard since of my husband or five children, and that time has passed and gone; but the children must be a long time grown, and scattered now, with other children of their own. A slave told me my sister married a man, and went with him to Mecca, though that story may not be true.

Tied to my camel, we travelled fast towards the East. My camel was rough, and I was unhappy and tired, and at night the merchants used me. For eight days we travelled till we came to a town with a market, and there I was placed for sale; but the market was full, and I was a woman who had had many children, and my captors refused the offers made for me. Then one merchant took me from the rest, and we travelled many days, still to the east, to a mountain standing high by itself in a plain; and there the merchant exchanged me for a female camel. The camel was a strong Nagar, and always bred. My owner was half an Arab and half a black; he married me, and then Regab was born.

Regab had been born for eight rains when one day men on horses with spears came down on us like locusts, between the village and our mountains. They said they were the true Mahdi's men, but they drove our cattle away, and tied a fork of wood to my husband's neck, and the neck of the other men; and then drove us all like thirsty sheep, in herds to El Obeid, to cultivate for the Mahdi's army. Thank God Regab could walk, and had seen eight rains; other children died by the road.

We lived with the army and Mahmud, who ruled us, and worked hard cultivating grain for the soldiers. My husband one day escaped while a sandstorm blew, but Regab and I were left, and worked every day for the army for two rains. Then, when I was picking the heads of the durra stalks in the cultivation close to the town, when the durra was higher than a man's height, a thief crept through the standing stalks: and threw me to the ground; he kept me hidden until it was dark, and then made me walk with him beside his donkey throughout the night. By day we hid, and at night we travelled until we came to Dilling and the Nubi Hills, and he sold me then to a Begarra Arab with cattle, for nine rials (about £2).

This man only wanted me for work; I was ageing and tired, and fit only for that; but I worked so hard with these arms that I made much money for my master, and with it he paid the marriage dowry for a wife, whom he married. The wife was unhappy to me, and kept me always tired; but I lived, and the wife had seven children, and I worked all the time with these arms. Regab, my little son, was taken with Mahmud's soldiers to Omdurman, and when the English came he was a man. When the English entered the town, Regab was frightened, and ran with the others to the south; but when no men or women were harmed by the white soldiers, he came back, and then went with the Mahon Pasha (now General Mahon, Commanding Troops in Ireland) to El Ebeid, where he joined the police. He rode a camel, which he took from 3 villagers, to do his patrolling. But the Pasha said, "Now this Government has come, the villagers are to keep their animals, and the Government servants must not take animals and women, as they did in the old days." So Regab had no animal, and left the police. He travelled many days until he came to the Mountain where he was born, and then found his father, and his father said "Your mother is dead by now, thieves have killed her." But Regab said, "Now there are to be no more thieves in this country, the Pasha has said; and I will search for my mother till I die." He searched and searched, but got no news. Then he met some "brothers," who said "Join the Hagana (Came Corps); the Hagana travel the whole world, and know everything; their pay is given to them twice a month, and the days of these months are never short, and the new Government is their father." So Regab joined the Hagana and made many treks and patrols to the north and south, and always he asked for me.

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Regab-journeyed to where the woman had said, and found me, but I was old, and had changed by the hard work; and when he saw me, he did not know me at first. Then, when he was in great doubt, he told me to walk on the smooth sand, and there saw my footprint, printed in the sand as in those old days when, a little boy, he tracked me in the tall green stalks of the cultivation, following my footsteps. Regab recognised it as mine, it had not changed like my face; and then I told him things he remembered, and he knew me for his mother.

After this, Regab returned, and gave the Commandant the news; and the Commandant said "we are soon going to patrol to that country, you will come; and then I will give you your mother." Later they came, and I went with all the people to see the Hagana ride into our town. The women welcomed them with songs and cries of joy. I was happier than them all, but wept and cried, and could not sing like the other women— I knew my troubles would soon be ended. I was frightened when I went with Regab to see the Commandant, but Regab said, "Don't be frightened, he is our friend and your father now." The Commandant freed me, and I returned north with the Hagana, to live in the house of Regab and his wife.

Now I am very old, but I am happy all day, and never frightened that Regab may be seized from us or his wife carried off, and the home broken up, as in those old days that are past. Regab says my Kisra is baked better than all other Kisra, but I do no other work. I must die soon, but at last I have been made happy.

A school mistress went to the races for the first time and backed her fancy. It's wonderful what habit will do. When a jockey, who rode her choice, was weighing in, she strode up to him with the light of battle in her eye, remarking in her usual severe style: "You're late."
THE RABBI VISITS KELLERBERRIN AND MT. HAWTHORN

The following is the Rabbi's report to the State Executive:

I visited the Kellerberrin Sub-branch as a delegate of the State Executive. I was met at the station by the President, Mr. Ogilvie, who showed me round the district and took me to visit the hospital and war memorial, both of which had been erected through the instrumentality of the sub-branch. One of the patients was a returned soldier, who happily was making good progress towards recovery. In the evening a re-union was held in the local hall, where every seat was occupied, the attendance including a number of visitors from the surrounding districts. In the speeches made during the course of the evening a number of matters of ex-soldier interest were stressed, including Anzac House. Complete confidence was expressed in the State Executive, and altogether a very happy spirit prevailed. I desire to express appreciation for the generous hospitality I received from the management of the Kellerberrin Hotel.

On Thursday, May 31, I visited the Mt. Hawthorn Sub-branch, where the principal business was the inauguration of a branch of the S.S.L. The President occupied the chair, and there was a satisfactory attendance of the members of the sub-branch. Mr. Bateaon was also in attendance. I addressed the gathering, as did Mr. Bateson. One of the questions asked referred to the age limit, and the feeling of the meeting appeared to be in the direction of lowering the present limit. The business of this branch of the S.S.L. is small, but there is every hope that it will develop in strength.

32nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 16, the committee entertained Major Arthur White at a dinner, to wish him the best of luck and bon voyage on his return home to Kuala Lumpur, Malaya States. Arthur White was the original skipper of "Don" Coy., and has been a good friend of the Association. The Battalion flag carried on the Anzac Parade was presented to the Association by the popular Arthur. After the dinner Jimmy Johnson, of the Broadway Theatre, Victoria Park, entertained the party at his theatre, and the healths of the two departing guests were duly honoured. Jim Johnson left on Monday for a trip to England, Scotland, and France, armed with introductions to all the film studios. On his return Jim's narratives should be good. Included in his itinerary is a visit to Ballieu, France, to see his brother's grave. The following lad who wore the "gold and white" colour patch were in the party—Bob Alexander, Ichiber, F. Turton, Bill Junner, Arthur White, Lou Lobascher, Jim Johnston, En Melbourne, Alec Stone, Stan Gordon, Jack Mack, George Johnson, and Charley Beckley.

The Annual Re-union of the 32nd Battalion members will take place at the Soldiers' Institute, on Saturday, July 21, at 7.30 p.m.

An excellent programme has been arranged, commencing with a hot dinner. Speeches will be eulogy and drinks long.

A lot of boys from the country are coming down especially for the occasion, and the Committee hopes that no 32nd man will miss this one big event of the year.

All other 5th Divisional troops are eligible to attend as associate members.

The tickets are 1/6, and may be purchased from the Honorary Secretary, L. D. Lonschiner, Economic Chambers, from any committee man, or from Tony Wolfson's fruit barrow, outside the Wesley Church, William Street. A parade will be held on Sunday, July 22, at 11.15 p.m., in King's Park, outside the Queen Victoria Statue, when the President will lay a wreath in memory of fallen comrades at 1.30 p.m. on the State War Memorial.

"Has George matriculated yet?" was the question put to Mrs. New-Rich. "Oh, no, he's not at all that kind of boy," was the reply.

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Everywhere. "Only Yesterday" has been screened in America there has been nothing but praise for the picture, nothing but enthusiasm for Margaret Sullavan. Every reviewer notes the appearance of a new star on the film firmament.

"Only Yesterday" screens at the Grand Theatre in Perth on Friday next, 29th June.

A sickening aspect of the controversy on "Remembering War," in the West Australian, is the miserable bleating of certain lambs who call themselves ex-service men who profusely apologise for having enlisted, who do not know why they joined up, and what good they were able to achieve by fighting for their country. Perhaps a glance at their army record-sheets (if any) would be sufficient confirmation of their own views.

In our April issue leader we referred to "those Australian weeklies which publish so-called digger pages and represent the digger as a cheeky larrikin." A correspondent asked us if we included in this criticism The Western Mail. The cap does not fit "Non Com's" head. He conducts a most delightful page full of interesting reminiscences and comment, and our correspondent ought to have more sense than ask such a question.

H. E. Nutley (291 4th M.G. Coy.), of Benger, has written making enquiries regarding a photograph of the 4th Brigade survivors of the Bullecourt battle of April 11, 1917, which was taken at Ribemont the same month. Perhaps some reader can give some information regarding it.

Our Sunday pink paper issued, in big bold type, a warning to the League to keep out of politics at the forthcoming Federal elections.

Seeing that the League has not at any time been involved in party politics, what is the reason underlying the warning? Members of Parliament on both sides of the political fence are on the State Executive of the League, and all work harmoniously together for the common cause.

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Anzac House Ball Debutantes—R.S.L. Sub-Branch Nominees

Twenty-eight of the 65 debutantes at the Anzac House Ball at Government House Ballroom recently, were nominated by sub-branches of the R.S.L. These debutantes are pictured above, and their names (not in any numerical order) and their respective sub-branches are as follows:—Misse Dulcie Ingrain, Yvonne de Grancy, Ghita Pepper, Lilian Jones, Joyce Ingram and Margaret Massey (Mundaring); Kathleen Sullivan, Muriel Merion, and Bette O'Toole (West Perth); Olive Webb, Constance Harrigan, and Barbara Grieve (Mt. Lawley); Daphne Vincent and Nancy Mansfield (Nedlands); Maise Watkins (Returned sisters); Bette Edward (Kalgoorlie); Maisie Stubbey (Collie); Margaret Longmore (Press); Phyllis Sabine (West Leederville); Inez Potter (South Perth); Diane Vickers and May Thomas (Carlisle); Mabel Champion (Buckland Hill); Ruby Power (Bayswater); Mollie Jago (North Perth); and Mollie Heath (Cottesloe).
The Anzac House Ball

It was particularly appropriate that the Anzac House Ball should take place on Empire Day. Pomp and pageantry seem to be the proper thing on May 24, and those who attended the ball were not disappointed.

The event of the evening was the presentation of the debutantes, and this was strikingly spectacular. Immediately preceding this, the dancers were roped off from the floor of the ball-room, and their multi-coloured frocks added to the beauty of the decorations by forming a rainbow effect round the hall. With the band playing a quick step, "There's something about a soldier," the naval and military partners of the debutantes marched smartly into the ball-room and stood on each side of the dais. A fanfare of trumpets proclaimed the arrival of the Vice-Regal party and the official guests, who proceeded slowly down the centre of the ball-room, on the crimson carpet, to their seats on the dais. After the playing of the National Anthem, the onlookers expectantly awaited the coming of the debutantes.

Heralded by a song, "The Debutante," the first deb approached from the door of the ball-room. Slowly she advanced with measured step along the carpet to the Vice-Regal dais where the Lieut.-Governor and Lady Mitchell were waiting to receive her. Curtsying gracefully, in the same slow step she passed along to her waiting partner. Ere this the second deb was half way down the hall, and the third just entering. Each had been presented with a scarlet posy. These posies made a very effective contrast to the white and silver of the girlish frocks. The same dignity was maintained throughout the entire ceremony, and over sixty young West Australians were presented.

At a given signal, debutantes and partners moved quickly into their pre-arranged places for the dancers. To the strains of well-known airs three figures were danced. Here again the colouring was very effective, the red and blue of the uniforms and the silver and white of the dresses. The lancers concluded with a waltz, which brought all the other dancers on the floor once more.

The Anzac House Ball was not only a brilliant spectacle, but also an example of what West Australia can do. The Press Sub-branch was responsible for it, and as a result over £300 has been added to the Anzac House Fund. It is hoped that it will become one of the features of every Empire Day.

A man who becomes too big for his boots rarely leaves any footprints on the sands of time.

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State Executive Meetings

May 23, 1934

At the meeting of the State Executive on May 23 there were present Messrs. Riley (chairman), Olden, Collett, Philip, Panton, Denton, Freedman, Watt, Edmonds, Hunt, Pady, Aberle, Margolin, Lovell, Collins, Ross, Mello, Wilkins, Parfquaharson, Warner, and McDowell. Leave absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Anderson, Lamb, Bryan, and Wells.

The Management Committee's report, presented by Archdeacon Riley, dealt with Colonel Collett's contemplated visit to Geraldton district, the appointment of a Parade Committee for the Royal visit, and B.E.S.L. resolutions. On the motion of Messrs. Watt and Wilkins, it was decided that the Management Committee be asked to appoint a sub-committee to deal with matters connected with the Royal visit. The report was received.

The State Secretary's report on the Anzac House Ball was received.

S.S.L. Report.—There was a long discussion on the S.S.L. report submitted by Rabbi Freedman. Colonel Collett moved and Mr. Watt seconded that the report be again referred to the Conference with the request that further consideration be given to outstanding points mentioned in the discussion, particularly the comments of the mover, Colonel Collett. The motion was carried.

Anzac House Committee.—Colonel Olden's report contained many important items and recommendations on the administration and control of the future headquarters. The principal recommendations were that the House Committee be authorised to draw up specifications for the housing of public tenants. This was agreed to.

Catering Rights.—It was decided that a Club and Establishment Committee consisting of Colonels Olden, Collett and Mitchell, and Messrs. Prendergast, Collins (Perth Club) and Stooke, be appointed to report on management, staffing, accommodation, stores, etc. Other committees appointed were:—Club Fees, Membership, and Rules: Messrs. Freedman, Margolin, Wilkins, Aberle and Collett, Rentals and Accommodation: Messrs. Hous, Philip and Wilkins. Care-taking and Discipline: A report to be prepared and submitted to the Committee of Colonel Olden, Mr. Wilkins, and the State Secretary. It was recommended that the Parade Committee co-operate with the Anzac House Committee.

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A long and comprehensive report on the Festival of Empire and Remembrance was presented by Rabbi Freedman, and it was agreed to enlarge the existing committee, and that a further report be presented to the Executive.

A letter from the Lord Mayor, on the subject of advertising Western Australia, was received. A letter from the North-East Fremantle Sub-branch, on the celebration of Anzac Day, was received, and it was resolved to acknowledge the letter and express thanks for the explanation forwarded.

A letter from the Fremantle Sub-branch, in reply to a communication from the ex-Naval Men's Association was noted, and it was decided that a copy be forwarded to the latter.

A letter from the Mount Hawthorn Sub-branch on a preference matter was received; and it was decided that the sub-branch be notified that the matter has already been considered by the Executive, the decision being that no further action be taken.

It was agreed that the published comments of the Management Committee on the formation of a war pensioners' association be endorsed. Leave of absence from the next meeting was granted to Archdeacon Riley.

June 6, 1934

At the meeting of the State Executive on June 6, there were present Messrs. Olden (Chairman), Collett, Philip, Panton, Denton, Freedman, Watt, Pady, Aberle, Margolin, Lovell, Collins, Ross, Wilkins, Farguharson, Warner, Wells, and McDowell. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Anderson, Hunt, Lamb and Bryan.

Empire and Local Trading Committee.—Mr. Watt reported that North Perth and West Leederville Sub-branches had successfully organised exhibitions of local products during Empire Shopping Week, and that other exhibitions would be held by Maylands (June 18, 19, and 20), Midland Junction (June 23, 24, and 25), Victoria Park (June 28, 29, and 30), South Perth (July 2, 3, and 4), Claremont (July 5, 6, and 7), Fremantle (possibly July 9, 10, and 11). The report was received.

Mr. Hastings Reid attended the meeting and submitted a comprehensive report on the activities associated with the Empire Shopping and Local Products Week, 1934. The report was received and adopted with proclamation.

Pensions.—The report of the Pensions and Employment Committee of a meeting held on May 28, was received and adopted. The report recommended that the resolution previously submitted, concerning the treatment of V.D. cases, be reaffirmed and again submitted to Federal Congress.

Lemnos Board of Visitors.—Colonel Margolin stated that the Lemnos Board of Visitors had carried a resolution bringing under notice the lack of a sick ward for acutely ill ex-soldier patients at Lemnos, where the present facilities were totally inadequate for the proper treatment of such cases, and it was considered that a special ward should be established.

On the motion of Messrs. Farguharson and Wilkins it was resolved: "That this Executive supports the action of the Lemnos Board of Visitors in pressing for the erection of a special ward for seriously sick patients at Lemnos, and strongly urges the Board to make immediate representations to the Minister."

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Visit.—Reports of visits were submitted as follows:—Kellerberrin, Rabbi Freedman; Mount Hawthorn S.S.I., Rabbi Freedman; Colonel Collett reported having, in company with Mr. Philip and the State Secretary, visited Northampton on the occasion of the unveiling of the War Memorial, which was performed by himself. En route, other sub-branches were visited, including Moora, Yandanoops, Geraldton and Carnarvon. The report was received and Colonel Collett and Mr. Philip were thanked for undertaking the trip.

Mr. Panton reported on having attended a meeting of the M.C.L. Home. Captain Collins reported on behalf of Dr. Bryan, who attended as the Executive representative at the annual reunion of the Army Medical Services Association.

Colonel Olden reported having represented the Executive at the Annual Dinner of Veterans on May 24.

Peace Conference: Ex-Service Men.—The Federal Secretary forwarded copies of replies from ex-service men’s organisations in the United States, Newfoundland, Ceylon and South Africa to an invitation to be represented at the proposed Peace Conference of Ex-Service Men. On the motion of Messrs. Watt and Collins it was decided that in view of the tone of the replies received, the Federal Executive should be asked to consider the advisability of cancelling the arrangements for the proposed Peace Conference.

Sub-branches.—The appointment of officials as advised by the Moors and Belmont Sub-branches was approved.

An application was made for permission to form a Sub-branch to be known as the Commercial Travellers’ Club Sub-branch. It was pointed out that this would be a community of interests sub-branch. It was agreed, that a special meeting of the Executive, to consider this application be called for Wednesday, June 20, at 7.30 p.m., the ordinary meeting being postponed until 8 p.m.

Registration was given for the formation of the Hall’s Creek Sub-branch.

Appreciation.—Letters of appreciation of the League’s work on behalf of individual ex-service men were received from the Mundaring and Northam Sub-branches, and from Messrs. A. Kett and T. E. T., of War Service Homes. The Prime Minister’s Department forwarded a statement, with the request that it be published in the official organ, concerning War Service Homes. The matter was referred to the War Service Homes Committee with a request for a report at the next meeting of the Executive.

Membership (Fremantle).—Fremantle sub-branch requested the Executive to forgo capitalisation fees for certain members. It was agreed that the reply be left in the hands of the State Secretary and that the attention of the sub-branch be drawn to the provisions for carrying on members, agreed to by Congress.

Anzac House, Opening Ceremony.—Darling Range Sub-branch requested special consideration for officials of the Women’s Auxiliary at the official opening of Anzac House. It was agreed that the Darling Range Sub-branch be informed that in making arrangements for the opening ceremony, due consideration will be given to all kindred associations, but no assurance such as they ask could be given.

Midland Junction.—Information concerning a grand concert to be held under the auspices of the Midland Junction Sub-branch, with tickets for sale, was received.

Constitution.—On the motion of Mr. Philip and Colonel Collett, it was resolved: “That Rule 4(1), page 13 of the constitution, W.A. Branch Rules, be amended by the deletion of the words, ‘the Soldiers’ Institute, Government Gardens, Perth,’ and the substitution of the words, ‘Anzac House, St. George’s Terrace, Perth.’” The resolution will be submitted to the next Congress.

State War Memorial.—On the motion of Colonel Collett and Mr. Philip, it was resolved: “Now that the W.A. Branch of the League is charged with the custody and care of the State War Memorial, it be made known to all sub-branches, unit associations and other organisations desiring to arrange services at the memorial that notification be sent to the State Executive in order that satisfactory arrangements may be made beforehand.”

General.—Messrs. Watt and Olden were excused from duty on the Empire Festival Committee.

Mr. Philip was relieved from duty on the S.I. Committee for one month.

Congratulations.—It was agreed that the Executive extend congratulations to Colonel L. M. Mulcahy, C.M.G., (President of the Tasmanian Branch) and Mrs. C. H. Manning, O.B.E, who were recipients of Birthday Honours, conferred by His Majesty, the King.

Royal Visit.—The Parade Committee, officiating in connection with the Royal Visit, was asked to consider the possibility of allowing returning nurses to march in the parade.
Sub-Branch Notes

LAVERTON

Ninety-nine people attended the Anzac Day service at Laverton, a record for Laverton. Captain E. Grey reports that, as an Imperial Officer, he was proud to have had the privilege of conducting it. "The ex-A.I.F. men here," he writes, "are some of the finest I have ever met, and are typical of the men of Anzac that I met during the war." A stirring address was delivered by Dr. C. Laver.

In the afternoon there was a children's picnic, which was a great success. At 8 p.m. there was held a dinner for returned soldiers, wives and friends, at which 84 sat down. This dinner was conducted with a dignity worthy of Anzac Day. The usual toasts were honoured, and it was no doubt the finest function ever held here. The success of the day's functions were due to the capable organisation of Captain Grey, assisted by the President, J. Cairns, and Secretary, F. Banks.

The sub-branch has now 52 members, thanks to our capable and untiringly zealous Secretary, F. Banks.

GERALDTON

The Geraldton Sub-branch has been as usual very active, and their standing with the community in general is one that may be envied by any sub-branch in the League. Apart from a very efficient set of executive officers, there is a feeling existing with the public, if the Geraldton R.S.I. is taking an active part in any project, it is a good lead to follow. The continued increase at both services on Anzac Day is proof that both returned men and the public do not lightly forget all that the day stands for. The services are held outdoors, and at the main service, the Town Hall, with a capacity for holding 800 people, would not be half large enough to accommodate the attendance. The sub-branch is what may be termed at the moment homeless. Some years ago, through the efforts of the public, led by a very efficient local committee, a building was procured, and whilst at the time this proved ample for a suitable nature in the way of a large house, it really outlived its usefulness because of the type of building. The control of the building is vested, by Act of Parliament, in trustees apart from the sub-branch, who have two nominees by Act of Parliament out of five members. This building was recently leased by the Trust as a hotel, for which it is designed; at a satisfactory rental, which will go a long way towards financing interest and sinking funds on the new building which the Trust intends to build. A splendid building site has been granted to the Trust for this purpose, with two chains frontage to one of the principal streets, with a depth of 23 chains. The building will be set back from the street about 80 feet, and in front of it will be erected a war memorial.

In all, the project is estimated to cost £3,100, and it is expected that the Trust to house in this building, free of rent, the local sub-branch, and to furnish it. The building is designed to contain billiard room, reading room, committee rooms, and an assembly hall, kitchen, and caretaker's room. In the meantime, the Council Chambers are at the disposal of the sub-branch for meetings. For interest displayed and the able way in which the interests of the sub-branch have been guarded, thanks are due to a committee of citizens, and an especially esteemed supporter in the person of J. T. Clarke, Esq., J.P.

Recently we had a visit from members of the State Executive, Colonel Collett and Messrs. D. Benson and Philip.

A new departure was instituted to welcome them in the form of a conversation. Returned men and their wives were invited to attend in the Town Hall on Saturday, May 26, and over 200 attended this enjoyable function. To the visitors this was a pleasant surprise, and to see them studying their hand to see what was the best suit of suits to lead up with was quite the best in diplomacy. Anyhow the leads won, and the stories were greatly appreciated.

A civic reception was given to the visitors on Monday, May 28. Here again instructive speeches were the order of the day. It is very pleasing to the sub-branch to have the co-operation of the Geraldton Municipal Council in such a marked degree. Three members of the sub-branch are at present councillors.

MUNTAGIN

Sixteen ex-service men attended a meeting held at the residence of the convener (Mr. R. A. Keene), on Saturday evening, May 26, to discuss the possibilities of forming a sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League. Captain Hooper was elected to the chair, and following a brief address by Mr. Keene (late Pilbara and Claremont Sub-branches), Mr. J. Crawford (late Osborne Park Sub-branch), and Mr. Hill (Bruce Rock Sub-branch) moved a resolution, 'That a sub-branch be formed,' which was unanimously adopted.

An election resulted in the Undermentioned officers being elected for the ensuing twelve months—President, Captain I. Hooper; Vice-president, Messrs. J. Crawford and N. Brennan; Committee, Messrs. T. Potter, H. Hill, L. Blissenden, and J. De Bruyn; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. R. A. Keene; Hon. Auditor, Mr. A. Brenton.

It was decided that a general meeting should be held on the last Saturday of each month, and that a social evening and card party should be held on Empire Day, June 22.

At the conclusion of business, refreshments were served, some troops settling down to bridge, whilst the remainder participated in a quizzing tournament, Hubert Hill's team scoring a victory over that of Jock Wanlus by a few points.

KELLERBERRIN

The annual smoke-oil was held on the 16th ult., and a very pleasant evening spent. Two old timers in Fred McGregor and G. Mann were sadly missed, but, of course, the refreshments lasted longer. The Executive was well represented by Rabbi Freedman, who was in a very humorous mood, and even his fellow countrymen from Government House were up to Aberdeen saw through some of his jokes.

We remind members that the annual meeting takes place at Kellerberrin on Wednesday, July 4, when the election of officers will take place.

FORREST GROVE

Some changes were made in the office bearers this year, among which were the election of Col. E. A. Le Souef as vice-president, and Alec. Scouler as secretary. The Colonel needs no introduction. Alec was a member of the 8th Australian Machine Gun Company over there; nowadays he trains the young lads in the three sports and other things, as is testified by the trophy shields which adorn the walls of his class-rooms.

An Empire Shopping campaign was organised by the sub-branch. The principal function of the week was a dance on Empire Day, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Anzac House Building Fund.

The sub-branch hopes to send a party of children on an educational tour of Perth during show week, if sufficient funds can be raised. It is proposed to run a good bowler for this purpose and as far up as Aberdeen saw through some of his jokes.

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CARLISLE

The monthly meeting on June 7 was well attended. The business finished at 9.30 p.m. Harmony, refreshments, and bowl brought an enjoyable evening to a close at 11 p.m.
On June 6 the social committee held a plain and fancy dress ball ‘in furtherance of the local products’ drive.” There was a large attendance and some very unique costumes. The winners turned out to be a couple of young chaps, dressed as a cow, representing the dairying industry, and its antics in the March Past caused much amusement and laughter. The runners-up were a party representing Collie. Several costumes representing local industries were much appreciated. Dancing was kept up till midnight. Mr. Gillies was M.C.

The weekly dances, held on Wednesdays, are still going strong.

The local branch of the S. of S. League is a live body, doing good work. The boys intend to bring on a display of boxing, wrestling and heavy-weight-lifting in the near future. Particulars may be obtained from Mr. S. Wills, c/o S. of S. League, Carlisle.

PEMBERTON

Every organisation in the district joined in with the sub-branch in the send-off to Mr. A. Guppy, past president, and family, and the crowd in the local hall must have been nearly a-record.

"Guppy" has made for Bunbury, to try and dodge the malaria microbe, and we expect things will be livening up on that front. Anyhow, we will miss his old dial down here, and Jack Falls, who has taken over his mantle, reckons he has a job on to keep up to Albert’s efficiency.

Membership is still as strong as ever, and it doesn’t look as if these old sweats ever do fade away.

We are anxiously waiting news about the rifle range.

Treasurer Sid Johnston has not reported back yet. What with holidays and business we’re forgetting how he draws ‘em.

BAYSWATER BITS

(By "Finghin")

This sub-branch gave spirited support to the Empire Shopping Week campaign. A first and second prize was donated for the best essay by local school children saying "Why we should buy Western Australian Goods.

Recent sub-branch general meetings have been very poorly attended. The question has been raised and answered—

"Where are the boys of the village tonight? Where are the knuts we knew? Dodging meetings sadly, Where they are wanted badly; That’s where they are tonight."

NORTHLIFFE

Much has been written about the settlers in this district. Some visitors have seen the surface of the depressing conditions, and some have tried to alleviate the worst of the distress. Many have rushed to take advantage of the palliatives offered by the local industries. Some of the “rushers” have been worthy of assistance; some, perhaps, have not. Our branch of the Women’s Auxiliary is in close touch with all of them and doing great work, unsung, and without consideration of self. The looker-on at all this charity, however, feels that however well-meaning the authors are, it is sapping the moral fibre of the whole community, making of many of them compulsory mendicants and, of some, professional beggars.

They say that the pegging of butter fat prices will solve all our difficulties. We doubt it. The probability is that it will give the bank inspectors an excuse to pester us again for interest. But all these things don’t matter. We are still here and the sub-branch is still pulling its weight.

During the absence of our president, Bill Hood, who is still undergoing medical treatment in Perth, the fortnightly meetings are ably conducted by our very much alive vice, Mr. Les Preston.

We have instituted a series of social gatherings, held at the home of Capt. S. Platten, at which Mrs. Platten, president of the Women’s Auxiliary, is a most charming hostess. All these functions all laments re cows and butterfat prices are “interdict” and we have a real good jollification.

Empire Shopping Week found “Gibby,” our worthy secretary, very busy doing the necessary with the local trademen.

WEST LEEDERVILLE

The sub-branch decided to assist the Empire Shopping Week committee in arranging for suitable displays of goods and posters in the local stores during the Empire Week.

The Council of Industrial Development held an exhibition of local products in the Town Hall, Cambridge Street, on May 24, 25 and 26. The sub-branch volunteered to assist in every way possible, and strong sub-committees were appointed to deal with various sections of the work. The exhibition was opened by the Hon. J. J. Kenneally, Minister for Industries, and was a great success.

The bridge evenings held every Friday night are being well patronized and the funds should be greatly improved by the end of the year.

After the May meeting, the Rev. Muller gave a lecture on a trip to the Rhine. The lecture proved very popular and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Muller.

At the last meeting a vote of appreciation was passed to the Industrial Council, the exhibitors, and Mr. Anderson, who staged and controlled the exhibition.

A number of new members have joined recently, and it is hoped that the membership will continue to increase. A special appeal is made to ex-soldiers in the district to join up with the branch. The Secretary’s report on the branch’s finance was very satisfactory. May it show greater improvement each month is the earnest wish of all members.

The bridge evenings have been well patronised, and it may be necessary shortly to buy more tables. At the evening on Friday, the 8th, Bill Hains kept players posted on the latest cricket service (no furbie’s) on the Friday night of score. He has promised to continue this special the Test series, so that members need not pass away from the bridge to hear the score.

It is reported that the appeal made by Mr. Gully, the Warden and his committee, for funds to repair the War Memorial, is being well received. Mr. Gully would like to start the work at once, and intending donors are asked to send their contributions to him or Mr. Smithers immediately.

The next meeting of the branch will take place on July 9, at 7.30 p.m., in the Lesser Town Hall, Cambridge Street.

OSBORNE PARK

The monthly meetings are well attended, and the members are taking great interest in shooting practice and games in preparation for the Annual Meeting taking place in the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield competitions. At practically every meeting new members are joining up. At the May meeting three new members were admitted, which is very encouraging to President Bob Corlett and his lieutenants.

The first annual dinner of the S.S.I. to the members of the sub-branch, their wives and friends, was held in the Agricultural Hall on Saturday, May 3, when 170 sat down to dinner prepared by the ladies’ committee. Mr. Frank Gillit (S.S.I. president) presided. The State president (Mr. A. Yeates) and Mr. Pady represented the executive and both addressed the gathering. Musical items were given during the dinner and a dance followed which was very much enjoyed. Congratulations are due to Mr. Eric Garner, the S.S.I. secretary, and the officers, for the very enjoyable night.
The sub-branch held a fancy dress ball on May 26, which was well patronised.

MORRINE ROCK

The monthly meeting was held on May 5, when a good attendance was registered. Many activities were planned for the near future.

A dance was arranged for May 19, and a smoke social is down for the second Saturday in June. The progress bridge tournament is still held fortnightly.

A. E. Dowdall, who was the sub-branch representative at the laying of the foundation stone of Anzac House, reported on the ceremonies of that function.

PERTH

Well, Mr. Editor, here we are again with a little contribution from the City Sub-branch. I don't know whether to blame the weather or the Tele Match for the lack of numbers at our last meeting, but whichever it was, those who stayed away missed something.

The sub-branch was favoured with the presence of two well-known identities in Jack Mulqueeney and Charlie Heppingsstone. Both were welcomed by the President and Jack beamed his usual smile, and said a few words in his usual eloquent style. Then later in the evening 'Heppie' got going espousing the cause of a returned soldier and the old rafers of the Soldiers' Institute rang as they used to ring every meeting night fourteen and fifteen years ago. There is no doubt about Charlie when he gets going. The A.R.M.S. teams are beginning to assume a little shape, but difficulty is being experienced in getting full team for our opening match against Nedlands on Saturday next, the 16th June. We hope that "Allah" will be on our side.

The sub-branch is supporting the effort of the Petrol Electricians Union to install wireless into Lennox. We hope their effort will be a success. We have been unfortunate in losing the services of Messrs. Harwood and O'Keefe, both of whom have resigned from the Committee. Miss Minna Laughton and Wardrop were elected in their stead.

Members were delighted with the "Buy a Brick for Anzac House" scheme, and every effort will be made by the sub-branch to help the appeal along.

Sadly missed from the last two meetings was "The Poultry Farmer," who received a mention in my last report. Such is the curse of notoriety. Ah me!

CLAREMONT

The June general meeting of the sub-branch was very successful, indeed, with between then and the May meeting six new members were enrolled, making the number of financial members 102. Now that we have achieved our century it behoves everyone concerned to see that we still increase our membership. In the unavoidable absence of the President and both Vice-Presidents, Mr. Robt. Dewar occupied the chair in a very able manner, the attendance as usual being very satisfactory.

The main business of the July meeting is to consider of any items which members may wish to place on the Agenda paper for the Annual State Congress in September next. Anyone who has any matter which will be to the well-being of the League is therefore asked to have his motion ready for presentation on July 5th, in order that it may be thoroughly discussed.

Members of Claremont S.S.I. enjoyed a visit to Perth on May 13, the occasion being the lecture on the Canning Stock Route, in the R.S.I. Institute. Again many thanks to R.S.I. members who provided transport.

The Claremont Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters engaged the sub-branch in a match at shooting and peg quots, the former winning the quots and the R.S.I. the shoot.

VICTORIA PARK

Last month the notes arrived too late for inclusion in the May issue. The Anzac Service was attended by a record gathering, Archdeacon Ridley being the speaker.

The monthly meeting was well attended by members and visitors, amongst the visitors being Mr. Nelson, from Gabbin; Mr. Raston, a member of the -Perth Sub-branch; and Mr. Lloyd, past president of the Yamh Sub-branch. To increase the building fund, Mr. Gibbs' suggestion that an appeal to the local residents for old rags, which will be readily purchased by a Perth factory, was left in the hands of the committee.

The building fund now totals £151. A letter was received from Mr. W. Marshall, ex-10th Light Horse, who is now a teacher of music, offering his musical services to the sub-branch. The first meeting of the Sons of Soldiers and Sailors' League was held prior to the committee meeting. The president, Mr. Shadgett, addressed the youths on the aims and objects of the League. Nine members were enrolled, the honor of being the first financial member falling to Master V. Hildebrandt, who was heartily congratulated. Mr. Reg. Hodges was elected to fill a vacancy on the committee.

In conjunction with the Women's Auxiliary, a mock wedding was held on June 1. Mr. Shadgett was the blushing bride, Mr. Colley the unfortunate bridegroom, and Fred Matthews was the officiating parson. The fun was fast and furious.

The programme was arranged by Archie Jennings. The wedding breakfast was followed by a social and dance, and all had an enjoyable time.

KATANNING

Katanning Sub-branch reports a very successful Empire Shopping Week, the outstanding feature of which was the number of striking and interesting window displays which graced the town. This sub-branch has a very active Women's Auxiliary which celebrated its fifth birthday at the R.S.I. club rooms. A large number of returned men accepted the ladies' invitation to be present. During the course of an extremely enjoyable evening, songs were sung by Mrs. F. Cook and Mr. W. J. Cobb, and Mrs. F. A. Rogers gave some humorous recitations. Mr. A. T. Crouch acted as accompanist, and Miss Lawdon played for the dances. Mr. Bert Elders organised the games. In the games, the footloggers beat the Light Horse at balloon football. Stan. Howard, of the Light Horse, won the final of the peanut race, and when Mrs. McGregor won the bitter almond race for ladies, the "kangaroo feathers" were one up on the total. A challenge contest at "heading "en"" even matters. On behalf of Auxiliary members, Mr. Tylor presented Mrs. Higman with an illuminated bedroom clock in recognition of the services to the cause. As a prelude to supper, Mrs. Tylor, president of the Women's Auxiliary, cut the five-candle birthday cake, and

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MOORINE ROCK

The monthly meeting was held on June 2, 1934, with G. A. Macdonald, in the chair. In view of the fact that the smoke social clashed with a dance inaugurated by the Women’s Auxiliary, to raise funds for the Southern Cross hospital, it was decided to postpone it till the third Saturday in June.

Johnnie Rowe, of the Mooring Rock Hotel, has lent his billiard room for the smoke-o, which promises to be a big success. All ex-service men and the sons of ex-service men over the age of 21 years are cordially invited.

It is pleasing to know that the Women’s Auxiliary has taken on a new lease of life. Their effort on behalf of the Southern Cross Hospital is very commendable and was very successful.

The progressive bridge tournament being run by the sub-branch has come to an end and was successful enough to tempt the sub-branch to run another one.

DONNYBROOK

The Sub-branch held an annual old-time and modern ball on Wednesday, June 6, in the Memorial Hall, Donnybrook. It was considered by all to be the best for many years, over 270 people being present. The dance started at 8 p.m. and ran till 1 a.m., and after expenses have been deducted it is anticipated that we will add about £20 to the funds. The ballroom was tastefully decorated with red, white and blue streamers suspended from the ceiling, with four rows of battalion colours across the hall, and several around the walls. The centre of attraction was a full-size Union Jack surmounted by the League badge (painted on three-ply), which occupied almost the entire front of the stage. The flag was illuminated with red, white and blue lights, forming the letters R.S.L. The Kit-Kat Orchestra, under the able baton of Mr. J. Chamberlain, was greatly appreciated. The supper rooms, and tables (decorated by Mrs. H. F. Taylor), with wattle, delicately tinted garden flowers and ferns, simply invited all to come in and partake of the beautiful supper prepared by the ladies’ committee, under the supervision of Mrs. E. J. T. Atwell.

COLLIE

Well-attended meetings still continue to be the order in the Collie Sub-branch. A Sub-branch of the S.S.L. has been formed, and an official opening will take place in our own hall on Tuesday, June 26. Rabbi Freedman will represent the State Executive at this function.

Community singing has been undertaken by the Sub-branch and an enjoyable programme is submitted every Friday night. The Sub-branch is still busy with pension appeals. All members who are in hospital are reported upon at every meeting. New members are joining up at every meeting. Amelioration work is also assuming large proportions.

The Empire Shopping Week campaign was taken well in hand by the Sub-branch, various organisations being addressed by members, while all business people had window displays of Empire goods. The local school children sent in essays for the competition arranged by the committee. It has been decided to hold a monthly social evening for members and their wives. Various schemes have been discussed for the benefit of the Sub-branch. The laying down of a bowling green and additional tennis courts is contemplated, making eight grass courts and two hard courts. It is hoped they can be catered for all.

The Test Match results were heard in conjunction with the community singing, but the weather was against very large attendances.

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The Listening Post

No news has been forthcoming from “Pat,” our ex-president, who is on forestry duties out in the bush. However, we hope to see him when the weather has moderated.

NORRTH PERTH

Digger’s Diary

(With profound apologies to the shade of Samuel Pepsy)

May 2—To the opening ceremony of the new cricket pitch at “Lemon,” I travelled there with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown and Mr. William Melvin, who did kindly carry us in his handsome private motor coach of eight cylinders. Lord! how full of dignity and puff did I feel at riding in so noble a coach. And, Lord forgive me if I did look haughtily upon those of the company who must ride in the hackney bus.

Come to “Lemon” and the pitch ceremonially presented by Mr. Bill James (sub-branch president). By and by the pitch officially opened, the President pronounced the opening address and Mr. William Melvin, the Auxiliary president, delivered a short address. The baton did miss the ball, which came straight enough and break the wicket. So the first duck to matron, which did cause much merry speech. An inscription then placed on the bat, but the whole affair to a handsome stand and will remain a souvenir to “Lemon.” Anon our members play at cricket with some patients of the hospital, and by and by all to afternoon tea, with much merry talk. Home in good content at our sub-branch having done another good deed.

14th—Hear news of our Women’s Auxiliary holding a Flower Queen competition, it being to benefit Annac House and the winning queen to be that which gather most votes of one penny each. I went to Mrs. Middleton (Auxiliary secretary), who give me names of all the queens, they being Misses Marjory Rigg (Hoves), Linley, Middleton (Hyacinth), Mavis Wainwright (Panpy), Norma Lawrence (Carnation), Gladys Reeves (Lily), Yvonne Speak (Poppy), Edna Rowles, (Gladiola), Shirley McWilliam (Daffodil), Irene George (Iris), Norma Hawkins (Dahia), Shirley Hill (Rose), and Patricia Sadler (Forget-Me-Not).

18th—To St. Hilda’s Hall, the North Perth S.S.L., there entertain members from Osborne Park and South Perth S.S.L. Sub-branches. LORD!

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26th—Talk in with Mr. Fred James, of Kelmscott-Rolesley Sub-branch, who be on his way to visit Mr. Alf, Hope, his nephew. He bid me drink with him, and told me funny stories which I could not repeat so bold as I might be, to my maiden aunt. By and by I met Jack Jones by name, of Koorda Sub-branch. A gentleman of the 10th Light Horse, like Mr. J. Middleton, who introduced him. I drink a little ale with Mr. Jones and hear from him that be a farmer and do have a family of nine children. So, poor fellow, I tie my tongue from inquiring of him how the 10th did win the war. Saw Mr. Harry Rowles. He with a fractured wrist, got on cracking a Ford hackney motor coach at his work, which I was sorry to see.

June 3rd—To the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon entertainment to benefit our Women's Auxiliary and organised by Mr. W. M. Nairn, M.R., who give a short talk on dictatorships; Mr. H. Parker, M.L.A., and many other people of quality. Mr. menkins did tell me how he is now preparing another of these Pleasant Sunday Afternoons to benefit our Sub-branch. It be on Sunday, July 14th come, and to be in the North Perth Town Hall.

10th—To general committee meeting. Much business done. Mr. Tom Brown did tell how Mr. Melvin did make offer, without persuasion or encouragement, to collect guineas from his non-soldier friends and citizens to benefit our Sub-branch fund to the building of Anzac House. This offer the committee did applaud heartily and cry up Mr. Melvin for an excellent supporter of our Sub-branch.

MT. HELENA

A full attendance was reported on May 21. Lew Cooper was in attendance and was congratulated on his appointment as the new Road Board member.

The assistance given by the residents of Mt. Helena and Sawyer's Valley to this Sub-branch on Anzac Day is deeply appreciated. Members appreciated the beautiful wreaths made by our secretary, Mr. A. McGregor, and his good wife, for this Sub-branch on Anzac Day.

Though it rained and rained, only a few members were absent at the June 18 meeting. They won't miss our monthly supper.

A regrettable and painful accident befell our member, Dick Stone, of the 1st Bn. Luckily, our president, W. Mayne, was handy and rendered first aid. which was done so well that Dick was transferred to hospital without further treatment, where he is progressing well. Dick was the originator of the idea of holding the Anzac service at night-time, which was a great success. We all wish him a speedy return to health and our meetings.

A great worker with a kindly word and a helping hand that has left the district is one of our members, Frank Doblar, of the 28th Bn., who travelled from Canning Bridge especially to attend our monthly meeting. He takes our good wishes for his welfare. He is joining South Perth Sub-branch—a great member and a great sub-branch.

ARMADALE

The monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall on June 14, when a representative gathering was presided over by the president, Mr. Egan. Members were very pleased to see Mr. Egan thoroughly recuperated after his painful accident. Mr. Bob Walker, who has not been enjoying good health lately, was another whom all were glad to see. As usual, Secretary Mr. Gunning, assisted by Mr. Kerridge, was first on parade and greeted us with a roaring fire and supper nicely laid out, as those two are past-masters at the game of catering. Mr. Balcous, the treasurer, introduced a new member, Mr. Cousins, who is one of the old brigade, and we think hills—from dear old Ireland, having spent many years in Australia.

It is the intention of the Sub-branch to form a Women's Auxiliary. This is a very good move and should meet with approval. It is also the intention of the sub-branch to invite them to a social, and see that they enjoy a pleasant evening.

Since our last meeting we have lost one of our comrades, Mr. Close, who was buried at Kelmscott.

We are still looking forward to seeing more of our returned men at the monthly meetings. It is a great pleasure to meet our jovial Mr. Gus Collins, who is always ready to lend a helping hand. Mr. Egan, Mr. Gunning and many others visited Canning Dam during the month and we are glad to say many of the returned men are joining up with our local sub-branch. We are looking forward to seeing them at our next smoke social, which we expect will be soon.

The secretary reports that once again members' half-yearly subscriptions are due at the end of the month and it would be a very pleasing duty for him to receive subscriptions without spending a lot of time and money in asking for them by circular.

Women's Auxiliaries

Our Sisters Overseas

Auxiliary members may be interested to learn a little of the annual conference of the Women's Section of the British Legion, held last April, in the Queen's Hall, London. There were six hundred delegates present, and two thousand members. Work done by disabled and other ex-servicemen was exhibited in the hall during the day.

Lady Edward Spencer—Churchill, O.B.E., Chairman of the Women's Section, presided and reviewed the year's work. New branches were still being formed, 141 being added last year, making the total 1,450. One part of their work was the sending of children for a fortnight's holiday in summer to the country or seaside. The majority went to the homes of members, and 500 had gone free of charge. Over 1,300 children had enjoyed a holiday last year.

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through this scheme, Many were first fitted out with clothes. Gifts of clothing had also been sent to distressed branches. Burnham Hall was the Section's rest and training home for ex-service women, and many found domestic employment after a course of training at the Hall.

Cups and certificates for outstanding service during the year were presented to the winning branches by the Duchess of York, who is President of the Women's Section of the British Legion. Two handsome silver cups with money prizes were given by the B.E.S.L. for a "Buy British" and "Empire Trade" competition. The Haig Cup for efficiency was awarded to one small and one large locality, each branch to hold the cup for six months. There was also a Chairman's Cup for five years' continuous progress and efficiency. Colchester branch won the Jellroe Cup for increased membership. Other awards were given for needlework, handicrafts, and home produce. The Duchess of York Cup was presented for the first time to the branch which had made the best continuous and special efforts to promote the sale of disabled men's goods.

In a short speech the Duchesse of York remarked upon the wonderful fund of endeavour, good-will and the spirit of service present in the branches of the Women's Section. The interest and help of new members were still required however.

Among the resolutions passed at the Conference were many which pleased the cause of those still suffering from war effects. These included preference to tubercular ex-service men in the tenancy of new houses built through the slum clearance schemes, that the Ministry of Pensions accept responsibility for mentally and physically defective war orphans over 21, that the wives of disabled men who married after their disablement be admitted to widow's pension rights, and that the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes give contracts for suitcases to the disabled men's workshops at Preston Hall.

The Second Annual Exhibition

Two united auxiliary meetings have been held to discuss preliminary arrangements for the Exhibition, which will be a few day before Congress. Schedules will be forwarded to auxiliaries as soon as printed. Meanwhile the schedule for last year will constitute a good guide to those wishing to exhibit, as only one item has been omitted this time, viz., the complete bridge or supper set. There are several additions, such as a decorated table in the flower section, cape gooseberry jam in the cookery, several more fruits in the fruit section. Tatting has been introduced in the needlework section, also an embroidered cushion, bridge table cover, and a traymable set. The photographic section remains the same. Handmade fruits and evening sprays are added to the handicrafts, likewise seagrass work-basket, waste-paper basket, and jardiniere.

Several auxiliaries have already announced their intention to have stalls. Those in charge this year include Miss F. C. Wilson, chairman; Mrs. J. McElride vice-chairman; Mrs. Parkin, secretary, and Miss Hawtin, treasurer. Mrs. Stockman will be in charge of demonstrations.

A bridge party was held at the Institute on the afternoon of May 31. In spite of the inclement weather there were 17 tables. Afternoon tea was served by the State Executive. It has been decided to hold a bridge party on the last Thursday of each month. Therefore, the next will take place on June 28, at 2 p.m., at the Institute. The funds are in aid of the purchase of bridge tables.

CARISLE

The last two meetings helped to add five new members to our list. The monthly dances are still well attended and we hope to have a Bumper Night on June 20, at a song hall, with Dixon's orchestra playing. We are still able to keep our heads up with raffles. The manager of Prestige Hosiery kindly donated a pair of Ladies' Silk Hose, which realised quite a good amount. The election of new officers this month resulted in Mrs. Monkhouse being returned as President; Miss Gillies, Secretary; Mrs. Nicoll, Treasurer (all three unopposed); Mesdames Gillies and Huthiman, Vice-presidents; Mesdames Lally and Dyson, Trustees. The Auxiliary can proudly boast a good committee, and with their help and the members' co-operation, hope to make this year the financial success of last.

NORTH PERTH

The annual meeting was held on June 13. Forty-three members were present. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, E. J. James; Vice-President, D. M. Richmond; M. Stubberfield; Treasurer, R. Carey; Secretary, G. M. Middlestone; Assistant Secretary, M. Renwick. Committee: Mesdames Cliff, Rigg, Hawkins, McDowell, Wright and Brown.

A social evening to declare the winner of the Flower Queen Competition will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at 8 p.m., in St. Hilda's Hall. We hope that when this competition is over, members will concentrate on the forthcoming Auxiliaries' Exhibition and see if our entries can exceed last year's effort. Next general monthly meeting will be held on July 18, at 2.30 p.m. Please commence our new Year by endeavouring to attend the first meeting.

SOUTH PERTH

The April meeting was well attended. Mrs. Penlergran was in the chair, Mrs. See, the president, being unable to be present owing to illness.

Immediately before the meeting an interesting demonstration of gas cooking, by the Parkinson Gas Stoves Co., was much appreciated. Miss Robertson demonstrated the art of scoring and
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<td>ALBANY</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
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<td>R. E. Potts, State School, Albany</td>
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<td>Council Chambers</td>
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<td>Town Hall, Bayswater</td>
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<td>C. Nixon, View St., Peppermint Grove</td>
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<td>CARLISLE</td>
<td>Bickford Soldiers' Memorial Hall</td>
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<td>COLLIE</td>
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<td>D. W. Paterson, Swanston St., Collie</td>
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<td>CLAREMONT</td>
<td>Perth Hall</td>
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<td>DARLING RANGE</td>
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<td>J. W. Lynch, Hampton Rd, Fremantle</td>
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<td>T. C. Fairley, 49 Campbell St., Kalgoorlie, Tel. 290</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alt. Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Road Board Hall, Bencubbin</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 1st month, 1st Tuesday, 9 a.m.</td>
<td>E. H. Rice, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>Walling Hall, Grovenor Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>2nd Sunday, 6 a.m.</td>
<td>Col. T. Flitcroft, Second Ave., Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>2nd Sunday, 6 a.m.</td>
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<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt St., Fremantle</td>
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<td>Aspin Bridge Hotel</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Gilea St.</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. James, 21 Marian St., Lederville</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>At Luncheon, Soldiers’ Institute</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>Billiard Saloon</td>
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<td>Branch Rooms, Roeby Rd., Subiaco</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Toodyay Newagency</td>
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<td>R. A. Johnston, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAMWAY</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Every 3rd Wednesday from January 10, 1934</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Library Hall, Albany Road, Victoria Park</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. C. Shadgert, 13 Gallipoli Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
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<td>3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>P. G. Miller, Taxation Dept., Perth</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTING,</td>
<td>Each place alt., commencing Bunting, March 1</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Bunting</td>
<td>P. L. Ross,</td>
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<td>JIBBERDING</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge St., Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Peters, 57 Woolwich Street, Leederville</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday Quarterly June, Sept., and Oct.</td>
<td>C. Henning, Hamel</td>
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<td>WARROUNA</td>
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| VICTORIA PARK   | Library Hall, Albany Road               | Fourth Friday, 7.30 p.m.                                  | Mrs. O. Taylor, 54 State Street, Victoria Park | Donnybrook |


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<td>ARTILLERY COMRADES' ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>Bgr-Gen. A. J. Benell-Browne</td>
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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</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. on 11th of month</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Avenue, Lederville</td>
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<td>ROYAL NAVY, FREMANTLE SUB-SECTION</td>
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<td>J. A. Main, 10 Wray Ave, Fremantle</td>
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<td>FORTY-FOURTH ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>Col. C. H. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George's Ter., Perth</td>
<td>J. H. Gratuwik, G.P.O. Box 445, 99 St. George's Ter., Perth</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>Third Thursday, monthly</td>
<td>Col. D. M. M'Whee (Chairman, R., Rattray, Public Works Department, Perth)</td>
<td>H. W. Rigs, 26 Elizabeth St, N. Perth, Phone 88394</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHT BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt-Col. I. E. Dunkley, 86 Angove St, Nth, Perth</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Rulispy St, West Lederville</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
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<td>G. Abjornson, 19 Esplanade, South Perth</td>
<td>L. D. Lobache, 26 Second Floor, Economic Ctrs, Perth</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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At the well attended meeting of the above auxiliary, held in the Library Hall, on May 27, a resolution was carried to hold social annuals on alternate Tuesdays, at the Library Room, from 2 to 4 p.m., commencing on May 29.

On Thursday, June 21, the auxiliary will hold a Jumble Sale at 10 a.m., in Temperance Hall, Museum Street, Perth. Anyone having goods for disposal should notify Mr. Fred Matthews— he was asked to hold social annuals on alternate Tuesdays.

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KIRUP

At the meeting in April, the auxiliary was visited by Mrs. McKinlay and Mrs. Harding. An address was given by Mrs. McKinlay on the "Work of the Auxiliary, Home, and their State Executive." At the conclusion of the gathering, Mrs. L. Goddard offered a dainty knitted child's frock to be raffled in Perth on behalf of the soldier patients in hospital.

The auxiliary held their first annual birthday ball in the Kirup Hall, on May 22. The hall was beautifully decorated with red, white and blue streamers and flags, which had been made by the members. On the platform, in yellow and gold, was a replica of the ran. In the centre of the hall was the badge of the women's auxiliary done in yellow gold, and blue. Prizes were given for spot, Monte Carlo, and statical waltzes, and a very pleasant time was spent among the dancers.
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