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From the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-78 to the end of the second Balkan War in 1913; Western Europe had grown so used to recognising battle, murder and sudden death as the normal condition of affairs in the Balkan Peninsula, that no special significance was attached to the assassination of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his morganic wife at Sarajevo on June 28, 1914. Not until the last week of July, just twenty years ago, did the statesmen of the countries concerned realise that a big European War was inevitable. Of that stupendous catastrophe and its effects, much has been written, and will still be written. Of the circumstances that made it possible, much, unfortunately, has been forgotten, for the shots fired at Sarajevo were but the sparks which fired a powder train that had taken years to prepare.

It has been said that every war contains the germs of its successor. A statement like this might be applied more truthfully, perhaps, to the treaties which end wars, or to the spirit in which they are concluded. A treaty, like any other covenant, implies agreement or, at least, compromise on points about which complete agreement cannot be reached. Napoleon set the fashion, which Germany followed in 1871, of dictating terms of peace to beaten and helpless opponents. The treaties that resulted were retributive in effect and calculated to deprive the beaten nation of the power of further resistance, or of doing further harm, according to the point of view. Annexations of territory and the exacting of tribute in the form of indemnities recouped the victors, in some measure, for the expense of wars. Throughout the Great War, both sides persistently disclaimed any intention of seeking territorial aggrandisement. This attitude seems to have been a sop to the papier-mache altruism of the United States, whose sympathies, in the first years of the struggle, both groups of belligerents were striving to enlist. This attitude, coupled with the late entry of the United States into the war, shaped the Treaty of Versailles and enabled the idealistic President Wilson to assume the role of peace-maker in chief. Wilson came to Versailles with the determination that the older diplomacy, with its concept of the balance of power, must go by the board; it must be replaced by a League of Nations and a court of international justice that would render future wars impossible. That was, indeed, a peep into the future, but in other respects Wilson had not advanced very far beyond nineteenth century thought. Still adhering to the nineteenth century ideals of nationalism, he came to the Peace Conference breathing the new shibboleth "self-determination for racial minorities," a right which the Yankees had refused the slave-holding States of the Union at the time of the American Civil War.

The treaty that resulted was a curious patchwork of the old and the new. Its terms were dictated and accepted under duress, just as the terms of a German peace would have been. There were no indemnities and no annexations, but Germany was saddled with a staggering load of indebtedness for reparations, the idea being that she should be made to pay all the expenses of the war; territories she had seized in former wars were restored to their former owners; and other nations received mandates over her former overseas possessions. Germany was disarmed and this blow to her national pride was somewhat assuaged by the assurance that this measure was the first step in the direction of international disarmament. New States were established and old autocracies were overthrown. Wilson's pet plan of self-determination was put into operation regardless of ethnology or history, and the new light of the gentiles went home, metaphorically rubbing his hands over the success of his plans, only to have them opposed by his own people.

From the day the Treaty of Versailles was signed the Germany people, by passive resistance and every other means available, set about evading its terms. There is neither time nor space to traverse the dreary story of the past fifteen years—Ruhr occupations, Young Plans and Dawes Plans, and so on. Out of the welter of conferences and negotiations, two, facts have emerged: Germany has paid all the reparations she is ever likely to pay, and, so far from being disarmed, she is now openly arming. It is the second fact which is the most significant at present.

The clauses of the Treaty of Versailles which have to do with disarmament and universal peace are the expression of that yearning for peace which follows every protracted war. They are the expression of the belief, held by many people in many countries, that by taking counsel together wars can be prevented, and that a general disarmament will render them impossible. This belief is accepted as axiomatic by the nations who have sent their delegates to disarmament con-

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The only official League matter contained in this journal is embodied in the published minutes of Executive Meetings, and other items which are acknowledged as such in their text.
Anzac House Nearing Completion

At recent meetings members of the State Executive delegates have been impressed with the extraordinary amount of work undertaken by the Anzac House Committee. The building is nearing completion and will be officially opened by His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester during the first week in October. Meetings of the Committee have been almost daily to receive reports from sub-committees. The following sub-committees have all performed excellent services to the League:


Fees, Membership and Rules: Rabbi Freedman, Colonels Margolin and Collett with Bill Wilkins and Fred. Aberle.


As chairman, Colonel Olden has worked effectively amongst big business houses for further support, whilst Mr. Hunt has had a roving commission securing valuable information in connection with window treatment, designs of furniture, laying of linoleums, etc.

All sub-committees have now completed their reports to the State Executive and during August it is the intention to approach the Licensing Bench for the necessary authority to establish the Anzac House Club. In accordance with the requirements of the Act, a certain number of club members must be enrolled and the committee hopes to secure sufficient foundation members at a subscription of £5 to comply with requirements. Additional subscriptions would be welcomed.

In connection with the staffing, it is intended to appoint a House Manager and Club Secretary (combined positions) for which applications will be called in the newspapers in due course.

Two big business houses in Perth have shown their sympathetic interest with the digger and his aspirations by substantial aid, particulars of which we are not yet permitted to make known.

Since our last issue, donations have been received from the following: Captain Eustace Cohen, £5; Soldiers’ Welcome Committee, £5; Forest Grove Sub-Branch, £2/12/6; Cookernup Sub-Branch, £5; Press Women’s Auxiliary, £10; Mrs. Page-Lennon, £5; G. H. Lenox, £5; Northampton Women’s Auxiliary, £1/1/-; Captain J. W. Jones, £5; Meckering Sub-Branch, £5; South Perth Women’s Auxiliary, £20/11/4; Mount Law-

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The "Buy a Brick" campaign, now developing, is expected to yield a substantial sum and will give every digger and every well-wisher of the League in the State an opportunity of making subscriptions, however small, for the extinction of the debt.

There are numbers of sub-branches not yet enrolled on the subscription list, and the committee would appreciate advice that efforts will be made in order that every sub-branch will be identified in defraying the cost of this great asset. Anzac House has been referred to as "a casket of priceless memories," and will for generations, it is hoped, symbolise what the diggers did for Australia. Its clearance from debt will help the League to expand its great public work and particularly to carry on efforts amongst those men and women who find it necessary, through adversity, to appeal to the organisation for assistance. The new premises will belong to all sub-branches of the League in this State and with this in mind the committee desires to so arouse sympathetic interest that pride of ownership will be realised by all those whose war service makes them eligible for membership of the League.

At the last meeting of the State Executive the Parade Committee appointed to organise the approaching visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester set out details of an assembly of ex-service men in St. George's Terrace fronting Anzac House at the time of the official opening ceremony by the King's son. Ex-members of the A.I.F. will assemble by units under their own chosen commanders. There will be a Guard of Honour of 100 men commanded by a Victoria Cross winner assisted by other diggers who won this coveted distinction. The unit representatives on the Guard of Honour will be in proportion to its parade state on the last Anzac Day in Perth. His Royal Highness will be asked to inspect all units on parade and will afterwards adjourn to the front of the building where the official opening will take place. A special Parade Committee is dealing with the first phases of what should be a memorable event and the details of the opening ceremony are in charge of the Anzac House Committee. Special accommodation will be provided for aged mothers, war nurses, hospital patients and representatives of the Women's Auxiliaries.

Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF FALLEN AND INCAPACITATED SOLDIERS

Applications are invited from children of fallen or incapacitated ex-soldiers for scholars at the undermentioned schools:

- Perth Modern School
- District High Schools
- Secondary Schools
- Narrogin School of Agriculture

Candidates must have passed the Sixth Standard in a State School or an equivalent standard in any other efficient school. They should be over 12 and under 14 years of age on December 31, 1934.

Application forms and all particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust, Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick, G.P.O. Box K765, Perth, and must be returned before August 17, 1934.

The monthly meeting of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department on Friday, June 15, 1934, Rabbi Freedman presiding.

The secretary reported that a further sum of £3 2/- had been received 'from the Women's Auxiliaries as a result of the appeal made.

A donation of £20 was also received from the Lotteries Commission. Four applications for books were approved. One application for Scholarship recommended. Accounts for £10 for schoolbooks were passed for payment. The Committee took the opportunity of congratulating Mrs. C. H. E. Mjalling, who is a foundation member of the Scholarship Trust, on the honour of O.B.E. which was recently conferred upon her.

The Committee also welcomed Mr. W. A. Wilkins, D.C.M., who has been appointed to the Committee, vice Mr. J. H. Tozer, resigned.

It's a case of partners in trouble. Said Smith, "My wife had twins last week." "Well," said his friend, "who would think of entering the world alone in these hard times."
Federal Correspondence
TREATMENT NON-WAR DISABILITIES

"That representations be made to the Federal Government that it should provide such treatment as is necessary to improve an ex-soldier's state of health in cases where men are suffering from war disabilities, and whose ailments are aggravated by conditions not accepted by the Repatriation Commission as being due due to War Service; as by refusing to treat all the conditions which affect a soldier's health, the Repatriation Commission is acting contrary to usual medical practices."

This resolution materially relates to Resolution No. 46, which advocates "Free Hospitalisation." It should be pointed out that the Repatriation Commission provides all necessary medical treatment for the ex-soldier's war disability and its sequelae without expense to the soldier. Where the ex-soldier who is undergoing in-patient treatment for a disability which is not war caused, and which seriously interferes with the successful treatment of his war disability, appropriate treatment for the non-war disability is available at departmental expense provided that immediate treatment is imperative and the ex-soldier's transfer to a Public Hospital or elsewhere is not considered advisable.

I think that you will agree, on reflection, that the present practice of the Repatriation Commission, which has the full support of the Government, is equitable and that an extension of the provision on the lines that the resolution indicates is not warranted.

FREE RADIO LICENCES

With reference to the above resolution and circular No. 12/34, in which it was mentioned that the Government had given careful consideration to the matter and that it was decided to grant free radio licenses to blind persons, you are advised that renewed representations were made in view of obtaining a similar concession for totally and permanently incapacitated ex-service men in terms of the resolution.

A reply has now been received to the effect that the Government regrets, that, after very careful consideration, it is unable to see its way clear to extend the concession of free radio licenses which has been granted to blind persons.

FREE HOSPITALISATION

"That representations be made to the Federal Government requesting the admission to Repatriation Hospitals of any ex-serviceman in indigent circumstances, who is suffering from a complaint that may or may not have been caused by War Service."

The ex-soldier, whether in indigent circumstances or otherwise, suffering from any ailment which is not attributable to war service, is in precisely the same position as any other taxpayer or member of the hospitals and other institutions designed for the purpose, many of which, additional to public subscription, are subsidised by the State Government concerned.

The grant of free treatment at Repatriation Institutions for all illnesses suffered by ex-soldiers who are in indigent circumstances or otherwise would be a distinct departure from the basic principles underlying the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act as it now stands, and the Government cannot see any reason why, in the light of the foregoing, the basis should be altered and therefore the proposal contained in the agreement cannot be acceded to.

Memories
(By E. J. Pyle)

Of my service in the Great War, 1914-18, two days stand out very clearly in my mind today; my first day, April 25th, 1915; and my last, April 11, 1918. Both days were quite different, but both full of the horrors of war.

April 25, 1915, its glorious dawn, the battleships, the transports, the Turkish searchlight, the sight of our goal (never attained), the first crash of the bombardment, the eagerness of battle, and the ultimate end of my first day of war, weary, worn, tired, hungry, and the thirst for blood gone.

April 11, 1918, a cold misty dawn, tired for the want of sleep, the crash of German artillery, the rattle of firearms, the stubborn resistance of two machine-guns, and the holding up of the Germans straight to our front, the running short of ammunition towards late afternoon, the surrounding of my post by the Germans, the end of the war for me, weary, worn, tired, hungry, and a prisoner of war.
German East Africa Campaign
SURRENDER OF GENERAL VON LETTOUW WORBECH
A Personal Narrative (By E. H. Sheffield)

The World War was nearing its end, but for months past the small remnant of German officers with their native levies, had been enabled to elude our encircling movements, partially through their superior intelligence work in the thick bushlands of East and Central Africa, and also by the invaluable assistance given them by our so-called Allies, the Portuguese, who (when the Germans invaded their territory) invariably scuttled, leaving arms, ammunition and food, to be picked up at leisure; thus enabling our enemies to keep in the field to the end of the war in spite of our superior numbers.

In September, 1918, the writer, who had been convalescing at Nairobi after an attack of sunstroke in the coastal swamps, was ordered to take a draft of recruits and rejoin his regiment, the 2nd King's African Rifles, at Dar es Salaam, where it was resting after a gruelling time in Portuguese territory. At this time the enemy had worked back into Rhodesia, and it was expected they would make for Aberdare, one of our food centres, near the southern shore of Lake Tanganyika; and from there be in a position to attack, and retake their old stronghold of Bismarckburg, on the S.E. shore of the lake.

Two weeks rest at a picturesque camp in a cocoonut grove at Dar es Salaam, ended when orders were received for the regiment to entrain for Taborah—formerly enemy headquarters and over a hundred miles up-country.

Under a blazing sun, in cattle trucks, open for troops, but with iron roofs which became nearly red-hot, for whites we sweated and swore for two days. Comic relief, however, was intermittently supplied, firstly by a swarm of bees which took complete possession of the guard's van; secondly, by the howls of our C.O.'s batman, who was stung by a scorpion when opening a chop (food) box.

Copious draughts of whisky and gin poured down his throat only caused louder groans, no doubt in order to obtain more of the same treatment. This distressing incident became a disaster later, when we received news of the Armistice, not a spot being available for celebrations.

Another episode more comical to us than to those concerned, was heralded by piercing yells from the front truck, causing a stoppage of the train. Apparently showers of sparks had nearly incinerated the occupants, whose blankets

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were burned full of holes to say nothing of the skins beneath them.

Taborah proved to be the usual clean and neat type of German settlement, and after a few days in camp, we proceeded to Kigoma railhead, on the N.E. shore of Lake Tanganyika. Here we embarked on one of the small steamers which ply 400 miles down the lake to Bismarkburg and with but half our numbers aboard, the vessel was so packed with humanity that officers had literally to tread over bodies in any effort to move about. Fortunately it was that we were not overtaken by one of those terrific storms which lash the fresh waters of this huge inland sea into fury. For three days of discomfort we ploughed our way through emerald green waters, infested by hippopotami and crocodiles of enormous size, amusing ourselves by potting with revolvers, and watching the bullets ricochet off their tough skins.

Our objective, Bismarkburg, reached, we prepared a camp some 400 feet above sea level, and proceeded to dig ourselves in, with the idea of resisting an attack should the Germans arrive by the only possible track to the settlement. By that time they were rapidly approaching, followed closely by other regiments of the K.A.R. On November 11, the news of the Armistice came through by wireless, a remarkable achievement considering we were buried in the heart of Africa. Our adjutant was at once deputed to find the enemy, and, carrying a white flag, succeeded in locating them, and giving the news to General Worbech, who immediately surrendered, and shortly afterwards marched into our camp with his motley following of whites and blacks. Many of the latter carried kit boxes bearing the names of British officers captured earlier in the campaign. The General—a striking figure, tall and bearded, strode at the head of the column, wearing a khaki linen rig-out, with no decorations or sign of rank. One could not help admiring this whilom enemi, who had so cleverly defied us for four years, covering thousands of miles on foot and eluding superior forces at every turn, whilst keeping the affection and respect of his troops, white and black, through every adversity and hardship.

He and his followers were treated as prisoners of war for one week, but with every consideration and courtesy. The Germans were then embarked on the steamer by which we arrived, en route for Dar es Salaam and Germany. Before leaving us, the General reviewed our regiment and paid us compliments on our work during the campaign.

The black troops were at once disbanded and sent back to their homes.

The only steamer having departed, we were left stranded and were compelled to march 300 miles to Lake Nyassu, finally reaching civilisation, clean clothing and the inevitable “sundowner” once more.

According to a scientist, radio waves are thrown back by the moon.

Apparently the lunar folk share our opinion of the present day programmes.

The Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competition

The results of the games in the above competition to the end of the second round are as follows:

FIRST ROUND

Zone I
Nedlands (8) beat Perth (2). South Perth (10) beat Subiaco (0). Tramways (5) drew Claremont (5). West Perth, bye.

Zone II
Mt. Hawthorn (10) beat Maylands (0). Mt. Lawley (5) drew North Perth (5). Darling Range (8) beat Bayswater (2). Osborne Park, bye.

SECOND ROUND

Zone I

Zone II

The following is the position of teams at the completion of the second round:

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Buy-a-Brick Appeal for Anzac House

The chairman of the Anzac House Gymkhana Committee (Mr. P. R. Allen) is pleased to be able to report the instant success of the "Buy a Brick for Anzac House" Appeal.

One sub-branch in the Great Southern which had received 30 bricks on an estimate of the probable sales in its district, has sent back the cash equivalent and applied for 150 more bricks. Two Eastern Goldfields sub-branches have lodged repeat orders, while another unit which at the outset did not favour the adopted form of Anzac House, has decided to enter the competition with other sub-branches and has sent a repeat order for 100 bricks. An eastern wheatbelt sub-branch has ordered 150 more, and at least one women's auxiliary has entered the contest. In the metropolitan area, also, active interest is being shown in the appeal, and some sub-branches have asked for such large quantities that the organising committee of the campaign has asked them to accept smaller orders for the time being, as it is impossible at the moment to meet the demand. Correspondence indicates that not only the prospect of a free first-class trip to Melbourne with expenses, for the winner of the contest, is attracting support to the campaign, but also a genuine eagerness to wipe out the capital debt on Anzac House before the building is opened on October 5th by the Duke of Gloucester.

Light Horse Signal Service

Mr. F. R. Aspinall, secretary of the Light Horse Signal Service Association, Victoria, writes:

The Victorian ex-members of the Light Horse Signal Service are organising a Centenary reunion of members on November 10 and invite all interstate members to be their guests on that occasion. (The Melbourne Cup will be run on November 6 and the Shrine of Remembrance dedicated on November 11.)

In view of the time that has elapsed since we were demobilised, you can realise the difficult task we have ahead and I would be pleased to receive your cooperation by using any publicity you may have at your command (particularly when next circularising the branches in your State) to request any of our "Old Mob" to get in touch with myself. The units concerned are the Signal Squadrons, Signal Troops and Light Horse Regimental Signallers.

Thanking you in anticipation, and wishing you and your branches continued success in their efforts on behalf of the Digger and his dependents.

Let Us Pray and Sing

Fred Powell, late of the Royal Marines, and member of Mt. Lawley sub-branch, sends the following yarn of naval life:

H.M.S. Exmouth seemed to be peculiarly free from vice of any kind. She boasted of a strong branch of the I.O.G.T., a branch of the Naval Men's Christian Union, another of the Plymouth brethren, and Bible classes were as common as fan-tan dens in Hong Kong. The reason was that Captain — was religiously inclined. He used to conduct his own church services with the diligence of a newly-ordained curate—such preaching his own sermon and officiating at the harmonium. He had a voluntary choir of 50 voices—the number being added to from time to time by his awarding punishments of "14 days' choir practice" in lieu of No. 10a.

Naturally, Captain — was very proud of his puritanical lower deck. Not

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only did he allow certain parts of the ship—the torpedo flat and the air-compressing flat—to be used as a “lodge room,” but he sometimes himself used to attend and preside at the Bible classes. And although there came a time when the ship’s police became suspicious, not one of them dared take action without first being able to establish a case—a most difficult thing to do under the circumstances.

One evening, however, two ship’s corporals secreted themselves inside a torpedo tube and waited for a meeting of the I.O.G.T. to begin. In that extremely cramped position the watchers lay for over an hour. After a while they were rewarded by hearing the jingle of coins on what turned out to be a blanket and, following a spell of silence, the voice of the “Worshipful Master”: “Ain’t it time we sung another bloomin’ hymn?”

All this came out in evidence the next morning, when the members of the I.O.G.T. were brought before the captain on a charge of running a poker school in the torpedo flat. The culprits to a man pleaded guilty.

Captain—smiled wanly: “I suppose I ought to take the proper action of reporting the matter to the Grand Lodge of the I.O.G.T.” he said, “but I think, perhaps it would be a pity to disband such a worthy community. You will all hold Lodge every day on deck, during dinner hours and dog watches, wearing your regalia, until further orders. And as you appear to be so fond of singing hymns, you can all join my choir and assist at Divine Service every Sunday. If there are any of you unwilling to undergo this irregular form of dealing with a very serious offence, remain behind and I will deal with you. The remainder, dismiss.”

Two men stood fast and elected to be dealt with in regular fashion, and, for their obstinacy, were awarded 21 days’ imprisonment in Corridina Gaol, Malta.

The firing of salutes on the King’s and the Queen’s birthdays evoked the usual comments about noise and expense from omniscient civilians. These clever people failed to recognise that apart from their accepted significance, the firing of these salutes gives some valuable and much needed practice, in these days of skimmed defences, to our militia gunners.

Sir John Monash considered the attack on Hamel, on July 4, 1918, one of the most interesting actions of the whole war. By the end of June, the German thrust at Amiens had spent its force. The Australian Corps, now reorganised from I Anzac and II Anzac, and commanded by Lieutenant-General Sir John Monash in place of General Sir William Birdwood, who had been promoted to the command of the Fifth Army, had commenced to hit back.

Pursuing the offensive-defensive strategy of which Wellington was such an able exponent, the Australians had made local gains, thereby straightening out their own line and distracting the enemy’s attention from enterprises on other parts of the front. Monash was still anxious about the Hamel re-entrant. Accordingly, on June 21, 1918, he submitted to the G.O.C. Fourth Army, plans for the capture of Hamel village and Vaire and Hamel Woods. He proposed to carry out the attack with one division and one brigade, approximately 7,000 bayonets, aided by tanks. The operation would be primarily a tank operation, controlled by one divisional commander, Major-General MacLagen, G.O.C. Fourth Division.

One serious difficulty presented itself at the outset. The 4th Brigade which, with the 6th and 11th Brigades, was to take part in the assault, had suffered severely at Bullecourt in the spring of the previous year, and there is not the slightest doubt that the failure of the tanks was responsible for the disaster that day. The other brigades of the Fourth Division, the 12th and 13th, had had more fortunate co-operation with tanks at Mesines, but the men of the 4th Brigade had not yet overcome their prejudice against the new arm. During the time that intervened between the approval of Monash’s plans and the actual battle, the infantry were practised in co-operation with tanks and arrived at a truer appreciation of that weapon’s capabilities and limitations.

The Mark V tank—had just been taken into use and in connection with the evolution of tank tactics another interesting feature may be noted. In this action each tank was treated, for tactical purposes, as an infantry weapon. From the moment it went into action until the objective had been gained, it was to be under the exclusive orders of the infantry commander to whom it had been assigned. When in action, the deployed line of tanks was to advance level with the infantry, pressing close up to the barrage. The tank officers were dubious about the tanks being able to follow the barrage closely, thinking that the height of the machines would render them liable to be hit by shells that might happen to drop short. But the events of the day proved their fears to be groundless.

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attack, partly because this gave the Australian brigadiers time to complete their arrangements and partly for the sentimental reason that Americans were to go over the top with Australians, and this was their national day. For some weeks the 33rd American Division, under Major-General George Bell, had been training in the Fourth Army area, and the several American regiments had been gaining valuable training and trench experience by going in and out of the line with British and Australian troops. Sir John Monash obtained permission to employ in this battle an American contingent of about 2,000 infantry, organised in eight companies. The companies were to be split up among the Australian battalions, but they were to fight as complete platoons under their own platoon leaders.

Much to the disgust and disappointment of the Americans, 1,000 of them were withdrawn three days before the battle. Then, at 4 p.m. on July 3, it was decided to withdraw the remainder. By this time the arrangements for the attack had been finalised and the troops were actually on their way to the assembly points whence they would move in to action. Sir John Monash informed Lord Rawlinson that each American platoon had been assigned a definite place in the line of battle and that their withdrawal at this stage would so seriously disorganise the plan of attack that it might as well be abandoned. These representations were conveyed to General Headquarters with the result that the Americans were allowed to share in the honours of the victory.

On July 2 the Corps area was visited by Mr. W. M. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, and Sir Joseph Cook, a former political opponent, who was now Minister for the Navy, in the Hughes Nationalist Cabinet. "They arrived," says Sir John Monash, "all unconscious of the impending enterprise, but only by taking them fully into my confidence could I justify my evident pre-occupation with other business of first-class importance." The two Ministers accompanied Sir John on a tour of inspection of the eight battalions detailed for the assault.

THE ATTACK

Zero hour was fixed for 3.10 a.m. For once the weather favoured the Australians. The morning of July 4, 1918, was a morning of heavy ground mists, which impeded observation, and made guidance difficult, especially for the tanks, but which enhanced the effect of surprise. The fog also did away with the necessity of introducing a percentage of smoke shell into the artillery barrage, and of forming a smoke screen by means of mortars on the flank of the attack. Further, the fog accounted very largely for the cheap price at which the victory was bought.

"No battle within my experience," Sir John Monash writes, "not even Messines, passed off so smoothly, so exactly to time-table, or was so free from any kind of hitch. It was all over in ninety-three minutes. It was perfection of teamwork. It attained all its objectives; and it yielded great results."

The attack was carried out, right to left, by two battalions 6th Brigade, three battalions 4th Brigade, and three battalions 11th Brigade. While it was proceeding the other battle of the 11th Brigade created a diversion by taking a slice of enemy territory far away in the Ancre Valley, opposite Dernancourt. This had the effect of mystifying the enemy by extending the battle-front still further. The main attack was a complete surprise. Vaire and Hamel Woods were taken by the 4th Brigade. The 11th Brigade and the tanks allotted to it captured Hamel village. The selected objective line was reached in the times prescribed for its various parts, and was speedily consolidated. The victory placed the Corps in possession of the whole of Hamel Valley and the forward or eastern slope of the last ridge from which the enemy could overlook any of the country held by the Allies in that sector.

In all, 1,100 prisoners were taken and as many more Germans were killed or disabled. The booty included two field guns, 26 mortars, and 171 machine-guns. The casualties of the attacking force did not exceed 800. One gratifying feature of the victory was that the tanks fulfilled every expectation and the suitability of the tactics employed was fully demonstrated. Of the 60 tanks that went into action, only three were disabled, but these three were taken back to their rallying points under their own power the very next night. With the exception of a few machine-gun crews that gallantly resisted to the last, most of the enemy surrendered readily whenever confronted with the tanks.

Even greater was the moral effect of the victory. Sir John Monash's operation orders, with comments on the various phases of the attack and on the tactics employed, were published by General Headquarters for the information of other Corps. Hamel was the first offensive operation on any substantial scale that had been undertaken by any of the Allies since the previous autumn. As Sir John Monash says, "It marked the termination, once and for all, of the purely defensive attitude of the British front."

Information Wanted

Mr. Ernest Cooper, 4,700, 28th Battalion, is desirous of getting in touch with the undermentioned members of his unit, in order to secure evidence to assist him in a pension claim. If this comes to their notice would they please communicate with the State Secretary of the R.S.L.

Digger Wilson, who reported E. Cooper as having been killed at Flers.

Captain Mcintyre, then Lieutenant, "A" Company, 28th Battalion.


Captain J. C. Harper, R.M.Q. of the 28th Battalion.

Mr. Harry Gay, of 7 Hallam Avenue, who served abroad with the 44th Battalion and left Australia with the 8th Reinforcements to that unit, received severe injuries to knee and hip during bayonet training at Lark Hill Camp in 1917. As he is now trying to establish a pensions claim he would like to get into touch with any members of the 44th who were eye-witnesses of the accident.

Mr. G. Drummond-Hay, late of the 28th Battalion, of 93 Bagot Road, Subiaco, is anxious to communicate with his brother, William (Bill) Drummond-Hay (11th Batta), who is thought to have gone to Wiluna about May, 1933. He has something to his advantage to tell him.
PERSONALITIES

The R.S.L. has lost another good friend and supporter in the person of the late Mr. Fred Instone, who was one of the original Workers and Donors to Returned Sailors and Soldiers in Western Australia. With his late wife, who pre-deceased him seven years ago, Mr. Instone helped to provide many of the comforts so heartily appreciated by many diggers. The late Mrs. Instone was one of the original Fremantle War Memorial Committee and spared no efforts in her endeavours to raise funds, to enable them to erect their stately memorial. Mr. Fred Instone’s death will be deeply regretted by all League members and by all who have had the good fortune to be associated with him in his many other public activities.

The new president of the South Perth Sub-branch is Fred J. Aberle who previously served a term in that position. Fred served abroad with the 16th Battalion and returned wearing two pips. He has been a valuable member of the State Executive for a few years. He is a good speaker and belongs to the cheerful and noble order of “stout fellers.” South Perth will prosper with Fred at the helm.

Another ex-president who has returned to his old love after a few years’ spell is Harold Nugent, who recently has been elected president of Osborne Park Sub-branch. During the year Harold was forced to resign from the State Executive owing to ill-health.

Two bright sparks from Pithara were in Perth during the month in the persons of Jim McConnell and Bill Cleaver. Both served with the Fighting 44th. Jim is also a South African veteran and derives more pleasure from mixing with his war-time associates than any person we know. Bill’s business at Pithara continues to progress despite the difficult times. Good luck to him.

The one and only Jim Whiteman (The Marquis of Torbay) was in Perth during the month. Jim was keenly interested in Anzac House and made several good suggestions as to the best means of catering for country members.

This year’s chairman of the Army Medical Units’ Association is genial Alex Hood, who for some years has also been vice-president of the Press sub-branch. Alex Hood was educated at the old Forest Lodge Public School in Sydney, where two of his school mates were Warren Bardsley, son of the headmaster and famous Australian cricketer in his day, and Oliver Hogue, afterwards a Major in the A.I.F., who wrote stories, verse and articles under the pen name of “Trooper Bluegum.” He went to Gallipoli with the original 4th Field Ambulance, served throughout that campaign, in which he was mentioned in despatches, and finished the war as a staff-sergeant with the Military Medal. As chairman of the association’s “smokes,” Hoodie will be the right man in the right place. He can make a good speech and tell a good yarn and he will be just the boy to see that the troops get their issue of medical comforts.

Many signallers who enlisted in W.A. will have kindly recollections of Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Fraser, D.S.O., and they will be grieved to hear that he recently died in Sydney after a short illness.

Advice states that Lieut.-Colonel Fraser marched on the last Anzac Day parade in Sydney, in which he contracted a chill, from which he never recovered. The deceased commenced soldiering many years ago in the old Sydney Scot-”

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mer, member of the State Executive and a past-president of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch, has been 21 years in the Government service and is now clerk in charge of information in the Lands and Surveys Department. Along with many of his old friends we congratulate him, and the organisation also, in securing services which he will carry out with credit to himself and to those who have elected him.

The Wiluna sub-branch sustained a severe loss on June 27, when a past secretary, Robert A. Hope, was killed as the result of an oxy-welding explosion. The deceased was a married man, his wife and young family residing with him at Wiluna. He was very popular with his workmates, and the funeral was largely attended. We join with the sub-branch in extending our condolences to Mrs. Hope and her little ones in their bereavement.

There is no doubt about Bill Menkin's ability to organise concerts. At the series of entertainments conducted fortnightly on Sunday afternoon at the North Perth Town Hall he puts on a splendid show, getting together some of Perth's most talented artists, and the proceeds go to deserving charitable organisations.

"Syd" Longmore, after two years as president of the Press sub-branch, did not stand for re-election this year, but to show the spirit that is "Syd," when a volunteer was asked for to fill the dignified office of assistant-secretary, he offered his services and was duly declared elected.

The "dispensary," otherwise known as the Osborne Park Hotel, was recently taken over by Mr. E. Ward, 10th Light Horse, who has also been placed on the strength of the local sub-branch. Amongst others now occupying public positions in the Park and members of the branch, are: Mr. E. Williams, the newsagent; Mr. Ray Lawrence, the postman for the district; Mr. J. Lannigan, clerk in charge of the branch office of the Roads Board; Mr. Lionel Eddy, who runs the "Big Store"; Mr. Dave Millar (Higginis), and Mr. Harry Miller (Roast Beef). "Imps," I believe, who controls the Roads Board motor service, Old Bill Anderson, who acts as local scribe for the West, the president, New Gee, is a red cap in the Perth railway station. There are others, in minor situations, but all staunch to the sub-branch.

Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood, who will visit Western Australia on private business, is expected to arrive here on July 31, and leave again somewhere about August 20. Diggers will rejoice at the chance of seeing the great commander once more, but will regret to learn that this trip is being undertaken mainly for health reasons, and that, therefore, any arrangements for his entertainment must be deferred until his arrival and his wishes in the matter are known. Sir William will be accorded a civic reception in Perth, to which members of the State Executive and officials of metropolitan sub-branches will, it is understood, be invited. In the meantime the troops will bid him a cordial welcome and wish him a speedy return to better health.

Bill Duffield, a former secretary of Nedlands Park Sub-branch, but now stationed at Busselton in the service of the Agricultural Bank, paid a visit to the big wicked city recently. Busselton evidently agrees with him, for he is looking in the pink. He sends greetings to all old pals.

Practically all of the members of the State Executive have been affected by the prevalent flu, the last two victims being Alex. Panton and Colonel Margolin, who were absent through illness from the State Executive meeting on the 18th instant.

The State President (Mr. Yeates) and Colonel Margolin will leave Perth on August 4, for the League's Federal Congress, which takes place in Brisbane, commencing on August 13.
Just as we are going to press comes the sad news of the death of Mr. Morrie Moss, the Official Receiver in Bankruptcy. Mr. Moss was laid up with a severe illness about three months ago, from which he never rallied. He was particularly clever, with a keen intellect, and was widely read. He served at war with the 16th Battalion and was a member of the West Perth Sub-branch. League members remember with pride the public stand Mr. Moss took against an organisation about eight years ago which had flouted preference to soldiers in making an appointment. The world is the poorer for the passing of Morrie Moss.

With his comrades of the Mundaring, and Districts sub-branch, we regret the passing of our old comrade, Geo. Allman, lake of Brooklyn Poultry Farm. This old soldier was one of the 1st Pioneers and received an issue of the deadly gas which caused long suffering. After retiring from the position of Government Poultry expert, he went into partnership with another ex-service man, T. Hemming, a Light Horseman (whose tragic death occurred about three years ago), at Brooklyn Farm, Parkerville. George Allman was respected widely and was for some years a v/ard member of Greenmount (now Mundaring) Roads Board.

Vale, "Doc" Andrews

On June 28 there passed away at Greenbushes Doctor Ronald Sydney Andrews, the president of the local sub-branch, after a short bout of pneumonia. Only five days previously his wife passed away from the same complaint. Dr. Andrews was only 38 years of age at his death. He enlisted in the army at the age of 22 years and served with the Australian Camel Field Ambulance.

The sub-branch secretary, Mr. Syd Guest, in a letter to the State Secretary expressed the grief of the friends of the doctor. He writes:

"What Greenbushes has lost, it has not as yet realised, and Greenbushes will never again get such a man as "Doc," either as a doctor or a friend. To have known "Doc" was really one of the grand things of life, and the League has lost one of its very strong supporters, and the diggers one of the best and most beloved comrades.

"The scene at the graveside was wonderful. He was buried at Nannup alongside his dear wife. One hundred odd boys marched in front of the hearse and one hundred and two motor cars followed, besides numerous men, women, girls and boys on foot, all bare-headed and through all the rain. It was wonderful. The Anglican Service was read, the Last Post was sounded, the boys sang 'Rock of Ages,' a volley 'three rounds,' was then fired. The president of the Nannup sub-branch then said a few words, but broke down before he could finish. Everyone then gathered close around the open grave and sang 'Peace, Perfect Peace' and 'Abide With Me.' There were between 700 and 800 at the graveside and so we paid our tribute to one of God's own men."

The late Brigadier Heritage

Another good Australian answered the last roll call when Brigadier Francis Bede Heritage, C.B.E., M.V.O., succumbed to the effects of an operation for appendicitis. Brigadier Heritage was born in Tasmania on September 21, 1877, and was educated at the Launceston Church of England Grammar School. After serving with a Tasmanian contingent in the South African War, he joined the Administrative and Instructional Staff (now the Staff Corps) in 1901. Between wars, he became chief instructor at the School of Musketry, Randwick, New South Wales, an institution of which he was the virtual founder. In his lectures, he had the happy knack of blending technical detail with brilliant epigram. His definition of the rifle as a "thermo-dynamic" engine will always be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to pass through his hands. At the same time, he was eminently practical, and with his breezy personality, he did much to transplant the traditions of Hythe in the sand dunes of Randwick. In 1914 he was Brigade-Major to the force that wrested former German New Guinea from the enemy, and he subsequently served on the staff of the Fourth Division in France. He was District Commandant, in this State, in 1918, Commandant, the Royal Military College, Duntroon, from 1922 to 1929, and Commandant, 2nd Military District (New South Wales). At the time of his death Brigadier Heritage was Quartermaster-General, A.M. Forces, and a member of the Military Board.

MEDICAL SERVICES UNIT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting was held at the R.S.I. Institute on June 21, when the financial statement and report were submitted. The report revealed a membership of 71 members, including 11 medical officers. A general review showed an upward trend of keenness and greater membership; further activities are fully anticipated for the ensuing year. Three social events, including the annual reunion, were held and much success achieved. The meeting decided that the quarterly general meeting be continued and held on the third Thursday of every quarter month. Those interested are cordially invited to attend and participate in the activities that are unique to the A.M.C.

The annual elections being held, the following office-bearers were appointed unopposed—Patron, Major-General A. T. White, C.M.G., V.D.; President, Colonel D. M. McWhese, C.M.G., C.B.E., V.D.; Vice-President, Doctors Leadman, Donaldson, P. White, Gibb-Maitland, and Kenny, Messrs. Edington, Rattray and Dyson; chairman, Mr. A. D. Hood; chairman, Fremantle section, Mr. S. Dyson; hon. secretary, H. W. Rigg; auditors, Messrs. C. W. Brick and Leigh; committee, Messrs. O. Daley, C. A. Davis, E. Acker, N. Sinclair, C. W. Brick, L. Stanley and Leigh.

"R.S.I. in the Soup" was a heading which appeared in a recent issue of The Sunday Times. That, with the tripes supplied by the Sunday Times writer made up a dish which intelligent readers found hard to digest.
Varia

George Greaves (late Sergeant, R.F.A.), who is at present secretary of the Carlisle sub-branch, was on leave in 1917. Strolling around Trafalgar Square he met a lone Digger of the 44th, A.I.F. The following conversation took place:

Well, Digger, so this is your first visit to London?

Digger: First visit be blown! When I first came to London, you could wear "Big Ben" for a wristlet watch. Say, Sergeant. This A.I.F. is a great educational stunt, as well as a fighting one. When I joined up I did not know what a Padre or a Latrine was. Now, by G—— I do.

"Bob Shingle" weighs in with an Anzac Day suggestion. Another view of Anzac Day, he writes, is that all those taking part in the parade are unquestionably past participants in the War. Where, therefore, is the need of advertising the fact by displaying General Service and Victory Medals? As all have them, the wearing of them makes a gaudy display of a sombre event. I would not again join in under the present conditions, feeling reluctant to carry or to be seen carrying so much dead weight. The wearing of the R.S.L. or discharge badge should be sufficient, admitting, of course, field decorations when the ribbon itself denotes distinction. Perhaps this modification will enhance attendance in future instead of causing a big percentage of soldiers to gape at us on the line of march. Modesty as well as discretion is valour's better part.

(We feel sure that "Bob Shingle" is well off the target, but it is his idea. What do our readers think about it?)

In his last feeble thrust at "The Listening Post," the bright lad who takes the pep out of Pepys in "The Sunday Times" every week, mishandled Shakespeare, misspelled a French word, and made an error in English grammar, all in his opening sentence. Only a "Sunday Times" writer could have brought off such a hat trick. Now we know why our unconsciously comic contemporary has been squawking about the high costs of education.

The praiseworthy efforts of the Forrest Grove sub-branch to raise funds to send a number of children of their district to Perth during the visit of the Duke, reminds us that in Victoria the R.S.L. conducts a Health Bureau and more than a thousand children of returned soldiers have been medically examined there, free of charge, and in many instances great good resulted from the early detection and treatment of inherent weaknesses. The sister in charge frequently advises a change to the country of children whose parents are unable to provide it and this difficulty has been overcome by the generosity of country Diggers who take these children as guests.

An interesting ceremony took place at the June meeting of the Neldans Park Sub-branch, when the immediate past president, Mr. C. N. Langsford, presented the sub-branch with a gavel donated by Mrs. Thomson and her children. The gavel is of highly polished wood and silver-mounted, with the inscription, "R.S.L., Nedlands. In memory of Gordon Thomson, President, 1931-1932. Presented by his widow and family." The gift was gratefully accepted by the sub-branch president, Mr. H. N. Dean, but the memory of the late Gordon Thomson and his sterling services to the League needs no material form of perpetuation. They will live forever in the hearts of all his friends and fellow workers.

Kulin Sub-branch will hold a diggers' function on August 8th, and Kondinin Sub-branch annual re-union takes place on August 9th. At both functions the State Executive will be represented.

Tickets for this year's State Congress should reach the State Secretary before the end of the month, and sub-branches are reminded that nominations for president are also now due.

When the Australian cricketers were at Worcester, last May, two ladies arrived on the ground and asked if they could speak to "Bert" Oldfield, who had previously played well for Australia in the greatest Test of all time. Although the request was made during the tea interval, they were told that it was doubtful if he would see them. "We think he will see us," they replied. As soon as Oldfield

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came to the pavilion and heard their names he rushed off to see them and ask them to tea. Eighteen years ago, when Oldfield was fighting in France with the A.I.F., he got a "blighty" at Polygon Wood, which was followed by a long spell in Gloucester Hospital. The two ladies who came to see him at Worcester were two V.A.D.'s in whose special care he had been placed. One of them was Miss Phyllis Parke, a clergyman's daughter. The other was Miss Strabe, whose Australian fiance died as the result of war wounds. They are both now at Cheltenham, and, hearing that Oldfield was at Worcester, they travelled over to greet their patient of nearly twenty years ago.

A recent pilgrimage to the scene of the Gallipoli fighting reports: "It was hard to imagine the peaceful countryside had been the scene of the dreadful desolation of nearly 20 years ago. Now the gorse has almost bolted out the trenches; spring flowers blossom in the well-ordered cemeteries and everywhere is 'a gathered radiance, a width, a shining peace.'"

In the Old Country there are now 471,000 war pensioners, and, altogether, they receive a little less than £45,000,000 a year.

Readers are requested to keep in mind the following dates of impending functions:
- July 31 to August 20—Visit of Sir William Birdwood.
- September 26—Opening day of Annual State Congress.
- October 5—Official opening of Anzac House.
- November 11—Poppy Day.

During her visit to London, last May, Mrs. J. W. Hannant, wife of the president of the Morowa Sub-branch, laid a wreath on the Cenotaph. Mrs. Hannant was accompanied at the Cenotaph by Mr. A. W. Stuart-Smith, who represented the Rt. Hon. Stanley Bruce, High Commissioner for Australia in London. Captain Donald Simson, secretary of the British Empire Service League, Captain L. J. D. Gavith, editor of Our Empire, and Mr. E. M. Bradfield, from Empire Headquarters of the B.E.S.L., together with Major P. F. Anderson of the British Legion. Lieutenant-General Sir Aylmer Hunter-Weston, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.P., who was greatly interested in this ceremony—as a result of a communication from Captain Robert Gee, V.C., now a member of the Morowa Sub-branch — was unavoidably prevented from being present. A novel feature of the card attached to the wreath was the unusual but most appropriate Latin inscription: "Ab Imo Pectoris" ("From the bottom of the heart").

A speaker at the 32nd Battalion Reunion said: "I have always considered that one of the best ways to preserve peace is to tell civilians what war is really like. This evening, before I left home, I had cause to modify this opinion. My wife, in all seeming innocence, asked me how many battalions there were in the A.I.F. With equal innocence, I told her there were sixty.

"Well," she replied rather cuttingly, "this will make the 87th battalion reunion you have attended this year.

"So you see it doesn't always pay to tell civilians too much about the Army."

We've discovered why a mosquito always has a second bite: He thinks that the slaps are encore.

What a refreshingly original person is the pseudonymous ass who misuses the Pepys Diary form every week in the Sunday Times. A valued correspondent of THE LISTENING POST has been forwarding his sub-branch notes in that form for a considerable time now. Apparently they have only just heard of Pepys in the back streets.

In Victoria Park the Anzac Memorial Service was originated by Mrs. J. Buzza, of Mint Street, whose eldest son was killed in France, in 1917, whilst serving with the 11th Battalion. On Anzac Day, 1918, Mrs. Buzza organised what was known as a Wreath Day service, and this continued annually for six years, when the local sub-branch included it in their Anzac Service.

At Gallipoli there was a certain major noted for his bulky figure and wonderful capacity for being out of danger. One morning word came to the boys that the major had been injured. "What!" exclaimed Blue, "has the old beggar stopped one at last?" "No, you stupid blighter," said Snow, "they were lowering him into his dug-out and the rope broke."

After reading the account of the Davis Cup match, Dumb Dora thought that Bossu was the French for "booze."

A digger in one of our country areas recently was run over by a car which failed to stop after the occurrence. One of the digger's pals happened to pass that way a little later, and, seeing his pal picking himself up with a groan or two, paused and said, "Hello, old chap, have an accident?" "No thanks," said the smitten one, "I've just had one."

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Not Boozed, but Bamboozled

(By F. G. Gallagher, in "Aussie," of February, 1919)

"We had a Padre bloke in our Batt. who had a hobby of carting smokes and chocolate to the front line," said the reminiscent digger. "He was a real dinkum, but he got in a hell of a tangle at Malancourt.

"He was out at an advanced posie, talking to two of the boys, when Fritz suddenly started to cut up rough, and looked like coming over. The Padre bloke got excited and wanted to help and chuck bombs and knock Fritz back, all on his own. Then the Corporal (chewing the Padre's chocolate), took command and said:

"'Look here, Padre, you do as you're blanky well told; lie down on your guts in the trench, and don't let me see a blanky move in your blanky carcass! Compree?"

"The Padre got down to it at the foot. Then up comes an officer, as excited as a rattled rattle snake. He was ordering us all to do about ten things at once, when all of a sudden he spots the Padre lying on the ground, dives at him, and puts in the boot good and hard.

"'Get up, you cowardly blighter!' he roars; 'what the blazes do you—Go and get some bombs and a rifle and some flares and look busy.'

"Of course, the Padre was dressed like a dinkum digger, and the officer couldn't judge an oyster by its overcoat at the best of times. Up jumps the poor old sin-shifter, and grabs everything lying loose—bombs, bayonets, bully-beef—he picks them all up in turn, trying to look useful, till the officer got out of sight.

"All of a sudden the Corporal comes round the corner carrying a Lewis gun, pointed fair at the Padre's tummy.

"'Didn't I tell yer to lie down, you silly cow? Lie down there on your craw, or you'll be reading your own burial service.'

"Down gets the Padre; and we all rushed round, walking over him, falling on top of him, dropping things on his napper, but he never squealed.

"We knocked Fritz back—in fact, he never came over his parapet. But the Corporal sent word to the Officer that he had a man lying in the bottom of the trench helplessly drunk, and then put the Officer wise to the joke. Of course, the Padre wasn't boozed—only bamboozled.

"By cripes! you should have heard that Padre talk when the Officer demanded to know where he had pinched the rum to get boozed on.

"But he was a dinkum bloke; he was up round the posie the next night with smokes and chocolate, just as if nothing had happened."

Scientists tell us now that fish have a musical ear. Perhaps they know their scales.

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"The Tiger"

The following is a copy of an A.I.F. field circular, printed and distributed to the troops shortly after the successful Hamel Battle. It reveals M. Clemenceau as a typical man of action, possessing seemingly inexhaustible mental and physical powers:

VISIT OF FRENCH PRIME MINISTER TO THE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS

It will interest members of the Australian Corps to know that the Prime Minister of France came up to visit us the other day and what he said.

When the Supreme Council of the Allies was sitting at Versailles the other day, and the Prime Ministers of France, Italy, and England were present around the table, and all the Prime Ministers of the Dominions, it so happened that there came in, while they were deliberating there, the news of the battle of Hamel, and of the success that the Australian troops had gained. All those present

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asked the Secretary to telegraph at once their congratulations to the Australians. But when it came to M. Clemenceau, the venerable Prime Minister of France, after starting to instruct the Secretary to telegraph his congratulations also, he said: "No, I will go and tell them myself."

M. Clemenceau is 78 years of age. Every Sunday he drives to some division of the French Army, goes to see them close up to the line, travelling hundreds of miles through the country in spite of his age. This Sunday he determined to come to an Australian division. As the 4th Australian Division had been directing the operations at Hamel he came to that. After chatting and laughing with the officers and men who could be got together at short notice at Headquarters—as much at home amongst them as if he were a boy again—he said he would like to say a word or two to them on behalf of the French people. A number of the men were gathered into a rough semi-circle, and the little Premier, "The Tiger," as he is known by the French, standing in front of them simply, without any attempt to flatter or over-do his praise of them, made them in English the following speech:

"Gentlemen," he said, "I hope you will be kind enough to excuse my faulty English. I know only a little, but I find it very useful at this moment, this English, because it enables me to tell you what all the French people think of you. When the Australians came to France we expected a great deal of you. First, because we had heard of what you had done in war in Gallipoli; secondly, because we had heard that you had accomplished peace in your own country. The French people expected that when you came to France to fight in this great struggle, which, after all, is the same for the French, the English, the Australians, and all those who have fought this great war out in the cause of freedom, which is the same for all, they expected a good deal of you; and I should not like to say that they have been 'surprised' that you have fulfilled that expectation. They admired most the fact that you were capable of doing what they expected of you. The more they expected of you, the more they held it in admiration.

"Hamel—after all, that is not such a very great battle; but I am ready to hold that in a comparatively small battle the man, the fighting man, who goes in to give all he has—his home, his hopes, his life itself—in a small battle his qualities show in all the brighter light, the action of each individual man having more influence in the final result. In a very big action it is not possible to notice so well the qualities of particular men. Well, in this battle the Germans saw that they had before them men who came from far away to attest that wherever free people lived, in England, in France, in Australia, New Zealand, and all free countries, these were not ready to give way to the Boche who has acted with such barbarity—who wounded and killed not only men in battle, but women and old men and little children—who ruined and destroyed our country, our houses, our fruit trees, even our gardens.

"We have all been fighting beside each other here. It is such a wonderful thing that this should happen in history on these old fields of battle which you have read of in books, hearing of wars which you had not seen and the consequences of which you had never expected to see. It is a wonderful thing that you should be fighting beside us on these old battlefields of history. Still, it has come true. The work of our fathers, which we wanted to leave unharmed to our children, they tried to rob us of. They tried to take from us all that was dearest in modern society. But the free nations of the world said that the Boche should not do this so long as they were there to come and prevent it. Men were the same in England, in France, in Italy, and all the countries which are proud of being the home of a free people. And that is what you did. And that is what made us greet you when you came. We knew that you would fight a real fight. But we did not know that from the very beginning you would astonish the whole continent.

"I have come here just for the very purpose of seeing the Australians. I am going back tomorrow to see my countrymen and tell them: 'I have seen the Australians. I have looked in their eyes. I know that these men who have fought great battles beside us in the cause of freedom will fight along side us again until the cause of freedom for which we are battling is safe for us and our children.'"

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Mont St. Quentin

The following is an extract from the Australian Corps News Sheet dated 11th September, 1918—

FRENCH PRESS

The Echo de Paris of 1st September, contains the following:

"Recently we captured some orders signed by the Commanding Officer of a battalion of relieving troops, containing the following interesting passages:

"Forces confronting us consist of Australians who are very warlike, clever and daring. They understand the art of crawling through high crops in order to capture our advanced posts. One of their peculiarities is that they take few prisoners and kill everybody with bayonets and rifles. The enemy is also an adept in conceiving and putting into execution important patrolling operations. The enemy infantry has daily proved themselves to be audacious."

The Special Correspondent of Le Journal writes an article on "How the Boche was Vanquished at Mont St. Quentin."

"It required a forest tracker, or a hunter versed in the art of ambush and bushcraft—and the Australians, bold seekers after adventure, take these to venture to attack on a stormy night a strong position like Mont St. Quentin."

"At the back of their barbed wire defences the German machine gunners thought themselves impregnable and immune from capture. Their sentries watched behind their parapets. The citadel, with its three rows of trenches, stood like a dark shadow on the banks of the Somme."

"Only a few hours were necessary for the Anzacs to conquer this impregnable mountain. Of the garrison of 3,000 who defended it, more than one-third are to-day lamenting in the prisoners' cage behind the line. To avenge this exploit a counter-attack was decided upon, but the defensive powers of the conquerors were equal to their offensive. They fought one against two. Three assaulting waves of picked men of the 2nd (Australian) Guards' Division and 21st Division were engaged in hand to hand fighting. These waves were shattered and mowed down by the frightfully accurate fire poured into them. At one time groups of Germans, protected by a smoke screen, established themselves on the slopes, but the Australians, counter-attacking them without allowing them any rest, captured 100 prisoners."

Marshal Foch, in acknowledging the congratulations of Australia on his promotion,—"I cannot adequately express my admiration for the Australians' gallantry in the battles which are now raging."

The following extract from a letter by a German soldier in a labour battalion was written on August 19, 1918, during the Somme fighting, and affords evidence of the effect produced by our bombing:

"Dear brother,—

... After travelling for twelve hours and wandering about for eight days we are now quartered near Peronne, and I can tell you that things have gone pretty badly with us.

"The English have just taken the offensive, and no sooner had we retreated than a bomb landed on us, and we lost fourteen men severely wounded and one killed. That made us want to bolt. You can just fancy that 200 to 300 men like that attract attention, and those beggars of airmen came as low as one storey, and we wanted to wriggle into the ground. You must remember that these beggars have got the same sort of engines as ours, so that we cannot distinguish them. At night, the same sort of thing happened, so you can just imagine that we thought the world was going under; they have unloaded at least 300 bombs on Peronne."

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Pension Arrears

The State Secretary has received advice from Federal Headquarters that a Bill is now before the Federal Parliament to authorise the War Pensions Assessment Tribunal to grant arrears of pensions in ordinary cases up to three months, and which provides that where a case has been decided by the Entitlement Tribunal and an appeal subsequently lodged with the Assessment Tribunal, the latter may grant arrears from the date from which the Entitlement’s decision operates.

It will be remembered that when the Assessment Tribunal was appointed in 1929, it had the authority to grant arrears without restriction, but that authority was taken from it by the Financial Emergency Act of 1931. The Tribunal could increase an ex-service man’s pension only from the date of the lodgement of his appeal. On account of the hardships caused by the new system, the West Australian Branch of the R.S.L. secured the passage of a resolution by the Federal Congress requesting that the Tribunal should have its power of granting arrears restored. The Bill now before the Federal Parliament is the result. And yet, it has been impudently asserted that the R.S.L. had lost its punch as far as helping the war pensioner is concerned, and that back-street journalists can do more for him.

The Assessment Tribunal will begin its next sitting in Western Australia on July 30. The Entitlement Tribunal will not revisit this State until November 10, when it will commence a three weeks’ session.

At the height of the struggle it was apparent that a shell, or a salvo of shells, had dropped in the midst of the combatants, killing them all. So sudden and complete had been the deadly work of the explosives, that the attackers and defenders maintained the various attitudes they were in when death overtook them.

The effect was to reveal in a vividly awesome manner the bitter conflict that took place for the possession of this portion of the line.

Inventors don’t think much of their own ideas. Edison, for instance, thought out electricity, but he made light of it.

A hair on the head is worth two in the comb.

English grammar has to be corrected by this journal. We refer to the word “marriage.” It isn’t a word, it’s a sentence.

And marriage is not a lottery. In a lottery a man has a chance.

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32nd Battalion Dinner

Considering that only two companies of the 32nd came from Western Australia, and that it received only two or three reinforcements from this State, there was a surprisingly large attendance at the annual dinner on July 21, the anniversary of the Fifth Division’s disastrous show at Fromelles in 1916. Wearing the tin hat of other and sterner days, and assuming duty as Town Mayor of Desvres, a billiring area of happy memories in the Battalion’s history, President George V. Abjornson took the chair and welcomed the visitors, who included Lieutenant-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, the District Commandant (Brigadier A. M. Martyn), Mr. A. Yeates (State President, R.S.L.), Dr. Hugh Fowler (44th Battalion), and Messrs. Cattermole (B.U.S.A.), McIntyre (28th Battalion), J. A. V. Philp (10th L.H.), and Myatt (Maimed and Limbless Men’s

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Hospitalities

(By W. Anderson, Osborne Park)

It was the M.O.'s studio at the Repatriation Office, Perth Hospital and "Old Bill" was undergoing the usual exploration of his carcase when Jimmy, the scribe, entered the room. "Look here," exclaimed the M.O., "this man has two ages, military and civil." "Oh, yes," says Jim. "I wonder if he has two names," queried the panacea distributor. "Yes," exclaimed the patient. "You will find your other name amongst the elite in 'Who's Who.' I was amongst those in the Peerage!" "Beereag" interjected Jimmy.

I am a great lover of perverted proverbs. While in the Edward Millen thought of some. Here they are: It is said that if you go to Ward XI, P.P.H., and beauty looks from a nurse's habit or costume, love will come in at the Ward door.

Everything comes to the private soldier who lets the sergeant do the waiting.

Early to bed and late to rise will effect great saving in electric torches and prevent you burning the candle at both ends.

Patients consider that where advice and medicine is concerned, it is more blessed to give than receive.

When a fellow finds himself in Ward XI, the most astounding thing is the light cost of refreshments.

At a recent medical inspection at the Re-pat. one man was being examined. "Have you any rash on you?" queried the medicus. "Oh, no, sir," replied the digger. "I am official fumigator at the City Council's rubbish tip." "Oh, you're all right. Pass on.

A nurse in one of the soldiers' insti-

The W.A. Travel and Publicity League

A WORTHY ORGANISATION

An organisation which should achieve results is the newly-formed W.A. Travel and Publicity League. Its executive is a particularly strong one, comprising representatives of the best elements of the community. The R.S.L. has been invited to co-operate, and in furtherance of its policy to do everything possible to promote the interests of the State, the R.S.L. State Executive decided to be represented and Mr. Watt was appointed. Its aims may be epitomised thus:

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Association). Telegrams of greeting were read from Major-General Tivey, who commanded the 8th Brigade during the war, South Australian comrades of the 32nd, the 30th Battalion, and country members of the 32nd, who were unable to be present.

Proposing the toast of "The 32nd Battalion, General Tivey and His Chocs," General Hobbis said that at Fromelles the battalion had been set a task that it was humanly impossible to accomplish, but had won glory that will never die. During the war, the battalion had gained no fewer than 120 decorations, including the V.C. won by its commanding officer, Major B. A. Work, during the attack on the Hindenburg Line, when Major Work's courage and skilful handling of his men saved many casualties. A unique honour was won by Mr. Abjornson, who was made an honorary corporal of the French Chasseurs Alpins, a distinction which, at the time, was shared by only four foreigners, of whom the King of Italy was one.

Responding to the toast, Major "Dick" Geddes said that he had often been asked why the Battalion held its re-union on the anniversary of a disaster. "We do so," he declared, "because it was on that day that the 32nd Battalion really became a unit." Major Geddes stated that the Battalion's casualties at Fromelles amounted to 718, and that throughout the course of the war 611 had been killed in action. He was ably supported by Padre Foyster. To Colonel T. Flintoff fell the honour of proposing the R.S.L. He eulogised the work of the organisation and advised diggers to strengthen its hands by joining up. The State President (Mr. A. Yeates), in his reply, said that discharge and invalid badges showed what we did during the war, but the R.S.L. Badge shows what we are doing now. Community singing and other items added to the enjoyment of the evening. The officials responsible for its striking success were the Town Major (G. V. Abjornson), the Billeting Officer (L. L. Lobascher), and the Quartermaster (W. E. Junner).

On Sunday, July 22, at 3.15 p.m., over a hundred members of the Battalion paraded in King's Park, where Mr. Abjornson laid a wreath in memory of fallen comrades, on the State War Memorial. The customary calls were sounded by Sergeant Ewins.
The State Executive Meetings

SPECIAL MEETING

At a special meeting of the State Executive on July 20 there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Collett, Philip, Freedman, Watt, Hunt, Pady, Aberle, Margolin, Lovell, Collins, Ross, Wilkins, Lamb, Farquharson, Bryan, Wells and McDowell.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering an application for the formation of a community of interest sub-branch composed of members of the Commercial Travellers’ Club, to be known as the Commercial Traveller’s Sub-branch. A communication from Mr. F. E. Heedes was read. It was announced that the constitution had been compiled with in the matter of capital fees, etc. On the motion of Mr. Wilkins and Colonel Margolin permission was given for the formation of this sub-branch.

June 20, 1934

At the meeting on June 20, 1934, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Collett, Philip, Freedman, Watt, Hunt, Pady, Aberle, Margolin, Lovell, Collins, Mellor, Wilkins, Lamb, Farquharson, Bryan, Wells and McDowell.

A letter of appreciation for congratulations extended was received from Mrs. C. H. Manning, O.B.E.

19th Annual Federal Congress.—The State President (Mr. Yeates) and Colonel Margolin were appointed to represent the W.A. Branch at the 19th Annual Federal Congress, to be held in Brisbane on August 13. Colonel Lamb was appointed reserve delegate. It was decided that the attendance of the State Secretary, or the Assistant Secretary, would receive their share.

So soon as funds are available, pamphlets and posters, attractively written and illustrated, will be issued through the State Tourist and Publicity Bureaux and Shipping Co., all the established shipping companies, and Messrs. Cook’s organisation, together with the establishment of an intensive publicity drive in the Eastern States of Australia.

State Secretary would be unnecessary on this occasion.

Publicity.—It was decided that in future any correspondence from the League Office, which affects League policy and all matters of a confidential nature concerning League activities must be submitted to the State President before despatch.

Hospital.—Rabbi Freedman submitted a report in which it was stated that the Hospitals Committee had visited the Edward Millen Home and Hazelgrove Hospital. No complaints were received and ex-service men in both institutions appeared to be generally satisfied with the treatment administered.

While Archdeacon Riley reported having visited Wyalombey and Koorda Sub-branches.

Leave of absence was granted to Archdeacon Riley and Colonel Collett from the next meeting.

July 4, 1934

At the meeting of the State Executive on July 4, 1934, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Freedman, Pady, Aberle, Margolin, Lovell, Collins, Mellor, Wilkins, Lamb, Farquharson, Bryan, Wells, McDowell. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Anderson, Collett, Philip, Panton, Denton, Watt, Edmonds, Hunt and Wells.

S.S.L. Committee Report.—The report of the Second Conference of the S.S.L. Committee held on May 8, which had been circulated to delegates and referred to the framers for further consideration, was considered in the light of a further report from the Committee. The report of May 8 was then adopted. Arising out of this report, the following resolution will be submitted to Federal Congress:

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That this constitution be so altered as to allow R.S.I. Sub-branch members to remain in office after the first year, or to be appointed at any future date at the discretion of the sub-branch after the S.S.L.”

R.S.S.I.C., Challenge Trophy.—The suggestion from the Federal Office that this trophy be awarded for efficiency to infantry units was agreed to.

Sub-branches.—Gascoyne Sub-branch requested that the State President or State Secretary be authorised to visit Gascoyne. On the motion of Colonel Lamb, seconded by Mr. Aberle, it was agreed to inform the sub-branch that the Executive was anxious to fall in with the request, but the many calls on the State President’s time.
made it impossible to arrange the visit for the present. It was further decided that the sub-branch be asked to submit an itinerary and suggestions about travelling, etc., for a future date.

Authority was given for the formation of new sub-branches at Muntadgin and Dongara.

The appointment of officials as advised by the following sub-branches was confirmed: Wellard, Torbay, Mundaring and Fremantle.

The Subiaco Sub-branch desired to know if a community of interest sub-branch could enrol any returned soldier as a member and whether any conditions were attached to membership. It was agreed that the sub-branch be advised that no rules in this regard had been laid down.

Amelioration.—Perth Sub-branch asked the State Executive to endeavour to secure funds from the British Red Cross Society for the assistance of ex-Imperial men in Western Australia. The matter was left in the hands of the State Secretary who will make inquiries from the Red Cross Society as to the present position.

Travelling Facilities.—The Premier's Department advised that the usual travelling facilities for delegates attending the Federal Congress had been approved.

Children's Camp: Royal Visit.—Correspondence from the Forest Grove Sub-branch was received. The Premier's Department had advised that no arrangements were being made for a children's camp in connection with the Royal visit. It was expected that the Y.M.C.A. had been approached, and it was decided that the State Secretary should obtain whatever information is available from that organisation.

Returned Sister.—The Perth Sub-branch requested that the case of a returned sister, whose retirement was considered a breach of the preference principle, be re-opened. After discussion it was decided that no further action in this matter be taken.

Buy-a-Brick Campaign.—The Perth Sub-branch forwarded information concerning a buy-a-brick campaign in aid of the funds of Anzac House. The letter was received.

Baby Day.—A communication from the Maimed and Limbless Men's Association concerning the tender for the manufacture of poppies for this year's appeal was left in the hands of the State Secretary.

Committee.—It was agreed to ask General Hoth's to join the Parade Committee for the Royal visit.

Mr. Wells was appointed to the Empire and Local Trading Committee, the Poppy Day Committee, S.S.I. Committee, and the Land Committee.

A change of electoral districts between Messrs. Wells and Lovell was approved.

Federal Congress House.—It was agreed that matters concerning assistance to ex-Imperial soldiers, and the flying of flags on Anzac Day be submitted to Federal Congress.

Condolence.—The State Executive carried a resolution of condolence with the relatives of the late Dr. Andrews, whose death followed that of his wife recently. Dr. Andrews was president of Greenbushes Sub-branch and formerly of Nannup Sub-branch.

State War Memorial.—On the motion of Rabbi Freedman and Co'nel Margolin it was decided that the Anzac House Committee be directed to erect a board in a prominent position in Anzac House upon which shall be inscribed the names of the Warrant and Assistant Wardens of the State War Memorial, with the year of office, and that the State War Memorial Committee be requested to defray the cost.

Correspondence from the Architects regarding repairs to the State War Memorial was referred to the State War Memorial Committee.

A communication from the West Perth Sub-branch protecting against the reception to the Duke of Gloucester being tendered adjacent to the War Memorial was deferred for further consideration.

The Old Contemptibles' Association requested information concerning the duties of Sub-War

Deductions from Sustenance.—On the motion of Messrs. Lovell and Mellor, it was decided that the resolution previously submitted concerning exemption of allowances from Friendly Societies as in some whose sustenance is being paid by the Repatriation Department be again submitted to Federal Congress.

July 18, 1934

At the meeting of the State Executive on July 18, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Philip, Denton, Freedman, Watt, Hunt, Pady, Aberle, Lovell, Collins, Ross, Mellor, Lamb, Farrow, and McDowell. Leave was granted to Messrs. Anderson, Collett, Panton, Edmonds, Margolin, Wilkins, Bryan, and Wells.

Reception of Duke of Gloucester.—A letter from the West Perth Sub-branch, deferred from last meeting, was considered. The sub-branch protested against the reception to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester being held adjacent to the State War Memorial. It was decided that the position be fully explained to the West Perth Sub-branch by the State Secretary, and that it be pointed out that when the final arrangements were made it was thought that no objection would be raised.

Deputation.—At the request of the Perth Sub-branch the Executive received a deputation consisting of Messrs. Fopperton, Evans, and Hepworth in connection with the case of a returned sister. All three members of the deputation addressed the Executive on the matter, and, at his own request, Rabbi Freedman, was allowed to make a statement in regard to the case.

On the motion of Messrs. Watt and Hunt, it was decided that a committee consisting of Colonel Lamb and Mr. Aberle be appointed to investigate this case and report back to the Executive. The deputation withdrew after being thanked by the Executive.

State Secretary.—The State Secretary reported on the forthcoming visit of Sir William Birdwood, and on his own recent visits to York and North Perth sub-branches.

Anzac House.—The Anzac House Committee's report included the passing for payment of the architect's fees, amounting to £7910/-, and progress payment of the electrical contract of £110.

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Sub-Branch Notes

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There was a good attendance of members at the monthly meeting held on July 7. An interesting discussion took place over the "Buy-a-Brick for Anzac House" scheme. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the committee, who intend to make a decided bid for the prizes offered. A member of the North Perth branch (Mr. Milligan) was present and gave us his account of his various visits to sub-branches.

The business finished, harmony and refreshments followed and an enjoyable evening finished at 11 p.m.

- sub-branch with the position, and his action was endorsed.
- War Service Homes.—Hobart Sub-branch forwarded a case for War Service Homes purchasers. This was referred to the War Service Homes Committee.
- The late Dr. R. S. Andrews.—A communication from the Greenbushes Sub-branch, giving details of the funeral of the late Dr. R. S. Andrews was received.
- General.—It was agreed that the Empire and Local Trading Committee appoint a representative to the W.A. Travel and Publicity League. The election of officials in South Perth, Lake King, Quei-Qua-Coo and Osborne Park sub-branches was confirmed.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. C. L. Riley for one month, and to Mr. E. W. Edmonds for six weeks.

On June 30, the sub-branch paid a visit to Midland Junction sub-branch and received a hearty welcome.

The S.S.L. is still going along steadily and at their visit to the S.S.L. at Midland Junction gave their hosts a decided drubbing at quizzes and bowls.

MUNTADGIN

At the last meeting questions for the Congress agenda paper were discussed and opportunity was taken of expressing appreciation and confidence in the present State president and executive. A letter was received from the organiser of the "Buy a Brick for Anzac House Campaign," and suitable arrangements have been made for a successful drive. Mr. J. Crawford was elected as the sub-branch nominee for the Football Club "Popular Player" competition. The hon. secretary (Mr. Ross A. Keeling) reported satisfactory positions regarding finance and membership.

It was also reported that the social and card party held at the secretary's residence on June 16 had been a complete success. Appreciation was placed on record for the kindness of many friends and helpers who had donated prizes, loaned material, instruments, etc., and helped with the supper and in other ways. It was decided to repeat the effort on July 21.

Information was received that Archdeacon Riley would be holding service in Muntadgin on August 12, and it was decided to invite him to meet the members of the sub-branch at luncheon, after

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the service. The secretary’s suggestion to challenge Bruce Rock to a bridge tournament, best two tables out of three, was received with enthusiasm. It was decided also to forward a letter to Mr. Dick Williams (ex-1st Battalion), who is at present in Perth for medical treatment, hoping for his speedy recovery.

MT. LAWLEY

Our opponents in the first round of the A.R.M.S. Competition were our old friends, the North Perth Sub-branch. A goodly crowd of players and barrackers journeyed to North Perth for the match and a very enjoyable evening ensued. Mr. Lawley started off well by winning the quots. After a most exciting finish—the last North Perth man wanted 9 to win, but only threw 7—to we won by 2 points. North Perth evening things up by winning the show. Mr. Lawley led again by winning at table tennis (3-1) and once more North Perth, by winning at bridge, were level. Thus all depended on the draughts. Unfortunately, our draught team failed to put in an appearance (Bill Chambers, you’re for the high jump!), but 4 volunteers were found from the different teams and managed to win two rubbers out of the 4—thus the match ended in a draw, each side scoring 3 points. A very nice cup of coffee and sandwiches ended the evening. Les Challen, on behalf of Mr. Lawley, thanked our hosts for the very enjoyable evening and Dave James (North Perth) suitably responded.

At the July meeting, after the business of the evening had been concluded, Dr. Fowler gave a most interesting lecture on “Psychology and War.” Mr. Allwood, our worthy Treasurer, at the close of the lecture, thanked Dr. Fowler on behalf of the Sub-branch and the meeting then adjourned to coffee acres.

Two days after the meeting, we met the Maylands Sub-branch, headed by our old friend, Bill Lovell, in the second round of the A.R.M.S. This time we had a comfortable victory, winning the table tennis (4-0), quots (3-2-211), bridge, by 600 points and shooting by 5 points. Maylands proved the victors at draughts (Bill Chambers still A.W.L.). Our scratch team was no match for our opponents—Maylands winning 6 games to our 1-4 being drawn. Steve Hart (for Maylands) never worked harder in his life—played his part of bridge, went straight to the quot, and did his stuff there; hopped across to the table tennis arena, quickly registered a wash-out there, and finished up by polishing off the writer at draughts! Well done, Steve! What a pity Bill Lovell couldn’t find him a place in the rile team! A very enjoyable evening concluded with our hard-working Secretary, Ken Craye, thanked one and all for their attendance. The points in our Zone are as follows: (possible 20)—Mt. Hawthorn, 18; Darling Range, 16; Mt. Lawley, 13; North Perth, 7; Osborne Park, 2; Bayswater, 2; Maylands, 2.

We are now eagerly awaiting the attack on Fred Clarke’s crowd (Mt. Hawthorn). This promises to be a battle royal, and probably the Zone winner will be found from these two teams. But watch Darling Range, stowed away in the wilds of Kalamunda!

At the August monthly meeting, items for concern were discussed; it behoves all members to bring forward any ideas they may have for the betterment of the digger or the League.

MUNDARING

The annual meeting was held at Mundaring on June 29, the principal business being the presentation of annual reports and election of officers for the ensuing year. The president (Mr. R. H. Rutherford) submitted a brief but fairly comprehensive statement of the progress during the past year and urged all present to do their utmost to further the interests of the League by continuing to pull their weight during the coming year. He reminded all of the strenuous times and difficulties which the sub-branch had passed through during the last twelve months and the obvious need of team work always to surmount difficulties which may arise.

The secretary’s report dealt very fully with the activities of the sub-branch over the past year, and he (Nipper Patten) also stressed the vital necessity of all putting their weight together to keep the “flag flying.” He reported that membership had decreased through removals and transfers to the Mt. Helena sub-branch, while financial stress had been the means of keeping some away. Nipper regretted that it was not possible for him to continue in office, as his daily occupation leaves very little time to devote to his work. According to the treasurer (Geo. Simcock), in his report, the general fund account was not in a very healthy state, and showed a decided loss on the year’s undertakings, principally because of business ventures. Nevertheless, he was convinced that the future would show a decided improvement in this. The amelioration account showed a very creditable balance and though being called on to aid several cases of distress, was still in a healthy condition.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, R. H. Rutherford (unopposed); vice-presidents, W. P. Grosse, A. Doerr (unopposed); hon. secretary, Capt. E. H. Sheffield, J.P. (unopposed); hon. treasurer, Geo. Simcock (unopposed); publicity officer, R. H. Rutherford. Congratulations were extended to the newly-elected secretary upon his recent appointment as justice of the Peace. The captain briefly responded.

Jim Wilhusen, popular past vice-president, a foundation member, who was nominated for the presidency, declined to stand for any office for private reasons, but intimated that he would always be on parade and do his share as in the past, for the benefit of the sub-branch and the League generally. Jim has been one of the stalwarts and a hard worker and we look to the
time when he shall be able to get back into office where he rightly belongs.

A smoke night will be held at the Mundaring Hotel, following the meeting on July 29. All executives of the districts have been invited and State Executive has been asked to send representatives.

It has been decided to conduct a ball shortly in honour of the "Debs" who represented us at Anzac House Ball. Further particulars will be published later.

OSBORNE PARK

The annual meeting was held on June 27, with 33 members present.

After the meeting was opened by Mr. R. Corlett, Mr. E. Damon, president of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch, took the chair. The following officers were elected—President, Mr. Harold Nugent; secretary, Mr. Ray Lawrence; vice-presidents, C. Garnier, Padre Jacquet; trustees, Past-president R. Corlett and J. Nichols; general committee, J. Garnier, Dans, Hanstead, Berry, Dalziel, Ward, Williams, Ashdown, Ror and Mullane.

Much credit is due to the retiring president, secretary and officials who helped to show a balance for the year. Thanks are also due to the librarian and his assistant. This department is doing good work. Nearly 700 books, magazines and novels; 2000 cards have been bought during the year. The library is at Mr. Dug Forman’s house in Albert-street and 2d. a fortnight is the charge.

The balance-sheet showed that the receipts were £217/9/6, and expenditure £209/11/6, leaving a credit balance of £220/6/6, and assets valued at £626/15/5.

On Sunday, July 11, a special meeting was held 20 members being present.

It was decided to lay a headstone on the late Mr. O’Malley’s grave on Sunday, 8th.

The S.S.L. held a successful and enjoyable carnival on June 30. The S.S.L. will hold a dance every fortnight in the R.S.L. Hall, commencing on July 14.

The management committee meet at the secretary’s house on July 4, consisting of president and secretary. The following committees have been appointed—Amelioration: Th whole of the been appointed—Amelioration: Th whole of the general committee. House: The president, Padre Jacquet, the trustees, and Messrs. Dans and Williams. Sports: Berry, Mullane, Lane, Garnier, Dalziel, Dans and Hanstead.

The meeting on July 11 was held at Mr. Dug Forman’s house, as the hall was let. Twenty-nine were present.

A general invitation from Perth sub-branch for August 7 was accepted.

The condition appended by the management committee on July 4 were agreed to with a motion that further additions may be made.

PERTH

(By "The Grace Note")

Well, Mr. Editor, it is two Test matches ago since my last report was written and many and varied have been the arguments in and around the Perth sub-branch office. If two of England’s late Test players could only hear the things said about them by one side of the arguers their chests would inflate with pride, but when the other side is heard I am afraid that their chests would just suddenly deflate. But what am I doing? I should be writing about Perth sub-branch affairs instead of cricket. Perhaps I can be excused when I tell you that the only query one hears these days is “What’s the score?” Even the A.R.M.S. competitions are subordinated. This reminds me that Perth (6) beat South Perth (4) in the second round of these contests and all are keen to retrieve the points lost by the hiding we got from Nethlands. The sub-branch is still interesting itself in the case of a returned sixteen, and, despite all, rebuffs, is going to do what it can to help her.

The auditors’ report and balance sheet was enthusiastically received and he was thanked for his honorary services in connection with the amelioration fund. The half-yearly meeting finished up with a bridge tournay in which the much defamed bridge team members, who have yet to win an A.R.M.S. game, emerged triumphant.

MOROWA

At a recent children’s fancy dress ball, held in the Town Hall, the president of the Morawa sub-branch (Mr. H. P. Groom) presented prizes to four school children, the winners of an essay on “The Meaning of Anzac Day.” This competition, open to all the children in the Morawa district, was for four prizes and was possible through the generosity of one of the popular members, P. J. McGuinness. On June 30 the ex-soldiers of Perenjori (a neighbouring township 25 miles distant) held a social and dance with the object in view of forming a sub-branch. Owing to the inclemency of the weather only one or two diggers were able to make the journey from Morawa to help give the local Diggers a kick off, so the proposal to form a branch was postponed to a future date, when it is hoped the weather will be more considerate.

A social and dance is to be held in the Guth R.S.L. Hall on July 14, which, according to the posters, should be a very enjoyable night. Guth sub-branch is having a rather hard time just now, therefore, as many Diggers as possible should make an effort to turn up, if only for the sake of the secretary, Charlie Stevens, who is a very consistent hard worker for the ex-soldier down on his luck.

DOWERIN

The Dowerin sub-branch, which has been in recess for some years, was re-formed, largely through the efforts of the treasurer, Mr. P. H. Bower, on February 10, 1934. There is now a membership of 32, and the following officers have been elected: President, Rev. T. F. Smout; vice-presidents, Messrs. B. Beer, J. R. Hughes and W. Shankland; secretary, Mr. C. S. Gerner; treasurer, Mr. P. H. Bower; auditor, Mr. T. J. Wantall.

The re-opening meeting took place on March 17, 1934. The State Executive was represented by Mr. F. L. Warner, M.L.A., who apologised for the absence of the past-presidents, Colonel Corlett, and the State president, Mr. Yeates. He congratulated the sub-branch on its formation, and went on to outline the activities and general work of the State Executive. He mentioned the membership and the number of branches in existence at the present time. He stressed the importance of every Digger being a member of the League.

In conclusion, he said, “Let nothing lead you from the good work you are doing in the service of the League, and by determined effort your sub-branch will prosper and by of help to every member and the district in general, both socially and in every way.”

Mr. P. H. Bower proposed the toast of “The Visitors,” in which he outlined many instances of what other sub-branches had done for returned men.

One pleasing feature of the evening was that at its conclusion there was not a person present which could be termed “visitor,” as all joined the branch, which then had 30 members.

Regular monthly meetings have since been held. The attendances have varied, but the interest is being maintained. We have an investigation committee, whose existence is well justified.

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On May 7 Dowerin was favoured with an unofficial visit of Colonel Collett. The Diggers felt that they could not let the opportunity slip without having a social evening. So they gathered in good numbers, about 30, to give a good soldiers' welcome to one whom they admired. This was done in unmistakable fashion, and very much appreciated by the Colonel. Everyone agreed that it was a jolly good time.

**CLAREMONT**

As July 3 was the opening night of an exhibition of local products in the Claremont Drill Hall, which most members attended, it was found impossible to hold a general meeting.

Taking into consideration the state of the weather, the attendance at the exhibition was fair, and no doubt the want of advertising by the Department of Industrial Development had a bearing on the number present. Over 40 exhibits of local products were displayed and great credit is due to Mr. Anderson for the manner in which they were set out. Special thanks are due from the sub-branch to the following people for their services in connection with the exhibition: The R.A.A. and C.M.H. Orchestras for providing such excellent musical selections on the evenings of the 5th and 6th; Mr. J. Dean for the loan of a piano, and Mr. Billy Edwards a wireless set; the Claremont Council for supplying free a chain of coloured lights across Stirling Highway, which was a great attraction; and the Empire Shopping Week and Social Committees of the sub-branch.

During the last few weeks the sub-branch has met two teams in the A.R.M.S. competition; on June 18, the Tramway sub-branch, which resulted in a drawn match, and on July 12, Nagle's, which resulted in a win all along the line for Nagle's. Mr. Woodland, our sports director, is anything but satisfied with the support members are giving him, and the teams' captains, in these fixtures. Last year so much blame could not be laid to the members' account, but now, with two evenings a month specially set aside for sport, and a good kit of gear for each team, surely it is not too much to ask members to support this very worthy part of the sub-branch activities.

**NORTH PERTH**

**A Digger's Diary**

(With profound apologies to the shades of Samuel Pepys.)

June 18—Foggy, wet weather, which forced me to abide home most all day. This night, I afoft by stages of one shelter to another, the night being murky and the weather still foul, to sub-branch general meeting. A good number of members which I was pleased at finding on such a night. The meeting open with the usual minute silence, and then an extra silence to honour our late member, Mr. A. F. Pearman, who but lately passed away, and the grandparent of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowles, who did die this day. The business of the evening done, thence to playing of games and a supper of ale, and biscuits and cheese, which was mighty chilly, and some gentlemen cry out that hot dogs with coffee and rum be of more comfort to our bellies on such a cold, wet night. Which was a truth, but, I observe that mighty few only take their leave before the ale barrel have naught but air in it. Home, my scarf and coat-collar high about my ears and my hands deep in my pockets.

21st—To St. Hilda's Hall this night, it being the first round our sub-branch play in the Archbishop Riley Shield games. Mr. Lawley team being our opponents, and made mighty welcome by our sporting team and other members. A pleasant evening and most games a close finish. Mr. Lawley to win at quoits and table tennis; North Perth bridge and shooting. A dead-heat being in draughts, so giving five points to each. Home, after a pleasant supper of coffee and sandwich.

22nd—Met Mr. A. Hawkins, and very pretty it was to observe the content he give himself in telling me how the Auxiliary sub-branch bridge evenings do be an excellent success. And, said he, there now to be euchre and rummy evenings for those who play not bridge. Each game to be on alternate Wednesdays in the North Perth Bowling Club House (Woodville Reserve). This news, I was pleased at hearing and will study all means to spread it among the people, as all our members should also do, these evenings being very much enjoyed. The bridge being 4/- a per table and the euchre and rummy 1/- admission. This evening Mr. Hetherington and I, while taking the air, fall in with Mr. Jack Middleton who, with a bouquet of flowers, be on his way to visit his wife, who lay abed with child. A daughter, born this day, he said. At hearing this Mr. Hetherington and I did surround our friend and bid him to a nearby ale-house and there "wet the head" of the new born, that his hair might grow curly. Which he did, and we would detain him to have another, but "Nay," said he, "this business is no novelty to me. I have three other daughters and a son you see." So, taking his leave, and his bouquet, he away.

30th—Up and find the heavens cloudy. Rain fell in showers most all day. This night off to St. Hilda's Hall, it being there our Women's Auxiliary Flower Queen competition to finish, and all votes to be counted. A pleasant crowd of company. But, Lord! to what ado I was, putting first this one, then that one, who would have me spend money to benefit the queen of their favour. It putting me in a pretty twister left I be tempted to overspend from my small store of ale money. I did, for some time, watch Mrs. James, Mrs. Hetherington and Mrs. Rendle receive votes money at the collecting table, it being a pleasure to observe their pretty eyes and mouths open wide at so much money coming in. First would come the treasurer of one queen and pay a handful of coins, then another and another, then the first again and so on, each holding back so much that they might enjoy the sport of watching, the progress-rising of their numbers on the black-board. At nine by the clock the polling closed and the Dahlia Queen (Norma Hawkins) was declared the winner with 10,160 votes, Daffodil Queen (Shirley McIlwraith), 8,692 votes, second, and Forget-me-not Queen (Patricia Sadler), 5,546 votes, third. By and by it be given out the amount collected all to be £161/11/0. A most creditable and handsome reward to the

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July 1—Up and into my garden, it being a promising fine sunny day, and give much attention to my little rose and sweet peas, that they might grow strong and handsome and win for me a prize in the sub-branch flower show, come this year. By and by my wife call me and show me by the news-sheet a notice to the funeral of Mrs. Davidson, mother of our member, Mr. Percy Davidson. This be sad news, which I am sorry at.

16th—Up betimes, it being washing-day. I would fain stay abed on so frosty a morn, but my wife bid me out, she wanting the sheets from my bed to wash. While abroad I met Mrs. James (Auxiliary president), who gives me news of a hall for children and adults in the North Perth Town Hall this September, is being to honour the queens of the competition just past, and the ceremony of crowning the winner, Queen Dahlia, to take place that night, to which all come be: President, W. J. James (unopposed); vice-presidents, C. A. Sadlier, H. W. Rigg; treasurer, O. Newmarch (unopposed); honorary auditors, J. Yule, L. J. McDowell (unopposed); secretary, A. J. Hawkins (unopposed); and assistant-secretary, Tom Brown. I again publicly officer and H. W. Rigg hospital attendant. Commissions: General, R. H. Alderson, W. R. Blight, D. Cummings, L. Hetherington, C. Jago, J. H. Laidla, L. J. McDowell, J. G. Rankin, C. G. Western. House, Gr. H. Davy, N. Middleton, H. Pepper, E. W. North. Aged Home, Miss Menzies, A. G. Moss, A. C. Rigg, C. R. Fraser. R. H. Alderson, G. H. Davy, G. C. Mays, A. D. James, B. M. McIlwraith, H. G. Richmond, J. G. Rankin. By and by, Mr. President (was) presen Certificates of Service to Mr. L. Hetherington and Mr. J. Middleton. All the company equally pleased at the words and loud in their applause to these gentlemen being rewarded for their valuable and unselfish services to the sub-branch and League. By the annual report, I read our membership now 243. We do, in this year, lay out £40 and more to help those in want, and £31/10/7 was paid the Aged Soldiers' Fund, which meets a record for any sub-branch in this State. An exceedingly pleasant evening with much merry talk and drinking of toasts. Home, in very good content, at the fine record of our sub-branch and the excellent conditions in which it still remain.

COLLIE

In spite of the inclement weather members continue to attend in large numbers and despite the attraction of Test matches, which have a habit of falling on our meeting night.

The Sons of Sailors' and Soldiers' sub-branch continues to prosper, the membership now being around the 80 mark.

The next meeting is the half-yearly and items for the agenda paper will be up for discussion. It is expected that Collie will live up to its reputation and send down their usual quota of items for the State Congress.

Pension cases have been numerous of late and Mr. May has been kept well at work in this department. Some of the cases necessitate long journeys, being undertaken to get the necessary details.

The sub-branch is again entering for the Newdegate Cup.

The hospital committee has reported a number of our members being in hospital, the number attending the local hospital always being reported at the sub-branch meetings.

A successful appeal for a widow's pension was recently undertaken by the sub-branch. The results in this phase of the activities of the sub-branch have been very gratifying lately, as far as success is concerned.

The organizing of our annual floral and industrial exhibition is moving apace, and all points to the holding of a very successful show.

The S.S.L. recently organized a very successful function, being the opening of the sub-branch, but, unfortunately, Rabbi Freedman, who was to perform the opening ceremony, was unable to attend through illness, much to everyone's regret. The boys are all looking forward to seeing the Rabbi at some future date.

KULIN

The Anzac Ball, held by the Kulin sub-branch, has been justly described as the most successful and enjoyable function yet held in that salubrious rural centre. The visitors included representatives from the neighbouring districts of Kondinin, Hyden, Kalgoorlie, Narrogin, Yalgorup, Wickepin, Jilbarnring and Narrogin. A number of debaters were presented with all due ceremony by the member for the district, Captain H. S. Seward. In addition to the member, other official guests were in attendance, including the Hon. C. Wittenoom, M.L.C., and Mr. C. L. Else-good, president of the Yalgorup sub-branch. The success of the ball reflects great credit on the secretary of the sub-branch, Mr. Tumber, and the committee of energetic ladies and gentlemen who aided his efforts. Kogan's orchestra provided the music and Mr. Reg. Davies proved a capable MC. Good staff work was particularly evident at supper time, when the 100 folk present were marvelled into no fewer than five sittings. The president of the sub-branch, Mr. Haney, expressed the thanks of his organisation to all visitors and helpers. The twelve debaters presented by Captin Seward and Mrs. D. Haney, the name of each lady being announced by Mr. C. Wittenoom, M.L.C., were, in order of approach, Misses F. Bearry, E. Lee, H. Argeant, Eileen Bull, C. Vague, M. Towend, F. Laror, F. Bull, V. Lendon, B. Laror, P. Riggs and E. Lendon.

PRESS

The annual meeting of the Press sub-branch was held on July 18, the principal business being the adoption of reports and the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election of officers, all of whom, except the vice-presidents, were returned unopposed, resulted as follows:—President, Lieut.-General Sir T. Talbot Hobbs; president, Mr. K. T. Henderson; past president, Mr. C. Longmore; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Chappell, A. D. Hood and R. A. Nicholas; secretary, R. A. Riggs; assistant-secretary, C. Longmore; treasurer, J. Wood; trustees, T. B. Tirtwistle, E. S. Watt and C. R. Collins; auditor, F. L. Sefton; committee, B. A. Bell, J. Fitzgerald, B.Kirke, A. McKinley, J. G. Paterson, C. F. Smith and Hillary.

The annual report made reference to the fact that by means of the two Anzac House balls, the sub-branch had raised over £500 for the funds of Anzac House. Complimentary references were also made to the work of the sub-branch's Women's Auxiliary and to those responsible for the founding of a unit of the S.S.L. and its successful direction.
Women's Auxiliaries

Practical Loyalty

The promoters of the Empire Shopping and Local Trading Week were gratified at the keen interest taken in the campaign. In the report of the honorary organiser the auxiliaries received “special mention” for their enthusiasm and willing co-operation. It is therefore to them and their kindred organisations that the Council looks for a continuance for the whole year, of this loyalty in shopping and purchasing.

There are several councils in Perth whose common aim is the promoting of local industries, but they are of little avail without the help of the housewife, however limited her purchasing power. Now that she realises the importance to the State of local production, she must not only set an example in her buying, but she must educate others.

The children respond readily to an appeal to support W.A. goods. The essays sent in by the boys and girls during the Empire Shopping Week formed one of the most interesting features of the campaign. If trained in loyalty to their State when young the rising generation will have acquired the habit of local purchasing ere they become full citizens.

There are still complaints that the shopkeepers do not further the sale of W.A. manufactures. But shopkeepers will stock what their customers desire, and if there is a continual and insistent demand for local products these will soon find a place on the shelves of a store. A few housewives pledging themselves to buying W.A. goods whenever possible, would soon educate a storekeeper to do likewise.

The Local Products Exhibition which has been touring the metropolitan area, will be setting out shortly for the country districts. In the splendid display of some 50 W.A. manufacturers, it will be seen that the articles are of a very high quality and equal to those imported. Therefore, in loyalty to the prosperity and well-being of our own State, let us continue all the year round to promote the sale of our local products.

VICTORIA PARK

On Friday, June 22, there was a good attendance at the Library Hall, when the annual meeting was held. On this occasion it had been decided to dispense with the usual social because of the large amount of business to be dealt with, and the decision to alter the date of the annual meeting from December to June, so that the present committee remains in office for eighteen months. Mrs. Pike (hon. secretary) wished to resign from office, but was persuaded to carry on with the assistance of Mrs. Bacon, who consented to act as assistant secretary. Mrs. Mackie, who has moved to South Perth, also resigned and her place was filled by Mrs. Vickers.

Members are asked to keep Wednesday, August 1, free, as there will be a real good night at the Victoria Park Town Hall. Mrs. Holmes is putting on two playlets and the “Darkie Minstrels” from Nedlands have kindly consented to co-operate; therefore, a record night of enjoyment is promised. Mrs. Holmes and her artists have taken a deal of trouble to get up a good programme, and a record attendance is desired. Don’t forget Wednesday night, August 1, at 8 o’clock, at the Victoria Park Town Hall.

F.U.S.W.

The July meeting took place in the Burt Memorial Hall. Owing to the prevalence of “flu” in Perth, the attendance was smaller than usual. Lady Hobbs was in the chair, and she was supported on the platform by Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Clear. Mr. Wilson, of Wilson and Johns, gave an interesting talk on “Gardening,” which comprised the care of lawns, the sowing of seeds, the transplanting of roses, and the choice of shrubs and passion vines. At the close of the talk, he willingly answered the questions of the members.

Mrs. H. Henderson’s programme was very enjoyable, “the artists being Miss Thelma Parry, pianist, Mrs. Tate and Miss Gray, soloists, and Mrs. Henderson, elocutionist. Thereafter tea was served by members of the executive in the lower hall.

PRESS

During the winter months the auxiliary are holding their meetings on the first Monday afternoon of each month instead of in the evening. The meetings are held in the dining rooms of the Institute. On the first Monday in August, Mrs. T. C. Wilson will address the members.

Two successful dances have been held during the month of June. These evenings have now their regular patrons and are very popular. Mrs. Bates’ orchestra provides the music and the ladies of the auxiliary serve supper. The next dance will take place on August 18.

In lieu of holding a Queen competition in aid of Anzac House building fund, a second donation of £10 has been forwarded through our State Executive.

KIRUP

This auxiliary held their annual meeting at the residence of Mrs. Hearne on June 13. The balance-sheet was read and the report of our first year’s work. Our chief object is the erection of a hall in which meetings and social evenings can be held. Mullalup and Upper Capel, being a long way from Kirup, have held dances in their own districts, but all belong to the Kirup branch. A series of bridge evenings are being held, also an Ugly Man’s competition, which will be drawn at the R.S.L. ball.

Special tribute was paid to the work of Mrs. J. Wellard, whose organising ability as secretary for the past five years had resulted in the present satisfactory position of the branch. The labours of Mrs. Langley Lloyd (now retiring from the presidency owing to ill-health) were also commended.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were—Messieurs E. J. Walter (president), Connell and Noble (vice-presidents), J. Wellard (secretary), and Pelham (treasurer).

A successful social gathering terminated the proceedings, to which ex-soldiers and their wives were invited.

NORTH PERTH

Through the influenza epidemic, the last meeting was not so well attended as usual, only 29 members being present.

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FIRE :: MARINE :: ACCIDENT

July 27, 1934
The Queen Competition has concluded most successfully. Our candidates, their parents and supporters, are to be congratulated on the friendly, and unselfish spirit which prevailed throughout. We hope to hold a children’s plain and fancy dress ball in August to finance the competition. If members have suggestions for the conference agenda, would they forward them to the secretary as soon as possible.

### The Listening Post

The next meeting will be held on August 8, at 2.30, at which new members will be cordially welcomed.

#### SOUTH PERTH

The meeting held on June 15 was well attended and two new members were welcomed. One new member was Mrs. Fairhead, who comes to us from the Narrogin branch. Four hostesses volunteered for each of the three fortnightly bridge afternoons falling due before the July meeting. These afternoons are to be held in the Amelioration Fund. As the regular fortnightly dance fell due on June 30, it was decided to close the Queen Competition and announce the winner on that date. This was done and Mrs. Pendergast topped the poll with almost 6,000 votes.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, the annual general meeting was held and the election of officers for 1934-5 resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Pendergast; vice-presidents, Mrs. Brameld, and Mrs. Puttick; honorary secretary, Mrs. Haydock; committee, Mesdames Aberle, Bonny, Gibson, Kirkwin and Prat.

#### WAGIN

The annual meeting of members, of the Wagin Auxiliary of the Wagin sub-branch of the R.S.L. was largely attended.

The annual report disclosed that the Wagin Auxiliary had annexed last year’s cup presented by the Executive to the branch whose activities in the interests of soldiers and their dependents were the greatest in the country. Renewed efforts were being made this year to again win this coveted trophy, which will be allotted next September.

The office-bearers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Mrs. Harrin; vice-president, Mrs. H. Goddard; treasurer, Mrs. Balcombe; secretary, Mrs. Lavery; executive, Mesdames Hearne, Lavery, W. Smith and committee, Mesdames Draper, Clunney, Cherrington, Quick Christie, Beattie.

#### MT. HAWTHORN

On June 9 the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leda-ville Women’s Auxiliary held their annual meeting in the Council Chambers, Oxford Street, Lendervile. The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Mrs. W. E. Kay, president; Mesdames Chippell and Cooll, vice-presidents; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. S. V. Stockman, assistant secretary, Mrs. Morley; amelioration committee, Mesdames Morris, Reader and Lee.

#### BAYSWATER

Thirty-four members were present at the meeting held on June 28 in the Lesser Hall, Bayswater. One new member, Mrs. Risby, was welcomed. The president, Mrs. Power, read a very fine address. Mrs. Henderson read the secretary’s report which showed considerable progress during the year. The auxiliary is fortunate in having two such splendid workers. It was decided to hold our birthday party on July 12.

#### MAYLANDS

At the last meeting of the auxiliary the following officers were elected for the next twelve months: President, Mrs. Menzies; vice-presidents, Mesdames Gordon and Lewis; hon. secretary, Mrs. Lovell; assistant secretary, Mrs. Woods; treasurer, Mrs. Spencer.

On the last Friday in every month a concert party is taken to Lennoo Hospital, and sweets and cigarettes are distributed to the patients. A very enjoyable evening is spent by the inmates and visitors.

#### TAMBEULUP

In her presidential report for the past eighteen months, Mrs. Roennis, of Tambeulup, states the auxiliary has sent donations to the Edith Cowan Memorial Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust, and the Blind Institute at Maylands. The R.S.L. has been assisted at the dances by the auxiliary taking over the supper arrangements, and dancing on a 30/30 basis for the auxiliary’s own funds.

#### GUILDFORD-BASSEndeAN

At the annual general meeting on June 14 a letter was read from Mrs. Grieve regretting her absence because of ill-health and her inability to attend during her term of office. The secretary’s report showed a pleasant and useful eighteen months’ work on the part of the members. Particular attention had been paid to the needs of the Edward Millem Home and the patients. The election resulted in Mrs. J. Gallacher being appointed president; Mesdames Wallace and Bunce, vice-presidents; Mesdames Carter, Watkins and Harrison, honour secretary; Mrs. Irvine, treasurer, and Mrs. McKinlay, secretary. Further arrangements were made for the gift and jumble sale which will take place on August 9 in the basement of the Town Hall.
## R.S.L. SUB-BRANCH AND UNIT ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

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<td>FREEMANTLE AND DISTRICTS</td>
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<td>State Hotel</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>B.-H. Lighthouse, Wokalup</td>
<td>T. C. Fairley, 49 Campbell St., Kalgoorlie, Tel. 290</td>
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<td>HARVEY</td>
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<td>Last Tuesday</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt St., Fremantle</td>
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<td>A. S. Childow, Fitzgerald St., Northam</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Glebe St. (Off View Street)</td>
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<td>W. J. James, 21 Marlin St., Leederville</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
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<td>W. E. Elston, Pithara</td>
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<td>F. J. Aberle, 10 Rose Ave., South Perth</td>
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<td>N. H. Millar, Box 41, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Toodyay Newsagency</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. V. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
<td>Trayning (3)</td>
<td>4th Sunday</td>
<td>G. J. Robertson,</td>
<td>W. F. W. Saunders, 146 Albany Road, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>TRAMWAY</td>
<td>Yelbeni (1)</td>
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<td>T. Chandler, 31 McMillian St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Library Hall, Albany Road, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>A. C. Shadgets, 13 Gallipoli Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers’ Homes Board, Perth</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
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<td>P. G. Miller, Taxation Dept., Perth</td>
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<td>WUBLIN, BUNTING, JIBBERDING</td>
<td>Each place alt., commencing Bunting, March 1</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Bunting</td>
<td>Tel. No. 7, J. W. Smethers, 18 Woolwich St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge St., Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Peters, 57 Woolwich Street, Leederville</td>
<td>Keith J. Jones, Yealering</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
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<td>C. L. Elsegood, Yealering</td>
<td>C. Vernon Harris, P.O. Box 99, Phone 3</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
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| DONNYBROOK         | Memorial Hall                      | First Saturday, monthly           | Mrs. Harding, Donnybrook       | Mrs. V. T. Miller, Donnybrook  |
| VICTORIA PARK      | Library Hall, Albany Road          | Fourth Friday, 7.30 p.m.          | Mrs. O. Taylor, 34 State Street, Victoria Park | Mrs. D. Pike, 38 State St., Victoria Park |
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<td>BLINDEN SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion St., Leederville</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, Leederville</td>
<td>R. W. Blair, 79 William St., Perth</td>
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<td>EX-NAVY MEN: Fremantle Sub-Section</td>
<td>His Majesty's Hotel</td>
<td>2nd and last Wednesdays</td>
<td>J. A. Main, 10 Wray Ave., Fremantle</td>
<td>A. J. Rake, Royal Oak, 223 Mary St., Fremantle</td>
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<td>FORTY-FOURTH ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>Col. C. H. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George's Ter., Perth</td>
<td>J. H. Gratzwick, G.P.O. Box 444, 99 St. George's Ter., Perth</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
<td>Col. D. M. McWhae (Chairman, A. H. Hood, 39 Tote St., W. Leederville)</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., N. Perth Phone B 8394</td>
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### A Splash of Humour

There is no truth in the rumour that Japan is to be elected a Country Member of the League of Nations.

It was bad taste that caused the solicitor to remark: "In my youth it was my great desire to grow up to be a robber."

The accused man had shot his mother-in-law. And he was acquitted. After all, any mother-in-law should know better than to approach when the son-in-law has a loaded gun; even if it is only close handy.

Advice to Young Salesmen: Never try to sell an encyclopaedia to a young bride. Don't forget, her husband knows everything.

Do you know that it is impossible to take an X-ray picture of a woman's jaw. Unless, of course, you are the lucky possessor of a movie camera.

Too much dancing, a doctor warns us, is liable to have a very bad effect on the heart. The little sitting-out is said to have a somewhat similar effect.

I wonder if it is true. A one-time bank clerk told me last week that you can't work in a bank and take home samples.

"If you were given another chance," says a novelist, "what would you begin life as?"

The answer is obvious. A baby.

A German scientist has made a man who will obey orders mechanically.

There's nothing new in that. Wives have done a similar job for generations past.

An airman recently was arrested in America when he was three thousand feet in the air.

And the charge was: No visible means of support.

If you believe in dreams, think this one over. Never dream, if you are a married man, that you are a bachelor. You're likely to get a big disappointment when you wake up.

A marble bust, broken into eight pieces, was recently dug up somewhere or other. It has been described as the work of a Jacobean sculptor.

Maybe But it sounds to us as more likely to be the work of a Georgian domestic.

In the news: To test its durability, a fountain pen was hammered, squeezed in a vice, and then dropped from a six-storey building.

We suggest that as a final test they should have sent it through the post marked, "With care."

A gardening article in one of our local papers says, "Now is the time to see if your lawn mower needs any small repairs." We must pop around to our neighbour's gardening shed and have a look.

It is proposed to raise a ship that sank off the coast of Wales over three hundred years ago. Well—why bring that up?

Small Boy: "Mother, can I learn to be a conjuror?"

Mother: "Why, dear?"

Small Boy: "Well, I want to turn my teacher into a canary and leave the cage open."
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