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It is only within memory of men still living that the old feudal concept of personal loyalty to the sovereign has been revived and combined with imperial sentiment. Dynastic struggles between York and Lancaster, and between Hanoverian and Jacobite, divided men's loyalties, just as the long struggles over prerogative and rights between kings and parliaments, which ended only with the loss of the American colonies, detracted greatly from "that divinity which doth hedge a king." As late as the reign of Queen Victoria's grandfather, the House of Commons passed a resolution that "the power of the King has increased, is increasing and ought to be diminished." There is no need for such a resolution nowadays. The long reign of Queen Victoria, her widowhood, to say nothing of the expansion of the Empire during every period of her reign, caused her to be, regarded as the personification, the very Madonna of Empire. What is more, during her long reign, the Royal family began to travel. For the first time in history a Prince of Wales (afterwards King Edward VII.) visited India, and a Royal Duke, the Duke of Edinburgh, visited Australia. Queen Victoria's increasing years prevented her from visiting the colonies, but in allowing her sons to represent her in the outlying portions of the Empire she established a precedent which has developed into an unwritten law. The result was immediate and momentous. The Diamond Jubilee, coupled with the visit of colonial premiers and colonial troops to the very heart of the Empire was the occasion for a tremendous outburst of loyalty which found even more practical expression during the critical days of the South African War.

King Edward's short reign was also important in this regard. His accession coincided with the inauguration of the Australian Commonwealth which in its turn provided the opportunity for Their Majesties, King George and Queen Mary, then the Duke and Duchess of York, to visit Australia. The King had previously been in this country with his brother, the Duke of Clarence, while serving as a midshipman on H.M.S. Bacchante. His second visit was part of a general progress through the Empire. King George, therefore, knows his vast domains and he has seen to it that his sons know them. His Majesty is far from being the rubber stamp in the hands of his ministers, the concept of kingship favoured by Burke, Fox and most of the great statesmen of the eighteenth century. He does not, like his ancestor, George III., seek to rule as well as to reign, but his long and omnivorous reading, his deep insight into public affairs, and his detailed knowledge, not only of the fighting services, but of other government departments, make him an influential adviser to those who are constitutionally his advisers. The advantage which a constitutional monarchy possesses over all other forms of government is its stability. Other forms of popular government come and go. Ministries rise to power and are swept into oblivion on and by every wave of popular feeling, but the king remains. The king is dead! Long live the King! And the nation derives benefit from the fact that an hereditary monarch can be trained in his job from the cradle onwards. During his long life, King George has seen many changes in the social and political structure of the Empire. He was born at a time when responsible statesmen in England looked on the colonies as useless encumbrances and prepared for their eventual secession hoping only that they and the Motherland would part good friends. He has lived to see those colonies twice rally to the Empire in time of war, and to see them admitted to Dominion status, to a partnership in the firm of John Bull and Sons.

It is known that King Edward's personal influence in domestic and foreign politics was more real than apparent. Who knows what profound influence

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May 24th, 1935

A.I.F. STATISTICS

The supervisor of the 'census', Mr. H. C. Green, has supplied to the R.S.L. some very interesting figures of the locality of persons who served abroad in the A.I.F. when the census was taken on the 30th June, 1933. These figures, which do not include ex-Imperials, should be of great value to sub-branches in connection with their membership appeal. The total number residing in the State at the date of the census was 19,226, including 104 nursing sisters.

In the following list is first stated the name of the local Government area, followed by the number of ex-A.I.F. members in that area, including nurses which are shown in parenthesis:

Municipalities

Albany 128 (1), Boulder 143, Bunbury 223 (2), Busselton 38, Carnarvon 36, Claremont 220 (1), Collie 149, Cottesloe 281 (2), Fremantle 709 (2), Fremantle, East 248 (1), Fremantle, North 126, Geraldton 178 (1), Guildford 77 (1), Kalgoorlie 360 (2), Midland Junction 229, Narrogin 104, Northam 197, Perth 3,551 (30), Subiaco 704 (9), Wagin 49, York 77.

Road Board Areas


SOLDIERS’ CHILDREN’S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The monthly meeting of the Soldiers’ Children’s Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department on Friday, April 26.

The secretary reported that in response to the appeal made for funds, donations had been received from 14 branches of the Women’s Auxiliary, making a total of 31 branches who have responded since the appeal was launched. The Committee expressed appreciation of the valuable help received from the Women’s Auxiliaries.

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At the Anzac Day ceremony held by the Osborne Park Sub-branch (Mr. H. Nugent, President) the Minister for Education (Mr. H. Millington), who is member for the district, said that the service that day had been a most impressive one and inspiration given to all. He did not know what was behind the formation of the branch, but evidently when the lads came back they wanted an organisation so that they could stand together once again as they had done during the trying period of the war. They had taken an active part in determining the policy of Australia and having been associated with the greatest organisation in the world, they had seen, and now having returned to civil life they had established another organisation composed of branches all over Australia.

The returned soldier had shown that Australia should remain joined together. They worked amicably together and their organisation was a symbol of what could be done by sticking together. The returned men had done good work and in addition to returned soldiers they had turned out ideal citizens, and his experience had been that whenever there was charitable work to be organised they had the support of the R.S.L., whose aim seemed to be to establish friendly and fraternal relations with all.

He was no lover of the glorification of war, he would not be associated with it, but he would not stand being walked over. Mistakes had been made by somebody and it was for them to see that the rising generation would not make similar mistakes. Great attention was being given to the practice of war, the manufacture of munitions; yet those in power this day were anxious for peaceful relations between nations. It was indeed to be prayed for, and that some means may be discovered so that differences might be settled, not by warfare, but by peaceful methods. That day was somewhat depressing to him as they celebrated one of the most drastic mistakes in history. They honoured those who had taken part in the landing, but it should never occur again in their time if it could be avoided.

The members of the Osborne Park sub-branch is keeping alive the good spirits, they had shown themselves citizens of a most modern type. In the district

PENSION STATISTICS

Among the resolutions carried at the Federal Executive meeting on November 1, 1934, was one which reads: "That full information covering the twelve months, 1933-34 be sought from the Federal Government, and when obtained due publicity be given to same, re:

- How many pensions have been reduced.
- Number of Returned Soldiers who have had pension cut out.
- Number of Returned Soldiers who have had pensions increased.
- Number of new pensions granted.
- Number of returned men who died since return from war.
- Number of returned men making first application.

The General Secretary advises, "I desire to show hereunder copy of letter received from the Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, Minister for Health and Repatriation, which is forwarded for your information—"

they were respected and loved by everybody; they were an asset and proud of it, and their objects to be attempted in the future would have the support of all thoughtful people.

The action indicated in my acknowledgement of the 15th February last, has now been completed, and I am in a position to supply the information you desire with the exception of No. 5, relative to the returned men who have died since returning from the War. The number of returned soldier pensioners who died last year was 766. For the period 1/7/33 to 30/6/34 the following statistics apply:

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Included in the New Grants are 27 previously rejected claims.

"Study of the above figures shows that the increases considerably out-number the reductions, whilst the New Grants and Restorations go a long way towards making up for the deaths and cancellations. Incidentally, it may be commented that the number of restorations and increases is a strong argument in favour of periodic reviews."

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By “Pip Tok”

According to a newspaper statement, General Evangeline Booth has declared “the World is my country.” There is nothing like being definite. We had always imagined, from the words of the old hymn that Heaven is her home.

“Fighting Charlie Cox” has just passed through Perth, and this reminds me of something that happened when the old boy was C.O. of the 3rd New South Wales Mounted Rifles during the South African War. The troops had saddled up and were waiting orders to get on the job and chase De Wet, when a Tommy Staff Captain rode up and demanded to see the Colonel. Charlie, at the time was pleased to the point and carrying out a very regimental inspection of a grey flannel singlet.

“Ha, Colonel!” exclaimed the staff officer, “Picking them out?”

“No ruddy fear,” explained Fighting Charlie. “I’m taking the little blankards as they come.”

The film of “The Iron Duke” has been banned in Germany because it gave Wellington the credit of winning the Battle of Waterloo and relegated Blucher to a minor role in that campaign. Fritz is right for once in his life. If Napoleon had not mopped up the Prussians at Ligny and set them well on the run there would have been no necessity at all for the Battle of Waterloo.

Speaking of the “Iron Duke,” and the route march of George Arliss’s “historical” films, recalls the suggestion made by a firm believer in the doctrine of reincarnation. This correspondent wonders what will be the world’s reaction when Wellington, Voltaire, and Baron Rothschild come back to earth and make a film of George Arliss.

George Mellor told me this one, but it has been officially denied by the publicity officers of three of our leading churches. It seems that a digger was having trouble with his Rolls-Ford and, being unable to start it, he told the car exactly what he thought of it, and then went into details about the genealogical tree of the manufacturers. Then, to his horror, he described the Padre standing at his left elbow. (Why George mentioned the left elbow I do not know. It probably had something to do with the musical setting in the minor mode.)

The Padre expostulated, “My dear fellow, I’m surprised at you knowing such words, much less using them so fluently. Why not try the efficacy of a little prayer!”

“Anything to oblige a Padre,” said the digger, and he did put up a little prayer. Then he cranked up again, got into the driving seat and tinkered with the self-starter. The car sailed off like a bird on the wing.

“Well, I’ll be—” exclaimed the astonished Padre.

Mr. Alex McCallum told a newspaper interviewer that he was glad to leave politics to take over the Agricultural Bank job because while he was in politics he got no home life. Now we know why there is such a rush to fill vacant seats in the House, and—why State Executive delegates always welcome the formation of new sub-branches.

The recent military developments in Germany have been responsible for many speculations as to the future. During the week I asked a digger pal, “would you go again if anything happened?”

“Look here,” he replied, “I’m getting up in years, and I’d only go to two wars—Morawa and Mullewa.”

All the same, I for one, think that the present German situation need cause no alarms. Hitler may reinstitute conscription, but once the men of Mannheim and the lads of Ladderstauch and the girls of Gottenburg are informed that Associate Professor Fox has associated soldiers with scavengers they’ll sidestep the goose-step.

During the debate in the House of Commons on Britain’s increased defence estimates, Mr. Baldwin drew attention to the fact that the Japanese had doubled the establishment of their military forces during the last four years, and improved their navy to the extent that it is now more modern than the British Navy. During the same period, Holy Russia has vastly augmented her fighting forces and now possesses 2,000 fighting aeroplanes. Sir Philip Sassoon added the information that Great Britain to-day is only fifth in the list of the world’s aerial Powers.

During the same week, the Australian Minister for Defence, Mr. Archdale Parkhill, admitted the truth of what the Listening Post said two years ago, that the present voluntary system of defence is both expensive and inadequate. However, not withstanding the change of policy in Europe, he does not think it will be necessary to reintroduce the system of universal naval and military training for two years. Foreign circumstances will apparently mark time until Federal

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lethargy evaporates, but, perhaps, Mr. Parkhill thinks that if someone forms a new branch of the Council against war and Fascism in West Woop Woop all will yet be well.

Mr. T. W. McNamara writes:—

Dear "Pip Tok,"—I was very disappointed with your reply to my letter and would respectively suggest that you re-read it, you will then note that I opened as follows:—"I am wondering why "Pip Tok" so regularly uses his column for the purpose of tacking the anti-war movement on to the communists," or in other words, why do you always infer that only communists are engaged in spreading anti-war propaganda; that is the point upon which I still await enlightenment, since you did not make yourself sufficiently clear. I brought to your notice a newspaper cutting for the purpose of establishing my contention that all anti-war propagandists are not communists, you counter by saying that it has nothing to do with the case; then, blissfully unconscious of what you are doing, you flatly contradict yourself by quoting the Victorian Labour Party, an organisation which has its own anti-war movement. It is not good procedure to base argument on fiction, either "Sapper" or anyone else. I have reason to believe that the Canadian Legion is in Canada what the R.S.L. is here, namely, a body of ex-soldiers. Do you suggest that the members thereof are the dupes of communists? The anti-war pamphlets which I read emanate from the office of the League of Nations' Union, and have as yet seen no reason to doubt their statements, on the contrary have thought it to be quite a respectable and reliable organisation possibly, as a good pressman, you know more about them than I do. Rear-Admiral Consett has given much information on the last war, and of such a reliable nature that the author of the volume dealing with the New Guinea operations, in the official history of the war, has seen fit to quote him. Now Rear-Admiral Consett's volume, though not written expressly for anti-war purposes, at least furnishes strong argument for the prevention of further wars. In the "West Australian," dated 14/11/34; Mr. Ramsay MacDonald it was reported, had something to say in the British House of Commons about British name plates on Turkish guns at Gallipoli. Of course, that news might be traceable to a communist source, although I very much doubt it. Now dealing with the last paragraph of your reply, you state that you believe war to be preventable, in that case, you should have some idea of what action should be taken, but you prefer to fulminate against funny little fellows, instead of expressing an opinion. However strong you courage may be, I consider your convictions to be very weak indeed, whether I ever heard a shot fired is beside the point, but I would say that you would be less likely to become involved in controversy if in future when referring to aunties you make it quite clear that you are referring to communists. In conclusion, would very respectfully remind you that sarcasm, ridicule and misrepresentation is not argument, so disdainfully refer to follow your example.

"Pip Tok" replies:

It is very nice of Mr. McNamara to tell me how I should run my column in the "Listening Post" and what is good procedure in argument, but with all due respect to Mr. McNamara, I prefer to trust my own judgement in these matters. If I have not made myself sufficiently clear to Mr. McNamara the fault is his and not mine. "It is difficult for me to believe that any man who has read as much as Mr. McNamara claims he has read on the subject of war and peace should want everything cast in words of one syllable. Surely a writer is entitled to leave something to the intelligence of his readers. The argument commenced with Mr. McNamara challenging my statement that the so-called anti-war league is a communist organisation. I am still of that opinion. Mr. McNamara has produced no evidence in rebuttal, but has raised the question as to "why you always infer that only communists are engaged in spreading anti-war propaganda." I quote Mr. McNamara's own words. The inference is Mr. McNamara's and not mine. My point was, and is, that the organisation referred to is a communist show and that the people who attend their meetings and speak from their platforms are either communists or the dupes of communists. If Mr. McNamara in his turn will re-read my reply to his first letter he will see that, referring to the news item he trots out as his star turn, I wrote that it is the subject matter of a news item which counts and not the heading, and, in face of this he is illogical enough to accuse me of "flatly contradicting" because I mentioned the Victorian Labour Party's repudiation of the organisation under discussion on the grounds that it is a communist show. Why, in the name of common sense? He also dismisses Sapper's story on the score of its being fiction. Matthew Arnold once said that the novel is the raw material of philosophy because it reflects life, and my own experience has led me to believe that fiction, if stranger than truth, is at least as true as propaganda. Even official reports can be coloured by personal predilections. As far as the Canadian Legion's picture show is concerned, it will have as much effect in abolishing war as the mediaeval paintings of hell and damnation had in eliminating sin. Mr. McNamara asks in a very superior manner whether I suggest that the Canadians have been duped by communists. I neither know or care, but I would put this to Mr. McNamara—it is a well-known part of communist activity to white-ant existing organisations. Labour organisations have complained that they are so suffering. Is it reasonable then, to assume that ex-service men's organisations should escape these tender attentions, especially when anti-war agitation has become the fashionable respectability of the moment? Mr. McNamara is welcome to Rear-Admiral Consett's views on the conduct of the last war, which, after all have nothing to do with the post-war intrigues of communists, but he throws a wide loop when he drags in Mr. Ramsay McDonald's references to guns on Gallipoli. Does Mr. McNamara seriously suggest that British gun-makers sold their wares to the Turks during the progress of the war? Does he forget that Britain and Turkey were friendly Powers until about October 1914, or that the original cause of the quarrel between
TUBERCULAR EX-SOLDIERS

Federal Government's Promise

An official reply has been made by the Federal Minister for Health (Mr. W. M. Hughes) to a deputation from the T.B. Association, which waited on him in March last to make representations that

Britain and Turkey were Britain's action in commandeering two warships that had been built in England for Turkey? From my own memory of the sorry part played by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald during the Great War, I should say that his present solicitude for men who fought on Gallipoli is very belated.

I have not sufficient time, nor has the Listening Post sufficient space, to publish a nominal roll of those objects to war, including myself, who are "Aunties" or not "Aunties," but I thank Mr. McNamara for his information that ridicule is not argument. Strangely enough, too few of the world's greatest reasoners, Socrates and Euclid, made ridicule their greatest handmaidens and their favourite method of exposing a fallacy was to reduce the opposing contention to an absurdity. I hope Mr. McNamara will acquit me of being personal in my reference to the funny little fellows. My reference was general as I assumed that Mr. McNamara, being a reader of the Listening Post, is also an ex-service man, but when funny little fellows cut absurd antics and make absurd statements in public, ridicule is the natural reaction. Any other type of criticism would be according them an importance altogether beyond their merits.

I must conclude by complimenting Mr. McNamara on the lofty idealism of his closing paragraph. Read in conjunction with the conclusion of his first letter in which he attributes to me a position I never stated and talks about courage of my convictions, it makes most amusing reading. In this instance Mr. McNamara would appear to have mislaid the proverbial Irish sense of humour—and yet he has the nerve to complain about mis-representation.

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THE OLD MEN'S HOME

By M. S. McK.

May 24th, 1935

To some the Old Men's Home is a haven of rest, to others the only place left to go! South African veterans are there and diggers are following hard upon them. Yet twenty years ago they were fit enough to be accepted for service overseas.

Surrounded by green lawns, shrubs and shady trees, the Home at Claremont commands an excellent view of the river. Near the entrance is the hospital, the rows of beds, ranged closely along each side of the wards, show how sorely taxe accommodation must be at times.

Beyond the hospital are the blocks where the men are "pension invalids." The majority can walk about a little, but an orderly dress and attend to them. The other dormitories are fairly empty during the day. There is a large recreation room with billiard tables and wireless. Pictures are shown twice a week, and the Home has an extensive library.

The dining room has bare, well-scrounged tables. Three meals per day are served, consisting of an "ample," well-cooked dinner at mid-day, with bread and butter for breakfast and tea.

Perhaps the most interesting spot is the canteen, which is run by private enterprise. It is a miniature village store stocking from hats and suits to "tinned fish, tobacco and lollies. Cheese, cake and boiled ham are purchased in threepence worths and add variety to the bread and butter fare.

At the present time there are between 30 and 40 ex-service men in the Home. They are not all of pension age. Some are able to work, others semi-invalids, and others homeless. One is listed as a pauper. The R.S.L. Trustees help with a small grant each month to give them events and extras from the canteen. These men are contented enough, but it is the contentment born of despair.

The Old Men's Home is an excellent institution, but it must of necessity cater for the average, and there are, those there who are below the average. "Meterin," in last issue, voiced the opinion of many, even officials at the Home: that the prematurely aged returned soldiers deserve a Home, somewhat different, less drab. A retreat is wanted where the men could be more privacy for the individual comradery and just enough military atmosphere to remind them of the days when they were "doing their bit." Extra money would not be much help to these old soldiers. It is a comfortable, restful home they need, and the assurance that they are not forgotten.

Once acquired, it would fall to the charge of the R.S.L. and the Auxiliaries to add comforts and extras and to care for them as they do the soldier hospital patients.

is suggested that all ex-soldiers concerned should communicate with the Deputy Commissioner, Department of Repatriation, Riverside Drive, Perth.
MR. LOVELL'S CAREER

Mr. W. J. Lovell, the newly-appointed President of the Maylands Sub-branch, has had a fine record of service with the League.

He held the office of Hon. Secretary of the Railway Workshops Sub-branch from May 3, 1925, till January 1, 1932, when he resigned to join Maylands. In February, 1932, he was elected Treasurer at Maylands which office he held for 12 months. He was elected Hon. Secretary in February 1, 1933, and resigned February, 1935, and was then elected President.

He has been a member of the State Executive since April 4, 1927, and has been re-elected at every Congress since then.

Up to date he has served 7 years 10 months. He has only missed attending one State Congress since 1925.

In November, 1932, he attended Federal Congress in Melbourne as one of the Western Australian delegates. Bill served with the 51st Battalion during the War. He has certainly done great service for the League and richly deserves the position he now holds. Incidentally he is the youngest of the Executive delegates.

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HOSPITALITIES AND SOCIALITIES

(By a Grave Digger)

M.O. (going rounds No. 11) meets senior sister, who informs him that "the new patient is rather light headed."
M.O.: "Delirious or blonde, Sister?"

An Osborne Park orator at a recent meeting: "We have a great Memorial Hall here and the sub-branch should be proud of its R.S. Hall hall." "Old Bill" explained that this was known in the classics as a "lapsus linguæ."

The letter "P" seems to be in favour with Osborne Park soldiers. The Postman, the local Publisher, the Pressman, the Perth Road Board representative, the Poultry farmer of Hector Street are returned soldiers, while last but not least the local Publican is a gentleman from the Tenth Light Horse.

At a recent gathering of members of the Osborne Park Sub-branch President Nugee was detailing the benefits of membership of the R.S.L., mentioning that at the Memorial Hall members could indulge in all sorts of games: quoits, draughts, dominoes, shooting, bridge—

Padre (sotto voce): "And two-up."

President: Yes, but the Padre has been absent several nights, consequently we had no "two-up."

Roars of laughter greeted the sally, in which the Padre heartily joined.

A generous spirit has been shown by the girls of the Osborne Park branch of the Y.W.C.A. They had arranged a picnic for the afternoon of Anzac Day under the impression that the celebrations were held in the morning and members were to assemble at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, which they rent for their meetings, at the same time as members were to gather for the Anzac Service. When this became known there was not time for a notice to be sent to all the girls, but the Secretary arranged that when the girls assembled at the hall, if the R.S.L. sub-branch was agreeable, they would take part in the march to the hall. This was unanimously agreed to and the attractive addition of a large parade of young women joined in the march to the Agricultural Hall. As many had brought provisions for a picnic, after the service the returned men provided tea for the girls in the grounds attached to the Memorial Hall. You can't keep a good branch down.

One "Old Bill" (there are several in the R.S.L.) noted for his great powers with the "Swan" and "Emu," was at the Perth Hospital with an injured hand. The M.O. who knew Bill's reputation, gave some strict advice, remarking: "Now Bill, whatever you do you must not drink beer with that hand."

"Dinkum, doctor," replied Bill, "I never do, I always use the other one."

On Anzac Day a proud parent who had served in the A.I.F., while attending to his evening meal, let us say at Mount Hawthorn, was telling his young family all about it; the brave deeds he did, the enemy he killed. "But, father," said the son, now a member of the Sons of Soldiers' League, "what did they need the rest of the army for?"

Two ex-soldiers were discussing outside the Osborne Park Hotel the relative merits of the various landlords experienced at the local hostelry. One seasoned character: "I would rather see an R.S.L. publican here. With him I can tick up a gallon, but if he is a civilian I can only get tick for a pot."

He was a local "sponge" and had drifted into a Perth bar and began an animated account of his travels. "I can mind when I was up in the Nor'-West being attacked by an alligator, but I grabbed a handful of 'yures' and chucked them into his face."

"What's 'yures'" queried a Digger. "Mine's a pot of ordinary, thanks," was the prompt reply.

It's not often the Digger becomes the mug.

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Sir, Thomas More,
1478-1535.

CHIVALRY IN THE WAR

Sir Philip Gibbs told some interesting stories of the war recently, regarding his experiences as a war correspondent.

"The war was an inhuman thing," he said, "but the men engaged in it on all sides did not lose their humanity." He gave instances of chivalry on both sides. Three thousand German prisoners were cut off for some days from their rations and water supplies, and were starving and parched with thirst.

"I saw our soldiers, who had been attacking for hours," said Sir Philip, "fatigued, hungry, and plastered with mud. When, they had a 'break' hundreds of them left their lines and walked back a quarter of a mile 'with German water bottles, filled them with clean water, and flung them over the fence among the prisoners whom, only a few minutes before, they were trying to kill.

"After the first day of the Somme battle, when thousands of our men were mown down by machine gun fire and left there by Thiepval and other places, cut off from us by an infernal barrage by the German guns, the German general sent over a low-flying aeroplane and dropped a message to our general (he was Philip Powell, commanding the London Division)

"The German general offered a truce while our wounded could be picked up and carried back. He also offered the use of his own men to help our stretcher bearers. The offer was accepted, the German barrage lifted, and the German soldiers helped to 'carry our wounded back to our own lines.'

Sir Philip had much to say of the different ways in which the French and British went into war. He saw the French army mobilised and go to meet the invader, knowing full well the horrors of invasion, fighting grimly against the advancing wave. He saw the arrival of the British troops, marching, singing and cheering along the roads with flowers round their rifle barrels.

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1935 Recital Tour of Australasia

You have heard them on the Air
You have read Max Montesole in "The West Australian"

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Syril's Somniferous Soliloquies

For the Love of Mike

It is very funny—which is another way of saying that it is perfectly shocking—how we all hate one another for the love of God. Next to saying nasty things about one another, I suppose the greatest harm we can do our fellow human beings is to kill them, especially if we do it in some ghastly fashion such as tearing their innards out with gas or grape shot, or slicing them open with swords and bayonets. Well, that's the sort of thing the various inhabitants of this earth have been doing since they stood upright, and they have been doing it mostly "for the love of God." For if you search the pages of history you will see that, while one or two wars have been waged for a slab of territory, and two or three more over some woman (who was so thoroughly bad that every he-man king was anxious to add her to his harem), all the rest, that is the vast majority of all the wars of all the peoples of all the earth, have been waged, and millions on millions of human beings have suffered agonizing and excruciating deaths, all for the love of God.

Now, having been killing one another off for the love of God ever since the world began, suppose we be our age and for the love of Mike make a start to help one another to live instead of die in future. And not in the dim distant future, but from, let us say, to-morrow morning, if this afternoon is too sudden.

One Another's Washing

It is related of a prominent personage that once, while inspecting a part of a great city where the inhabitants were packed into rooms and tenement houses like sardines in a tin, he was prompted to ask how they all managed to live. There was silence for a minute or two until one bright wit informed the prominent personage that they lived by taking in one another's washing. This is the point where we all laugh. But the more I think about it the less I want to laugh and the more I want to applaud. For there is a lot to be said for it; in fact I think of nothing to say against it. Except, of course, that to urge that as the only remedy would be to leave the single men out of it. It would only solve the married men's problems since they have the wives to do the washing.

No. To really help one another we must do more than take in one another's washing. Besides we have to do that anyhow, for even the most cosmopolitan of us would hesitate to send his laundry to the United States, or Japan or England or even to Sydney, though I am quite ready to agree (being a Sandgroppe) that they would do it immeasurably better there than they would in Subiaco or Mount Lawley. However, while our wives, or some one else's wives, are doing the washing we men might, when we are sent out for the soap, see if we can keep the man next door in his job at the local factory by buying some of the soap he makes here; while on our way back we can, just as easily, and just as profitably (if not more so) buy a box or two of locally made matches which we can surely strike as easily as any made elsewhere.

Swank

One day in London I was shouldered off the footpath by a burly Anzac with A.M.C. on his shoulders, but a huge bunch of "kangaroo feathers" in his hat. I did not want his salute for the full and sufficient reason that I had to return it, but I resented being emptied into the gutter. So I called him back and asked him why he, an A.M.C. man, was wearing a Light Horse plume. "Swank, sir," he replied favouring me with a full-blooded salute. "Swank." There was nothing left for me to say, but I felt like saying something recently when having been inveigled into a saloon bar, the young man who got me there called for some foreign beer in preference to the local brands. He was not old enough to have acquired a taste for anything but plain beer, and if the young lady had given him shyness he would not have been able to tell it from export. His action was just one of "swank" like, my A.M.C. friend, and it is the cold but unpalatable fact that most of the objection to buying goods made in this State is due to our desire to "swank" by purchasing some foreign article, or rather some article from overseas.

It smacks of superiority, you see, this gesture in favour of things from "abroad." It reminds me of the way various people in the old country, among whom are many visitors from the Dominions, always announce that they are "going abroad" when all they mean is that they are taking a cheap week-end tour to Paris or Brussels. And it reminds me of the way our own people used to rave over the French "seventy-fives" in preference to our own 18-pounders a trifle of twenty years ago. Of course they were good enough to allow that the 18-pounders would hit the target now and again; but good Lord, they would explain, you ought to see what those French "seventy-fives" can do! The fact that most of these people took good care that they stayed far enough away from seeing what either class of gun could do, never seemed to strike a funny cord in their make-up; but I won't labour that point here, since I only resurrect that craze of preferring even to kill people with a foreign article so as to try and shock myself and my comrades back into sanity.
CHURCHILL AND THE
DARDANELLES

The poor old "Sunday Behind the Times" is amusing enough when it assumes the pose of culture, but when it waddles into the realms of higher strategy it becomes distinctly ludicrous. The review of Max Montesole's book Little Memories of Big People, contains the following sample of what an American general once called the value of ignorance. "Sometimes, too, Mr. Montesole allows a sense of hero-worship to cloud his usually straightforward judgment. This is most noticeable in his sketch of "The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill." He tells us that it is not true that the bloody blot of the Dardanelles still stains his (Churchill's) escutcheon. He fails, however, to say what subsequent deed of the garrulous Winston wiped it off, or to whose escutcheon it is justly possible to transfer it."

One would be in a very happy frame of mind if, in the words which Lord Melbourne once applied to Lord Macaulay, he could be as sure of any one thing as the Sunday Times reviewer is cocksure about everything. What he forgets, if he ever knew, is that Winston Churchill had received a soldier's training and had been a professional soldier before he became a writer or a politician.

Let us, for the love of Mike, stand shoulder to shoulder in peace time as we did in war time, and fight not for some hazy ideal but for the messus and the kids, as Kipling so aptly put it on another occasion. Higher diplomacy may stand for international trade, but higher diplomacy is not always right. It landed us in the greatest war in history; it has landed us in the greatest mess in history. Suppose we try Parish Pump Politics for a change. We don't get much individual notice in higher diplomacy methods; but in Parish Pump methods we can all take a hold of the pump-handle and do a little pumping on our own. Above all don't be led away by any talk that we must buy other countries goods so that they will buy ours. Other countries will only buy our goods so long as the goods are suitable and the price suitable. No other considerations weigh with them.

In 1915, he had had more actual first-hand experience of war than most of his contemporaries. In supporting the idea of the Dardanelles' campaign, Winston sought the "way round" which the American attaché had suggested to General Buller during the Battle of the Dardanelles, and revived the older amphibious strategy with which Britain had used her navy to win previous wars.

It is well known that reviewers, especially civilian reviewers, rush in where strategists fear to tread, and nowadays competent military critics have yet to be convinced that the Dardanelles campaign was such a hideous blunder after all. The idea was sound enough, and whatever failures in execution occurred must be laid at the door of defective preparation and half-hearted support the blame for which must be borne by a host of people other than Winston Churchill. The delays in allying Russian fears of the occupation of Constantinople by the Greeks or anyone else, gave the Turks sufficient warning of the projected attacks. The obstructionist tactics of Sir Henry Wilson, who even before the outbreak of the war had chained himself to the chariot wheels of the French General Staff, and General Joffre who, notwithstanding the position of stalemate which had been reached on the Western Front, still contended that the decisive blow must be struck in that theatre, left the navy unsupported in the first instance and denied Hamilton divisions and guns that might have assured victory within the first few days of the military offensive.

If the Stirling Street youth will only shed a few of his prejudices and read some of the later histories of the episodes of 1915, he will form a new and broader conception of the man whom he so cavalierly calls the "garrulous Winston." He will learn that historians who write in the light of the fuller knowledge which is now available are ranging themselves on Churchill's side and vindicating him. As to what Churchill did after the Dardanelles campaign, may we remind Mr. Montesole of his criticism of the tanks. With the exception of the inventor, Colonel Swinton, and not excepting Mr. Lloyd George, Churchill did more than anyone to overcome official inertia and bring that new arm into being. If the Sunday Times which poses as such a good friend of the Digger had not been so ill-advised as to push the front line soldiers off its "literary" staff, the management of that extraordinary paper might have saved its book reviewer from what we Diggers used to call "a regimental gutter."

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The attention of readers is directed to two new war books, published by Messrs. Angus and Robertson of Sydney. The demands of space of our special Anzac Day issue, and of our Empire Shopping Week number have precluded us from giving space to the reviews these excellent works merit, but they will be reviewed at length in our June numbers. Meanwhile readers are advised to buy them and form their own opinions. The books in question are Watchdogs of the Deep, by T. M. Jones, ex-leading torpedo man, H.M. Submarine J2, and Comrades of the Great Adventure, by H. R. Williams, author of This Gallant Company. The publisher's price in each instance is six shillings.

EX-MACHINE GUNNERS

Where were the machine gunners during the Anzac Day march? A few may have joined with other units but in all possibility the majority were mingling with the crowd on the pavements.

In order that the Machine Gun Corps may retain its identity an informal gathering of enthusiastic ex-gunners has decided that a unit association—which is very much overdue—should be organised without further delay. With the object of launching the proposal a meeting of all those Diggers who served as machine gunners in the A.I.F. or Imperial Forces will be held at Anzac House on Friday, May 31, at 8 p.m.

All ex-machine gunners are urged to forward their names to Mr. L. J. Parks, Forests Department, Perth.
Arthur Eagles of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-branch has returned to the big wicked city from his health trip to Mt. Magnet. We sincerely hope that he has benefitted by the change. Fred Williams of the same sub-branch is now back again after his recent illness and Digger Hemsworth is still convalescing in the hills.

The evergreen Tom Towers is up from Dumbleyung on his May vacation to try out the local golf links and make the local bookmakers walk home from the races. Tom is like good wine, he improves with the years and his vigorous laugh is the best antidote to gloom we have ever heard.

Mr. Charles Bryant, the Australian artist who was selected to paint a section of the Jubilee Procession as seen from Australia House, was one of the official artists with the A.I.F. during the war. He spent most of his boyhood in Manly, the premier watering place of New South Wales, and belongs to a well-known artistic family, most of whom have preferred to express themselves in terms of music.

Sincere condolences are extended to Archie Hawkins, the genial secretary of the North Perth Sub-branch on the recent loss of his mother. Mrs. Hawkins, senior, passed away early in the month at the advanced age of seventy-three.

Captain Dick Maxwell, who served overseas with the Army Medical Corps, and who is still an active member of the Subiaco Sub-branch, is now with H. J. Wigram and Co., putting the sale of More's Brand, and whatever more you would like. We wish him every success in his new venture, for if a breezy personality is an asset in business, our old friend Dick should do remarkably well.

Another old friend, Wally Richardson, father of Diggers and former member for Subiaco, and still a staunch supporter of the sub-branch and all Diggers in the district, has also entered into a new sphere of activity, having just been appointed secretary of the Metropolitan Local Government Association.

One of the most useful, sincere and painstaking delegates who has sat around the State Executive table is William J. Hunt. Since the depression forced Bill out of his furniture business that evasive element “luck” has been side-stepping him, but merit must eventually win through, and Bill’s host of friends were delighted to learn that he had secured a senior position on the staff of Boans Ltd. as their outside representative.

At a meeting of the State Executive, held on April 10th, Colonel Lamb submitted a most encouraging report on a visit he had paid, and incidentally touched on the wonderful enthusiasm and the extraordinary organisability displayed by local diggers in the elaborate arrangements made for their functions. The Colonel stated that the tour was a strenuous one, but the pleasure was outstanding and had really bucked the Headquarters representatives up to see the confidence that country members displayed towards the League and Empire.

Mr. Syd. Hardwick, President of York Sub-branch, rode a steed in the affiliated Regiment of the 10th Hussars, and carries on a prosperous business at this historic centre. His Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Andrews, was an A.I.F. Signaller and also served with the 38th Battalion, A.I.F., and is on the staff of the local Post Office. Mr. Vernon Harris, the ex-Secretary of this Sub-branch has convalesced after one visit to the hospital and now contemplates another “hop over.”

Mr. George Conners, a retired farmer with a small property near York saw service in South Africa and is now engaged on propagating drought resisting fodder, which should, by their appearance, fill a gap on wheat belt properties when feed is scarce, between the months of February and June. Any soldier Settler, and hundreds must be interested, would receive a courteous welcome and many useful lessons on Mr. Conners'
small holding, where South African, Mexican and North Indian grasses have apparently stoop up to our hot summer months.

MADAME BENNETT WILKINSON

A well known identity with ex-service men. Madame has placed her musical talents and organising ability at the disposal of diggers since the early days of the war. She is a regular visitor to the Repat. Institution.

Mr. R. W. Witford, ex-President of Quairading Sub-branch, received the League's Certificate of Service from the hands of Colonel Lamb at a recent sub-branch Re-union Dinner attended by Charlie Latham, M.L.A., ex-16th Battalion and Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. H. M. Growden, Chairman of the Quairading Road Board, and South African veteran, is a staunch believer in the League; as indicated when he recently extended an invitation to Headquarters representatives.

All Diggers and their organisation have a staunch friend in Mr. F. C. Farrell, Chairman of the Bruce Rock Road Board, who has one ex-member of the South African forces in Mr. Jack Latham serving with him on the local governing body.

No visitor should leave Bruce Rock without having a word with Mr. Duncan Black, the sub-branch President who carried a rifle with the old 11th. Mr. Black is courtly itself, and goes to no end of trouble to extend a welcome and a vigorous parting hand shake to any League representative. He is efficiently supported by Mr. Bill Dean, another 16th identity, and both are resident in the town and easily located.

The Ardath Sub-branch has for its Secretary and President two ex-members of the old 11th in Messrs. Alf Lay and A. Wheelger, the former being the local schoolmaster. Mr. Fred Jacoby of Mundaring-fame presides over the local hosteltry, and the recent big annual dinner reflected great credit on them all.

“Orderly Combat” writes:—Three of the new members of the Manjimup Road Board are returned soldiers: Jim Leitch, of Northcliffe (Pemberton Ward); Hubert Jay, of Yannah (North Ward); and Guy Duffield (Manjimup Ward). With Sid. Johnston, of Pemberton, this makes four returned soldier members, plus the secretary, Ike Doust, who is “the noblest Roman of them all.” A few more and the meetings will be a monthly re-union. Let me hasten to add that Ike’s off-sider and book-keeper is Digger Bert Stokes, whose accuracy and thoroughness are praised by the Government Auditor with sickening regularity.

FATHER OF YANDANOOKA

Three Tunnellers writes:—It was with mixed feelings of pleasure and regret that in company with others of this unit we said good-bye and good luck to our old friend and conseller, Mr. E. T. Taylor, at noon on April 11, when he embarked on the Westralia for Melbourne for an extended holiday with relatives at Malvern. This fine old gentleman, despite his 65 years, upright and full of energy in matters of social and public, leaves a void in Yandanooka Soldier Settlement which no other could fill. From personal contact one can have no doubt that his was a life practically dedicated to others, especially those in trouble, of which this Settlement has its full quota. His was the restraining influence, the helping hand, and ever patient watchfulness; the cheery word, always to be had, night and day, Sunday and week day.

This ever patient nobility of soul could be very well emulated by those holding high office in these days of stress and tribulation. This was he, and may his memory be for ever kept as “One who really loved his fellow men.” He was loved and respected by all with whom he came in contact. For many a stony path was made smooth, and many a worried mind set at rest by the untiring help of this fine old man to whom nothing ever seemed a trouble.

In conclusion, may good fortune for ever smile and the years deal lightly with Mr. Taylor, in order that he may carry on in another State the good work he has done here.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

By Mary Bright

O Peace, thou guardian angel of our race,
That hov'rest o'er our land so silently,
With all our hearts thy presence we acclaim,
So long hast been from us, so far thy flight.
Scarce heard we e'en the echo of thy strain.
We pray thee, draw more near and sing to us.
Teach us thy song. The whole wide world bewails
The cruel hand of War, the wreck of homes,
The broken lives, the crippled limbs of those
Who fought so hard to bring thee back.
O Peace,
Thou dove of dear delight, now hymn we thee
In thankfulness to Him who ever lives
And ever loves. Who offers all He hath
That we may know and love thee, blessed Peace.

9th LIGHT HORSE RE-UNION

“E.Y.T.” writes:—The writer visiting Melbourne from the West was invited to attend a social gathering of the 9th Light Horse on Anzac Eve when Colonel Scott presided over a large gathering. After the loyal toast had been honoured a roll call was taken after which the Colonel proposed the toast of the visitors, each standing as his name was called. The four representatives of the 10th had a most pleasing welcome. Robert Wight, A. Troop, A. Squadron, of the 10th, whose present address is “Woodside,” South Gippsland, suitably responded for the visitors. Many enquiries were made as to the members of the 10th. Jack Plunkett, Staff, and Ernie Tunny and Harry Ferris amongst the num...
Varia ....

One of the features of the commemoration of April 25 in England this year was the unveiling of a brass memorial plaque in the ancient parish church of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. The money for the Memorial, on which is inscribed the names of twenty soldiers, and one nurse of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force who are interred in the nearby cemetery, was provided by the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association, and magnificent work on its behalf was done by Captain P. B. Garrett, R.N., a local resident. The service was conducted by the assistant Bishop of the Guildford Diocese, Bishop Golding Bird, who was for some years in Australia, and among those invited to the ceremony were Sir James Parr, the High Commissioner for New Zealand, and Earl Jellicoe, Grand President of the B.E.S.L. and a former Governor-General of New Zealand.

According to "Our Empire," an interesting disclosure was made recently of how a certain R.A.F. squadron in France contrived to trace missing airmen during the war. When going to attack over the enemy lines, each had to take his cheque book with him. Should he be shot down and wounded he was, after a few days in hospital, to give a cheque for two or three guineas to the German Red Cross Society as a small token for their care and attention. In due course the cheque would be cashed by the German Red Cross and then returned to the English bank with which the airman had an account. By this clever ruse the authorities knew that the man, although shot down, had not been killed. The plan worked very successfully, and, in more than one instance, was the means of relieving relatives of anxiety and suspense concerning the fate of their men-folk.

Among the Anzac Day Greetings received from overseas was a cablegram from Miss Ethel Campbell of Durban and a Beam Wireless message from the 29th Division Association:—"All ranks of the Twenty-ninth Division Association greet our Anzac comrades on Gallipoli Day. We fought side by side on the Peninsula, on the Somme and on the Lys. Our admiration for you was unbounded, and our friendship does not forget."

It is estimated that 60,000 Canadians, and 20,000 Australians, to say nothing of hundreds from other Dominions and colonies, are in England for the Jubilee celebrations. This must represent the greatest influx of Britons from overseas into the Mother Country since the stirring days of the Great War.

The presence of so many Australians and New Zealanders in London gave the ceremonies on April 25—Anzac—Gallipoli Day, as it is called over there—an added impressiveness. The general arrangements for the ceremony at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, at St. Clement Danes Church in the Strand, and at other points of congregation, were as usual, and among those who placed the wreaths were General Sir Ian Hamilton who was Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Force, and Lieut.-Colonel Sir Aylmer Hunter-Weston, who commanded the immortal 29th Division at the Landing.

An English contemporary announces that the Greek Government has allocated £20 for the upkeep and restoration of the tomb of Rupert Brooke, the English poet. Rupert Brooke died on war service in hospital on the Island of Skyros on April 23, at the age of twenty-seven years.

Royalty has always taken an interest in music, and the Master of the King's Music is one of the important appointments in His Majesty's Household. History records that Alfred the Great, who seems to have been chief of intelligence, went into the Danish camp disguised as a harper and picked up valuable information while playing over the latest song hits for the Danes. The prison of Richard I., was discovered by a minstrel who played one of the royal knight errant's own compositions outside the castle walls; and Good Queen Bess was a noted performer on the harpsichord, the ancestor of the piano. But to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales falls the honour of being the first Royal personage who has composed a march for the pipes. That march, "Mallorca," has been presented to the Scots Guard.

His Majesty the King, has acceded to the request of the Board of Management of the Australian War Memorial for permission to have his portrait painted for inclusion in the memorial. The portrait,
The Council of the Imperial Ex-Service Associations will hold the first annual rally and conference on Monday, June 8, at 8 p.m. The Council earnestly desires that matter and items for the agenda paper be forwarded as early as possible to Mr. George E. Cattermole, 229 Charles Street, North Perth.

Amongst the recipients of the King's Jubilee Medal was Frederick Arthur Thomson. Fred enlisted on August 7th, 1914, and served as a corporal with the 1st City of London Royal Fusiliers. He came to W.A. in February, 1921, and in March, 1934, took over the secretaryship of the T.B. Sailors and Soldiers' Association, and is doing splendid work on behalf of his unfortunate comrades. He represented W.A. at the annual conference of his association held last July at Canberra, and at time of writing was attending a conference in Adelaide and hopes to return with good news and results of the work he has undertaken.

F. A. Thomson writes:—A good way to celebrate King George's Silver Jubilee is to send along a donation to T.B. Sailors and Soldiers' Association of Western Australia. The money is used to assist the men, wives and widows and children of unaccepted T.B. ex-Sailors and Soldiers of both A.I.F. and Imperial Units. These men who enlisted and were accepted as fit constitutionally, now through the conditions that entailed their being in gas areas, wet trenches, etc., have now shown after 18 years to be suffering from tuberculosis, and the Repatriation Doctors in their opinion have said it is not war caused.

Many of these men when the war was over, anxious to return back to civil life again, some on the land, others in various walks of life have battled on, now find themselves suffering from this disease, and this Association is called on to assist in many cases as far as funds will allow, but unfortunately through want of funds we have to refuse many. We are battling to get these men accepted by the Repatriation Department.

Now friends, what a glorious celebration you can all have by forwarding a donation to the State Secretary, Mr. F. A. Thomson, 18 Ford Street, Greenmount; or if you would like further information he will be pleased to make a call on you. Phone M1150.

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Seldom indeed has the mettle of inexperienced troops been subject to a severer test. It may well be doubted whether a veteran division could even have carried out a co-ordinated attack at Anzac that day. The predominant feeling of that astounding battlefield must have been, and always will be, unsatiated admiration for the untired battalions who did so exceedingly well.

Full details are given of the various British landings, including Y Beach, which was "cleverly conceived, happily opened, hesitatingly conducted, and miserably ended."

The history is punctuated with stirring tributes to the Anzacs. An example is as follows: "The Anzac territory was only a strip of about a mile along the coast, and its greatest depth was 1,000 yards. Only those who visited the actual ground and saw the incredible position could fully appreciate the spirit of the troops who held it. The Anzacs never relinquished their grasp, and that made this apparently hopeless position
FOR OLD TIMES SAKE

By G. L. Gardiner (late 10th Light Horse), Moora.

Among your old Light Horseman in your jobs in town and country are there not many who would like to share, for a few days, once more the hardships and dangers of a Desert Stunt for the sake of that old time companionship—the company of these old time mates?

If so, ride with me once more to Rafa, and as you ride think of those with whom you rode and fought during those hard adventurous years.

All the morning our lines have been full of that ordered bustle which precedes a stunt. Extra rations have been drawn for man and horse, extra ammunition served out. Now all is ready.

At last the order comes, 'saddle up everywhere!' to be followed in a remarkably short time, for training has made us a very efficient regiment, with 'Lead out.'

We fall in in squadron column. Our Colonel canters up. There is no fuss. 'Prepare to mount! Mount! The regiment will advance in column of sections! Walk march!'

Gradually the column lengthens as each section swings into place. Now at last we feel that we are off. We march at ease, pipes are lit and we set down to the rythym of our horses.

About dusk we rendezvous with the rest of the attacking division. We halt for some time and make as good a meal as we can, not knowing when our next will be.

"Stand to your horses!" "Mount!"

and we are off on our long night's march. Soon weariness tugs at our bodies. Our rifles grow heavy, and each separate part of our equipment seems weighted with lead. At the end of each hour we halt for ten minutes and perhaps snatch a few seconds sleep.

Dawn comes. We shake off our weariness and look round. We can scarcely believe our eyes. 'Gone is the desert and in its place we actually see grass. A cock crow and a spontaneous cheer rises from the Brigade.

We halt while the centre regiments swing into position. The Colonel gives his final orders. 'We will gallop as close as possible; the horse holders will take the horses out of action, and we will continue the advance on foot.'

We are off! Galloping horses everywhere. Soon the airy puff of smoke as the first shrapnel bursts overhead. We see the bullets pecking up the dust ahead. Soon we hear the hum as the long range ones pass. The fire gets sharper, here a man falls, there a horse. "Halt!" "Dismount!"

A flurry of hooves as the horses are galloped under cover. We feel small and insignificant as we continue the advance on foot. Short rush follows short rush; we are getting close up now. Casualities are mounting. The fire grows hotter as we settle down to fight in earnest. The Turks are strongly entrenched. We slowly advance. The day is drawing to a close; our ammunition is nearly spent. Can we do it? German planes are everywhere. They bomb and machine gun us as will.

Suddenly just behind the redoubt we see the advancing figures of men. They are the fighting New Zealanders coming in with the bayonet. Jack Rayston, our Brig., dashes forward. 'Come on, boys, we've got them!'. The whole line surges forward. A short, sharp fight and the redoubt is ours.
However, we did not remain long here. By Christmas, 1915, we were being conveyed on the White Star liner Ceramic to Egypt.

Christmas Day, 1915, leaves but one impression on my mind, and that is prune stones.

Unable to obtain fresh fruit on board, we were liberally supplied with prunes at 9d. per lb., and you can imagine the deck of the troopship after 1,000 odd men had been regaling themselves with this juicy fruit.

Further impressions of crossing the Suez Canal are rather hazy, because I was in the sick bay suffering from an attack of measles.

I was told that the crossing of the Suez Canal was attended with all the pomp and ceremony due thereto.

The first port of call was Aden, which left a very bleak impression upon us, being surrounded by black granite hills, destitute of any vegetation.

Proceeding through the Red Sea we were unfortunate in losing five of our comrades through the effect of the ultra-violet rays in the oppressive heat.

The trip through the Suez Canal was uneventful, although we had the ship sand-bagged to guard against occasional sniping from Arab tribesmen.

After stopping for one day in the Bitter Lake, to allow warships to pass, we eventually disembarked at Alexandria, and thence proceeded by train to Cairo.

The first sight of the wonderful pyramids, some ten miles distant, sent quite a thrill through us, but I will have more to say of these later.

Our next stop was Heliopolis (the City of the Sun). This town is situated some miles from Cairo and in the desert. It is a complexity, having some magnificent buildings and many wretched hovels. Newly-built upon the ancient site, it is rich in records of the past.

Here we find a huge granite obelisk, richly carved, and nearby the little church and well, where Mary and Joseph took shelter and slaked their thirst on their journey into Egypt.

In the little church is a large painting depicting the journey. One thing which struck me as slightly incongruous in the painting was that the donkey upon which Mary sat appeared to be travelling so fast, that only one leg touched the ground.

Some of the impressions gleaned whilst in Cairo, indelibly remain in my mind, namely, magnificent buildings, squalid native quarters, well-kept and well laid out gardens, and the Cosmopolitan life of the busy streets and bazaars.

In the back ground, across the famous Nile, rises the historical Sphinx and pyramids of Gizeh.

Here are some facts worth knowing about Cairo. It has been described as the brightest gem in the handle of the green fan of Egypt.

The main streets of Cairo are mere lanes. There one can see Arab sheiks perched high on their camels or Arab horses, under the legs of which the foot traffic must dodge and dive; endless streams of horses, camels, asses and human beings of all races and nations, native women all in white or black according to caste, and here and there a line of noble mosques and dazzling bazaars.

He who has not seen Cairo has not seen the world; the soil is gold, its Nile a wonder, its houses are palaces, it is the Mother of the world. The Sphinx may be seen near the pyramid of Cheops, with its battered visage and inscrutable eyes gazing across the vast Sahara Desert.

History tells us that Napoleon, like Cervante's hero Don Quixote, who tilted at a windmill, tried to destroy this relic of past ages, but only succeeded in adding a few more dents to its already weather-worn and rugged face, with his cannon.

Beneath the feet of this colossal figure, are passages and tombs built of highly polished red grained granite stones, weighing many tons, causing one to wonder at the enormous amount of labour necessary to bring them from central Egypt to their present position.

I had the experience of a very laborious climb into the inside of the largest pyramid, Cheops, for the purpose of gazing upon a granite Sarcophagus of an ancient Pharaoh, in the middle of the unlighted and badly ventilated stone tomb, which rises 480 feet in height.

After a period of further military training in Egypt we again embarked for a destination unknown, which later proved to be an attempt to force a way to Constantinople.

Life on board this troopship occasioned a great deal more hardship than previously. We had to sleep for two nights on the iron decks of a rusty old tramp steamer, and it was decidedly uncomfortable to have large bolt heads protruding into one's back; not very conducive to restful slumber, and being packed into foul-smelling holds and between decks.

On arriving at the beautiful Island of
THE MISSING MESS TIN

Major Jack Rogers, the President of the Perth Legacy Club who was recently transferred to Sydney, tells the following story:

In May, 1915, the Turks made a strong attack on the whole of our line at Anzac. The attack was completely repulsed with extremely heavy casualties to the Turks. The weather was then becoming fairly warm, and within a day or two the bodies in "No Man's Land" began to make themselves rather disagreeable.

The Turkish authorities commenced negotiations for an armistice in order that they might be able to dispose of their dead. In order to complete arrangements for the armistice, a Turkish envoy and staff were sent to General Birdwood's headquarters, via Gaba Tepe. His visit necessitated a meeting at Corps Headquarters of every General of importance in that sphere of operations—General Sir Ian Hamilton and his staff came across from Imbros, the French General came up from Cape Helles, the whole of our Divisional Commanders were called in, and so also were one or two generals who were acting as attachés of the British General Staff. Such a gathering was never before assembled at Anzac.

Deliberations were duly carried on in the Corps Headquarters dug-out. After Lemnos, we were allowed to stretch our limbs and to bathe in the warm waters of the Mediterranean Sea.

From here our trip ended, and history was in the making. The famous landing at Gallipoli, on the 25th of April, 1915, was successfully made, owing to the bravery and devotion to duty of the Australian and New Zealand Units, and to the great courage and endurance of the officers and men of the Royal Navy.

THE LEGACY

BY C. R. COLLINS

These were the kin of those who plied the bow
At Crete, and of those who scourcd the Main,
Or trudged with Wellington through mud and rain
And saw the sawd of carnage ebb and flow.
Round Hoogomont. And ne'er did purer glow
Of patriot fervour quicken the heart and brain.
Than the proud spark that fired this knightly train.
Time cannot lay their fadeless laurels low.
Can we who marched with them and had some share
In their exploits refuse their legacy
Or falter when the drums of Honour beat?
To leave their loved ones to the listless care
Of grudging strangers and their like would be
A shame that sears more deeply than defeat.

THE SUNDUKE

We wish to draw attention to the advertisement elsewhere in this issue, on the new "Sunduke" Stump Jump Scratcher. The name "Sunduke" appears very appropriate, seeing that the introduction of the implement coincided with the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester.

On looking over the general catalogue of the Sunshine farm implements and machines, it will be noticed that practically all implements are given a special title. The reason is obvious, for seeing that there is such a huge range of different implements (one line alone comprising upwards of 30 single-furrow ploughs) there must be some method of distinction between each, for otherwise when a farmer requires duplicate parts there is a likelihood of his getting those for a different type of implement. This applies right through; for instance, a disc plough known as the "Sunlight" and appearing in the selling lists back in 1910 (the manufacture of which has now been discontinued in favour of a more modern implement) will still retain its title. A farmer who possesses a "Sunlight" may require duplicate parts, and in ordering will quote "Parts for a 'Sunlight Plough,'" thus enabling the officer in charge of the duplicate department to know immediately what plough the parts are required for, and as a result, the order is given quick attention.

The "Sunduke" is the very latest and most modern scraper and embodies many new features. Three good points are: strength of frame, splendid clearance, and lightness in draught. The scraper is light in weight, and yet there is no stronger implement made. Moreover, the weight is distributed so that more than three-quarters of it is carried on the actual wheels and less than one-quarter on the front; as a result, draught is lightened and the implement will not fail. The "Sunduke" has exceptionally good clearance, the equalising bridge draught being located above the frame instead of underneath, as is found on a number of scrapers. This fact, combined with the double "V" arrangement of the tynes, with ranks spaced 21 inches apart, allows for the free flowing of surface trash. The draughting adjustment being effected above the frame also permits the free jumping of the tynes when in stumpy or rough land, thus rendering the implement suitable for work under all conditions.

The designer of the "Sunduke" has given special attention to ensure thorough cultivation of the soil, even in undulating country. In this connection it is noted that provision has been made for the front wheel standards to slide in steel bosses with a connecting frame and an equalising chain device, which permits the wheels to conform to irregularities of the ground; as a result a perfect three-point suspension is effected and the frame is not subject to torsional strain. The implement has also proved its ability to penetrate and do splendid work in hard land, and that covered with surface trash.

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SONS OF SOLDIERS' LEAGUE

A Successful Conference

The Constitution of the Sons of Soldiers' League, which came into force in November, 1931, provided that after three years' life a Conference of delegates should be held to review the Constitution and the organisation generally.

This first conference was held in Anzac House on May 15th, commencing at 10 a.m. Sub-branches were represented as follows:

Albany, F. W. Bateson; Carlisle, R. R. Croft; Claremont, A. G. Eddy; Collie, L. Martin and R. Morrison (Associate delegate); Midland Junction, A. Tomlin and H. B. Stephens (Associate delegate); North Perth, E. Turner and H. Rigg (Associate delegate); Perth, S. West; Press, R. A. Nicholas and H. Hart, B. A. Bell (Associate delegates); South Perth, Harold Walton and F. J. Aberle (Associate delegate); Victoria Park, K. Mathews and F. Mathews (Associate delegate).

In all there are seventeen sub-branches of the Sons of Soldiers' League and are actively concerned in carrying out the aims and objects of the League.

The conference was declared open by the State President of the R.S.L. (Mr. A. Yeates), who expressed the hope that the meeting would be successful and that good to the organisation would result.

Colonel Collett, to whom goes the credit from the formation of the S.S.L., was in attendance throughout the conference. Colonel Olden (Vice-President of the State Executive of the R.S.L.) also attended. Rabbi D. J. Freedman (the State Warden of the S.S.L.) occupied the Chair.

The following were the principal items carried:

Moved Mr. Aberle on behalf of the State Executive, seconded Mr. Walton, That consideration be given to the introduction of a scheme for the central control of all S.S.L. Sub-branches in the metropolitan area by arranging such service and/or entertainments as will secure the efficient government and education of the sons of soldiers and will be conducive to the achievements of the ideals for which the S.S.L. was formed.

Moved Mr. Rigg (North Perth), seconded Mr. Tomlin (Midland Junction), That the Sons of Soldiers' League should request the management of their own finances.

Moved Mr. Morrison (Collie), seconded Mr. Croft (Carlisle), That paragraph 8 of the S.S.L. Constitution, sub-paragraph 3(a) and (b) should not apply to a returned soldier who is also a son of soldier and who enjoys the full membership in both the parent League and the S.S.L. and is proven stean worker for both.

Moved Mr. Eddy (Claremont), seconded Mr. Bateson (Albany), That Clause 2 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "being 12 years of age," adding to the clause as it now stands, "Provided he was not eligible and was rejected for the Great War."

Moved Mr. Eddy, seconded Mr. Bateson (Claremont), That two assistant Wardens should be elected annually by the S.S.L. either at this Conference by a nomination and ballot by S.S.L. Sub-branches. Such Wardens must be members of the R.S.L. or the S.S.L. and their duties shall be to visit as many sub-branches S.S.L. as possible and report every quarter in writing to the State Warden, setting out the names of sub-branches visited and asking their opinion on any other matters of importance.

Moved Mr. Eddy (Claremont), seconded Mr. Mathews (Victoria Park), That the Col. Collett Shield Competitions, held during the summer months and to be concluded before the A.R.M.S. Competitions.

Moved Mr. Nicholas, seconded Mr. Mathews (Victoria Park), re Anzac Day parades, That the rightful place of the S.S.L. be immediately before or behind ex-servicemen. It is to the S.S.L. we look for the carrying on of the ideas of the R.S.L. and the future observance of Anzac Day.

Moved Mr. Nicholas (Press), seconded Mr. Crofts (Carlisle), That the Anzac Day Committee of the League insist that no boys march with their fathers in the parade, but parade with the S.S.L. under the care of the S.S.L. Marshals appointed.

Moved Mr. Nicholas (Press), seconded Mr. Tomlin (Midland Junction), That an official wreath be placed on the State War Memorial by the S.S.L. State Warden each Anzac Day.

Moved Mr. Turner (North Perth), seconded Mr. Tomlin (Midland Junction), That sons of soldiers have a representative at the State War Memorial during the eve of Anzac.

Moved Mr. Nicholas (Press), seconded Mr. Stephens (Midland Junction), That more publicity be given to S.S.L. matters in the "Listening Post" and Branch secretaries be asked to contribute to this end.

Moved Mr. Nicholas (Press), seconded Mr. Martin (Collie) That an enrolment card and membership card as at present used by the Press Sub-branch be used by all S.S.L. sub-branches. The State Executive of the R.S.L. to have these printed and supplied to all S.S.L. Sub-branches. A duplicate of this enrolment card to be returned to the State Executive completed for record purposes.

Moved Mr. Tomlin (Midland Junction), seconded Mr. Eddy (Claremont), That financial crowns be supplied to all S.S.L. Sub-branches, the same as to the parent sub-branch.

Moved Mr. Tomlin (Midland Junction), seconded Mr. Martin (Collie), That official receipt books be supplied to all S.S.L. Sub-branches by the State Executive.

Moved Mr. Nicholas (Press), seconded Mr. Martin (Collie), That notification of the action taken upon the resolutions of to-day's Conference by the State Executive of the R.S.L. be communicated to all sub-branches.

Moved Mr. Nicholas (Press), seconded Mr. Bateson (Albany), That copies of the minutes of this Conference be circulated to all sub-branches of the S.S.L.

Moved Mr. Bateson (Albany), seconded Mr. Tomlin (Midland Junction), That the attention of R.S.L. sub-branches be drawn to Item 13 in the points of interest contained in the S.S.L. rule book and they be requested to give application to it.

Moved Mr. Eddy (Claremont), seconded Mr. Turner (North Perth), That endeavours be made to design and provide a Banner to be carried at the head of the S.S.L. when parading on Anzac Day and other commemorative occasions.
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At the meeting on May 8, 1935, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Cornell, Denton, Hunt, Auberle, Freeman, Margolin, Lamb, Watt, Lovell, Pady, Ross, Wilkins, Mellor, Collins, Cox and Mitchell.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. May, Philp, Warner, Bryan and Roche.

Anzac Day.—In addition to the State President’s report, reports were presented by delegates who represented the Executive at local ceremonies, as follows:—Mr. Cornell, Boulder; Mr. Collins, Kelm ascott; Colonel Lamb, Midland Junction; Colonel Collett, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fremantle, and the Synagogue; Mr. Auberle, Ross Memorial Church; Mr. Pady, Fremantle and Wesley Church; Mr. Wells, the Salvation Army; Archdeacon Riley, Fremantle, Cottesloe and Buckland Hill.

Visits.—The State President having attended the Maylands cricket dinner and, in company with other delegates, the ceremony in connection with the Memorial Gates at Buckland Hill. Other visits reported were Archdeacon Riley, South Perth; Messrs. Wells and Hunt, Yealering; and Colonel Lamb, the Press Sub-branch S.S.L.

Federal Correspondence.—A communication from the National Office, in connection with representations made on behalf of older, maturely aged sailors and soldiers, was referred to the delegate of this branch for discussion at the next meeting of the Federal Executive.

Sub-branches.—Approval was given for the formation of a sub-branch at Rockingham.

The appointment of Mr. George Bradshaw as secretary of the Carnamah Sub-branch was confirmed.

Mr. T. C. Fairley reported on his visit to Menzies Sub-branch. The report, which was a most comprehensive and interesting one, was received and the Executive passed a resolution of appreciation of the excellent services of Messrs. R. R. Gibbs and T. G. Fairley and referred the letter to the secretary in connection with the formation of this new sub-branch.

Acceptance of the transfer of a gift of land to the Brunswick Sub-branch was agreed to.

A communication about the Osborne Park S.S.L. was referred to the S.S.L. Committee.

An appeal in connection with relief of sufferers from the recent storm in Bickley Valley was received and the reply left to the State Secretary. A communication about the Carlisle Women’s Auxiliary was referred to the Management Committee, as was a query of the eligibility for membership of a member of the Mundaring Sub-branch.

A letter of appreciation in connection with the recent visit of the Hon. James Cornell to the district was received from the Bulli farm Sub-branch.

In connection with Congress resolution 49, Recitation, Mooring Rock, it was decided that a copy of the reply received from the Under Secretary Water Supply Department be forwarded to the sub-branch concerned.

Visitor.—During the proceeding the State President, on behalf of those present, formally welcomed Colonel L. E. Tilney, D.S.O., soldiers’ representative on the Repatriation Commission, who was accompanied by Mr. Charles Taylor, the Deputy Commissioner, W.A., Colonel Tilney briefly replied to the President’s welcoming remarks.

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in the plebiscite to be taken in that State on the manner of observing Anzac Day the vote will be definitely cast in favour of maintaining the day in its full sacredness. The Executive received with thanks a donation of £45 to the Relief Fund from Captain Cameron of the R.M.S. Orana. This amount having been collected at an Anzac service held on the vessel at sea. A suitable letter of thanks was forwarded.

The Gascoyne Sub-branch expressed disapproval of the attitude of the Telegraph Department because of an alleged attempt to "exploit Anzac Day" for monetary gain by the use of telegram greeting forms. A reply was left to the State Secretary.

Thanksgiving Service. The Executive approved of a large delegation, at the invitation of Dean Moore, to a Kings Jubilee Thanksgiving Service which will be held in St. George's Cathedral on Sunday, May 12th at 11 a.m.

Sub-branches.—Approval was given for the formation of a new sub-branch at Norseman.

Pictures.—On the motion of Messrs. Hunt and Aberle, it was agreed that Colonel Collett and Rabbi Freedman join with the House Committee for the purpose of hanging pictures in Arkly House and submitting recommendations for the purchase of further pictures. For this purpose, each picture in the building will be numbered and a full list prepared showing the subject and size.

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BUY BRITISH!

The interest of the whole Empire is, at present, centred around the Jubilee celebrations in Britain. These could not have come at a more apt time considering the present state of Europe to-day. The British expression of loyalty and devotion to their King and Queen is in direct contrast to the sentiments and ideals of some of the other world powers.

The secret of their Majesties' popularity, lies not in a display of imperialism nor regal splendour, but in their thoughtfulness and service towards their subjects dwelling in all parts of the world. The King delights in referring to his Empire as a family and he never loses an opportunity of tightening the bonds between.

During the past years the unity of the British Empire has been demonstrated to the rest of the world. The Jubilee spirit has entered into the imperial trade deliberations. Misunderstandings are on the way to be cleared up, and it is hoped that this re-awakened enthusiasm will have a sound and lasting effect upon trade within the Empire.

Their Majesties consistently support British trade and industries. They are annual visitors to the British Industries Fair. The Queen gives her patronage to disabled soldiers' factories, home industries, weaving and lace making.

Empire Shopping Week should have a particularly good response this year, for it gives an opportunity to every individual to prove the loyalty that is so easily expressed in flag-waving and cheering. The difficulties in trade relationships and tariffs appear unsurmountable at times, and yet everyone can do her bit towards furthering Empire trade and increasing employment, both here and overseas, by purchasing local and Empire goods in lieu of foreign, not only for one but for fifty-two weeks in the year.

A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

Mrs. McKinlay writes—Early in May, as State President, I visited the Auxiliaries of Katanning, Gnowangerup, Tambellup and Pingrup. Although each auxiliary was doing its own distinctive work, the same spirit of active co-operation with the sub-branch prevailed in each, and an earnest desire to help the returned soldier and his family whenever possible.

My first meeting was with the Katanning members on Wednesday evening. The R.S.I. have procured a small hall of their own. The auxiliary have part furnished it and purchased the piano and crotchet. At present they are contemplating improvements on the outside of the building.

A pleasant evening was spent around a cheerful fire, the tables being gay with prise chrysanthemums and roses. Members listened patiently while I detailed at length the many aspects of our work.

After supper, I was motored to Gnowangerup. The following day was spent in being shown around the district. A new hospital is in the course of construction. In a wide park there is an excellent swimming pool made of concrete. Interlaced with many walks and flower beds.

A little native school was visited where the pupils showed a great aptitude for fancy work, drawing and singing. Among the many fine hand-made diagrams on the walls of the
State School was one of Canada produced by the Empire Marketing Board. The school has a Peace Bell donated in 1919 by the R.S.L.

At the Women's Auxiliary dinner in the evening there were 44 members present. After the toasts, the King and Queen and the Fallen, addresses were given by the President and myself. An adjournment was made to the R.S.L. room in the Memorial Hall where an impromptu concert was given. It revealed much latent talent among the members.

The train -seven, next day, permitted of a few hours at Tambellup. A number of the Auxiliary members were waiting to welcome me at the Tambellup Women's Rest Room. There I talked of auxiliary work for some time. Tea and a pleasant chat followed. Later in the evening the hospital was visited. Since being taken over by the R.S.L., two wards had been added, also a theatre and staff quarters. Midnight found me again in Katanning.

I reached Pinup by car on Saturday afternoon. It is 63 miles from Katanning. The members were gathered at Mrs. James' home. A happy talk, ensued regarding exhibition and hospital work and the other points of interest in auxiliary work. Members of the R.S.L. joined us for High Tea, for which every lady had contributed something. Although a few weeks too previous, the Birthday Cake was cut with due ceremony. The auxiliary was four years of age. There followed an inspection of the shed. Excellent salt is obtained from the nearby lakes. No treatment is necessary and after chopping and grading it is bagged and sent for distribution. A social took place in the hall in the evening. At this opportunity was taken by both the Auxiliary and the district in which to make presentations to Mr. and Mrs. James who are leaving Pinup. Katanning was reached on Sunday afternoon, and Perth on Monday afternoon.

I am deeply appreciative of all kindness I received from all the auxiliary members and from my hosts and hostesses. The country has a big heart and one feels immediately among friends and enthusiasts.

NORTH PERTH

How the North Perth school children are taught to remember the Anzacs and Anzac Day is worthy of recording.

On the morning of April 24, all the scholars bring flowers and as they march to the classrooms they place the flowers at the foot of the Honour Board.

During the morning the Women's Auxiliary of the local R.S.L. make a beautiful wreath from some of the flowers. This wreath is placed on the State War Memorial at the Dawn Service by scholars chosen to represent their school. The Auxiliary members then arrange the other flowers in baskets and they are set on the platform until the afternoon, when an impressive service is conducted by the head teacher. All parents are invited to participate in the service, after which the ladies of the Auxiliary deliver the baskets of flowers to the various hospitals as an Anzac gift from the North Perth school children.

SOUTH PERTH

The Sub-branch and Women's Auxiliary combined held their annual rive picnic at Pepperann Grove on March 3. Children accompanied by parents were carried free, as children's events. That fact that made prominent by the presence of water melons, loaves, ice cream, fruit and cool drinks. During the day races were run for prizes, and cricket played between the Sub-branch and Osborne Park, who also held a picnic close by.

The first fortnightly dance of the season on April 13 took the form of a carnival. There was a good attendance and old-time dances and jazz were accompanied by good music.

Bridge is played fortnightly at the residence of Mrs. Aberer in Rose Avenue, and a steady income is added to the Auxiliary funds. These afternoons are greatly enjoyed and are most popular.

Next month terminates a most successful year, and the election of officers for the forthcoming year takes place in June. The Amelioration officers have been kept busy, for we still have cases of distress in South Perth. Each Wednesday afternoon a little band of workers is to be found at Swan Street Hall helping these officers.

NORTH EAST FREMANTLE

Although comparatively a new auxiliary, the North-East Fremantle Women's Auxiliary has already made great strides and is fast becoming an important unit. Under energetic officers membership is steadily increasing and each month a united effort is made to increase the funds for Amelioration work. Working in conjunction with the Sub-branch a happy comradeship exists, and anything the Auxiliary do in the way of contributing to the cause helps the cause. And the Auxiliary finds itself possessed of a very beautiful hall in the East Fremantle Town Hall, opposite the old church. Good prices and supper should ensure the success of the evening. Members of other auxiliaries who are in Fremantle on that date are assured of a hearty welcome.

MAYLANDS

The Maylands Auxiliary held a very pleasant evening on November 26 in the Masonic Hall, Maylands, when we entertained Midland Juncton. Bassendean, Bayswater, North Perth and Mount Hawthorn Auxiliaries, there being about 90 ladies present. Dancing after supper interspersed with musical items enabled all to have a jolly time, and the time passed all too quickly. Mrs. Golding very kindly entertained at piano.

At our last visit to Lemnos Hospital on April 12 a very fine musical programme, together with dancing, was thoroughly enjoyed by the patients.

We intend to hold a Jumble Sale on May 11 in the Continental Hall, Caledonian Ave., Maylands.

NORTH PERTH

A social will be held in St. Hilda's Hall for which invitations have been sent to members of Maylands, Mt. Lawley, Mt. Hawthorn and Bayswater Auxiliaries.

Next month we will have our general meeting and election of officers will take place. Therefore, it is hoped that all members will endeavour to be present and record their votes. The Amelioration Committee is getting busier now as winter is approaching. We are pleased to report that Miss Newberry has just gone home from hospital and making good progress after her recent operation. Mrs. Watson was welcomed back to North Perth at our last meeting. She has been living at Bangde for the past six months.

BAYSWATER

Last week the Women's Auxiliary of this sub-branch entertained patients from Lemnos to a High Tea which took place in the Bayswater Town Hall. The afternoon was a huge success and very thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Some very pleasant music was provided by Mr. Batey's orchestra. The singing was heartily indulged in and solos rendered by Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Davis were very well received. A beautifully spread and bountifully laden table at the results achieved by tireless workers of the Auxiliary and great credit is due them for the splendid way in which everything was carried out.

Members are very sorry to learn that Mrs. Thompson, ex-member, is seriously ill in St. John of God's Hospital, Kalgoorlie. Ladies are all reminded that the children's Fancy Dress Ball takes place on June 14, and any proceeds donated will be gratefully accepted at the next general meeting.

GERALDTON

Since last writing we have had two very successful socials. The first, the monthly fixture, at the residence of our President (Mrs. E. M. McGillivray). A happy time with Mrs. Moir presiding was enjoyed by
the large number of members attending. During supper Mrs. Gerehen, Vice-President, asked Mrs. McMillan to accept a travelling case and cushion from fellow workers on the eve of their departure for an extended holiday to the Eastern States. Mssames Freeman and Briers supported joining in the good wishes. Mrs. McMillan suitably responded.

A second social was held at the residence of Mrs. Leneon. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The Furnishing Fund for the Institute now under construction was appreciably augmented from the proceeds of social held.

The April business meeting was held on the 11th. Mrs. Gerehen, acting President, occupying the Chair. There was a good attendance of members. It was decided to continue distributions of fruit and sweets to the local hospital, also the serving of tea to patients on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons.

MT. HAWTHORN -NTH. LEEDERVILLE

The Women's Auxiliary threw a party on the sixth anniversary of their birthday. The guests of honour were the President of the State of the Auxiliary (Mrs. E. McKinlay) and the State Secretary (Mrs. Hopperston). Mr. Fred Charles proposed, Mr. Jim Morton seconded, the toast of sub-branch Women's Auxiliary, which was responded to by Mrs. V. Stockman. Mrs. W. Kay proposed the Women's Auxiliary Executive, which was responded to by Mrs. McKinlay and Mrs. Hopperston. The President (Cut) cut the cake and the rest of the evening was spent with games, competitions and dancing.

Through inclement weather the service on Anzac Day was held in the Mt. Hawthorn Baptist Church. The troops marched from Anzac Road and there was a fair muster in spite of the wet weather. Ted Damon, President of the Sub-branch, was in the Chair, and the service was conducted by the Rev. C. A. Jenkins, assisted by the Rev. R. Thomas of the Congregational Church, and Adjutant Broken joins of the Salvation Army. Padre Jenkins gave a stirring address and Ted Damon made an earnest appeal for new members.

The bridge evenings are still being held, but a few more tables would be heartily ap

preciated by the Ladies. The Building Fund Committee is still actively engaged in finalising things for the erection of the hall.

The R.A.M.S. Competition approaches and intending contestants are notified that practice is held on alternate Wednesdays to the meeting night. The first match will be held on or before May 24.

VICTORIA PARK

There was a good attendance at the Anzac Service held in the Victoria Park Memorial Gardens on Anzac Day, those present including members of the sub-branch, Auxiliary members, children of deceased soldiers, sons of soldiers, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, etc. The music was provided by the Victoria Park Citizens' Band. The churches in the district were all represented, each taking some part in the service. At the conclusion of the service Mrs. J.cox, who gave the address, thanked all for the part they had taken in making the service the success it was. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Mr. A. E. Steward. The bugle was sent by W. Wally Smith, and is specially priced by him as a cord attached to it came from Zebruggie.

Mrs. O. Taylor (past President) supplied the address at the meal which was placed on the memorial by Mrs. Tinney (President) on behalf of the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary meeting held at the Library Hall on April 26 was well attended, and at the social that followed items were contributed by Miss Caldwell (piano forte solo), Miss Olga Vickers (song and dance), and Misses D. O. Vickers in a speciality number. Musical Bobs was won by Mr. J. Matthews and Mrs. Kinnane, the "Lucky Spot Dance" by Mrs. Fox and Miss Kinnane, and the Raffle by Mrs. Kinnane.

The result of the Easter Goose Club was as follows:


Members are advised that the general meeting will be held in the Library Hall on May 24. Members are asked to bring plates.

Mrs. Bacon has donated a white jumper to be raffled at the next meeting, and Mrs. Maclintosh has donated a mandolin.

KATANNING

The 20th anniversary of Anzac Day was commemorated in Katanning on the 25th April with the Dawn Service and a Memorial Service in the afternoon. For the former a good muster of ex-soldiers assembled at the R.S.L. Hall and marched to the Memorial, where a very solemn and impressive ceremony was held. The crosses were placed on the Memorial by J. Wood, who is the President, Horace Tyler, the Women's Auxiliary, and citizen of the district.

The sub-branch wishes to express appreciation to members of the local branch of Toc H who continued an all night vigil at the Memorial.

At the afternoon service ex-soldiers...
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precisely a large amount of the marks did not succeed in the Amelioration Fund was granted. One member suggested that those who had received assistance in the past should be written to and have their attention drawn to the fact that they were on their feet again and they should refund at least a portion of their assistance so that those now in circumstances in which they found themselves previously, should be able to receive the kindly aid which was granted to them.

A visitor from Carnamah in the person of Major Colpitts was welcomed by the President and also a new member in Mr. McPhee.

The secretary promised the meeting that out of the amounts. The Babbling Brook would be in being before the next meeting of the sub-branch. Mr. M. Lewis was elected as a member of the Committee vice Mr. L. W. J. Nock, whose seat was declared vacant. Members were fortunate in receiving a gift of two volumes of the "History of Scotland" which were presented by Mrs. Smith of Mary Street, Highgate Hill. Should any of our members be interested the books would be made available on application.

GLAREMONT

The monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall on April 4 when the usual satisfactory number of members was present over by Brigadier Martyn.

A large amount of business was disposed of, and judging by the enthusiasm of members present, the coming winter season promises to be a highly successful one.

The first of a series of entertainments to be conducted by the Sub-branch took place on April 13 and entitled in the form of a Children's Plain and Fancy Dress Ball. The attendance was very gratifying, there being a large number present, the children evidently enjoying themselves to the full. Many thanks are due to the Wanneroo Auxiliary for their help, especially to Mesdames Ryan and Booth, who managed to procure the large number of prizes at a very small cost. The Sub-branch also desires to thank the judges of the costumes, Mesdames Mansbridge, Briggs and McKenzie, who evidently found it difficult to award prizes amongst the large number of entrants, and to Miss Edwards who had charge of the grand march. A start has been made in the fight for the west by the election of captains and a new sports director. It is to be hoped that those intending to take part will take advantage of the evening set apart for practice, namely, the third Thursday in each month.

The shooting match with the 35th Fortesque Company, A.E., resulted in an easy victory for the boys, nevertheless, a very pleasant afternoon was spent on the Range by all who were present.

Congratulations to the President of the Claremont Sub-branch for his performance for the King's Prize in Melbourne, where he secured second place, and that with three "dud" cartridges.

Mr. Lidbury, a staunch member of the Sub-branch, left for England for six months on May 1st.

BULLFINCH

The Sub-branch held another delightful picnic at Golden Valley on March 24, when local returned men joined with the public in having a "care-free" afternoon.

Lunch was served by the Women's Auxiliary and other ladies. A programme of races to suit young and old contained amusing features: the pram race in which competitors had to be blindfolded, and the one who arrived nearest to a certain peg was declared the winner. Tag-a-war and pillow fighting produced considerable excitement and amusement.

A crowd estimated at well over 200 was present, and this can be considered a record.

Tea was served before the spectators left for home, several of whom had travelled 20 odd miles. Members are to be congratulated on the manner in which all worked towards making the afternoon a success.

The general meeting was held on April 6. Mr. Jas. "Cornell, M.L.C., representing the Executive, was present. The following officers were elected: Mr. J. Nixon, President; Mr. O. B. Hoffman, Vice-President; R. M. Baird, Hon. Secretary (re-elected).

A reunion followed at 8 p.m., when the newly-elected President presided over a good attendance. Among the guests were Mr. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C., Mr. Stan Hamner with his body-guard of talented stalwarts from the "Coss," Items of entertainment were contributed by Messrs. B. Clifford, A. Grenfell, Diggers Stokes, Price and Baldwin. The Honorable Jimmy put over a couple of good ones. Community singing helped to pass a very enjoyable night.

Treasurer O. Cox is once again back in hospital, where he was in hospital. Tom Edwards recently met with injuries to his head through being kicked with a horse; he is now convalescent and progressing favourably.

MANJIMUP

Anzac Service was held at the Memorial Gates, Manjimup. About forty ex-service men paraded under Lieut. F. Perry. The Rev. Walter Bushell conducted the service, the addresses were delivered by Bob Newman (President of Manjimup Sub-branch), the Rev. Tom Burt and Mr. La Motte of the Salvation Army. Manjimup Town Band attended, "Last Post" and "Revelle" were sounded, to set off the appropriate hymns were sung. The placing of the

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wreaths was impressively carried out. At the conclusion of the service the returned men marched past, the Memorial Gates being the saluting base.

After the dispersal of the Anzac Day parade, another number of the troops were rounded up for a long overdue get-together in the supper room of the Town Hall. And there President Bob Newton gave them the straight griffin. For nine months, he said, the sub-branch had languished in the doldrums, with only two or three to care whether it lived or died. Happily, the bank balance was comfortable. It was for the meeting to say whether the sub-branch should go into recess indefinitely, be reorganised, or disbanded. There was not much argument. Apparently the right people were in the right place at the right moment at last. Reorganisation it was.

Bob Newton was re-elected president, although he murmured something about new blood being wanted. Most unexpectedly a secretary dropped from the clouds to the person of J. A. Robotham, the Government Tobacco Adviser. He saw hard service as a lieutenant in a Tommy M.G. Coy., and is a breezy bloke with a string of scientific letters after his name. Evidently one who can absorb knowledge without letting it get him down. Incidentally, he is about the best all-round cricketer in the district. The new treasurer is Owen Sheard, who holds in the local office of the much-cursed Agricultural Bank (though really, he is not such a bad poor coot, for all that). The two vice-presidents are Major Fred Combs and that sterling stand-by Albert Hastings, who, by the way, represents the Senior Service.

On the suggestion of diggers from the mills it was decided to hold occasional meetings at No. 1 Mill and Jardee, and to make all meetings semi-social in character.

All things considered, it looks like a definite revival of this once vigorous sub-branch, and the lately despairing stalwarts are taking heart again.

—BABAKIN

"Gillette" writes—Last month I promised to let you all know about the Annual Reunion Dinner which took place on the night of the 7th inst.

We had quite a respectable crowd, too, socially and numerically. Col. Lamb, Dave Benson, Fred Jacoby, Charley Latham, Jimmy Mann and the 'Thorn lad from Toodyay were amongst the 50 who sat down to a top-notch dinner served as only Fred knows how to serve.

Posh menu cards 'n everthing. Fred Jacoby had lots of great big glass jugs and little tiny glasses on the table, but he nearly caused a 'pot when he had the jugs filled with water.

However, that was only for a preliminary gurgle, and later on the waters of the Swan flowed freely, were tasted and found to be "bitter."

The toast list was well filled and so were the glasses, and as "yer 'umble" had a nice large goblet he was vastly envied. That, of course, was due to a careful bit of scouting prior to the "fall-in."

Bill Dean and a few visitors from Bruce Rock turned up and Bill paraded a well known song in order to give Charlie Latham a little, sound advice about a "Court Suit." Charlie, however, knows a few wrinkles, too, having been in London on previous occasions.

Dave gave a very eloquent account of the doings of the Headquarters Body, and Col. Lamb was also in good form.

By the way, you ought to ask the Col. about that wonderful bit of surgery performed by a Pommie Doctor during the war. Jack Lethlean, the Vice-Chairman of the Bruce Rock Road Board, told the yarn to the mob, but they wouldn't believe it, and neither did the Col.

Jack Bremner, Jim Campbell and a few lads from Corrigin also turned up, but poor old Jim was not too well and had to come out early. Hard luck! I wonder if Jack's wife knows what a bad lad she married.

Jack got up and told the mob 47 different ways to get drunk, but he discovered that a couple of hard doers knew 49 ways. You would never think to look at Jack that he knew such things. I was surprised, I really was.

The crowd had a jolly evening and broke off at 12 o'clock all very sober and cheerful. A bonzer night all round.

The annual meeting of the sub-branch was held on the 13th in order to give the mob time to recover and the officers were re-elected en bloc.

The only important item of business was an application from the Scribe for an increase in salary. As the present salary is $60 per year he reckoned he ought to get a 100 per cent. increase as the funds were well in hand, but the application was rejected in view of the absence of the applicant from the meeting, but "the pen is mightier than the sword." Wait!

—LAVERTON

The Anzac Service was held at 11 o'clock and was crowded. It was carried out with the utmost solemnity and feeling, worthy of the memory of those who did not come back. The Col. Grey, who conducted the service and delivered the address, said: "Each year our ranks are becoming thinner and thinner. Since last year two of our comrades belonging to this sub-branch have passed away. I saw one of them just before he passed away in Kalgoorlie Hospital. His last words to me were, 'You won't see me again, Ted, tell the boys to carry on.' Yes, comrades, this spirit of carry on has maintained the stability of the Empire from generation to generation."

To you people, not returned soldiers I cannot urge you too strongly at all times to do all you can for the returned soldier. No lapse of time will restore a limb to the limbless, or sight of the blinded soldier. He must靠 his health, or his place in the ranks of professional promotion—which he forfeited when he enlisted. The young and healthy may forget, the old may forget; but any sense of general forgetfulness and ingratitude must bite deep into your soul.

"We will remember them."

"Your prayer should be, God give me their strength, their spirit, their courage."

—WAGIN

The 20th anniversary of Anzac Day was commemorated at Wagin by a record response to the "Fall In" on the part of diggers and the general public. Proceedings were opened with a Dawn Service at the Memorial, and arrangements were made by the Wagin Town Band, returned soldiers and school children marched to the Memorial site, where an observance of two minutes silence, laying of wreaths, and the sounding of the Last Post and the Reveille took place. Through weather conditions the remainder of the commemoration service was held in the Town Hall where every available seat was filled.

The Wagin Town Band again rendered assistance.

Following the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light," a wreath was laid on the Monument Tablet in the Town Hall by Mr. C. G. L. Lloyd, President of the Wagin Sub-Branch R.S.L. A prayer in commemoration of the Fallen was offered by the Salvation Army Adjutant, and Prayers for the Nation, Peace and Good Fellowship by the Rev. H. B. Craig. The address was given by the Rev. James. 'Land of Hope and Glory,' sung ably by Mr. Chellaw, and the usual calls were sounded by Bugler Godfrey.

At 2.30 p.m. the annual meeting for the election of officers was held in the Town Hall.

The balance sheet for the past year disclosed the fact that the sub-branch has some...
thing like £20 to begin the year's operations with.

Mr. Jas. Brown, representing the Hospital Comforts Fund Committee, eulogised the work of the sub-branch in gaining improvements effected at the local hospital. A scheme was instituted whereby any returned soldier desiring in transit could obtain half a day's work as directed by the manager.

The following officers were elected: President, Jas. A. Brown; Vice-Presidents C. Ainsworth and C. G. L. Lloyd; Secretary, P. White; Committee, James Boddie, M. R. B. Noonan, E. St. Ives Bistol, E. Jarrick, E. J. Walter, J. Wellard, H. G. Fiesa, F. S. Jassieker.

The newly-elected President, whilst applauding the work of the sub-branch during the past, sought the cooperation of all present in order to make it a power to be reckoned with. Mr. C. G. L. Lloyd, past president, also spoke, promising the newly-elected president and secretary all the assistance in his power, and advising those present who had not already done so to send several letters of thanks, one in particular being to Mr. H. E. Barton, who had no other letter to send, but who had no reason to complain.

ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held in the Institute on Tuesday, April 16, and was opened at 8 p.m. by the President, Mr. E. Y. Butter, R.M.

An attendance of 30 was recorded. The main business of the evening concerned the arrangements for Anzac Day observances.

The sub-branch unanimously approved of a presentation being made to Mr. H. F. Boddie, Assistant District Commissioner Boy Scouts, at the conclusion of the Anzac Service.

The Dawn Service was conducted at the local War Memorial. Troops fell in at the Town Hall and marched to the Memorial at 6 a.m. Last Post was followed by two minutes silence, then the notes of the Reveille rang forth telling us that THEY still live through they have left us for awhile. The men then broke off after a wreath had been laid by the choir of the Anglican Church who fell in with the men. Proceeders commenced the dedication in several of the churches.

The sub-branch was conducted at 8 p.m. by 'Boddie', who had no already been reckoned sicker.

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DOWERIN

The annual meeting of the Dowerin Sub-branch of the R.S.L. was held on 7/12/34, when the following officers were elected—President, Mr. P. Bower; Secretary, Mr. C. S. Game (re-elected); Vice-President, Messrs. M. Brown and T. J. Wanstall; Treasurer, Mr. O. Oulds; Auditor, Mr. C. Smith; Investigation Committee, Messrs. Smith, Roberts, Wanstall, Payne, and Windus, with President and Secretary, ex-officio, were elected.

A suitable date on which to hold annual meetings was discussed, and it was decided that in future they be held on the first Friday in November. It was also decided that a vote of thanks to all officers for work done during the past year was moved by Mr. P. Bower, seconded by Mr. Payne, and carried. After the close of the meeting members drank to the health of Mr. B. Beer, who had been appointed as Head Teacher of the school at Sawyer's Valley. The sub-branch wished him every success in his new sphere. Mr. Beer suitably responded, and intimated that he would not lose sight of the movement, and that he would watch the "Listening Post" for reports of meetings.

At the meeting held on 4/1/35 it was reported that the sub-branch was making efforts to secure pensions for Messrs. D. Boyd and W. H. Roberts.

The meeting of 1/3/35 was held for the first time at Mininvaile, and was an unqualified success. There were 19 members present, and one visitor (Mr. Burford from the Perth Sub-branch).

The matter of the visit of the State Executive, who would visit Dowerin on March 19, was discussed, and the necessary arrangements were made for members of the branch to make them. The matter of A.F. was also mentioned, although the meeting was held on the afternoon, and consequently was not convenient for many, a fair number were present, and a very profitable time was spent in discussing R.S.L. affairs.

The matter of some of the members of our branch being unemployed was discussed, and it was decided to make a thorough investigation in the matter and to explore every avenue in order to secure work for these comrades.

At the meeting held on 5/4/35 the matter of a proposed War Memorial was discussed, and it was decided that the President, Secretary and Rev. T. F. Smout wait on the Road Board at its next meeting with a view to asking for a site in the event of a memorial being erected.

A resolution was carried, that Rev. T. F. Smout be appointed correspondent to the "Listening Post," and that Mr. M. L. Brown act as assistant.

In conclusion, we would like to report that the matter of a War Memorial, or, to give it a better name, a Fallen Soldiers' Memorial, is now an immediate possibility. We hope to report on this at a later date, also on our Anzac Service.

SIBIACO

At the last meeting President Bert Congdon presided over a large meeting of members. A warm welcome was tendered by the Chair to visitors, also to several old members who again rejoined the branch.

The gift for the rooms of a very handsome framed portrait (Jubilee) of His Majesty King George V, was warmly applauded, and a vote of thanks was recorded to the donor, Mr. H. A. Lightfoot, one of the branch members. Another useful gift for the use of branch members came from Mr. R. J. Little in the form of a book by John Maxfield entitled "Gallipoli."

On Monday, the 20th May, the branch met the Clarendon Branch in the first round of A.R.M.S. games in the rooms at Subiaco.

In connection with the proposed combined social evening, Women's Auxiliary members and wives of members and ex-servicemen of the Subiaco district, to be held in the rooms on Saturday, May 25, the final details were left in the hands of the committee to deal with at a meeting held on Sunday morning.

At 9 p.m. the Rev. Arthur Murel gave a very humorous and interesting talk on his experiences during a trip into Germany directly after signing of the Armistice. The lecturer illustrated by maps and postcard pictures the many places and incidents of note. The lecture was arranged at very short notice, otherwise more publicity could have been given, thus allowing any members of the general public an opportunity of hearing a most interesting talk.

The Subiaco Sub-branch is again identifying itself actively with the Department of Industry and an Industries Exhibition which will be opened by the Mayor, Mr. H. Downe, on May 21, 22, and 23. A special feature will be the evening musical, social and novel entertainment. Admission to this exhibition will be free and is again held in King's Hall, Rokeby Road.

DERBY

The monthly meeting held at the Port Hotel on the 23rd instant was well attended, when Mr. E. C. West, late of Gosnells Sub-branch, was appointed Hon. Secretary. Interesting recollections were recalled by Mr. Bob Graham of the happenings of this day 20 years ago, and the usual yarnings caused time to fly very quickly.

The branch held spots for the kiddies of the district on Labour Day, 6th May, devoting the sum of three guineas for prizes.

MIDLAND JUNCTION

Midland Junction Sub-branch has every reason to congratulate itself on the support of the general public and ex-service men in the district, both at the Anzac Day Service, and the concert which was held in the Town Hall in the evening. The parade was under the control of Andy Muir, D.C.M., headed by the Salvation Army band, Col. Lamb, M.C., and President B. Vickery, followed by a fair number of ex-service men who formed up at the Drill Hall, marched to the Town Hall where, owing to the rain, the service was held. During the service wreaths were laid on the Honour Rolls by members of the sub-branch and the relieves of the fallen. The Last Post was sounded by Messrs. H. McEachlan, A. Jones and Lq McEachlan of the Salvation Army band. After the service the ex-service men formed up and marched past Col. Lamb who took the salute. In the evening a concert, organised by Ben Davies on behalf of the sub-branch, was held and was a great success. Midland Junction Sub-branch desires to express sincere gratitude to the ministers of the various churches, Adjutant Sweetman, S.A., and the Salvation Army band, the Mayor, Mr. F. Touhy and councillors of Midland Junction who granted free of charge the Town Hall for Anzac Day and evening, not forgetting the artists who gave their services.

BASSEENDEN

Bassendean, as shown by the fortnightly meetings, is rapidly increasing in strength and activity, due mainly to the energy of the secretary (Mr. F. Leng) and treasurer (Mr. Fixter), whose example might well be followed.

At the meeting held on Anzac night it was moved and passed that letters be sent to Bassendean Road Board in appreciation for the splendid way in which the Anzac Day cere-
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NORTH PERTH
A Digger's Diary
(With profound apologies to the Shades of Samuel Pepys)

April 15th. I met with Mr. Douglas Dingwall and we did discourse about his present illness of pain in the belly, of which I am pleased to find him a little better. The doctors make not heed nor tail of it, and order him to soft foods only, and to abstain from drinking ale. A condition to which I am sorry he hath come. This night I to the sub-branch general meeting, where, among other business, it was agreed on a motion by Mr. L. McDowell, that nominations for officers to the coming year be called this month of May come, the ballot in June and installation at the annual meeting in July. This, methinks, infinitely better than our old scheme of ballot and installation at one meeting. By and by when the business done, Mr. A. H. Selley did lecture on "Cultivation of Home Gardens," which was very well done with much information to those who were raising exhibits to the sub-branch flower show this September come. Anon the lecture done all fall to merry dancing, it being a lady's night, and among them I spy many beauties. A pretty supper, thence home in good content of an excellent evening spent.

20th. I abode it being a most admirable pleasant day. Met Mr. Tom Brown come again from Yellowine, also Mr. Bram Hopkins from Kalgoorlie. Both these gentlemen come to spend Easter in the metropolis. By and by I met with one J. C. O'Neill of Geraldton sub-branch, who in discourse did excel the sub-branch and the new R.S.I.L. Hall of Geraldton town, which was pretty and pleasant to hear. But, not wishing to be undone, I did with much pride remind him that North Perth Sub-branch do hold the Newdegate Cup and our Auxiliary the Hopton Cup, so be the premier sub-branch of the State. "And," said I, "although no hall have we to haunt, the list of good deeds in our wake be our everlasting monument." At this Mr. O'Neill was very merry and make promise, over a glass of ale, to carry greetings from North Perth to his sub-branch. Did hear news how Tom Alderson and Mr. Gordon Fraser (assistant secretary) do be on the "water waggon." How much of this be true only time will tell.

21th (Anzac Day). Up mighty betimes, it still being dark, and, after a cup of coffee, wait Mr. W. Godden, who, in his private motor coach, did carry me in company with his young son, Mr. C. Sadlier, his son and young daughter and my son to the Dawn Service in memory of our fallen comrades. The service, which is of silence broken only by bugle call and one gun, most impressive, and methinks the greatest of all to be held.

WEST LEDERVILLE

The Committee was pleased with the attendance of members at the Anzac Day Service and special church services held at the Methodist and Anglican Churches. The address given by Mr. E. S. Watt at the Anzac Service in the Town Hall has been the subject of very favourable comment by members and citizens. The ideals expressed by Mr. Watt are those that all should strive to attain.

Members attended in force at the last practice night and competitions will be held as per programme form was reported by the captain. It is rumoured that Mat Eph is in strict training for the table tennis championship; the display between Ephis and Peter drew a big audience. Among the members present were Messrs. Beechey and Hardman, both of whom have been on the sick list. Several ex-soldier residents have promised to link up with the sub-branch and the committee expect to report a big increase in membership by the end of June.

The Committee held the conference called by the Empire Shopping Week Committee, and promised the assistance of members to distribute posters and arrange displays of Empire goods during the Week. The sub-branch has increased attendances at the Friday night bridge evenings at the Town Hall.

VICTORIA PARK

The monthly meeting held on April 19 took the form of a combined social, the members of the sub-branch and the Women's Auxiliary spending a most enjoyable evening together.

Anzac Day was observed by the members, who after attending the parades in the city, had their own service in the Memorial Gardens at 3 p.m. Headed by the Victoria Park Citizens' Band, a large number of returned men, Women's Auxiliary, R.S.I.L., Scouts and Guides marched to the Gardens where the combined clergy conducted the service. President J. Cox gave an impressive address to the large crowd assembled.

Saturday, May 25, will be a great day for the Park Diggers. After much work, success has now crowned their efforts, and the R.S.I.L. Memorial Hall will be officially opened by Colonel Collett at 3 p.m. This very handsome building is now completed and the internal furnishings are all that can be desired.

All ex-service men and others interested in the good work of the R.S.I.L. are cordially invited to be present on this occasion.

On Friday, May 31, a rally of ex-service men will be held in the new Memorial Hall. Harry Tucker is in charge of the "Tig," while "Old Bill," will be bringing along the "Tiger," so it should be a regular circus.

On Sunday, April 28, at the Mint Street Presbyterian Church an Anzac Service was held by the Rev. Ian Ross. The State President, Mr. A. Yeates, was present together with members of the Park Sub-branch and Women's Auxiliary.

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children put down, carry Mr. Sadlier and I
to his home; where, joined by Mr. A. Arnold
and Mr. C. Armstrong, we all partake of
barley water and milk, which was very plea-
sant. Home afoot, I attend no other service
this day, being fatigued and the sky threaten-
ing dull of more rain.

May 3rd. Abroad and hear good news
how the boys of the North Perth S.S.L.
sub-branch did, Friday night last, win honour-
ably from Perth S.S.L. in Colonel Collett
Shield games. Our boys winning at table
tennis, quoits, shooting and draughts, loosing
only at bowls; so gain eight points, which
was very pleasant news. Met Constable
Frank Bibby, who said he be now on the
"water waggon," and he would have me
join him, Dingwall, Alderson, Fraser and
other good that crept in forming a "Little Drop
of Water League." Their motto, he said, to be
"Lips that lick liquor link not with mine."
The fellow a knave methinks, who scheme to
have the populous drink water, so lighten his
duty of keeping the peace. Lord! what
villainy, but this opinion, I must keep secret
lest it be evidence to my undoing some day.

Saw Mr. O. Newmarch who told me, his wife
would on the morrow from hospital come,
where she, poor lady, hath been ill and cut
cry by surgeon's knife in operation. This be
good news—that is, I mean, that the lady
be well to come home, and, I hope, will be
herself again soon.

8th. Very pleased at reading in this morn-
ingar's news sheet how the King and Queen
do see fit to confer on Mrs. W. James, hon.
secretary of West Australian Blind Soldiers'
Association and President to North Perth Sub-
branch Women's Auxiliary, the medal com-
memorating the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty
the King's accession to the throne. An hon-
our well deserved, and mightily proud must
be the blind soldiers and our Women's Aux-
iliary whom this lady serve.

CARLISLE

Anzac Day once again and the sub-branch
held a service in the Carlisle Memorial Hall
in the evening. The Hall was crowded, the
Rev. Ross being in the Chair supported by
the Anglican and Methodist padres and the
Salvation Army Captain. The Salvation Army
led the music. The service was a very im-
pressive one and many beautiful wreaths
were placed on the Honour Board.

On April 28 the sub-branch attended in
good numbers the Anzac Service at the
Presbyterian Church, Victoria Park. The
Rev. Ross gave a very fine address. This
service was honoured by the presence of our
State President, Mr. Yeates, who placed the
weath.

There was very little business before our
monthly meeting and the remainder of the
evening was spent in games and music. The
next monthly meeting will take the form of
a social to which every returned soldier in
the district who is not a member of the sub-
branch is being invited, in the hopes of get-
ing him to join up. A very good evening
is promised.

The S.S.L. Sub-branch is going strong.
Its delegate, Mr. Vickery, in conjunction
with the Parent Branch delegate, Mr. H. R.
Giles, are hoping to get good information
and new ideas from the S.S.L. Conference
be held on May 15 at Headquarters.

GOSNELLS

The service on Anzac Day had at the last
minute to be transferred to the local hall on
account of rain, but this in no way affected
the attendance. A very fine address was
given by Mr. Ott. The singing was led by
the Maddington-Gosnells choir. Many beau-
tiful wreaths were laid on the Honour Roll.
Brigadier Martyn entertained Kelmscott and
Gosnells Sub-branches by a lecture on "Gal-
lipoli" at our hall. There were 46 soldiers
present and the evening was terminated with
a social. New members still come to sub-
branch, and everything is going well in the
district.

CLAREMONT

The monthly meeting was held in the
Parish Hall on Thursday, May 2, when Brig-
adier Martyn presided over an attendance of
40 members.

Last month was a particularly busy one in
the Sub-branch. On April 11 a Children's
Plain and Fancy Dress Ball was held, which
proved a great success. Many thanks to
women's Auxiliary for their help on that occasion, especially Medeames
Ryan and Booth and the ladies who under-
took the judging of the large number of
effective costumes.

The Anzac Service was well attended,
also cases, coming to Christ Church on Sun-
day, April 25. Through the inclement wea-
ther, the service on Anzac Day was held in
the Princess Theatre by kind permission
of the proprietor, Mr. C. Stewart. The Mayor
and Councilors also assisted generously
as in past years.

The first games evening of the season took
place on April 18. It is a pity that a
larger number of members do not avail them-
eselves of the opportunity provided, as the
matches for the A.R.M.S. are close upon us.

On May 9 the sub-branch held a dance,
which, unfortunately, was very poorly
attended. What about supporting the
social functions of the sub-branch, you mem-
bers? The Social Committee are doing their
best. The season was heartily endorsed by a
general meeting. The Social Committee works hard
to make these evenings a success, but they
must inevitably be a failure without the sup-
port of the members generally.

It is with great regret that we have to re-
port that a member in the person of Mr.
C. J. Nicholls is at present in Ward 11, and
sincerely hope that he will soon be amongst
us again; meantime he will be very pleased to
see any of his friends at any time.

BAYSWATER

Anzac Day passed away very quietly. As
in previous years Dawn Service was carried
out by this sub-branch. Despite the inclem-
ent weather conditions a large number of
residents wended their way to the Bayswater
War Memorial long before the appointed
time. Ex-service men, under the direction of
the sub-branch secretary (J. M. Hextall),
who took the first flush in the Eastern
sky, Mr. Peeter and the H representative
conducted the service.

Owing to showers during the day the
Memorial Service was held in the Bayswater
Town Hall. Regimental Sergeant-Major
Smith took charge of the parade on the occasion.
The following gentlemen were seated on the platform:

President, Mr. T. E. Batey; Secretary, Mr.
M. Hextall; Rev. Hogg, Rev. Phillips, Rev.
G. Goodenough; Mr. W. H. Anderson, M.A.
and Mr. Vincent, Warden.

The address was in the capable hands of
Mr. W. H. Anderson, M.A. He covered a
somewhat wide field and dealt with self-
sacrifice in a stirring manner.

Mrs. Dennington and junior, were the
buglers. The old gentleman is a South
African veteran, who enlisted in the A.I.F.
and is still playing his part.

Batey's orchestra supplied the music.

MOUNT Helena

The Mount Helena Sub-branch wives of
Districts R.S.L. Sub-branch held their Anzac Service on the first
local hall. A good roll up of returned
men, Women's Auxiliary and Boy Scouts
attended. An impressive address was deliv-
ered by Mr. Beer, and the Last Post and
Revelle were sounded by Mr. Hoffman and
Mr. Stapley, again faced at piano, while
the school choir was conducted by Mr. Stap-
ley in very able manner. Many beautiful
wreaths were placed in front of the Honour Board during the service.

MOUNTAGIN

No. 2617 writes—It is a long time since I saw myself in print in your columns. However, a lack of modesty on the part of my fellow men forces me to again take up the sword, pardon, the pen. On a point of explanation, certain Mountagin Diggers think that the world (a compliment to your monthly, Sir) should know that they celebrated Jubilee Day, May 6, in a worthy manner.

Long planned, a "slap-up" outing for the children of the district and their parents at the home of Vice-President Nick Brennan with prizes—sweets, fruit, and ginger beer all complete, the last named kindly provided by the Merredin Brewery.

A shower of rain overnight laid the dust but dampened no one's ardour. Early on the scene were President Captain J. J. Hooper, and Secretary Ross Keen with the official flags, two, to hoist, but they found, unfortunately, poles, one, only available. Other members arrived in a lively debate ensued between the ex-A.D.F. and ex-Gerbino as to which should have pride of place. "De Tag" won, and the Jack floated to the mast head, for a few minutes unfortunately, upside down.

Luncheon was slightly delayed owing to the fatigue returning to town for the second relay of tucker, also to pick up a tap for the ginger beer cask from the publican. However, a pleasant and substantial meal was eventually served to a large gathering, followed by races and novelty events for the kiddies under the committee of Messrs. Crawford, Auld and Hill.

The same Hubert Hill held up the traditions of the service by taking the sweepstake event from the younger men who had organised this as an easy way of earning money. The kiddies competed keenly in their respective grades, and owing to the splendid work of the handicapper (Mr. T. H. Potter) many close finishes resulted.

Prizes were distributed towards evening by the sub-branch President, and an address to the kiddies, by Mr. Keen on "the Day we Celebrate", was followed by cheers from the children for Nick Brennan for his kind nature allowing the use of his grounds for the event.

The tea-time gathering was the largest.

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HIGH PRIESTS OF STATE

By T. C. Retalick

I give unto you, my brethren, the parable of one who was a High Minister in a great State, and had control of all the land, and whose voice was loud in the Councils of his Party.

It came to pass in the time of the Council of Mit-Chell and Lai-Tham that seen in the district for some years, and everyone voted it a most happy day. All are looking forward to a similar event next year as the Diggers have promised that it should be an annual event.

On May 26 will be our first birthday and at the annual general meeting, May 25, there will be much to report that will reflect credit on such a jolly event as the jubilee. To our friends at the Anzac Day services, full of praise for all concerned. This was his first attendance in Perth and he swears that a team of his old Artillery Mules won't keep him away next year.

WAGIN

"A full house" responded to the "roll call" to the monthly meeting. The newly elected President, Mr. Jas. A. Brown, occupied the chair. Mr. White also made his debut as secretary. The following motions were put forward and carried:—That the matter of the R.S.L. Empire Shopping Week be left in the hands of the secretary. That the action of the late secretary in devoting his best efforts to enable a local returned soldier, to secure War Pension be heartily endorsed. That the sub-committee be presented to Mr. Jassick for audit. A motion that a committee visit the local hospital in order to provide comforts for ex-soldiers' patients there, consisting of three members, was carried and the following were elected—Messrs. Sheenton, Howie and Bilston. A scheme whereby any returned soldier passing through Wagin could obtain half a day's employment at the local hospital will be confirmed. The matter of the sub-branch taking over a Dawn Service at the Memorial was deferred, and the Toc H was appointed to conduct the ceremony this year. It was resolved that the secretary, Messrs. Ainsworth and Jassick, confer with the Women's Auxiliary in view of conducting a Continental in the Town Hall. A special committee, consisting of Messrs. Sheenton, Lloyd, Booth, Noonan and Stuchberry, was elected to get affairs moving for the Annual R.S.L. Ball.

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<td>ALBANY</td>
<td>“Soldiers’ Institute”</td>
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<td>Town Hall</td>
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<td>F. Leng, 35 Parker Street, Bassendean</td>
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<td>Council Chambers</td>
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| GWALIA                   | State Hotel                  | 1st Thursday, 8 p.m. | Dr. H. E. Colegate, Gwalia | T. Wilkinson, Gnowangerup  
| HARVEY                   | War Memorial Hall           | Last Tuesday      | B. H. Lofthouse, Wokalup | E. Shepherd, Gwalia  
| KALGOORLIE               | Soldiers’ Institute          | Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 p.m.; Executive alt. Fridays | R. R. Gibbs, Bank of N.S.W., Hannan St. | R. Irvine, Harvey  
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| KIMBERLEY                | Club Rooms, Carey St.       | When called        | S. S. Waycott | W. J. Cox, Karridale  
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| KOORDA                   | Koorda                       | Quarterly, Committee 1st Friday | Josiah Norrish, Kojonup | W. Bailey, Katanning  
| LAKE GRACE               | Road Board Hall             | 3rd Friday, 8 p.m. | J. Collinson, Lake Grace | L. E. Treasure, Kojonup  
| LAKE KING                | Lake King Hall              | 3rd Friday, 8 p.m. | R. D. Allen, Lake King | R. C. Wood  
| MOUNT BARKER             | Mt. Barker                  | When called       | T. G. Sounness, Merryup, Mt. Barker | Lindsay K. Joy, Lake Grace  
| MAYLANDS                 | Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands | 4th Thursday (pension week) | W. J. Lovell, 98 Sixth Ave., Maylands | C. Verden, Lake Grace  
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 | Wallah Hall, Grosvenor Road, Mt. Lawley | 1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m. | O. J. Williams, 31 Grosvenor Road | A. R. Wood, 127 Fifth Avenue, Maylands
MORNINGTON MILLS | Mornington Mills | Every Alt. Sunday | A. Turner, Mornington Mills | G. Wilson, Mornington Mills
NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE | Artillery, Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle | 2nd Monday | Major G. P. W. Meredith, Artillery Barracks | Sergeant G. McMurray, Artillery Barracks
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NORTH PERTH | St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street) | 1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. | W. J. James, 21 Marian Street, Leederville | A. J. Hawkins, 24 York St., North Perth, Tel. B3260
PERTH | Anzac House, Perth | 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m. | A. G. Scanouf, Australian War Memorial House, Perth | Geo. S. Mellor, Anzac House
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PRESS | At Luncheon, Anzac House, Billiard Saloon | 1st Saturday, 10.30 p.m. | W. E. Elston, Pithara | H. K. MacLean, East Pithara, Tel. No. 10
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SUBIACO | Branch Rooms, Roekeby Road, Subiaco | 1st Thursday, 8 p.m. | B. Congdon, 75 Glover Street, Subiaco | B. T. Williamson, 87 Salisbury St., Subiaco
TAMBELLUP | Road Board Hall | 2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m. | R. P. Hammer, Railway Station, Tambellup | J. E. Trathan, P.O. Box 1, Tambellup, Tel. 45
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WEST PERTH | Anzac House, Perth | 3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. | M. J. Offer, Taxation Department, Perth | P. L. Ross, Workers' Homes Board, Perth
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WARIOONA | Memorial Hall | 1st Friday, 8.30 p.m. | C. Henning, Hamel |

### R.S.L. Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliaries

**DONNYBROOK**
- **场所:** Memorial Hall
- **日期:** 1st Saturday, monthly
- **主席:** Mrs. MacCauley, Blackwood Road
- **秘书:** Mrs. V. T. Miller, Donnybrook

**VICTORIA PARK**
- **场所:** Library Hall, Albany Rd
- **日期:** 4th Friday, 7.30 p.m.
- **主席:** Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88 Teague Street, Victoria Park
- **秘书:** Mrs. D. Pike, 38 State Street, Victoria Park
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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>Col. D. M. McWhae, (Chairman, A. H. Hood, 39 Tate St., W. Leederville)</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., Nth. Perth. Phone B8394</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
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And there arose one who spoke with a loud voice saying: "I will do this, and also that. Do ye not know me as one who labours amongst ye?" See, are there not patches on my pants where I have laboured; I am one of ye! And because this one prophesied that all men should have justice and the people be saved from the Lyons and the taxes, the people overthrew Lai-Tham and Mit-Chell and he who had patches on his pants was set over all the land. Yea, verily, did they set up Patches on his Pantz in authority for had he not proclaimed "much for all!" Yet did he none of these things, and when the people murmured against him he did give them a "blister" saying: "They are but stubborn donkeys." Then did certain of the people conspire together and say, "Lo, he hath given us a blister, shall we not return him a Boyle to cause his body and his spirit unrest?" So it came to pass that the Boyle did afflict Onis Pantz mightily, and did cause him to listen, saying: "Lo, hear ye not the people murmur because of taxes and hunger, and demand that many shekels be given to them from the Treasury." And Onis Pantz did make, mock of Boyle and said, "Have they not the land and corn and sheep and cattle and rabbits and much pasture that they may live comfortably?" Then did the Boyle swell to a head, and did erupt mightily on Onis Pantz, "Even so, and do not the tax gatherers take their corn and sheep and cattle leaving naught but the rabbits and the green pastures which are yellow? How then can the people live without many shekels of silver even to the number of seven score and ten each year?" But the Minister did say then to Boyle, "Begone, anger me not, I care naught for any of these things, for I do not labour to become a great man and honoured. Had I not many patches?" Yet these lazy ones ape the ways of the great and would wear "bags" from Oxford, leaving pants for lesser folk, even though they might clothe themselves in "super" bags as becomes those who would own the land. "Of a truth all is vanity and wastefulness that they seek dress of bright hues and many shekels of silver. Get thee from me, O cursed Boyle, which tormeneth my spirit. Get thee to thy lazy ones and tell them of my words!" Then did the Boyle cease from tormenting Onis Pantz, and did depart in heaviness and sorrow to tell his friends of all that had passed. And as did come to pass in the course of time that the Minister, Patches. Onis Pantz, did one day go to his home at the setting of the sun, for there he had many trees and flowers and green grasses and pleasant places where he did rest from the labour and heat of his Council. And when Onis Pantz did enter into his garden he did stand in amaze, for there did kneel before him on his lawn a stranger. One dressed in "super bags" and who did eat hungrily of the sweet grass of the garden and to whom Onis Pantz did cry out angrily: "What is this, why dost eat my grass?" And the stranger answered him and said: "Lord, the tax gatherers have taken my corn and wool and my eggs and butter, even to my rabbits, and all that was mine, and behold, because there is no rain my pasture faileth. Therefore did I come unto my lord's grass that I might stay my hunger." Then did the heart of Patches Onis Pantz melt and his throat swell with compassion for the woe and sorrow of this poor stranger, and he cried with a loud voice: "There is yet mercy and compassion for such as thee!" "Come, rise my poor brother, come thou to my own great and private lawn, there wilt thou find that the grass grows longer."

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