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Long before Julius Caesar desired to consolidate his conquests in Gaul by invading Britain, just as Japanese generals to-day are revetting the puppet kingdom of Manchukuo by further inroads into Asia, a wise old Druid, one Taliesan, declared: 'These then are your liberties that ye inherit. Ye know there are wolves, aye, and thieves also. Ye do not make yourselves ridiculous by saying neither wolf nor thief would rob you.' We in Australia have inherited liberties, liberties which were won for us by the sword centuries before the Western Asians, whom we now call Russians, took advantage of the Great War to murder their royal family, establish Soviets and subsidise the cold-footed of other communities to teach the political descendants of Hampden and Cromwell how to be free: We in Australia have had our experience of war. We have borne the heat and burden of the day, and the fright in the greatest war of history. Having had that experience we share with the rest of the world that yearning for peace which neither the League of Nations nor the more recent movements in the direction of collective action for security has been able to ensure.

The nations to-day accept the hypotheses that peace is desirable, that perpetual peace can be ensured by concerted action, and that disarmament, or eliminating the means of waging war, will render future war impossible. If every nation would simultaneously ground arms, destroy all factories that might in an emergency be converted into munition works, and castrate all male babies who might grow up into potential warriors, the pacifist dream of a world made safe for the survival of the unfinest would be realised. Unfortunately, the nations to-day, for reasons which seem good to themselves, will not disarm. Each sees in the other the wolf who would ravage the sheep and the oxen in the home pens and cattle yards. Each finds good reason for taking precautions against the wolf who would rob. Britain and the British Dominions alone have rendered more than lip service to the cause of disarmament, but their example has not been followed. On the contrary, the measure of British disarmament has been made the common denominator of increased armaments elsewhere. This being so, and no honest observer of world tendencies to-day could hold an opinion to the contrary, it is only natural that the Empire, and Australia, which is a component part of the Empire, should pay some attention to the matter of defence. Defence is not defiance. Technically, it is a preparation for war, but ethically, its purpose is not to make war but to prevent war from unmaking us. In the words of the mediaval exorcists we must fight the devil with fire.

That, really, is the basis of the present Australian defence policy as expounded by Mr. Archdale Parkhill, the Minister for Defence while he was in Perth and his exposition was merely a restatement of the policy which was approved by the majority of voters at the Federal elections last year, and which is embodied in the constitution of the R.S.L. The League, while subscribing to the ideal of peace on earth and good will to all men, does not agree that an adequate defence policy is inconsistent with pacific intention. The League's attitude in this respect is defined in its constitution and in Congress resolutions, especially the one which advocated a reinstitution of the universal training system. In supporting that attitude the Listening Post is not opposed to anti-war propaganda which is sincere, but it is definitely opposed to quasi-political bodies who exploit the present universal dislike of war for the purpose of white-anting legitimate defence measures and who, therefore, are in opposition to the League's constitution.

Mr. Parkhill's plans, or perhaps one should say the Federal Government's plans, the seven divisional organisation, the expansion of the navy, the coast defence and the air force, have been well elaborated in the daily papers and call for no comment here. His statement that the voluntary system will continue until further orders suggests the Government is cutting its coat in accordance with its cloth. The present tendency is to belaud the voluntary system at the expense of the universal system. The permanent staff-instructors and their brigade, divisional and district headquarters seniors, are loyaling carrying out a hopeless job in the face of unnecessary difficulties imposed on them by civilian politicians. Those politicians might be excused for fretting away the country's money on doctrinaire schemes and blaming professional soldiers for not being able to make bricks without straw if they did not know, as Sir George Pearce and Mr. Parkhill both well know, that the voluntary system was tried before the war and found wanting. Sir George Pearce was Minister for Defence when, in 1911, higher rates of pay and gayer uniforms failed to attract recruits, and the older system had to be scrapped in favour of the universal system on which the nation was able to capitalise during the war. The reintroduction of universal

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training in the more populous centres would prove no more expensive than the present haphazard system. It would make for greater efficiency, especially in the training of specialists, it would establish a reserve which the present haphazard system does not provide, and, above all, it would provide adequate punishment for the panninikin boss in the business establishment who has been such a deterrent to recruiting and to citizen soldiers applying for leave of absence from business to go into camps of continuous training. We realise that during the depression the suspension of the compulsory clauses of the Defence Act was an economy which was more than counterbalanced by the expenditure on politicians' trips to Geneva to tell the world that Australia had disarmed, but must efficiency be perpetually sacrificed in the interests of political expediency?

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**THE AFRICAN DISPUTE**

_The Conflict Between Right and Right_

The statement of Sir Ian Hamilton, in his article on war in the 1926 edition of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," that war is more often a conflict between right and right than between right and wrong, has been fully verified by the trend of events since 1926. The quarrels between Bolivia and Paraguay, and between China and Japan, with their resulting and prolonged bloodshed were conflicts of right against right, in which each side could make a convincing case for itself, and in which each asserted that the other was the aggressor. Certainly, the Press, which is supposed to be subsidised by the wicked armament-makers to promote wars did its best to save the face of the League of Nations by calling the fighting between China and Japan "major hostilities," and refusing to admit in print that the two countries were at war, and the condemnation of Japan's Manchurian policy drove Japan out of the League. Similarly, the attempt to coerce Paraguay by placing a ban on all armaments consigned to that country, almost brought Chile and the Argentine into the field on opposite sides.

Neither episode augmented the prestige of the League of Nations which, though it did succeed in localising the fighting, was weakened by the defection of Japan and the threatened defection of Paraguay, to say nothing of the growing feeling in China that appeals to the League are useless, and that abject submission to Japan is the only policy left open to her. In view of this diminished prestige it would seem that the very existence of the League of Nations is threatened by the continuance of the present dispute between two of its members, Italy and Abyssinia. To understand the point at issue, one must go back to 1885 when the British had withdrawn their forces from the Sudan for the defence of Egypt against Mahdist attacks and were maintaining but a precarious foothold in Suakin against Osman Digna and his Hadendowa tribesmen. In that year, Italy, who had been forestalled in the scramble for Africa by the French occupation of Tunis, took advantage of the situation in the Sudan to seize the old Turkish port of Massawa on the Red Sea, thus laying the foundation of her present-colony of Eritrea. Menelek II., Emperor of Abyssinia, who was on the whole an enlightened ruler who abolished slavery within his dominions and encouraged trade with the outer world, and whose own western frontier was exposed to Mahdist attacks, consented to the Treaty of Uccalli, which, in 1899, established an Italian protectorate over Abyssinia. But a subsequent quarrel over the interpretation of the terms of the Treaty led to war in which the Italians suffered a disastrous defeat at Adowa. The war was ended by the Treaty of Addis Ababa, which gave Eritrea to Italy and left Menelek in peace to develop his own country.

After Menelek's death in 1913, Abyssinia lapsed into anarchy and intermittent quarrels between the local rulers, who, like the baronage of the Middle Ages, could be kept in order only by a strong central government. The slave trade reared its ugly head once more, for, when Abyssinia was admitted to membership of the League of Nations at the instance of France and Italy, this was made conditional upon the abolition of the slave trade. Italy's need for colonial expansion was satisfied for the time being by the acquisition of Libya, but Italy, the only Entente Power which received no mandates after the Great War, has always suffered from a sense of grievance on that account. She has, therefore, pursued the only course open to her, that of consolidating and expanding her east African possessions, and expansion can be effected only at the expense of Abyssinia.
On her own admission, Italy's position is that the frontier clashes which have been the ostensible cause of the present dispute are but side issues. She demands the right to re-establish a protectorate over Abyssinia, to exploit that country's resources, to establish schools, and to abolish the slave trade within Abyssinia. The last provides Italy with an ethical and a humanitarian basis for her claims. The granting of her claims in part or in full would mean the abrogation of existing treaties by which Italy in common with France and Britain have guaranteed the independence and territorial integrity of Abyssinia. The latter, not unnaturally, points to these treaties and requests the mediation of the League of which she, like Italy, is a member. So far, all attempts at mediation and peaceful arbitration have broken down. The situation had been greatly aggravated by Mussolini's sabre-rattling speeches, the despacht of troops to East Africa, and the frequent references to 'wiping out the disgrace of Adowa,' all of which are calculated to inflame the war spirit in Italy.

So far, the Abyssinian resistance to Italy's demands would appear to have been stiffened by Britain's efforts to find a peaceful solution acceptable to both parties to the dispute. The genuineness of Britain's desire for peace may be judged from the offer to give Abyssinia a strip of British Somaliland which would afford her a corridor to the sea and so compensate her for whatever concessions she may have to give to Italy. But the British offer was scornfully rebuffed by Italy, and the British statesmen are still casting about for a solution which will obviate war. Italy, too, has gained a diplomatic victory in inducing other European Powers to prevent the export of munitions to Abyssinia. Here, she seems to have taken full advantage of the inflaming of public opinion against the international armaments firms, though the readiness with which the nations have complied with her wishes indicates that the alleged widespread influence of these firms has been greatly exaggerated by propagandists.

In this instance, Abyssinia cannot be blamed for smarting under a sense of injustice. Like Paraguay, she can claim that she has been unduly handicapped in the interests of peace. She has invited arbitration and continued to invite it, while Italy has been pouring troops into the troubled area and increasing her demands with every accession of strength at the danger point. Truthfully, she cites the Italian preparations for war, and the fact that she, being a primary producing country, must import armaments for her defence while Italy, with her superior industrial organisation, can manufacture armaments for herself. If Italy persists in her demands, and if British efforts at mediation fail, Abyssinia must either surrender at discretion, or enter into a hopeless struggle for her independence.

The supineness of the League may be explained by the European situation. The Western Powers, with the exception of Britain, are too concerned with the prevention of the possibility of war in Europe to trouble very much about the imminence of war in Africa. France, unable to understand that Britain's new friendship with Germany does not preclude her older friendship with France, is wavering between her loyalty to the League and her own newly cemented friendship with Italy. In short, she will not adopt any line of action likely to cause the withdrawal of Italy's adherence to the policy of Stresa, and, it has been suggested that Italy's adherence to that policy was given in return for the granting of a free hand in Africa. If this is so, expediency has again triumphed over justice. It has been suggested also that the League of Nations should apply the economic sanctions referred to in the League Covenant to restrain Italy from aggressive action. But, after all, the League is composed of nations who have not yet outgrown the spirit of the older diplomacy which the League was brought into being to end. In fact, recent pacts of non-aggression and mutual protection bear a strong resemblance to the offensive-and-defensive alliances of the nineteenth century. This is not to say that such pacts are not in the best interests of collective security, nor that they are any less likely to prolong peace than the older alliances; but, at the time of writing, they do seem to indicate a
disintegrating tendency within the League itself.

The inherent weakness of the League is that it has never been able to enforce its decisions, even if we admit the extreme difficulty of deciding, in a case like the present, precisely who is and who is not the aggressor. If an attempt is made to coerce Italy, that country will certainly withdraw from the League. If, on the other hand, the League remains supine, the disintegrating tendency already noticed will be greatly accelerated. The hope for the future seems to be in the success of Britain's efforts to preserve the peace. Britain will not act alone against Italy, as she would certainly have to if the economic sanctions were applied, but even at this eleventh hour British statesmen have not despaired of averting the dread arbitrament of the sword. Let us hope that by the time this article appears in print their efforts will have been crowned by success.

YOUTH AND MOTHERHOOD SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL, 1935.

The following circular letter has been sent to all sub-branches by the State Secretary:

"As you are doubtless aware, this Appeal was initiated by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to mark the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Their Majesties, King George and Queen Mary in a manner calculated to materially assist two most worthy causes, namely, Employment of Youth and Maternity Welfare.

"This Appeal has met with spontaneous response throughout the British Empire. Western Australia, in common with the other States of the Commonwealth, has initiated a movement with an objective of raising the sum of £50,000 by October next. A State Committee has been formed and recently the Executive of the W.A. Branch of the League was approached with a request for the support both moral and material of our organisation. As each of the causes named has been portion of the settled policy of the League for some considerable time, and has the endorsement of State Congress, the desire for support was readily and whole-heartedly acceded to.

"After much discussion a State-wide appeal to our sub-branches was decided upon, and an Appeal Committee formed. Knowing the many calls made upon our members, the Appeal Committee has decided not to lay down any hard-and-fast quota as a contribution to the Fund, nor any fixed method by which the money is to be raised.

"The general desire of the Executive tends towards the sub-branches, preserving their identity in this movement, but if in some districts this be not practicable, then to render moral and material support, both individual and collective, to any other public activity having the same objective in view. It is urged, however, that wherever possible at least one function, entertainment or the like, be sponsored by your sub-branch and conducted in its name.

"You are earnestly requested to give this matter your urgent consideration and to take prompt action so that the League will not appear to lag behind in this movement. Will you kindly advise, for publicity purposes, the nature of your activity as soon as possible after you have decided upon it. All funds raised by sub-branches should be sent forward to this office for transmission to the Central Fund at opportune intervals, before August 3, 1935.

"Suggested forms of entertainments, etc., are dances, bridge parties, picture shows, etc., but the Committee realises that you will know best what form will attract most in your district."

MR. HUGHES IN PERTH

The digger's old friend, William Morris Hughes, has been with us once again during the first meeting of the Commonwealth Cabinet ever held in Perth. As he is now Minister for Repatriation he is again in close touch with the ex-service man and his problems. Though primarily interested in the Jubilee Appeal on behalf of maternity and youth welfare, he did have time to meet the troops both on the Goldfields and in Perth. Incidentally he lost a perfectly good hat in Perth which we believe was retrieved before he went eastward again.

Mr. Hughes is beginning to look his age. He was not very well while he was with us this time, in fact he told Mr. Yeates exactly how he felt; but the old fire is still burning and his speeches over the table and over the air were inspiring trumpet calls to optimism and achievement. He addressed meetings in Kalgoorlie, at the luncheon tendered him by the State Executive, in Anzac House on the same afternoon, and to a wider public over the national network of the

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Australian Broadcasting Commission. Busy and all as he was, he found time to attend the smoke social of the Commercial Travellers' sub-branch, at which he was right marker for the rum issue.

In these days of kowtowing to other nations and idiotic talk about nationalism, it was refreshing to hear Mr. Hughes' outspoken summary of current international topics. He made the point that the hope for future peace lies in the British Empire, and that the fate of each British Dominion is inseparably bound up with that of the Empire of which it is a component part. In doing so, he also gave much-needed advice on the matter of community spirit, and the desirability of pulling together in the interests of national prosperity and progress.

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NORTH PERTH ENTERTAINS

"Hop in for your chop—the Q.M.'s in the clink" was the order of the night at the tenth annual meeting and celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee by the North Perth sub-branch in the local Town Hall on July 15. The routine business of the meeting was the discussion of a comprehensive series of annual reports and balance sheets which were issued in printed pamphlet form for the benefit of members, and the election of officers. The office-bearers for the ensuing year are S. Dival, who relieves Bill James in the presidential chair; the past presidents, Messrs. A. V. Johnson, A. A. McDonald, D. A. James, W. J. W. Donne.

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DEVELOPMENT OF WIRELESS

In connection with a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Federal Executive, "That every encouragement should be given to the development of wireless in all its phases, particularly such forms of air communication as will bring isolated areas into contact with more settled parts of the Commonwealth, and that special encouragement should be given to individuals and organisations who show enterprise in the wireless field," the General Secretary writes:

I desire to show hereunder copy of letter received from the Secretary Prime Minister's Department, which is forwarded for your information—

I am directed to assure you that the Postmaster-General's Department, in its administration of the Wireless Telegraphy Act and Regulations, is actuated by a desire to encourage the development of wireless with a view to ensuring the best possible use of the science for the good of the people of the Commonwealth. Wherever the Department is obliged to place restrictions on any activity, it is only because it feels compelled to do so in the general interest of the community.

With regard to the question of wireless communication with isolated areas in Australia, I am to point out that as far back as 1925 the Postmaster-General's Department established wireless stations at Wave Hill and Camooweal for the purpose of acting as collecting stations in the interior. These stations have proved of great value to the districts in which they are situated. The Department is also assisting in other ways in the development of wireless in our sparsely populated centres of the Commonwealth, and licences are freely issued to those who intend to erect a station.

In the development of the constructive programme for the National Broadcasting Service, the interest of settlers in remote areas is also kept in mind. When the contemplated stations are erected, it is anticipated that 95 per cent. of the residents of the Commonwealth will be able to receive at least one National medium-wave station satisfactorily, whilst it is hoped that the balance will be able to avail themselves of the entertainment of broadcasting by means of the National short-wave transmitter station.

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After business had been disposed of decks were crowded for action in the form of a combined attack on eatables, both liquid and solid, under the covering fire of music, speeches and songs. One novel feature of the evening was the ceremony of the installation of officers by the State President, Mr. A. Yeates. The toast of the League was given by W. J. James, and responded to by the State President, who were both in happy vein. Archdeacon Rilev proposed the sub-branch, mentioning in the course of his speech that his earlier ministry had been in the parish of North Perth, and his was one of the many congratulations during the course of the evening to dear old Bill James on his elevation to the State Executive. Mr. Blay, the new president, was fittingly proposed the toast of the Visitors. The Hon. the Speaker, Mr. A. H. Panton, M.L.A., is also a member of the State Executive, said a few kind words on behalf of "The Army, the Navy and Air Force." That was the wording of the programme, so any one old matelots are requested not to write in blaming The Listening Post for disturbing the order of the seniority of the services. The allotment of this toast to Mr. Panton was again appropriate. He has soldiered in two wars, crossed the seas to reach and return from them, and he should know all about the warm aerial currents that soar towards the stratosphere from Harvest Terrace. Mr. H. W. Rigg proposed the Artists, who were responsible for an excellent programme.

As befitting a sub-branch like North Perth, which is the present holder of the Newdegate Cup, and which has many other distinctions of service to its credit, the entertainment was well arranged and splendidly carried out. No detail was omitted even to the regulation referring to the short-army and the forbidding of the prone position for casualties. The South Perth R.S.L. Orchestra, which filled the stage, provided colourful music. The community singing was under the direction of W. Wilkins, whose conducting hand, notwithstanding his recent painful accident, has not lost its cunning. Mr. J. Hodgson of the orchestra was warmly applauded for his piccolo solo, and Mr. R. S. Patterson showed the audience what an extraordinary amount of good music can be extracted from the harmonicon, which we used to call the mouth organ in the days of our own unregenerate youth. Another striking item on the programme was the delightful one-act play from the ever-flowing fountain pen of Bill Blight, entitled "The Ghost of the Old Chateau," and acted by The Blighty Players, Messrs. Walter Goodlet, Gordon Fraser and Doug. Dingwall. It embodied a well-constructed little story, closing with an amusing dramatic curtain, and abounded in the typical digger humour which gave ample scope for very effective acting.

During the evening the State President presented the League's Certificate of Service to W. R. Blight in recognition of meritorious services as a member of the committee since its inception, and past Presidents' and Secretaries Certificates to Messrs. D. A. James, W. J. James, L. J. McDowell, C. A. Sadler, R. B. Hopkins and H. W. Rigg. On behalf of the sub-branch, a handsome clock was presented to the retiring president, Mr. W. J. James.

DANCE AT ANZAC HOUSE

Unfortunately, the Anzac House Ball, organised by the Press sub-branch, was not a financial success this year. Although we understand that expenses will be met. The committee were of the opinion that the falling-off in numbers was largely due to the overcrowding of the previous year's ball. The Press sub-branch Women's auxiliary has now decided to keep the flag flying by organising a dance to be held at Anzac House on Saturday, August 10, the proceeds of which will go to the Anzac House fund. The admission is only 2/6 and a happy evening is certain.

LADIES' NIGHT AT ANZAC CLUB

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We may be at sea as to what Gladstone said in 1885, but our State President certainly did not leave us in the air about what Billy Hughes said in 1935.

Mussolini seems to be playing the Duce with Abyssinia.

Speaking at a women's conference on the subject of salaries for wives, Mrs. Cardell-Oliver said that it is most humiliating for a wife to have to ask her husband for every penny. Most husbands who are expected to shell out every penny will cordially agree with her.

Those North Perth diggers entertain you both wisely and well. I left their show on July 15 with a decided sense of repletion, but after all, I could not have had very much. You see, I was so confoundedly thirsty the next morning.

According to the effervescent Mr. H. K. Watson's recent outburst, the British Government has not given Western Australia a fair deal. Perhaps what Western Australia needs most is a new pack.

The dispute between the Macraes and the Mackintoshes as to whether black or white ties should be worn in evening dress with kilts should be referred to the League of Nations before it develops into a clan feud. Meanwhile, most decent diggers will still think the colour of the tie does not matter very much so long as the kilts are not inadvertently omitted.

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When drinks were served in flagons,
And gallant knights rode to and fro
Exterminating dragons,
A wizard who was any good
At spells, or magic potions, could
Make ev'n the plainest woman seem
As lovely as a poet's dream.

But only magic could effect
This change in your appearance,
Which gives its facial defect
Its quittance and its clearance;
And only wonder-working seers
Can halt the route-march of the years.
Such transformations make it plain
That wizards walk the earth again.

Peroxide gleams upon your hair,
No more you spend your cash on
The henna tints for, everywhere,
They're going out of fashion.
Those eyebrows, once like hempen strands,
Are now but faintly-pencilled bands,
And that bewitching little mole
Was surely some enchanter's dote.

But no adornment ever won
The substance from the petal.
The camouflage that drapes the gun
Cannot transmute its metal.
Though potent spells the body bind,
There still remains the unsullied mind.
So, Lady Mine, no sorcery
Can hide your sterling worth from me.
MONS SUNDAY

The 10th celebration of Mons Sunday in Perth by Imperial Ex-Service men will take part on Sunday, August 18th, this year. There will be a brief ceremony for laying of wreaths at the State War Memorial at 10.15 a.m. So far the Old Contemptibles Association and the B. U. S. A. have decided to lay wreaths. Other kindred association are invited to do the same. A strong muster of ex-service men is desired. In the afternoon troops will parade at 2 p.m. in Forrest Place and step off at 2.30 p.m. The service will be in Hoyts Regent Theatre at 3 p.m. Collections, in aid of Imperial Ex-Service men. A. C. Bond will act as Field Officer of the day. C. O. parade will be selected on parade.

The parade sergeant-major will be Geo. E. Cattermole, M.C. The R. S. L. and Coastal Scottish Pipe Band are to be invited to assist. The Lieut.-Governor will take the salute at Wesley Church. Sir Talbot Hobbs is to be invited to inspect the parade in Forrest Place after the service. The route will be from Forrest Place via Wellington and Barrack Streets, St. George's Terrace and William Street. All unit associations, Scouts, Guides, naval and military forces, etc., are cordially invited to assist.

The Old Contemptibles will be holding their reunion dinner on 17th August at 7 p.m. As this is the 21st birthday of the creation of General French's Contemptible army, it is hoped for a bumper attendance at the function.

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DAY OUTPOST

A Light Horse Episode

(By G. L. Gardner)

Out of the dawn shadows emerges a line of mounted men in extended order. Further back may be seen dark shapes of more men. The regiment is moving out to take over the day outpost line at Shallal.

The day lightens. The officer in charge of the screen halts, scans a distant hill with his glasses, then turns to the sergeant.

"They may be stones on that hill or perhaps Turks, but if they are stones, I'm d—d if they were there last time we were out. You had better send a couple of men to investigate."

The sergeant turns round. "Ferguson, you and Gardiner work round to that hill, and see what you can make out of it. There may be Jackos on it; if so, try and draw their fire."

We trot off. When within range we halt, and even start to gallop away, but with no result.

Eventually we reach a ridge about 200 yards from our objective. I hold the horses while Ferguson creeps up to investigate: He pokes his hat up, then his head. He raises himself, kneels, and finally stands up. Still nothing happens. "You can bring up the horses," he says, "there's nothing here."

"We both mount and are just preparing to signal all clear, when `swish,' bullets pass overhead. We are down on our horse's necks before we hear the reports, and down the hill as fast as we can lick, bullets humming round us.

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Zone I.

Third Round.—West Perth 6, Claremont 4; Perth 9, Tramways 1; Nedlands 10, Subiaco 0; South Perth bye.

Fourth Round.—South Perth 10, Subiaco 0; Tramways 6, Nedlands 4; Perth 7, West Perth 3; Claremont bye.

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Zone II.

Third Round.—North Perth 8, Bayswater 2; Mt. Hawthorn 8, Maylands 2; Mt. Lawley 6, West Leederville 4; Osborne Park bye.

Fourth Round.—Mt. Lawley 10, Osborne Park 0; Mt. Hawthorn 8, West Leederville 2; North Perth 10, Maylands 0; Bayswater bye.

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Mr. Lawley and Mt. Hawthorn are well ahead of the rest, and the meeting of these two teams should also provide a great struggle. The match has been fixed for Wednesday, August 7, at Walsh's Hall, Grosvenor Road, Mt. Lawley, and here again, all are invited to come along and see the battle.

At the conclusion of the 4th round a very interesting position is disclosed in both zones. Perth have a good lead in zone I., and have only to beat Nedlands to make sure of their half. The great surprise of the last round was the 6-4 victory of Tramways over Nedlands, and as the position now stands, Nedlands must beat Perth to have a chance to contest the final. Perth versus Nedlands will be played at Anzac House on August 29, and all interested are urged to come along that evening and witness what promises to be a great fight. In zone II.

Letters of appreciation have been received by the State Executive from sub-branches operating within the affected areas on its action in making available the sum of £270 for the provision of necessities of life for settlers affected by the drought conditions. This help from headquarters to a certain extent bridged the gap between the stoppage of local credit and the issue of government aid. Incidentally, many of the League's strongest and most loyal supporters live in some of the worst affected districts.

There was a State-wide sigh of relief when the welcome rains came, which, although very late, did what many of the settlers in the transport of stock to other favourable localities.

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THE LISTENING POST

July 26th, 1935

During the peace celebrations in 1918 a very wealthy English lady was entertaining a few of the leading generals and diplomats in Paris.

Amongst them was General Pau, and as the lady would insist on addressing him as General Pau, the old boy got a bit annoyed.

At last, he could stand it no longer, and blurted out angrily:

"Madame, ze pronunciation, he is excusable; my name it ess not Pau, it ess Pau, pronounced Poe, like ze article domestique!"

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, in the North Perth Town Hall the Hon. Organiser of the Pleasant Sunday Afternoons in that district will arrange an afternoon for the funds of Anzac House.

Last year a wonderful afternoon was held, and it is hoped that as many diggers and friends will attend as possible. The chair will be taken by Mr. W. J. Lovell, President of Maylands Sub-branch, and a member of the State Executive. The speaker will be Colonel A. C. Olden, D.S.O.

We have received from Mr. W. J. Duggan, who served with "D" Company of the 23rd Battalion, and who is now in the employ of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Limited, an interesting history of the Battalion in pamphlet form. It is a resume of the Battalion's experiences from its formation at Broadmeadows until the beginning of the German offensive. It was published in the field and is printed on art paper and illustrated with interesting photographic blocks. It also contains the music of the 23rd's regimental march which was specially composed for it by that eminent Australian musician, Miss Una Bourne. By the way, did any other Battalion of the A.I.F. have a march specially composed for it? If so, readers might oblige The Listening Post with information and copies, if any.

The annual report of the Press sub-branch contains some very cogent and timely references to Anzac House. "During the year under review," this section of the report begins, "the League was given its permanent home by a munificent Government and public, and a magnificent home it is. If ex-service men should at any time fail to show gratitude for the gift, they deserve to be denied the privileges of League membership, and they will be a reflection on the League itself." Incidentally, the Press sub-branch renders more than lip service to the cause it advocates. By means of the Anzac House balls it has conducted £500 have been raised for the Building Fund.

To the Press sub-branch falls the honour of making the first appeal in its annual report on behalf of the club. "Do you know," it advises its members, "that there is a very fine club exclusively for ex-service men in Anzac House? Considering that the membership fee is only one guinea, this is a great opportunity for ex-service men to enjoy the privileges of a club without having to pay a high fee. Some members of the sub-branch are in the Club, and will be happy to nominate fellow-members."

The Press Women's auxiliary is organising a special gala dance in aid of the Anzac House Building Fund which will be held in Anzac House on the night of Saturday, August 10. A limit of 500 tickets is proposed which will be sold at 2/6 each. Readers are not compelled to go to this dance if they are not dancing men. They can procure a couple of tickets each by forwarding five shillings with an additional fourpence for postage to R. A. Biggs, c/o The Western Mail, Newspaper House, Perth.

From reports of the Land Committee to the Executive it is noticed that many individual cases forwarded by headquarters have been satisfactorily finalised with the Bank Commissioners and the Committee appreciates the assistance of Mr. Cover, the League's representative in correctly assembling necessary particulars before referred cases are placed before the Commissioners.

The State President of the League (Mr. Yeates) with the chairman of the Land Committee (Mr. Hunt), and the State Secretary had a long talk with the Chairman of the Agricultural Bank Commissioners (Mr. A. C. McCallum) recently when the procedure for the presentation of soldier settlers business was referred to. In a long interview Mr. McCallum said that the Commissioners would always be glad to extend consideration on matters of policy submitted by the League, but that all individual cases should go to the League representative (Mr. Cover) with written memoranda attached. Mr. Cover would then prepare the necessary documents for the Commissioner's consideration. Incidentally, Mr. McCallum assured the State President that in his advocacy of soldier settlers claims Mr. Cover, as an official of the Bank, would not in any way suffer.

The State President (Mr. Yeates) is to open the new R.S.L. Hall at Geraldton on August 31, and at the same function His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, has been invited to unveil the Soldiers' Memorial. Mr. J. T. Clarke who was awarded the League's Certificate of Merit at the last Federal Congress, has for many years held the objective of a Soldiers' Memorial at Geraldton very dear to his heart, and to him August 31 next will be a proud day indeed.

Mr. A. Webb, hon. secretary the Rocks sub-branch, Yanoping Rock, via Lake Brown, has advised that his sub-branch monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday in each month at 2 p.m. Meetings take place in the Yanoping Hall, and the Ladies' committee provide afternoon tea. In the summer months, tennis, golf and cricket engage the attention of members on meeting days.

The annual report of the North Perth sub-branch showed that that energetic body had for the third year in succession broken its own State record with £160 collected in the Poppy Day Appeal for which due tribute was paid to the Women's Auxiliary and other helpers who have made this achievement possible. In alleviating general distress £60 had been disbursed. The general account contained £32, including £4 12s. 2d. of the Sons of Soldiers' League, while the amelioration account contained £26. During the year the sub-branch had contributed £16 10s. to the Anzac House Building Funds, which brings the total contribution to £71 10s. The contribution of £46 16s. to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, which exceeds the sub-branch's previous State record by £13 5s. 5d., brings to the total contributions to this fund up to £151 3s. 6d. The Women's Auxiliary which had won the Hopperton Cup for efficiency had disbursed £25 on charitable work and is now organising a flower show and home crafts exhibition. The sub-branch has now a membership of 251, and the S.S.L. of 50.
The report of the trustees of the R.S.T. Relief Fund for June, 1935, shows that 68 applications for assistance were received from A.I.F. personnel and 35 Imperial, making a total of 103. The number of applications approved were A.I.F. 62, Imperial 31, total 93; the amounts involved being A.I.F. £59 15s. 2d., and Imperial £31 3s. 11d., total £90 19s. 1d. The recipients are classified as A.I.F.: League members, 10, non-members, 41, widows and dependents 11; Imperial: League members 7, non-members 19, widows and dependents 5. The number of returned soldiers assisted who are unable to do heavy work or under medical treatment were A.I.F. 18, Imperial 7, total 25. The total expenditure for the month was £111 7s. 1d., and the balance of the fund as at June 30, 1935, was £1,015 2s. 5d.

"Aussie writes from Mt. Caroline:—I read with interest in The Listening Post (24/5/35) M. S. McK's account of the Old Men's Home. He or she describes the Home well, but the inmates should get more sugar in their tea and more butter on their bread; shift the wireless away from the noisy mob and let music lovers hear it. Surely the country they fought for can give the returned men a better home. Many of the returned men are prematurely aged and ill. The returned men in the Home did their bit. Give them the comforts and extra care that returned men in other hospitals get. The old Men's Mome is a superior work house. Ex-service men should have a retreat, away from the mob. I was at the Home, but cleared out, as I did not want to live on charity.

"Ringneck" writes:—I read with great pleasure in your last issue the letter from the Reverend Mother of the Dominican Nuns in Cue, offering the use of the school hall for entertainment, etc., to the Cue sub-branch. I read this with keen interest, as I was one of the original pupils to attend the opening of the Day Dawn branch of the Convent school as far back (if I remember rightly) as 1902. I attended this school for several years, and could name several of the old boys who crossed the "Great Divide" in the big stunt who did likewise. Incidentally, there are a few like myself who are still floating about the scrub and city. I feel sure our lads will appreciate the kind offer of the Sisters, and make use of the accommodation. It is these little acts of charity which help so much to forward a deserving cause, and I know of no finer allies our League could have than the gentle Sisters who taught us in our youth, and still carry on the good work amongst the rising generation. This, by way of appreciation from an old scholar and ex-dig.

Les. G. Storey, who was formerly wheat buyer for the Westralian Farmers Ltd., has joined the firm of J. A. Hemp-hill and Sons, prominent wheat buyers, as country superintendent. Les served abroad with the 28th Battalion, and is a member of the North Perth Sub-branch.

Major-General Gwynne, who in London recently gave a staff officer's opinion of Italian chances in Abyssinia, was a divisional staff officer with the A.I.F. at Gallipoli. Prior to that he filled a big job at Dunrobin College. He was one of the best of the many excellent Imperial officers on the staffs of the A.I.F.

One of the most interesting inmates of the Repat Ward of the Perth Hospital is Lieut.-Commander G. Prideaux, M.B.E., who on behalf of the inmates thanked Billy Hughes for visiting the ward. The Commander joined the Victorian Navy in 1885, and served continuously in that, and later the Australian Navy until 1930, when he retired and went on the land at Narrogin where he is a prominent member of the local sub-branch. He is the son of a naval officer, who was a Crimean veteran and who served in the navy for 44 years; so that between them the father and son's service in the navy was 89 years.

Commander Prideaux was chief armouer of the Victorian Naval Contingent at the Boxer rebellion in 1900. He was promoted warrant armouer in 1911

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It is interesting to note that all but two of the presidents of Perth Legacy are members of the Press sub-branch. They are Colonel Chas. Lamb, Messrs. C. F. Smith, I. T. Birtwistle, E. S. Watt, J. Pocklington and L. Glauert. The others are Messrs. Frank Edmondson and Jack Rogers, who belong to Perth sub-branch.

Rosie does a lot of good work on these lines for many charities.

Phil Allen, past president of Maylands sub-branch is still doing good work. His pet hobby is the cricket competition.

A. J. Browne writes:—I noticed a par. in the June Listening Post on the death of J. H. Browne, an original 11th Battalion man.

I presume that this refers to my father who died on June 5, and if so I would like to correct or rather modify his history, so that the many 11th Battalion diggers who knew Dad will identify "Old Jim" of "C" Company.

Dad’s number, I think, was 3733. He joined up in Geraldton when the news came through that I had been wounded on the Peninsula (I was with the original 11th, Reg. No. 751). He left Australia with the 12th/11th Battalion, and served with the battalion until 1917 when he contracted trench fever and was invalidated back to Australia.

He was employed by D. & J. Fowler before the war, and for the last few years had been a semi-invalid and unable to accept any permanent employment. Furthermore, he only had one christain name, James, and no H.

I was deeply gratified to read the par. and appreciate the fact that our official organ is all the time in touch with the old diggers, and as I mentioned before, my only reason for writing is to ask if you would kindly insert a par. correcting his official history.

Major W. T. Conder, M.B.E., who has resigned the general managership of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, is one man who in his time has played many parts. He was born in Tasmania.
in 1888, and educated at the Launceston Church of England Grammar School, at which school he was afterwards sports master and O.C. of the school cadet company. He held a similar appointment at the Melbourne Church of England Grammar School and was doing a law course at the University of Melbourne, when the bugles called in 1914. He has a fine athletic record, winning the amateur boxing championship of Tasmania, the State 220 yards championship in running, and has represented Tasmania at football, besides playing for the Melbourne League Club. Leaving Australia with the 7th Battalion, he was wounded and invalided home and discharged from the A.I.F. in July, 1916. Since then he has been Commandant of the Langwarrin Camp, Governor of Pentridge Gaol, and Inspector-General of Prisons in Victoria, a member of the firm of J.C. Williamson, Ltd., and general manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

Congratulations to Edwin Huck, formerly of the 28th Battalion, who has just been transferred from his appointment as Senior Assistant of Perth Boys’ School to act as teacher in charge of the Maylands State School. Ted Huck was quite a boy when he Donned kakis and went overseas. During the social amenities in France in 1918 he received a German bullet which passed through his cheek and went out by way of the neck. But war experience and wounds did not prevent him from passing through the Teachers’ College at Claremont, and subsequently gaining the Bachelor of Arts degree from the local University. Some years ago he was instructor in physical training at the College, but vacated that appointment on transfer to Collie.

Major H. E. (Cuth) Cate arrived in Perth on July 15. He brings messages to many old-time friends from his own, the 29th Battalion Association, and from Lieut.-Colonel Purser who had exception-
al association with the 8th Brigade. He was senior company commander of the original 30th Battalion, after which he was second-in-command of the 32nd, and finally C.O. of the 29th. Colonel Purser is now with the Bellambi Coal Company in Sydney. Major Cate was senior company commander, and at times acting second-in-command of the 29th. He is in Perth in connection with the marketing of the United Distillers products for which organisation he is assistant sales manager.

James P. Whiteman, 1st Marquis de Togbay, writes concerning a minister’s statement that war injured men should not have been sent to Australia.

Lately I met big Stan Iffla looking as young as ever with the same old genial smile for ex-members of the sober sixteenth. Stan has a good farm at the Poronorup and half a dozen sturdy young Ifflas. Yet Stan had the bad luck at Bullcourt to fall on a bayonet which went right through his body and out the other side. Stan admits that it hurt a bit when someone trod on his back and yanked it out.

Another man is Frank Bayley (ring necks). Frank had a bomb all to himself at Lagnicourt which got tangled up in his guts. By all the rules of war that should have been dead. To-day, he has one of the best farms in the Albany district and has built up a prosperous business, in addition he takes a leading part in civic activities at Denmark.

The retiring of Brigadier A. M. Mar-
ty from the presidency of the Clare-
mont sub-branch will be keenly felt.

During his term of office the number of members has practically doubled, and surely no other sub-branch has had such a great advertising agent as the “Brig.” His genial personality and fund of wit has been the means of making the meetings a joy to attend. and it is safe to say that everyone who has had the pleasure of coming into contact with him, will be sorry that he was forced to such a step, which was sorely against his personal wishes.

One of the most recent recipients of the League’s Certificate of Service was Bill Blight, the publicity officer of the North Perth sub-branch, who dons the mantle of the late Samuel Pepys when writing sub-branch notes for The Listening Post, and who was the author of the bright little ghost play which the North Perth lads put over so well when they are dramatically inclined.

George Mellor, secretary of Perth sub-branch, and bandmaster of the R.S.L. Memorial Band, has just returned from a flying visit to Sydney in response to two urgent telegrams, the first of which, in respect of his father’s ill-health, read, “Doctor gives Dad forty-eight hours to live,” and the second, “Come at once.” George was ten days going and returning and spent ten days in Sydney, during which his father took a decided tug for the better. The patient is Lieut. Thomas Mellor who, many

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years ago, was bandmaster of the 1st Australian Infantry Regiment, and of the Australian Rifles, and, incidentally, an intimate personal friend of the late Major-General Holmes, who was killed while commanding the 4th Division in France in 1917.

His many friends in the League learned with sincere regret of the serious illness of Dr. Cyril Bryan. The doctor is at St. John of God Hospital and our latest advice is that he has improved slightly, but is still in the danger zone.

What a remarkable life Dr. Bryan has lived. He has packed more into his life than most people would with ten lives. To our knowledge he has been civil servant, soldier, administrator, journalist, author and doctor. He is a capable lecturer with a ready wit, and a firm friend. Some day we hope to write up some of his experiences, but till the meantime our wish is for a speedy recovery to health.

EX-MACHINE GUNNERS' ASSOCIATION

Ex-machine gunners are reminded that the first social evening will be held on 30th July at 3 p.m. at Gregson's Auction Rooms, 367 Murray Street (near King Street), Perth. Mr. W. Gregson, who is an enthusiastic member of the Committee, has kindly provided ample accommodation, and the committee is arranging a varied programme. Features of the evening will be an orchestra, film shorts, indoor bowls and other games. Refreshments will be provided.

BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting, held on July 1, disclosed a very healthy state of affairs with the Association, membership, roll, and a substantial credit balance at the bank. Hon. secretary Cattermole was able to report a 100 per cent. increase of members; every one financial to date, which seems to suggest the depression really is lifting, at any rate amongst the Imperial ex-service men. Mr. C. J. Garner is again president, and Geo. E. Cattermole hon. secretary. Fred Hassfrey, State Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association, is the new treasurer, while Mrs. Geo. E. Cattermole was unanimously elected vice-president. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 029 Charles Street, North Perth, at 8 p.m.

ARCHIE JAMES HAWKINS
Secretary North Perth Sub-branch

One of the big men of the League in this State, both physically and other ways, is Archie Hawkins, who for three years has been Hon. Secretary of the North Perth sub-branch. When Archie was elected secretary his sub-branch boasted 100 members, and now, largely due to his organising ability, and his personal efforts, there are over 250 members, most of whom are active, and the numbers are still on the increase. Archie's crowning glory was when his sub-branch was awarded the Newgate Cup last Congress, as the State's premier sub-branch.

Archie is a groper, having been born in Newcastle Street, Perth, about 40 years ago. He served abroad with the 4th Divisional Sig. Coy. On his return he took up the running again as an inspector for the Victoria Insurance Coy., where he continues to earn sufficient to keep the big bad wolf from the family estate.

WE ARE GROWING OLD
By Frances Browne

We are growing old—how the thought will rise
When a glance is backward cast
On some long remembered spot that lies
In the silence of the past;
It may be the shrine of our early vows,
Or the tomb of early tears;
But it seems like a far-off isle to us,
In the stormy sea of years.

Oh, wide and wild are the waves that part
Our steps from its greenness now,
And we miss the joy of many a heart,
And the light of many a brow;
For deep o'er many a stately bark
Have the whirling billows rolled,
That steered with us from that early mark—
Oh, friends, we are growing old.

Old in the dimness and the dust
Of our daily toils and cares,
Old in the wrecks of love and trust
Which our burdened memory bears.
Each form may wear to the passing gaze
The bloom of life's freshness yet,
And beams may brighten our latter days,
Which the morning never met.

But, oh, the changes we have seen
In the far and winding way;
The graves in our path that have grown green,
And the locks that have grown gray!
The winters still on our own may spare
The sable or the gold;
But we saw their snows upon brighter hair—
And, friends, we are growing old.

We have gained the world's cold wisdom now,
We have learned to pause and fear;
But where are the living founts whose flow
Was a joy of heart to hear?
We have won the wealth of many a clime,
And the lore of many a page;
But where is the hope that saw in time
But its boundless heritage?
Will it come again when the violet wakés,
And the woods their youth renew?
We have stood in the light of sunny brakes,
Where the bloom was deep and blue;
And our souls might joy in the springtime there,
But the joy was faint and cold,
For it ne'er could give us the youth again
Of hearts that are growing old.

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At the meeting of the State Executive on June 19, 1935, there were present: Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Collett, Philip, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Margolin, Lamb, Watt, Cornell, Lovell, Pady, Wells, Collins and Mitchell. Lieut. Colonel Olden was granted leave of absence. Mr. May, Collett, Denton, Warner, Ross, Wilkins, Mellor and Roche. Further leave of absence for a fortnight was granted to Mr. Panton.

Visitors.—Lieut. Colonel T. C. Fairley, secretary of the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch, was present at the meeting.

Management Committee.—The Management Committee reported that it had received a donation of £5 from the F.Y.P. Union who pointed out that there was need for extra staff at Lennox Hospital. It was agreed that Dr. Bentley be approached on the matter.

State War Memorial.—In the report of the State War Memorial Committee, which was adopted, it was stated that the Neldans Sub-branch had recommended a change of the name of the Memorial to “Shrine of Remembrance.” The Committee could not agree to this suggestion mainly because the Memorial was handed over to the League as the State War Memorial. It was known all over the world as the W.A. State War Memorial, and its design and location were not in keeping with the word “shrine.” A request that the S.S.L. be represented at the State War Memorial during the week of Anzac Day would be referred to the State Warden for consideration before next Anzac Day.

House Committee.—The House Committee reported that Professor Lamb and a University of Western Australia had been asked for an opinion as to the acoustic properties of the ballroom at Anzac House. Professor Ross had carried out a series of experiments from which he formed the opinion that the acoustic properties approximated closely to the ideal values given by Sabine and Watson for halls of that size. On the recommendation of the committee it was decided to give full publicity to this report.

Youth and Maternity Appeal.—Mr. Perry, Chairman of the Committee of the Jubilee Appeal, on behalf of youth and maternal welfare, addressed the delegates, asking for a large number of the League’s support for the purpose of carrying out the major appeal. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Distressed Settlers.—The Darling Range Sub-branch requested that the Agricultural Bank be approached on behalf of soldiers living in the Bickley Valley. The Executive agreed to the proposal and further motion by Colonel Collett and Rabbi Freedman in favour of giving special consideration to the matter at the next meeting was also carried.

Membership Committee.—The Membership Committee reported that new sub-branches had been formed at Gingin, Ballidu, and Pingelly. With these, eleven new sub-branches have now been formed, the others being The Rocks, Menzies, Kulja, Rockingham, Norseman, Rosa Brook, Muckebudin and Denmark.

Visits.—Colonel Collett submitted a detailed report of the tour of the Executive party through the eastern wheatbelt. In adopting the report the Executive recommended that it be published in “The Listening Post,” and the attention of various sub-committees be drawn to matters requiring consideration.

Other visits reported were Gingin (Archdeacon Riley and Mr. Watt), Cockerham (the Assistant State Secretary), York (Mr. Panton), and Neldans (Mr. Yeates).

S.S.L. Conference.—It was agreed that further consideration of S.S.L. Conference items be deferred for one month.

Repatriation Commission.—As the result of the ballot for the election of the League’s representative on the Commission, the following were elected in the order of preference indicated; 1. J. Webster; 2. A. C. Jubb; and 3, L. E. Tilney.

Sub-branches.—Approval was given for the formation of sub-branches at Gingin and Pingelly.

The election of officers as advised by the Fremantle sub-branch was confirmed.

Resignations.—Colonel A. R. Baxter Cox tendered his resignation from the State Executive because of his impending departure for England on an extended business and study trip. The resignation was accepted with regret and an appreciation of services rendered was recorded. Mr. G. S. Mellor, who also tendered his resignation, was granted leave of absence and asked to carry on in committee work.

Furlough Rights.—It was unanimously agreed that the Executive support the C.P.S. Clerical Association in a deputation to the Minister for Repatriation in an endeavour to secure furlough rights for employees of the Repatriation and War Service Homes Commission.

Federal Cabinet Meeting.—Advice was received from Sir George Pearce regarding the ministers attending the Federal Cabinet meeting in Perth. The letter was received and the action already taken in arranging a luncheon to Mr. W. M. Hughes, Minister for Repatriation, was approved.

Dispersed Settlers.—The Darling Range Sub-branch requested that the Agricultural Bank be approached on behalf of soldiers living in the Bickley Valley. The Executive was asked to give serious consideration to the matter at the next meeting and to refer the matter to the Finance Committee.

Sympathy.—At the instance of Mr. Philp it was agreed that the sympathy of the Executive be conveyed to Mr. P. L. Ross, a delegate, who recently met with an accident.

Colonel Olden reported having attended a meeting of the s.s. “Westralia” sub-branch on board that ship when returning from the Eastern States.

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At the meeting on July 1, there were present: Messrs. Riley, Olden, Philip, Denton, Aberle, Freedman, Margolin, Lamb, Cornell, Lovell, Pady, Collins and Mitchell. In the absence of the State President, who was at Carnarvon, the Senior Vice-President, Archdeacon Riley, presided. In the absence of the State President the chair, Lieut. Colonel Olden, was granted leave of absence to Messrs. Yeates, May, Collett, Panton, Hunt, Warner, Bryan, Watt, Ross, Wilkins, Wells, Mellor and Roche.

Jubilee Appeal.—It was decided that a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Mitchell, Olden and Watt, be appointed to formulate proposals for sub-branches and to further the Inter-State wide appeal on behalf of youth and maternal welfare.

A motion, moved by Mr. Cornwall, and seconded by Colonel Lamb, that, having endorsed the Maternity and Youth Jubilee Appeal, the Executive commit itself to the support of the appeal, was agreed to.

Eighteenth Annual Day.—The Jubilee Sub-branch at Fremantle entered into the appeal in such manner as it may deem best to make its part in the appeal a success, was carried unanimously.

Festive Conditions.—Reporting on behalf of the trustees and the Land Committee, Mr. Philp referred to a meeting which had taken place that day, the outcome of which was a strong recommendation in the interests of the beneficiaries. When it was suggested that an amount of £250 be set aside from the Relief Fund for the purpose of making available forthwith urgent and immediate relief, such relief to be conveyed through sub-branches to the settlers concerned, and that the amount donated to the sub-branch to be operated upon by the sub-branch relief committee.

As several delegates had referred sympathetically to the plight of soldier-settlers in the drought stricken areas, the recommendation of the trustees was unanimously adopted.

It was also agreed, on the motion of Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Colonel Lamb, that the trustees have full authority from this Executive to act further in the interests of soldier settlers, if, in the opinion of the trustees, such further help is deemed necessary.

The State Secretary intimated that he had that day been in touch with officials of the Agricultural Bank and had learned that officers of the Bank were visiting each district for the purpose of taking applications for assistance from distressed settlers.

Visits.—The following reports of visits were received:—Bridgetown, Manjimup, and Yannam (the State President), Spearwood, Cottesloe and Fremantle (Mr. Pady), C.T.A. Sub-branch, State Executive.

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may be discussed at the next meeting of the
State Executive.
Women's Auxiliary.—A letter was received
from the secretary of the Women's Auxiliary
in connexion with publicity given to Wo-
men's Auxiliary matters. The matter was
left in the hands of the State President.
In connection with the South Perth Aux-
iliary, it was reported that in certain elections
a departure from Rule 7 of the Women's Aux-
iliary constitution had taken place, and it
was agreed that the South Perth Auxiliary
be instructed to return to Rule 7 of the con-
stitution, and that it would be re-elected on
June 21 and to conform to Rule 7 of the con-
stitution. It was also resolved that this resolu-
tion be conveyed to the South Perth Town Hall on July
28.
Approval was given for the formation of sub-
branches at Eudunda and Ballidu.
Eungana Hills desired the attendance of the
State secretary and Dr. Bryan at a foun-
tion on July 20. As Archdeacon Riley would
be attending the function it was decided that
the sub-branch be advised accordingly.
A letter from the Hon. John Nicholson
in connection with the raising of the State
War Memorial was referred to the State
War Memorial Committee.
An appeal for the use of the Anzac Hall house and supper
room for a function on August 10 in aid of
the building fund was received.
A request that the certificate of admission be granted, the
hall was available on the date mentioned.

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At the meeting of the State Executive on July 17, 1935, there
were present Messrs. Yates, Riley, Olden, Collett, Phillp, Panton,
Harrie Freedman, Margolin, Warner, Lamb, W.S., Cornel, Lovell, Pady, Ross,
Wilking, Mitchell and James. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. May, Denton,
Bryan, Wells, Mellor, Collins and Roche.
The State President formally welcomed Mr. James as a new member of the Executive.
Mr. Mellor accepted the three months leave of absence as approved at a previous meeting.
Membership, South Africa.—The State President reported that a member received a mem-
bership badge from the League in South Africa.

Conclusions.—Sympathy was expressed with Dr. Aberdeen on the loss of his wife,
and the State President forwarded
Sympathy was also expressed with Dr. Cyril Bryan in his illness, and the State Sec-
retary was instructed to convey the Executive's wishes for speedy recovery.
Visitors.—Mr. F. H. Wasby, a member of the Geelong sub-branch and Mr. A. H. Want,
secretary of the Kalgaril-Hyden sub-branch, who were present as visitors at the meeting.
were formally welcomed by the State President.

Invitations and Visits.—The following visits to sub-branches were arranged:—
Wagin—July 29—Colonel Olden; Buckland Hill, Au-
gus—J. J. Kennedy; Perth, West, August 5—Archdeacon Riley; Gerald-
ton, August 31, the State President.
An invitation from Curr, subsequent to the Gerald-
ton visit, was referred to the Management
Committee.

It was regretted that representation at Kar-
riddle on August 24 could not be arranged.
The State President will arrange for representation at Wickepin, August 7; Kalgoorlie, Au-
gus, 9, and Kondinin, August 13.

Youth and Maternity Appeal.—It was
agreed that a circular be issued to all sub-
branches making certain recommendations
with the object of assisting the Jubilee Youth and
Maternity Aid Fund.

Anzac House Committee.—Colonel Olden
submitted the final report on behalf of the
Anzac House Building Committee. It was
agreed that the report be printed and cir-
culated. The report included the annual report to the State
Congress for the information of all members,
and that the names of the committee be
included in the report.

Relief Fund.—The Trustees of the Relief
Fund reported that during the months of June
and 1935, had been expended in relief
on behalf of 93 applicants.

North-Eastern Wheatbelt.—Mr. Warner
reported having visited sub-branches in the
North-Eastern wheatbelt which had suffered
through recent dry conditions. Mr. Warner
reported that from now onwards, should reasonable
rains prevail, the position will not be as
serious as was anticipated. The action of the State Executive granting relief to
soldier settlers in this area was thoroughly
appreciated.

Items S.S.L. Conference.—The following
items from the S.S.L. Conference were agreed to:

1. That the Colonel Collett Shield Com-
petition be held during the summer months
and should be concluded before the A.R.M.S.
conference.

2. That more publicity be given to S.S.L.
items in the “Listening Post,” and branch
secretaries be asked to contribute to this end.

3. That an Entrance and Membership
Card be at present used by the Press sub-
branch by all S.S.L. sub-branches, the State Executive of the R.S.I. to have
these printed and supplied to all S.S.L.
sub-branches. A duplicate of the Enrolment Card be returned to the State Executive
completed for record purposes.

4. That an official receipt book be sup-
plied to all S.S.L. sub-branches by the State
Executive.

5. That the notification of the action taken
upon resolutions of the S.S.L. Conference
by the State Executive be communicated to
all sub-branches.

6. That endeavours be made to design
and provide a flag to be carried at the head
of the S.S.L. when parading on Anzac Day,
and other commemorative occasions. In this
regard it was agreed that designs be obtained.

It was agreed that the following item be submitted to the State Congress:

That paragraph (a) of the S.S.L. Constit-
tution, paragraph (b) should not apply to a returned soldier who is also the
son of a soldier and who enjoys the full financial membership in both the parent League and the S.S.L.,
and who is a proved staunch worker for both.

After considerable discussion it was decided that the following items should not be
submitted to the State Congress, "That Clause
2 of the Constitution be amended by striking
out the words ‘being 12 years of age’ and
amending the clause as it now stands ‘pro-
ded he was not eligible and was rejected for the Great War’.

It was agreed that the following item be referred back to the S.S.L. Conference, as
the Executive does not consider the time
opportunity to provide, 'That financial
TWENTY YEARS AGO
War Anniversaries of July 1915

July 1.—On the Eastern Front, the Germans were repulsed in Galicia, suffering heavy losses in the sectors from Kamionka to Halicz, and losing 1,000 prisoners.

On the same day it was announced that the Leyland liner, Armenian, had been sunk by the submarine U28 off the Scilly Isles.

July 2.—In an action in the Baltic Sea, the German Battleship Pommern, was torpedoed and sunk by a British submarine, and the German mine-laying cruiser Albacross, was driven ashore and destroyed.

July 3.—The offer of the South African Government to organise and equip an overseas volunteer contingent was accepted.

July 4.—A British force from Aden was attacked and forced to retire before superior Turkish numbers from the Yemen. Turkish attacks on British positions on Gallipoli were repulsed with heavy loss. In all, the Turkish losses amounted to over 20,000 men. The German cruiser Königsberg, which had sheltered up the Rufiji River, German East Africa, was destroyed by the British monitors Severn and Mersey.

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July 5.—Lord Fisher was appointed chairman of the Inventions Board.

July 6.—The British gained ground south-west of Pilckem, near Ypres.

July 7.—Near St. Mihiel, the Germans penetrated the French first line trenches on a front of 760 yards.

July 8.—The Austrian army, under the Archduke Joseph, which had advanced north-east of Krasnik, was severely defeated. The Russians developed an offensive in the direction of Lublin capturing 11,000 prisoners and many machine guns.

The Italian cruiser Amalfi was torpedoed by Austrian submarines in the upper Adriatic.

July 9.—It was officially announced that the entire German forces in South-West Africa had surrendered to General Botha.

July 10.—The German reply to the American note on the sinking of the Lustiana was published. The German arguments in justification of the sinking were repeated, and the Americans were told that if they sailed in British ships they did so at their own risk.

The Austrian retreat in Poland continued and the Russian army defending Lublin took over 15,000 prisoners.

July 12.—Souche Cemetery and parts of the adjacent trenches were taken by the Germans.

July 13.—In the Woëvre, 35 French aeroplanes raided 171 bombs on Vigneulles; the junction of the German field railways running from the region of Metz.

July 14.—The Germans commenced a new offensive in the direction of Warsaw.

July 15.—Sir Ian Hamilton reported that as the result of attacks by British and French troops at Gallipoli, four hundred yards had been gained on either flank.

July 16.—The Allied forces occupied the town of Nguenadere in the Central Cameroons.

July 17.—Enemy offensive commenced in the Argonne. On the first day all enemy attacks were checked.

July 18.—The new German offensive in Poland forced the Russians to retire towards the line of fortresses on the River Narew. Heavy fighting continued in the Argonne, on the heights of the Meuse, on the Lorraine border and in the Vosges.

July 19.—The Russians repulsed heavy German attacks north and south of Warsaw.

The French repulsed German attacks west and south-west of Souchez and to the south-west of Les Éparges. On the Isonzo, the Italians captured formidable lines of trenches, 2,000 prisoners, and guns.

July 20.—The Russians were forced to fall back to places on the River Narew and line of fortresses protecting the main railway line from Warsaw to Petrograd.

July 22.—A convention between Turkey and Bulgaria ceded to the latter the Turkish portion of the Dedeagatch railway, with the territory between the River Maritza and the frontier.

July 23.—On the Carso, the Italians gained a success, capturing 1,500 prisoners.

July 25.—In the Vosges, the French stormed the German defences from La Fontanelle to Launois, taking over 800 prisoners.

July 26.—The Italian naval forces occupied the Island of Pelagosa, in-the Adriatic.

July 29.—The Russians repulsed two Austrian attacks on the Bug River above Sokal. Von Mackensen broke through the Russian line on the Lublin-Cholm railway.

German aeroplanes dropped bombs on Nancy, and French aeroplanes bombed Passchendaele.

July 30.—The Leyland liner Iberian was sunk by a German submarine.

July 31.—The Russians evacuated Lublin, and the Austro-German forces seized the Lublin-Cholm railway.

Jock entered the shop where he had recently purchased a bicycle.

"It's about the bike, mon," he said. "Hasn't it arrived yet?" said the shopkeeper.

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THE DEFENCE OF AUSTRALIA

By Captain T. G. Reidic

It is not unusual in these days of "Facts and Conventions" for the patriotic man-in-the-street to suddenly discover that our defences are not all that they should be.

Follows then a few letters to the West and perhaps a few reassuring statements by the Minister for Defence (at the moment) and we all sleep securely once more.

Well, perhaps not all of us. There are a few old "tradesmen" who can't lay down their tools and call it a day. We have to keep our weather eye lifting over the peace horizon and cuss the "rookies" and the defences when a cloud sails up into view.

Actually what is defence? Let us have a look at the whole thing in a really professional way.

Firstly, what are we to defend and how? Secondly, with whom and what?
The problem rests chiefly on the nature of the defence intended and also the material and men available for that purpose.

Useless for Australia to follow the policy of, say, Great Britain. The problem is difficult for we have neither the resources nor the necessity for the establishment of large naval forces.

The coast line, of course, is tremendous, but nature has provided so many formidable obstacles to any attempt at invasion on at least 80 per cent. of its total length that the problem of defending it is very much simplified.

It might be thought that in the absence of naval power it would be logical to stiffen land defences by means of heavy armaments, but here again there are limiting factors. Heavy armaments are really only important links in the general defence chain and where they can be "passed" by an attacking force they are really useless.

Any system of defence, linking up heavy works, requires ample man-power and efficient factory and arsenal supplies, and transport.

At the moment Australia lacks these necessities; consequently, her choice of defensive measures is fairly limited.

This brings us back to the question of natural resources, and the policy of the defence it is proposed to utilise. Two facts obtrude themselves at the outset, and these will largely govern any plans made.

(a) Our comparative isolation; (b) Our small population (man-power).

The food question, apart from the question of necessary organisation of supplies, should not cause any great worry. In taking stock of the geographical position it is clear that an attacking force would of necessity require control of the sea-routes in sufficient strength to maintain communication.

The consideration of this aspect will also have considerable bearing on the policy to be adopted, as any delay in the arrival of naval or other support will have to be provided against. Conditions existing at the declaration or beginning of hostilities may decide one of two alternatives which might possibly be:

(a) Whether it is necessary and possible to carry out a protracted resistance to an invading force; or

(b) Whether the operations will be in the nature of a determined attempt to defeat a landing of such force and cause it to temporarily abandon the attempt.

The main objective in each case is to gain enough time to allow aid to reach us. In either case the force available and the quantity of material ready for instant use, the number and efficiency of factories and arsenals to maintain supplies of equipment and ordnance within convenient reach of the scene of operations will be the controlling factors.

Taking every factor into its place and at its full value it is apparent that the small forces available will require extreme mobility and equipment to compensate for fire and striking power for the lack of numbers. This applies to both naval and military forces. The impossibility of providing and maintaining any considerable naval force is readily apparent, so that the closest possible co-operation will be required between army, navy and air force in order to obtain maximum fighting efficiency in defence.

A naval force is essential, but in view of the facts already enumerated, it would appear necessary to create a type of vessel to meet the conditions peculiar to Australia. Small sea-going craft of high speed and good radius of operation armed with say, one heavy gun and two torpedo tubes, plus one or two light anti-aircraft guns, would probably give far more efficient service and greater security than their equivalent cost in cruisers.

The necessary reconnaissance work for out to sea would devolve on the air force and the type of vessel suggested would lend itself to co-operation with flying-boat or seaplane. The establishment of flying bases along the coast at suitable stations is a necessity in any scheme for defence.

Turning to the requirements of Western Australia we can defend both Fremantle and Perth by utilising Rottnest Island as the main point, but here again it will be necessary to have aerial co-operation.

It is to be questioned whether finer natural conditions for the establishment of a seaplane base exist in any other part of the world than in the vicinity of Perth or Fremantle. No scheme of defence for the Commonwealth as a whole can be complete or efficient if it does not provide for the establishment of a self-contained unit of the air force in each State. This should include repair and equipment works so that machines may be kept quite ready for any emergency.

The training of citizen squadrons would be carried out by such units which would really act as the nucleus of an efficient fighting force always available when needed.

The man-power itself is of a very fine type, the only handicap being the quantity available. As already mentioned, this drawback will necessitate the provision of special equipment on the principle of providing more fire-power compensation.

This extreme mobility will prove the best means of stout opposition in a defensive action. The value of machine and Lewis gun fire in defensive work has

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been demonstrated repeatedly, but it may be necessary to provide special means of training gun crews as the work is technical enough to require intensive instruction. The present voluntary system of rifle club training is producing some of the finest riflemen in the world, but it has the objection of being purely individual. Probably it could be found possible to arrange to give instruction in Lewis or Vickers gun work if volunteers could be found to undertake this work. It may also be found necessary to regroup or re-organise the battalion and company system of command to enable the heavier weapon equipment to function efficiently; but the main consideration will remain the conservation of manpower and personnel.

So far nothing has been said about the administrative side of the defence, but it need not be stressed that equipment, food and ammunition supplies, together with the necessary transport will always remain the deciding factor all else being equal.

Australia is badly served in all the latter services, and until some method of manufacturing and distributing supplies in each State is evolved, nothing efficient in the form of a purely defensive scheme can be hoped for.

Distances are too great and transport too slow and unreliable to permit of one or two arsenals meeting all requirements in time of war.

As things are at the present moment the mobilization and equipment of one or two divisions would present great difficulty, and the maintenance of supplies and field services for operations within the Commonwealth would be a nightmare.

Spasmodic attempts are made to boost our defence policy by the introduction of new equipment or planes, but a really complete scheme of national defence will include the overhaul of each and every service whether it be active or administrative.

Whether the necessary finances can be made available for the purpose is another matter.

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"Yes, attack," said another, taking money and notes out of his pocket-book. "That means settling accounts. What are we to do with the stuff in the grave?" "Away with it?" "We'll spend our money today like the Emperor," cried all, rushed shouting over to the canteen, and raided its provisions. Laden with oranges, cigars, beer, and sausages of every description, they came staggering back. Preis went to get a shave, feeling that he must make himself decent to celebrate the attack. Clements looked in at the window. In a muffled voice, the barber holding him fast by the nose, Preis asked him: "Professor, do you consent to a farewell drink with us? We are in good spirits." Wiping off the lather, he made room for the schoolmaster. "We shan't live so cheap again," he said, filling the glasses. "We've got Verdon to thank for all that. My God, if any one had told me in my cradle that I should end in a storm trop I think the breath would have left me, or my nurses's milk would have gone sour from fright." Hillbrand, who had overheard, leaned in at the window. "Storm trop, doesn't the word rush like forest nature?"—The cadet was cherishing in his hands a tit with a

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In the stillness, the dumb dead speak aloud, for theirs is the power and—ah, cheat us not of that belief—the glory.

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**PREPARATIONS FOR THE ASSAULT**

[The following is taken from "The Way of Sacrifice," written by Fritz von Unruh.]

Through a small window Werner watched the company fall in. White armblets were issued. The platoon commanders reported. The curate addressed the company; then they waited. — "What shall I say? Shall I deceive them, keep the truth from them?" He folded up his staff maps, looking at his men the while. "What has the general situation to do with you? What you have to be told has nothing to do with that. You are to die. Give your blood, this blood that warms our veins. We are to die! I have to pronounce this sentence on you now. It is not easy to give the order "Die" to so many lusty-youthful fellows. You will ask why. What shall I answer? Shall I answer in terms of strategy, that Verdon is worth as much as your young blood? A bit of land, a fortress! Who would like to swear to that? No, let's be honest with each other. We're not concerned with map schemes, reds and blues. Our task is simple. Very Simple. But it sticks in my throat to explain it to you. Storm troops! Why say more about it? Storm troops!" He buckled on his belt and went to the door. "Am I doing right? Wouldn't it be better for many of you if I left the end unsaid? Isn't it soon enough when death says it to you?" He went out, and made the company close in round him. "Boys, I won't make you a long speech. If a man throttles us, so that we get no more air, we resist, since a man must have air to breathe. A people, too, must have air to live. You know what I mean? Faithful eyes hung asking, knowing, guessing, on his lips. Werner sank his head and despaired himself. Suddenly he threw back his head and stiffened his body. "Men, we are attacking!" The words rang like a shot over their heads. "And what?" Frozen silence. The captain and his company looked eye to eye. "I know your hearts. Storm company! Shall we prove our metal? A "Yes!" leaped from the drummer. A second followed, a third, and soon the whole company cried till the words re-echoed "We will!" Werner's heart beat so that he could do no more than order dismiss and run back into his room: The company stood there still. At last the curate ordered dismiss again. The soldiers dispersed.

Fips had gone to sleep by the side of his cooker. The cadet shook him awake. "Have you heard?" "What?" "We're for it!" "Shall God speed Thy blade?" asked the drummer, whetting the meat-knife on the chopper. "Lordy knows, Fips, if we cut up Verdon as you do your oxen, and lop the fortified woods as you do your cabbages, where a snail lies halved every inch, the soup would soon be ready."

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broken wing. When Hillbrand had shut the window and gone away, he grumbled: "If they'd told me that in the fourth form, I'd have learned no more Latin." But Preis, whose scars were bleeding afresh after the shave, dabbed them laughing and leaned over to the cadet. "Latin indeed! The first thing you have to thank God for is that you escape women! They drag us down from high thoughts! They interfere between us and Destiny! They used to run after me like furies! It hard to shake them off; but I said to myself: 'A man who knows not Destiny is no better than a bootjack.' He lit a good cigar, stuck the band on his fingers, and went on: "Yes, a bootjack on which others librate their legs." He dipped his lips into the beer-throw. "Come, boys, drink a round to possibility!" The others looked at him in surprise. He cried, laughing: "Yes, to possibility!" And filling the glasses again, he looked into the air, as though he were gazing into his bride's eyes. Then he drew a knife out of his boot-leg and cut a great Iron Cross out of a piece of paper. He fastened it by a thread to the ceiling in such a way that it swung over their heads, its shadow swaying. "May we not suddenly become famous in a day?" he asked. "What is 'Preis' to-day? A name, a lump of dung. But to-morrow 'Preis' may mean: 'Hats off, you scum!' Or: 'Look, there is courage! Or: 'If you want a nobler expression for Ver- duns, say 'Preis.'" They all laughed. "There are more possibilities," he cried, "than we have valiant words! More forts are arrayed around Verdun than pearls round a woman's neck. And each one is good for a Pour le merite. Here's to possibility, brothers! And there are enough for us all. You take Douaumont"—he clapped Clemens on the thigh—"I'll take Fort Vaux!" Pointing to the others, he distributed with jovial gesture the forts of Souville, Vacher- auville, Marre, Bourice, and Belle-Epine. Throwing aside the map off which he had read the names, he asked: "Or is there no room left on our breasts? Get a move on! Once again, each fort is good for a Pour le merite; and I tell you, if we don't get all these names as clasps for our medals in under a fortnight, then you may take away my Iron Cross." The others answered that he had none so far. He drew himself up. "Is it not enough that I have long since possessed one in the spirit? And I think I shall yet have as much right to one as any other chap?" A gunner whom the others had brought along from the canteen said, setting down his glass: "In a week we shall have Verdun." "If we don't, we'll cry another." "Two months," interposed Clemens. "Two months?" The gunner belched forcibly. "Two months, after we get our guns on to it? You've never been seen in an seventeen-inch, boys. The whole place'll be a heap of ruins in a week." "May I never itch again, as long as I live, if that's true," answered the drummer. "And I tell you again," said the gunner, "if you don't march into Verdun in parade formation within a week, then all the infantry together's not worth a tinker's curse!" "What?" shouted the drummer, dashing the beer from the gunner's mouth; "what do you do then? Just pull a string? A lot of guts you need for that! I used to prac- tise that on swings, with little girls, before I was breeched." "Is there any art in walking forward when all the firing's over?" hissed the gunner. The drummer emptied his tenth glass of beer and hic- cupped: "Well, I hope all your gun- bands—burst if you're so snotty!" "It's not I—it's you have megalomania," said the gunner, pointing at the Iron Cross. "Do they listen to your drumming as they do to our cops, back in Metz and Frankfurt, till the startled shopkeepers come out on to their balconies and say to each other in a blue funk: 'That's the war, we heard the war just now'?" The drummer turned his back on him. "Now I really wish my name was Ver- dun and in everybody's mouth just to show you." For a few minutes the silence was broken only by the gurgling and gulping of the beer-drinkers. Then the cadet, after arranging the tin comfortably in a cigar-box, took out the white arm-band from its tissue paper and fastened it on his sleeve. The others fol- lowed his example, all except one, who put his back, saying: "No. it looks too ghostly for me." "We don't believe in ghosts," cried the rest. The cadet gave each a bit of bread that his mother had baked for him. Then he asked: "But death, there is death?" Another, who was polishing a little piece of lead bright, answered: "I'm scouring up my identity disk already, so that they shall know who I am in the 'great grave.' No one laughed, so he took his glass and cried: "Well, here's to your corps!" The drummer shook his head. "Personally, I don't propose to die until I stop liv- ing." He stroked his armlet, and stretched himself out-on a paillassae, saying: "Now I've got a special mark, too, like the pioneer's death's-head." The others copied his example. From the neigh- bouring hut came a chorus: "Halter aus, halter aus in Sturmgebaus. Lassen hoch das-Banner wehn." "Well, good health. I only wish I knew where my thirst came from. I could drink up all the sea!" As no one answered, the drum- mer turned on his side, cast a loving glance on the paper cross, and fell asleep; the others also. The cadet saw the paper cross stand shining above the neck of beer, and it seemed to him like a star, a warm light, a shining eye. He folded his hands and whispered: "Good night, Mother."
THE DIGGER WHO SAID NOTHING

Our Diggers received their fair share of criticism in England during the war, but that they also received their fair measure of respect was shown in a little episode that occurred in a city street in London in 1918.

The day was wet and grey, the traffic was not intense just there, but a two-horse van was holding up what there was. One of the horses was down on the wet blocks.

The usual crowd had gathered, and there were many willing helpers, including the inevitable policeman, endeavouring to get the horse on its feet again.

Some were pulling at the harness, others were pulling here and there, and the driver was pulling at its head, with a long rein, keeping a respectful distance from the horse's floundering efforts to gain a footing. After each effort it went down again.

Sautering along on the other side of the street appeared an A.F.A. man, shiny leggings, cocked hat at the proper "angle of depression" over the right ear, and looking—well, the typical Digger.

He stopped—looked—and, grasping the situation, walked across the street. As he approached the spectators made way for him, and, as he reached the horse, the willing helpers, one and all, stood back and watched.

Aussie hadn't hurried, nor did he hesitate—he lifted the horse's head, then, catching a firm grip of the bridle on either side low down near the bit, he stood close up to the horse with a short, square arm hold, and, letting the horse feel he had something to lean on, had him on his feet in five seconds.

The driver, with a fervent "Thank you, Aussie," took the reins again. Aussie crossed back to the footpath and continued his stroll down the street.

He hadn't said a word from the time he appeared until the time he left, but all eyes followed his retreating figure as he disappeared into the mist.

WAR-TIME EPIGRAMS

Facts and Fiction

(By W. F.)

Ferdinand Foch did not then, send to "Papa" Joffre from the Marne the famous message—"My right is crushed; my left is in retreat; the situation is excellent. I am attacking with my centre." No; nor anything like it. Yet I call it a famous message advisedly because it has been, and is being, retold as true a dozen times for every contradiction of it, and it is doubtless destined to live in history as long as the "Miracle of the Marne," itself. The same is to be said of many other dramatic epigrams of battles; though, of course, there are some of them that are true, and there are some concerning which, speculation is likely long to prevail.

Did Joffre, for example, just before that same "Miracle of the Marne," which, was, in fact, no miracle at all, declare of the German advance, "It is time for this thing to stop?" Did Joffre send word to Petain at Verdun, by Castelnau, "They must not pass?" And did Petain reply, "They shall not pass?" And did Amando Diaz also declare at the Piave, "They shall not pass?"

One of the oldest and most felicitous of such epigrams was that attributed to Caesar—"Veni, vidi, vici!" And it was probably uttered by him. For that we have the very respectable authority of Seneca the Elder, and of Plutarch, and there are no circumstances which appear to cast doubt upon it.

Nelson's signal to his fleet at Trafalgar is a matter of record, and indisputable. But the familiar version of it is not quite accurate. He first phrased it, "Nelson confides," but changed it to "England expects," and then continued it, "every officer and man to do his duty this day." On the whole the popular version, although incorrect, is the better.

The Crimean war also gave rise to two noteworthy sayings, somewhat involved in doubt, yet, on the whole, probably to be credited as true. Whether Bosquet on Garibaldi was the author, "It is magnificent, but it is not war," was doubtless said of the Charge of the Light Brigade. McMahon, in after years, could not remember having said at the Malakoff, "J'y suis, j'y reste!" But General Woodulph did very distinctly remember McMahon's saying it, and made record of it at the time.

On the whole, then, these wartime epigrams are pretty evenly divided between fact and fiction. And it is a significant circumstance that those which are pure fiction, and those which are doubtful, generally express accurately the spirit of the incidents. That, doubtless, is the reason why they are cherished in popular traditions, in spite of all the authoritative denials of them that may be made. If they were not said, they might have been said with perfect truth; and "truth is mightier and will prevail," even though paradoxically enough, it be in the form of fiction.

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OUR BADGE
(By M. S. McK.)

A notable feature of the present day is the variety of badges displayed on coat lapels. These are representative of many clubs and organisations, all of whom have their own aims and objects, but whose common purpose strives towards comradeship and service to the community in some form or another.

The design of our badge is most appropriate, the motive of our formation being stamped upon it. Around the Australian flag are written in letters of gold "Women's Auxiliary, R.S.S.I.L.A." Co-operation with other organisations is often necessary, especially in the country districts, but as long as our auxiliary badge is worn and its message remembered, there is little danger of our identity being lost.

The R.S.L. badge has come to be known as a badge of good citizenship, the wearers having pledged themselves to serve Australia in peace time as well as they did in war time. Being auxiliary to the League it is our special privilege to assist the sub-branches in carrying out the objects of the R.S.S.I.L.A. These may be found in Clause 2 of the Constitution, but the following comprise a brief summary of those that are of most concern to auxiliaries.

"To preserve the memory of those who have suffered and died for the Nation; to provide for the sick and wounded and needy amongst those who served and their dependants; to inculcate loyalty to Australia and the Empire, and secure patriotic service in the interests of both; to guard the good name and preserve the interests and standing of returned soldiers."

Auxiliary members can do much in their own districts, by precept and example, to help forward the aims of the League. Our work does not call for limelight nor prominence in public life, but for quiet, helpful service "behind the lines." If we keep our badge before us as the keynote of our work and do our best to live up to the ideals it embodies, our auxiliary will mean a considerable influence for good in the community, no matter how remote or small that community may be.

EXHIBITION

The third annual exhibition was held in the ball room of Anzac House on Friday, the 27th of September. It is hoped that many of the country delegates to Congress will be able to be present.

Several auxiliaries have already intimated that they desire to assist with stalls. North Perth will be responsible for the catering and Mr. Lawley for the produce stall. Subicaco are already busy preparing for the novelty stall; Press will have a hessian bag stall; Victoria Park the d'oyly, and South Perth the cakes. The official opening will be at 3 p.m. and the exhibition will be continued in the evening when auxiliary members will be able to foregather over supper.

A united auxiliary meeting has been called for 2.30 p.m. on 29th July to finalise arrangements.

This year, instead of a sign or numeral, the name of competitors' auxiliary will be attached to exhibits. In this way everyone will be able to see which auxiliaries are exhibiting. Schedules are now in print and will be forwarded to auxiliaries immediately. Additional copies can be had on application at Anzac House.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The auxiliary held a successful children's ball in the East Freemantle Town Hall on Friday, June 21. Some beautiful fancy dresses made the judging a difficult task for Mrs. Hopperston, the State Secretary, and Mrs. Stockin. A raffle conducted during the evening was won by ticket No. 508, held by Mrs. Wright, 18 Sewell Street.

WAGIN

On June 26 members of the Women's Auxiliary tendered Mrs. C. T. L. Lloyd a farewell social in the Lesser Town Hall. Several members spoke of the admirable work of Mrs. Lloyd as past president and active organiser, all being unanimously of the opinion that Wagin's loss would be some other locality's gain. A presentation of a silver trophy and a year's subscription to "The Australian" were made. On June 28 the Women's Auxiliary annual meeting for election of officers for the forthcoming year was held, with an attendance of 40, and the visitors, Messrs. Sidney Stubbs, Esq., M.L.A., and Jan. A. Brown (President of Wagin Sub-branch). The annual report disclosed the fact that owing to the powerful organisation of the capable Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. Wellard, and others, assistance had been rendered in innumerable cases to the needy and the branch was still on a good sound financial footing. The flag and eucharistic parties, by way of accumulating funds, have been conducted and during the past four years nearly 100 of such evenings have been held, 3rd place being gained in the Wilson Cup Competition. Assistance was given to the sub-branch in conducting the Annual Ball.

The following officers were elected—President, Mrs. E. J. Walker, (re-elected); Vice-Presidents, Meddams Neville and Alan Gill; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Wellard (for the 7th year); Hon. Secretary, Mrs. N. Pelham (re-elected); Committee, Meddams Tassicker, White, W. Cross and G. Stevens.

CLAREMONT

The annual meeting of the auxiliary was held on July 5, and the following are the list of officers elected—President, Mrs. D. E. McBride; Vice-President, Mrs. M. Macfarland and Mrs. Harvey Rae; Hon. Secretary, Miss. F. Bryant; Hon. Treasurer, Miss Dewar; Amelioration Committee, Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Needley. In a brief speech Miss Bryant (Hon. Secretary) thanked the retiring president for loyal support to the auxiliary and her splendid organising of all social affairs in the aid of charity. At the conclusion of business a dainty supper was served and very much enjoyed by all the members present.

SOUTH PERTH

The Women's Auxiliary annual meeting was held on June 21 when an excellent report of the season's activities was given by the retiring president (Mrs. Prendergast). The following officers were elected—President, Mrs. F. Orgill; Vice-President, Mrs. Puttick and Mrs. Wilson; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. O. Bader; Committee, Meddams Arundale, Bonnie, Devenport, Board and Fairhead. The dancing committee are in high spirits over the great success of the last carnival, which was held in the Swan Street Hall. At the invitation of the Victoria Park Women's Auxiliary, a party attended a social evening which was greatly enjoyed. On the same evening our president and secretary visited Nedlands Auxiliary.

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GERALDTON
The annual meeting, presided over by Mrs. McGillivray, was held on Thursday, 11th July. A record attendance, including several new members, also a visitor, Mrs. Gregor, president of the hospital board.

Election of Officers for the ensuing year without opposition were President, Mrs. Gershen; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Uren and Freeman; Secretary, Mrs. Britten (re-elected); Treasurer, Mrs. Buttfield (re-elected).

Owing to the illness of her husband Mrs. McGillivray intimated she would be unable to accept office. After expressing the regret of members, the newly elected president (Mrs. Gershen) presented Mrs. McGillivray with a coloured certificate of service for valuable and appreciated services rendered to the auxiliary extending over a period of five years.

Preparations in connection with the official opening of Birdwood House, to take place at the end of August, are well in hand.

The monthly social in aid of furnishing for the new committee room was most enjoyable and financially successful.

NORTH PERTH
Our last meeting on July 9 was less well attended than usual, it being a very wet day. Mrs. Dent of the 44th Bata Unit on Auxiliary President, was welcomed, and she is very anxious to commence work at once. Our exhibition and sale of work will take place on September 14 at the North Perth Town Hall (admission free). Bridge parties and other functions are being arranged to augment our funds for once. Mrs. Cliff, one of our keen set workers, opens her house forthrightly for bridge and rummy, and must be congratulated on the manner in which they are conducted.

VICTORIA PARK
Over 50 members were present at the annual meeting of the Victoria Park Women’s Auxiliary on Friday, June 28. Mrs. Caldwell reported that 14 patients in the Edward Milen Home had been supplied with cigarettes, sweets and reading matter. Mrs. Fred Matthews reported one case of distress to which assistance had been granted, and Mesdames Tolmie and Kinnane on visits to the sick. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in Mrs. Tolmie being re-elected president, Mesdames H. Taylor and F. Matthews vice-presidents, Trustees, Mesdames Colly, Haigh, and Kanzler; Hon. Secretaries Mrs. Bacon, who resigned almost immediately on medical advice; Treasurer and Publicity Officer, L. A. Coleman (re-elected); Amelioration Committee, Mesdames F. Matthews, Haigh, Taylor and Tolmie; Social Committee, Mesdames Caldwell and Kinnane; Hospital Committee, Mesdames Caldwell. J. White and Keilor; the Committee Women for the ensuing year are Mesdames Haigh, Grannary, Barnett, Scrace, J. Matthews, Barnes and Colley.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Solly, snr., (1), and Mrs. Massingham (2). On July 2 the auxiliary had a rally and visitors from North Perth, South Perth, Bayswater, Bassendean, etc., were present. Trophies were won by Mrs. Archibald of North Perth, and Mrs. Thorne of Bayswater. Mrs. Power won the guessing competition, and Mrs. Ayling and partner the monte carlo dance. Mesdames Cox and McIntosh winning the handkerchief game. Among the artists were Mrs. Holmes (recitations), and Mrs. Keilor (songs). Two plays were put on by the Victoria Park Dramatic Society (produced by Mrs. Holmes). One entitled “Neighbours of Gooseberry Court,” with Mesdames McCourt, wife of Mr. Maxwell, in the cast, and the other “A Family Affair” including Mrs. Vickers, Kinnane, Keilor, J. Matthews, Holmes and Brooks. Mrs. Starkey provided the music. The dances are improving in attendance, and we trust will continue to do so. Miss Stockton’s orchestra is in attendance, and Mrs. Pillage acts as M.C.

BASSENDIEAN
At the annual general meeting held in June the secretary’s report showed steady progress through the year. The appeals for assistance had been met and membership had increased. Messrs. Laver and Reynolds were appointed—President, Mrs. Gallagher; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Wallace and Watkins; Secretary, Mrs. McKinnay; Assistant Secretaries, Mrs. Irvine; Treasurer, Mrs. Bunce; Trustees, Mesdames Hendron, de Worbokes and Carter; Hon. Auditor, Mrs. H. L. Kirke.

The second annual sale of work took place in the supper room of the Bassendean Hall on the 11th of July. On declaring the sale open, Mrs. H. L. Downe, of Subiaco, urged members to keep on with their good work, although their numbers might be small. Their efforts were always appreciated, and the cause was a worthy one.

A branch of the auxiliary was formed at Mulla on the 13th of July. Mrs. A. Stewart was elected president with Mesdames Albrecht (Mulla on), and Mrs. Simpson (Pindar) as vice-presidents. Mrs. Latto treasurer, and Mrs. Dewar (formerly of Training) as secretary. The auxiliary has commenced with eight financial members and others in the district intend joining.

Meetings will be held at Mrs. Stewart’s home on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 3 o’clock.

TAMBELLUP
The following is the report of the president, Mrs. Steele, for the year ending June, 1934.

In addition to the annual meeting there have been 10 monthly meetings, the average attendance being 13. At the request of the sub-committee a Daisy Chain was formed.

Mrs. Collins was appointed committee to the hospital Board. The following members served on it—Mesdames Bradshaw, Barton, Cadd and Allerdice.

The main function of the year was the Paddy Market, arranged to raise funds for the X-Ray plant at the hospital. It was held on 12th of December, and resulted in a profit of £39 17s. In addition £53s. from funds was added, making a total of £45 

Mrs. Collins was appointed delegate to the annual congress, but owing to an unfortunate accident to Mr. Collins, she was unable to attend. The president and Mrs. Smith represented the auxiliary at the opening of Anzac House. Twenty Anzac House Bricks were sold and 120 poppies, the younger set of the C.W.A. assisting in the sale of poppies.

We supplied the supper for the R.S.L. dance on the 23rd March, and the after dinner tea at the official opening of the hospital staff quarters, by Mrs. Munsie on 23rd March. The auxiliary also undertook the making and hanging of the curtains at the new staff quarters, the following each taking charge of a window—Mesdames Barton, Cadd, Collins, Gmeiner and Temby. A house warming party was given to the staff at the new quarters on 13th April, the opportunity being taken to present them with a gardener.

The State President, Mrs. McKinnay, visited Tambellup on the 10th of May. Unfortunately, time did not permit of arranging a full meeting to welcome her, but, as many members as possible met her for afternoon tea and later in the evening. She inspected the hospital.

Fortnightly bridge evenings are now being held, prizes being given by two members each evening.

During August an artificial wreath was placed on the grave of our late member, Mrs. J. E. Trathan.

The election of office-bearers for the current year resulted as follows—President, Mrs. Roenfeldt; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames G. W. Trathan and H. Marsh; Secretary, Mrs. A. I. Collins; Treasurer, Mrs. E. P. Gmeiner.

The hospital committee are Mesdames P. C. Besen, G. W. Trathan, P. Daddow and Miss C. Trathan.

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The monthly meeting of the Union was held in the suppers room at the Hotel Anson, on the 4th of July. Mrs. H. Dean was in the chair, Mrs. H. E. Manning and Mrs. H. Collett being also present. Mr. A. O. Neville, the Chief Protector of Aborigines, was introduced by Mrs. Dean, who informed members that Mr. Neville was well known to them during war-time as chairman of the Relief Committee of the War Patriotic Fund. "No one," said Mr. Neville, "has had a worse fight than the Aborigines. In time since the war, the Aborigines have been the hardest hit of all. In order to understand their problems it was necessary to be conversant with anthropology. The natives were the lowest of the Caucasian races, and had arrived in Australia over 25,000 years ago when the continent was joined to the mainland.

Extraordinary superstitions and the fear of evil spirits influenced the life and conduct of the aborigines. Their mode of conveying intelligence by signals, calls and weapons was amazing. Before his initiation, a lad had to go "bush" with the older men and suffer all kinds of privations and hardships to harden his body for the signalling courses.

As fatality poisoning often resulted, Mr. Neville had endeavoured to persuade the natives to hold these ceremonies near the coast within easy reach of a doctor.

The girls and their mothers in their quest for food, and the women carried everything except the weapons. There was no such thing as an unattached female, baby girls being trothed to the older men of the tribe, often at both their first and second marriages. The protector was also trying to stop. According to native belief, there was no natural death, death being attributed to some evil spirit or someone in another tribe. It was no solution but their own practices and vendettas that were the cause of the aborigines dying out. In conclusion, Mr. Neville urged for better treatment and understanding of the natives and in this he was supported by Mrs. Manning.

A most enjoyable programme of dancing and recitations followed, arranged by Miss Peggy Ester, the accompanist being Mrs. Barrie. Over forty items were performed by the Aboriginal girls and their mothers in their appreciation of the splendid afternoon.

**MT. HELENA**

A dance, in aid of the Amelioration Fund, was held on June 15. This night was fine, and a good attendance was recorded. Selling of novelties for which prizes were given, helped to swell the funds. A bountiful supper was provided and greatly enjoyed. The net result was very satisfactory. The "Merry-makers" orchestra supplied the music.

The auxiliary held their birthday party in the Town Hall, Bayswater, on the 18th of July. The guests of the evening were the husbands of members and also friends of the auxiliary.

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**NORTHAM**

The monthly meeting was held at the Northam Repertory Club's forthcoming production "Sometimes Even Now," part and parcel of which will be devoted to the sub-branch's amelioration fund, and members were urged to give their support to the play which will be held in the Town Hall on July 18 and 19.

It was resolved that the annual meeting of the sub-branch be held on Wednesday, August 7.

**MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD**

The A.R.M.S. Competition is now well under way, and we are holding our own so far, with four games played and all won. Our visitors so far have been Bayswater, Maylands (8-2), West Leederville (6-3) and Osborne Park (10-0). These games have all been very enjoyable ones, and with the players displaying so much keenness, and the social side so much in evidence, our team will be very sorry when the competition is finished. We have yet to play, however, our two strongest opponents in Mr. Hawthorn and North Perth; our game versus the holders, Mr. Hawthorn, has been fixed for Wednesday, August 7th, and any one interested reading this can be assured of a good evening's entertainment that night at Wallish's Hall, Grovenor Road, Mount Lawley. One or two points from the games played to-date, may be of interest, Bert Stykes, who dropped the usual pace against a sudden, George Bloomer was the hero—played and won all his games of draughts, hopped from there to the table-ping-pong, and then won the quots for his team. Mount Lawley were leading by over 70, and it was well won by a man, Bayswater's George. Bloomer was the hero—played and won all his games of draughts, hopped from there to the table-ping-pong, and then won the quots for his team. Mount Lawley were leading by over 70, and it was well won by a man, Bayswater's George. Bloomer was the hero—played and won all his games of draughts, hopped from there to the table-ping-pong, and then won the quots for his team. Mount Lawley were leading by over 70, and it was well won by a man, Bayswater's George. Bloomer was the hero—played and won all his games of draughts, hopped from there to the table-ping-pong, and then won the quots for his team. 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for the small bore rifle shooting Len Naylor and Arthur Wood topped the poll with a possible each (79), and will have to shoot out for the trophy. The table tennis and quoits players are still fighting off, and it will be some time before the winner emerges from the crowd of competitors. At the July meeting four new members joined up. Dick Hummerton, a good worker for the branch, was elected a member of the management committee, to fill the vacancy caused by Frank Libury, who now resides at Nedlands.

MOORINE ROCK

As a mark of appreciation to those who assisted the sub-branch to make the Annual Sports Meeting such a success, the Women's Auxiliary, Sons of Soldiers, officers of the Boy Scouts and some of the public were the guests at a social evening held on June 12 at the Public Hall.

The President, G. A. Maston, seated between the President of the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. H. W. Musch, and the Secretary, Mrs. D. G. L. Morgan, looked perfectly happy. The tables were provided by our member, Johnnie Rowe and his wife. In proposing the health of The King the president made a reference to the Jubilee Year. Mr. Walter Pickworth, who proposed the toast of the Women's Auxiliary, pointed out that the sub-branch had with trepidation taken on financial obligation in connection with the Jubilee Year. It was the duty of the sub-branch to help afforded by the Women's Auxiliary to the source of the Women's Auxiliary that had gone a long way towards making them a financial success.* Mrs. H. Munyard suitably acknowledged the toast. Mrs. D. G. L. Morgan proposed the Visitors, thanking them for the help rendered to the sub-branch, to which the president replied. Mr. D. G. L. Morgan-proposed The Visitors, thanking them for the help rendered to the annual sports. The Press had referred to this event as a careful example of team work and healthy co-operation. Mr. Frank Russell replied on behalf of the Public. The Host and Hostess were toasted by A. M. Morgan, to which Johnnie Rowe replied. The following helped to keep the event enjoyable with song and tale—Mesdames Rowe, Munyard, Hassman, Hodgon, Besley—Hillyard, Miss Maston, Mr. Halford, Potter, Masham Pickworth, McKechnie, Chapman, Marshall Norris. Bob Weat at the piano was occasionally assisted by Mrs. Eric Besley. The hall was brilliantly lit by Ian McBride's plants, which showed the flowers supplied by Mrs. Rowe to advantage. Much credit is due to Secretary Bob Measham, and the committee for the enjoyment.

At the monthly meeting of the sub-branch it was decided to send donations to the Motherhood and Youth Fund, and the Wo-roloo Sanatorium.

WAGIN

On June 1 a party belonging to the State Executive, consisting of Senator Colonel Collett, State Secretary Benson, and Jas. Cornell, Esq., M.L.C., paid a flying visit to Wago on their return journey from Dumbleyung. An impromptu reception was held in the Town Hall by the Mayor of Wago and Municipal Councillors, president and secretary of the Wago Sub-branch, R.S.L., and what stray diggers, that were within hearing of the roll call.

On June 12 the monthly meeting of the sub-branch was held in the Road Board Hall, when ordinary business was followed by an enjoyable social evening.

At the monthly meeting on July 10 several new members were welcomed. The State Secretary's circular in connection with the Jubilee Appeal on behalf of Maternity and Youth Welfare was discussed, and at the instance of Mr. Shenton, it was decided to obtain particulars as to the disposal of funds raised by the sub-branch before any action is taken. The secretary's action in procuring periods of half-day work at the local hospital, as instructed by Matron Ransome, was endorsed, and it was decided that the scheme be continued.

At the annual meeting for election of officers, a motion was put by Mr. Walter and carried, that the Government be approached concerning the advisability of propounding a scheme for the training of youths for trades and professions. Upon the matter being re-surrected, it was resolved to place this on the agenda paper to be discussed by the State Congress.

A smoke social in the lesser Town Hall has been arranged to take place at 8 p.m. on July 27, by way of bidding farewell to Mr. C. G. T. Lloyd, M.M., who is about to leave the district, and who, as past president, has proved a tower of strength in keeping the staff together. The admission rate has been fixed at 3d.

The matter of repairs to the Fallen Soldiers Memorial, which is in a dilapidated condition, has been given over to the president, with instructions to approach the Municipal Council concerning the necessary repairs.

ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, June 18, at 8 p.m., with the president, Mr. E. J. Butler, R.M., in the chair. This sub-branch accepted an invitation to send along a few members to Denmark's reunion on Armitage High. The donation of one guinea was made to the Wo-roloo Sanatorium games fund. Mr. H. J. Day, J.P., chairman of the Avenue of Honour Committee briefly addressed the meeting. After much discussion it was resolved that, a committee, comprising the president and Messrs. Page and Lewis meet Mr. Day and go into the matter of the Avenue of Honour. The committee was also instructed to write to the Committee of Forests to ascertain his views upon the suitability of trees for this particular area.

Opportunity was taken of Mr. Day's presence to present him with Badge of Merit which should have accompanied the Certificate presented to him some 15 months previously. When returning thanks Mr. Day stated that some three years previously his son had also received the same recognition. It was decided to renovate the Institute as soon as possible.

The nominations for officers were as follows:—President, Mr. E. J. Butler, re-elected; Senior Vice-President, Mr. L. S. Barnett, re-elected; Second in command V.P., Messrs. Craigie, Vincent, and Lewis were nominated and although Alec wanted a rest his name goes into the box at next meeting. Secretary, Mr. F. T. Evans, re-elected; Assistant Secretary, Mr. S. J. Barlow, re-elected; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. P. Ford, re-elected. Other officers and committees to be dealt with at next meeting.

Further the letter of condolence be sent to Mr. E. Fisher, on the death of his father and Mrs. R. Smith, on the death of her daughter. It was emphasised by Mr. L. S. Barnett that both the latter ladies had long been associated with work for the benefit of the returned men.

VICTORIA PARK

A good roll up of diggers attended the monthly meeting on June 21. The half-yearly report showed that good progress is being maintained in the sub-branch. It is pleasing to the members to know that the new Memorial Hall is being well let, functions being held in it nearly every evening.

The sub-branch holds dances every Wednesday, and the Women's Auxiliary on Saturday evenings. These are proving very popular.

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ular, a good orchestra being in attendance.

The next general meeting is on July 19, to which all ex-service men are invited. If only one half of the diggers residing in the Park joined up with their own local sub-branches, we would have one of the strongest organisations in the League.

Mr. C. Jennings has been re-appointed secretary, H. Taylor president, and Messrs. H. Nicol and W. Tolmie Wardens to the local S.S.L. sub-branch. The boys are a very enthusiastic crowd and spend some jolly evenings together. The O'Grady drill is a popular event every meeting. Midland Junction S.S.L. will entertain us on July 15.

Press

A successful year was reported at the annual meeting of the Press sub-branch on July 15. Finances are in a satisfactory condition and during the year £3.3 had been raised for amelioration purposes by means of monthly dances. The Anzac House Ball had been held for the third time, and this year's effort is to be supplemented by a carnival dance which the auxiliary is arranging and which will be held in Anzac House on August 10. During the year £290 had been spent in various charitable directions. The co-operation of the Y.M.C.A. in conducting the S.S.L. was acknowledged. The membership of the S.S.L. is now over the forty mark, and the auxiliary organisation took part in the youth rally at the Perth Oval in celebration of the King's Jubilee and in the jubilee treasure chest appeal. Having had the largest attendance on the Anzac Day parade, it was given the honor of heading the boys' section of the march.

Officials for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—Patron, Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs; President, Capt. R. A. Bell; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. A. Nicholas, A. D. Hood and H. P. Brown; past president, Mr. K. T. Henderson; trustees, Messrs. C. F. Smith, T. Birtwistle and C. R. Collins; committee, Mr. R. W. Chappell, H. Clague, H. Hart, B. Kirke, C. Longmore, J. G. Paterson and E. S. Watt; secretary, Mr. R. A. Biggs; assistant secretary, Mr. A. G. Shaw; treasurer, Mr. J. Wood; auditor, Mr. F. T. Weedon.

West Perth

Members are advised that the annual general meeting will be held in Anzac House on Monday, August 5, at 7.30 p.m. sharp. The annual reports and balance-sheets will be presented, and officers for the ensuing year elected. After the completion of business a smoko social will be held. A first-class musical programme has been arranged. Tickets are available from the departmental secretaries.

Claremont

The monthly meeting was held on July 4, presided over by Brig. A. M. Martyn, who welcomed yet another new member to the sub-branch.

It has been decided to publish a monthly magazine containing items of interest to ex-service men residing in the district. We must consider ourselves very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. G. Marshall as editor, and items suitable for publication will be gladly welcomed by him. sent to his address 13 Hammond Road, Claremont.

The resignation of our president, Brigadier Martyn, has been tendered, and the majority of members present, and were very reluctantly tendered. Nominations for a new president were called for, and owing to the inability of the senior vice-president, Mr. S. W. Smith, to accept, the only nomination was Mr. C. H. Briggs, also a vice-president, and he was duly elected. Mr. Briggs has had extensive experience in similar positions with various organisations over a number of years, and the sub-branch can look forward to a successful term under his guidance.

Bunbury

The sub-branch is now well established in their own club rooms and hall. The building is a very fine asset for the sub-branch and also the town, and the public are supporting it very well. Every other Monday we run a dance and bridge party and these are well patronised.

Wednesday afternoon the Women's Auxiliary use the hall for badminton; it is ideal for this purpose and the Town Club rent the hall every Tuesday. The members have formed a club and are practicing on every occasion, and will be sending out a challenge to all and sundry to meet them at an early date, and I think we will hold our end up in the usual R.S.L. way.

Saturday nights are looked forward to with pleasure. The members and the wives roll up in good force, and it is generally midnight when the lights are put out. The champion chess player of the State (Mr. A. Harris) visited Bunbury on Saturday last, and met 20 odd players of the town in the club room and a very enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.

The South-West Conference was held in the hall last month, also the Road Board Conference, and the R.S.L. were complimented on their fine building for these purposes.

A Christening Tea was celebrated in the club room and applications for the building for all sorts of functions to be held are to hand.

Our annual reunion will take place on the 21st August, and we are expecting a record crowd. The Bunbury R.S.L. have their hands full for the next year. We hope to have the hall ready with stage and seating for concert work very soon. Our concert party is in full swing rehearsing. Our club room is an ideal place, and we extend an invitation to all returned men visiting Bunbury to look us up.

West Leederville

Since last month members have competed against Mr. Lawley and Mr. Hawthorn in the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield games, losing to Mr. Lawley by 2 points and Mr. Hawthorn by 6. The teams showed considerable improvement, and with a little more experience should be able to win. The members appreciated the assistance rendered by Messrs. Bullock, Lehman and Watt in transporting the teams home after visiting Mr. Lawley. We were at home to our neighbours and last year's champions, and although.

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PERTH

At the second meeting of the sub-branch, held in Anzac House on June 25, the sub-branch was favoured with a visit from Col. Collett, who lectured to an interested audience of the League and its Work. This is a very deep and interesting subject, and the Colonel stressed the problems facing the aged soldiers and soldiers which he described in a manner as only he can do.

Our meeting on Tuesday, July 9, being a general business night, was, owing to inclement weather, not too well attended, although a considerable amount of business was transacted. Owing to the resignation of our committee-man, Mr. Russell, who has secured employment at Geraldton with the W.A.G.R., a vacancy occurred on the committee, and Mr. Hillman was elected.

I am pleased to report that during July we have held two A.R.M.S. games, defeating Tramways 9-1, and on the 8th July defeating West Perth 7-3.

It is with regret that we have to report the death of one of our comrades, J. Clarke. His presence will be missed in our draught team as he was the club's champion. It is also with regret that we have to report the continued illness of our treasurer, W. E. E. Ellis, and hope for his speedy recovery.

At the time of writing our secretary is in Sydney, having been called away to visit his aged father who is dangerously ill.

Whilst we are pleased to learn of the approach of the marriage of our tourist, Miss Mann, we shall miss her as she has been a faithful servant to the sub-branch, and know that her successor will find it difficult to reach her standard.

MAYLANDS

Recently we had a visit from members of the North Perth sub-branch to compete against us for the Archbishop Riley Shield. We were beaten but not down-hearted. These visits certainly do good. Bill Petersen and Co. on behalf of the sub-branch entertained the visitors at supper. The fancy dress children's ball, which took place in the Maylands Town Hall on Friday, July 5, was an outstanding success, including 100 children and 123 adults. The event was opened by the Women's Auxiliary, assisted by a sub-committee from the sub-branch, and headed by the president, Mr. J. Lovell. The committee's thanks are also due to the good ladies who acted as judges. The judges had a hard job, but everyone will admit they did it well. Those who officiated were Messrs. H. B. Collett, W. McKinnon, G. C. D. Forster and W. L. Menkens. Miss Golding's orchestra played a great service. M. W. Rice proved a most capable MC. The sub-branch wishes to thank all the local business people (too numerous to mention) who kindly provided the numerous prizes, and also to the Swan Brewery and Mackay's Airedale Water Works for their generosity in providing ginger beer for all the young flocks. At the conclusion, on behalf of all concerned, the president, Mr. W. J. Lovell, brightly thanked everybody for their assistance.

The fourth of the services of Pleasant Sunday Afternoons, arranged by Mr. W. L. Menkens, was held on July 7. Considering the wet weather a fine audience, including Mr. C. J. Clother, was present.

The speaker was our old friend Mr. M. E. (Maurice) Zeffert, who has done great work for the R.S.L. in the past. His discourse was on American Impressions, which proved very interesting. E. P. A. C. Brown officiated at the piano, and the programme consisted of items by Mrs. W. L. Menkens, Mrs. R. Moore, Misses Joan Davies, Ronda Putland, D. Dawes, Master W. Weston, Misses Claude Saunderson, Gordon Eden, Master W. Weston, of Y.A.L.

ARDAH-BABAKIN

"Gilbert" writes:—The mob celebrated the monthly reunion as usual on the first Saturday, and quite a few turned up. Bill Meredith, having gone home to represent the sub-branch at the Jubilee, the members of a certain farmers' organisation are enjoying a little peace and quietness. Not for long, though, because Arthur Wheeler, our president, is planning a ladies' night in honour of the visiting sportsmen, and we are stored up to be some fun if both happen to meet the same block at once. Apart from any little accidents like that it is a sound idea, as the ladies are a tower of strength to the sub-branch.

The mob voted the purchase of two sets of flags in order to flang the honour boards at both townships. Alf Lay has the Ardaht job in hand, whilst the Scribe has completed the pair with the necessary poles, etc., for the Babakin board.

The sub-branch is in a pretty healthy state with practically every returned man in the area entered and adhering to the contented spirit existing. Good work, Alf! I am not sure whether this African trouble is having any bad effect on the mob, but Alf was enquiring from a few of the lads whether they would ever make up a shooting team. A little later one joker leaving his pot at the pub door remarked: "Well, so-long, Bill, Ah-b'seein'-yer!" and Bill quite succinctly retorted, "Mussolini then!" Between you and me, I am getting a bit worried about Alf; he is getting terribly reckless in his old age... Last month he charged a challenge at the Bruce Rock mob to play 'em bridge, anywhere, anytime, any amount! Alf might have a special deck or two.
I hear the mob over there are considering it as apparently they are not sure whether they ought to reply with half a brick or a polite acceptance.

It will be disaster for Alf if they take him on for penny points. Jack Crawford has cost him quite a bit and I am not certain that he wouldn't bite Perry if he saw him without his racquet.

MUNTADGIN

The usual monthly meeting was held at the secretary's residence on Saturday, 29th June, the president (Captain J. J. Hooper) in the chair. The secretary stated that he regretted that, owing to having only returned from Perth an hour previous to the meeting, a proper financial statement, etc., was not available. He reported that one committee meeting and two social evenings had been held since the last monthly meeting. The two social evenings had been capacity houses and successful from all aspects, the dance being beyond all expectations. A motion, expressing appreciation to Mrs. E. A. Butcher, in connection with loan of a piano for these fortnightly functions, was passed.

It was decided that this sub-branch's nominee for the office of State President should be the retiring office-bearer (Mr. A. Yeates). Owing to another local organisation holding a social event on the last Saturday of July (our meeting date) it had been decided to lapse a meeting and members are asked to make a special note that the next general meeting will be Saturday, 24th August, a week earlier than the usual date for that month.

LAVERTON

At our monthly meeting on the 6th of July a good muster turned up. The president, E. A. Grey, took the chair, and after dealing with the usual business and such other important items, supper was served and a really pleasant time indulged in. We have quite a number of talented men in the sub-branch, and they contributed several good turns. It was decided to try and run a concert in aid of the R.S.L. funds. The organisation is to be left in the hands of the president and sports committee.

It is with pride the president reports the strength of the sub-branch to be now 70 and still growing. In a great measure this is due to our worthy secretary, Frank Banks. No doubt Frank's heart is in the League. He has seen a good many president's come and go, but Frank, in his own quiet way, still holds on to office, a fitting tribute to his capable personality. Frank tells me he is out for 100 membership by November 11th, and I think he will do it.

BUCKLAND HILL

The sub-branch held the annual election of officers on June 27, and the following were returned: President, Lieut-Colonel B. T. Godfrey; Vice-President, A. Ashworth, C. James; Secretary, A. Sills; Treasurer, J. D. McTavish; General Committee, W. Gibson, F. McCormick, V. Strigiel, H. Burge, Harlan, R. Scott; Social Committee, C. James (Secretary), C. Nixon, F. McCormick; Sick and Amelioration Committee, C. Nixon, A. Artth, and J. Bryan.

With new blood in office the sub-branch has taken forward to a brighter future, and judging by the enthusiastic meeting of the general committee which was held on July 11, it augurs well for the coming twelve months.

Last year's smoke social was the best ever and this year it promises to be even better, as most of these are again procurable together with new talent of the highest order.

The date is fixed for August 1, and it will again be held in the Buckland Hill Town Hall. The social committee is leaving no stone unturned to make this function the event of the year, and members from other sub-branches who wish to attend can procure tickets at the door.

BRUNSWICK

There was a good attendance at the meeting on July 4. Among matters dealt with was the important item of the prematurely aged men, among those who served at the Great War. It was contended that, notwithstanding the assertion to the contrary, men must necessarily be handicapped by the conditions of war service, resulting in impaired health and shortened lives. This matter is to be discussed at the quarterly meeting of No. 1 District Committee to be held in the Memorial Hall, Brunswick.

The sub-branch, by a unanimous vote, nominated the State President for re-election for the coming year.

A resolution was passed from St. John's Ambulance, Harvey, asking for support in connection with securing an ambulance van for use in the district. It was resolved that support be given. The district is fortunate in having as one of its medical men that good R.S.L. man, Doctor Alfred Jacobs.

About eleven years ago the residents of the district added a brick extension to the existing hall in memory of those who fell in the Great War, the money having a silver tablet inscribed with the names of those who joined up and was called the Memorial Hall. Recently the Memorial Hall trustees (on which body two returned men have a seat) after much discussion with the Haverdop Road Board called a public meeting to hand over the hall grounds to the local authority on the understanding that a new hall would be built, suitable for present need, and that of our growing district in the future. A recommendation added that the Memorial portion be placed in the care of the local sub-branch of the R.S.L. League for meetings, etc. This recommendation satisfies public sentiment, and removes the reproach of holding balls, etc., in the Memorial Hall.

WILLIAMS

On June 8 the Williams sub-branch held a ball at Darrkan, in aid of the Amelioration Fund. It was a success, about 270 took the floor. The Agricultural Hall was decorated with flags and battalion colours. The orchestra (from Wagin) was entrenched behind sandbags draped with the Union Jack. Visitors from the adjoining districts rolled up in force, Kojoonup being strongly represented by Messrs. Roach, Carr, and Potts, and Fryer-Smith. The floor was good, the music excellent, and the supper superb. This last was made possible by generous donations from all and sundry, and the voluntary service of the district ladies, who served and waited in caps and costumes flying the old battalion colour.

BASSENDEN

For the purpose of creating greater interest in R.S.L. activities, the Bas sendean sub-branch issued invitations to all returned men and their wives and the members of the Women's Auxiliary to a social, which was held in the Town Hall on Thursday, June 27. There was an attendance of about 160. Dancing was very popular during the evening, and competitive games caused much amusement. Those who contributed to the programme were Miss Baby Kendall (dancer), Mrs. Fixter, jnr. (violinist) and Mr. W. Carr, jnr. (vocalist). Members were put on fatigue duty to prepare and serve light refreshments so enabling the ladies full scope for enjoyment. After supper Mr. Grieves, president of the sub-branch, and Mrs. McKinlay, State President of the Women's Auxiliary, spoke for a few minutes, making an appeal for co-operation in R.S.L. affairs.

Mr. A. Rose, who had charge of the programme, and Mrs. Okney (pianist) kept the ball of fun rolling until after 11 p.m. The final winners of the games were Mr. M. Leng, balloon blowing, D. Webb, fish race (ladies), Mr. J. Mabey, fish race (gents.). At the fortnightly meeting held on July 4, a vote of thanks was placed on the minutes was tendered to the secretary, Mrs. F. Leng, and entertainment committee for planning and carrying the successful social.

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<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
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<td>BRUNSWICK JUNCT.</td>
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<td>BUCKLAND HILL</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>Last Thursday in each month</td>
<td>B. T. Godfrey, 48 Harvey St., Buckland Hill</td>
<td>A. Sillis, 35 Gill Street, Buckland Hill</td>
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<td>CARLISLE</td>
<td>Bickford Soldiers' Memorial Hall</td>
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<td>L. R. Gilsenan, 48 Mars Street, Carlisle</td>
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<td>COLLIE</td>
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<td>J. Stirling, c/o Power House, Collie</td>
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<td>Council Hall, Jarrad St.</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>G. L. Harvey, 8 Dean St., Cottesloe</td>
<td>A. G. Cook, &quot;Lilydale,&quot; 4 Keane St., Peppermint Grove</td>
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<td>R. H. Briggs, 1 Brae Road, Claremont</td>
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<td>Last Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. W. Lynch, Fremantle Road, Fremantle</td>
<td>S. P. V. Harrison, 65 Bellevue Terrace, Fremantle</td>
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<td>State Hotel, War Memorial Hall</td>
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<td>Dr. H. E. Clarke, Gwalia, 1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>Club Rooms, Crewe St. Memorial Hall, Kojonup Koorda</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall</td>
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<td>W. J. Lovell, 98 Sixth Ave., Maylands</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>Town Hall Committee Room</td>
<td>3rd Thursday, 7.30 p.m. (pension week)</td>
<td>B. Dickery, Victoria St., Midland Junction</td>
<td>H. B. Stephens, 19 Amherst Road, West Midland Junction</td>
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<td>Rd. Bd. Hall, Bencubbin</td>
<td>Third Sunday, alt. month</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wallish Hall, Grosvenor Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>O. J. Williams, 31</td>
<td>A. R. Wood, 127 Fifth Avenue, Maylands</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
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<td>A. Turner, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northam</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>L. F. Ash, Northampton</td>
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<td>Avon Bridge Hotel, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. F. Robertson, c/o Cour House, Northam</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St., (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. James, 21 Maran St, Leederville</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. G. Ensouf, Australian War Memorial House, Perth</td>
<td>A. J. Hawkins, 24 York St., North Perth. Tel. 35268</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>K. Henderson, c/o &quot;West Australian,&quot; Perth</td>
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<td>Billiard Saloon</td>
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<td>RAVENSTHORPE</td>
<td>Public Hall, Swan Street</td>
<td>4th Thursday</td>
<td>H. Stockdill, Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, 'Rokey' Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>B. Congdon, 75 Glover Street, Subiaco</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
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<td>2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. P. Hammer, Railway Station, Tamberup</td>
<td>J. E. Trathan, P.O. Box 1, Tamberup Tel 45</td>
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<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
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<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
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<td>4th Saturday</td>
<td>R. W. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
<td>J. Matthews, 21 Esperance St, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>Jas. Cox, 201 Washington Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>M. J. Offer, Taxation Departement, Perth</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwallader, Wubin. Tel. No. 7</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTINE,</td>
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<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Buntine</td>
<td>H. J. Haines, 97 Blencowe Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>JIBBERDING WEST</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. E. Smith, 186 Railway Parade, West Leederville</td>
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<td>YEALERING YORK</td>
<td>Comm'l Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Hardwicke, Avon Terr.</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, Quarterly, June, Sept., and Dec.</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Korrelocking</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
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<td>Library Hall, Albany Rd.</td>
<td>4th Friday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88 Teague Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>D. M. Benson, Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Ave., Leederville</td>
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<td>FORTY-FOURTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>Col. D. M. McWhae, (Chairman, A. H. Hood, 39 Tite St., W. Leederville)</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., Nth. Perth. Phone B8394</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
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<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruislip St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. I. E. Dunkley, 86 Angrove St., North Perth</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE</td>
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BALLEDE OF THE VITAMINS

(With acknowledgments to "The West Australian")

(By "Pip Tek")

(Criticising the Gallipoli Campaign in his book, "The Real War," B. Liddell Hart says that it was "Sired by strategic muddling, damned by naval negation and marred in delivery, by military inefficiency." Now, generals and statesmen may raise their heads and rejoice for Dr. H. G. Bredahl has advanced the theory that the reason for the unsatisfactory issue of the campaign was mainly physiological. The food issued to the troops did not contain enough vitamin B.)

When Hannibal scuppered the legions of Rome,
And Fabius, retreated, according to plan;
When Caesar whacked Pompey, and drove him home,
Their quarter-blokes issued the right sort of scar;
The bowmen of Creyc, the Cameron Clan,
The troopers of Cromwell, the Muskeeters Tiffee,
All the world's stoutest fighters, since fighting began,
Have been whales for their issue of Vitamin B.
So it's idle to say that the cerebral cells
Of our Higher Command had become adipose;
(We'd the wrong sort of gun, and a shortage of shells),
That the Turks were too many—and too bellicose.
Such things were mere trifles to sweeten the dose
Decimated by Mars, by the Aegean Sea,
We'd have knocked Abdul into a state comatose
Had our rations been loaded with Vitamin B.
Our diet was varied, though lacking in greens,
(The biscuits were solid, and weevily, too),
A suspicion of pork in a welter of beans,
And Maconochie, yes, there was plenty to chew.
When the food was all finished, we still could get stew,
Though we fought like a Trojan host out on the spree,
We hadn't a dog's chance of bullocking through—
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S.S.L.—ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, July 2. The report of S.S.L. Conference was received, reviewed and adopted. It was resolved unanimously that, this S.S.L. sub-branch request the parent sub-branch to allow us to arrange our own finances and that a statement of receipts and expenditure for 1935 be furnished.

A finance committee was then elected consisting of vice-president Mr. A. Turner, with two further members. Mr. A. Turner was elected hon. treasurer.

Other resolutions carried were, that a return football match be played with the Boy Scouts. That we take a further ticket in the Charities Night and, that a voluntary contribution fund be commenced to purchase games for the Children's Ward at the Albany Hospital.

A working bee was arranged to attend and finish trimming up around the trees in the Honour Avenue. Members are to do the necessary watering.

The membership, in spite of the loss of two to Perth, still remains at 50, but there is plenty of room for more.

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And Fabious retreated, a plan;
When Caesar whacked, drove him free;
Their quarter-blok, sort of scran.
The bowmen of Crecy Clan;
The troopers of Cromwell's Three,
All the world's stoutest fighting began,
Have been whales for Vitamin B.
So it's idle to say that the