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Politicians and War

This month contains the twenty-first anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War, and the minds of statesmen in all countries are still exercised with devising schemes for the establishment of permanent peace. The universal yearning for peace has manifested itself in various ways, not the least of which has been the effort to isolate the causes of war, as scientists isolate the germs of disease, in the hope that their removal will prevent the recurrence of the evils they cause. This method of approach to a grave and complex problem — seems to us the true scientific one, for we think, with Anatole France, the issue is one which demands academic and dispassionate consideration and should not be clouded nor exploited by all sorts of weird persons with personal or political axes to grind.

In this connection, the British Broadcasting Commission recently made interesting recordings of the views of a number of leaders of religious, political and economic thought, on the causes of war. No doubt the individual listener will interpret the views expressed in terms of his own belief, but the very diversity of the opinions broadcast amply indicates the complexity of the subject under discussion. In one or two instances, the quest seemed to be for a scape-goat rather than a cause; in others, the operations of certain causes were stressed to the exclusion of others equally potent. For example, Major Douglas, as befitted the apostle of a new economic creed, dealt mainly with economic causation, while Dean Inge was more concerned with the psychological effects of fear, injustice and mutual misunderstanding. The amplification of causes left the man who had listened to the whole series with a wide field of choice, and a certain amount of bewilderment, but no one can deny that the great educational value of the symposium.

Personally, we felt that all were right, yet none absolutely right for while, according to the old proverb, there are two sides to every question, there would appear to be more than two causes of every war. To our mind, Major Douglas and Dean Inge were nearer to fundamentals than most other speakers, but precisely how far fears cause economic conditions, or economic conditions breed the fears, which generate wars, we cannot say, nor, do we think, can anyone else.

A new aspect of the matter has just been touched upon by Mr. J. A. Lyons, the Prime Minister of our country, and Mr. P. Collier, the Premier of our State. Before he left America, Mr. Lyons said: "If war comes it will have been caused by politicians and not by the people. I am sure war thoughts do not spring from the hearts of the people of any country."

Conversely, Mr. Collier contends that politicians do not cause wars but that if the young men of Australia set their faces against war in all its aspects permanent peace will result. Like the broadcast speakers referred to above, Messrs. Lyons and Collier are both partly right, yet neither is absolutely right. Imperfect as politicians admittedly are, it is not fair to saddle them with all the blame. In the British Commonwealth of Nations at least, the leaders of all parties in all countries are honestly working in the interests of peace, and no government would appeal to the dread arbitrament of battle unless it was assured that an overwhelming majority of the people was also a consenting party. Perhaps something like this was in Mr. Lyons’ mind and his remarks were intended to stimulate politicians on both sides of the Pacific, to further and more enlightened efforts on behalf of peace. On the other hand, Mr. Collier’s remarks need elaboration before they can be universally accepted. Taking them at their face value, and in the light of a necessary brief newspaper report, they seem to be just another outburst of anti-defence propaganda, and his advice to the young is futile and unconvincing, unless the young of every other country can be induced to follow it.

Mr. Collier, to the contrary, notwithstanding politicians must share most, if not all, of the blame for past wars. As the writer of this month’s special article on Abyssinia shows, it was the ineptitude of politicians nearly seventy years ago which plunged the Empire into a costly and unnecessary war with Abyssinia. It is now generally admitted that had the late Lord Haldane, during his visit to Berlin in 1912, when he was secretary for war, made it clear that Britain would resist any violation of Belgian territory in the event of an unprovoked German attack on France, there would have been no war in 1914. A little plain speaking abroad would have had a salutary effect, but consider what was going on at home at the same time. Anti-war propaganda was as active then as it is now, and one of its symptoms was a whittling away of the Empire’s defences. Through the vacillation of politicians on the Home Rule Bill, Ireland was drifting into a civil war which was postponed only by the intervention of the Great War. Similar vacillation was responsible for unrest in India. At the same time, while one lot of politicians cavilled at the navy estimates, another loudly asserted that the British navy was inferior to the German.
and in our own Commonwealth Parliament, one member declared that the guns of the new Australian navy would one day be turned against the parent navy. A shrewd observer than the Kaiser might have been excused for believing that, if the British Empire was not on the verge of disintegration, it would, at least, be powerless to fulfil its commitments to France and Belgium. The late Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson aptly summed up the position when he said: "I was one of those who from 1910 to 1914 thought that if our rulers of those days had not been afraid to set out in front of all the world the majesty and power of the British Empire, there would have been no war."

Not only do politicians make wars, but their neglect of the services during the years of peace unduly prolong them, and when the fighting services have finished their task, the politicians again step in and patch up a peace reeking with the germs of future wars. Disarmament proved an idle dream while the Entente Powers remained armed to keep Germany disarmed. Of all the signatories to the Treaty of Versailles, Britain alone has consistently reduced her defences, and concurrent with this reduction politicians have loaded the Empire with Continental commitments which might any day plunge the Empire with emasculated defences into another world war. To take a case in-point: suppose the sanctions provided in Articles 10 and 16 of the League of Nations covenant had been applied to Japan at the time of the Manchurian crisis. The onus of the application would have fallen upon Britain, and the application of even economic sanctions so clamantly desired by idealists within our midst, would have involved a blockade which would not have been tolerated for one minute by any nation with a navy as powerful as Japan's. But, in spite of that manifestation of the impotence of the League of Nations in the material sphere, the very politicians who oppose any increase to defence estimates are mouthing denunciations of Germany and Italy, and demanding that these Powers be coerced by an Empire which has disarmed below the necessary margin of safety.

The crux of the trouble is that politicians, like editors, are men and not demi-gods. They depend for their accessions on the support of a fickle public. In the matter of moulding public opinion, even public opinion as to the best means of preventing wars, the most farsighted of them are like the professor of anatomy who was just one bone ahead of his students; the worst are venal place-holders who trim their sails to every current of popular hysteria. When all countries simultaneously evolve the omniscient editor and the omnipotent politician, war will be banished from the world. In the meantime, we must rub along with the representatives we elect, and be to their virtues very kind and to their faults a little blind.

THE LEAGUE AND OURSELVES

It would be a poor old Congress if it were allowed to pass without some reference to the Listening Post. Indeed, we should feel slighted if we were not mentioned in some way, good, bad or indifferent, for such mentions indicate that the paper is interesting at least somebody. This year's agenda paper, which is published in this issue, contains items from five sub-branches which have direct reference to us. Two, those of Gnowangerup and Norwood, are hardly annuals with which we are all familiar. Some little time ago, leading officials of the Gnowangerup sub-branch complimented the management of the Listening Post on its championship of digger's interests. The item sponsored by that sub-branch on the agenda paper is evidently the result of the State Executive's support of the paper against a complaint of the sub-branch in respect of the paper's criticism of certain types of anti-war propaganda. Belmont's item, in favour of the paper conveying to the returned soldier more of the activities and the business of the League is, frankly, not understood. Rather more than half of each issue of the Listening Post is already devoted to League activities and business, but perhaps the purpose of this item will be explained at Congress.

As worded, Belmont's item is almost a direct negative of the one which follows; in which Mr. Lawley-Ingewood wishes to see the Listening Post made a diggers' paper of interest to diggers—rather quaint English for people who set themselves up as literary critics—by the inclusion of articles of "memorable events in which Western Australian units were concerned," written by C.O.'s and "others who were prominent during the war years." The fact that this has been done in the Listening Post, in spite of certain difficulties in getting contributions from senior officers and others, has
obviously been overlooked. In this connection, it may be mentioned that, on several occasions, special articles and other contributions which have appeared in the *Listening Post* have been reprinted by *Our Empire*, the organ of the B.E.S.L. and by Eastern States organs.

The present policy and layout of the *Listening Post* were decided upon a few years ago in conference between the management of the paper and the State Executive, and will continue until Congress directs otherwise. The principle adopted as a result of that conference, is that of making the paper the happy medium between a newspaper and a magazine. For years, it has been the only Branch organ actively engaged in League propaganda, and it is still the only Branch organ which devotes so much space to the doings of sub-branches; though the Eastern States organs are beginning to follow our example a little in this respect.

At one extreme, there is the idea of making the official organ a glorified minute-book, at the other, that of turning it into a magazine in which League business would be shouldered out of print by articles on subjects that have been written threadbare in any case.

Osborne Park's item in favour of letting blind soldiers have their *Listening Post* free of charge is one we hope the heartily in accord, but, as far as we know, all blind soldiers are members of the R.S.L. and get the paper through the usual channel. In any case, no representations on these lines have been made to us by the Blinded Soldiers' Association.

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**GUNNERS' DAY AT GUILDFORD**

The beginning of the month saw the annual celebration of Gunner's Day at Guildford, when gunners and men of the 10th Light Horse paraded at a service in honour of the fallen, many of whom received their initial training for service overseas at Guildford. The parade was directed by Lieut.-General Sir J. J. Talbot Hobbs, while Lieut.-Colonel E. Mitchell carried out the duties of marshals. Militia units and other organisations who also paraded were detachments of the 10th Light Horse, 3rd A.F.A. Brigade, and sons of deceased soldiers belonging to the Junior Legacy Club.

Among those present were the District Commandant, Brigadier A. M. Martin, Colonel Collett, Colonel A. C. N. Olden (representing the R.S.L.), Brigadier-General A. J. Bessell-Browne, Colonel Semmens (chairman of the Repatriation Board), Major H. R. Byrne (1st A.F.A., A.I.F.), Major Hubert Parker, Dr. Courtney, Mr. W. D. Johnson, M.A., members of the Guildford sub-branch and Guildford councillors.

The parade assembled at the Guildford railway station, and, headed by the R.S.L. Memorial Band, marched to St. Matthew's Church of England, where a service was conducted by the rector of Guildford (the Rev. H. Vine). At the conclusion of the service the parade formed around the war memorial in Stirling Square, where the last post and reveille were sounded and wreaths were laid by Sir Talbot Hobbs (on behalf of artillery comrades, A.I.F.), Captain J. B. Philp (members of the 10th Light Horse Association), Mr. Chas. Taylor (Legacy Club boys), Colonel Olden (State president and members of the R.S.L.), Brigadier-General Bessell-Browne (3rd Australian Field Artillery Brigade) and Mr. W. Shotter (members of the Guildford Red-Cross Society). The column then moved back to the railway station, where, at the conclusion of the parade, Brigadier-General Bessell-Browne addressed members of the 3rd A.F.A. Brigade and complimented them on the general improvement in their smartness and efficiency during the year.

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In the above manner, the State Honorary Director of the Jubilee Appeal for Youth and Motherhood (Mr. S. W. Perry) prefaced a special statement made to The Listening Post regarding the appeal, in which he outlined the causes and objects of the movement.

"No greater dual claim on the humanitarian spirit of the community can be made than an appeal which appeals to the furtherance of maternal and infant welfare, and the provision of the care and future of youth," Mr. Perry said. "This appeal is a State-wide one, and its operation has been planned to give everyone an opportunity of doing his or her bit towards swelling the fund. The world depression has left no greater nor sadder legacy than the unemployment of the youth of the world. Innocent victims of a condition of affairs which they do not understand and are powerless to avoid, the young people of every nation — and Western Australia no less than other countries — face lives of unemployment and misery, without chances of becoming the useful citizens they should be, and with their natural heritage of a bright future in a happy land slowly but surely being taken from them.

"We know full well that, if we raise £25,000 for the youth of the State through this appeal, we will not be solving the problem. We will, however, be laying the keystone of a building which must be added to in the future. We will be starting a movement for youth which future Governments, whatever their political beliefs, will be forced to carry on, and we have the knowledge that, at least, a start is being made to tackle a problem which becomes more acute as another child leaves school."

"That Australia with its healthy environment should have such a high maternal mortality as six per thousand is almost unbelievable — yet such is the case. Here, then, we have the spectacle of the mothers of the future fast dying and becoming crippled at a rate which is too high. That all these deaths can be saved is too much to expect, but much can be done when greater pre-natal and ante-natal facilities are provided and science is given a greater chance of propagating its work."

"The protection of the lives and health of the mothers of Australia is necessarily an aim of paramount importance to the Commonwealth and the individual States. No activity in our community is more deserving of zealous attention than the safe-guarding of the well-being of those who are the mothers of our future race." In recent years wonderful strides have been made throughout Australia in the important work of caring for mothers and their babies. Many infant health centres are operating all over the State, and recent figures show that between 80 and 90 per cent. of the babies born in the State receive attention at these centres. There are, too, pre-natal clinics throughout the continent where expectant mothers receive the best possible advice. Yet, with all these advantages, and with the added advantage of Australia's wonderful climate and healthy living conditions, the maternal death rate of the Commonwealth is one of the highest in the world, exceeded only by Ceylon, Belgium, Greece and the United States of America. When it is considered that in Lambeth and Poplar, two of London's most densely populated areas, the death rate of mothers is only one per thousand in the case of Poplar and one per two thousand in the case of Lambeth, it can be seen that the more money provided for an extension of the advisory institutions the better.

"The boy of to-day is the citizen and voter of to-morrow. It is imperative that every effort be made to save him from the demoralising curse of unemployment and enforced idleness during the critical stage of his life which occurs when he leaves school. The women of to-day — the mothers — are the race-builders who have the whole future of the nation in their hands. Surely it is up to everyone to see that they are given the chance of doing what their every instinct desires them to do — to produce happy, healthy,
laughing children worthy of a happy, healthy, laughing land.

"One thought is given to the objects of this appeal, there is no hesitation in giving it support. That is why, all over the State, the leaders of the people—the members of Parliament, their captains of industry, their trade union leaders, their churches—are all solidly behind the movement. Politics, professions, creeds, and classes do not enter into this national effort, and no citizen with the welfare of the State and Commonwealth at heart can fail to recognise the obligation which lies on him to support to the best of his ability Western Australia’s share of an Empire-wide campaign launched by a son of the King."

Dealing with activities of the appeal, Mr. Perry expressed satisfaction with the result to date. "Leaving out of consideration the Government’s initial donation of £5,000 and the Lotteries Commission’s grant of £5,000, the public response to the appeal has been at the rate of over £800 a week," he said. "It has to be remembered, too, that the work of organising occupied much of the first few weeks. This response is undoubtedly an excellent one for a community just recovering from a long period of depression. Our position now is that we require only £2,000 before the fund automatically reaches the £26,000 mark, with a second grant from the Commission and another donation from Sir Charles and Lady McNess. With Thanksgiving Week in full swing and many important social functions arranged for the appeal, there seems to be little doubt that this desirable position will be arrived at very quickly."

Motor Car Contest

"Here is a way members of the R.S.L. and sub-branches of the League can help: the many inquiries which are being made at the office of the appeal regarding the State-wide popular girl contest to be conducted for a 1935 model Chevrolet master coupe motor car donated to the appeal by Sydney Atkinson Motors, Ltd., indicate that, when the nominations close on August 21, many candidates will be in the field. It is hoped that many of these will be nominees from sub-branches."

"Particular interest is being shown in country districts, and this it attributed to the fact that the competition is being conducted along lines which ensure that every candidate will have an equal chance of winning."

"Branches and agencies of the Commonwealth Bank will act as agents for the competition, and nominations should be made at once to the nearest branch or agency. Nominations sponsored by some club, organisations or body should be accompanied by at least 5s., and this sum will serve to give the candidate a start of at least 60 votes. On receipt of this amount, the Commonwealth Bank will open an account for the candidate, and into this account all money raised must be paid. The branches will render to the appeal office periodical returns showing the position of candidates."

"Every penny raised will give one vote for a candidate. For the purpose of the contest, five Federal electoral divisions are being used. The candidate who records the highest number of votes in any town or city will be credited with all the votes of her opponents for the purpose of entering the sub-divisional contest. The candidate recording the highest number of votes in the sub-division will automatically take all the sub-divisional votes for the purpose of becoming the divisional candidate in the grand final of the competition."

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**THE TWENTY-NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

The following letter was received from Major C. J. P. Ball, D.S.O., M.C., Abbey House, Baker Street, London, N.W.I., hon. secretary of the 29th Division Association:

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At the last meeting of the State Executive held in July a great deal of discussion took place on reports from country centres that the action of the Agricultural Bank in the collection of statistics was having a disturbing effect on soldier settlers. After a number of motions and amendments had been considered, it was finally resolved that a special meeting of the Land Committee be called to decide on what action the League should take.

The Land Committee met the following day, and as a result of this meeting the State Secretary wrote to the Agricultural Bank Commissioners drawing attention to "a regrettable feeling of unrest amongst settlers consequent upon, it is said, the action of the Bank in the collection of statistics as to the 'settlers' plant, stock, goods, chattels, etc.' Continuing, the League suggested that a public statement should be made by the Chairman of the Bank Commissioners as such statement would allay a great deal of unrest and show that it was not with any punitive object that the Inventory documents are being circulated amongst settlers by the Field Officers of the Bank. It was also pointed out that representatives of the League visiting country centres had endeavoured to dispel discontent by assuring settlers that hostile action by the Bank was not contemplated. In reply to this letter the Secretary to the Agricultural Bank Commissioners (Mr. R. W. Brownlie) said that "the returns in question are for the purpose of acquiring a complete knowledge of the Bank's securities and are in no way connected with the operations of the Bank under Sections 51 and 52 of the Bank Act." Mr. Brownlie stated that it would help the Commissioners if specific cases of hardship were quoted.

Following this official reply the Chairman of the Committee (Mr. Hunt) published a statement in the West Australian of August 12 and in this he set out what had transpired at meetings of the League and quoted the assurance of the Commissioners, that drastic action was not contemplated by the Bank. At a subsequent Executive meeting endorsement was given to the action taken by the Land Committee, and the State Secretary referred to a number of individual cases where very prompt and favourable consideration was given by the Commissioners, to cases submitted to it which had been forwarded to Head Office by sub-branches of the League, or direct from the settlers concerned.

AGRICULTURAL BANK ACTIVITY

The Chief Secretary replies to Mr. J. Cornell's recent comments on this institution.

When discussing Agricultural Bank matters, Mr. Cornell stated inter alia—

The present authorities of the Bank are creating a most injurious effect by the sending around of a form of inventory to the clients of the institution.

The Agricultural Bank Royal Commissioners pointed out in their report that the Agricultural Bank was without a valuation of its securities, and that in the case of many of the bank's securities interest and/or principal indebtedness must be written off or conditioned. The Agricultural Bank Act of 1934 by Section 65 provides for writing down over-capitalised securities, and the inventory referred to is for the purpose of obtaining a complete stocktaking of the Bank's securities in order that it may be given to the legislation passed last session to enable the ultimate review of the securities, with a view to the adjustment of settlers' indebtedness to the Bank. This work, which is of a comprehensive nature, and of vital importance to the settlers, was put in hand immediately the Commissioners were appointed. Mr. Cornell indicated that the Commissioners had broken down the morale of the settlers; but when we consider that the Commissioners were only appointed in March last, and that since that date their actions have been directed to establishing genuine settlers, it is hardly reasonable to suggest that the breakdown of morale can have occurred in the short period of four months. Dealing with the Commissioners, Mr. Cornell said—

Those gentlemen have got in every shilling of interest the farmers possessed... Every shilling of interest has been taken into revenue or applied to square the Budget. When it comes to Commonwealth money, and necessitous relief, fictitious claims are being put up to conform with the law and secure relief...

This requires explanation. The Commissioners inform me that the statutory lien over the proceeds of wheat crops to cover interest charges, provided by the Agricultural Bank Amendment Act of 1930, have been applied by the Commissioners to date without alteration.

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The revenue collected from farmers has, unfortunately, fallen far short of affording relief to the Budget. On the contrary, the State Revenue Account was drawn upon last year, for the last time, to meet the deficiency in the interest due by the Agricultural Bank on its indebtedness to the Treasury, and the amount received by the Bank from its clients. The statement regarding fictitious claims to obtain Commonwealth funds may possibly result in Commonwealth Government inquiries. The Commissioners have administered these Commonwealth funds in strict compliance with the requirements of the Auditor General; and if settlers submit fictitious claims, they are liable to penalties laid down in the Act.

As we go to press, the new Agricultural Bank policy has been published. Soldier settlers, even if they do not approve, know now, at least where they stand with respect to Section 51, which was the cause of a considerable amount of anxiety. All members of the League will be gratified to learn that the bank's clients may liquidate some portion of the annual interest bill by effecting improvements on their holdings. The suggestion originally came from the R.S.I. Pimpigrup and other sub-branches have advocated this course for some years now, and it was put up to the new Bank Commissioners by the No. 4 District Committee, as the result of a resolution sponsored by the Pimpigrup sub-branch.

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**Scabbards Off!**

By Rip Tok

Snooping round the copy-room I find something to fill the column with, I notice that Osborne Park sub-branch has an item on the Congress agenda paper advocating that the Listening Post be supplied free to blind soldiers. Personally I don't think the motion is sufficiently comprehensive. Why not also supply listening-in sets to deaf soldiers?

The social writer of the West Australian described the Anzac Club night for ladies as 'a symphony in blue.' She referred, of course, to the ladies' dresses of which blue was the prevailing colour, but no doubt many husbands looked blue when they got the bills for those dresses.

Still and all, as they say in Ireland, it serves the brutes right, for it's only when he read the account of a function in the paper next morning that the average husband really knows what his wife had on the night before.

On the other hand, it's not what the ladies put on, but what they leave off that makes them interesting.

A university lecturer in New Zealand told an audience of pacifists that he was ashamed of his war service. Well, it's not for us to contradict him. We have not seen his conduct sheet nor his medical history sheet.

In one of her recent lectures, Mrs. Throssell said that military music should be banned as it makes people want to kill. One assumes that by military music she means national anthems and band marches, but music, like strong drink, affects different people in different ways. That stirring marching song "Onward Christian Soldiers" always makes me feel drowsy when I hear it sung by a church choir, but it's jazz moulding and crooning which make me feel homocidal.

The Osborne Park authorities are discussing ways and means of getting rid of the excessive growth of water-cress in that suburban Venice. Eating it between slices of bread and butter is the best way we know of.

It has been well said that there is nothing wrong with pacifism but the pacifists. The latest flight of verbal idiocy is contained in the wording of a resolution passed by a local political organisation objecting to the appointment of a soldier to the office of Governor-General or any similar office. This august body recommends that in "the interests of international peace all such positions should be held by civilians."

**No Soldier Need Apply**

It makes us wish bags all see red, When any soldier's elevated And set o'er everybody's head; Such things should not be tolerated. But, when a general's taken and Made Governor-General of the land, A challenge straightaway is hurled At all the nations of the world. The fact that he has won a stout V.C. Must upset international amity.

A Governor-General's job should go To some verbose and shrewd civilian, Someone like you and me, you know, Someone of our conscripted million

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The old notion, that the club was the cave-man’s means of winning a wife and the modern man’s device for dodging one, was pleasantly exploded by the management of the Anzac House on August 8, quite an historic night in the history of the A.I.F., when members and their wives, sisters, fiancées or girl friends, as the case may be, were the guests of the president and committee. Those responsible for what was perhaps the most delightful social event of the season are to be congratulated on the daring innovation which permitted the female of the species to track the male to his licorish lair, but then, as a well-known Padre used to say, discretion is the better part of indiscretion. Vice-president Bill Wil-

Who votes the ticket all the time.
And think’s that soldiering’s a crime;
That is, when’er he dares to think
A thought that isn’t tinged with pink;
Some patriot who bellows with alarm—
When anyone but Russia tries to arm.

So, Digger, Tommy, Jock and Mick,
Although you heard the bugles blowing,
Your day is done. We’re going to pick
Civilians for what jobs are going.
If e’er the country wants real men,
We’ll skulk behind your guns again,
But it would start another war.
If chaps like you were placed before
Right-thinking blokes who dodged the
battle-line
While you fooled round in France or
Palestine.

kins, who was host-in-chief in the unavoidable absence of the president; Mr. A. Yeates, hit the nail with the henna strain when he formally welcomed the guests, explaining that once sweethearts and wives have seen what an excellent and well-conducted club we have, they will not begrudge their men the moments they spend there.

In all, over 400 persons were present, the guests being received by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilkins, who were assisted in the work of entertaining by the secretary, Mr. J. A. Andrew, and Mrs. Andrew, and the several members of the committee. The guests of honour included Lieut.-General Sir J. J. Talbot Hobbs and Lady Hobbs, Colonel and Mrs. Collett, Colonel E. J. Dibdin and Mr. James Quinlan, of the War Pensions Entitlement Tribunal, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis (representing the C.T.A.), Mr. W. Brown (the Celtic Club), Mr. Thompson (the Buffalo Club), and Messrs. Evans and Dave (president and vice-president of the Subiaco Club).

The earlier part of the entertainment took the form of a short concert in the club-room. The South Perth R.S.L. orchestra provided the instrumental music reinforced by Bandmaster George Mellor who filled the breach caused by the illness of the regular cornettist. Morrie Mundy and his merry minstrelsy put on just the right type of music for an audience which enjoys a happy medium between the severely classical and negrooid jazz. Vocal items by the Jubilee Male Quartette (Messrs. A. Māshford, E. Darwell, A. Paterson and H. Neate) were happily chosen and pleasingly rendered,

evoking their due need of enthusiastic applause.

At about 10 p.m. an adjournment was made to the ballroom where dancing was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening. The dance music for the occasion was arranged by George Mellor. There were bridge tables for those who preferred cards to dancing, and a bountiful supper was served from daily decorated tables in the supper-room below. But the outstanding feature of the evening was the way the ladies for whom it was arranged enjoyed themselves. It was a truly delightful function, and the secretary of the club has already received letters of thanks from ladies who are eagerly looking forward to the next ladies’ night.

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A Visit to the Gascoyne and Lower North-West

Written by Colonel Collett on behalf of the Visitors

The long contemplated and promised official visit to the Gascoyne sub-branch district eventuated this month. The State Executive delegation consisting of the State President (Mr. A. Yeates), the Immediate Past President (Colonel H. B. Collett), and the Assistant State Secretary (Mr. C. Ferguson) was charged to proceed overland and gain touch wherever and whenever possible with ex-service units and individuals.

The provision of an adequate and yet faithful report upon the experiences of the party is not easy. Someone has said, or written, that “poetry is emotion recollected and recorded in tranquility.” It is conceivable that inspiration might be found on a hot day in the shade of a banana plant, or in contemplating the placid waters of Shark Bay at sunset; and one might even get lyrical over the discovery of the continued existence of the quality of comradeship known and enjoyed in the fellowship of the A.I.F., but no pure strain could be forthcoming or derived from the personal and far too long-lasting reactions to a 1500 mile motor journey covered in ten days and over parts of roads such as are seldom encountered in the southern parts of the State.

But to begin. Departing from Perth in the afternoon of June 30th, the first stage, via New Norcia, was completed at Moora. There a pleasant two hours was spent in the company of the President (Mr. W. H. Boyce, 11th Battalion), and Secretary (Mr. A. B. Gloster, 16th Battalion) of the local sub-branch, and a very good helper of the League in the person of the Rev. F. W. Gunning. This unit has still, it was gathered, a highly satisfactory membership, but no action appears to have been taken in respect to the defects (pointed out in a report submitted last year) in the War Memorial.

An early start on Monday, 1st July, enabled calls to be made at Carnamah, where contact was gained with the principal officers Mr. G. F. Brown (A.F.A.) and Mr. G. A. Bradshaw (11th Battalion), and at Three Springs with Mr. R. Barnhart (28th Battalion). For lunch the delegation was fortunate indeed in being the guests of the President of the Senate and his wife (The Hon. P. J. Lynch, and Mrs. Lynch) at their farm about ten miles from Three Springs.

Geraldton was gained at 5.45 p.m. Here were met Mr. A. Anderson (16th Battalion) and Mr. F. J. Dunn (16th Battalion), the president and secretary, respectively, together with Senator A. N. McDonald (8th Battery). The stay was a brief one and the day’s journey was completed at Northampton by half past seven. With characteristic forethought and hospitality Mr. F. L. Ash (11th Battalion) and Mr. A. G. Glance (16th Battalion) had assembled some members of the sub-branch at Mrs. Lee’s hotel, and arranged a very pleasant meal for the travellers, a meeting which followed, was devoted to matters connected with the local War Memorial. Present efforts are directed to raising money to enclose the Memorial and erect suitable gates. At the close of the evening’s business the State President and other members of your delegation addressed the gathering.

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At Northampton is was gratifying to meet the president (Mr. C. A. P. Gostelow, M.C., 11th Battalion) and secretary (Mr. W. S. Appleyard, 28th Battalion) of the Gascoyne sub-branch. There two gentlemen had, at great personal inconvenience and considerable self-sacrifice, journey over 210 miles in order to meet and conduct the party to Carnarvon. The real value of their action was thoroughly appreciated next day.

Shortly before 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 2nd July, two cars headed north from Northampton. A brief halt near Ajana afforded an opportunity for meeting some of the local residents. Later on the Murchison River was crossed. At the northern end of the bridge Mr. Gostelow formally welcomed the State President to the “North-West” and to the territory of his sub-branch. The vastness of this territory was only partially realised even with the help of the following day’s movements. Human residents were few and far between, and in many hours traveling only three vehicles were sighted. This is not to be wondered at. The main track possesses features peculiar to itself. They are car-destroying, if not deleterious to body and soul. Your delegation encountered them all. It was in accordance with Mr. Gostelow’s wish, and Mr. Gostelow is, among other things, the secretary of the Road Board. He desired to “impress” the visitors who, he suspected, might be so endowed with power or influence as to be able to conjure up money and material for a new and better road. Having had time to recover, reflect and forgive, the delegation endorses the suggestion for improvements and will do what it can to help.

Now, although human residents were few there was no scarcity of traces of their visitations. The tracks were bordered by containers—wood, metal and glass. At intervals catchment and shelter sheds, constructed by the Road Boards, afforded good water and shade for travellers, and here the debris would have been a delight to any marine store dealer or the despair of any orderly officer.

Of animal life there was no scarcity. Emus were in great numbers and near Ajana could be observed in the paddocks as if they were grazing cattle. Kangaroos were also numerous; a few foxes, wild cats, and flocks of corellas, galahs, and crested pigeons, together with an occasional eagle and ibis, but few rabbits.

All these features gave interest to what might have otherwise been a tedious journey. With the exception of halts for meals, travelling was continuous until about 7 p.m. when a call was made at Yaringa Station. Mr. Norman Kopke and his family extended the hospitality which is proverbial with pastoralists, and after a stay of an hour the last stage of the northward journey was commenced. Darkness slowed the pace and rough country near the Wooramal River later gave place to alluvial flats as Carnarvon.

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with seemingly innumerable tracks, but
Mr. Gostelow, as a guide, was faultless
and delivered the party, tired, but not
unhappy, at the Gascoyne Hotel, 630
miles from Perth, at 1 a.m. on the 3rd
July.

At this stage bed should have been
the first thought of the travellers, but to
be met by the Deputy Mayor (Mr. C. R.
Cornish, D.S.O., 44th Battalion), and
the Resident Magistrate (Mr. Hurtle
Fisher, 51st Battalion), and invited to a
meal of ham and eggs at the Residency,
invoked the attention of all to the work
immediately at hand: By 3 a.m. order
had been restored and your representa-
tives retired to consider, perhaps, the
programme arranged for the later hours
of the day.

At 11 o'clock the State President, by
invitation, laid a wreath upon the local
War Memorial. This is a handsome
structure, centrally situated, and it com-
memorates the services of no less than
177 of the residents of the district who
enlisted. Of this number, 39 lost their
lives as a result of the war. Immediately
after the ceremony at the Memorial a
formal but cordial civic welcome to the
town was tendered by the Municipal
Council and Road Board. In the ab-
sence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor
presided and was supported by the Chair-
man of the Road Board, Mr. C. J. Lewer,
who has held that office for over 22 years.
Representatives of all sections of the com-
munity were present, amongst them
being the Resident Magistrate and the
Resident Medical Officer—Colonel J. E.
Ferguson-Stewart, V.D., formerly of the
A.M.C., A.I.F. The proceedings left
nothing to be desired and indicated clear-
ly that the prestige of the League and
its members stands high even in places
so far removed from the capital city.
For this satisfactory situation the credit
goes, as in so many instances, to the sub-
branch officers who are loyal always to
the policy agreed upon at the Annual
Congresses.

Your delegation, in so short a stay, had
little time for a close survey of the town,
but was impressed with the substantial
nature of the buildings, the effective mu-
nicipal and road board services, the basic
prosperity and excellent worth or a com-
nunity of some six or seven hundred
persons, and the importance of the port
to the pastoralists who have pioneered,
occupied and so substantially developed
the hinterland.

An especial privilege was conferred
upon the delegation in being invited to an
afternoon reception arranged by the Wo-
men's Auxiliary. A large attendance of
ladies was presided over by Mrs. Fergu-
on Stewart, assisted by Mrs. Gostelow
and the secretary, Mrs. R. McCracken.
Responding to the welcome offered by
the president, Mr. Yeates addressed the
gathering on the work of the League and

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particularly referred to the part the organisation is seeking to play in connection
with the Jubilee Appeal for Youth and Maternal Welfare. The impression
derived from this function was that the Auxiliary members combine enthusiasm
with efficiency. Mrs. Stewart's words to them left little doubt as to the success
of any enterprise that may be undertaken on behalf of the League or in support
of its objects.

Eight o'clock on the night of July 3rd was the culminating point of the tour.
At that hour members of the Gascoyne sub-branch, supported by distinguished
officials and residents of the town, assembled in the hotel lounge for the purpose
of meeting the State President and members of the State Executive. Mr. Goste-
low presided over some 32 persons representative of many units of the A.I.F.
and Imperial and Dominion Forces. It was a happy occasion. Music and speech
filled an evening all too short. No complaints were tendered. The object
of the League seemed to be thoroughly understood and the sub-branch, isolated
though it may be, is in a satisfactory condition. Members have not been forgot-
tful of their duties as citizens and are prominent in any movement planned for
the public good. Particular activity has been exhibited in the direction of secur-
ing improvements to the air mail time table and shipping services.

Once again there is cause for gratitude to those who have not forgotten or over-
looked the claims of comradeship and readily respond to the call of associations
engendered by active service. The League is under an obligation to the Gascoyne sub-branch officers, Mr. Goste-
low and Mr. Corrigan (44th Battalion
—president for some years)—who have been admirably backed by the members.
To all these the State President conveyed greetings from the southern part of the
State and used the opportunity to impart as much information as was possible in
the time as to the government of our organisation and the progress made in
the direction of gaining its objectives.

Thursday, 4th July, was spent in travelling in the neighbourhood of Carnar-
von. During the morning a visit was paid to the plantations where the culti-
vation of tropical fruits is, as an industry, developing rapidly and satisfactorily.
The delegation was accompanied by the Government expert who explained the
action being taken to secure the best re-

results in regard to the growth and marketing of bananas, paw-paws, pineapples
and other fruits. Not the least interesting
sight was that of the apparently dry bed
of the Gascoyne River yielding daily to
pumps thousands of gallons of water
used for irrigating the plantations in some
of which several of our comrades are
financially concerned.

Later this day the chairman of the Road Board, Mr. Lewer, conducted the party to Boolalathana Station, some 25
miles out where Major E. J. Chenevry,
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Unfortunately, too brief a period was available, but time did permit of some of the flocks being visited. Artesian bores are a feature of this area. The supply of water from fourteen of these is, of course, of immense value. Another pleasing feature is a lagoon in front of the homestead which is regarded as a sanctuary for birds. A similar sanctuary was seen three days later at Hamelin Station, upon which wild fowl were present in considerable numbers.

The last public duty of your delegation was to attend a dance arranged by the sub-branch for Thursday evening. At this the Mayor, Mr. C. H. Hammond, and the Mayoress were present. Apparently this was a popular function. The Mayor was kind enough to announce the presence of the party and welcome it on behalf of the people of the Gascoyne.

Your representatives, although somewhat fatigued, thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and with the aid of honorary membership, courteously conferred, of the adjacent Carnarvon club unanimously concluded that the long journey had again been worth while.

The night ended next morning when a farewell-call was made upon the Resident Magistrate from whom useful advice as to negotiating the return journey to Perth was gratefully received.

At 8.30 a.m. on the 5th July a start was made from Shark Bay. Mr. Gostelow was kind enough to act as guide over the first eight or ten miles of the back track. Yringa Station was gained at 1 p.m., and as the car came to rest at the homestead gate, one of the tyres announced its desire for a change. This incident, and the kindness of Mr. and Miss Kopke, accounted for a delay of two hours. Eight miles south of this point a road leading west was taken, and at the Hamelin Pool telegraph-station, a most isolated spot, the sea was again sighted. Thence the track ran north for 67 miles up the Peron Peninsula. Going was heavy, owing to the undulating nature of the country, and the presence of thick red sand, the worst patches of which had been treated with wire netting in the manner found effective during the campaign in Palestine.

By 9 p.m. the day's travelling had accounted for 190 miles and at that hour the little town of Denham, situated on the western shore of the Peninsula, was reached. The object in view in visiting this locality was to gain additional knowledge of the country and ascertain the possibility of establishing a new sub-branch. Enquiries revealed the presence, within a radius of many miles, of only eleven ex-service men. With six of those personal contact was obtained. The chairman of the Shark Bay Road Board, Mr. H. J. Spaven (6th Light Horse), was met. He is a member of the League, and after a talk with him the delegation was convinced that, as in the case of residents of the more remote parts of the Eastern Wheatbelt, membership should be secured through the Headquarters Office.

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In calm weather the seascape opposite Denham is very attractive. The water—shallow for nearly a mile from the shore—has hardly a ripple and is wonderfully clear. The distant shores are plainly visible—as is Dirk Hartog Island, some 22 miles away. This island is the station property of Mr. Keith McIntyre, late of the Flying Corps.

The members of your delegation spent some hours on foot moving around the neighbourhood and conversing with the inhabitants. A call was received from Captain Owen Paget (late A.M.C., A.I.F.), who was busy combating an outbreak of measles. He was kind enough to arrange for a fishing excursion during the afternoon. This was enjoyed especially by Mr. Ferguson. The local police officer, Mr. O'Brien, was of great assistance in supplying information needed in the conduct of enquiries in regard to the surrounding country.

After two quiet nights in bed the State President and his entourage were confident of being able to meet and cope with the hardships of the journey home. Therefore, at 6.30 a.m. on Sunday, 7th July, a start was made. The early hours were delightful and breakfast on the roadside at 7.45 a.m. was like no other breakfast. During the next two hours five wild turkeys risked their lives. The fifth fell to the President’s gun and later was presented to the widow of a comrade. By 10.40 a.m. Hamelin Pool was passed. From there a call was made on Mr. Taylor, manager of Hamelin Station, who was good enough to permit of a passage through his property, thus providing an escape for many miles of bad road. At 12.30 the main road to Ajana appeared in sight. Thence to Northampton the journey was uneventful except for delays and obstructions caused by numerous emus on the track. A run of 234 miles was concluded at 7.20 p.m.

In all quarters visited lament was heard in regard to the unusually dry season.

Monday, 8th July, broke cloudy. Before reaching Geraldton at 10.40 a.m. the much wanted rain was falling. Mr. A. Anderson and Mr. F. J. Dunn again met the party and conducted it to the Memorial Hall now nearing completion. This is to be declared open next month by the State President. The edifice and the Memorial without are both to be admired and reflect great credit upon the trustees whose faithfulness and patience have brought protracted negotiations to such a satisfactory stage.

Before leaving Geraldton a call was made upon His Worship the Mayor (Mr. G. Lester), and also upon Mr. George Houston (2nd Pion.) whose hospitality was once more pleasantly encumbered. Mr. Houston, formerly Mayor of the town, has not enjoyed good health lately but is now slowly but surely recovering.

By the time the homeward journey was resumed rain was falling heavily. Passing through Greenough, the taking of what looked like a better road, led to the car coming to a standstill in an extensive sheet of water. With some difficulty it was extricated. Once again on the main road it was hoped to be able to keep an appointment with the Carnamah sub-branch made for that evening. However, the road was very troublesome, and a tendency on the part of the car to make for the ditch or fence every now and then was trying for the driver and retarded progress. Worse...

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conditions were met later. Finally, in
pouring rain and about three miles from
Three Springs a back tyre went down.
To effect the necessary change in such
conditions brought out the best qualities
in the State President and Mr. Fergus-
on. As a result, by 9 p.m. the refuge
afforded by Mr. Barnhardt's hostelry
having been gained, it was decided to call
it a day and telephone Carnamah as to
the cause.

Tuesday, 9th July, presented no fairer
prospect, except the assistance of day-
light. Nevertheless conditions improved
as progress south was made. Presenting
apologies in person to the secretary at
Carnamah, for the previous night's dis-
appointment, the hour of arrival in
Moora was made glad by encountering
the Senior Vice-President. Onward,
through Mogumber, the road and weath-
er both improved, but it was becoming
evident that the internal workings of the
car were not functioning as they should.
Before reaching Midland Junction
the horn had ceased to sound and the
lights were fading. Thence to Perth,
reached at 8 o'clock, it was a matter of
proceeding cautiously at less than half
speed.

In retrospect the tour was strenuous
but well worth while. Touch was ef-
fected with six sub-branches apart from
a number of detached or isolated ex-service
men. There is no doubt as to the ac-
tivity and understanding of the country
units, the real and unselfish service ren-
dered by their officers, and the confidence
felt by the members in the Constitution and
policy of the Western Australian Branch.

Each member of the delegation would
like to acknowledge an obligation to Mr.
Gostelow for sparing neither time nor
trouble to ensure that every hour spent
in Carnarvon was effectively filled with
instruction and enjoyment.

Of the territory traversed it is certain
that much will be heard in the future;
It may be described as a "fair land." At
present it lacks effective communications
by land and sea. For tourists and
holiday makers it does, at certain seasons,
present many attractions which ex-service
men would particularly appreciate.

This official visitation was made at a
cost to the League of £28 19s. 4d.

IMPERIAL EX-SERVICE
MEN

Advice has been received by the Re-
turned Soldiers' League that a repre-
sentative of the British Ministry of Pensions,
Mr. F. N. Smith, O.B.E., will be visiting
Australia in the near future for the pur-
pose of obtaining first-hand information of
any special difficulties which may have arisen in connection with the Im-
perial pensions in the Commonwealth.

The actual date of his arrival in Perth
is not yet known, but the League has been
informed that he is desirous of af-
fording private interviews to Imperial ex-
service men who wish to put forward
any complaint or inquiry.

With the object of making early pre-
parations so as to avoid confusion at a
later date, the League asks any Imperial ex-
service men who desire an interview
with Mr. Smith in connection with pen-
sions or treatment to advise the League
office or the Repatriation Department im-
mediately.

ARCHBISHOP RILEY MEMORIAL SHIELD
COMPETITION

The results of the 5th and 6th rounds
of the above competition are as follows:

Zone I.

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

Sixth Round.—Tramway 8, Subiaco
2; West Perth 6, South Perth 4; Ned-
land 10, Claremont 0; Perth (bye).

The position in Zone I. is unaltered,
the right to compete in the final will be
declared when Perth and Nedlands meet
on the 29th inst., with Perth holding the
advantage in the event of a draw. By
defeating Mr. Lawley in a hotly con-
tested game, Mt. Hawthorn are to be the
finalists from Zone II.

Zone II.

Fifth Round.—Mawlands 6, Bayswater
4; North Perth 10, West Leederville 0;
Mt. Hawthorn 8, Osborne Park 2; Mt.
Lawley (bye).

Sixth Round.—Mt. Hawthorn 6, Mt.

Lawley 4; North Perth 8, Osborne Park
2; Bayswater 6, West Leederville 4;
Maylands (bye).

SONS OF SOLDIERS' LEAGUE
CARLISLE

The Carlisle sub-branch of the S.S.L.
has achieved some distinction in that a number
of its members are now fluent speakers of
the Malay language. Under the supervi-
sion of Captain R. McLean Roberts, a former rubber
estate manager, and for some years resident
in Malaya, the lads worked hard and made
extraordinarily good progress. To encoura-
ged the students, Mrs. H. R. Nicol, a splendid
worker in all returned soldiers' affairs, offered
prize for the best senior and junior at the
end of the course. In addition to this, she
allowed the class to hold the weekly meetings
at her house.

The idea originated with Mr. Harold Nicol
and Mr. I. B. Powell, members of the Car-
lisle sub-branch, and for some time wardens
of the youngsters. It is intended to give the
lads an asset that will stand them in good
stead when seeking employment, either in
the Malayan Archipelago, or as travellers for
local firms who are interested in the move-
ment to increase trade with the East.

The results of the final examination were
announced at a complementary function ar-
 ranged by Mr. and Mrs. Nicol at their resi-
dence "Daylesford," 35 Miller Street, re-
cently. Mr. Les. Gilsenan, president of the
Carlisle diggers, and the president of the
Carlisle S.S.L., together with the Malay class
and their mentor, sat down to a well spread
table, and Mr. "Taffy" Powell acted as chair-
man. The hostess was ably assisted by Mrs.
Powell who introduced a guessing com-
petition. During the evening Captain Roberts
and Mr. Gilsenan had a chat and congratulated the
win-
ners on points in the examination, Vernon
Barnes (seniors) and Bill Powell (juniors).
Mr. Nicol presented both students with a
handsome silver cup, mounted on ebony and
suitably inlaid. In acknowledgment of the
gifts, both recipients expressed the apprecia-
tion of the whole class for the kindly
and encouraging which they had received
from Mrs. Nicol. Mr. Gilsenan and Mr.
Tom Andrews voiced the appreciation of
their respective associations and moved a
vote of thanks to Captain McLean Roberts
for his services. The students' deputy Bill
Howard made a nasty little speech and
presented their teacher with an excellent
travelling rug.
31/7/1935

At the meeting of the State Executive on July 31, there were present Messrs. Olden, Collett, Philip, Panton, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Warner, Lamb, Watt, Cornell, Lovell, Pady, Ross, Wilkins, Wells, Collins, Roche and James. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Riley, May, Margolin, Bryan, Mellor, Mitchell and Denton.

Male Staff.—The Management Committee had met the Inspector-General who had promised to submit certain information concerning the conditions of the employment of members of the male staff at the Lesnos Hospital. As that information had not yet been received the matter was still left in the hands of the Management Committee.

Visits and Invitations.—The State President agreed to attend a function arranged by the Geraldton sub-branch for August 31. The Management Committee reported that an itinerary for visits to sub-branches in the Murchison district was being prepared.

Land Committee.—In connection with the report of the meeting of the Land Committee, held on July 22, the position of soldier settlers in various districts was outlined. Proposals were made to Messrs. Warner, Cornell and Roche. After considerable discussion centring around Section 51 and 52 of the Agricultural Bank Act, it was moved by Mr. Roche and seconded by Mr. Wilkins, that a full meeting of the Land Committee be convened to consider the general application of Sections 51 and 52 by the Agricultural Bank Commissioners and to submit to the Commissioners the dangerous conditions among the soldier settlers which are being fostered by their decision.

An amendment, moved by Messrs. Watt and Cornell, that the Land Committee discuss with the Agricultural Bank Commissioners the effects on the settler of the application of Sections 51 and 52 of the Act, was lost, as was the original motion, and a further amendment, moved by Messrs. Aberle and Wells, that the Land Committee meet immediately to consider this matter, was carried. The Land Committee's report was then adopted.

S.S.L. Committee.—A letter from the Hon. Secretary, S.S.L. Ball Committee, asking that the necessary action of the various S.S.L. sub-branches in arranging an S.S.L. Ball be approved by the Executive, was received, and the matter was left in the hands of the Warden and Assistant Wardens.

Sub-Branches.—Appointment of officials of the Lake Grace, Greenbushes, South Perth and North Perth sub-branches, was approved.

Fremantle sub-branch forwarded appreciation of the action of the State Executive in alleviating distress in the wheat belt during the recent drought.

Tramway sub-branch desired to know if any objection would be raised to its members disposing of sweep tickets among other sub-branches. It was resolved that the sub-branch be informed that it is the League's settled policy that consultations involving tickets being distributed among sub-branches is not permitted, but there is no objection to the sub-branch conducting its consultation amongst its own members, providing permission is first obtained from the Lotteries Commission.

Colonel Collett reported that the Geraldton sub-branch was naming its new quarters "Birdwood Hall," and desired a portrait of Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood. On the motion of Colonel Collett and Mr. Warner, it was decided that a portrait be obtained at a cost not exceeding £5 and presented to the Geraldton sub-branch.

14/8/1935

At the meeting on August 14, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Collett, Philip, Denton, Freedman, Margolin, Warner, Watt, Cornell, Lovell, Pady, Ross, Wilkins, Wells, Collins, James and Roche. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. May, Panton, Hunt, Aberle, Bryan, Lamb, Mellor and Mitchell.

Congress Agenda.—Archdeacon Riley. Messrs. Aberle and Cornell were appointed to the Congress Agenda committee.

Visits Arrangements have been made for the State President to attend at Nedlands,
August 30th 1935

THE LISTENING POST

August 19, Royal Marines Old Comrades Association on August 21, Geraldton, August 31, and No. 4 D.C., September 28. The Management Committee regretted that it was impossible to arrange for representation at Bunbury on August 21.

Reports on visits were submitted as follows:—Kulin-Kondinin (Mr. Wells), Buckland Hill (Mr. Pady), West Leederville (Mr. Watt), Wongan Hills, Ballidu and west Perth (Archdeacon Riley), and Gunners' Day (Colonel Olden). Lennons Employees. It was decided that the reply to a query by the hospital attendants' union in connection with the employees at Lennons Hospital be left in the hands of the State President.

Land Committee. The Executive approved the Land Committee's action in connection with the publication of a statement in "The West Australian," August 12, in regard to the action of the Agricultural Bank in collecting statistics of settlers' stock. On the motion of Messrs. Cornell and Watt, it was decided that the correspondence between the League and the Agricultural Bank be given full publicity and also be published in the "Listening Post." A further motion, moved by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Warner, that this Executive wishes Mr. Grogan a speedy return to normal health and extends its thanks to him for his many acts of kindness and consideration towards the Executive and returned soldiers generally, was carried.

Visitors. The following visitors who were present at the meeting were formally welcomed by the State President: Mr. Thornton, Canberra; Captain T. G. Retallic, Ardath; and Colonel Birt, Tambellup.

Sub-Branches. The Executive agreed to meet members of the "Wesstralia," sub-branch when the vessel next visits Western Australia. Mr. Wilkins stated that the Anzac Club would be entertaining these members on this occasion.

At the suggestion of Mr. Cornell, it was agreed to write to Kalgoorlie requesting that a sub-branch's assistance in forming a new sub-branch at Ora Banda.

Gascoyne sub-branch supplied details of its effort on behalf of the Youth and Motherhood Appeal. It was agreed that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Appeal Committee.

Approval was given for the formation of a new sub-branch at Dumbleyung.

The appointment of officials as advised by the Albany, West Perth and Trayning sub-branches was confirmed.

A report of the activities of the South Perth sub-branch was received.

It was decided that a letter from the Mt. Lawley-Inglewood sub-branch on the matter of a "Lest we forget" cabinet should be referred to the Management Committee.

Mons Day. In connection with a circular which had been forwarded to metropolitan sub-branches and unit associations concerning Mons Day, it was decided that an appeal to ex-A.I.F. men to parade on this day be made through the Press.

Library. The Medical Services Association advised concerning the association's efforts to establish a library in Perth Hospital for the use of returned soldiers, and requested that the endeavour be mentioned in the State Secretary's monthly circular.

A gloom was cast over the social and sporting world of Perth by the death of Dr. Donald Tregonning on August 5. The late Doctor was an ardent hockey player and the first inking the public had of his state of health was when he was compelled to withdraw from the State Hockey Team which is now in the East. Doctor Tregonning completed his medical course at the University of Melbourne after the war, in which he served as a ranker in the Army Medical Corps, and he was once president of the Claremont sub-branch. Over 1,000 persons, representing ex-service and other activities, as well as personal friends and relatives, attended the funeral at which the address by the graveside was delivered by Padre John Bell, M.M. We convey the sympathies of League members with our own to Mrs. Tregonning and her three sons.

All who know him congratulate J. H. Auckland on his election to the Directorate of Bulk Handling, Ltd., by such a large majority. Hugh is a member of the Wongan Hills sub-branch, and was with the "Ringnecks" in France, where he collected one of Fritz's bomb-rations in his knee, which still bothers him occasionally. He has been chairman of the Wongan-Ballidu Road Board for nine years, and has just been re-elected chairman of the local hospital committee. He has done a tremendous lot for the district and has earned the respect of the community. It is hoped that he may be persuaded to extend his activities even further.

Mrs. Fred Matthews, a recent recipient of the League Certificate of Service, has been vice-president of the Victoria Park Women's Auxiliary since its inception. This good lady has been an indefatigable worker on behalf of the less fortunate brethren and has been a most efficient caretaker of the clothing box.

The presentation was a double surprise for Mrs. Matthews. She did not expect it, and it showed her that a mere man can keep a secret, for Fred, as a member of the sub-branch, was necessarily "in the know."

Mrs. E. Tolmie, the new president of the Victoria Park Women's Auxiliary, was treasurer of that very energetic body for three years in succession. She has a big auxiliary to keep in order, and we wish her luck in the task ahead of her. She has plenty of able and willing collaborators, but the auxiliary covers a large area and would welcome new members at the meetings which are held on alternate Saturdays in the Memorial Hall, the next being on September 7.

On June 29 friends of the late James Taylor (who was accidentally killed in Bullfinch last year) assembled to inspect the recently erected tomb-stone in Southern Cross cemetery. Jim, as he was pop-

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 orderly known to a wide circle of friends, arrived in W.A. from Caithness, Scotland, in July, 1923, and till his unfortunate death was farming at Bullfinch.

 During the war he served with the R.F.A. as a gunner and was for some time on the Italian front. To meet an Italian who is now mining in Bullfinch and who participated in the same theatre of war, was a coincidence and pleasure for both.

 At the grave-side the Rev. J. W. Budge conducted an appropriate service, during which Mr. J. Nixön, president of Bullfinch sub-branch, made reference to the sterling qualities of our departed comrade.

 Mr. Stan Hammer, of the Cross, kindly supervised the section of this stone and tablet and represented his sub-branch at grave-side service.

 A good worker for Maylands sub-branch is R. J. O'Reilly, a vice-president. If not on duty on the trams he is putting in a lot of hard work on behalf of the digger. He is a regular attendant at sub-branch meetings and always looking for new members.

 Another Maylands stalwart is Teddy Corboy, formerly member for Yilgarn. When there is a good debate of interest Teddie is always showing his ability in this line. He is a member of the local committee and very seldom misses a meeting. Keep it up, Ted, as your services are appreciated.

 Arthur Hullett, of the Tramways Department, is a member of Maylands and of the Anzac Club committee. He is always out to do what he can to help the digger. He can often be seen giving East Perth footballers necessary inspiration on all Saturdays during the football season. He is also a keen follower of the Maylands R.S.L. cricket club in season.

 Our genial friend Daye, Choyce of Maylands is about after his bout of flu. We are also pleased to see Mrs. Petersen, wife of social secretary, Bill Petersen, on deck after her recent accident.

 Mr. S. Kanair, the other vice-president of Maylands sub-branch, is a great worker in connection with the Archbishop Riley Shield Competitions. He has been responsible for all the recent visits to and from sub-branches. His services to the sub-branch are deeply appreciated by all.

 Fred Smith writes from Southern Cross describing the funeral of the late W. I. Newton, M.M., who served with the 10th Light Horse. The obsequies were most impressive, the funeral being attended by soldier comrades and other friends of the deceased. The writer is astonished that our late comrade, who was in possession of a disabled soldiers' discharge badge, was in receipt of no pension, and would like to know can anything be done about the matter.

 Jimmie Woods, V.C., who has been indisposed on account of the wartime gas is about, meeting his merry friends once more. During the month, our representative met up talking to Jack Axfoxd, V.C., in the Terrace and pulled up to exchange greetings. It is not often that a newspaper man has the luck to meet two V.C.'s at one and the same time. But there was more to follow. Having left Jack and Jim, the diligent scribe ran into Cliff Sadlier, V.C., who has just taken over an important job with the Colonial Mutual Insurance people. Three V.C.'s in one morning, readers will say with a certain amount of incredulity; but that's nothing to what the scribe's wife said, with definite doubt and unqualified suspicion, when he arrived home a whole hour late for lunch.

 We are glad to learn that a good old matelot, R. Prinn, a Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Navy, and now an active member of the West Swan sub-branch, who has been a cot case for several weeks is now on deck again. As the sub-branch correspondent informs us, you can't kill these old salts. Of course, the reason why old sailors and old soldiers never die is because they have been pickled so often.

 On Friday, August 9, the R.S.L. hall at Osborne Park was packed by sub-branch members and other friends of Mrs. Doug, Foreman, to give her a surprise birthday party. The president, Jack Gardner, presented Mrs. Foreman with a beautiful handbag from the boys and friends. He thanked Mrs. Foreman for what she had done for the troops in the past and hoped she would be spared to carry on for many years. Mrs. Foreman made a brief reply.

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At the last State Executive meeting reference was made to the illness of Mr. W. Grogan, Acting General Manager of the Agricultural Bank. A resolution of sympathy with Mr. Grogan in his illness was carried, and an expression of appreciation for the unfailing courtesy of this prominent bank official was recorded.

Mr. Mervyn J. Offer, the retiring president of the West Perth sub-branch, was the recipient of the League Certificate of Service at the annual meeting held on August 5 in Anzac House. In making the presentation the Senior Vice-President of the League, the Ven. Archdeacon Riley, referred to the sterling qualities of Mr. Offer both in the League and other activities. He said that the certificate, which was highly coveted, was given as a reward in recognition of services rendered to others. Mr. Offer, in responding to the eloquent remarks of the genial Padre, expressed his appreciation of the honour bestowed on him by the League. He also paid a tribute to the helpful assistance he had received from the hon. secretary (Mr. P. L. Rose) and the committee during his term of office.

Major W. Tackaberry, whose name was mentioned in connection with the debate on military training at the Victorian congress, is an old light-horseman who, when a staff sergeant-major, was stationed in Western Australia. As a mere youth, he served in the South African War with the 5th Victorian Mounted Rifles, along with Lieut-Colonel Mullen of Tasmania, and the late Brigadier W. Cass, and was present with the 5th Victorians in their disastrous action with the Boers at Wilmansrust. "Tack," as he affectionately known to his old comrades, was gazetted Lieutenant in the Staff Corps, then the Administrative and Instructional Staff, just before the adoption of compulsory training in 1911, and was stationed in Tasmania when the war broke out. Two of his brothers served overseas, one of whom was killed in the disastrous charge of the Light Horse at the Nek on Gallipoli on August 7, 1915.

A popular soldier and sportsman answered the last call on July 19, when Brigadier-General John Lamrock passed away at his home at Lindfield, New South Wales. The late general, who was in his 76th year at the time of his death, had been associated with the Australian Military Forces for nearly half a century. Belonging to an old Hawkesbury River family, he was for many years officer commanding D. Coy., the headquarters of the old 3rd Australian Infantry Regiment, subsequently commanding the regiment. He left for Gallipoli in June 1915 in command of the 20th Battalion, A.F., in command of which he remained until invalided home in June 1916. He did splendid work on Gallipoli, being to a large extent responsible for the relatively few casualties from wounds and sickness that his battalion suffered. He remained in charge of the 20th at Russell's Top until the evacuation in Gallipoli was accomplished. In connection with the evacuation, Brigadier-General Lamrock, who attained this rank on being appointed camp-commandant at Liverpool, New South Wales, said that he himself was on the last barge to leave the Peninsula, but the man who was actually the last to leave the shore was General Paton, G.O.C., 5th Brigade.

In private life, General Lamrock was secretary of the Moorefield Race Club, which office he held, with the exception of the time spent on active service, from 1912, until his retirement last year.

EX-MACHINE GUNNERS' ASSOCIATION

Ex-machine gunners had a very enjoyable evening when they met at Gregson's Furniture Mart on Tuesday, 30th July. The president, Mr. E. S. Everett, presided over the formal business of the meeting, which was brief, and was soon followed by an excellent "talkie" programme kindly provided by the Talkies Ltd. and Mr. A. E. Lightfoot, of Fox Films. Music was supplied at intervals by the South Perth R.S.L. orchestra, and humorous numbers by Messrs. Billy Edwards and Percy Lester were highly appreciated.

When not engaged in the strenuous pastime of parlor bowls or swapping yarns, those present did full justice to the liberal supper and beer supply. Reminiscences were exchanged around the glowing braziers while the potatoes roasted at the end of a long fork.

Those assisting with the programme were heartily thanked for their help, and special mention was made of valuable assistance afforded the Association by Mr. Gregson, in providing accommodation and all the necessary equipment.

The Association has every reason to be satisfied with the success of its initial social gathering and intends to hold a similar function in Show Week.

The hon. secretary, Mr. L. J. Parks, Forests Department, Perth, will be pleased to hear from any ex-machine gunners desiring to become members.

W.A. BLIND SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION

During the year one new member, Mr. W. E. Morton, was admitted to the ranks of the association, and even though he has quite recently lost his eyesight, he is taking a very keen interest in the affairs of the association.

A conference of Empire blind ed soldiers was held in Melbourne last October, and was attended by delegates from all countries of the Empire. Captain Sir Ian Fraser was the presiding officer at this conference.

The biennial congress of the A.B.S.A. was held in Melbourne during November last, and delegates From all states were present. Mr. A. Craigie represented this State. Many items of importance were discussed at this congress.

Most members of the association took the opportunity of again meeting Sir Ian and Lady Fraser at the luncheon given in their honour by the State Executive.

Only one donation of $3 was received during the year and it has been suggested that some effort be made during the coming year to augment the funds.
The report of the trustees of the R.S.L. Relief Fund for the month of July shows that the total expenditure amounted to £391 9s. 5d. and the balance as at July 31 was £362 8s. 9d. The amount disbursed in amelioration, was £109 0s. 11d. of which £78 4s. 6d. was spent on behalf of A.I.F. men or dependants and £30 16s. 5d. on behalf of ex-Imperial. The total number of applications approved was A.I.F. 63, Imperial 25. The number of returned soldiers assisted who are unable to do heavy work or are ‘under’ hospital treatment was 31, of whom 22 were A.I.F. and 9 Imperial. Refunds amounting to £7 15s. 10d. were received from E. S. Kern and the South Perth, North Perth and Gnowangerup sub-branches. In addition to the amount spent on ordinary amelioration, £50, by way of drought relief, was spent among sub-branches of the North-Eastern Districts.

At a broadcast from the Merredin Town Hall on August 5, Mr. J. Richmond, secretary of the local sub-branch, who was speaking on behalf of the membership appeal, had some interesting things to say about the achievements of the Merredin sub-branch, both in the cause of diggers and of public service. The Memorial Ward in the local hospital was the result of an idea which came from the sub-branch which contributed £400 towards the cost. At the moment the sub-branch is interested in the construction of another building to fill a long-felt want in the town.

To show how diggers pull their weight in public it may be mentioned that of the eight members of a deputation from the Collie Parents and Citizens’ Association, which recently waited upon Mr. H. Millington, the Minister for Education, in connection with the local high school, five were members of the Collie sub-branch and one other, Mrs. J. Marshall, is a member of the Women’s Auxiliary. The member for the district, Mr. A. Wilson, M.L.A., who introduced the deputation, is also a member of the sub-branch.

Archdeacon Riley, who represented the State President of the League (Mr. A. Yeates) at the West Perth sub-branch annual meeting on August 5, spoke very feelingly of the selfishness and lack of interest displayed by a section of the returned soldiers who, for reasons best known to themselves, had preferred to remain outside the Returned Soldier’s League. He also referred to the number of diggers who wore the army discharge badge in preference to the League badge. His view being the wearer was apparently so self-satisfied that he desired to let people see that he had done something in the past. Whereas the wearer of the League badge desired it to be recognised that he was still prepared to go on giving service to his country and to others.

Mr. Robert Gray, of 26 Byron Street, Glenelg, South Australia, would be glad to get in touch with the owner of any of the following badges:—

W.A. Artillery (a white grenade with a black swan thereon); W.A. Cadets; 11th Australian Infantry Regiment, hat badge and shoulder-title; 88th Perth Infantry; W.A. Infantry; 25th Light Horse; 18th Light Horse; 86th W.A. Rifles; Goldfield Infantry; W.A. Scottish button and belt clasp; W.A. Defence Force button, 2nd Machine Gun Squadron, A.I.F.

“Aussie”, writes of something that has made Kalamunda stern and wild:—The yarn of a sergeant-major’s sub-branch, to be organised by the ex “so and so,” our present President, Alf Yeates, is good. Also his proviso, that all applications must be submitted with a birth certificate to compound general opinion (still held) that all Szaj Majors were born, but not baptised. Rumours have reached here that numerous applications with certificates were received; but certificates were forged. Or, the Horseferry Road forgery, thus the proposed sub-branch cannot be formed, because a legitimate quorum can’t be found. Now Mr. Editor, in the interests of the League (irrespective of whether you were a Sar’ Major), let truth prevail. Is Dame Rumour a lying jade, or is it that the mothers of Sar’ Majors were jaded ladies? Our sub-branch and others are more than interested.

Murray sub-branch (Pinjarra) has raised £41 19s. 4d. for the Youth and Motherhood Appeal as the result of a ball and popular girl competition.

There is much to be commended in the project of the Medical Services Unit Association for installing a library in the Perth General Hospital for the use of soldier patients. Those who have books to donate to this worthy cause may leave them with C. A. Davies, Ltd., 759 Hay Street, Perth, opposite Wesley Church; or they may send them marked “Books Only, Repatriation Ward Library, Perth Hospital. Donated by...” and consignments of books so marked will be carried freight free over all Government railway lines until October 31. It is hoped, at a later date, to extend similar facilities to ex-service men in other hospitals.

By all accounts the Geraldton sub-branch has made a wonderful job of its new building “Birdwood Hall. We understand that the sub-branch would be...
glad to receive gifts of shrubs, trees and other plants and is prepared to pay the necessary freight, but as our information was obtained from an unofficial source, it would be as well for intending consignors to get into touch with the secretary of the sub-branch first.

Fifty-first battalion men are reminded that the annual reunion will take place as usual on the Friday night of Show week. Tickets and particulars as to hour and map location may be obtained from the secretary, Mr. C. Jago, at Elder Smith's.

Have you heard about the "absent-minded beggar" in South Perth? That stout supporter of the League (the "stoutness" is in his support; it is making it too hot to refer to his girth or his taste in drinks)—Fred Aberle—caused a good laugh at the annual meeting of the South Perth sub-branch. Fred was presiding, and began to conduct the election of officers. When Gordon Day was elected in succession to him, Fred graciously stepped down from his high office, place the gavel in Gordon's hands, and took the seat on his right hand. Gordon immediately proceeded with the election of vice-presidents, and called for nominations. The natural modesty of nominees strung the business out a bit, until recent events had been allowed to slip into the limbo of forgotten things. Finally, Fred stood up and said: "Well, gentlemen, as there are no further nominations, I declare the nominees duly elected as vice-presidents!" (Silence, broken only by the gurgle of flowing beer.)

All of a sudden, Fred jumped up again, patted Gordon carefully on the shoulder, and said in a most-pained voice: "I'm awfully sorry, old man. I forgot I am no longer president!" The laughter that followed was the more hearty when the mob turned to it that they hadn't noticed the faux pas. Fred has been the first to jerry to it. As our frog-eating cobbers used to say, "Toujours la politesse!"

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**VISIT TO KULIN AND KONDININ**

Mr. H. E. Wells submitted the following report at the last State Executive meeting.

To the President and members, State Executive, R.S.L., Perth—Leaving the city at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 8, I passed through Narrogin and Wikcep and called on Mr. Oliver, the president of Wickpin sub-branch, where the annual ball had been held the previous night. He expressed regret that Headquarters was not represented at the function, but was pleased to report a very successful show, a crowded house and £25 door receipts.

Arriving at Kulin at 5.30 I was met by the secretary and the president (Mr. Honey). The annual reunion in the Road Board Hall in the evening was a pronounced success, and although a wet and cold night, some eighty diggers and visitors attended. The cold atmosphere outside was in striking contrast to the warm, bright and true digger spirit within, and with a ten gallon keg still untapped, all were lost to leave at midnight. This sub-branch is doing well under the leadership of Mr. Honey, and the energetic work of forty members, thirty-seven being financial; £5 15s. 9d. in the general fund and £170 in the building fund. The sub-branch is still negotiating for the old Road Board hall and hope to finalise in a few days when they intend to take it over at a peppercorn rent instead of outright purchase. This will then enable them to spend their money and make it very comfortable and revenue-producing hall.

On Friday, in spite of wet roads and heavy rains, I visited a few of the "boys" at home, and arrived at Kondinin at 4 p.m., where I was met by the chairman, Mr. Trembath, and several members of the Road Board, and was welcomed at an afternoon tea in the new Road Board hall. At 8.30 the reunion was held at the hotel where some fifty diggers and prominent local residents attended. The shockingly wet and cold night and the presence of the "fog" unfortunately kept many away, nevertheless, Kalgarin, Hyden Rock and Corrigin sub-branches were well represented. Here also a good spirit prevails, and the sub-branch is doing well under the guidance of President Sykes, and a good secretary in Mr. Young. I did my best to worthily represent the president and members of the Executive and at both meetings gratitude was expressed at the presence of a delegate from Headquarters.

There have been very fine rains throughout the whole of the districts visited, and the crops are looking wonderfully well. The troops generally are in good spirit and very optimistic, hoping for late rains, which will insure a bumper crop. I found the State Executive were held in high esteem, no grousing, and from both sub-branches I bring to you, Mr. President and members, their very best wishes.

**ARDATH-BABAKIN**

"Citater" writes—The sub-branch met as usual for its monthly argument and proceedings were up to the usual standard. Dave Bowler and Basil provided the evening's entertainment and it all started over a water-waggle in a rule where we have a bit of a "breeze" to freshen things up, the mob blamed the beer. For my part I am inclined to think (but perhaps it would be as well not to say what I think about the beer in case Birney puts me on the spot).

However, to get on with the business of the meeting: Alf asked the crowd what it proposed to do to help the Jubilee Appeal along as Head Office was keen we should do our bit and had issued "orders" to that effect. As usual "the matter was placed in the hands of the secretary" as usual Alf was right there. He had arranged to hold an "ar-ar-ah card evening" (I think that's what it was called) and judging from some of the rude remarks of some of my more experienced cobbers, Alf is expected to make some money. The next item was to appoint a delegate to Conference, and the scribe was given the job. Believe he was going to be a very "honorary" job and looks as if the season will continue to be "dry."

The question of local water supplies came up and the Scribe suggested that the Land Committee be put wise to the position in the wheat belt in general.

Basil Hanley reckoned he was carting about 16 miles and considered that there ought to be a subsidy. Dave Bowler chipped in to know whether Basil's figures were correct as he thought accuracy in these matters was essential. After some calculation, trial and error, Basil said he was quite certain that it was either 19 miles, 16 or 15, but he was quite sure it was 15 and it was none of Dave's darned business, anyway.

I have pointed out that he was only talking a kindly interest in a comrade's trouble, what he had in mind was really the fact that although Basil was carting his water 8 or 9 miles, he had to go at least 15 miles for his beer. (This is sheer liberal of course, Scribe). He wanted to see if we didn't have a carting bonus on the bigger mileage. I am afraid I cannot write Basil's reply as this is only ordinary paper.

However, it's the first time I have ever heard an argument over water!

Then Dave got going about the proposed dance and the ladies night, and succeeded in getting a motion carried to hold both.

Basil threw in with Dave on the latter subject, but I am still wondering whose sock Dave filled his "bill" with.

All looks like having a busy time for the next week or two, and won't be able to train any more relay teams. He is a real dinkum hot-stuff trainer, but he forgot to show the team how to "pass the buck." Better stick to the rifle team, Alf.

I forgot to mention that the mob took on
the local Druid’s team and had a good win, scoring 376 out of a possible 400.

The eight R.S.L. men scored 24 bulls in 40 shots at the second trial. Alf is keeping the targets as a present for the King of Abyssinia or Mussolini, I don’t know which.

I am still wondering why the war lasted 4 years. Our Boziliacs have had some of the world’s worst rifles when that show was on.

**DARLING RANGE**

At the annual meeting on July 20, the election of officers proved the local diggers had confidence in their president, secretary and treasurer, returning them unopposed. Therefore, Bob Tanner (army cognomer eighteen pence) fills the presidential chair, capably and to its “full” capacity. Secretary Penrose slings ink and licks stamps on behalf of ungrateful Darlings for the term in succession. Treasurer Bert Dancer protects our cash. This is most appropriate, he is an eGuardsman, thus our finances in No. 1 Post are safe.

Major-Tops also found little change at the ballot. The general collection funds show a considerable increase on last year’s, but owing to our cobbers in the Bickley Valley suffering from storm attacks, we forego the children’s deviation for our amelioration funds. Our membership is very unsatisfactory, less than 50 per cent of the ex-Service men in the district being enrolled. We have decided to alter this, and a drive is to be made with us luck in our efforts. The meeting concluded in a sociable manner. A “pig” was sacrificed at the altar of “Bacchus”, and reminiscences, encouraged by “Frankforts of Fritz”, with “rest” reminiscences, was tenderly appreciated by supporters of the sub-branch “Curly McRone, in supporting the chairman’s remarks, appealed to those diggers who did not play bridge to come along and give a hand with the washing up, as he felt that he now knew enough about the game to put him in the running for the “gents” prize.

Upon the completion of the business for the evening, Percy Mannes announced the “Bloom and Bill” dance. We are pretty sure he made good work with the bread knife, while “Curly” prepared the “hot dogs.” In the middle of the latest Mac West yarn, Les. Gilsenau was heard to say that when he arrived at the meeting he had a small nut cake, but apparently some blighter had taken a fancy to it. Two or three of our best known members are supposed to say that it was worth being called a “blighter” for.

Arthur Brisbane, Bill Howard and the rest of the bowlers hurriedly terminated their game at “Curly’s” Larry call to “come and get it!” and the “really serious business” of the meeting commenced. Everybody enjoyed the hot tea and “dogs.” “Nick” was complimented for introducing the idea. It was decided to “repeat the dose” at the next monthly meeting, and for the hardened citizens who prefered something cold, it is quite on the cards that their requirements will be completely satisfied; so roll up, roll up! The next monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, September 5.

On the social side, the sub-branch conducts a bridge evening every Wednesday at eight o’clock, and in addition to a most-pleasant game of cards there is always a nice little cash prize for the lady and the gentleman who are fortunate enough to top the scores. In any case, by striving to maintain a “we are not playing for a sheep station” atmosphere, it is hoped that the most indifferent bridge player does not hesitate to come along. The venue is the new supper room at the rear of the Bickford Memorial Hall and just opposite the Carlisle railway station.

The Women’s Auxiliary are busy with their affairs after a period in recess.

**GREENBUSHES**

The sub-branch continues to flourish and following the annual general meeting operation with the Women’s Auxiliary, is in a sound financial position. Officers for the present year are President, D. L. Lowson; Treasurer, W. Taylor; Secretary, W. J. Brand; Vice-Presidents, W. Stainer and E. Stainer; and the late secretary, Syd. Guest, takes a well-earned rest as an ordinary member. The comrades commenced the first round of games last Friday night with predominates, droogs and rings. Present scores are: President’s team, 30 points; Vice-President’s team, 45 points. Dick Stainer is accordingly in great spirits.

The death of our esteemed comrade Jim Gallacher, a South African veteran, occurred during the early morning, August 1. Members attended the funeral and the Last Post was sounded at the graveside.

**KATANNING**

This has been a quiet month — perhaps the winter cold has frozen activity and the members are hibernating. Secretary Bailey has been steadily and quietly increasing the membership and finances are better than last year.

Jack Fraser reports a credit balance from the Diggers’ Golf Meeting. A successful bridge evening in aid of the Blind Appeal has been held. The sympathy of the sub-branch is extended to Edmund Piesse, one of our members, whose father, Arnold E. Piesse, M.L.A.,

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**CARLISLE**

The monthly general meeting of the Carlisle sub-branch was held in the new supper room of the Bickford Memorial Hall on August 1. President Les. Gilsenau was in the Chair, and “Taffy” Powell managed the duties of treasurer and minute secretary without any apparent effort.

Suggestions were forthcoming for the raising of funds for amelioration purposes. After a spirited talk it was decided to form a sub-committee to arrange the details for a grand children’s ball, to take place in the Bickford Soldiers’ Memorial Hall on Friday, August 20. Harold Nicoll was appointed chairman of the sub-committee and the preliminaries were soon finalised. It is to be hoped that members of the sub-branch and their friends will turn up in force as the event will be a real good time. The kiddies will be specially looked after and the prizes worth winning.

In the matter of publicity, it was considered that we should take fuller advantage of the columns of the official organ of the League, the “Listening Post.” Mr. R. A. McLean Roberts consented to fill the position of publicity officer in the place of Mr. H. R. Crafts (who now occupies the secretarial chair).

The bridge evening’s results were generally appreciated by supporters of the sub-branch “Curly McRone, in supporting the chairman’s remarks, appealed to those diggers who did not play bridge to come along and give a hand with the washing up, as he felt that he now knew enough about the game to put him in the running for the “gents” prize.

Upon the completion of the business for the evening, Percy Mannes announced the “Bloom and Bill” dance. We are pretty sure he made good work with the bread knife, while “Curly” prepared the “hot dogs.” In the middle of the latest Mac West yarn, Les. Gilsenau was heard to say that when he arrived at the recently passed away when returning from England. On August 24 the members meet for a comparatively quiet smoke evening, when another lady will be the social order, led by sideliners on the Palestine Campaign from Captain F. W. Cox, M.C., of the 10th Hussars—once known as the 10th Light Horse. The worthy Captain is standing for the vacancy in the Katanning electorate of the State Parliament.

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In fact, one ratepayer who had been having a re-union with himself urged the chairman to "turn the wireless off" so he could hear the speakers.

On August 8 the monthly meeting was held at No. 1 Mill, and at the invitation of dear old Tom Skehan, we gathered at his house. Reference was made to the fact that the annual re-union was held at Jardine because never was a committee to the end of the month, on Saturday nights. The only suitable place in Manji is the upper room mentioned in the foregoing paragraph, and it has the disadvantage that on Saturday nights talks hold sway on the other quarter, while it is necessary to refer again to the aforementioned paragraph? Talks and re-unions are both all right, but like whisky and water, it spoils them to mix them. It was decided to ask the Road Board to reserve the supper room on one Saturday night in February in each year for the re-union.

As the Memorial Gates at the Recreation Ground have never been completed according to the original plan, an effort is to be made to have it done. The job is for the residents generally and not for the sub-branch, but we have to get the movement started.

Some confusion was caused when secretary Jon Robotham rose, on behalf of the troops, to congratulate president Bob Newton on his recent acquisition of another little gentleman junior of the "Light Horse". Jon's opening remarks were misunderstood by Charlie Bloxsome, who butted in with some powerful opinions on the Youth and Motherhood appeal. As the two or three related to each other almost as closely as the infant is to Bob, a few minutes elapsed before the blushing president could untangle the discussion.

At the conclusion of business all hands were entertained at supper by the hospitable Mrs. Skehan, who, during the war and since, has been one of the most active friends of returned men. Mrs. George Doust and Dodgers (Mr. Skehan) are a daughter of Mrs. Skehan) at the piano the blokes disturbed the neighbourhood with vocal noises more or less harmonious. Bob Newton thanked Tom and Mrs. Skehan on behalf of the visitors, who helped the host to the appropriate chorus, and added a cheer for the pianist.

WEST PERTH

The report presented by President M. J. O'Connor to the annual meeting of the West Perth sub-branch held on August 5 stated that the work completed during the year could be regarded as very satisfactory.

The committee, accompanied by the King's Park superintendent (Mr. Heath), had inspected Honor Avenue and found the trees well grown and plentiful. The water tanks and beds were in good order. A number of matters affecting returned soldiers in both Federal and State services had been dealt with, although not all the success desired had been achieved. New members were always needed and some members were not due to any lack of energy on the part of the committee.

The treasurer's report showed that the finances were in a healthy state, and although a good many calls had been made on the amelioration fund for distress cases, this account still shows a credit balance of approximately £200. A portion of the profits from the sale of poppies had been paid over to the Agape School and widows of the departed, making in a total contribution by the sub-branch of £11 since the inception of the fund. Membership was just over 200, a slight decrease from last year, being due to transfers, deaths, etc.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mr. W. J. Barnshaw; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Price and J. F. Farrel; secretary, Mr. E. L. Ross (for the thirteenth year in succession); assistant secretary, Mr. N. Beckley; treasurer, Mr. W. L. Boyd; auditors, Messrs. W. Greenwood and G. H. Coop; committee, Messrs. H. E. Clark, P. G. Miller, J. Booth, B. McCleary, A. E. Smith, R. E. Tyler, H. B. Hayles, G. H. Philip, E. V. Hayward and C. B. Williams; publicity officer, R. Stewart.

At the conclusion of business the annual smoke social was held. Among those present were the Ven. Archdeacon Riley, representing the State President (Mr. A. Yates), Colonels J. Denton and E. Margolin, the president of the Civil Service Association (Mr. F. J. McDonald), the Public Service Commissioner (Mr. G. M. Smith), Superintendent of King's Park (Mr. Heath), and representatives from several other sub-branches. Mr. J. Barnshaw presided. Musical items were given by the select Messrs. Goss, C. E. Warden, J. Arnott and E. Parsons; Mr. Otto Kayser was at the piano.

CLAREMONT

The monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall on August 4, the newly-elected president, Mr. C. H. Briggs, being in the chair.

Business was despatched as rapidly as possible in order that the match with Perth sub-branch in the A.R.M.S. could be played, and which resulted in an overwhelming victory for our visitors. However, everyone apparently enjoyed themselves, which after all is the main thing.

Billy Edwards kindly offered to run a community concert in aid of the funds of the sub-branch, and agreed with the idea of the concert being held in the Parish Hall on the 22nd August, when we expect a capacity house.

On Monday, August 12, the sub-branch of the L.T.B. played in the Collett Colnett Shield, and had a 10-point victory, which we understood puts them in the lead.

During the month two new members have been enrolled, and we hope that by the end of the year we shall touch the 150 mark at least.

NORTH PERTH

Bigggggg !!

(With profound apologies to the Shades of Samuel Pepys)

July 20th. — Hear good news that Mr. F. Blythe (4th F. Amb.) is abroad again from hospital where he had been for some time past. This be good news which I am pleased at. This night, I to Mr. Bob Murray who would needs have me with him, by electric tram coach, to Perth City, hence to Anzac House where the 32nd Battalion Association, of which he be a member, hold their 19th re-union dinner. When come to Anzac House Mr. Murray present me to officers of the association, Mr. G. V. Alborn (president), and Mr. L. D. Lobach (secretary) this gentleman pop five shillings in my hand as half year's subscription that he may become a member of the League, and, that of North Perth sub-branch above all. And promise the other half when his purse would afford it. A good stroke which pleased me, but all credit to my friend Murray. Other gentlemen I met were Mr. W. Junner, who was servant of the ale barrel, Mr. Jock McLochan, a merry Scotchman, and my old friends Stan Gordon, Barney Keeley and Pat Nesson, who be printers by quality. A fine dinner of four courses with excellent discourse, music and song. At the head table I did spy many gentlemen of quality, but Brigadier A. M. Martin outhuline all in his handsome scarlet dinner jacket. Anson the dinner done I to fetch my raincoat and hat, which I did place in the car. As the clock strikes 11.30, do I try to toy with my disquiet, find out not hat, but an old worthless one in its place. This put me in a pretty twitter and all hot in search, but to no avail, which put me to swearing as never before, which I did relieve the same at 11.30 by the clock. I in mighty ill content, my early pleasures being all assunder at my loss and my head being wetted by rain which add to my disquiet.

22nd. — To Anzac House with hope that mine hat may be returned, but it wot not, which I was mighty angry at, and swear several times, my purse being in ill condition to afford another. By and by I fall in with Mr. Phil Wass, mine host of North Perth ale house, who bemoan my misfortune and bid me drown it in a pot of ale with him. Mr. Wass suggest a scheme where, at reunions and such functions, there be a small toll and a guard to protect the property of common thief who sometimes mix with them.

This afternoon, met Mr. Tom Brown, who just from the tooth puller come, having had seventeen teeth pulled and now without fang or molar in his head. His face look mighty empty and whimsical, which the sight of did secretly, their be the truth I sorry at the poor man's swollen lips.

August 11th. — Up betimes and attend the sweet peas in my garden with which I in great hope to win prizes at our sub-branch flower show in the North Perth Town Hall this week. I pick the first blue poppy buds and tie the plants straight with wool thread and then put nitrate of soda into the ground nearby. All this my wise friends advise to make my peas grow fine and strong and handsome of bloom. To sub-branch general committee, the first at which our new

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The operatic gem by Signor Cullen and "Signor" Deane brought the house down. The "Signorita" looked mysteriously charming in her transparent creation, despite her rather knobby elbow and knee joints. The death scene was heart-rendingly poignant, although rendered heretofore by me, the lady of an improvised dagger. After the curtain I observed the Signorita, back stage, receiving congratulations from her many admirers, with a sweetly innocent air, while unnoticed she peed on a silken undie. The following are the other artists who helped to make the function the success it was—Messrs. Swan, Minnicken, John, Norman and Monkridge.

BUCKHILL HILL

There has been a decided increase in the attendances and a welcome newly-awakened display of interest in the branch's activities during the last few months, but quite a lot of members are still "absent without leave." Now all you "leadingwings" fall in! The meetings which fall on the last Thursday of each month, from now on, will be conducted on new lines and we can assure all who come along will receive a pleasant surprise.

The annual smoko, held on August 1st proved to be a huge success; over 130 sat down to tables decorated with dainties auspiciously arranged by the ladies committee. The white-coated stewards were as efficient as they looked, while the social secretary, running hither and thither, looked more efficient than he really was (that was me, Mr. Editor). The president, Lieut.-Col. Gooday, kept the ball rolling and carried out his duties very ably, maintaining the interest of the large gathering to the end by enforcing short speeches, long drinks and non-stop variety on the stage.

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WONGAN HILLS

Padre Riley was the guest of honour at a smoke social held in the Road Board Hall on July 20. Unfortunately the inclement weather prevented many from attending, but thirty-one were present and had a most enjoyable evening. The popular Padre was in

president, Mr. Stanley Divall, presided. Much talk of our Women's Auxiliary Homecrafts Exhibition and Grand Fete allied with our flower show. This to be an excellent afternoon and evening outing methinks, there being afternoon tea (6d.) and high tea (9d.) so that all may linger in merry company free from home worry. Mightily sorry be all committee-men when is given out that Mr. Archie Hawkins would resign from his secretaryship. This he to, said Mr. Hawkins, with much regret, but his going to live in Claremont district make the distance too great to carry out his duty with efficiency. "But," said he, "I will never leave North Perth sub-branch and will attend and help when able to do so." A sad blow, and the news do trouble me, he being a gentleman of much knowledge of the business and having done much good to our sub-branch. Messrs. H. Rigg, L. McDowell, and D. Cummings be formed in sub-committee to attend the business of a War Souvenir Museum to our Flower Show and Exhibition Fete. Souvenirs for loan to this museum by members who have any will be welcomed by the sick gentlemen. Mr. H. McLwraith give it out that entries for competition in the Lakey Shooting Trophy will close at the next sports meeting night in St. Hilda's Hall, September 2nd come. This competition for members of our sub-branch only and a handsome trophy, I am told.

12th—This night while on my way to our S.S.L. I call at the Rosemount ale house to see the time by the clock, and there fall in with Mr. Phil Loffman, who introduced one Captain Bill Lynes (16th Battalion) of Forth Hedland sub-branch. A gentleman I was pleased to meet and would visit with, but Mr. Loffman would prate merily most the time. I drink with them when come Mr. Jack Fyfe and join the talk. So I being anxious to be gone, seize an opportunity time and slip away. When come to the S.S.L. I find our-boys and Claremont S.S.L. boys playing at Colonel Collett Shield games. The Claremont I observe most men for strapping lads and well behaved. It very pretty to see their respect and obedience to the order of their warden, Mr. E. W. Davie. I met Master A. G. Eddy, their president, who I find a most excellent rifle shot. Claremont win all games, which I was sorry at for our boys, but the best team must win, methinks.

COLLIE

Thanks, to the efforts of the Women's Auxiliary, £49 has been raised for improvements to sub-branch's quarters. Heavy rains have interfered with the attendance at meetings, and the president, Harry May, has been busy with the preparation of pensions cases. From July 16 to July 19 the hall was let for a display of local products. During the visit of Messrs. Parkhill and Brennan, members of the Federal Cabinet, to Collie, they gave sympathetic hearing to a delegation from the sub-branch which discussed certain matters to be referred to Mr. W. M. Hughes, the Minister for Repatriation.

Items for the Congress agenda paper were discussed at the monthly meeting. The sub-branch, in conjunction with the Women's Auxiliary, running a series of rummy parties and socials in aid of existing funds with some measure of financial success. The meetings of the S.S.L. are held regularly. Mr. R. Morrison will be away from the district for six months, on account of which the S.S.L. has suffered. Indeed, the junior organisation should make up for lost time after he returns.
great form, and appeared to enjoy himself immensely. We missed Doc. Bryan, who was absent through illness, and our wishes for his speedy recovery were expressed.

Visitors from the newly-formed Ballidu sub-branch were welcomed. They nobly assisted us in the harmony of the evening. A car load from Wongan Hills went to the Ballidu sub-branch meeting on the following Wednesday, and received a splendid welcome. It is generally understood that they blame the long journey home, and the absence of a water bag for the great thirst of the following morning.

**NARROGIN**

At the annual meeting Mr. T. Morrell presided over a fair attendance. The report and balance sheet disclosed that the position of the sub-branch was highly satisfactory from every standpoint, due to the careful management of the executive officers and secretary, Mr. T. Hogg. During the year many improvements had been effected at the Institute which will now be complete with up to date facilities for the comfort and amusement of members. Considerable expense was entailed in this regard, but there is every indication that it was worthwhile. The retiring president paid a high compliment to the women of the Women’s Auxiliary and to the secretary as being largely responsible for the favourable position in which the sub-branch stands today. The following officers were re-elected en bloc for another year: President, Mr. T. Sten; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Dixon and A. Dewar; treasurer, Mr. J. W. Holden; secretary, Mr. T. Hogg (re-elected for the seventh year); auditor, Messrs. H. Hasla, J. H. Eggers, Messrs. H. Gill, R. Ewing, J. Smith, J. Bohan, H. Smith, J. Causebrooke, H. Moon, L. Pettit and H. Hansen. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was moved by Mr. V. Doney in complimentary terms and carried. On the motion of Mr. G. Birchall, seconded by Mr. Dixon, it was unanimously resolved that the secretary (Mr. T. Hogg) become a life-member of the sub-branch.

**ALBANY**

The annual general meeting took place on July 16. The secretary was instructed to inform the State Executive that the sub-branch was co-operating with local bodies in connection with the Jubilee Youth and Motherhood Appeal. From Conservator of Forests strong encouragement for the local peppermint tree for the Avenue of Honour. The question was left to the sub-committee to finalise. Mr. L. S. Barnett voiced the appreciation and satisfaction of all when he eulogised the secretary and management committee on the very satisfactory state of the finances after a year of depression. The S.S.L. have taken on the job of attending to the trees in the Avenue of Honour and have agreed to water the young trees through the summer (on both days, in fact). The ballot for second vice-president resulted in the election of Mr. A. Craigie. His following were elected to the social and entertainment committee: Messrs. M. Murphy, R. Haynes, Field and Neill. A long discussion then took place regarding the leasing and renovation of the whole of the Institute buildings, and it was finally decided that a sub-committee consisting of Mr. M. S. Wiltshire and Mr. J. Godfrey be set up to carry out this work, and that they be given all necessary assistance.

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**MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD**

The A.R.M.S. games v. Mt. Hawthorn duly came off on August 2, and resulted in a well merited win for our opponents who, by beating us, have won all the six matches in Zone II, and are therefore Zone champions. The margin in Mt. Hawthorn’s favour was 6-4, Mt. Lawley winning the shooting and table tennis, and losing bridge, draughts and quoit. Our best wishes go out to Hawthorn for their success in the final—they’ll take some damping. Our only other game is v. North Perth, and this also promises to be a battle royal with the winner assured of position of runner-up. All our games this year have been thoroughly enjoyable and our only wish is that the number of competing teams were doubled, so that we could play more games.

The second monthly social on July 27, was an even greater success than the first one, both as regards the attendance and the programme. The monthly general meeting was well attended and at the conclusion Colonel Collett gave members a very interesting talk on his recent trip to the North West. This, by all accounts, was no joy ride, and in the course of his remarks, the Colonel repeatedly stressed the fact of the very fine spirit there is in the ex-service men up there. Some of our members maroon about a 10. train, and ride to the meeting—what would they think of coming 250 miles to one, as they do in the North? The sub-branch individual championships are now completed, and the list of champions is as follows:—Table tennis, A. G. McKenna; shooting, Len Naylor; quoits, Jack Sainover; draughts, Doc. Mason; and bridge winners, Tetterson and Mason. The raffle recently conducted by the sub-branch resulted in a profit of over £20, and much of the credit for this result must go to Ted Aylott, who worked very hard in this connection.

**WEST SWAN**

The annual meeting was held on July 27. During the year the sub-branch lost a valuable member, Mr. G. G. Wilson, a vice-president, who was also a foundation member and intimately associated with nearly all activities of the district. The sub-branch also lost another vice-president, A. M. Main, who through ill-health, was forced to sell his vineyard and leave the district. He and his good wife will be greatly missed. The sub-branch made a presentation to them as a token of esteem for the interest taken by them. The relief granted during the year was much appreciated, and to quote the words of the Secretary “has given prestige to the sub-branch in the eyes of those residents who know of it.” We have still a credit balance in the bank. Several functions were held during the year, and were much appreciated by all those attending. An invitation has been sent to all sons of soldiers over 21 to attend sub-branch meetings. Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, W. Day, unopposed (3rd year); vice-presidents, E. C. Francis and Alﬁ Guy; treasurer, F. Preston (unopposed); secretary, G. Tanner (unopposed, 4th year); auditors, Messrs. Mechin and Francis (unopposed); publicity officer, Mr. E. C. Francis.

**WAGIN**

A farewell smoke social to Mr. G. L. Lloyd, M.M. (past president and staunch supporter of the sub-branch for 12 years), was conducted in the Lesser Town Hall on July 27. General regret was expressed that the State Executive was not represented. During the evening a presentation of a fountain pen was made to Mr. Lloyd. As a result of the stunt several new members have promised to join up. At the monthly meeting on August 14 the chairman, Mr. Jas. A. Brown, presided over a good representative attendance when the following motions were carried:—That W. 4 district council committee conference and dinner be held at Wagin. Jubilee Appeal.—After a lengthy discussion it was decided that unless a definite guarantee be given that the proceeds of the appeal be spent locally, no action would be taken by the sub-branch as a body or collectively. That a vote of thanks be tendered to Messrs. Brown (president), and Messrs. Shenton and Tassicker (mess orderlies) for their splendid efforts at the recent smoke social.

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**FIRE : Marine : Accident**
The visiting committee reported having visited a returned soldier patient in hospital and providing comfort until the digger was transferred to the Repat. Ward, Perth. A motion was carried that the visiting committee be empowered to use the surplus funds. The annual ball committee reported that all things were going well for the function on August 27, the Women’s Auxiliary having undertaken to supply the refreshments, a good time for all being assured.

VICTORIA PARK

The monthly meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on July 19, a big crowd of diggers being present. Several new members joined up, but there was still plenty of room for many more. After routine business was disposed of, cards, games, etc., kept the boys interested, and when one hears Joe’s voice calling “who’ll have a card?” the year’s roll back. The cook house fatigue party excelled themselves with their hot dogs and coffee, and it is the intention of the sub-branch to make every meeting a social one and a good roll up is requested on August 16 and every third Friday in the month for children.

OSBORNE PARK

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. Jack Garner; vice-presidents, Messrs. Bill Ashdown and Doug Foreman; secretary, Mr. Bob Corbett; assistant secretary, Mr. Dave Millar; treasurer, Mr. Dave Millar; auditors, Messrs. A. Daus and J. Baxter; librarian, Mr. Doug Foreman; publicity officer, Jas. J. Nicol; committee. Messrs. B. Daltiel, J. Baxter, A. Daus, A. Corbett, J. Millar, J. Bea, J. Lennear, W. Ashdown, W. Gilchrist, J. Jollery, Mr. Ted Damon (president Mr. Hawthorn sub-branch) acted as returning officer. The farrightly dances are proving a great success. The A.R.M.S. teams have done well in the competition, taking into account the small number of members to select teams from. Padre Jacquet has presented the sub-branch with a silver cup to be won by the members having the best average in the shooting competition. Trophies will also be presented to the winners of the different games. Coming events which are beginning to cast pleasing shadows are a fancy dress ball in September, and a “Night in Cairo.”

MAYLANDS

The hon. secretary, whose address is Mr. W. Graham, c/o. Maylands Hotel, would be very glad to hear of any cases of sickness and would be only too pleased to enrol any new members. Basgande sub-branch paid a visit during the month. A few games were played and at the conclusion of the evening the visitors were entertained at supper, which was under the supervision of the social secretary, Bill Petersen. The sub-branch is most fortunate to have such a fine Women’s Auxiliary. The Ladies Auxiliary’s ball was a wonderful success, quite a good sum was raised. The ladies are to be congratulated on the success of the event. They also put fine work in connection with the visiting of hospitals showing how the Lemmings diggers speak of them.

A social evening was tendered by the sub-branch to members of the Women’s Auxiliary in the Maylands Town Hall on August 15, in recognition of the many druggists who have always rendered them to the sub-branch. The president, Mr. W. J. Lovell, in a happy speech, referred at length to the activities of the ladies. Dancing was indulged in, interspersed with musical items at the conclusion of which supper was handed around.

Mr. Menkens announces that the next Pleasant Sunday Afternoon will be held on Sunday, September 1. Endeavours are being made to secure the services of Dr. Rossi, headmaster of Wesley College, to give the address. Others who have promised to attend include the Hon. J. M. Macfarlane, M.L.C., R. B. Clothier, M.L.A., Mr. H. V. Shearn (chairman of Perth Road Board).

Our publicity officer, Mr. W. L. Menkens, would be glad of any important news for publication in the “Listening Post.” It could be sent to his address, 30 Beaufort street, North Perth, not later than the 10th of each month.

Bert Oldfield has promised to attend the sub-branch’s meeting during his visit to Perth at the end of October, before he leaves with the Australian Eleven for South Africa.

BRUNSWICK

The monthly meeting was held on the first Thursday in August. A fair number of members attended. Items for the agenda were discussed and submitted to the quarterly meeting of the No. 1 District Committee held its quarterly meeting in the Memorial Hall to discuss items for the Congress agenda. Delegates attended from Cookernup, Harvey, Brunswick, Bunbury and Collie. The majority of the items submitted were endorsed and several rejected as not being in the best interests of the League. Matters dealt with were potato marketing, dairying, the observance of Anzac Day, pool competitions, and drainage, and the State War Memorial. It was resolved to hold a District Committee re-union on Saturday, September 28, when members of the sub-branches in the group will meet in the hall at this centre. We anticipate a goodly muster, and hope to have at least three members of the State Executive from the metropolitan area, including our “Head.” It is intended that the reunion will be a notable one, and marked (in the words of Dick Smiveller) by “union of souls and the flowing bowl,” particularly the latter.

WEST LEEDERVILLE

There was a big roll-up to the combined social given in honour of Mrs. James and she was given a wonderful reception on arrival. The last meeting was well attended and after the general business was finished, members met the Baywater teams in the last home match of this season’s games. Unfortunately we could not record a win, winning the draughts and table tennis, and losing the quoits, shooting and bridge, the latter by only 5 points—hard luck. It was satisfactory to our opponents as it was their first success. The contests have been the means of drawing members together, and it is fine to see the team spirit shown, members having no hesitation in standing down in favour of a player showing better form.

The auxiliary has been busy lately and as a result of the ladies’ efforts, the cupboard is now stocked with cups, plates and glasses. This will fill a long-felt want as in the past members have had to trespass on the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Haines for china, etc. The board and saucers were locally made and have the auxiliary badge and sub-branch name on them. The secretary’s report on the results of the bridge evening shows that the attendances were very satisfactory and the financial position excellent. Members can assist the committee by advertising the Friday evenings amongst friends. In addition to being a nice social evening, the prizes are worth winning.

One of our members, Mrs. Brown, is seriously ill and the latest reports are not satisfactory. A new member in Mr. Gilchrist an ex-Imperial soldier, was welcomed at the last meeting. He has a liking for draughts so should be at home amongst our players. The membership is steadily increasing and the century mark should be passed by the end of the year. Our old friend Jack Smethers has been an absentee lately, and it is hoped that he will be with us again soon.
PRESS

The chairman of the Press sub-branch has drawn attention to the wording of a paragraph (which, we admit in fairness, he did not supply) under the above heading in last issue, and which gives a wrong impression. The paragraph, as briefly as space would permit, reviewed the annual report of the sub-branch, and said that "during the year £33 had been raised for amelioration purposes by means of monthly dances," and that "during the year £29 had been spent in various charitable directions." The secretary points out that these two creditable achievements were entirely the work of the Press Women's Auxiliary, and that the credit cannot be claimed for by or by the sub-branch. He agrees that mention is made of the auxiliary in the paragraph, but the inadvertent wording of the item gives the inevitable impression that the sub-branch and not the auxiliary, had rendered this service to the needy diggers.

Considering the smallness of its membership, the Press auxiliary has proved itself a remarkably active and useful body. It recently ran a highly successful dance at Anzac House in aid of the building funds, and a very welcome cheque will be forthcoming. The attendances at its invitation dances every month are growing, and on present indications the "house full" sign must go up at the Stirling Institute on the fourth Saturday in every month, so that the dance floor will not be overcrowded.

The sub-branch recently welcomed home from a world tour its foundation president, Mr. C. P. Smith, and Mrs. Smith, who were given a dinner of honour at an enjoyable joint luncheon attended by members of the sub-branch and auxiliary at Anzac House. The newly-elected president (Mr. B. A. Bell) acquitted himself well in the chair.

At the last meeting of the sub-branch the speaker was the President of the Legislative Council (Sir John Kirwan), who told a large gathering of his impressions on the Royal Jubilee celebrations in London, where he had just returned. The keynote of Sir John's address was in the inspiring and sincere loyalty expressed towards the person and throne of His Majesty, particularly by the poorer classes in London; more than by the richer people who had more substantial reason to be contented with the present order of things.

AN OVERSEAS CONFERENCE

The report of the thirteenth annual conference of the British Legion, Women's Section, held at the Queen's Hall, London, in May, makes interesting reading. Besides the 623 delegates and 2,000 visitors, many distinguished guests were present. What was said by the latter, in their speeches, might well apply to our own organisation. The following extracts go to show how closely we are knit together in sentiment and unity of purpose.

Lord Jellicoe gave the first address shortly after the opening of Conference. In reviewing the work of the Legion he mentioned the Employment Drive recently inaugurated by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and urged the Women's Section to do all they could to induce employers to take on as many ex-service men as possible.

Major J. Brunel Cohen, who is honorary treasurer of the Section in presenting the financial statement, recommended that the Section should become a paying concern through its own efforts, so that the grant of £1,000 from the National Executive Council would no longer be needed. This could be done as the Women's Section raised many thousands per year for the Legion. Yorkshire had raised £2,671 in two years, but all of it had been handed to the Legion. Major Cohen referred to Legion branches which had set up ladies' social committees instead of having a regular Women's Section, and he felt that this was an undesirable state of things. He also recalled that membership in 1922 had stood at 7,700, and in 1934 at 108,000.

Major F. W. C. Fetherston-Godley, O.B.E., chairman of the British Legion, reviewed the work of the Women's Section and asked delegates to take a wider view of the possibilities that lay ahead. The Legion had undoubtedly contributed largely to the process of reconstruction after the war, and the women should take their share in helping to carry out the future policy of the League. There was also a special responsibility resting upon them for the younger generation, and in helping to form public opinion so that the tragedy of the last war should never be repeated.

In thanking Conference for appointing her as Deputy-President Countess Haig urged members to continue their efforts to find employment for ex-service men, and to work for peace.
The Duchess of York, president, paid an afternoon visit to the Conference. She commended the women for their good work in distressed areas, and in giving free holidays to needy children. The value of the work affected not only the ex-service community, but the life of the whole nation, for it gave expression to the spirit of comradeship so finely shown in the war, a spirit which was never more needed that it was to-day.

Before the presentation of the annual awards General Sir Frederick Maurice, president of the British Legion, declared the work of the Women’s Section to be an admirable complement to the work of the Legion, especially the work done to help the distressed. All records last year had been broken in obtaining employment for ex-service men, and this was worth far more than any amount of charity.

An address was also given by Major General Sir Fabian Ware, vice-chairman, Imperial war Graves Commission, who early in the year gave a similar address in Anzac House. In Great Britain there were no less than 88,600 soldiers and sailors whose graves were scattered among 9,200 cemeteries. Many graves at home were friendless, as well as many Dominion ones, and he felt that members of the Section might find a way to help in this matter. Our nation had done more than any other for its war graves, a fact which should be remembered.

During the early part of the first day’s proceedings Colonel A. W. Hyman, O.B.E., who was representing the R.S.S.I.A. at the Jubilee, was introduced to the delegates, and on behalf of the ex-service community of Australia, Colonel Hyman conveyed a cordial greeting to the Women’s Section and congratulated them upon their wonderful gathering. A Yorkshire delegate proposed that a message be sent from the Conference to their sisters in Australia. The text of this message has just come to hand from the Federal Office of the R.S.S.I.A., and is as follows:—That this Annual Conference of the British Legion, Women’s Section, thanks Col. Hyman for his kind message of greeting from the ex-service men and women of Australia, and wishes to send a most cordial expression of their sense of fellowship with their sisters overseas and good wishes to them in the work they are doing for all those who suffered through the Great War.

At Home

All former Executive members are reminded that the quarterly At Home of the State Executive will take place in the Auxiliary room, Anzac House, on Friday afternoon, September 6, at 3 p.m. Individual invitations are issued for these informal afternoons, but a welcome is given to all who have at any time held office on the State Executive of the Women’s Auxiliary.

Third Annual Exhibition

Lady Mitchell has graciously consented to open our exhibition. This, being the first exhibition to be held in the ball-room of Anzac House, is to be hoped that the display will be an imposing one. Afternoon tea will be served in the supper-room. North Perth is in charge of the catering and announces that the stewards and stall-holders will be able to obtain morning tea, lunch, high tea and supper.

Trophies were discussed at the united meeting of auxiliaries held on July 29. This year a trophy will be given in each section for the member gaining the highest number of points. The one for the cookery section has been given by Mrs. T. C. Wilson; for the woollen, by Mrs. A. V. Stockman; and for the thrift, by Mrs. McKinlay.

Word comes from the country auxiliaries that members are busy on exhibition work, and there is every indication that there will
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SOUTH PERTH

The monthly meeting of the Auxiliary was held on July 19, with the president, Mrs. F. Orgill, in the chair. There was a record attendance including the new president of the sub-branch, Mr. C. Day, and two members of the Committee. Mr. Day thanked the members for the opportunity of attending their meeting. On July 31, in the Swan Street Hall, Mrs. Anderson gave an interesting demonstration of toy-making. Many thanks are extended to her for the clever ideas. As a result many members are busy making toys, etc., for the exhibition.

On August 1 two of our members demonstrated cake icing; our families will now have a perfectly iced cake; many thanks to Mrs. Board. Mrs. Halse is still busy with her raffle classes every other Monday evening and will be pleased to welcome more learners.

WAGIN

On July 19 Mrs. Hopperton (State Secretary Women’s Auxiliaries) visited Wagin and gave a most interesting and able address to a large gathering of members, including the Mayoress, who is a member of the Auxiliary. Nancy Williams represented Mrs. Hopperton with a bouquet made by one of the members.

A vote of thanks was moved by the secretary, Mrs. Wellard, seconded by Mrs. Ailen Gell, vice-president. A social evening followed, which was held in the Lesser Town Hall. Games, dancing, singing and musical items were enjoyed by all and the evening was voted a huge success. Mrs. Hopperton spent the week-end as the guest of Mrs. Walters (president) and Mrs. Wellard (honorary secretary). The next function is the R.S.I. Ball which takes place on August 27 with the Auxiliary undertaking the supper arrangements. Mrs. Wellard, hon. secretary, recently visited Narrogin and Kulun sub-branches and addressed meetings at both centres.

BAYSWATER

The Women’s Auxiliary mourns the loss of a loved and respected member, Mrs. T. H. Batey, who passed away on August 3 after a short illness. The deceased lady was the mother of the president, Mrs. Power. She and her family have resided in Bayswater for many years and have always been keenly interested in the welfare of the returned men. The passing is mourned by a large number of personal friends.

Bayswater women are responsible for the flower stall at the exhibition, and appeal to all other Auxiliary members who have flowers or pot-plants to spare to send them along to Anzac House on Friday, September 27. All donations will be gratefully accepted.

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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wallish Hall, Grovenor Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 31 Grosvenor Road</td>
<td>A. R. Wood, 127 Fifth Avenue, Maylands</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
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<td>T. E. King, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>NARROGIN</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. P. Robertson, c/o Court House, Northam</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth (Office hours 9 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. James, 21 Mariano Street, Leederville</td>
<td>G. C. Curlew, 147 Fitzgerald St., Northam Tel. 74</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>B. A. Bell, 469 Murray Street, Perth</td>
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<td>PLEBARA</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
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<td>Gordon Day, 151 Angelo Street, South Perth</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokeby Road, Subiaco</td>
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<td>B. Condon, 75 Glover Street, Subiaco</td>
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<td>TAMBELEUP</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
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<td>B. T. Williamson, 87 Salisbury St., Subiaco</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
<td>J. E. Trahan, P.O. Box 1, Tambeleup Tel 45</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
<td>Trayning (1), Yelbeni (1)</td>
<td>4th, Sunday</td>
<td>R. W. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
<td>N. H. Millar, Box 41, Toodyay</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St</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. Ofer, Taxation Department, Perth</td>
<td>J. Matthews, 21 Esperance St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTING</td>
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<td>JIBBERDING WEST LEEDERVILLE</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>
<td>W. F. P. Andrews, Post Office, York</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
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<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering, S. Hardwicke, Avon Terrace</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
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<td>FYALKATCHEM</td>
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<td>3rd Saturday, Quarterly, June, Sept., and Dec.</td>
<td>C. Henning, Hamel</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<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>Anzac-House, Perth</td>
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<td>D. M. Benson, Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion St., Leederville</td>
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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac-House, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Ave., Leederville</td>
<td>C. Holley c/o, Vetter &amp; Co., Murray St., Perth</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac-House, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
<td>Mr. F. M. Carmody and Mrs. F. M. Carmody</td>
<td>R. M. Egan C/o, Local Department</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. L. E. Dunkley</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac-House, Perth</td>
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<td>Tom Kidd, Kitchen Ave., West Subiaco</td>
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ROUND ABOUT

(We regret that, owing to causes which we will not enumerate, that the publication of this important report has been delayed. However, we have been informed by country friends that although late, it will be very acceptable—Ed. "L.P.")

Pursuant to a decision of the last Annual State Congress—that the State Executive should undertake a system of organised tours of the country districts for a party consisting of the State President (Mr. A. V. Vase), the Immediate Past President (Colonel H. B. Collett), a representative of the Land Committee (the Hon. T. J. Cornell, M.L.C.), and the State Secretary (Mr. E. M. Belser) left Perth early on Sunday, the 26th day, and proceeded via Armadale, Pinelly, Corrigin to Kondinin. This was an initial run of 220 miles.

At the last-named town we were met by Captain H. J. Sykes (16th Battalion), President, and Mr. Ken Young (4th Signallers), the Secretary of the Kondinin sub-branch—both tried and sternly workers in the League. During the evening a compliment was conferred upon the party by the chairman, Mr. W. N. Trembath, and the members of the local Road Board by whom it was received and entertained. An opportunity was also provided for inspecting the new Road Board hall which is a fine edifice and a tribute to the foresight and public spiritedness of the residents of the district.

On Monday, the first working day, a short stay was made at Hyden—the terminus of the railway from Lake Grace. On route a short stop was made at Kalbarri where we met Mr. H. Poole (R.F.A.), Mr. A. Want (Cheshires) the president and secretary, respectively, of the Hydean Kalbarri sub-branch, and several others. Hyden was gained at 11.30 a.m. After morning tea with several of the local members we journeyed another 27 miles to Lake Carmody and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Collett for lunch and the afternoon.

Returning to Hyden in the evening we were entertained at dinner which marked not only the generosity of our hosts, but also a very high standard of culinary art. There followed a smoke social at which about 50 members were present—two-thirds being Imperial Service members. These hours were enhanced by music and speech, to which Mr. A. Stenbridge and the State President made noteworthy contributions. This sub-branch found to be in a healthy condition and one which would appreciate, and is deserving of all assistance from the State Office. Locally the members have many difficulties with which to contend, but they meet them with grit and determination, qualities displayed likewise by all the communities we encountered in the day following.

Returning late that night to Lake Carmody we were indebted for comfortable shelter and further hospitality to Mr. and Mrs. Collett and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Thompson. On Tuesday we turned in a southerly direction—guided by Mr. Collett for the first 40 miles. Gazing at the farm in St. Leonard's, Southern, we were very kindly received by Mrs. Boulton. Here also had gathered nine ex-service men 

there was a successful review of the gold-mining industry. Much assistance was rendered during visits to the different "shows" by Mr. A. Dunstan, who has extensive local interests. We learned also of the unusual occurrence of three ladies engaged in the active working of a small but promising mine.

On the way back to the town we inspected the local war memorial. This is well situated and shows evidence of care being taken of it. The memorial commemorates the fact that as many as 58 enlisted from the area of which 16 gave their lives for their country. A noteworthy feature is that the school children are being encouraged to take an interest in the monument and surrounding things of which are being developed upon a
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plan that must, when completed, reflect great credit upon all concerned.

That afternoon was set aside for a visit to Hopetoun. On the way we called at the Kundip Group of mines. This employs a number of ex-service men and is managed by Mr. C. R. Hills, who, we were given to understand, is a valued friend of the local sub-branch. Hopetoun is the port to Ravenshoe, and although the approach from seawards is not easy it possesses a deep-sea jetty and once, years ago, was the scene of considerable activity when mining for copper was a remunerative industry. The town itself is small but attractive—the coastline particularly so. We were told that in the summer months there are many visitors from the north. We met the landlady of the hotel, the barman, the two "oldest inhabitants," and the lightkeeper who has also many other responsibilities. Much more in the nature of a public reception we could not reasonably expect.

That night, back in Ravenshoe, we called on the chairman of the Road Board at his home and later, were the guests of the sub-branch at a smoke social at which 18 members and several visitors were present. Mr. Newbery had made a good chairman and the proceedings were both harmonious and spirit ed. The attention given to the speakers was very satisfactory and we felt fully rewarded for the long journey undertaken in order to attend. About one-third of those taking part were Imperial ex-servicemen, but here, as at Hyden, the happiest regard for the League is held by all alike.

On Thursday, May 30, we turned north towards home, called on Mr. Verden at Lake King, and gained Newdegate shortly after noon. The hotel in this town, is kept by Mr. W. McKenna (2nd WA M.I.). We were met there by Mr. D. G. Kinloch (10th L.H.), president, Mr. E. W. Hoskins (1st Battalion), secretary, and 15 other members of the local sub-branch. Again very marked kindness was displayed towards us during a stay of nearly four hours. At a meeting held following lunch a general talk brought out a number of very interesting matters. About 20 ex-service men reside in this district and in the present local League officials their interests are in good hands.

Within an hour of leaving Newdegate we were being welcomed at Lake Grace by Mr. L. K. Joy (11th Battalion), the local secretary. Later in the evening Mr. J. Collison (2nd Pte.), president, presided over a gathering of 25 to which we were invited. Unfortunately this sub-branch has latterly declined somewhat—there being only 13 financial members, but as a result of this visit, and a free exchange of views, it is confidently anticipated that a marked revival will take place. We were gathered from the president that the Anual Gall Day in Lake Grace, formerly so efficiently conducted by our members, will be revived this year.

One of the most satisfactory features of the tour was the assembling of men to meet us at Dumbleyung in the forenoon of Friday—our last day. The sub-branch in this district had become dormant, but as a result of the efforts of Lieutenants T. Towers (16th Battalion) seventeen enthusiastic ex-service men greeted your delegation and, after being addressed, resolved there and then to revive the organisation. It was agreed by those present to meet again on the 8th June for the purpose of choosing officers and the conduct of routine business. The acting secretary was Mr. W. S. Bartlett (32nd Battalion), also the secretary of the local Road Board.

Resuming our journey westwards we were, after a halt in Wagin, intercepted in the street by the Mayor, Mr. R. Gladstone, Mr. J. H. Brown (R.G.A.), the president of the Wagin sub-branch and Mr. W. J. White (44th Battalion), and conducted to the Council Chamber. There we were accorded a very flattering reception. Amongst those present were Mr. S. Stubbs, M.L.A., Mr. H. Ainsworth (10th L.H.), and a member who for many years did excellent work at Quairading—Mr. Olive Shenton (A.F.A.). All your representatives feelingly acknowledged the compliment conferred.

Our mission completed at Wagin we moved on northwards, at 3:30 p.m. and gained Perth by ten o'clock.

General Comments

Reviewing this tour, and previous tours, our conviction is that the policy indicated by Congress has everything to commend it, if carried out in the spirit in which it was conceived. There is now a bigger and a better knowledge of the evidences that our presence has been helpful to all units and encouraging to the members. Several of the sub-branches had not been previously visited. We ourselves benefited greatly in gaining a better understanding of how the League can help "out-back." Of the promise of the land, and of the disabilities suffered by those who dwell thereon, we have now a fuller appreciation and a greater desire to extend the usefulness of our organisation. Then, too, we have been assured that the effort of gaining the common conception of the Eastern Wheatbelt as being a series of salt lakes and saltbush can be discarded for given adequate standards and means of transport; it is capable of supporting in comfort a considerable population. To those who, through the lean years, have hung on, we have nothing but admiration. Often fifty miles and over from the nearest railway, the settlers have displayed remarkable energy and thrift, equalled only by the courage and loyalty of the womenfolk.

Requests were put before us (not as complaints) with such informative detail as enabled a quick grasp of essentials to be made. Similarly the desire expressed for light upon some of the matters before the League have removed misunderstandings and the paving of the way for even closer cooperation between Headquarters and units far removed from the capital city.

Perhaps it is not necessary to especially mention Imperial ex-service men, for everywhere we found them in such heartly cooperation that we do so now only in order to keep them to ourselves. Wherever we went, there was an evident appreciation of the League's opportunity for removing misunderstandings, and the paving of the way for even closer cooperation between Headquarters and units far removed from the capital city.

Matters requiring consideration, investigation or action, were mentioned as follows:

Kondinin.—Alleged waste of rabbit-proof netting by settlers being compelled to fence salt lakes and other waste lands. Alleged inadequacy of correspondence courses for children run by the Education Department. (These were made by the State member for Albany.)

Kalgarin.—That in formulating its policy for the future, the Agricultural Bank Committee give early consideration to the settlers in that area.

Hyden.—Complaint re non-delivery of "Listening Post." Request that owing to the prevalence of dingoes and foxes, the State Government be asked to send out from the Vermilion Board an inspector.

South Caramedy.—Remoteness of settlers and advisability of accepting subscriptions sent direct to our Head Office.

Lake Varley.—Desire for continuance of wheat carting subsidy and grants for fencing. Early suggestion from Newdegate of telephone facilities.

Lake King.—Demand for early construction of railway as said to be originally intended. In the meantime, wheat carting subsidy to be continued. Other assistance required for clearing, fencing and stock. Also with water supply at Burket Rock. High wheat yield—six-bag average over three years—justifies every effort being made to dispel false impression created by Dr. Teakle's report. Early visit from Agricultural Bank Commission of great importance. Request for information as to operations and present position of grant from Colonel Amery when Secretary of State for the Dominions.

Newdegate.—A plea for adequate representation of soldier settlers with the Agricultural Bank Commission and for, in having in view all the circumstances, sympathetic administration by the Commission.

We gathered that the tour of the 3,500 Farm district recently made by the Hon. M. F. Reynolds, Minister for Lands, had been warmly welcomed and given renewed heart to many of the settlers.

Taken by and large we found the sub-branches in good order, observing in practice the policy of the League and certainly exhibiting that quality of comradeship of such proved value in past years. For all the hospitality and other kindnesses shown to us we desire to express our warmest gratitude.

In a journey lasting six days and covering some 850 miles, contact was gained with eight remotely situated sub-branches and some 140 former sailors, soldiers or airmen. We do not hesitate to say that if the lines suggested by this report are followed much good may result.

Beyond displaying a natural disinclination to start in the early morning, the veteran motor car behaved in an exemplary manner. With the exception of stretches, aggregating in all some 60 miles, the roads were in fair to good. The weather was suitable for travelling although those in the back seat of the car could, at times, have desired more warmth. Very little rain fell.
Agenda of the 19th Annual State Congress

Land Settlement Section opens at Anzac House, Perth, on Monday, 30th September, 1935.
General Congress opens at Anzac House, Perth, on Wednesday, 2nd October, 1935, at 10 a.m.

At the last State Congress it was decided that arrangements be made with the "Listening Post" for the publication of the agenda in the August issue.

GENERAL CONGRESS QUESTIONS

1. NORTHCLIFFE.—Re Question 1—1934 Congress. What was the result of steps taken towards an en-
quiry into the Monetary System by the State and Federal Executives?

2. NORWOOD.—What is there to report arising out of Item 77 of the 1934 Congress?

3. NEW STUDY.—Will the Executive please report on Item 83 of the 1934 Congress?

4. NORWOOD.—Is there any information arising out of Item 128 of the 1934 Congress?

5. NORWOOD.—What decision did the Trustees of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund arrive
in connection with Item 169 of the 1934 Congress?

6. NORWOOD.—Re Item 80 of 1934 Congress—What information is made available to Congress
from the Funds?

7. KALGOORLIE.—What has been done regarding Item 195 of the 1934 Congress?

LAND SETTLEMENT

1. WAROONA.—That the Government increase the grant to the Department of Agriculture to enable
better accommodation to be secured and the staff to be increased for further research and for dis-
semination of the knowledge already gained in the science of agriculture.

2. MANJIMUP.—That Congress endeavour to obtain a revaluation of and a writing down of soldier
settlement properties and of Group Settlement holdings.

3. MANJIMUP.—That all arrears of interest upon Soldier Settlement properties be cancelled.

4. TAMBEELLUP.—That the Government be asked to place the control of vermin in the hands of the
Central Vermin Board with full powers to act for the extermination of same and remove the control
from local authorities.

5. MARRADONG-BODDINGTON.—That interest should be payable annually for wool and wheat
growers.

6. MARRADONG-BODDINGTON.—That revaluations should be carried out immediately.

7. MARRADONG-BODDINGTON.—That rabbit netting should be made available at the same prices as
British netting could be landed duty free.

8. NUNGARIN.—That in view of the disastrous season in the North-Eastern Wheatbelt the Govern-
ment be urged to waive all claims for rent and interest this year.

9. YANDANOOKA.—That Congress approves the scheme recommended by the Royal Commission
on the wheat industry for the rehabilitation of such industry and that the Federal Government be urged
to adopt the scheme.

10. YANDANOOKA.—That resolutions carried by previous Congresses in regard to revaluation and
writing down of soldier settlement holdings on repurchased estates be reaffirmed.

11. YANDANOOKA.—That superphosphates be approached for a reduction in the prices charged for
superphosphates.

12. OSBORNE PARK.—That all other settler farmers receive assistance in seed and manures on the same
plane as the said wheat farmer.

13. KELLERBERRIN.—That the only movement of real benefit to wheatgrowers is a drastic writing
down of principal and debts.

14. WICKEPIN.—That the Government be asked to extend all arrears of land rents until the end of ex-
isting leases, thus relieving farmers of interest and fines.

15. BULLFINCH.—That the consideration the scanty living allowance made to wheat farmers, costs such as
for life assurance premiums and medical charges be a preferential claim on the produce of a farm.

16. KONIN.—Congress is of the opinion that an extension of preferential liens is necessary to cover
a reasonable supply of stores for twelve months to carry on the operations of the farm.

17. BULLFINCH.—That Congress endeavour to ensure all wheat farmers being granted sufficient monies
to keep the farmer, his wife and children in sustenance and clothing throughout the year.

18. BULLFINCH.—That the R.S.L. Relief Fund be thanked for its laudable action in assisting North-
Eastern and Eastern Wheatbelt settlers.

19. YANMAH.—That Item 9 of the 1934 Congress be reaffirmed and be given full support.—That in view of
the importance of primary production, all farmers be placed on an equal basis and given the status of citizens engaged in other branches of industry, thus enabling them to enjoy the privileges at present obtaining when through circumstances over which they have no control they feel themselves compelled to relinquish their business.

20. DARLING RANGE.—That a request be made to the Commonwealth Government for the relief grant-
ed on artificial manures to be based on a percentage of cost instead of, at present, on a weight basis.

21. PEMBERTON.—That the attention of the W.A. Government be drawn to the fact that the present
policy and system is rapidly driving settlers from the land and forcing them on to more
remunerative but unproductive sustenance-work, and that if it was to be much more beneficial to the
individual and the community if steps were taken to ensure that the farmer should receive a financial
return commensurate with his labour.

AGRICULTURAL BANK

22. COWRAMUP.—That the State Executive approach the Agricultural Bank Commissioners asking
for a declaration of policy as soon as possible.

23. KENTDALE AND NORTHCLIFFE.—That Congress views with great concern the attitude of Com-
misssioners of the Agricultural Bank in appropriating proceeds of side lines of bank clients.

24. KIRUP.—That the Agricultural Bank be asked to consider the following:—That all S.S.S. properties
be revalued at a fair and reasonable sum at present day values with a reasonable sum added in lieu of
interest, and that all payments made automatically reduce the principal.
25. MULLEWA.—That as foreign markets are over supplied and local prices falling, the position of the settlers be reviewed with the object of reducing debts to the Agricultural Bank.

26. MULLEWA.—That in the event of a soldier settler dying and leaving no personal assets his medical and burial expenses be a first charge on the farm assets.

27. NORWOOD.—Congress requests the General Manager and Trustees of the Agricultural Bank to review sympathetically the terms and conditions governing the administration of the £3,000 Imperial Grant with a view to assistance therein any eligible Imperial settler settled on the land under any heading:—Fruit, poultry, bee-keeping, dairying, wheat, etc. Congress further suggests the abolition of interest and asks that recommendations along these lines be forwarded to the proper authorities for permission to implement same.

28. MOORA AND DARLING RANGE.—That Congress press for the appointment of a soldiers' representative on the Agricultural Bank Board, such representative to be appointed by ballot of the delegates to Soldier Settlers' Conference.

29. DARLING RANGE.—That where any report by Agricultural Bank Inspectors is prejudicial to any soldier settler, the settler be given the privilege of commenting thereon.

30. PEMBERTON.—That when an ex-service man owning a location under mortgage to the Agricultural Bank dies intestate his next of kin or dependants should have first option of retaining the block and that no transfer fees should be charged in such cases.

31. UPPER CHAPMAN.—That the Agricultural Bank Commission be requested to immediately write down the debt on properties on which the settler has no reasonable chance of meeting his liabilities, and that full and definite assurance to this effect Congress considers what further action is necessary to submit the question to the State Government or Parliament.

32. UPPER CHAPMAN.—That where a property is so seriously affected by the rabbit menace as to injure the settlers' prospects, and where no Federal funds are available, the Agricultural Bank be requested to provide funds for the purchase of the necessary wire and netting.

33. UPPER CHAPMAN.—That a policy of greater decentralisation be given effect to by the Agricultural Bank, thereby conferring on District Officers wider powers in the administration of their districts.

34. UPPER CHAPMAN.—That as in some instances the districts controlled by Field Inspectors of the Agricultural Bank are too extensive to enable the Inspectors to efficiently carry out the varied duties of several Departments in the best interests of all parties concerned, Congress is of the opinion that smaller districts are necessary, or, alternatively, assistance should be provided.

35. UPPER CHAPMAN.—That when Federal Grants are distributed by the Agricultural Bank additional staff be provided to adequately cope with the extra work involved.

36. YANMAH.—That the Commissioners of the Agricultural Bank be requested to consider with a view to its adoption where practicable, the amended mortgage scheme similar to that set out in "Report of Commission on Group Settlement, 1932," whereby payment of principal and interest for capital amount be deferred until the Stock and Implement account be discharged in full.

37. HARRIERY.—That the Superintendent of Dairying be requested to have a Departmental Tester and Grader stationed at all factories receiving milk or cream for manufacturing purposes, and that all supplies be accepted and paid for on the Testing and Grading as certified by that official; and further that Tester-Graders be interchangeable.

38. YANMAH.—Congress urge that in the re-clearing of Group Settlement holdings more efficient, profitable and economic methods could be adopted.

39. FOREST GROVE.—That Group Settlers as present on blocks which are insufficiently developed to provide a reasonable standard of living for a family be granted the right to be transferred at a lenient and extended transfer fee, and have priority of any good abandoned blocks now in the hands of the Bank.

40. FOREST GROVE.—That as the majority of group settlement holdings are at present insufficiently developed, settlers be given temporary use of vacant blocks adjoining their own.

MARKET

41. QUIRADING.—That Congress endeavour to have established a flat rate of 15 pence per lb. for wool.

42. WAROONA.—That a Board of Control with statutory powers be appointed to control the marketing of potatoes.

43. NORTHCLIFFE.—That Congress press for immediate and continuous enforcement of the Dairying and Marketing Act, Sections 10 (c), 11 (1), 12 (1), 14, 15, 23 and 91.

44. NORTHCLIFFE.—That voting power of manufacturers at Marketing Board Elections be according to amount of butter manufactured by them, and not as present, one license, one vote. That voting powers of dealers be according to amount dealt with.

45. NORTHCLIFFE.—That Congress press for rigid enforcement of the Health Act to quantities of bulky butter which does not come under the Dairy Act, 1922, or Marketing Act, 1934, and parcels under 28 lb. in weight.

46. GOSNELLS.—That the best interests of the producers will be served by the re-enactment with suitable amendments of the Metropolitan Whole Milk Act which expires in December next.

47. GOSNELLS.—That the price of produce for whole milk for consumption in the metropolitan area be based on the costs of production plus a margin of profit.

48. GOSNELLS.—That Congress request the Government to institute a full enquiry into the question as to why our primary production must be restricted to quotas, etc.

49. YANMAH.—That Congress views with disfavour any suggestion of restriction of primary products and urges our legislators to make the reason of under consumption a question of vital importance.

TRANSPORT

50. MULLEWA.—That the Commissioner of Railways be asked to introduce fast steam or motor coaches for services in country centres where the population warrants a fast service for the carrying of passengers and perishable goods.

51. KALGOORLIE.—That the Government be urged to readjust the freights and passenger fares throughout the State so that the urban and suburban lines be well served and the monies accruing on country lines be spent by a reduction in freights and passenger fares and so enable the returned man and other primary and secondary producers to reach their market with a better chance of competing with the Eastern States producers.

52. YANDANOOKA.—That the Midland Railway Company management be approached for a reduction of freight charges to the level charged by the State railways.

LOCAL QUESTIONS

53. MOORINE ROCK.—That efforts be made to get the Minister for Water Supply to reticulate from
54. HARVEY.—That the Drainage Administration be placed under the control of the Irrigation Commission.
55. FOREST GROVE.—That in view of the potential importance of the Blackwood River for fisheries, defence and tourist purposes, the Government be urged to clear and keep open the present sand bar.
56. WALPOLE.—That the construction of the Normandeup-Northcliffe railway be pushed on immediately.
57. KALGOORLIE.—Congress urges the State Government to have the whole of the Perth-Kalgoorlie road declared a Main Road, and to take immediate steps to have it made into a first-class road.
58. TINGLEDALE-HAZELWOOD.—That the Department be approached to prohibit net fishing in Irwin’s Inlet.

GENERAL CONGRESS

Procedure
59. NEDLANDS PARK.—That in future ballots for election of the State Executive no information be given on the ballot papers other than the names of the candidates.
60. SOUTH PERTH.—That proxy delegates asked for by sub-branches and not nominated thereby be appointed by a committee from the State Executive.
61. SOUTH PERTH.—That nominations at Congress for the State Executive shall be made the last business of the last day but one and elections the last business of the last day.
62. KALGOORLIE.—That the report by the President of the State Women’s Auxiliary be taken on the first day of Congress, and so avoid the necessity of the ladies of the Women’s Auxiliary wasting so much time attending R.S.L. Congress waiting for the presentation of their report.

ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY
64. CARLISLE.—That no member of a sub-branch shall have the right to peruse the sub-branch files at headquarters without the authority of the Executive of the sub-branch.
65. GNOWANGERUP.—That any State-wide appeal on behalf of the Returned Soldiers’ League be conducted by the State Executive through their office.
66. FREMANTLE CITY AND DISTRICT.—That the incoming Executive be instructed that the general welfare of returned men is the primary reason for the banding together of the League and that this must take precedence over any other of its activities internal or external.
67. MULLLWA.—That some definite arrangement be made between the Central Amelioration Committee and sub-branches so that men who are in indigent circumstances and recommended by their sub-branch will not be refused assistance.
68. KELLEREY.—That the list be compiled of the names of all members of the League under sub-branch headings and published in brochure form.
69. KALGOORLIE.—That State representation to the Federal Congress be not restricted to members of the State Executive.
70. COLLIE.—That the result of motions adopted by Congress be conveyed to sub-branch by circular letter.
71. HARVEY.—That the Executive be instructed to distribute to all sub-branches a report on action taken by the Executive following motions passed by Congress, such report to be published six months after Congress.
72. MAYLANDS.—Congress re-affirms the principle of Item 21 of the 1926 Congress and instructs the State Executive to give effect to same whenever possible:—"That Congress strongly recommends to the incoming Executive the advisability of holding all functions tendered to distinguished visitors and others in the evening instead of the afternoon, thus giving all members in the suburbs an opportunity of better attendance.
73. NORWOOD.—Congress regrets that so far as Western Australia is concerned practically no information has been made available through the Press or the League, of the proceedings of the B.E.S.L. Conference recently held in Australia.
74. SOUTH PERTH.—That the incoming Executive give early and serious consideration to the question of the perpetuation of the British Empire Service League’s representation in Australia.
75. FREMANTLE.—That wherever a returned soldier passes over, the nearest sub-branch shall be represented at the graveside and a poppy be cast into the open grave as a mark of respect from his comrades.
76. COLLIE.—That Congress Item 119 of 1933 Congress be re-affirmed as follows:—"That the League should associate itself with the principles embodied in the Constitution of the League of Nations and that sub-branches throughout Australia should discuss such principles in suggestions whereby those principles may be brought to fruition more promptly and so be the means of preventing war between nations for all time."

CONSTITUTION
77. TORBAY.—That on the death of a member of the League the eldest son of deceased shall have the right to become a full member of the League.
78. MIDLAND JUNCTION.—That sub-branches be empowered to give Financial Crowns to members who are genuinely unable to make themselves financially through unemployment or ill-health.
79. NEDLANDS PARK.—That Rule No. 26 of the W.A. Branch be amended by deleting the words in the 5th, 6th and 7th lines—for a period of more than one year from the 31st day of December, 1920, or any date subsequent thereto," and inserting after the word "continuously" in the 7th line the words "for the year from annual meeting to annual meeting."
80. CARLISLE.—That part 1 Section (a) and (b) Women’s Auxiliary Constitution the word "unmarried" be deleted.
81. CARLISLE.—That Congress define explicitly the powers of sub-branches in respect to their Women’s Auxiliary.
82. DONNYROOK.—That a reduction in capitation fees should be made.
83. VICTORIA PARK.—That Clause 26 (including sub-clause (a)) be altered to read as follows:—"That not more than two Certificates of Service be issued to any sub-branch in any one year.
84. MT. HAWTHORN-NORTHERN BEACONSFIELD.—That as 17 years have elapsed since the Great War ended, Congress is of opinion that the words "Returned Soldier," as applied to the League, is a misnomer and that steps should be taken to substitute more suitable words.
85. SOUTH PERTH.—That no salaried official nor paid employee of the R.S.L. or of any of its sub-branches shall be eligible for election to the State Executive.
86. WILLS.—That returned men who have not already become members of the League shall be debarred from any benefits or membership of the League in future.
87. KALGOORLIE.—That for the purpose of electing
the State Executive the sub-branches of the League be grouped by the Management Committee of the State Executive into 12 parts as near as possible equal on the basis of financial membership as at the 31st March each year, and having regard to geographical situations, and that each group be empowered to elect one representative to sit as a member on the State Executive for 12 months; further that the nominations for each Group be lodged at least two months prior to the date of the commencement of Congress each year, and that the election by each Group take place by ballot to be conducted by the strongest numerical sub-branch in each Group, the result of such election to be finalised and advised to the State Secretary at least 7 days before the opening of Congress; that as regards the remaining seats on the State Executive the election be held in the usual way.

88. COTTESLOE.—That each metropolitan sub-branch elect its own member to represent it on the State Executive.

89. YEALERING.—In view of the fact that so much new legislation has been and is still being made, and that the interests of members require even closer observation than hitherto, Congress directs that the Executive should immediately arrange for the grouping together of adjacent branches into Zone Councils, each Council to have the right to appoint a member on the State Executive.

DEFENCE

90. MULLEWA.—That the Commonwealth Government be asked to make available money for the purpose of increasing our air defences.

91. PRESS.—That the League actively associates itself with the Defence Force of this State by the earnest encouragement of enlistments in the Militia and senior ranks, and that the traditions won by the A.I.F. and handed down to serving units can be better fostered and upheld.

92. COLLIE.—That the attention of the Defence Department be directed to the quality of the workmanship, particularly the lettering connected with the Commonwealth headstones erected on the graves of ex-service men who die of war causes.

IMPERIAL EX-SERVICE MEN

93. TORBAY.—That the Imperial Government be asked to review cases where Imperial soldiers domiciled in Australia have become incapacitated through war service.

94. KENTDALE.—That the Federal authorities be again urged to extend the grant at present allowed to defray funeral expenses of such Imperial soldiers as may die in indigent circumstances to Imperial soldiers who may die in Australia under similar circumstances.

95. OSBORNE PARK.—That an ex-Imperial Committee be formed to advise the Executive on ex-Imperial matters.

96. SOUTH PERTH.—Congress affirms the desirability of having representatives of Imperial ex-Imperial service-men on the State Executive and instructs the incoming Executive to devise a means to ensure this.

97. NORWOOD.—Failing the election, in accordance with the Constitution of a representative of Imperial ex-service men to a seat on the Executive, Congress considers it desirable that such a representative or representatives be co-opted to a seat on the Executive.

98. BRIDGETOWN AND NORWOOD.—That a fund should be provided by the R.S.L. for the payment of interment costs of Imperial ex-service men dying in indigent circumstances.

99. ALBANY AND NORWOOD.—In order to expedite pension appeals, admission to hospitals, etc., Congress press for the appointment of a Resident Commissioner of Pensions in Australia with authority to finalise Imperial pension applications and appeals.

100. NORWOOD.—That representations be made through the B.E.S.L. to the Imperial Government that as a common act of justice the seven years' leave for lodgment of pension claims be extended.

101. MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD.—That the League endeavour to get the Imperial Pensions Board to pay Naval and Marine pensions fortnightly instead of, as now, quarterly.

STATE WAR MEMORIAL

102. NEDLANDS PARK.—That the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation or the Defence Department be requested to advise the State Secretary of the W.A. Branch of the League of the regimental particulars of all ex-service men whose deaths are due to war service, in order that appropriate action may be taken to have the names recorded on the tablets at the State War Memorial.

103. NORWOOD.—That it is desirable that the flags be flown at the State War Memorial on Monday and Sunday and that the Warden be informed accordingly.

ANZAC DAY

104. NORWOOD.—Congress supports the State Congress recommendation from 1923 to 1933 urging the Government to make Anzac Day a day sacred to service ranking equally with Christmas Day and Good Friday, regrets the retreat from this position in 1934, and is of the opinion that the League should organise and present to Parliament a petition to bring about this return.

105. KALGOORLIE.—Congress records its satisfaction at the result of the ballot taken in Queensland recently regarding the retention of the existing form of Anzac Day Commemoration.

106. PEMBERTON.—That the State Executive take steps to hold a referendum among members as to whether Anzac Day should be sacred until the end of the service only, or the present paradoxical position of returned Australians holding a sacred day and all others working should be continued.

107. KONDININ.—That the resolution regarding Anzac Day passed at the Federal Congress is strongly supported by this Congress.

108. BRIDGETOWN.—That Congress endorses the policy of the Executive in maintaining the solemnity of Anzac Day.

109. HARVEY.—That Anzac Day be observed more as a National Day, that is, the morning be given to Remembrance and the afternoon be observed as the National or Australia's Nation Day.

110. MURRAY.—That the Anzac Day circular of the 20th February, 1935, be altered to read—Paragraph 2 (a):—"That Anzac Day be strictly observed as a closed half holiday which shall entail the closing of hotels, etc., until 12 noon, and that sports and other entertainments be carried on after 12 noon."

111. KONDININ AND MORAWA.—That Anzac Day be gazetted a paid holiday to all returned ex-soldiers in Australia, no distinction being made between ex-Imperial and the men of the A.I.F.

112. YEALERING.—That ex-Imperial soldiers in Government employment be given Anzac Day holiday with full pay.

113. TORBAY.—That in Government services where ex-A.I.F. men are granted a holiday on full pay on Anzac Day the same privilege be extended to ex-Imperial men.

114. KEELLERBERRIN.—That ex-Imperial men should have the same concessions granted to them as ex-A.I.F. men on Anzac Day.

115. NEDLANDS PARK.—That the provisions of Section 42 of the Factories and Shops Act, 1920, be amended so that all males employed in a factory be granted a holiday on full pay on Anzac Day, thus bringing them into line with boys and females.
116. NORWOOD.—That all ex-service Kindred Associations be granted the privilege of placing a wreath on the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day, at the official ceremony at Dawn on Anzac Day.

117. LAKE GRACE.—Congress directs members of the State Executive to parade and march with their units on Anzac Day instead of as at present in a separate procession.

118. NORTH PERTH.—That the Sons of Soldiers' League march immediately behind the A.I.F. units.

POPPY DAY

119. GNOWANGERUP.—That the allocation of Poppy Day Appeal Funds be amended to assist to sub-branches, fourpence to Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund, and twopence to head office.

120. GOSNELLS.—Congress disapproves of the practice of Government Department sub-branches directing the employees of such departments to buy poppies on Anzac Day only from their department, and Congress directs that sales of poppies be entirely prohibited before Anzac Day.

121. WILUNA.—That the original allocation of the profits from the sale of poppies be reverted to.

ARCHBISHOP RILEY MEMORIAL SHIELD COMMISSION

122. NEDLANDS PARK.—That the State Executive formulate a scheme of competitions for country districts on the lines of the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competition in the metropolitan area, and thus give effect to the spirit that prompted the donation of the shield, and the inception of the competition.

EMPIRE AND LOCAL TRADE

123. PRESS.—That Congress, being of the opinion that the future of the British Empire is largely dependent upon Empire trade, urges upon members of the League throughout the State the necessity for purchasing goods of British origin and for giving every possible support to assist movements such as the Empire Shopping Week.

124. PRESS.—That in recognition of the growing importance to the Empire of the Empire Shopping Week, and in view of the abolition of the Empire Marketing Board, the British Government be approached through the B.S.S.L. with a request that it circulate yearly a poster in three suitable sizes on the understanding that each component part of the Empire where Empire Shopping Weeks are held shall contribute one-half of the cost of such posters supplied to that part at its request.

125. COLLIE.—That if the League intends to continue to sponsor the Empire Shopping Week in this State, the sub-branches be authorised to continue the campaign at least three months prior to the campaign being opened.

ANZAC HOUSE

126. SUBIACO.—That a loan be raised on mortgage for a period of not less than 15 years, and at the lowest rate of interest obtainable, preferably 5 per cent, or a little less, for a sum sufficient to pay off the bank overdraft.

127. PERTH.—That it be the League's moral duty to make provision for the welfare of less fortunate comrades and Congress instructs the State Executive to make provision for recreation rooms, either in Anzac House itself, or in a central position for the use of any returned soldier, whether a member of the League or not.

128. BELMONT AND MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD.—That suitable accommodation be made available at Anzac House to all members of the League irrespective of Club membership.

129. MULLEWA.—That membership of Anzac Club be open to all members of the R.S.L. and S.L.A.

130. PERTH.—That all blind soldiers should receive a "Listening Post" free.

131. WILUNA.—That all country sub-branches should have the right to nominate any of their members visiting Perth as honorary members of Anzac Club.

"LISTENING POST"

132. GNOWANGERUP.—That the State Executive consider publishing its own paper to serve best the interests of the Returned Soldiers' League.

133. OSBORNE PARK.—That all blind soldiers should receive a "Listening Post" free.

134. MULLEWA.—That membership of Anzac Club be open to all members of the R.S.L. and S.L.A.

PENSIONS AND REPATRIATION

135. MANJIMUP.—That the R.S.L. retain the services of a doctor whose duty will be to examine and report to the League's representative reports upon pension claims or applications for pension review prior to claims or applications going forward to Pensions Board.

136. NORTH PERTH.—That all educational facilities available to totally incapacitated soldiers' children born before the amendment of the Repatriation Act in 1931 be granted to children born after that date.

137. PERTH.—That the Repatriation Act be amended as to provide for at least three months notice being given to all War Pensioners before their being reduced to lst schedule rates.

138. PERTH.—That the Repatriation Commission be requested to consider the withdrawing of the Funeral Grant of £15 when the total cost of the funeral exceeds £25.

139. PERTH.—That in cases where the disability of a commuted pensioner can be proven to be at an equal or greater assessment after a period of ten years than at the time of commutation, such ex-service men be given the right to apply for a continuation of pension.

140. PERTH.—That the Repatriation Commission be requested to give consideration to the withdrawal of the pension to all blind soldiers should the return of soldiers.

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142. WILUNA.—That the accommodation at Perth Hospital for War Pensioners waiting to attend doctors be improved.

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148. BUNBURY.—That any man wishing to have assis-
tance to put his case before the Entitlement Board should be allowed to have a legal practitioner for that purpose.

KOJONUP.—That booklets be printed containing instructions for those returned soldiers applying for a pension to be given to all sub-branch secretaries be supplied with copies.

KOJONUP.—That the line of demarcation between injuries due to war and those aggravated by war be abolished.

KOJONUP.—Congress at the notice of those responsible to the discrepancy between the basic wage and a full pension.

KOJONUP.—That men applying for pensions, or for alteration, or re-instatement of pension, be furnished with a definite report on the result of their appeal.

KOJONUP.—That men with multiple disabilities, in possession of a pension, be notified as to the particular disability regarded as pensionable by the Medical Board.

KALGOORLIE.—Congress urges the Repatriation Department to appreciate the fact that when a returned soldier is called to Perth for examination or treatment, that his family still need food, and that house rent has to be paid, and consequently urges that the pension of the soldier and his dependants be raised to a full pension during his absence at the Repatriation Department.

WEST LEEDERVILLE.—That when a returned soldier is exiled from the Medical Board the Repatriation Department be requested to advise the claimant in writing of the result of the Board's examination immediately the decision is known, and where the pension is reduced the reason for the reduction be given.

CULLIE.—That as the war disabilities of ex-service men are now becoming more pronounced and the necessity of medical attention more intense, Congress urge the advisability of re-casting the Repatriation Act to enable it to function commensurate with the suffering of ex-service men. Further, that if this is agreed to by the Commonwealth Government, sub-branches of the League be asked to submit suggestions for inclusion in the amended Act.

MT. HAWTHORN.—NORTH LEEDERVILLE AND CULLIE.—Congress reaffirm Agenda Item 114 of the 1934 Congress:—That all soldiers' wives and children who are debarked from reception ships at the present time under the Financial Emergency Act should have the same privileges as prior to 1931.

CULLIE.—That the old scale of dependants' pensions be again urged by the League.

CULLIE.—That ex-service men, who are in receipt of a percentage of the full war pension should not have same deducted from Old Age and Invalid Pensions.

CULLIE.—That where it is so desired by sub-branches the League endeavour to arrange with the Repatriation Department to have appeals, both assessment and entitlement, grouped locally in order to allow the League's local pension officer to appear with complainants.

CULLIE.—That the League urge the acceptance by the Repatriation Department of affidavits by ex-service men covering their post-war medical history when local doctors have become deceased and no records are available.

COKERNUP.—That all visits of travelling medical officers be discontinued and all cases of Pension Review be called to Perth before the Assessment Tribunal.

MERRIKA.—That efforts be made to secure for any sick or injured returned soldier the facilities of the Repatriation Ward, notwithstanding that his disability may not be war caused.

MANJIMUP.—That the R.S.L. maintain closer liaison with the B.E.S.L. in order to obtain recognition of, and particulars and papers relevant to, Imperial Pension claims.

OSBORNE PARK.—That returned soldiers suffering from chest complaints other than T.B. should not be sent convalescent near the coast but somewhere in the hills.

OSBORNE PARK.—That a large slate should be hung in the entrance to No. 11 Ward with the names of diggers and their units and number of bed.

AGED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS

BRUNSWICK JUNCTION.—That a committee be appointed to deal with the question of premature ageing of returned soldiers.

KIMBERLEY AND RAVENSTORPE.—That Congress support and use every endeavour to have the old age pension limit reduced to 35 years for sailors and soldiers who fought overseas.

PERTH.—That the Federal Government be approached to provide special accommodation and treatment for the large number, increasing with the numbers of returned soldiers, of returned sailors and soldiers in the Old Men's Home.

PERTH.—That returned soldiers who have attained the age of 65 years and are retired from their active positions in life and who, through force of circumstances, are forced to draw on the Old Age Pension for a living, be made honorary members of the R.S.L.

TORBAY AND NORTHCLIFFE.—(a) That Congress instruct the incoming Executive to form an Old Men's Home Committee to look after the interests of returned sailors and soldiers in the Old Men's Home. (b) That consideration be given to a scheme like "Cheltenham Hospital."

HARVEY.—That rather than the suggested lowering of age for returned men applying for the Old Age Pension, Congress favours a pension which shall be handled by the Repatriation Commission and which shall be available to all returned men and shall be sufficient to ensure a minimum income equal to the Commonwealth basic age pension to be claimed as a right not as a charity.

NORWOOD.—That a list of subscribers to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund be incorporated in the State Secretary's Annual Report, or be otherwise made available for information.

YEALING.—That efforts be made to obtain the support of the British Legion in obtaining the following:—That old age pensions be paid by the British Government to all British born subjects, eligible by old age pensions paid in the Dominions and Colonies, until they qualify by residence in the Dominions or Colonies for old age pension there, and the same vice versa for British Dominions and Colonial born men now resident in England or in other British Dominions and Colonies.

EMPLOYMENT

FOREST GROVE.—That the sustenance workers now engaged in re-clearing group settlement blocks should be taken off unoccupied blocks and concentrated on backbreaking work.

COLLIE AND MOORA.—That the Commonwealth Government be urged to refrain from deducting the amount of soldiers' pensions from sustenance and relief workers pay.

YANMAR.—That where the gross income from a farm is inadequate to maintain a son of working age, the existing bar to his being engaged on relief work or to his receiving sustenance be removed.

YANMAR.—That in order that a greater number of farmers may benefit by the scheme of employment of relief workers on holdings the Government be urged to employ more expeditious methods.

NORTH PERTH.—That returned soldiers working on sustenance work be given more sympathetic treatment by the officers of the Minister for Employment.
WAR SERVICE HOMES

180. FREMANTLE.—That Congress reaffirms its opinion that the time is long overdue for a revaluation of War Service Homes and instructs the incoming Executive to endeavour to obtain this.

181. MT. LAWLEY.—That the War Service Homes Act be amended to allow that the returned soldier owner of a War Service Home that has been fully paid off be allowed to retain the benefits of the insurance rate.

182. COLLIE.—That the Executive press for the recasting of the War Service Homes Act.

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183. NORTH PERTH.—That a central branch in the metropolitan area and senior branches in country districts (on the lines of the District Committees) be formed to cater for the requirements of boys 15 years and over, such branches to be independent of and not to interfere with the management of local branches.

184. PRESS.—That to enable the Sons of Soldiers' movement to be placed on a sound working basis, the S.S.L. of Western Australia be empowered to pass such domestic legislation as is deemed necessary for the next three years without reference to the Federal Congress, provided that such legislation be subject to the approval of the State Executive of the R.S.L.

185. PRESS.—That Clause 2 of the S.S.L. Constitution be amended by striking out the words "being 12 years of age" and adding to the clause as it now stands "provided he was not eligible and was rejected for the Great War."

186. MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD.—That the S.S.L. be established as one central body with Anzac House as headquarters, the basement of which to be used as club rooms and gymnasium, to be run on the lines of the Y.M.C.A. with senior and junior divisions, each sub-branch to pay towards provision and upkeep of equipment—each boy to pay the annual subscription of $2.

187. EXECUTIVE.—That paragraph (a) of the S.S.L. Constitution sub-paragraph 2 (a) (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.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

188. WAGIN.—That Congress views with deep concern the laxity on the part of the Government in providing youths with suitable employment, trades and professions, and thinks that this time has come when this matter should be taken in hand seriously, and that trades and professions should be made available for the youth and young men to equip themselves not only for their own needs, but for the good of Australia.

189. PEMBERTON.—That in the case of school children whose parents are not in receipt of at least the basic wage, the Education Department should supply free of charge such literature and books as are necessary for their proper education.

190. PEMBERTON.—That the Education Department make available in all schools such literature and exercise books as are necessary at wholesale prices and that all such stationary imported from the British Empire be adopted duty and tax free.

191. FOREST GROVE.—That to enable schools generally and particularly those in distant country districts to benefit by the broadcast talk to school children the Government be asked to subsidise the purchase of wireless receiving sets for schools.

MINING AND PROSPECTING

192. BULLFINCH.—In view of the fact that the Coolgardie State Battery has rejected prospectors’ par-
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