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Congress

C O N G R E S S, the climax of one year's activities and the prelude to those of the next, is with us once again. As usual, the Land Settlement Section, opening on Monday, September 30, will precede the General Congress, which commences on Wednesday, October 2, at 10 a.m. The distinguishing feature of this year's Congress is that it will be the first to be held in Anzac House. Last year, country and metropolitan delegates were able to inspect the League's new headquarters, and to look in upon the Club, but the building, though almost completed, was not sufficiently so for Congress to be held in it.

With two hundred and fifteen items on the agenda and the prospect of a supplementary agenda of usual length, delegates will have their work cut out to get through the list in the time allotted, even though an inspection of the agenda reveals several items which may be conveniently taken together, and others which will, no doubt, be speedily rejected as not coming within the province of Congress, or ruled out of order altogether. It is only to be expected that in an organisation containing so many sub-branches, and many of whose members are engaged in every type of rural activity, land matters should take up a considerable portion of the annual Congress. The fifty-eight items on this year's agenda, dealing with rural matters, are concerned with land settlement, the Agricultural Bank, dairying and group settlement, marketing, transport, and local questions. Some of the items make it clear that some, if not the majority of soldier settlers, favour revaluation of holdings and writing down of debts and would welcome a declaration of policy on the part of the Agricultural Bank Commission.

Another large section of the agenda is that dealing with pensions and repatriation matters concerning which there are twenty-nine items. The Anzac Day items, of which there are fifteen, are likely to evoke much discussion. In several of them we recognise old friends, but others reflect three shades of opinion regarding the present policy of commemorating the day. One item would make the day a fifty-third Sunday, while that immediately following asks Congress to record its satisfaction at the result of the ballot in Queensland regarding the retention of the existing form of Anzac Day commemoration. That, in its turn, is followed by an item advocating a referendum on the matter, similar to that taken in Queensland. Other items indicate a feeling in favour of treating the morning of Anzac Day as a sacred occasion and the afternoon as a national holiday.

Defence, Empire and Local Trade are subjects on which the League's policy has been clearly defined in the past, which is probably the reason why, this year, there are only three items under each heading on the agenda. These, where they are not reaffirmation of previous motions, deal with matters of routine. The constitutional items present some novel features which are likely to be debated very keenly. Kalgoorlie's item, the longest of this section, advocates a new method of electing delegates to the State Executive, and Cottesloe's, which follows, suggests that each metropolitan sub-branch elect its own member to represent it on the State Executive. Yealering's item, the last in this section, suggests grouping sub-branches into zone councils, each council to have the right to appoint a member on the State Executive.

These motions, if carried by Congress, would bring about a very radical change in the system of election upon which it will be interesting to hear the views of Congress as a whole.

In accordance with the decision of last year's Congress the agenda for this year was printed in the August number of The Listening Post. This should allow not only Congress delegates, but every member of the sub-branches which appoint them, to make themselves familiar before hand with the items to be discussed, and possibly to get from the proposers the idea underlying the motions which, in the majority of cases, are but briefly expressed.

On the more social side, the annual Congress gives opportunity for the great reunion at which country members meet their fellow diggers of the city, cement old friendships, and return to their abodes with a better perspective of the widespread and many-sided activities of the organisation. With this in mind, we welcome country delegates to the city, wishing them an enjoyable experience socially and a profitable one from the administrative standpoint.

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ANZAC FESTIVAL COMPETITIONS, 1935-1936

The Anzac Festival is the outcome of the desire to link up the younger generation with the story of the past, and to cherish in unbroken continuity the glorious traditions of our race.

It stirs, the imagination to remember that during the last week of April we celebrate events which epitomize a whole cycle of British history. On the 23rd, dedicated to St. George, the Patron Saint of England, we commemorate the birth of Shakespeare; on the 25th, the landing of the Anzacs at Gallipoli; and on the 29th, the arrival of Captain Cook in Botany Bay.

St. George, Shakespeare, the Anzacs, Captain Cook, symbolize for us of British stock the ideals of valour, endeavour, truth and beauty, which we hope may find expression in the literature, art and music of our country.

The Anzac Festival Committee arranges annually a series of competitions bearing upon the above inspiring cycle of British history, and makes the winning entries features in the festival observances of Anzac Week.

The Anzac Committee was appointed in October, 1931, at a meeting at the Town Hall, at which the Lady Mayoress presided, for the purpose of encouraging a greater use of the Arts in the Anzac celebrations. By these means its commemorative character is more likely to be maintained, and the ideal of peace among the nations fostered.

The Executive Committee consists of: Professor S. H. Roberts (president), Professor A. J. A. Waldock (vice-president), Dr. Mary Booth, O.B.E. (chairman), T. W. Beckett, Esq., Howard Carr, Esq., Mrs. F. J. Davy, Miss Lute Drummond, Miss Lilian Frost, Miss E. Shadforth Hooper, P. R. Le Couteur, Esq., Arnold Mote, Esq., Mrs. William Moore, Mrs. Gore Newell, Mrs. B. R. Overend, Mrs. S. Rutherford, Miss Warby, Mrs. M. G. Wyles; Major-General H. Gordon Bennett, C.B., C.M.G., Mrs. E. Paterson (Hon. Treasurers); Mrs. A. B. Cooke (Hon. Secretary).

ANZAC FESTIVAL COMPETITIONS, 1935-36

Section A. Literature and Art

Poetry:

(a) Anzac poem, suitable for recitation. Entry fee, 1s. Prize: Order for books to the value of one guinea.

(b) Anzac Day song, to be offered later for music. Entry fee, 1s. Prize: Order for books to the value of one guinea.

Playwriting:

(a) One-act play, to last about twenty minutes (winning play produced at Anzac eve festival). Entry fee, 2s. Prize: Order for books to the value of two guineas.

(b) Pilgrim Theatre play, to last about twenty minutes, suitable for out-of-door performance on a caravan with a curtain. Entry fee, 2s.
THE STATE PRESIDENT
AT GERALDTON

At the meeting of the State Executive on September 11, the State President, Mr. A. Teates, reported:

With the object of opening the new Headquarters of the Geraldton sub-branch I left Perth by train on Thursday, August 29. His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor very kindly invited me to travel on his coach and he was accompanied by Brigadier-General A. J. Beswell-Browne.

We arrived at Geraldton on Friday morning and were met there by Messrs. J. E. Anderson and F. Dunn, president and secretary of the sub-branch, together with the Mayor, Mr. Lester, and several members of the sub-branch. After breakfast we were motored through the district between Geraldton and Northampton, at which place we were tendered a

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Story:
An Anzac story, 2,000 to 3,000 words. Entry fee, 1s. Prize: Order for books to the value of one guinea.

Art:
(a) Design for programme cover, two or three colours, for Anzac eve festival, size 9 inches by 14 inches. Entry fee, 2s. Prize: Order for books to the value of two guineas.
(b) Design for bookplate for Anzac Festival Committee: (1) Two colours. Entry fee, 1s. Prize: Order for books to the value of one guinea. (2) Wood or line cuts. Entry fee, 1s. Prize: Order for books to the value of two guineas. Blocks to be the property of the Committee.

Closing date for entries for above section, 30th November, 1935.

Manuscripts must be signed with a nom-de-plume, and be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the author’s name and address inside, and the nom-de-plume on the outside.

All inquiries, with stamped, addressed envelope for reply, should be sent to the Secretary, Anzac Festival Committee, Scot Chambers, Hosking Place (off 86 Pitt Street, Sydney. (Telephone: BW 6701, 10 a.m. till 1 p.m.), from whom rules and entry forms may be obtained.

(Details of Section B—Choral Singing and Verse Speaking—will be announced later.)

Road Board reception and entertained to lunch. The president and secretary of Northampton sub-branch, Messrs. Ash and Glance, were both present, and I responded to the toast of “The League.” The afternoon was spent visiting Chilimoney Station (where Mr. Hazlitt—a returned soldier—is in charge of a stud sheep station, the property of Mr. E. Lee Steere) and the return journey to Geraldton.

At 8.15 p.m. we were given a civic reception where General Beswell-Browne and myself responded to the toast of the League, afterwards being taken to the club. Two members of the sub-branch, Messrs. Chapman and Mountain, drove the cars for the day, which were provided by Messrs. Gershon and Chapman.

On Saturday the party were motored through the Chapman Valley to the beautiful home and property of Mr. A. Grant, where the splendid lunch provided by Mrs. Grant was much appreciated. The afternoon saw us at Narra Tarra, owned by Mr. Frank Green, where we enjoyed afternoon tea and inspected two fine clover paddocks and a crop of oats. Generally, crops and feed looked well, and sheep, cattle and horses were in very good condition. The value of top dressing with super was clearly shown. Messrs. Foster and Green very kindly provided and drove the cars, and on both days we were accompanied by Messrs. A. E. Anderson and J. T. Clarke.

A most enthusiastic gathering of returned men to the number of from two to three hundred assembled in the new hall for the reunion during the evening. The Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Willcocks (Minister for Railways) Brigadier-General Beswell-Browne, the Mayor, Messrs. Hall and Moore, M’s.l.C., and other prominent citizens were present. Mr. Anderson presided and a long toast list followed, but though fairly late, I was given a good hearing and listened to with great attention—finally getting to bed at 12.30 a.m. Colonel Margolin, who came by train, was met at a station nine miles distant, and motored to town.

On Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large number of people (estimated at 1,600) the Lieutenant-Governor unveiled the War Memorial, and I opened “Birdwood House,” being presented by the architect (Mr. Tom Roberts) with a gold souvenir key. Afternoon tea was served by the Women’s Auxiliary, and later Councillor Foster took the party for a drive to see the Memorial erected to the late Warden Finney, and around the town and immediate district.

The Memorial is of granite and both that and Birdwood House are situated on a very fine site and present a striking...
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and kindness; Mr. Poynton, of the Midland Railway Company, and to all who so generously entertained and helped to make the tour a successful and happy one.

To Mr. A. E. Anderson, Mr. F. Dunn and the sub-branch and auxiliary at Geraldton my special thanks are due.

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The annual meeting of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department on Friday, August 23, 1935. Rabbi Freedman, presiding. The annual report showed that during the year 280 applications for assistance on behalf of the children of deceased and incapacitated ex-soldiers were dealt with by the Trust.

Scholarships—Twenty-nine scholarships were awarded during the past year to the respective schools and colleges being as under:

- Perth Modern School, 7; Goldfields High School, 1; Narrogin School of Agriculture, 2; Northam High School, 3; Albany High School, 1; Perth Technical College, 1; Wesley College, 1; Stott's Business College, 5; Methodist Ladies' College, 2; Sacred Heart Convent, 3.

Hale School, 1; Ladies' College, Victoria Square, 2.

Three hundred and seventeen children were provided with books at a cost of £169. The main sources of income during the year were: Trustees R.S.L. Gratuity Bonds, £106; Lotteries Commission, £20; Women's Auxiliaries, £52. A special vote of thanks was passed to the Women's Auxiliaries for financial assistance received from the sub-branches during the year.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Deputy president and chairman of committee: Rev. D. I. Freedman, B.A., B.V.D.; Committee: The Hon. the Minister for Education, Mrs. C. H. E. Manning, O.B.E., Mrs. E. A. Evans, Mrs. L. Clark, Professor A. D. Ross, M.A.D. Sc., Mr. H. E. Wells, Mr. W. A. Wilkins, D.C.M.; Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick.

The following applications for scholarships for the ensuing year were received and recommended:—Perth Modern School, 87; Narrogin School of Agriculture, 9; Goldfields High School, 5; Bunbury High School, 3; Albany High School, 1; Geraldton High School, 1.

The Press was thanked for valuable help received during the year in the publication of reports and notices.
The Mandated Territory of New Guinea

(By Brigadier-General E. F. Martin, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.)

[General Martin, who is a resident of this State, had a distinguished career as a soldier, culminating with the successful attacks by his brigade (the 5th) at Mont St. Quentin. The taking of this German stronghold was a notable achievement, which astonished the Corps Commander and added lustre to the A.I.F.]

I read with interest, in the West Australian recently, an account by G. G. Gregory, of the first white man to traverse the Sepik River from its source to the sea. It sent my mind back to Christmas, 1914, when a mixed-naval and military force, under the late Major-General W. Holmes (then Colonel) was administering the Islands South of the Equator, which they had captured from the Germans. I was commanding "H" Company of the Infantry, and had been placed in charge of that portion of the Main Islands of New Guinea, known as Kaiser Wilhelms Land, with my headquarters at "Madang." Christmas, 1914, I spent 400 miles up the river with only another white man, and two native police and a Chinese, a Cingalese, and six native police whom I had captured with a German the day before.

This part of New Guinea has a very bad name, the natives being very treacherous, as well as cannibals. My nearest post was 340 miles down the river, at a place called Angoram, where I had an officer (Lieut. Chambers, afterwards killed at Pozieres), a police master (Sergeant Clarke), and 20 native police. How I came to be there I will relate.

Coming from goodness knows where, a rumour got to Australia that a German force, 1,000 strong, was holding a position on the banks of the river some distance from the mouth. At the moment Colonel (afterwards Brigadier-General) Pethbridge was on his way in the troopship Eastern with 250 troops, to occupy the Islands North of the Equator, being escorted by the destroyers Warrego, Yarra and Parramatta. They were ordered to come to Madang and investigate. I had heard some mention of a supposed force in the river, and had made careful inquiries, but could find no information of any Germans being on the Sepik, except a police post at Angoram, of one police master and about 20 native police, also a Mission Station close by. I had no reason to doubt this information, and when Colonel Pethbridge arrived, I passed it on to him. He had, however, definite instructions, and so arranged to reconnoitre the river in the Warrego, taking with him the Father in charge of the Roman Catholic Mission at Alexis Hafen as a hostage and guide, who also confirmed my information as to the number of Germans on the river, and who had volunteered to go.

Colonel Pethbridge went as far as the Mission Station, and was apparently satisfied that the rumour was false, as he returned at once to Madang and next day sailed in the Eastern for Rabaul. I may here say the only means of getting about was by water, there being no roads through the thick jungle, and the stations were widely scattered, but all along the coast. The luggers were very small, and though they had auxiliary engines; there were worn out and most unreliable; so when I found Commander Cumberlege, who commanded the destroyers remaining at Madang for some days, I took the opportunity of discussing the question of occupying the Post at Angoram, and he agreed to transport my garrison for the post in the destroyers.

We left early in the morning, I taking Lieut. Chambers to command the post with a police master and 20 native police. We found the Sepik running very high with a strong current, which the navy said was 44 knots. On arrival at the police post, we found it deserted, and equipment, etc., scattered about in the long grass surrounding the station, which pointed to a hasty departure. I ordered scouts to be sent out, to try and find trace of the missing garrison. In the meantime, Lieut. Chambers and his command were setting things in order and getting their equipment, stores, etc., ashore. It was about noon when we landed. I was a bit anxious about the missing German, and did not like leaving Chambers until we had some news of him; but as it turned out everything went alright, as we captured the German, who was in hiding with his police boys. He was put on board one of the destroyers a prisoner, and the police boys were added to the garrison. I here got news that two more Germans were further up the river, so next morning the three destroyers and a steam tug called

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Nusa set their noses up stream. I took two police N.C.O.’s, with me. So far the country on both sides was flat and swampy, covered with thick rushes on the banks and what appeared to be tall, coarse grass behind, and scattered clumps of timber. We saw some native villages all close to the river. We knew when a village was near at hand by hearing weird cries, like a dog howling. We soon discovered it was from natives, who had seen the destroyers coming. The women immediately cleared out of the village and hid until we had passed. The men came down to the bank, armed with spears and clubs, and bows and arrows. We could see high hills or mountains a long way off, and they never seemed to get any closer. This fever-haunted, uninteresting country, seemed to never end, and the river turned and twisted in all directions; one moment you were going north and the next south. If you passed an object prominent enough to recognise again, you would, after travelling some considerable time, see it again within a stone throw; whereas, rightly speaking, it should have been miles behind.

After we had gone some 250 miles from the mouth, Commander Cumberlege decided to leave the destroyers, and he and I transhipped to the Nusa. We found ourselves very cramped on the bridge of the little boat, but there was no where else to go, so we made the best of it. We found the country from here on much more interesting; the mountains becoming closer, with low hills and thick timber covering the intervening country. Also we saw more villages, the larger ones we generally visited. It took us some time to gain the confidence of the male inhabitants; the females, as I said, fleeing into the bush on our approach.

These villages were very interesting, all the houses being built on similar lines: they were all built well up off the ground, at least 8 or 9 feet, this being for protection. To get inside you had to climb a small log notched to enable the bare feet to obtain a grip, and once inside you were nearly overpowered with the smell, and it took a few moments to see, as there were no openings, only the small entrance. When you could see you noticed a fire smouldering on a stone in about the middle of the floor. There was only one room, and stretched across it was a weird object, about three feet in diameter and hollow. We learnt that this was where all the family slept, the room being filled with smoke to keep away the mosquitoes.

People who have not been in the tropics possibly do not know that natives suffer like any white person from the mosquitoes, and also get malaria fever.

Another thing we noticed was that each dwelling was built round a tree, the roof beams, or rafters, being fastened to the tree, joining the roof of conical shape. The roof was very steep, and inside the dwelling the branches of the tree were cut off a foot or two from the trunk so that in time of danger the natives would climb up the tree and squat on these stumps. As the natives all along the river were very treacherous, we were careful not to wander far and always kept together, or at least in pairs.

We eventually arrived at the camp we were looking for, but only found one of the Germans, who was very disgruntled when we told him he was a prisoner, the other being away further up the river, but expected back any time. The camp was a good one, built of bush timber, and the roof made of, or rather thatched with, the branches of the “Sago Palm,” called in New Guinea “Sak Sak.” We found in addition to six native police boys—a Chinese and a Cingalese, both employed by the Germans as engineers of the motor launch and one of the river boats which had an outboard motor. These boats we found in good order, tied to the shore. The Cingalese could speak English, having at one time served in English ships, the Chinese spoke the broken English of the country, and both these men agreed to carry on and the native police boys were also persuaded by my native N.C.O.’s, to change masts. I never found the natives at all fussy, whether police boy or plantation labourer or house boy, they did not care provided they were treated fairly and had plenty of “Kat Kai” (food).

At the moment we were masters, but if the Germans ever got the Islands back they would go back to them and serve them, just as they now served us.

After we had had a look around Commander Cumberlege said he must get back to the destroyers as we were out of touch with the world, and he did not know what work might be awaiting him. As the other German was expected back at the camp any day, I decided to wait a day or two for him, so Commander Cumberlege returned down river in the Nusa, and I kept the motor launch and river boats which we had found here. Before going Cumberlege offered me the loan of one of his men (Sullivan) which I accepted with thanks. This was Christmas Eve. Next morning, Christmas Day, Sullivan and I held a council of war. As the launch was in good order, I decided we would go further up the river, and trust to meeting the German on his way down. We left a guard at the camp and set off, but after going about 50 miles we came to a large tributary, and not knowing by which stream the man would come, we camped there. The first night we slept on shore, keeping guard in turns with the police boys we had with us.

The mosquitoes were in myriads, and although we had mosquito nets, sleep was almost impossible.

Next day I decided we would not stay on shore that night, but anchor well out in the stream, but we were no better off. After waiting another day, I became...
anxious to return, as I feared that if I did not turn up at Angoram soon Chambers might try to send a search party. I therefore returned to the camp and packed everything in the boats and started down stream. When I arrived at Angoram I found that things had moved. Pethbridge, instead of going to the Carolines and other islands north of the Equator with his 250 troops, had been ordered to relieve Holmes and his force, and during my absence my troops had all been relieved and there was a new garrison at Angoram. I also found the H.S. Star with Lieut. Hill of the Paramatta in command, waiting to take me back to Madang, as, of course, the destroyers had departed.

The Star was a small steamer of about 300 tons, which was captured by us at the time of our occupying Rabaul.

When I got back to Madang I found that, though the garrison had all been relieved, I was still left in command. This did not appeal to me, as I knew that Colonel Holmes would be given a command of troops in some other field, and I wanted to go with him. There was nothing but administrative work to be done here until the end of the war, and I did not come on active service to stay in a job like that, so took the first opportunity to get to Rabaul, and after an interview with Colonel Pethbridge, was relieved and came back to Australia.

This was in February 1915. There were two features of the river I desire to mention, first the number of Egrets we saw, not near the mouth, but about 50 miles up stream. The birds appeared in large numbers, just like flocks of gulls; the natives wearing bunches of the plumes in their hair. Milliners called these plumes "Ospreys," which, I understand, is incorrect, as there is a bird called Osprey, which feeds on fish and is sometimes called a sea-hawk or sea-eagle. The other feature of interest was the readiness of the natives to barter. Knives and tommy-hawks were naturally much prized, but Red Ocre was the greatest prize. We had an assortment of these things on board, the Red Ocre being in small, round, flat tins, like boot polish tins. When we approached a village which we intended to inspect, we ran the boat in close to the bank and produced a tin of the Ocre. The natives armed with their spears, etc., came down to the bank, and getting behind the trees, watched us very closely. Some one would open a tin and making a smudge on a board, would hold it up to show the natives. Immediately there would be a chattering among them, and eventually one, generally an old man, would push off in a canoe and come a bit closer, and finally after a lot of persuasion, he would come alongside and would be painted, either on the chest or shoulders, and the tin was given to him. That was enough, we were then firm friends, and they would drop the weapons and come down to the boat. We would then barter for anything they had that we wanted; afterwards going ashore and inspecting their village. The canoes they use on the river are dugouts, without any outrigger like the kattamarang the natives use on the coast. The oarsmen stand up, and propel the craft by long sweeping strokes with a spear-shaped raddle, their balance being perfect.

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September 2.—The Austro-German forces captured Grodno. During a rising in Persia, precipitated by German intrigues, the British Consul-General at Isphahan was wounded.

September 3.—General Joffre visited the Italian Front.

September 4.—The Allan liner Hesperian, was torpedoed without warning off the coast of Ireland; twenty-six persons being reported missing.

September 5.—A raid on the Mohmand country, N.W., India, was repulsed.

September 6.—Forty French aeroplanes successfully bombarded the railway station, factories and military establishments at Saarbruck.

September 7.—During a Zeppelin raid on the east coast of England, seventeen persons were killed and 39 injured. The Russians gained a victory at Tarnopol, capturing 8,000 men and 30 guns.

September 8.—Zeppelins raid London killing 20 persons and injuring 86.

September 9.—Russian victory in Galicia; over 17,000 prisoners and nearly 100 guns captured.

September 10.—Russian victory at Trembova, Galicia; 7,000 prisoners and 36 guns captured.

September 11.—Zeppelin raid on east coast of England; no casualties.

September 12.—Continued Russian success in Galicia. North Tarnopol, 91 officers, 4,200 other ranks captured.

September 13.—Dvinsk-Vilna railway cut by Germans at Svetlany. German aeroplanes dropped bombs on Kestish coast, injuring 7 persons before they were chased off by two naval aeroplanes.

September 14.—British success at Malkau, East Africa.

September 15.—German offensive against Dvinsk and Vilna held up by Russian counter attacks.

September 16.—The Admiralty announced the loss of the British submarine E. 7 at the Dardanelles.

September 18.—Vilna captured by the Germans.

September 19.—Bulgaria mobilised her forces, proclaiming armed neutrality.

September 20.—The French gained a
September 21.—Great War Budget introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. McKenna, providing for new taxes estimated to bring in an additional revenue of over £100,000,000 in a full financial year.

September 22.—Russians recaptured a bridgehead on the Dvina at Lennewarden.

September 23.—Commencement of the Battle of Loos. The British captured the outskirts of Hulluch, the village of Loos, with the mining works around it and Hill 70, and also made an attack at Hooge, on either side of the Menin Road. The attack in the south gained 500 yards of enemy trenches, 1,700 prisoners, and eight guns, besides machine guns. In Champagne, the French penetrated the German lines on a front of six miles, capturing 12,000 prisoners. In Artot, the cemetery at Souchez, and the last enemy trenches east of the “Labyrinth” were taken.

September 24.—British repulsed fierce German counter-attacks at Loos, holding all the ground won on the previous day, including the whole of Loos, except some ground to the north. The French made further progress to the north of Arras, occupying the whole of the village of Souchez. More ground was gained in Champagne.

September 27.—British repulsed counter-attacks north-west of Hulluch, and continued the offensive east of Loos.

September 28.—Further progress made to the south of Loos, after severe fighting. The Turks were defeated at Kut-el-Amara on the Tigris and retreated towards Bagdad.

September 29.—The French made further progress east of Souchez and reached Hill 140, on the crests of Vimy, commanding Lens, after obstinate fighting.

September 30.—Petrograd reported that the Russians had abandoned Lutzk, the Volhynia fortress.

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VALE JACK MULQUEENY

A gloom has been cast over the Western Australian Branch of the R.S.L. by the sudden death of Jack Mulqueeny, a stalwart supporter of all ex-service men’s activities and a well-known and popular figure at all State Congresses during the last eleven years. The deceased soldier was born at Brunswick, Victoria, and came to this State in 1897, remaining for two years, and returning again in 1912. He enlisted in 1915, and was with Cliff Sadlier when the latter won his V.C. at Villers-Bretonneux, in which stunt he was wounded. He returned to Australia in 1919 and took up land under the Soldier Settlement Scheme at Lake Brown. An active member of the League since his return to the State, he has represented the country members of the Perth sub-branch at successive congresses, besides which he has pulled his weight in all the public activities of the district in which he lived. His flair for public service made him the president of a number of sporting bodies, a justice of the peace, a member of the Nungarin Road Board, and a foundation member of the Wheatgrowers’ Union, of which organisation he was vice-president.

Few men will be more missed. Always an outstanding personality at Congress, Jack Mulqueeny was an able debater which, with his breezy optimism and sound common sense, made him a tower of strength to the League both in city and in country. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his family in their bereavement, which is also ours.

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Anzac Revisited

By G. A. Radnell

For the twentieth anniversary of the landing at Anzac there were six New Zealanders and myself who made the Pilgrimage.

We left Melbourne on the Strathaird on March 26 last. After a very enjoyable trip touching at Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Soudan and Suez, at which port we left the boat on April 21.

At the entrance to the Suez Canal there is a fine memorial erected to the memory of 84 Indian officers and 4884 N.C.O.'s and men of the Indian Army who fell in India and Palestine during 1914-1918. On this memorial there was only one wreath—"From the Prime Minister and people of Australia."

Another very fine memorial is also erected on the banks of the Canal just north of Lake Timsah, and marked "Defence of the Canal, 1914-1918," and then at Port Said there is the memorial to the Light Horse regiments.

The rest of the party went by car from Suez to Cairo, while I took the train to Kantara East, to visit the big military cemetery there. In this cemetery there are 1153 United Kingdom, 234 Australians, 112 New Zealanders, 25 British West Indies, 14 South Africans, 14 names and units unknown, 72 Americans, French, Germans, Greeks, Italians, Russians and Serbians. This cemetery is on the ancient highway from Egypt to Palestine, one of the most historic highways of the world; if this desert could only write of things it has seen down through the ages, what wonderful reading it would make.

Very few Australians ever visit this cemetery, although it is a beautiful garden with Australian gum trees. Round it, and well worth a visit by anyone passing through the Canal. Here I saw on the tombstone of an Australian soldier "For Australia," and I shall never forget my feelings standing before this grave in the Sinai, and how true of the sacrifice made.

At 11 p.m. on the same night I reached Cairo and found the city greatly improved. Fine new buildings have been erected and roads widened. The road leading to the pyramids has been almost doubled in width for some distance, but it is still the land of backsheesh.

One chap wanted to show us the sights of Cairo at midnight, and every Australian knows what that means. We asked him if he remembered the Australian troops in 1914 onward, as we belonged to those troops, and so to Imshieh. This was his reply. "You Australians, eh? Australia big fellow, Australia plenty money, Australia burnt the Wazzir down, Australia b—y dinkum." So the A.I.F. are still remembered.

Early next morning (April 22) we were at the pyramids by 6.30 a.m. This is a very fine drive now, and fine homes line the road for a good part of the way. The old Mena Camp is but a memory, but there is a lot of excavation work being done near the Sphinx. The same old Sphinx, but with her feet now uncovered.

At 9.30 a.m. this day we left Cairo for Alexandria, and after a drive around the city we were all on board the Turkish liner Ismir by 2.30 p.m. and on our way to Athens, Ismir (Symrna to us) and Chanak.

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We spent a very pleasant day in Athens and after sightseeing among the glories of ancient Hellas we concluded that the ancients must have been far advanced of the Athenians of to-day.

The trip to Chanak was very good and took about four days. We were exceptionally well treated by the Turks and discovered that two of the waiters had served at Anzac with the Turkish army. We had some good times with them.

The captain of the crew was the only one who could speak English. This man had served in the war and it was a tremendous mystery to him that we should come 10,000 miles—come of our own free will—giving up good jobs, just to fight the Turks. "Did England force you to come?" he asked. We said "No, it was all voluntary." All he could say was "I do not understand, I do not understand." And so this mystery: if you can call it such, was the same to other countries as well as to Turkey. This captain was tall, fair and very reserved, in fact it was hard to realise that he was a Turk at all.

And so on to Ismir, where we arrived on Anzac Day. The Customs examination is very rigid here, and anything which had been bought on the way, or was not personal, was dutiable. We had to pay duty on the wreaths we were carrying to Anzac. All of the cabins were locked before we tied up to the pier and the custom official went through each cabin separately while soldiers were on guard in the corridors and on the decks.

We saw plenty of evidence of the big fire here in 1922—when the Turks finally pushed the Greeks out of this part of the world—practically the whole city was destroyed, but to-day, the modern Turk is trying to build a modern city on the ruins of 1922.

The service and the meals on board were very good, and the last course of our dinner on Anzac night, served up on a large dish was the following:—The whole Peninsula and Asia Minor modelled in sponge cake with a cream face, contoured to show the hills and valleys, etc.; the surrounding seas were represented by fine green sugar, the coast line was of chocolate icing, the cemeteries were picked out with devilled almonds, the barracks at Chanak and Kum Kale made of jelly crystals and blancmange, the lighthouse and British Cape Helles Memorial were made of butter, and rising out of the sea near Imbros was a priest modelled in butter and standing about 15 inches high. In his left hand was a Cross, while his right hand was held up as it were pronouncing a benediction over the dead. This gesture of good will from the Turks to the Anzac party was much appreciated by all.

We passed Cape Helles at 4 a.m. on April 26 and were landed at Chanak by 5.15 a.m. During the war period the combined tremendous efforts of the British and French naval and military powers none were able to see Chanak, let alone reach same, with the exception of a few New Zealanders, who saw the Narrows for a few days in August, 1915, and a few Australians who may have seen the Narrows the first day.

At Chanak we were living with Captain Rule Jones and his wife, who treated us very well indeed. Captain Jones joined up in the West, and left with the 7th Light Horse, and he is a dinkum Aussie still.

From the Narrows can be seen the New Zealand memorial at Chunuk Bair. This is the nearest to Chanak that any of the allied forces ever got (except submarines). Later we visited this memorial and a wonderful view of the Narrows and Chanak can be obtained. No wonder the Turks launched that huge counterattack which swept the defending troops off this vital position.

We spent all day, April 26, at Anzac, being accompanied by Captain Millington, a Tasmanian who is in charge of the War Graves on the Peninsula. We found Anzac practically the same as it was left 20 years ago, except for the undergrowth and shrubs which are typical of Anzac. The whole battlefield was covered with a growth about three feet high.

All of the Australian and Turkish trenches are still visible, the barbed wire is still there, bully beef tins, broken rum jars, cartridge cases and shell cases are all lying around. The water barges and lighters are still lying on the beach and the conderisers are still there, and from our right flank to Gaba Tepe there are still tremendous quantities of wire lying in front of the Turkish trenches. An Anzac would have no difficulty in locating particular places here to-day that would be of interest to him.

Anzac to-day is very peaceful and quiet. You can feel the stillness. As you stand in the Lone Pine cemetery and look around at the wonderful panoramic view, you feel as if you are in a world apart, standing in the immortal presence of all those who are forever resting there—the A.I.F. who did not return.

The cemeteries, of which there are more than 30 on Gallipoli, are a revelation. Each one is beautifully laid out and cared for; all of the work to-day being done by Turkish men and women under Captain Millington's supervision. Lone Pine cemetery is the largest at Anzac to-day. It is beautifully laid out and cared for, with Rosemary "for remembrance" the main feature of it. There is also the memorial to the missing here, in which are commemorated the names of 3,268 Australian and 456 New Zealand missing, and also 960 Australian and 252 New Zealanders who were buried at sea. There is also a Lone Pine tree growing here of which a snap is enclosed.

So far as I could see there is only one Turkish memorial on the Peninsula and that is next to Walker Ridge cemetery.

At dark we left Anzac for Chanak, about 19 Kilos away, and the road passed very close to where "Beachy Bill" was in position in 1915, and so a wonderful day came to an end.

Next day (April 27) we spent at Cape Helles. We saw the Turks working on and trying the raise the British battleship Majestic. The Turks call the entrance to the Dardanelles "The Graveyard of British and French Ships." I believe the Turks have got a tremendous lot of material from these sunken ships. The River Clyde has been refloated by the Turks, and is now plying in the Mediterranean under the Turkish flag. On this trip to Cape Helles we were accompanied by Mrs. Cardell-Oliver of Perth, who came down from Istanbul especially to see Anzac.

The Cape Helles memorial is erected to their missing in this sector, and there are inscribed on panels on the walls surrounding this memorial the names of 20,504 British sailors and soldiers and 248 Australian soldiers who fell in this sector in 1914-1916 and have no known graves.

Near this memorial is the grave of Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Doughty Wylie, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., Royal Welch Fusiliers, who with his men captured the Turkish redoubt that held up the landing here for over two days. He was killed in the redoubt itself and buried there. After the Armistice his wife would not have the body removed, so to-day, the Commission have fenced in this one
graves and it is surrounded with rosemary, being known as the lone grave of the Peninsula.

We also visited the French cemetery here. They have a very large cemetery and after the Armistice brought all their dead to it. There are four large graves—two on the right and two on the left of their big memorial in this cemetery with 3,000 unknown men in each grave, making 12,000 unknown French soldiers buried here. Their known dead are buried under crosses which brings the total up to almost 20,000.

On our return to Chanak via Achi Baba we called at the Redoubt Cemetery near the old front line. There are 1,678 graves here; 286 are known and marked, 349 known to be in this cemetery but graves unknown, 1,043 known only to God (some of the missing). And in this cemetery I found the grave of our old C.O. Lieut. Colonel Gartside, V.D., of the 8th Battalion, A.I.F.

All the cemeteries in this sector are kept up to the same high standard as at Anzac, the Turkish men and women doing all of the work, some of the menfolk having served against the British forces.

There are all told on the whole of Gallipoli the following British and Colonial graves:—8,968 identified, 13,563 unidentified, also 26,883 missing, commemorated on different memorials on Gallipoli.

Krithia is just as it was left in 1915. It has never been touched, and the British and Turkish lines are still to be clearly seen. And so ended another sad and interesting day. We had seen Anzac and Cape Helles, and as I visited all the cemeteries and read the inscriptions on the headstones, I could not help but realise that it was the Mothers, Fathers and Sweethearts who were left at home who had the hardest and most anxious time of all in those trying days of 1914-1918.

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**PROOF OF THE PUDDING**

*By Gilbert Monk*

Boiled down, it was her Aunt Matilda's Oriental pudding that robbed Mabel for once of that wifely prerogative: the last word.

Luckily for me, Oriental pudding—the recipe, by the way, was confided to my wife on her wedding-eve by that well-meaning maiden lady—only appears on very special occasions, for it invariably lies on my chest like so much lead, promotes premature sleep, and proceeds to torture with most terrifying dreams.

Indeed, it is a nightmare pudding—though not for worlds would I have Mabel know, so sensitive is her pride, especially pertaining to the pudding, so diligently does she potter, eyes glued to her recipe book, in its preparation.

However, to proceed. Yesterday was my birthday, and arriving home by the six o'clock bus—usually it is the 5.30, but one walked into Horace in Hay Street; then George dropped in and would insist—I was met by Mabel at the garden gate.

"Edward, dear," she mildly reproved, sniffing suspiciously after the birthday embrace, "I do hope it isn't spoiled! I've been to no end of trouble to give you a treat . . ."

Even then, not until we entered the "Nook" and I, in my turn, suspiciously sniffed, did I guess the ghastly truth.

Of course, the usual happened. When the clock struck nine, with an effort I raised my leaden frame from the settee, muttering throatily something about a busy day, and staggered/despondently to bed.

No sooner, it seemed, had I hit the pillow than I was one of a vast assemblage seated before a festive board reaching on either hand as far as the eye could see. Putting it mildly, the atmosphere was depressing; in fact, the guests ate with such lugubrious expressions—like so many cattle chewing their cuds—that I'll wager it was . . . well, to avoid being brutally candid, my birthday banquet.

There was one exception, however. My left hand neighbour, a natty-looking old man, was gazing and grunting with the zest of a hog over a garbage bin. (May Mabel never read this!)

"I seem to know you, old man," I said, gripping his arm. "Who the devil are you?"

As he turned his sallow, pouchy face, recognition came in a flash. Old Grabb, who made a fortune out of the war and
has been reviling soldiers ever since... until just lately, at any rate.

With sudden hate I raised my fists to obliterate his ingratiating grin and, shades of Aunt Matilda! I was in khaki again, raising my glass to Horace, likewise garbed, in a dizzy bar perched on the summit of Nelson's Column. Nightmarishly far below surged the traffic of Trafalgar Square; the column swayed terrifyingly in the teeth of a howling gale.

Then, with a nerve-shattering thump between my shoulder blades, Horace handed me his field-glasses and pointing across the awful space, yelled, "Look! For the love of Mike, look!"

O pudding of puddings! On the roof garden of a nearby building, Signor Musolfi in plus-fours and a steel helmet, and brandishing a gigantic golf-club, was addressing a round object for all the world like the head of Emperor Haile Selassie. Suddenly, the Duce swung viciously, missed, reeled, and stamped and gesticulated violently. Again, grimly determined, he addressed the object; again he loosed a mighty swing and connected—with the roof garden... and into the blue like a bird soared the head of his driver.

For one tense moment it vanished into a cloud: emerged, and began rapidly to descend, increasing from a tiny speck to that which caused me to grip Horace's arm and gasp:

"My hat! It's a pudding!"

"Down, down tumbled the pudding... till suddenly it seemed to whirl straight towards our duzzy perch with a painfully reminiscent whine. Darkness mysteriously fell, and the instant I yelled "Lie down, Horace!" something smote me in the chest, like a mad mule's kick.

The scene had changed. Shadowy forms moved past me in the gloom whilst I lay crying feebly for help and pressing ineffective hands against the warm, sticky mess spreading rapidly over my tunic.

I seemed to sink into the utter blackness of some deep pit. The sensation was terrifying, choking. I tried to rise—but a hand like the hand of death held me down. I wanted light and struck a match—it flickered out. More desperately still I fought to free myself from that deathly clutch; in terror I struck another match... and became conscious of a familiar voice drowsily murmuring, "S'all right, dear; you're only dreaming."

Evidently the pudding had completed its dirty work, for I slept soundly until the wretched alarm-clock shrieked. As I reached forth wearily to still its clatter, something lying on the mat caught my eye.

"Sorry, old girl," I said, "I disturbed you last night."

"What d'you mean?" mumbled Mabel sleepily.

"My nightmare... don't you remember?"

"Nightmare?" said Mabel, with a doubting uplift of eyebrows.

I was nettled. Rather heatedly I continued, "Yes, nightmare—the after effects of that terrible—er—war, I s'pose..."

It was a narrow squeak; the cat was nearly out of the bag. As it was, I suspect that Mabel smelt a rat; she sat up wide awake, and haughtily declared, "Don't be absurd—you slept soundly all night!"

"My dear," I ventured. "I'm not being absurd; on the contrary, I'm deadly serious. Last night you held me down when I was dying in a dark hole... and I couldn't breathe... and I yelled—but still you wouldn't let go. Of course, I didn't know it was you—not till I struck a couple of matches and—"

Mabel emitted an icy "ha, ha."

"Really, Edward," she said, in her most effective last-word tone, "you shouldn't try to be funny. The very idea... me holding you down whilst you were dying and striking matches—and a lot more stupid rot. Why, you never moved—you lay there like a log and snored disgustingly all night. The thing's too positively ridiculous for further discussion!"

I was out of bed in a jiffy, gathered my evidence off the mat, and flaunting two burnt matches before Mabel's nose, quietly remarked:

"But, my darling, what about these?"

A tense silence filled the room. For the first and most likely the last time I had heard the last word. Poor old Mabel! Unquestionably she was out-matched.
hour of need in the person of Dedjal Kassai, a tribal chief, who not only repulsed the raiders, but conquered his Abyssinian neighbours and assumed the title of Emperor Theodore. So successful was he in furthering his ambition of becoming lord of all Abyssinia, that, before long, the other local rulers, with the exception of the King of Tigré, accepted his overlordship. Theodore was a warrior of great skill and courage, but from the outset the prey of an un governable temper, one of the early symptoms of the insanity which ultimately afflicted him. Plowden describes him at the time of his accession to power as being “a man of good impulses with a desire to rule well and wisely, but of inordinate pride in his kingly dignity and position.”

That position was maintained only at the cost of constant war against the various tribes and in one of these, in March, 1860, Plowden was killed. He was succeeded two years later by Captain Cameron.

Political Blunders

At first, Captain Cameron was cordially received by Theodore who mentioned his desire, of which he had previously spoken to Plowden, of sending an embassy to England. Not only did the British Cabinet leave Cameron entirely unsupported, but it commenced a series of stupid acts which eventually caused Cameron and others physical hardship and mental anxiety, and involved the Empire in an expensive and unprofitable war. Cameron had hardly met Theodore when, acting under orders from the British Foreign Minister, the British consul at Jerusalem withdrew the protection that Britain had hitherto given the Abyssinian colony in the Holy City. There was not the slightest shadow of reason or excuse for this arbitrary reversal of policy and its immediate effect was the plundering of the Abyssinian convent by Armenians, of all people.

Again, acting under instructions from the Foreign Office, Cameron paid visits to certain neighbouring Egyptian local authorities. This aroused the jealous wrath of Theodore who was all the more incensed when a letter he had written Queen Victoria remained unanswered. It was this last breach of diplomatic etiquette, for which the Queen’s Ministers alone could have been responsible, which ultimately provoked the acts which in their turn led to war.

Theodore looked on the incident as a personal insult. “Your Queen,” he complained to Captain Cameron, “can give you orders to visit my enemies, but she cannot return a civil answer to my letter to her. You shall not leave me till that answer comes.” From that instant, in July, 1863, until his confinement was made more rigorous, the luckless Cameron was virtually under open arrest. In the following October, Cameron received a despatch from Earl Russell which did not contain the least allusion to Theodore’s letter. Neither did a further Foreign Office despatch with which a young Irishman named Kearns arrived in November 22. Kearns’s arrival almost coincided with the return of the head of the Abyssinian community of Jerusalem with his story of the withdrawal of British protection and the subsequent plundering of the convent. Theodore, whose mental derangement had been noticeable for some time, and who was by now half, if not wholly, insane, imagined that individual instances of the ineptitude of British politicians were part of a general policy directed against his regal dignity.

He had a servant of the consul beaten to death. Two others, the house boys of an English missionary were similarly treated. In his horror at the sight, the missionary subconsciously put his hand to his mouth. “This,” says Mr. G. A. Henty, the well-known war-correspondent and writer of boys’ books, who accompanied Lord Napier to Magdala as special correspondent of The Standard, “was alleged to be biting his thumb at the Emperor, the age-old and universal gesture of contempt. Nothing could have been farther from the thoughts of the unfortunate missionary; but he, too, was beaten until his life was despaired of. Theodore then had Cameron and all the missionaries and other Europeans he could seize fettered and thrown into a common prison.

Napier’s Expedition

Cameron, who was allowed to write home, warned the British Government that nothing short of a reply from the Queen to Theodore’s letter would secure the release of the prisoners; but the Liberal statesmen with their characteristic patience and magnanimity in the face of affronts and tortures inflicted on other Englishmen in other lands, as the result of their own bungling, did nothing. The unfortunates had to put up with their lot until a Conservative ministry came into power, when, after a futile attempt to ransom the prisoners, war was declared as the only resource left. Neither glory nor profit could result from war, in this instance, but a national stain was to be wiped off, so that the announcement that war had been

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declared was received with general satisfaction.

The troops who took part in the campaign were British and native units drawn from the Bombay Presidency and commanded by Lieut-General Sir Robert Napier, then commander-in-chief of the Bombay Army. The selection of commander, though haphazard, was a fortunate one. Napier, originally an engineer officer, had seen active service before, and was a skilled leader in battle and a thoroughly efficient organiser. On August 9, 1867, he issued a memorandum in which he estimated that he would require 12,000 troops of all arms, as 2,000 would have to remain in port to cover the embarkation of the rest. The expedition sailed from Bombay in December, 1867, and landed at Zouila. The convoy consisted of 291 vessels, whose total tonnage was 312,228. The number of animals landed at Zouila, including elephants, for transport and commissariat purposes, was 36,094; the number of fighting men, of whom only 4,944 formed the force which stormed Magdala, was 13,164. The Naval Transport Officer of the expedition was Captain, afterwards Admiral, Tryon, who was subsequently commander-in-chief of the Australian station, of the Mediterranean fleet, and who lost his life when his flagship, H.M.S. Victoria, was accidentally rammed and sunk during the course of naval manoeuvres at Tripoli, in 1893.

Speaking, at a later date in the House of Commons, Disraeli compared Napier’s expedition to that of Cortez in Mexico. The objective was Magdala, the rock-fortress which Theodore had made his capital, but 400 miles of difficult country, a stretch of desert and what a British officer called a sea of mountains, intervened between Zouila and Magdala. In disappearing into the unknown, Napier would have to depend entirely upon his own resources for guides and supplies, or at least it was thought he would. As it turned out, he arrived in Africa at a time when Theodore was at war with the King of Shoa, the father of Menlek II, who defeated the Italians at Adowa. Napier, a diplomat as well as a soldier, went ahead with his preparations and established useful contacts with Abyssinian chiefs who were dissatisfied with Theodore’s rule, or had refused to submit to it.

Storming Magdala

The long march to Magdala commenced on January 22, 1868. Napier assured the chiefs that Britain was at war with the tyrant Theodore and not with the Abyssinian people. This assurance procured him the alliance of the King of Tigre, while others chiefs supplied the expedition with provisions. The French military attacks were astounded at the speed with which troops advanced in the face of natural obstacles, over country intersected by deep ravines in which even a large force could be cut off and decimated, as the Italians were, later on, at Adowa. Napier took risks to avoid more serious risks. By April 8, his advanced troops were in sight of Magdala.

Theodore did not wait to be attacked. He made a vigorous sortie against the invaders and forced certain Germans of his prisoners to serve his guns. The Abyssinian warriors fought with desperate courage, but they were mowed down by a constant stream of fire from the new Snider rifles which the British infantry had just taken into use. Of the 5,000 who constituted Theodore’s attacking force, about 4,500 were killed. The victors camped that night on a bleak plateau swept by blinding torrents of rain. On the day before the troops arrived at Magdala, according to Mr. G. A. Henty, “Theodore had all the European captives out, and before their eyes he put to death 340 prisoners, many of whom had been kept in chains for years.” Of this number, which included women and children, Theodore killed over a score with his own hand.

But the steady advance of Napier’s troops was not without its effect on Theodore’s morale. He now offered to make terms, but Napier demanded the immediate release of the European captives and the unconditional surrender of Magdala, though he promised that Theodore and his family would receive honourable treatment. Theodore gave up the prisoners, but, clapping a pistol to the head of the Abuna, the head of the Abyssinian church, he forced that functionary to bless him before the inevitable conflict. The day of the assault was Easter Sunday, April 13, 1868. The customary Easter church parade was held, and just as the attack was about to commence, several of Theodore’s chiefs came into the British lines and tendered their submission. Magdala was then stormed with little loss to the attackers and without much resistance on the part of Theodore’s followers. Theodore committed suicide to evade capture and Magdala was burned by the victors. A relative, John, became Emperor of Abyssinia and since his accession relations between Britain and Abyssinia have been uniformly friendly. The leader of the expedition, which cost the nation £2,600,000, was elevated to the peerage with the title Baron Napier of Magdala.

As the result of a recent ball in aid of the Jubilee Appeal on behalf of Youth and Maternity, the Capel sub-branch was able to hand over £22 to the appeal fund.

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By T. G. Retailc

It’s a curious thing that the average “Tommy” when he has served a few years on a foreign station, invariably regards the reinforcements which arrive annually by troopships as inferior beings.

Conscious of his tanned countenance, drill shorts and pit helmet, he watches the draft parade in the station when it has debarked from the dusty railway train. His manner oozes contempt and the native element, quick to notice the pale skins and awkward angle of the unfamiliar "topee," sense the inferred inferiority of the new comer to the "pukka" soldier.

One of the new arrivals, tired from endless days in the train, dazed in unfamiliar surroundings, is slow to obey the sharp order to "fall in," drops his kit and generally fozles. A youngster raw to the game he is spotted and a few scathing remarks from a choleric and hard-beaten S.M. completes his confusion.

One of the curious onlookers, posing as an "old sweat," blows smoke contemptuously from his nostrils and murmurs a few words to his pal, who sniggers.

The dirty looking camp-followers, ever ready to jeer, sense the atmosphere. A sly remark and a titter of stupid amusement passes from one dusty face to another.

From the rear a contemptuous word in the "bat"—Draft-Wallah!

It has followed the draft from the moment of arrival at Karachi when leaving the harbour and the hot-ship, the draft marches to its lines in the rest camps.

A few with money to spend wander into the canteen to purchase necessities and leave in search of fresh adventure.

"Blime! You didn’t ‘arf slug that kid, Bill," remarks the canteen assistant to his senior. "Fancy two rats (rupees) for that ‘charze’ (fourpenny) writing pad and envelopes.”

The other slowly shifting his quid of tobacco squirts an expert stream of juice at a sleepy lizard—"Draft-Wallah!" he says with expressive contempt.

In the train the heat is intense. They are bound for the station at Quetta, high up in Baluchistan. Early in the grey light of dawn, the train pulls into Ruk junction and two nomad fruit sellers peer into the compartments. A sleepy Tommy spotting the "limes" says innocently "How much for the oranges, Johnnie?"

"Char anna, sahib" (four pence/master) and the rupee changes hands for four to be supplemented by others as the sleepy draft, thirsty and hot, sense that there is fresh fruit "oranges." The fruit-sellers disappear with their harvest and the troops find the bitterness of the unripe lime fruit. A string of heavy British curses follow out to be answered by a jeering chuckle from the fruit-sellers, now on the other side of the fence. "Ho! ho! Draft-Wallahs.

It is as big a mystery as that other enigma of the service. Why is every member of the Clarke clan "Nobby?" Why does every Wilson "Tug?" Why is every Miller "Dusty?" And does not every Murphy cock up his ears to "Spud."

Behold then our "draft-wallahs" in the bungalow allotted to them in Kitchener Barracks. Confined to their "lines" for ten days; no one is allowed to visit them; they are supposed to be isolated, yet the "old sweats" manage to get in amongst them to spin lurid tales of throats cut in b.s.d., mad barbers and snakes, then they borrow a rupee until pay day, and vanish.

Our "draft-wallah" retires to his three biscuits with an uneasy feeling of a leg-pull, and yet memories of a mad barber and throats cut in the chilly dawn.

He does not know, poor devil, that it is quite usual for a native barber to be employed in each company’s lines, nor does he know that these are so light and skilful in touch that they move around and shave the lazier ones whilst they sleep.

Dawn comes and he feels cold fingers on his cheek, feeling gently for his chin, they tilt back his head, cold as death and strong: "My God!"

His eyes distended with horror stare into a bearded and turbaned head, a brown hand holds a gleaming razor.

Paralyzed with fright, his mouth dry, his tongue cleaves to the roof of his mouth—and the old "Nappi" (barber) with a gentle smile says "Aw right, sahib, Nappi!" And with an inward chuckle murmurs one word—"Draft-Wallah!"

Tragedy, too, stalks on the frontier for the "draft-wallah." Inexperience leads to death in some isolated cases, but not very often, thanks to British discipline and law.

The "night-guard" is always doubled on the frontier, but even then the rifle thief can get away with his loot.

Stripped to the skin, smothered from head to foot in cheetah-fat, two of them will invade a bungalow, even though the lights are on and rifles locked into the "rack" they will attempt to steal one.

Woe to the sleeping man who, waking for a moment, catches sight of the intruder and attempts to give an alarm. The knife is keen, deadly and quiet, and the file makes little sound as it bites into the bolt of the gun rack.

But the sentry on the vorandah standing in the bright light of the electric lamps has seen something. Forgetting his instructions for one moment he steps into the darker shadow of the room—and as he falls the thief catches his rifle and is gone.

To his confederate he murmurs gleefully as they run for the hills—"Draft-Wallah!"

A British rifle on the frontier is worth £70, and a "draft-wallah" is but a dog of an unbeliever.

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**SATURDAY, 5th OCTOBER — HAWKER DEMON'S ON VIEW**
At the meeting of the State Executive on August 28, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Collett, Flemm, Ramon, Hunt, Aberle, Fredman, Marguin, Warner, Lamb, Watt, Cornel, Lovell, Pady, Wilkins, Wells, Collins, Mitchell and James. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Olden, May, Bryan, Ross, Wells, Mellor and Roche.

Conciliation.—Reference was made by the State President to the recent death of Mr. J. Muirhead, a founder of the Lake Brown district and a keen supporter of the League. A motion of sympathy with the relatives was carried. Mr. F. L. Warner, M.L.A., reported having represented the State Executive at the funeral.

Trustees.—The Trustees reported that they had agreed to administer the grant of $400 made to the R.S.L. by the Employment and Aid Society in accordance with the instructions laid down by the Trust.

Visits.—Reports on visits were submitted as follows:—Merredin, Kalgoorlie and Boulder (Mr. W. J. Hunt), Nedlands (Mr. J. C. Forbes and Archdeacon Riley), Royal Marines Old Comrades’ Association (State President), Fremantle Arbour Day (Mr. Pady), and Traying-Yelbeni (Mr. F. L. Warner).

Anzac House.—A motion, proposed by Mr. Watt, and seconded by Mr. Wilkins, concerning proposed alterations in the distribution of space in Anzac House, was altered and carried in the following form:—That the Management Committee in conjunction with the House Committee be requested to submit an early date concerning the redistribution of space in Anzac House and any building improvements which they consider would ensure the best interests of the League being served.

B.E.S.L. Reports.—Reports of the 7th Biennial Conference of the B.E.S.L. were laid on the table for the information of delegates. The State Secretary stated that in this report it was indicated that the B.E.S.L. had donated a sum of £10 to the King to each State Branch. As this branch had not yet received one, he was authorised to bring this under the notice of the Federal Executive.

Anzac House Ball.—The Press sub-branch submitted a report on the Anzac House Ball, which it had conducted earlier in the year. This showed that a profit of £4 14s. had been made and in accordance with a previous arrangement, this amount, of having exceeded £5, was devoted to the Press sub-branch S.S.L. The report was received and the State Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the Executive to the Press sub-branch for its efforts to assist Anzac House and its regret that the function was not more successful.

Statement by Lord Milne.—Mooring Rock sub-branch desired to know if the statement made by Lord Milne in the Western Cross Times on June 8, was endorsed by the State Executive. This statement was to the effect that it was a mistake to put returned soldiers on the land. It was agreed to leave the reply to the State Secretary who would indicate that the Executive did not agree with the opinion expressed.

Jubilee Appeal.—It was reported to the Executive that the best sub-branch effort was on behalf of the Jubilee Youth and Maternity Appeal had been that of the Murray sub-branch, which had raised £41 19s. 4d. as the result of its popular girl competition.

Telephone Facilities.—A communication from the Deputy Director of Posts and Telegraphs stating that it was anticipated that telephone services would be in force in the Lake Varley and Hyden Rock districts before the end of the month was received, and it was decided to communicate this information to the sub-branches concerned.

Sub-branches.—The appointment of officials as advised by the Pemberton, Nedlands and Commercial Travellers’ sub-branches was approved.

The annual report of the Nedlands Park sub-branch was received. The action of the Donnybrook sub-branch, which had decided to disband—its women’s auxiliary, was endorsed.

Mr. S. Dubois sub-branch introduced the matter of the lack of respect paid to the King’s Colour when carried on parade. As this matter has been made one for discussion at Congress, it was agreed to advise the sub-branches to proceed with care.

World Peace Congress.—A communication from the honorary secretary advising that a meeting would be held at the University, Crawley, on September 3, at 8 p.m., in connection with world peace, was received.

Back to Albany.—Advice was received from the Albany sub-branch that the residents of the town were holding a “Back to Albany” week, from March 2 to March 15. They had asked that permission be procured to sub-branches so that ex-service men would care to renew their wartime associations with Albany could do so. It was agreed that the request be complied with and they were also asked to attend.

Leaves.—Mr. E. S. Watt and Archdeacon C. L. Riley were granted leave of absence from the next two meetings.

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At the meeting of the State Executive on September 11, there were present: Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Collett, Denton, Hunt, Aberle, Marguin, Lamb, Cornell, Lovell, Pady, Ross, Wilkins, Wells, Collins, Mitchell and James.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, May, Philip, Panton, Freedman, Warner, Bryan, Watt, Mellor and Roche.

Management Committee.—This Committee reported on a combined meeting with the House Committee when the House Committee was asked formulate proposals for: (a) Attention to immediate and pressing requirements as to accommodation in Anzac House; (b) Recommendations for future consideration.

Relief Fund Trustees.—The report for the month of August showed that £117 13s. 5d. had been expended on 93 applicants.

Visits.—Reports on visits were submitted as follows:—Geraldton (opening of new headquarters), the State President; Cardiff, Mr. Harry May (Country Vice-President); Gingin, Mr. Aberle; Bullbrook, Mr. Wilkins.

Federal Congress.—Elections of Delegates.—As the result of a ballot Messrs. Aberle and Lamb were appointed as delegates to the Federal Congress to be held in Sydney on November 22, and Mr. T. C. Fairley, of Kalgoorlie, as emergency delegate.

Appointment of Lineman.—Advice was received from the Federal Office that approximately 50 per cent. of vacancies occurring during the next year or two would be filled by the appointment of qualified returned soldiers.

Sub-branches.—The election of officials advised by the North Perth and Gottlesoe sub-branches was confirmed.

The Cookernup sub-branch advised change of name to Yarloop and district sub-branch. Approval was granted for the formation of the following sub-branches:—

(a) Northcliffe
(b) Bullbrook
(c) W.A. Returned Army Nurses.

Imperial Ex-Service Fund.—Information regarding this fund and its disposal, balance, etc., was received. An amount of £234 12s. 9d. was available.

Emu Bonus.—The Rocks sub-branch requested that the Government be approached for a Lewis or Hotchkiss gun to be sent with N.C.O.’s. to that district in order to combat the emu pest and also that emu traps be laid.

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Land Committee.

State War Memorial.—A communication from the Warden, Mr. John Nicholson, regarding the laying of wreaths was referred to the State War Memorial Committee.

Group Settlement.—A communication from Mr. Jay regarding the policy of Group Settlement was received.

A meeting of the Land Committee had been arranged for September 27, and Mr. Jay would be requested to attend.

Youth and Maternity Appeal.—The Cardiff sub-branch advised that as a result of a combined appeal and old for this purpose the amount of £24 7s. 9d. had been raised. It was agreed that publicity be given and a copy forwarded to the Appeal Committee.

In-Patients Hospitals.—The Kojoining sub-branch suggested that a list of all ex-service men inmates in metropolitan hospitals be posted in Anzac House.

It was agreed that we endeavour to provide a list for Ward 11.

State Congress.—Advice was received that His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor could not attend the opening of Congress on October 2, but would visit the gathering at 11 a.m. on Friday, 4th October.

Agricultural Bank Commissioners.—On the motion of Messrs. Cornell and Hunt it was resolved that as it was the practice, extending over many years, for the late Managing Trustee of the Agricultural Bank, Mr. H. J. McIlraith, to accept an invitation to attend as a guest at the annual R.S.L. Soldier Settlers’ Conference and to answer questions thereat, this Executive extends a cordial invitation to the Chairman of the Agricultural Bank Commissioners to do likewise.
A.R.M.S. COMPETITIONS

The results of the Seventh Round of the above competition are as follows:

**Zone 1.**
- Nedlands 6, Perth 4, South Perth 6, Claremont 4, West Perth 8, Subiaco 2, Tramways bye.
- Nedlands 6, Perth 4, South Perth 6, Claremont 4, West Perth 8, Subiaco 2, Tramways bye.

**Zone 2.**
- West Leederville, Maylands 3, Bayswater 6, Osborne Park 4, North Perth 7, Mt. Lawley 3, Mt. Hawthorn bye.

**Position of teams at end of round.**

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The final was played at West Leederville on Wednesday, September 4; Mt. Hawthorn defeating Nedlands 7 to 3. This is the second occasion that Mt. Hawthorn has gone through the season undefeated. Congratulations to Mt. Hawthorn.

We are all pleased to know that Leo McCormish will be available for the Maylands Cricket Club again this season. Leo is a very regular attendant at meeting, and we hope that he will again show the form he did last year with both bat and ball.

At this year's annual meeting of the R.S.L. Cricket Association Mr. H. Hopperston was again elected president to the association. For many years he had been a great worker in the interest of the digger. For some years he was president of the Perth sub-branch, which position he held with the greatest of dignity.

Mr. D. A. James was again elected vice-president of the R.S.L. Cricket Association. He, like Mr. Hopperston, is a great worker for the digger, having been a prominent member of the North Perth sub-branch for some years. Mr. James can be found at Messrs. J. Rule & Co., William Street, Perth, where he is the manager.

Mr. H. King has again been elected hon. secretary of the R.S.L. Cricket Association. Everyone knows the wonderful services he has rendered to the association since its inception. Bert is also a fine cricketer, having played for Maylands. He is transferring to Nedlands this season. One often wonders how he does the job so efficiently, as he is one of the busiest men in the association today.

One of the keenest members of the R.S.L. Cricket Association is Phil Allen, who represents Maylands. He hopes this season to play again and says he feels fitter than ever.

Mr. W. L. (Bill) Menkins, who is publicity officer of both R.S.L. Cricket Association and Maylands sub-branch, would be glad if clubs would send him notes before the 10th of each month to his address, 30 Redfern Street, North Perth, as he is desirous of opening a column in the digger’s paper, The Listening Post.

Bill himself has had rather a dis-tinguished career of umpiring. On two occasions he umpired matches against champion elevens, A. E. Gilligan’s team, the Australian XI on four occasions, and other visiting Eastern States teams. He has this season volunteered his services to the R.S.L. Cricket Association as an umpire.

One of the keenest of cricketers in the R.S.L. is Jack Ranken, of North Perth R.S.L. Cricket Club. He is doing his best to have North Perth at the top of the list this year. Other enthusiasts in this club are S. Dival, president of North Perth R.S.L., Harold Davey and Neil McLwraith, who do a great deal of work in connection with the above club.

Applications would be welcomed by Mr. H. King, secretary, c/o. Westralian Farmers, Perth, from returned soldiers umpires with experience. Please send applications at earliest convenience.

Jack Allen, of Maylands sub-branch, who met with a very severe accident re-

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cently, is progressing very satisfactorily. He has always been a great worker for the sub-branch and has been missed by all during his illness. It is hoped that before long he will be back assisting his off-sider, Bill Peterson. Cheerio, Jack.

One of the most enthusiastic members of the Maylands sub-branch is Mr. L. W. Smith. He is also trustee to Mr. A. Hullett, and is always out to help any member of the A.I.F. who is having hard times. We are very fortunate in having men of the calibre of Messrs. Smith and Hullett in these positions.

At a recent meeting of the Midland Junction Women’s Auxiliary, Certificates of Service were presented to Mesdames M. Marshall and Winifred G. Brewer, president and secretary, respectively, of the auxiliary. Both ladies are foundation members of the auxiliary, and the first to receive such certificates. At the same function, Mrs. McKinlay, State President of the Women’s Auxiliary, presented an electric reading lamp to Mrs. Dean in appreciation of services rendered. Mr. H. Dean responded on behalf of his wife who unfortunately is on the sick list. This worthy couple lost two sons in the war, and are ever to the fore when there is any work to be done on behalf of ex-service men and their dependents.

It is with regret that we report the passing of another of the Old Contemptibles, a very respected resident of the Kukerin district, Thomas Povey, who was accidentally killed whilst working on the farm of C. Plunkett of South Kukerin, aged 46 years. He was buried in Kukerin on the 13th. The pall-bearers were J. Porter, 28th Battn., A.I.F., E. Matson, 12th Field Art. Bgde., A.I.F., W. Broadwith, 8th Battn., A.I.F., A. Watson, Royal Scots, B.E.F., J. Hamilton, B.E.F. Others present: B. Cannon, 1st Field Amb., A.I.F., and T. Adams, Royal Welch Fusiliers, B.E.F.

Bayswater reports with deep regret the death of a valued member of that sub-branch’s women’s auxiliary, Mrs. Stanwell. The deceased lady was the immediate past secretary of the auxiliary and had always taken a great interest in all matters concerning the welfare of ex-service men and their dependents. Her loss will be keenly felt in the suburb.

Another good digger, O. R. Kenny, late 48th Battalion, has answered the last roll call. The deceased had been a resident of Katarup for the past fifteen years, where he was secretary of the local sub-branch for several terms and always took a keen interest in League affairs.

The secretary of the Bassendean sub-branch desires the present address of Walter Thomas Johnston, or any information concerning this soldier who enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders, subsequently transferring to the Machine Gun Corps, being promoted to the rank of sergeant and wounded in action. He served in India after the war. His last known address was c/o. Post Office, Guildford. The inquiry has been instituted by the Canadian ex-Service Men’s sub-branch, R.S.L., Victoria, on behalf of the missing man’s mother.

Mr. W. J. Earnshaw, who has been elected president of the West Perth sub-branch, enlisted at Blackboy at an early age, being two months under the eighteen mark. After 2½ years’ service overseas as a signaller, he returned to his home State in July, 1919, and resumed duty in the Commonwealth Public Service. His knowledge of matters concerning Commonwealth public servants has been of very great value to the sub-branch committee, on which he has served for many years. Some of his other activities in a honorary capacity include that of secretary of the Federal Public Service Assistants’ Association for 9 years. In 1928 he was elected general president of the association and on him fell the honour of presiding over the inter-State conference held in Sydney in that year. He is also secretary of the Federal Public Service Vigilance Committee. In his “spare time” “Bill” officially chases up Entertainment Tax defaulters for the Taxation Commissioner. All members wish him success in his new position.

“Billie” McCleary, for long a member of the Post Master General’s staff, has been pulling his weight with the committee of the West Perth sub-branch for many years. Enlisting at Blackboy in April, 1916, he was a member of the original 118th Howitzer, later going to the 102nd Howitzer, serving as driver and gunner. On his return in December, 1919, he resumed duty in the P.M.G. Department, and retired from the service in July, 1934. He is also a member of the committee of the Civil Service Club and is at present spending his spare time and cash holidaying at Albany. A great little worker. We wish him a very pleasant holiday.

The State lost a good citizen and the diggers a true friend when the late Mr. James Peet, the founder and managing director of Peet and Company, Ltd., the well-known firm of real estate agents, passed away at the age of 73 years, leaving a widow, three sons and two married daughters.

The late Mr. Peet was born at Nottingham and before coming to Australia was in the British Ordnance Survey Department. He arrived in Australia in 1886, coming to this State in 1895. Since then, Mr. Peet had been prominent in musical, business and social activities connected with the development of the State. Among the many organisations in which he played a leading part were the Boy Scout movement, and the Western Australian Historical Society. During the Great War, he took an active part in the West Australian Sandbag Fund.

R.S.L. CRICKET ASSOCIATION NOTES

This year should mark a record season in connection with the R.S.L. Cricket Association. Those who had the privilege of witnessing the final last season, which was attended by between 500 and 600 each day, which shows the enthusiasm should by all circumstances show great prospects for the coming season.

One of the features of last season was the match during Country Week between the town and country ex-A.I.F. men which was played at Cottesloe before an attendance of about 1,000 spectators.

SHOW WEEK AT THE GRAND

Presenting the Comedy Hit of the Century

Alice Brady in

“LADY TUBBS”

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“Cheating Cheaters”
September 27th, 1935

It is hoped that this event will be a permanent fixture, as it was a fine social event which brings all the diggers together at least once a year.

The second big event last year was the dinner tendered to Bert Oldfield, the International cricketer, who, by the way, is the Association’s patron, which will always be remembered by all those who attended.

LEEDERVILLE MEMORIAL HALL

Notwithstanding the showery weather over 100 ex-service men and their friends were present at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the soldiers’ memorial hall which is being erected in Oxford Street, Leederville. This hall, when completed, will cost £1,161, and is being built by Mr. E. Allwood to the design of the honorary architect, Mr. R. Harwood. A brick building with an iron roof, it will contain the main hall, 50 feet by 38 feet, two cloakrooms and a kitchen.

The chairman, Mr. Damon, president of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch, explained that the sub-branch was founded in 1927. The land on which the hall will stand was bought in 1928, but the depression has deflected members’ activities from building the hall to meeting the more pressing needs of their unfortunate comrades. It is hoped that the building will be opened in November next. After a copper cylinder, embossed with the badge of the League, and containing a history of the sub-branch had been placed in a recess under the stone by the architect, the builder presented a souvenir trowel to Mr. A. H. Panton, M.L.A., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, member for the district, and a delegate to the State Executive, who performed the ceremony. After the stone was laid, it was dedicated to the memory of those who had died for their country in the Great War, by the Rev. G.A. Jenkins, V.D.

Music for the hymns that were sung was provided by the Leederville Salvation Army Band, and the Last Post was sounded by Bugler Gilmore.

“BACK TO ALBANY”

The residents of Albany are holding a "Back to Albany" celebration from the 2nd to the 15th March, 1936.

The port of Albany was very intimately associated with members of the A.I.F. going to and returning from the war.

It is suggested that possibly members of the League would like to renew their wartime associations with Albany. During the fortnight of celebrations ample provision is being made for full-time entertaining of all visitors to the town. Ex-soldiers who make the trip will have a wonderful time. During the celebrations a monster Soldiers’ Reunion will be held, so that in this connection at least there will be a big community of interest.

The Annual Reunion of the 16th Battalion and 4th Brigade Association

will be held in the usual spot on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1935. Tickets and further particulars may be obtained from V. Ketteler, Repatriation Department, Perth. All members of the 16th Battalion are requested to attend this function to meet old comrades again.

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At a recent meeting of the Collie sub-branch, Mr. A. Wilson aroused interest and concern by reporting a case which he considered should come under notice of members. "It relates," he said, "to a very old friend of the sub-branch who is out of action with a broken leg. He is lying totally incapacitated and nobody seems anxious to render assistance of any kind. We are all aware of the excellent services he has rendered the sub-branch, and it is now up to the organisation to give some tangible proof of appreciation of past efforts and do something to remedy the affliction." He then sat down leaving his audience in sorrowful doubt as to whom they had been asked to assist. "Where is this old friend," asked the secretary, after a pause. Quickly Mr. Wilson replied, "Out there in the hall." Then the meeting rocked with laughter as it dawned on members that the old and incapacitated friend was a table.

The president and members of the Nedlands sub-branch desire it to be known that their October meeting will be held during Show Week, and all diggers in town from the country will be very welcome. The sub-branch meets on the second Tuesday in the month, October 8, at the Broadway Picture Theatre, Broadway, Nedlands (7 tram), and after the usual business Major Brearley will lecture on aviation and his recent trip overseas.

Victoria Park invites all Congress delegates to a social evening in the Victoria Park Memorial Hall on October 1.

P.W.G. writes from Yarloop.—May I be permitted to make a few remarks relating to the contents of your July issue. In connection with the article, "Defence or Defeasance," compulsory training is very desirable if one views its benefits, not so much for home defence as for the rising generation, whom it would train in the acquiring of self-discipline so lacking at present. Self-discipline, as I see it, includes co-operation and hygiene and so tends to make a man out of an unsettled youth. It need not be carried out on militaristic European lines. Here’s one for compulsory training.
In connection with "The African Dispute," I think a very noteworthy statement comes from a leading Indian "paper" in which members of other religions are asked to watch for hypocrisy in the much-vaunted Christian religions.

The Anzac Club was the scene of another happy and well-controlled festivity on September 3, when the president and members entertained the president and 28 members of the Westerna sub-branch, the only sea-going sub-branch of the R.S.I.L.A. The proceedings commenced in the Board Room, where the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) and the State Executive formally welcomed the guests, Mr. Yeates pointing out that the Westerna sub-branch, composed of members of the ship's company of the Huddart Parker liner of that name, was a unit of the New South Wales branch.

The pursuer of the Westerna (Mr. C. L. Davve), and the president of the sub-branch (Mr. J. Urquhart), and the secretary (Mr. E. F. J. Wensley), all suitably responded. They said that of the vessel's complement of 168, at least 40 were members of the sub-branch, and, whenever a vacancy occurred no opportunity was missed to provide employment, where possible, to an ex-service man.

After the usual toasts had been honoured, Alf Ennouf, of the Perth sub-branch, and Dick Collins, both being men of substance, were appointed guardians of the outer gate and stood to attention while the visitors, headed by their banner and Piper J. McDonald, amidst hearty rounds of applause, marched in single file between the guardians into the club. It may be mentioned that some of the visitors, being also "stout fellahs," sympathised with the camel of the proverb in his difficulty with the needle's eye, but being men of initiative as well as of substance, they managed to get through sideways. Club members then took up the entertainment which comprised games, musical and other items, and last, but by no means least, a sucking pig supper.

"Aussie Kala" writes

I, with many more of your readers, am pleased to note Mr. W. Graham, c/o Maylands Hotel, would be very glad to hear of any cases of sickness. Sister Jones, Repat. Ward, would on application be glad to give him a list of sick digs. Then he would be glad to go and see 'em and thoroughly enjoy himself gladly.

While on the subject of "war wrecks" and their friends, permit me to remark on the good sense of our Governor-General Sir Isaac Isaacs in appointing our good friend and physician Dr. D. M. McWhae to his recent "honourable" position. Sir Isaac, an eminent lawyer and an authority on "constitution," recognises "our Doc." as a leading light on constitutions also. Then, too, certain insurance interests are delighted, we understand. Though the Governor-General is 80 not out, they have now opened a book that the century is a "cert."—not a dead cert. Congrats. to our Doc! May he never grow round shoulder.

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would not come to me for such a trifling complaint."
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NORTHAM

The annual meeting was held at the Avon
Bridge Hotel on Wednesday night (September
4). The president (Mr. J. F. Robertson)
was present and attended.

During the course of a discussion on mem-
bership Mr. H. Hudson drew attention to
the fact that he had not been allowed to
wear their badges. He moved that
members be requested to wear their badges
as a means of inducing others to join the
League. The motion was seconded by Mr.
Scott and carried.

In his report the secretary (Mr. G. C. Cur-
lewis) stated that a number of deserving or-
organisations had been assisted with the
sub-branch's limited funds during the year.
He had helped the two local militia units, the
10th Light Horse Troop, and "A" Company
of the 28th Battalion, as much as possible,
and had presented each with a cup known
as the R.S.L. Cup. Both the units had been
commissions during the year by members of
the sub-branch in Lieut. H. J. Byfield and
Captain R. B. Mitchell, respectively.

The election of officers for the ensuing
year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J.
F. Robertson; vice-presidents, Messrs. P. T.
Prince and H. C. S. Colebatch; committee,
Messrs. A. Shilling, H. H. L. Thackrah, A.
Freind, B. W. Broomhall, J. H. Hudson;
secretary, G. C. Curlewis; auditor, Mr. W. J.
Cejnak.

Responding to a tribute paid to him by
Dr. F. T. Beamish and the president, Mr. Cro-
se said he had been secretary of the sub-
branch since 1919 and he never missed a
meeting. It was stated that the sub-branch
had undertaken the organisation of a mass
military bands concert to be held on September
11 as its effort toward the Jubilee Appeal
for Youth and Motherhood.

SUBIACO

With Congdon, as president, was in the
chair at the monthly meeting, and it is very
clearing to report a good muster of the boys,
who take a lively interest in all busi-
ness brought up for discussion. The
sub-branch lost the last two matches in the
A.R.M.S. to Tramways and West Perth re-
spectively; judging by the large number of
diggers and friends that attend at many
of these competitions, they have proved a
very good innovation in that the spirit of friendly
rivalry is fostered, while the opportunity is
made where old comrades outside their re-
spective districts are brought into closer touch
with one another.

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In the small bore shooting we find that
there are quite a number of real good con-
sistent-shots among the competitors. In
connection with the efforts of Subiaco residents
to raise their quota in the Jubilee Fund
Appeal, members of the sub-branch did a house-
to-house canvass and the result showed that the
result of business at last meeting, those present
were addressed by Mayor of Subiaco, Mr.
Downe (who is also a member of the sub-
branch) on the history of Subiaco. The
information imparted was of extreme interest
to old and new soldier residents alike. The
women's auxiliary is showing much activity
and a very happy spirit of co-operation is at
present being shared with the sub-branch.

The ladies are giving thesub-branch a return
social on September 21, when a real treat is
being anticipated by the men folk.

DARLING RANGE

(Toby "Aussie Kala")

The monthly meeting of the Darling's
held on August 17, was fairly well attended.
Business was thoroughly dealt with, but des-
pite the foster ing of much shorter time than hitherto.
This is part of the scheme for membership
drive: a short business session and the major
portion of the evening devoted to matters
social and entertaining. Thus we hope to
increase our membership by "brightness" and
blytheness, sacrificing no business, but
"bluster" is not to be tolerated until the busi-
ness session is over. Therefore any diggers
in Kalamunda on our 3rd Saturday night
should know that a few lies with us.
We're pleased to meet visitors, and any vis-
itors will be pleased with the "Darling's
treatment." They'll think it's a "Pettying Party."

The fixing of our delegate to Congress was
not done with a present, Tommy Tighe (eighteen
points) has not been too well lately
so he was unanimously elected "delicate."
Thus Kalamunda is on the Congress map.
May every success attend Congress.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEDERVILLE

There is a feeling of satisfaction in the
sub-branch just now. The Memorial Hall in
Oxford Street is at last to become a reality.
The stone for the foundations is on the block,
and soon the lock of the millennium. The
scrape of the trowel will be heard sounding very
pleasingly in the ears of members who have
been working so hard to make this building
an accomplished fact. Through their efforts
and the assistance of Mr. B. W. Varney of
North Perth, who stand guarantor for the
assistance of the "Daily Mail" and the pub-
sub-branch will soon have its own home and an
income producing property. The date for
the laying and dedicating of the Memorial
Stone has not yet been fixed. But should
fall in about six weeks' time. The commit-
tee are into the matter and members
will be notified when arrangements are com-
plete.

Another cause for satisfaction is that the
matches in the Archbishop Riley Shield com-
petition have been completed without sus-
raining a defeat; thus the sub-branch
winning the right to meet the others in No. 1 zone
when they may be. We have had some
wool-tussles and just managed to scrape
through on one or two occasions. Our

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top removing competition,” a circumstance which arose (as it frequently does!) through the lack of foresight, but Les. and Percy won easily by the simple mechanical persuasion against the hard table edge. ‘Willing hands soon split and buttered the rolls and brewed the tea. Yes, sir—I did say TEA! As Charlie Stenning was heard to remark: “There’s tea for them as like it, and Pig’s ear for them as don’t.” Some DO and some DON’T. (Truly the spirit of ‘ole Mr. ‘Arris is frequently with us!) Which reminds me: we expected to have—not only the spirit but the substantial body of our erstwhile comrade and secretary, George Greaves, with us on this particular night, but it seems we anticipated his return by exactly one week. However, much as we were disappointed, such is the frailty of human nature that it appeared to affect not the appetites of even the best of his cobblers. George has been sadly missed in the district and his return will be the signal for much rejoicing.

Harold Nicol and his gallant sub-committee have put in some excellent work in the promotion of a children’s fancy dress ball, and it is confidently anticipated that the results will help to place the amelioration fund on a much sounder footing. Several good suggestions have recently been forthcoming for the future of the sub-branch in its social activities, and members and supporters are showing a very keen desire to cooperate in anything calculated to ensure success.

In conclusion, the members of the Carlisle sub-branch desire to express their appreciation of “The Listening Post” as a medium for keeping in touch with these diggers who frequently have to miss the monthly meetings, or through the vagaries of their occupation which sometimes takes them into the country. Several of them wrote to say it was good to read about the doings of their more fortunate comrades, and they looked forward to the arrival of the little journal every month.


PERTH

Members of the sub-branch are certainly getting some very valuable lectures at their social meetings, which are held in Anzac House on the fourth Tuesday of each month. At the

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meeting on August 27 Mr. Craig Palmer, the Government Photographer, gave members a very interesting lecture on the subject of photography. The post-lecture meal was served and all present enjoyed a sumptuous supper. The next lecture will be on the 24th September, and the Town Planning Commissioner, Mr. D. L. Davidson, will be the lecturer. His subject is "The Growing of Public Buildings with particular reference to the Town Hall Site." All ex-service men are invited. At our business meeting on September 10, there was a goodly attendance, the chair being occupied by president Jim O'Farrell. The president (Mr. A. G. Eucnulf) is enjoying a well earned respite from all duties. It is said that memories of his previous visit to a part of Africa prompted him to take his gun, so that he will be efficient in case his services are required in another part of Africa. The delegates representing the sub-branch at the Conference will be Messrs. Eucnulf, Hillman, Hopperton, Melloy. Russell, and The President (Mr. Wardrop) castigated some of the members of the A.R.M.S. teams and he hoped that next year members would keep a better spirit when the final pressure was applied. They did not note the next resolution committed the sub-branch to find a cricket team for this season. Nil Desperandum. The conference this year will sadly miss the late John Mulqueeney, who for many years has so ably represented the country members of the Perth sub-branch.

CLAREMONT

Between the August and the September meeting, which was held in the Parish Hall, September 7, 13 members joined the sub-branch, which was very encouraging to our president, Mr. C. H. Briggs. Sergeant Walker, of the 31th Fortress Coy., A.E.F., was presented with a silver cigarette case as a trophy from the sub-branch for the winner of the Handicap Aggregate of his rifle club during the year ending June 30, 1935. It is a great pity that the powers that be have seen fit to move the Fortress Coy. to Prentice, so as serve both our city and our sub-branch has been most enjoyable. However, we may still be able to meet again on the Range at Swanbourne.

On August 22 Mr. Billy Edwards conducted a community concert in the Parish Hall in aid of the funds of the sub-branch. The writer has never seen such a large audience in that hall previously, and, judging by the show of hands when another concert was suggested, all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Incidentally, the amount by which the sub-branch will benefit is £7. It is hoped to repeat the effort in the near future. Many thanks to Mr. Edwards and his fellow artists for their very fine concert.

It is proposed to cancel our district this year in the annual Red Cross appeal. 'Up to the present the major portion of receipts on that day has been the result of collecting in Perth, but it is apparent that our own local ground has been sadly neglected. A few willing workers have promised to make the effort a huge success, and any member who has the will to help in this direction is asked to notify the secretary, or any member of the Executive.'

The last match in the A.R.M.S. was played with South Perth at South Perth, owing to our inability to obtain a hall suitable on the required date. A most enjoyable evening was spent by members who made the journey, the match resulting in a win for the home team. This year has been a successful one, as far as Claremont is concerned; it seems that we just fall short of the necessary kick. Members who do not take a part in these games little know the enjoyable evenings they are missing, and let us hope that next year we may be induced to identify ourselves with this very necessary part of the activities of the sub-branch.

GREENBUSHES

There was a good attendance at the meeting held on September 6, when we were also favoured by a visit from the president and secretary of Bridgetown sub-branch and two members of Pemberton sub-branch. After general business the president called upon the secretary to perform the pleasant duty of presenting Mr. Guest's Certificate of Service in recognition of 34 years of hard work as secretary of the sub-branch. The secretary, in making the presentation, reminded members that it was a job which meant took its toll when things went wrong, but there were few boquets handed out. There was, however, proof that Mr. Guest's work had been appreciated by the sub-branch in his having held office so long. The recipient replied that he had been taken by surprise but had he had a choice of a gift he could have wished for nothing better and would always regard it as a treasured possession, especially as it was the first certificate issued to the sub-branch since its formation. Other members spoke in appreciation of the former secretary's work, after which the meeting closed and games were commenced.

CARDIFF

Mr Harry May, Country Vice-President, reports:--For your information I have to advise, that in company with 15 other members of the Collie sub-branch, I paid an official visit to the Cardiff sub-branch. The occasion was the annual reunion of returned men at that centre, and I am happy to be able to report that there was a 100 per cent. attendance of the members at Cardiff. I was given an opportunity of addressing the men regarding League activities, and as a result I am very hopeful that this sub-branch will have a direct representative at Congress this year. I was also able to explain the proposed reunion of returned men of the South-West to be held at Brunwick on Saturday, September 29, and I anticipate that the whole of the Cardiff members will be present on that occasion.

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GINGIN

Mr. Aberle, of the State Executive, reports having visited Gingin on Saturday, August 31, in company with Mr. Philp, for the purpose of representing the Executive at a social function arranged by the newly-formed sub-branch. We were accorded a very cordial welcome by the secretary, Mr. G. H. Hopkins ("Kangaroo Hop") of the "Ginger Beers," and the president, Mr. Prescott Harper, late of Z Light Horse. Mr. Aberle writes: A very happy gathering of about forty returned men and prominent citizens gathered at the local hotel, and were treated to an excellent repast at the hands of the proprietor, Mr. R. Alcock, also a keen supporter of the League. The usual toasts were honoured, and expressions of good will and loyalty to the League were heard on all sides. The president advised that the financial membership totals seventeen, and funds in hand amount to seven pounds. Considering that it is only five months since the sub-branch was formed, the support given to the executive officers of the sub-branch, and the enthusiastic attendance at the meeting is very gratifying. Old 11th Battalion veterans will remember Dick Dewar. Dick was the first man in Gingin to pay up his ten shillings for membership, and the secretary advises that his action had prompted other returned men in this district to join up. The sub-branch has made an excellent start and under the guidance of the president with such a very fine secretary, we may anticipate good reports from this centre in future.
around the fire in the kitchen, reminiscent of a wild night in billets in France, where they consumed hot dogs with canibalistic dispatch, sipped coffee au lait with the serious mien of French connoisseurs, and sampled lager beer with true Aussie discernment. Altogether the few brave spirits who ventured forth on such a wild night had a jolly evening, although the domestic relationship of the mixed menu surely must have induced dreams of the most frightful varieties. On the evening of September 26, after business is transacted, the sub-branch will try conclusions with the Free Gardeners Lodges at a miniature rifle match. When this sees print the match will be all over, but our captain, Frank McCormick, informs me it is all over now for he has enlisted the services of several "dead-eye Dicks," including Dave, who showed such wonderful accuracy when we met the Gardeners before.

Mack is sure there is something wrong with our rifle and wants it over-hauled. Considering he was the only one to register a possible at the last shoot, we are wondering if this is just plain "bull dust" or an honest admission of five glorious flukes.

Just a word to members: Take an interest in your sub-branch, and come along in force to the next meeting. "Sure side will be no excuse "Italy" go "Abyssinia."

WEST LEEKERVILLE

One of our members, George Brown, 48th Battalion, died at Wooroloo and was buried in the local cemetery on Sunday, September 1. Representatives from the sub-branch were present at the graveside and the simple service, conducted by the Rev. Holly, in the quiet bush surroundings, was most impressive.

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Now that the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield games are over, members intend to hold a competition amongst themselves for the individual championship in each section. An invitation has been extended to Claremont members to visit us on the next meeting night for a round of games. A Christmas tree and party is to be arranged this year and the committee are anxious to obtain particulars of members' children under the age of 14. Will members kindly supply the information to the secretary at once. Should any member wish to make a donation towards the function, it will be thankfully received. Permission is being sought to run a Goose Club, and if approved, books will be available next meeting night. Members received a very pleasant surprise last meeting, when the secretary reported the receipt of a cheque for £13 from an old member who had once received assistance from the sub-branch. The donor in a letter addressed to Chris, Beechey, stated he was very thankful for the help extended and wished the sub-branch every success. The action of the donor was much appreciated by members. It was rumoured in the village that Cliff Woods intended to forsake his usual hobbies and join the benefactors. He was offered congratulations and his health was freely toasted at the last gathering. Enquiries since prove that the rumour was a数psy, as Cliff has no intention of sharing his rations. For the first time this year no new members were introduced at the monthly meeting. This is hard luck, but it is hoped that it will be the only occasion this year that it occurs. Sickness and accident continue to harass our members. Messrs. Planagan and Beckam being confined to their beds at the time of the last meeting. The latter met with an accident and has since, had to go to hospital. We trust he will soon recover.

OSBORNE PARK

The meetings held during the past month have been well attended, all members taking a lively interest in sub-branch affairs. The old members who have taken office are being well supported and the sub-branch, as it did in years gone by, is gaining the confidence of old friends in the district. A sports night scheduled for the end of August was postponed until September, and members and Club joining in friendly games with the members. Bill Ashdown, vice-president, was given a birthday surprise party by members and friends in the Memorial Hall on Friday, August 30. Mr. Jack Gardiner, president, on behalf of the company, made a presentation. Mr. Alf Mitchell, who is an enthusiastic gardener, is making the hall garden look beautiful with flowers and bushes. The annual fancy dress ball was held on September 14. There was a packed hall, and a very enjoyable evening was held. The music was under the leadership of Mrs. A. Glass and Mr. Jack O'Leerie was M.C. Thanks are due to the president, secretary Bob Coftert, and assistant secretary, Dave Miller, and an efficient ladies' committee for making the hall such a success.

BOYANUP

Recently the annual general meeting was held in the Agricultural Hall. The president (Mr. B. F. (Joe) Eccleston) presided. Despite the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance of members. Our worthy padre, Rev. A. C. H. Lepriniere, who for a couple of years so ably carried on the secretarial work of this sub-branch, said he regretted very much that, owing to so many calls on his time, he was unable to carry on in this capacity for the ensuing year. A motion was placed on record thanking the late secretary for his valuable and appreciated services. The election of officers was as follows:—President, Mr. E. P. Eccleston; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. R. Phillips and G. Timewell; secretary, Mr. J. H. Rudler; committee, Messrs. C. Golfick, J. Simmons and H. L. Trigg; auditor, Mr. J. W. Long; Lady's committee, Mr. S. W. A. Kilpatrick.

BASSENDEN

The sub-branch is making good strides in membership and the last four meetings have been well attended. The games after the ordinary business is closed are keenly contested. The sub-branch has had the pleasure of visits from Maylands, North Perth and Upper Swan sub-branches, and have themselves visited Nedlands, Maylands and Upper Swan sub-branches. We are glad to hear that we shall shortly have again among us two of our old members, viz:—Messrs. Adie and Gardiner, both having been on the sick list for some time, also our secretary, Mr. F. Leng, who took a holiday from the meeting held on September 1, having had an attack of 'flu.

VICTORIA PARK

A well attended meeting of the sub-branch was held in the R.S.L. Memorial Hall on August 15. President J. Cox in the chair, business was soon completed and our bowlers, cards, quoits, etc, not forgetting the "hot dogs", filled the remainder of the evening. On Tuesday, October 1, the sub-branch extended a cordial invitation to all delegates to Congress and their lady friends to attend a
social and dance in the Memorial Hall. Fred Matthews has the programme in hand, so a jolly evening is assured. Take No. 10 or 11 tram car to Salford Street, the hall is on the corner, and a real welcome awaits you; everything Buckingham, so be there!

LAKE KING

On Saturday, August 31, this sub-branch held its annual dance which was patronised by residents of the district. Unfortunately, a tennis tournament arranged with Lake Varley, which should have taken place in the afternoon, had to be postponed on account of the rain. In spite of this a few friendly games were played between the showers.

It was with regret that we learnt that Inspector J. Beckett of the Agricultural Bank, who recently joined this sub-branch, has been transferred to Kuln, but the best wishes of members go with him to his new district. However, to compensate the loss of this member Mr. W. J. Hamilton (11th Battalion) has cameled with us.

In the course of the next few weeks this settlement will be visited by the Commissioner of the Agricultural Bank. It is understood that this visit is for the purpose of obtaining a policy concerning the settlement. Whatever the Commissioner’s policy is, it is only hoped that it will be a fair and just one, and it will be put into operation immediately.

ALBANY

Mons Sunday was commemorated on August 18 by a parade of ex-service men and members of the S.S.L., during which a wreath was laid on the War Memorial by the president of the sub-branch, both vice-presidents and a representative of the S.S.L. The action of R.S.L. members in taking part in the parade is greatly appreciated by their ex-Imperial comrades.

There was an attendance of 33 at the monthly meeting on August 20. It was decided to give publicity to the Albany Weekly newspaper during the month of March to March 15, at which time it is hoped many ex-service men from all parts of the State will be present. Arrangements are being made for representatives of the sub-branch and the S.S.L. to discuss the management of S.S.L. finances. A sub-committee has been authorised to proceed with the matter of the lease of the whole of the Institute and grounds. The intention is to make the Institute a home from home. New trees have been planted in Honour Avenue, which will be attended to during the hot months by members of the sub-branch and the S.S.L.

Arising out of the S.S.L. report, it was resolved that members of the S.S.L. be thanked for their work in connection with Honour Avenue, gathering boronia for No. 11 Ward, Lennox, Edward Millen Home, and the Old Men’s Home. A grant of £3 was made the S.S.L. to enable firework classes to be conducted.

It was resolved to hold a social evening on September 10 and October 19, and to ask the State Executive to transfer the sub-branch from No. 5 to No. 4, District Committee. A letter of condolence has been sent to Mr. Arthur Bailey, on the recent loss of his mother.

S.S.L.

ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held on August 6. Correspondence from the State Secretary re various items of the S.S.L. Conference was read and fully discussed. A letter regarding the boundary at Busselton was left over for next meeting. A social committee was formed to bring forward suggestions for some social evenings later on. The secretary reported that the fund to provide suitable books for the children’s ward at the local hospital was progressing slowly, and that the work on the Avenue of Honour had been completed. Arrangements were then made to collect boronia for dispatch to the various institutions in Perth, which were looking after sick and disabled returned men. It was resolved that as gambling in any form whatsoever is detrimental to the principle of the S.S.L. we go no further with the proposal to take a ticket in the Lotteries. The president, Mr. S. J. Barrow, in the absence of executive officers of the P.S.B., then presented the prizes to the winners of the games competition and a special prize was sent to the best loser, whose spirit during the competition was one to be followed by all.

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CARLISLE

Malay Class—Visit to Ships

The Carlisle S.S.L. students in Malay paid a visit to the m.v. “Gorgon” and the a.s.s. “Mindero” during their stay in port, for the purpose of conversational practice with the native crews.

The lads were soon in earnest talk with the Malay quartermasters and Chinese stewards, and their fluency was quickly apparent in the immediate replies of the natives. Indeed, it seemed almost incredible that a few weeks ago the majority of the lads had never even heard the sound of a Malay word! The Carlisle Returned Soldier’s League Sub-branch is greatly interested in the idea, and it is hoped that a large percentage of the lads will be enabled to find lucrative and congenial employment through being possessed of such an asset as a knowledge of the Malay language. Results reflect great credit upon their tutor, Mr. R. A. McLean Roberts, an ex-resident of Malaya, and the originators of the idea, Mr. Harold Nicol and Mr. J. B. Powell. Thanks are also given to the Customs’ Officers who so kindly allowed the party to board the ships.

NORTH PERTH

A Digger’s Diary

(With profound apologies to the Shades of Samuel Pepys)

September 5—Saw Mr. J. W. Heley and find he hath done hurt to his arm, which I am sorry for. He being a member willing at all times to assist in work of the sub-branch, fall in with Mr. Arthur Hill, come lately from the goldfields. He did tell me how even in distant parts of the fields, digger-miners do read “The Listening Post” and

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extol my diary which they read with pleasure. This news, put pride in my heart which I would control lest vanity overcome me, I finding this weakness lie in me as much as in others.

7th.—A fine warm weather like summer's day. I go to the Perth City Urban to the Police Highway Department and call upon Mr. D. Cardings, who find with paint pot and brush in hand. I did give myself good content to see the manner in which he paint an excellent signature picture. My business done so away to Mr. C. Jago and over at mess of Mr. R. Jago, who is on his bon-voyage. He, this day, leaving Australia to holiday at Rottnest. Come Mr. Cliff Saddler and we three, late of the 51st Battalion, did have pleasant discourse and another pot of ale. Mr. Jago did give us news of the 51st unit association reunion smoke social to be on October 11 come. And he would have all old comrades meet there, he said.

9th.—Up and abroad, but with little pleasure the day being cloudy with much wet me. I being feared my flowers not to bloom in time for the sub-branch show, should sunshine come. Met with Mr. Bob McLean just returned from Buntine, whom he be brother of the late Mr. McLean did tell me how he met with one Wally Mamby. He be late of the "Buifs." and other Bob Studsor, of Buntine way, who did cry up my diary as a thing they enjoy and we all wish that it to be the same with my chest, small as it is, puff up like that of a pigeon at hearing this news. being twice in a week I hear such. Fall in with Mr. "Minnie" Treasure, who said this day be the last he be sent about by the committee. I congratulated him, but it be sympathy he would have, he said. But, the jest be, me thinks, like many poor simpleton who be de-joyed in our condition and become wake when too late, wish to join our secret Dis-satisfied Husbands' League.

14th.—Up very betimes, dress in old clothes and away to the Town Hall where be this day and night our sub-branch flower show and auxiliary homelife exhibition. I find already come Mr. Jack Watson and some auxiliary home workers so all to building stalls and preparing the hall. We all done and ready I home and shave and dress myself in my best suit, that is after washing myself, thence with my flowers to the hall again. Most exhibits now in place and make as pretty a sight as I did see for many a day. The homelife, of cookery and needle work look exceedingly fine. Bye and bye come the judges and all to leave the hall. The judging done and all the people to crowd into the hall again, the company being now twice or more its number and the hall full that there little room for more to come. I mightly pleased at finding I in first and second in sub-branch member class of sweet peas, and my son, Allan, to win the boys' prize. But that which pleased me above all was my wife's winning first for her sponge cake, she being of a bad temper of late and thinks perhaps this might sweeten her. Mrs. M. Rich-mond to win the ladies' homelife champions class, first in a handsome cut crystal bowl, donated by Mr. L. J. McDowell. And also the gold watch, donated by Mr. W. Melaby for lady's champion homelife class. Mrs. Harold Massey, I was pleased to see, did win, the champions cup for sub-branch members. I did observe with much content how the people study the museum of war weapons and photos, of destruction. Me-thinks it must surely put in their minds the fallacy of some, even in this world to-day, who cry citizenship and civilization yet would practice again these horrors of the past. An exceedingly fine show and entertainment, and me-thinks no praise great enough to members of our auxiliary and sub-branch who this day and for weeks past work mighty hard and unselfishly to make it so. Home in very good content, but tired, so to bed.

ASSOCIATION EX-MACHINE GUNNERS

The ex-Machine Gunners' Association will hold its first annual meeting, to be followed by a social evening, on Wednesday, October 9, at Gregory's, 367 Murray Street (near King Street), Perth, at 8 p.m. The business before the meeting will be brief, and members are assured of an enjoyable evening. The social function will be conducted on similar lines to the one held in July last, which was voted by all those present as a wonderful success. All machine gunners are advised not to forget Wednesday, October 9 (Show Day). Supper and liquid refresh-ment will be provided. The hon. secretary, Mr. L. J. Parks, Forests Department, Perth, will be pleased to hear from intending members.

MAYLANDS

Sub-branch meetings are held fortnightly in the Maylands Town Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Of late the attendances have been on the improve. At the conclusion of meetings games are played, which makes it work while to come along to meetings. Committee meetings are held monthly at the Maylands Hotel parlor.

After many requests the children's fancy dress ball, recently held so successfully, was repeated on Tuesday, October 10. It was again an outstanding success. The hall being crowded, a combined committee from the women's auxiliary and the sub-branch, was responsible. A feature was the orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Golding. Mr. A. V. Rose was a very efficient M.C. At the conclusion the president, Mr. W. J. Lovell, made special mention to the splendid work done by all concerned in connection with this event.

Cricket will soon be in full swing again. Our sub-branch will again be very strongly represented. Our good friend, Phil Allen says he thinks that our team should be well to the front again. Bert King has transferred to Nedlands which should be a distinct loss to us.

COLLEGE

At the moment there is great activity in preparing for the children's nursery rhyme ball which is to be held on September 16. Present indications are that it will be a great success which is no less than the ladies de-serve for their unting efforts. Between the choosing of material the rattle of sewing machines, and the happy noises of rehearsals Collie is a centre of joyous preparation. It may have been due to a kindly but firm in junction, for better or worse, to get out of the way while which decided 17 members to pay a visit to the Cardiff sub-branch; or it may be, which is more likely, that we received an invitation because the kindly and hospitable Cardiff sub-branch de-sired our company and assistance in finding the bottom of a 10-gallon cask of cold tea. It was a great night of song and laughter until the mess ordered us the company at 11.30 p.m. that the depths of the cask had been subdued.

During the last month lady members of the local branch of the A.L.P., some of whom are also members of the women's auxiliary, have been busy engaged at the hall making waggas for the unemployed from materials supplied by Mr. G. G. Wilson, M.L.A., who is also a member of this sub-branch. The president seems anxious to render assistance of any kind.

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THE STATE EXECUTIVE

With the approach of Conference and the election of delegates to the State Executive for the forthcoming year, it may be of interest to learn something of this committee which is the central organising body of the auxiliaries. The first State Executive was formed in 1928. At that time there were only 9 auxiliaries, today there are over 70. The members consisted of a president, two vice-presidents, three trustees, a secretary and seven committee-women. At the third annual congress it was found necessary, owing to the increase in the number of auxiliaries, to appoint an assistant secretary. Two years ago the R.S.L. Congress approved of another three being added to the committee and also the appointment of a country vice-president.

The State Executive meets on the third Monday of each month. Besides a great mass of correspondence, reports are received from the president, secretary and the sub-committees. The organising of the Exhibition, the Cup competitions, combined socials, matters relating to conference, and the varied aspects of auxiliary work are dealt with.

Each member of the Executive is on one or more sub-committees, which entitles her attendance to Executive duties much more often than once a month. The three trustees have as their special duty the distribution of clothing to the women and children as recommended by the R.S.L. trustees. Requisitions are sent in periodically when the amelioration cupboard needs replenishing and the trustees choose the required garments when the shopping order comes to them from the R.S.L.

Hospital work has increased of late years. There are five members on the hospital sub-committee, two of the ladies paying weekly visits to the civilian wards of the Perth Hospital. The tobacco distributed is given on behalf of the R.S.L. trustees, but literature and cakes are also taken round the wards. The wives and mothers of soldiers are visited when the committee is notified by an auxiliary. The motor outing sub-committee in charge of the outings for soldier patients in Lemnos. These ladies not only organise the outing and find the necessary transport, but devote every second Sunday in summer and several during winter to these trips.

This year a social committee was formed of members not on any of the other committees. They have been in charge of the catering for afternoon teas at meetings, at-homes and bridge parties, also our combined auxiliary social in June. The allocation of districts to members means that they are expected to keep in touch, by correspondence, with the various auxiliaries on their list, giving them any help or information they may require. Certain members also represent the auxiliaries on the Empire Shopping Council, the Economic Council and the Infant Health Correspondence Nurse Scheme. Without exception each member is an office-bearer in her own auxiliary, which means that a double portion of auxiliary work falls to her lot. There are no paid positions on our Executive, but the unselfish service given by each individual member ensures every detail of the work being carried out with the utmost efficiency.

CONGRESS BALL

This year's combined auxiliary effort for the Anzac House Building Fund will take the form of a ball, which will be held at the close of the R.S.L. Congress on October 5th. Already several auxiliaries have sent donations towards the expenses, which will be credited to them as a direct donation to the building fund. A good orchestra has been engaged and dancing will be both old-time and modern. The supper arrangements are in the hands of the State Executive, the organising committee for the ball being Mesdames McKinlay, Hoppgerton, Stockmin, Downe and Stone.

The ball should form a pleasant finish to Congress week, when all delegates and friends will have the opportunity of seeing the ball-room at its best, and of saying "au revoir" to each other in Anzac House.

BUNBURY AND COLLIE

Mrs. McKinlay writes:—A visit was paid to Bunbury auxiliary on the afternoon of August 23. Members were assembled in the club room attached to the R.S.L. Hall. The building has only been completed a few months, but is already very popular with the townspeople and bookings have been heavy. The club room is tastefully furnished and is for the use of R.S.L. members. Bunbury is one of the youngest auxiliaries and members were interested to hear of the scope of auxiliary work. They were extremely gratified with their first big co-operative effort with the sub-branch, that of catering for their annual reunion. The enthusiasm and interest of the auxiliary...
members augers well for the future of both sub-branch and auxiliary. The week-end was spent at Collie, where, through the kindness of Mr. Stirling, president of the sub-branch, opportunity was given me to visit some of the beauty spots of Collie, the Wellington Dam, Mungallup Weir and Minnenup Pool. The birthday party of the auxiliary took place on the Monday evening in the small room adjoining the R.S.L. Hall. This room and the caretaker's premises were recently lined throughout, the auxiliary providing the funds. The tables were loaded with all sorts of good things, cooked by the members, and the birthday cake, with its one candle, was made and decorated by Mrs. Gillies, vice-president. Later, I addressed the ladies on the part an R.S.L. auxiliary can play in its own community. The questions that followed showed how eager they were to lend a helping hand.

Once again my thanks are due to all those who showed me such kindness, both in Bunbury and Collie, and I returned feeling that both these young auxiliaries had made a good beginning in life.

PINGRUP
A very successful carnival dance, organised by the auxiliary, was held in the hall, Pingrup, on August 24. The decorations were of red, white and blue, and during the made the scene a gay one. Songs by Miss evening, paper hats, streamers and confetti Gillies, lately returned from England, were much appreciated, as was a turn by Master Eric Parrant. The Lake Grace Orchestra supplied the dance music. The ladies surpassed themselves in the catering for supper. Everything was in the hands of the members except the duty of M.C. The proceeds will go to the Jubilee Appeal and the Rest Room fund.

BEVERLEY
On July 10 a concert and dance was held under the auspices of the women's auxiliary of the Beverley sub-branch of the R.S.L. and proved a wonderful success both socially and financially. The thanks of the auxiliary are tendered to all who assisted in making the evening such a success.

WEST LEEDERVILLE
On July 25 in the Lesser Town Hall a social was given to Mrs. James, past president of the women's auxiliary. Mrs. McKinnlay, State President, and Mrs. Stockley, of the State Executive, were present. During the evening Mrs. McKinnlay presented Mrs. James with a certificate as a token of appreciation for services rendered. The sub-branch president thanked Mrs. James, especially for her help on the bridge committee. Mrs. Barrett, speaking on behalf of old residents of the district, said that the guest had been a worker for the soldier all through the war and had carried on ever since. Songs by Mr. Phillips and recitations by Miss Northover were very much enjoyed.

The monthly meeting was held on August 14. Quite a large number of members attended. As a result of the raffle run by Mrs. Jones, the auxiliary was able to buy some long needed cups and saucers. It was also decided to hold a Children's Plain and Fancy Dress Ball on Saturday, September 21, in the Lesser-Town Hall.

NEDLANDS
The Nedlands auxiliary entertained the patients from Lemnos Hospital, when Mr. Hatfield very kindly arranged a special programme at the Broadway Theatre, Nedlands. After the picture programme, which was interspersed with musical items by Miss Betty Spigl's orchestra, the patients were entertained to high tea in the lesser hall. Mrs. Randall (president of the auxiliary), and Mr. C. Newman (president of the sub-branch) welcomed the guests and thanked Mr. Hatfield for loaning the theatre and arranging the programme. Mrs. Hopperton (State Secretary) thanked the auxiliary for their hospitality. Mrs. Stockmin (chairman motor outing committee) thanked the car drivers, and

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F.U.S.W.

By special request Mr. Neville again attended the monthly meeting of September 5, and continued his address upon the aborigines. It was impossible to expect the natives to give up their prehistoric beliefs and customs all at once. The change must be brought about gradually. The mind of a savage is like that of a child—a questioning fear of what is not understood. To explain the wonders of nature the natives had invented many beautiful legends. Mr. Neville told several of these which were not unlike our own fairy tales. The sun was an emu’s egg thrown into the sky and broken against a cloud. The stars were the camp fires of departed blacks and a falling one was the spirit of a black returning to earth temporarily.

Their second sight and power of telepathy were remarkable, also their sign language for communicating with each other at some distance. One native was seen to use over thirty different signs. A child is the absolute possession of its mother, even bearing her name. When born, the children are of a light colour, and they are therefore rubbed over with charcoal and grease to darken them! The aboriginals are a wonderfully intelligent people, and in the words of Dr. Ramsey, are the “least deserving to be exterminated.”

Mrs. Dean welcomed many new members and reported that the delegates to the Women’s Auxiliary Conference, who were the immediate relatives of soldiers, were being invited to the meeting. Flowers were requested for the Repatriation Ward in Perth Hospital.

Miss May Hart and her pupils, gave a pleasant entertainment, after which tea was served. The raffle, organised by Mrs. L. Jones, was drawn during the afternoon.

VICTORIA PARK

The Victoria Park women’s auxiliary held its general meeting on Friday night, August 23, at the Memorial Hall. There was a record attendance, and at the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Pike, our former secretary for several years, was presented with a dainty wristlet watch, suitably inscribed, by Mrs. Tolmie (president), on behalf of the auxiliary, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of her valuable services during a very busy and arduous time. The social that followed proved exceptionally popular, and besides dancing, Mr. Gray rendered mouth organ solos and humorous items. Other contributions were pianoforte and banjo solos by Miss Brown and Milne, and songs by Mr. Cox. Supper concluded a very pleasant night.

Miss Teather, the Lady Mayoress, has kindly promised to open our auxiliary bazaar, to be held on October 1. Members are asked to keep October 1, the night of the sub-branch social, free, and assist in the way of donations towards supper, if possible. This evening is open to members and their wives, and delegates: children will not be admitted as space will not permit on this occasion.

Members wishing to attend the State Executive Women’s Auxiliary Congress Ball are reminded that it will take place on October 5. Tickets, which are 2/6 each, are limited. Mesdames Tolmie and Coleman were chosen to represent the auxiliary at Conference, with Mrs. Caldwell as proxy.

CARLISLE

After a period of being in recess the auxiliary resumed operations on September 9, with new officers. Mrs. Dyson, president, Mrs. Croft, secretary, and Mrs. Nicol, treasurer, and a good strong reliable committee and willing helpers. There was a large attendance and 7 new members were enrolled. Mrs. Dyson must be congratulated upon the capable manner she conducted the meeting. The two ladies appointed to the visiting committee were Mesdames Percy and Cable. After the meeting a social and dance followed. The glass dish raffle that afternoon was won by ticket No. 45. Mesdames Powell and Turnbull won the Monte Carlo dance. The visiting committee paid a visit to the Edward Millen Home, and distributed sweets and souvenirs to each patient. We have assisted one case of amelioration this month. The next monthly meeting falls on October 2, in the Memorial Hall, Carlisle Street, at 1.30 p.m. A novelty, in the form of an American tea, to swell the funds, will follow the meeting. Mrs. Cable has consented to fill the position of publicity officer.

SOUTH PERTH

A birthday party was held at the Swan Street Hall on Friday, September 6, to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the foundation of the auxiliary. There were 86 ladies present, including the State President (Mrs. McKinnlay), State Secretary (Mrs. Hopperton), also members from other auxiliaries and friends. Many ladies were in fancy costume and others went back to childhood days. Laurel and Hardy (Mesdames Halse and Rees) caused much merriment when they came skipping in with a little fox terrier on the end of a large rope. Mrs. Norris won a prize for the best dressed (Spanish costume), Mrs. Goss (for back to childhood costumes, red and white check rompers and a large bow on her hair. Several other ladies acted as their parts well, and prizes were presented.

During supper a two-tiered birthday cake with four candles was cut by the president (Mrs. P. Orgill). The cake was made and decorated by Mrs. Davie. Prizes, Social items, dancing and games helped to make the evening a very enjoyable one.

Members are reminded of the fortnightly bridge afternoons held in the Masonic Hall every alternate Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. Funds in aid of the amelioration.

BAYSWATER

On Thursday, September 5, a Fresh Dance was held in aid of amelioration funds. Mesdames Morgan and Brewer (the president and secretary of the Midland Junction auxiliary) proved very capable judges and awarded the prizes to the following—Best couple, Woolley and Gally; funniest couple, Night March; mostoriginal, the quintuplets; funniest freak, the McNess monster; best get up, the black gin. Consolations to the following—Slimming, scarecrow, inside out, rooster, school girls, candle-light. All the characters were well sustained and a very merry evening it was.

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<td>E. B. Sheered, Gwalia</td>
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<td>HARVEY</td>
<td>War Memorial Hall</td>
<td>Last Tuesday</td>
<td>B. H. Lofthouse, Wokalup Phone Harvey 108M</td>
<td>R. Irvin, Harvey</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute</td>
<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 p.m.; Executive alt. Fridays Bi-monthly</td>
<td>R. R. Gibbs, Bank of N.S.W., Hannan St.</td>
<td>T. C. Fairley, 49 Campbell St., Kal. Tel 250</td>
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<td>KARRIDALE AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Derby</td>
<td>1st Thursday</td>
<td>V. Monti</td>
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<td>KIMBERLEY</td>
<td>Club Rooms, Carew St.</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>S. S. Waycott</td>
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<td>KATANNING</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Kojonup</td>
<td>4th Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. W. A. Taylor, Kojonup</td>
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<td>KOJONUP</td>
<td>Koorda</td>
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<td>Josiah Nornish, Kojonup</td>
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<td>KOORDA</td>
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<td>Committee 1st Friday</td>
<td>Chas. H. Smith</td>
<td>R. C. Wood</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Collinson, Lake Grace</td>
<td>Lindsay K. Joy, Lake</td>
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<td>LAKE KING</td>
<td>Lake King Hall</td>
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<td>R. D. Allen, Lake King</td>
<td>C. Verden, Lake King</td>
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<td>MOUNT BARKER</td>
<td>Mt. Barker</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alternate Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. (pension week)</td>
<td>W. J. Lovell, 98 Sixth Ave., Maylands</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>Town Hall Committee Room</td>
<td>3rd Thursday</td>
<td>R. Vickery, Victoria St., Midland Junction</td>
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<td>MOORA</td>
<td>Road Board Room, Moora</td>
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<td>F. H. Boyce, Moora</td>
<td>H. B. Stephens, 19 Ancherst Road, West Midland Junction</td>
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<td>MOUNT MARSHALL</td>
<td>Rd. Bd. Hall, Bencubbin</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, alt. month</td>
<td>E. H. Rice, Bencubbin</td>
<td>V. M. Creagh, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wallah Hall, Groover Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7:45 p.m.</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 31</td>
<td>A. R. Wood, 127 Fifth Avenue, Maylands</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
<td>Mornington Mills</td>
<td>Every Alt. Sunday</td>
<td>T. E. King, Mornington Mills</td>
<td>W. J. Fulton, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS PARK</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>Second Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>J. M. W. Anderson, 33</td>
<td>R. A. Wood, 81 Archdeacon Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
<td>Every 3rd Friday, 2.30 p.m.</td>
<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
<td>J. H. Kane, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>2nd Thursday</td>
<td>Lieut-Colonel G. P. W. Meredith, Artillery Barracks</td>
<td>Staff-Sergeant S. McMurray, Artillery Barracks</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>L. F. Ash, Northampton</td>
<td>A. Glance, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>Avon Bridge Hotel, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. F. Robertson, c/o.</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewls, 145 Fitzgerald St., Northam</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>W. J. James, 21-Marian Street, Leederville</td>
<td>A. J. Hawkins, 24 York St., North Peth. Tel. B3260</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>B. A. Bell, 469 Murray Street, Perth</td>
<td>Geo. S. Mellor, Anzac House</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>W. E. Elston, Pithara</td>
<td>R. Biggs, c/o. &quot;West Australian&quot;</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Billiard Saloon</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 10.30 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yornanning</td>
<td>H. K. MacLean, East Pithara, Tel. No. 10</td>
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<td>POPANYINNING</td>
<td>Yornaning and Popanyinning</td>
<td>1st Saturday in month, alt.</td>
<td>L. E. Tapping, Pt. Hedland</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>J. R. T. Keast, Quairading</td>
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<td>QUIRADING AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Quairading Hall and Darlington Hostel, alternatively</td>
<td>First Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Stockdill, Ravensthorpe</td>
<td>John J. Murphy, Quairading</td>
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<td>RAVENSTHORPE</td>
<td>Miners' Arms Buildings, Morgan Street</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>Gordon Day, 151 Angelo Street, South Perth</td>
<td>T. F. Smith, Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Public Hall, Swan Street</td>
<td>4th Thursday</td>
<td>B. W. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
<td>C. F. Hart, 70 Douglas Street, South Perth</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokeby Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Jas. Cox, 201 Washington Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>B. T. Williamson, 87 Salisbury St., Subiaco</td>
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<td>TAMBELOO</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>M. J. Offer, Taxation Department, Perth</td>
<td>J. E. Thaxton, P.O. Box 1, Tambealo, Tel 45</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>N. H. Millar, Box 41, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
<td>Traying (3) Yelbeni (1)</td>
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<td>R. W. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Jas. Cox, 201 Washington Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>J. Matthews, 21 Experience-St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>M. J. Offer, Taxation Department, Perth</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers' Home Board, Perth</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTINE, JIBBERDING</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Buntine</td>
<td>W. A. Gadwalder, Wubin, Tel. No. 7</td>
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<td>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>H. J. Hains, 97 Blencowe Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Comm't Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday; Quarterly, June, Sept., and Dec.</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Korreloping</td>
<td>Hugh A. Leslie, Wyalkatchem</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Crorkan, Hamel</td>
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R.S.L. Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliaries

| VICTORIA PARK       | R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Albany Road     | 4th Friday, 7:30 p.m.               | Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88              | Mrs. C. B. Howard, 225 Berwick Street, Victoria Park |

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STATE SECRETARY ON TOUR

Mrs. Hopperton, State Secretary of the Women’s Auxiliary, writes:

On July 18 I left Perth for Wagin. Arriving there I was met at the station by the president, secretary and other officers of Wagin auxiliary and motored to Mrs. Walter’s residence. After tea I attended a meeting at the Town Hall; there was a very good attendance of members, including the Maybees of Wagin (Mrs. Gladstone) and five new members were enrolled. At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Jock Smith’s small daughter presented me with a bouquet of violets. Then came a surprise; the doors were opened and members of the R.S.L., by the way of Constable Jock Smith, erstwhile of Perth, is the R.S.L. secretary, and friends came in to join in a social evening in my honour. The dancing competition was won by Mrs. A. Geyle (vice-president). A peanut race, in which the ladies had to balance several peanuts on a knife, and get to the other side of the room without dropping the peanuts, was won by Mrs. Holland. The lucky spot dance prizes went to Misses Nevell and Edith Skews, Mr. T. Walters sang songs and Miss McMurray played for the dances. A dainty supper was served by the auxiliary members. On the following morning Mrs. Wellard called for me and introduced me to the town of Wagin. We visited the local war memorial, which is situated in Piesse Park, and is approached by five avenues of trees, planted by relatives of the fallen (an avenue of elms, an avenue of Piesse, and the main approach being flanked by two guns). The memorial itself is a broken column denoting that the soldiers were cut off in the prime of life. An inscription reads: “At the setting of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.” In the evening I was Mrs. Wellard’s guest at a P.P.A. dance. Sunday was spent at Mrs. Wellard’s farm.

I arrived at Narrogin at 3.15 a.m., where I found the Narrogin auxiliary had arranged for a porter to meet me and escort me to my hotel. In the morning Ms. Doney and Mrs. Merrells called round to show me a little of the quiet imposing town, and also to take morning coffee at Mrs. Doney’s residence. These ladies again called for me in the afternoon when I addressed a meeting of auxiliary members at the Soldiers’ Institute at 3 p.m. It was very easy in the well-furnished room, and I was pleased to find the ladies with the ladies over afternoon tea. In the evening I attended a bridge party arranged by Mrs. Merrells. Mesdames Doney and Hogg saw me off at 9.30, and brought along a thermos flask of hot coffee and sandwiches for the journey. I arrived at Kulin at 3.30 p.m. on 23rd, where Mrs. Clarke, president of Kulin auxiliary, and Mr. Argen, secretary, and Mrs. Taylor greeted me. Mr. Clarke motored us to the hall where I addressed a meeting in the Country Women’s Rest Room. Most of the auxiliary members are also members of the Country Women’s Association. Mrs. Taylor possessed the only flowers blooming in Kulin at the time, a Daphne plant. She presented me with a spray of Daphne on behalf of the auxiliary. After afternoon tea the photographs were taken outside the hall, and I was taken back by Mrs. Clarke to stay until the following day, when I left for Perth. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke motored me to the station (and again thermos and parcel were given me for the journey by Mrs. Clarke). Several other auxiliary members also saw me off. On the return journey home I lunched at Beverley and renewed acquaintance with one of the auxiliary members.

I should like to thank all the ladies who were my hostsess and others who with true country hospitality did everything in their power to make my visit a happy one; the flowers from Wagin, and from the Memorial Gardens at Narrogin (presented by Mrs. Hogg) lasted several days after I got home. The plants from Mrs. Wellard’s garden, Mrs. Clarke’s eucalyptus, and Mrs. Taylor’s Gardenia which I planted in my garden when I got back to Perth are all growing well.

A report of my trip would not be complete without mentioning Mr. Hogg, the very able secretary of the Narrogin sub-branch, who explained the ambition in regard to the Soldiers’ Institute. To expedite paying off the building two billiard tables have now been installed in the hall. A large room off the front entrance was unfurnished when I first saw it, but when I called back after visiting Kulin Mr. and Mrs. Hogg and Master Hogg, who, by the way, is the keen secretary of the local S.L., met me at the station and after supper took me round the Institute where Mr. Hogg had a nice surprise in the shape of a new line, comfortable seagrass chairs and cushions in the room, which is to be used by the women’s auxiliary. It certainly was a quick transformation, and Mr. Hogg deserves the appreciation of all for his hard work and forethought for the R.S.L. and the auxiliary.

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