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An Important Piece of Legislation

The provisions of the recent amendments to the Repatriation Act are important from two aspects. They represent, on one hand, the attainment of an objective towards which the League has long striven, and, on the other, a better understanding by the general public of the disabilities to which the man who has seen war service is susceptible, especially as he grows older. In connection with the latter it is pleasing to be able to record that all shades of political thought in the Federal Parliament favoured the amendment, which, in its turn, means that all shades of political opinion outside Parliament also approve of them. In other words, the community has decided to take upon itself the duty of caring for men incapacitated and prematurely aged on account of their war service and to do this duty in no niggardly spirit.

The case for the prematurely-aged soldier was stated in The Listening Post over twelve months ago, and the ideas enunciated in the editorial of that issue became embodied in motions subsequently approved by Federal Congress. As a result, the community at large now recognises that there are such men, "burnt-out men," as the Canadians call them, who, though not visibly affected by their war service or physically incapacitated by wounds, are, nevertheless, impaired in their wage-earning capacity, and that it is not altogether fair to throw the burden of these men's sustenance on to the generosity of private employers. Apart from problems of the ex-service man and his difficulties, this recognition represents a distinct advance in the history of social legislation.

Another important feature of the amendments is that applicants and applicants will receive consideration regardless of any difficulty they may experience in proving that their disability was due to war service. Correlative to this are the several improvements which may be described under the heading of liberalisation. In many instances in the past, the Repatriation Department had, in accordance with its authority, allowed ex-service men, in certain special cases, to commute their pensions. It now transpires that, unfortunately, some of these pensioners have become worse in health, so that they have suffered increased disability, without any pension at all. As the Prime Minister pointed out in his speech in Parliament, the Government, after a careful consideration of all that is involved in commuted cases, has decided to restore pensions at the rate shown to be justified by medical examination.

Equally important is the decision of the Government to accept the death of a blinded soldier from any causes as being due to war service. Accordingly, in such cases the dependents of the deceased blind soldier will be granted increased war pension and other benefits. What are called "Material Aggravation Cases" are to receive more liberal treatment. These are cases where a disability which had existed before enlistment had been aggravated by war service. The Government has also liberalised the basis of calculation of pensions to aged parents and similarly placed dependents of ex-service men. It is worthy of note that in assessing such pensions, which were granted on the basis of means of support, certain items formerly classed as income, such as Friendly Society benefits, gifts by children and so on, will not be classed as income. By this provision, pensions in many instances will be very materially increased.

The special pension and treatment for "not war caused" T.B. cases will bring enormous relief to these unfortunate diggers and their relatives.

Space does not permit a fuller explanation of the new provisions in an editorial. They are therefore published separately and commended to the earnest attention of all readers.

In view of all this far-reaching legislation, which was born and nurtured in the R.S.L., is there any justification for any person eligible for membership remaining without its protecting folds?

Anxieties of Settlers

It is clearly recognised that when Commonwealth and States co-operate in the administration of a plan, such as that for the adjustment of farmers' debts, there should be no overlapping of functions and that much thought is entailed in the prevention of such overlapping. However, there can be too much of a good thing. Although the general outlines of the national scheme for the rehabilitation of the agricultural industry were published some months ago and the provinces of Commonwealth and State Departments were demarcated, much anxiety has been caused among soldiers settlers by the seeming reluctance of officials of one department to state where their responsibilities end and where those of other departments begin.

For instance, it is generally accepted that the fixing of a home consumption price for wheat, and compensation for crop losses, are but palliatives based on the nation's capacity to pay and the incidence of the conditions which make

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these palliatives necessary. The more permanent part of the general scheme is that which is designed to keep the farmer on the land as a self-supporting unit of the community. Even more threatening that the spectre of low prices is the censure of insecurity of tenure, and the latter can be banished only when properties are revalued and the load of debt is lifted. Commonwealth and State Ministers alike are to be commended for giving thought to the future and for abstaining from hastily-conceived panaceas which might prove more ruinous in the future than even the present ills. One can sympathise with the Ministerial view that the State's assets must be protected, but there are modes of protection which may prove more costly than the asset itself; for example, an abandoned and neglected farm might conceivably prove a more serious liability to the State than the reasonable writing down of capital value, which might ensure that farm being worked profitably. It is, patent, then, that the matter of relief had to be viewed from many angles and that, in the most sympathetic scheme of relief that could be evolved, cases must be considered individually and dealt with on their merits.

This was made clear in an official statement of the position published in the West Australians on November 8 last, in which the Chairman of the Agricultural Bank Commission (Mr. A. McCallum) pointed out that it would be undesirable to have two rival debt adjustment authorities in the field and advised Agricultural Bank clients with outside debts to make their applications for relief, in the first instance, to the Director of the Farmers' Debts Adjustments Act. Last week, he expressed surprise that so far only 48 applications for debt adjustment had been received from the Bank's clients. One cannot help feeling that much anxiety would have been alleviated had the procedure in making applications been described in greater detail. Even Mr. McCallum's more recent statement still left the position in the air, so to speak, so that soldier settlers seeking relief cannot be blamed for not understanding how to go about securing it. The position was not clear, even at League headquarters, until the receipt, on January 6, of a letter from the general manager of the Agricultural Bank (Mr. W. Grogan) in answer to correspondence from the League, dating back to October 11.

### The League Membership

The Membership Committee of the State Executive have set themselves the task of increasing the membership of this branch during 1936 from 7,000 to 10,000. This would be a fitting celebration of the twentieth year of the League's existence. Sub-branches have been asked to assist by a complete personal canvass of their respective areas and a number of new sub-branches will be formed in districts where no sub-branch is at present operating.

No spectacular drive is intended, just a steady plugging away to gain the objective. Every sub-branch has formed or intends forming a special membership committee and at an early date a meeting of representatives of metropolitan sub-branches will be held at Anzac House which will be preceded by a dinner.

The following tables of comparative membership, showing the membership figures as at the end of 1935 and 1936, should assist the campaign:

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Soldier Settlers' Relief Efforts

On 11th October last, the State Secretary, under instructions from the Land Committee, conveyed Congress resolutions, referring to the writing down of capital and interest based on the productivity of the holding, to the Agricultural Bank Commissioners and pointed out the urgency of something being done to give settlers a reasonable chance of meeting current liabilities and to carry on farming operations. The secretary of the Bank Commissioners (Mr. Brownlie) replied on October 24 acknowledging the League's communication, and stating that the questions raised were receiving the Commissioners' consideration.

In reply to the State Secretary's claim that action to the desired end had been taken in other States, the Commission sought further information. On October 30, a copy of a telegram received from the Federal Secretary of the League, in reply to telegraphic enquiries from this State, was conveyed to the Commission. This telegraphic advice as to what action had been taken in other States read as follows:

Tasmania interest reduced from five to four per cent. No capital reductions Stop New South Wales yes Stop Queensland interest reduced four per cent. No general writing down of capital.

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SUPERPHOSPHATE PRICES

In reply to a Congress resolution to the effect that the manufacturers be approached for a reduction in the prices charged for super, Mr. W. E. Harford, manager of the Cresco Fertiliser Co., Ltd., has written to the League stating that superphosphate has been repeatedly reduced to its present price of £3.15s. per ton cash for '22 and £4 per ton for '24 grade. These prices are the very lowest to which we can present reduce superphosphates, having regard to the safety of our business. Cresco, as the farmer's own company, has always made a point of passing on immediately any benefit derived from lower exchange rates, or cheaper raw material costs, and we are sure that no member of your League would expect us to sell super below costs. Were we to do so we should endanger the security of our business and our shareholders, and it would not redound to the benefit of anyone. This company is very well aware of the fact that its future and present success is bound up with the future and welfare of the farming community, and for the time being as stated above, the prices are at bedrock. If prices of raw materials or any other factor enables us to lower the cost to the farmer you can accept the writer's assurance that immediate action will be taken. Mr. Harford concludes his letter, written on the eve of Christmas, by wishing the League and its members every happiness and continued success in the coming year.

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(7) Further review of reduced liability and provision for reduction enabling the giving of an equity. 
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Under the Victoria Closer Settlement Act, 1933, provision is made for the annual adjustment of instalment and a revaluation in June, 1937. This also applies to the widows and children of deceased soldiers. In concluding this communication, Mr. Benson said that the foregoing might help the Agricultural Bank Commissioners when serious consideration was being given to the question of adjusting W.A. 'Soldier Settlers' accounts in accordance with the Congress resolutions previously submitted.

To that communication no acknowledgment was made, and upon his return from Federal Congress the State Secretary again wrote to the secretary of the Agricultural Bank Commission on December 19. This letter read:—

Re Resolutions 13 and 31 W.A.

Branch Congress

Referring to my letter of October 11 and additional information supplied in my communication of October 30, I should be glad to be advised as to whether anything tangible has yet been finalised in connection with the very vital subject of relieving the burden of debt on soldier settlers.

My letter of October 30 referred to what has already been done in Victoria and the seeming inaction of the controlling authorities in this State is causing a great deal of anxiety, with the result that this organisation is becoming the butt for bitter criticism in country centres. Perhaps if we were told what progress had been reached in handling this problem, we would be in a better position to answer the written and published criticisms of the League.

To this end the earnest consideration of the Commissioners is sought.

A reply to this communication came from the General Manager of the Bank on October 6, in which acknowledgment is made of the letter of December 19, and Mr. Grogan stated that as no doubt the majority of soldier settlers had other debts than those owing to the Commission, the procedure for those seeking relief would be to apply to the Director of the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Act, whose statutes provided the necessary machinery for the writing down and conditioning of farmers' debts.

As something definite had at last been received from the Bank Commission, the State President (Mr. A. Yeates), the chairman of the Land Committee (Mr. Hunt), and the State Secretary immediately sought an interview with the trustees of the Rural Relief Fund—Messrs. W. C. Angwin, C. J. Moran and H. K. Maley—through the good offices of Mr. W. A. White (Director of the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Act), who was present at the interview. Mr. Yeates informed the chairman (Mr. Angwin) that the League's representatives were there to pay a courtesy call and to establish contact without any further delay with the Director (Mr. White) and the trustees of the money made available by the Commonwealth Government for the reconditioning of the heavy load of farmers' debts. The position, its weaknesses and possibilities were frankly discussed, and Mr. Yeates gave the assurance that, as in the past, the League would be only too willing to help the trustees and the director in the difficult task before them. As a result of this interview and the information gained, it was decided to promptly get in touch with country sub-branches to convey as much information as possible in circular form and to advise the provision of cases for the consideration of the director and trustees with as little delay as possible.

The circular, despatched from Head Office on January 8 reads as follows:—

To Country Sub-Branches—

On the question of revaluation of soldier settlers' liability and the conditioning of debts, the Minister for Lands has advised the League that Cabinet has now given him power to review the sale prices of re-purchased estates and early action would be taken by officials of the Department.

In connection with the general debt position, the General Manager of the
Agricultural Bank (Mr. Grogan), in reply to previous correspondence, notified the League on January 6 that the first procedure for soldier settlers seeking relief was to apply to the Director of the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Act, Barrack Street, Perth, whose statute provided the necessary machinery for the writing down and conditioning of farmers' debts. One hundred application forms have been received and will be despatched to sub-branches which have insistently pressed for early action.

It appears that the Commonwealth has made available £1,560,000 for relieving the farmers' debt position, and this money will be administered by three trustees in Messrs. Angwin, Moran, and Maley. The Commonwealth Fund will be used wholly and solely for debt adjustment by means of composition with creditors and not in assisting farmers to carry on. Upon the receipt of an application, the Director of the Farmer's Debt Adjustment Act (Mr. W. A. White) will collect all possible information in respect to debts, securities, and information as to the possibility of eventual success if financial assistance is granted for debt adjustment. If the Director is able to effect a unanimous and amicable arrangement with all the creditors concerned in the application, that is all those who would participate in a distribution, if effected, the application would then go to the trustees of the Relief Fund for their decision as to whether the advance required could be made from the fund.

If there appears to be any likelihood of rejection on the part of some creditors, the Director would then find it necessary to call a meeting of creditors in an endeavour to obtain in favour of the scheme proposed a majority of four-fifths of the creditors in value. A four-fifths majority in favour renders the scheme binding on all creditors. The Trustees of the Relief Fund would then consider the scheme and release the money necessary to finalise if they approve of the basis of settlement. The farmer may state his own opinion as to values on the form provided and in his estimate of values his returns over a period of four years will be supporting evidence.

If meetings of creditors fail through one or more creditors refusing to write down debts to a reasonable figure, the farmer may apply to the Trustees of the Relief Fund for the suspension of any debt which may be considered excessive on "capacity to pay" basis. That is on the basis of ruling prices. The period of suspension may be from one to a total of seven years.

In Form 1 settlers may strike out paragraph (b) where they desire farming operations to be carried on by themselves. The Land Committee urges all soldier settlers desiring relief to immediately get in touch with their district sub-branch and prepare typical cases justifying relief and submit these to the Director in Perth. Early cases could be considered examples as to district values and should be informative to subsequent applicants as to how their cases should be prepared to ensure early consideration.

The Land Committee has asked us to invite the earliest consideration and attention of all diggers who, for the last four years, have been up against it, to frankly state their position on the forms submitted and do everything possible to assist the Director (Mr. White) in putting an end to what has been for many settlers a tragically unsatisfactory position.

In connection with revaluation of re-purchased estates, which is quite a different matter to the writing down and conditioning of farmers' debts, the Minister for Lands (Mr. Troy) has advised the League that Cabinet has now given its approval to a review of the prices charged the soldiers who were repatriated on re-purchased estates and early action would be taken by the Departmental officials to prepare reports and submit recommendations to the Minister. It is hoped by the League to secure the Minister's approval to the appointment of some local authority to act in an advisory capacity with the Lands Department officials.

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**WAR SERVICE HOMES**

Much relief has come to League officials and to many soldiers' widows following the generous action of the Commonwealth Parliament in liberalising the conditions for widows whose husbands were clients of the Commission. As is well known, most of the Commission's homes are on the Contract Purchase System—the property being in the name of the Commissioner. At the death of the breadwinner, the widow, if she desired to continue in occupation, had to show that she had a reasonable chance of standing up to the instalment, which on an average is about £1 per week. Where there was no war pension the widow and her children were in a serious plight indeed, and it could be placed on record to the credit of the Commission that it always acted patiently and humanely with such clients. Under the new legislation a widow without means will only be required to pay a nominal sum per year. The Commission itself paying her instalment out-of-a-fund created for that purpose. She will therefore be able to enjoy peaceful occupation during her lifetime of the home which the late husband provided for her and the children.

This concession also applies to the wives of purchasers who are under treatment in mental hospitals, and it has caused great satisfaction to League officials who have for many years represented the unfortunate position of soldiers' wives, without pension, before the authorities.

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Val R. Abbott

Val R. Abbott, barrister and solicitor of Perth, has decided to contest at the
Mount Hawthorn electorate, as the endorsed National candidate, and should
show a good tally on polling day.

Val was a member of the Royal Australian Flying Corps during the Great
War. He has the happy knack of imparting his knowledge to budding avia-
tors, and during the War gained the privilege of being selected for the special
school of flying and instructors at Gosport. This was probably the most brilli-
ant and spectacular school of flying of the past or present. He is present holds
the positions of honorary instructor and vice-president of the Western Australian
Aero Club.

The candidate has kindly leanings to-
wars returned soldiers and their various
organisations. His youth, ability and in-
tegrity and his motto of fair play and
justice for all, irrespective of party or creed, should bring him support from all
quarters.

J. D. Moloney, M.L.A.

John D. Moloney, M.L.A., who will
be defending his Subiaco seat against a
soldier candidate for the North Perth
seat at the forthcoming election. A
member of an old and distinguished
Western Australian family, he was born
in Perth, 1891, being the fourth son of
Mr. F. S. Drake-Brockman, the explorer,
and late Surveyor-General of this State.
Karl was educated at Guildford Gram-
mar School, and was elected Western
Australian Rhodes Scholar in 1910.

After a distinguished career at Oxford,
he enlisted in the Royal Fusiliers in 1915,
and served with this famous regiment,
gaining a captain’s rank, and being se-
verely wounded, until April, 1918. The
candidate is a barrister and solicitor by
profession, and after a short period of
practice in Perth, he was appointed
Judge of the Mandated Territory of
New Guinea. After a few years in the
tropics, he resumed practice in Perth.

Having had a varied and brilliant career,
and being a prince of good fellows, he is

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eminently fitted to represent the constituency in Parliament.

T. G. Retalic
T. G. Retalic, who is contesting the Beverley seat, under the banner of the Country Party, was a regular soldier before he came to Australia. Entering the British Army in 1910, he went to France with the 2nd Royal Irish Fusiliers in September, 1914, and after hard fighting there, during which he was wounded in May, 1915, he was again under fire in Dublin during the Easter Week rebellion of 1916. The remainder of his war service was on the Balkan Front. Since his arrival in Australia, George has been farming at Babakin. As delegate from the Ardath-Babakin sub-branch he has upheld the cause of soldier settlers very worthily at several State Congresses, and is a prominent member of the Primary Producers' Association and the Wheatgrowers' Union. A keen debater and a good organiser, he has written much on agricultural, political and defence matters and will be remembered by readers of The Listening Post as the author of the interesting Frontier Cameos which we publish from time to time.

Alex. H. Panton, J.P., M.L.A.

Mr. Speaker Panton who is again defending his corner at Leederville needs no introduction to Diggers. For the past five years he has been a very active member of the State Executive and a terrific worker in many other capacities which are purely honorary, but onerous all the same. His breezy personality and inexhaustible fund of good humour makes him an ever-welcome visitor at Ward 11, which he keeps decorated with seasonal flowers. As he is an enthusiastic gardener, there are grounds for the suspicion that he grows these flowers himself. During the height of the depression he did valuable service on local relief committees, and in addition to his various political offices, he is a director of the R.S.L. Trading Company, a trustee of the Public Library and Museum, an executive officer and member of the Perth Hospital Board, and Chairman of the R.S.L. Pensions Committee. Incidentally he is a financial member of the North Perth, Leederville-Mt. Hawthorn, and West Leederville sub-branches.

His first war service was in South Africa with the W.A. Mounted Infantry. During the Great War he soldiered with the 51st Battalion, A.I.F., being wounded on April 2, 1917, at Noreuil.

Charles North, M.L.A.

Charles North, M.L.A., who defends his Claremont seat at the forthcoming general election, was a captain in the Royal Air Force during the Great War. He was observer for 200 hours over the German lines on the Arras sector, when he served with No. 16 Squadron. He also served over Bethune and La Bassée during the Big Push of 1918. He has represented Claremont during several Parliaments and is a keen student of social and economic questions.

Ross McDonald, M.L.A.

Mr. Ross McDonald, who represents West Perth in the Legislative Assembly, has had a long association with the Australian Military Forces. He served in the A.I.F. in France and Belgium with the 39th Battery, 10th Brigade, A.F.A.,
Eric Isaachsen

Eric Isaachsen, who is contesting the North-East Fremantle seat, enlisted with the A.I.F. on November 26, 1914, in the 1st Division, A.A.S.C., and sailed overseas in the troop-ship (A35) Berrima on December 22, 1914. He served in Gallipoli, Egypt and France. Upon the formation of the 4th Division he was transferred from the 1st Division and promoted lieutenant on the 7th March, 1916, and captain in 1917. Upon cessation of hostilities he was in charge of a prisoner's concentration camp. He was then transferred to W.A. in June, 1920, as local-manager for McGlew and Co., and has, since February 1, 1931, acquired the W.A. business. He was appointed Justice of the Peace for the Perth District in 1924. He has been treasurer of the Cottesloe Infant Welfare Centre for many years, and played a very large part in obtaining for this centre their own building. In addition to his work as honorary campaign director for the National Party at the last Federal elections, Mr. Isaachsen has been an official of the Boy's Secondary School Sports since 1923, the Girls' Secondary School Sports, chairman of the executive of the National Party, and past president and member of the Cottesloe Parents and Citizens Association for many years.

Fred L. Warner, M.L.A.

A genuine digger who has the courage of his convictions, which are based on genuine thinking, is Fred W. Warner, the present member for Mount Marshall, who, after winning the seat at the 1933 General Election as an Independent, is now seeking the suffrages of the electorate as the endorsed candidate of the
Mr. F. L. Warner
France with the 44th Battalion (Western Australia's own), and making many friends amongst all ranks through his rugged manliness and genuine bonhomie. Since his return to Australia, he has given consistent service to both country and R.S.L. Having rendered service in the Perth sub-branch, Fred went to Nungarin where he reorganised the sub-branch, in which he held office as president for two years, the time limit imposed on office-bearers in that sub-branch. He is still a member of Nungarin, and while residing in the district he formed the No. 2 District Committee of which he has been president since its inception. He is a member of the State Executive, for an extended term, and a member of the League's Land and Membership Committees. Fred has almost as many sub-branches as war medals to his credit. He is a financial member of four sub-branches—Nungarin, Mukinbudin, Kulga and Dowerin.

At present, he is over-rushed with work in the city over the water-shortage in his electorate. A busy, energetic member often has to neglect electioneering in the interests of his constituents, but as Fred once replied to a potential opponent who has asked, "When did you start your campaign?" Fred very appositely replied, "The day after the last election."

T. Gordon Wilsmore
T. Gordon Wilsmore, who is contesting the Canning seat as a Nationalist, is well-known in local academic and political circles, as a graduate of the University of Western Australia and a member of the Young Nationalist League. A keen debater, he is vitally interested in social and economic problems, and should render a good account of himself in the pentagonal contest for Canning. The age-limit imposed on youth prevented him from seeing active service, but he was in khaki before the Armistice.

Scabbards Off!
By "Pip Tok"
Every State Executive meeting lately seems to record some new cause for anger up at Gnowangerup.

While he was in Perth, the Consul-General for Greece in Australia (Dr. John Kocotakis) told an interviewer that nowhere else had he seen such contentment as exists among the people of Western Australia. He should have been here in time for the State Congress last year.

"Dr. Kocotakis also said that he had noticed that the children of Greeks who had married in Australia, in many instances, could not speak a word of Greek. But isn't that true of most children born in Australia?"

Speaking of consul-generals, reminds me that the German Consul-General went off the deep end when the Australian Broadcasting Commission proposed to relay a skittish interview between Herr Hitler and Mae West. The A.B.C. altered the programme in deference to German feelings, but nobody seems to have troubled to inquire how Miss West felt about the matter.

Now that an egg shortage is predicted, the forthcoming general election may have the beneficial effect of disposing of the potato surplus.

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At da halt, form platoon by da right,
At da halt, form platoon by da right,
If da tanks won’t come up an’ kill, da Abos,
How da hell can da P.B.I. fight?

Our Benito had da row,
Down by Ual Ual-o.
Da row has raised da bigger row,
At Geneva now;
With da sanction here, an’ da sanction there,
Here a sanc’, there a sanc’, everywhere da sanc’,
Our Benito had a row,
Down by Ual Ual-o.

Old De Bono couldn’t bear da battle’s brunt,
Old De Bono couldn’t make da Abos. brunt,
Old De Bono got da sacka from da front,
But we don’t go marching on.

We are only playing navvies,
We are only playing navvies,
We are only playing navvies,
And we don’t go marching on.

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Repatriation Act Amendments

In last month's issue of The Listening Post we published the Prime Minister's speech on the Bill for the amendment of the existing Repatriation Act. The speech was an outline of a principle for which the League has fought for some time and the League in general, and the Western Australian Branch in particular, may congratulate themselves on having accomplished something important and of benefit to our less fortunate comrades. Some of the improvements embodied in the amending Bill were originally mooted by a Member of this House. An examination of the details of the provisions which are published for information will show that they are extremely generous and in advance of much that is being done on behalf of ex-service men in other countries.

The following information regarding the new Pension Legislation should be interesting:

1. The first provision of the Act covers men who are receiving a second schedule pension or are double amputees, that is, men who are on £4 or £2 10s. per week pension, and who have lost two limbs. If these men die their widows and children will receive pensions, regardless—and this is an important amendment—of whether the death is or is not caused by war service. The wives and children of all men in the class covered by this paragraph are entitled to pension regardless of whether the marriage occurred after the 2nd October, 1931, or whether the children were born after that date.

5. 'Commuted pensions may now be restored. By commuted pensions is meant the pensions that were given up for a lump sum years ago. The restoration of pension will depend upon whether a medical examination discloses that the applicant suffers from a disability. The original disability may, of course, have disappeared. The new pension will be paid at a rate according to the incapacity disclosed by the examination; and the date from which the new pension will be paid will be the date of the application or the date of the coming into force of the legislation, i.e., 1st January, 1936, whichever may be the later.

6. 'The right to obtain pension in a lump sum has been taken away by the new Act.

8. Assessment Appeal Tribunal decisions may now stand for any period between six months and three years. At least, the Tribunal can make them binding on the Commission for that period. If an Assessment Tribunal is of the opinion that a man's disability will continue at the same state for three years it may grant him the pension for three years, thus removing from the digger the ever-present worry of a possible reduction. The digger is fully protected, for if he finds that his disability has increased he may apply to the Commission for an increase of pension, and if the Commission rejects the appeal, he may appeal to the Assessment Tribunal. The Commission can, of course, appeal to the Assessment Tribunal against the assessment of a man's incapacity, but the last word remains with the Tribunal, and as we have said it may make its de-

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9. Where a second schedule or fifth
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than six weeks, he will receive pension
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back to the ordinary pension of £2 2s.
Previously, if a man was in hospital for
less than six weeks, his pension was not
reduced, but if he stayed longer than the
six weeks his pension would be reduced
from the period of admission. The
reduction will now date from the end of
the period of six weeks.
7. Before the Amending Act, an at-
tendant's allowance was not payable for
any portion of the period of in-patient
treatment. Now, the attendant's allowance
is not stopped until the first pay day
after admission; therefore, it will be seen
that the blind soldier and spinal or
other similarly disabled Special Rate pensio-
ners receiving an attendant's allowance
are put in a more satisfactory posi-
tion, and refund of over payments of at-
tendant's allowances through admission
to hospital after collection of the allow-
ance in advance is thus obviated.

11. And now for the most important
provision in the Act, or rather, the most
far reaching. We mean the Service pen-
sions, payable to men who are deemed
permanently unemployable, or who suffer
from pulmonary tuberculosis.
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and those who apply under the age
provisions, must have served in a theatre
of war. This restriction does not apply
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12. The service pension is not paid to any ex-soldier or dependant residing overseas, except where residence overseas is temporary and does not exceed six months.

13. Upon a service pensioner dying, the pension that was paid to his wife continues after his death, and is paid for life. The pension is paid to the children until they reach the age of 16 years, regardless of whether the father has died in the meantime.

14. Service pensions are not paid to men who are in asylums for the insane, although a pension may be continued upon the person being discharged, and upon discharge the person will receive a maximum of four weeks back pension, that is, if he or she has been in the asylum that long.

15. Disposals of the property of pensioners and marriages of pensioners have to be notified to the Department within thirty days, as do also acquisitions of property by pensioners.

16. Age Service Pensions.—Apart from the pensions payable to men who are permanently unemployable or who suffer from pulmonary tuberculosis, a service pension of 15s. per week is payable to returned soldiers who have reached the age of 60 years, and to returned army nurses who have reached the age of 55. Of course, there are restrictions here too, and they are in effect that no person may receive more than will bring the total income of the pensioner to 50s. 6d. per week. And, of course, the Friendly Society benefit and gifts from close relatives need not be included as income.

17. A man who is a widower, or who married after September, 1931, or who is divorced or separated from his wife, may be regarded for the purpose of the service pension, as a single man.

18. The maximum number of children for which service pensions will be paid is four. That is to say that no man will receive more than 10s. per week for his children, no matter how many he may have.

19. A T.B. man may receive a service pension and an invalid pension at the same time. But this does not apply to the man who receives a service pension because of old age or of his being unemployable. These may receive only the one pension, either the invalid, the old age, or the service pension.

20. The service pension provisions are not retrospective to any date prior to the passing of the legislation. That is to say that the widow of a man who died before the passing of the legislation cannot obtain a pension on the grounds that her husband died from T.B., or was unemployable.

21. A service pensioner receiving a pension because of age is not entitled to receive service pensions for his wife and children.

22. The necessary forms for applying for the service pensions and for the restoration of commuted pensions will be available from the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, Perth.

23. Sub-branches or members requiring further information or explanation of the points already given may write to the League office and every effort will be made to give the detail required.

24. Medical treatment for unaccepted T.B. men will be available at the expense of the Repatriation Commission. This is one of the most important of the regulations arising out of the amending legislation.

SMALL BORE AMMUNITION

It is advisable to make a study of the efficiency of the various makes of .22 ammunition, and by doing so, marksmen will obtain the best result in competition shooting.

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WHY NOT? The Returned Soldier Printers—The IMPERIAL PRINTING COMPANY LIMITED
Before the old year ended, two good diggers who had been great sufferers since being invalided back from the war, passed on to their long last rest. Norman Hyde, who served abroad with the 28th Battalion, was invalided home in 1917 since when, because of wounds that no surgical skill could heal, he had been bedridden. His friends and relatives may console themselves with the reflection that in his case death ended a period of years of suffering heroically borne.

His bosom pal and fellow sufferer, Gunner Jack Peak, died on Boxing Day. Originally a member of the 8th Battery, A.F.A., he served at Gallipoli, and in France with the 106th Howitzer Battery. Wounds received in France were so serious that for the past nineteen years he was bedridden in the Repatriation Ward of the Perth General Hospital. Jack was every inch a man. Despite his suffering he always had a cheery word for everybody, and always spoke on behalf of his fellow patients when important visitors came to the hospital. The man who had been a fine footballer and all-round athlete before he enlisted learned to occupy his time between bouts of pain with fancy work at which he became a real expert. His last thoughts were of his mates. "Tell the boys," he said, when he knew that the end was near, "that I'm glad I did not spoil their Christmas."

And there are tragedies of peace as well as of war. Just before the holidays one of the most splendid young men of our community, Harold L. Nugent, jun., died of injuries received when the motor cycle he was riding came into collision with a car. The deceased, who was only twenty-three years of age, was a fine stalwart, clean-living lad, a good son and eminently public spirited.

In addition to holding a sergeant's rank, gained by competitive examination in the militia engineers, he was a prominent member of the Perth sub-branch S.S.L., from which at the December meeting of that organisation, he was elected delegate to the Controlling Committee of the S.S.L. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the bereaved parents and relatives. His father, Harold Nugent, snr., was for several years a member of the State Executive, and an uncle, Arthur, formerly of Campion, now of Reedy, is a prominent Leaguer who has been a delegate to several State Conferences.

His many friends will be sorry to hear that Cliff Gillett, the first country vice-president, formerly of Bunbury, is now a patient in the Repatriation Ward. We wish him a speedy restoration to improved health.

Nedlands sub-branch reports the death of a member, Frank Hancock, who passed away after a long illness on December 19. The deceased, who was a resident of West Subiaco, and an active member of the Nedlands sub-branch until illness prevented him from attending meetings, served with the Railway Corps in France and was only 43 years of age when the last call sounded. At the grave-side, the Last Post was sounded by George Mallor, who also represented the Perth sub-branch. Others present were Messrs. J. Cornell and D. M. Benson (representing the State Executive), Arthur Hullett (past president, Maylands), J. Anderson (Nedlands sub-branch). Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hancock, her son and daughter, and other relatives of the deceased.

Sydney G. Coles, our Albany correspondent, asks us to convey thanks on behalf of himself, Mrs. Coles, and son George, to Mrs. King of the women's auxiliary, and the members of the Sons of Soldiers' League, who visited their fellow member, George, while he was a patient in Perth Hospital some weeks ago. These visits to a lonely comrade were greatly appreciated.

P. W. Smith, a member and former secretary of the Darling Range sub-branch, died early in December. The deceased, who served in the South African campaign, and with the 46th Battalion in France, was a popular and public-spirited resident of the Hills, and we join the Darling Range sub-branch in extending sincere condolences to Mrs. Smith and family.

Jack Andrews, the genial secretary of the Club, is at present on a well-earned vacation. During his absence the duties of club secretary will be administered by Major Jack Colpitts.

At the December meeting of the Darling Range sub-branch, the meeting regretfully accepted the resignation of secretary H. G. Penrose, whose health necessitates him taking a well-earned rest from arduous duties. He will be succeeded by a former holder of this office, Bill Wright.

While in Durbin on a recent tour of South Africa, local Y.A.L. boys met the Digger's old friend, Miss Ethel Campbell, who sends her greetings to all Australians.
Wilfred Bartlett, the secretary of the revived Dumbleyung sub-branch, is also secretary of the local Road Board. During the War he served with the 32nd Battalion.

At the December meeting of the Mt. Lawley-Ingleswood women's auxiliary, the State President (Mrs. McKinlay) presented Certificates of Service to Mrs. Doran and Miss Hawtin in recognition of the services they have rendered for several years as president and secretary of the auxiliary.

Recently Perth received a visit from Mr. F. R. Lee, a former resident of our city, who is now domiciled in Melbourne. Mr. Lee volunteered for active service during the Great War, but was rejected by the medical authorities. It was he who established the first returned soldiers' paper in Western Australia, The Australian, which was the forerunner of The Listening Post.

Congratulations to J. J. Hanley of the Commonwealth Audit Office, on his appointment as Chief Auditor, Rabaul, New Guinea. While in Perth he was a very useful member of the R.S.L. Cricket Association. He left with Mrs. Hanley and child on January 11, and to all-three we wish bon voyage and the best of luck.

The MacFarlanes seem to have come into their kingdom as far as the defences of Western Australia are concerned. Brigadier P. M. MacFarlane's arrival was closely followed by that of Commander J. C. MacFarlane, who succeeds Commander R. Griffiths-Bowen as District Naval Officer. The new D.N.O. commenced his service in the Royal Navy and was transferred to the Royal Australian Navy in 1911. During the War, he served on H.M.A.S. Sydney and H.M.A.S. Brisbane, and saw service in New Guinea, the West Indies and the North Sea. For the past seven years, he has been D.N.O. first in Hobart, and until his recent transfer, in Brisbane.

Reading of the death of Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate-Newdigate, members of the League in this State will regret the loss of one whom we have all regarded as a personal friend. Sir Francis belonged to an old army family and was educated at Eton and Sandhurst, after which he was gazetted to the Coldstream Guards. He came here from Tasmania in 1920, of which State he had been Governor since 1917, and remained in the West in a similar capacity until 1924. During his term of office, Sir Francis became Honorary Col. of the 11th Battalion Australian Military Forces, and he showed his kindly interest in the R.S.L. by presenting the Newdigate Cup for annual competition between sub-branches.

Harold Nugent, a former member of the State Executive, whose recent sad bereavement cast a gloom over his many friends and well-wishers, is at present a patient in the Edward Millen Home. We wish him a speedy return to improved health and fortune. It's a long lane that has no turning, and in Nugie's case the general hope is that the turning will come quickly, for he is worthy of the best life can offer.

Dick Roberts, who has just retired from the secretariatship of the Waroona sub-branch, had held that office continuously for sixteen years. Is this a record for Australia?

At a recent meeting, the Waroona sub-branch decided to apply for a Certificate of Service on behalf of past president Charlie Henning, who is also the sub-branch's delegate to the District Committee which he represents on the State Executive. Charlie, who was a lighthouse man during the War, has not allowed his soldiering to go rusty since. Just before Christmas he was promoted to the rank of major in the young 10th L.H.

The trustees of the Central Amelioration Fund have received £2 2s. from Harry Gregory, M.H.R., for the benefit of some digger in distress.

There's a priceless story of an American talkie producer who was filming a Biblical scene. Thinks weren't going too well and he stormed and raved about the studio.

"Listen to me, you guys!" he shouted.

"I'm paying a thousand dollars a day for this sound apparatus and I mean to get my money's worth! When those Ten Commandments are broken I want to hear 'em break! Get me?"
The Anzac Club has now over 600 financial members and business has expanded to such an extent that the committee has decided to provide clerical assistance for the secretary. Consequently there is a vacancy in the office for a soldier’s son of good appearance who happens to be a competent typist.

In a report which arrived too late for inclusion in sub-branch notes, “Aussie Kala,” our Darling Range correspondent mentions that the sub-branch’s New Year Dance was a social and financial success. The Darlings are now busy making arrangements for sports and musical evenings, and, last not least, a Kiddies’ Picnic, to be held at South Beach, Fremantle, during the fourth week of January.

Intending visitors to Albany during the “Back to Albany” week are advised to book their accommodation as early as possible as hotels and lodging houses are likely to be very crowded. Albany sub-branch is getting on with the renovations to the Institute and gardens, so that the diggers’ local headquarters will be a beauty spot within a beauty spot by the time of the monster reunion.

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The Royal Australian Artillery has taken part in three wars. A field battery accompanied the New South Wales Contingent to the Sudan in 1885. The famous “A” Battery went as a unit to the South African War of 1899-1902, and the Regiment provided a Siege Brigade for service in France, in addition to which individual members served in various capacities with other artillery units.

On the 6th December Colonel Collett asked the following question in the Senate:

Based on the number of enlistments in Australia of men and women for service overseas during the Great War, what is the total expenditure to 30th June last, per capita of such enlistments, from Commonwealth public funds on account of the settlement of soldiers on the land, and the operations of (a) the War Gratuity Act; (b) the War Service Homes Act; (c) the Repatriation Acts.

The answer received was as follows:

The total per capita expenditure from Commonwealth Public Funds, based on the number of enlistments for service overseas during the Great War (excluding interest on Loan moneys used for the purpose) was as under:

- Soldier Land Settlement: £ 29 11 9
- War Gratuity: £ 67 1 5
- War Service Homes: £ 53 3 11
- Repatriation (including War Pensions): £ 367 5 11

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The Gunner Appointed State Auditor-General

“Mick” Taylor’s New Job

General satisfaction was expressed and congratulations were showered upon the popular ex-sergeant of the original 8th Battery when it became known that Syd

ney Arnold Taylor had been appointed to one of the plums of the Civil Service. To gunners it is unnecessary to sing his praise and set down his qualifications, but to the “Huzzars” and foot-sloggers a brief history of Mick’s career will not come amiss.

Prior to the War he excelled as a footballer, Australian and soccer game. He joined up with the No. 1 W.A. Battery, afterwards the 37th Battery, under Major Bessell-Brown, afterwards Brigadier General. The spirit which animated this battery at the outbreak of war was very evident from the 100 per cent. enlistment of its members. Leaving Australia with the original 8th Battery as a sergeant he took part in the Landing. On the 17th July, 1915, he was badly wounded and while lying smashed his only thought was for the welfare of his comrades Gunner Carter and Gunner Barrett-Lennard. When carried away no man of the 8th Battery expected to see “Mick” again, but with determination he refused to meet the devil until he had a few more sins to account for.

Having been skittled from “Masthead to keel,” it was a long job before he reached Australia, and walked down the

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Authorised by P. Dillon Smith,
gangway on two legs, although one was an "18-pounder," supplied by Commonwealth experts sent to England to supply the needs of the digger. Soldiering finished, he entered the Civil Service in 1917, and from then on promotion has been steady. Recognising the necessity of fitting himself for the struggle in life he qualified as an accountant and auditor in 1919.

For some years he was sub-accountant at the Public Works Department, and during that period reorganised the account system and was instrumental in bringing machine methods of book-keeping into vogue.

When the depression hit the State Mr. Berkeley, the assistant Under-Treasurer, recognised his value and borrowed him from the Public Works Department because of his intimate knowledge of departmental activities.

Diggers of Western Australia are more than gratified that the present Government have rewarded real ability, and all send "Mick" Taylor their wishes that he may be spared many years to fill the Auditor-General's position with credit to himself and benefit to the State.

"Mick" was a good soldier, and like all good soldiers he has been a good League member since the war.

The returned soldier inmates of the Old Men's Home desire us to express their deep appreciation of all that the ladies of the different women's auxiliaries and members of sub-branches have done for them at Christmas time. "We were indeed grateful to know," our correspondent writes, "that someone had remembered us in our loneliness." Especial gratitude is felt towards the members of the North-East Fremantle sub-branch whose picnic of November last is believed to have set the ball rolling in the matter of organising Christmas cheer.

"It is sad to know," the letter continues, "that two of our number, Harry Hall, a South African veteran, and Robertson, 1st Tunnellers, passed over during the festive season, but, after all, there are so many of us approaching the judge's box that this must be expected. We were all deeply touched by the many gifts that came our way and while it may seem feeble just to say 'Thank you,' to the womenfolk, we can find no other words to express our gratitude."

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**THE LISTENING POST**

**FEDERAL CONGRESS**

Our delegates to the Federal Congress held in Sydney speak in glowing terms of the wonderful hospitality showered on them by everyone—particularly League officials—from the Federal President (Sir Gilbert Dyett) down to the last, but not by any means the least, our own Dick Gibbs, president, and Clarrie Fairley, secretary of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch, together with the Mayor (Mr. Brimage) of that important centre; the N.S.W. Government, the Lord Mayor of Sydney (Mr. McElhone), the different Sydney Clubs, the Wollongong sub-branch, and not forgetting the Victorian and South Australian Branches, who generously handed out the "glad hand" to our representatives whilst passing through and returning through these States. Port Augusta sub-branch, headed by our old friend, Mr. George ("Chopper") Doran, one-time of Fremantle, also did the necessary during their short stay at this South Australian oasis.

One of the jokes of the Sydney Congress was when Fred Aberle rose, and with serious mien proposed a Western Australian resolution urging the Commonwealth Government to institute enquiries as to why there was so much malnutrition amidst abundance. Len Robb, president of the N.S.W. Branch, exclaimed, before "Fred" got into his stride: "Mr. President, looking at the mover and Western Australia's State Secretary beside him, I ask is this question in order?" Whereat "Fred" turned to a delegate from another State and suggested that he was physically more fitted to submit the question.

**A SOLDIERS’ FAREWELL**

Brigadier A. M. Martyn, who has had nearly as many farewell appearances as the late Dame Nellie Melba, and his successor, Brigadier P. M. McFarlane, were the guests of honour at a complimentary smoke social in the R.A.A. Barracks, Fremantle, on January 6. The gathering which included representatives of the Navy, other military units and services, the rifle clubs and the yacht clubs, was presided over by Lieut.-Colonel G. W. P. Meredith, the commanding officer of the R.A.A. in this State.

The health of the Regiment was proposed by Lieutenant Lawson, who briefly traced the history of the units of permanent artillery in Australia, who now compose the Royal Regiment. Lieut.-Colonel Meredith, who served with both Brigadiers in Queensland twenty-five years ago, responded.

Proposing the health of Brigadier Martyn, Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. Talbot Hobbs said that he was a loyal comrade and a true friend. "On Gallipoli he was a man who thoroughly knew his job as a sapper," the General continued, "and I know him as a true soldier." The toast was supported by the chairman of the National Rifle Association (Mr. T. Thomas), who referred to the great stimulus Brigadier Martyn had given to rifle-shooting while Commandant, Fifth Military District, by Master Gunner J. Allinson, who spoke on behalf of the United Service Rifle Club and the rank and file of the Regiment; and by Lieut.-Colonel Meredith. Brigadier Martyn proposed the toast of the new District Commandant, saying: "I can only hope that you

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"A FAIR GO, AUSSIE!"

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HARTREY, T.A. [1] (Endorsed Nationalist)
DALEY, A. [2] (Endorsed Nationalist)

(Authorised by A. DODD, 842 Beaufort Street, Maylands)
give your new commandant the same support that you have given your old
one.
The function, which was one of the
happiest, was further gladdened by the
music of the very capable regimental or-
chestra.

T. A. Hartrey, B.A., LL.B.
A good West Australian, now the
endorsed Nationalist candidate for May-
lands, is Thomas Hartrey, B.A., LL.B.,
who was born in Boulder City on Nom-
ination Day, January 31, 1901. He is a
teacher by profession, and an honours
man of the University of Western Aus-
tralia. Though too young for active
service during "La Grande Guerre," he
has been a good patriot who, in 1925,
succeeded Senator Alan MacDonald as
honorary secretary of the State War Mem-
orial Committee. Tom Hartrey has
youth and ability on his side, to say
nothing of previous experience in the
political arena. He is an excellent de-
bator with that splash of Irish humour
which is such a valuable asset to any pub-
lic speaker. He has won many awards for
debating and public speaking, both in
Western Australia and in Victoria, in-
cluding the University Oratory Medal
1919. Joining the National Party of
Western Australia in 1924, he was elec-
ted a member of the State Council in
1926, 1927 and 1933, and a member of
the State Executive following upon the
reorganisation of the Party in May, last
year. He was foundation president of
the Young National League, 1934-36,
and is a keen student of the problems of
youth and an ardent champion of youth
employment. As candidate for Perth,
in the Federal election last year, Mr.
Hartrey polled 16,000 first preference
votes in the subdivision of Maylands
alone, this being the largest number of
first preferences secured by any can-
didate in Maylands except the late Hon.
John Scaddan.

LIENS ON CROPS
Recently the Land Committee for-
warded a resolution to the Commision-
ers of the Agricultural Bank asking—
That until the policy of the Agri-
cultural Bank is definitely defined with
regard to wheat growers who have suf-
fered through seasonal difficulties and
depressed prices for their products, the
Bank be asked to refrain from exercis-
ing their lien rights except from crop
proceeds.
The General Manager (Mr. Grogan)
in reply has notified the League that he
does not know of any case where a wheat
farmer has been required to pay egg and
butter proceeds to the credit of his ac-
count. Pigs, he states, are in a different
category as their production entails a
greater consumption of grain which
would otherwise be available to meet
the farmer's obligations, rendering individual
consideration necessary.
Mr. Grogan further states that when
the mortgagee meets the year's interest
from crops, no claim is made from other
sources of income.

AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY
A very impressive ceremony to "Our
Fallen Comrades" was inaugurated at the
last monthly meeting of the Nedlands
sub-branch, held on Tuesday, 10th De-

cember, when a model of the State War
Memorial was unveiled and dedicated.
The attendance book was signed by 112
ex-soldiers and a few failed to do this
duty.

At the outset the president (Mr. J. M.
Anderson) explained the purpose of the
ceremony, that of greater reverence and
a desire to introduce more impressiveness
into our few moments of "Lest we For-
egget" silence. The ceremony will take
place at all functions held by the sub-
branch. The model, which is an exact
replica of the State War Memorial in
King's Park, stands approximately 21
inches high, and is made out of Donny-
brook stone. The workmanship, which
is of very high artistic merit, was per-
formed by Mr. H. Wales, a member of
the sub-branch, while Mr. H. Hoare, an-
other member, was responsible for the
metal work.
In the absence of the State President
(Mr. A. Yeates), who had another en-
gagement, Colonel A. C. N. Olden, vice-
president of the League, was made very
welcome, and he performed the unveil-
ing ceremony. In remarking on the ple-
asure it gave him to have such a privilege
he also congratulated the sub-branch in
installing greater power and respect into
our ceremony, which at times, he
thought, was likely to be taken a little
too casually. Padre Jacquet, a member of
the sub-branch, then with dignity dedi-
cated the war memorial, and as the gath-
ering stood in devout prayer one felt
the full effect of the sincerity.
The ceremony, which is to take place
at each meeting, was then commenced,
and the sub-wardsens (Messrs. Wales and
Hoare) being in position, the lights were
turned out and the memorial flood lit.
With the edifice beaming in the darkness,
in direct vision of members, a short si-
ence was observed and the president
then recited the words of Laurence Bin-
yon's poem:
"They shall grow not old, as we that
are left, grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn;
At the going down of the sun, and
in the morning,
We will remember them."
The gathering joined in a repetition of
the last line, "We will remember them."
The whole of the proceedings pro-
duced a wonderful effect, the atmosphere
of the meeting creating a splendid im-
pression on all present, together with a
greater desire to stand firmly behind the
League and its ideals.

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THE WAR IN THE AIR

"Aces and Kings," by L. W. Sutherland, M.C., D.C.M., written in collaboration with Norman Ellison, Australia, Angus and Robertson, Ltd. Price six shillings. Our copy from the publishers.

The inability of the Italian air forces in Abyssinia to accomplish much beyond the bombing of hospitals and reconnaissance work as part of the passive defence to which the Abyssinians seem to have condemned their invaders is surprising in view of recent forecasts of the roll of aircraft in future wars. We have been regaled with prophecies of aerial navies blotting out battlefields and gassing out existence cities of the size of London and Paris, and yet, the Italian armies in four months of warfare, and despite their superiority in the technical arms and the entire lack of opposition in the air have failed to advance very much further than their countrymen did in 1895. Such considerations make all the more remarkable the achievements of British and German airmen, and also of Italian airmen, during the Great War, achievements in "buses" and with armaments that were still in the experimental stage of development, and vastly different from the modern craft which are literally castles in the air. The work of airmen had an important bearing on the war on all fronts, no more so than on the Palestine front, for there, the campaign was a war of movement and, on that account, a better criterion of what the war of the future will be like. In that campaign, Australian airmen, like Australian cavalymen and camelines, played a noble part and it is high time that their exploits were recorded in book form.

Mr. F. M. Cutlack's volume of the Official History which deals with the work of the Australian Flying Corps is to be found in most libraries, but the official histories, unfortunately, are priced beyond the means of the average reader, while considerations of space have prevented the insertion of many personal touches and reminiscences. "Aces and Kings," by L. W. Sutherland, for which Mr. Cutlack has written a very interesting foreword, is an excellent book and an admirable supplement to Mr. Cutlack's own official history. The author, as Mr. Cutlack points out, was an officer in No. 1 Squadron of the Australian Flying Corps, which operated in a Royal Flying Corps wing in support of Allenby's great campaign in Palestine. The Australian No. 1 Squadron became the most redoubtable unit in that aerial arm.

Mr. Sutherland tells us that the first interested in his book is its intensely human touches. Many of the pilots had commenced the campaign as light horsemen at a time when their only flying had been as carefree youngsters over the ears of refractory brumbies. The walls of the air liked themselves, Mr. Sutherland tells us. They were not alone in their glory, for anyone who reads this book will close it with immense liking for Mr. Sutherland and the comrades whom he parades before us. His stories of the redoubtable Cam and of Pard are epic in brief. These knights of the air are essentially Australian with all a bushman's resourcefulness in effecting repairs under difficulty and in devising gadgets for the discomfiture of the enemy. Cam had trouble with his landings but his colourful language and his quaint application of horseman's jargon to aircraft will evoke many a chuckle. The ingenious Pard had to be given only three inches of copper wire, a couple of terminals, and a pocket knife, and he could make a wireless set.

Not the least interesting chapter of this very interesting book is the chapter on Lawrence of Arabia. The author was among those attached to Lawrence and his irregulars in a phase of the campaign in which the air force accomplished much ticklish and very valuable work. He knew Lawrence intimately and his references to this leader of desert irregulars form a pen of admiration. There are also many friendly references to enemy airmen and to the chivalry manifested on all possible occasions by these knights of the air.

Particularly graphic is the description of the destruction of two retreating Turkish army corps by the Australian squadron, led by Ross Smith in his Handley-Page, the biggest machine on the Palestine front. Nine Miles of Dead is the significant heading of this chapter. The author, who was a lighthorseman to begin with, tells briefly, but pathetically, how the troop horses were destroyed after the campaign in preference to auctioning them to the unspeakable Gypsys.

The book is one that the reader will lay down with regret, and then lose himself in reverie, for it conjures up memories of Cairo and the Canal, it records moving adventures by land and air, and it presents intimate and personal pictures of men whose names were even then becoming household words.

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By W.L.M.

Great interest is still being maintained in the recent matches, an average of 300 spectators attending each match. One feature is the fast scoring, last Sunday in the two matches just on 600 runs being scored in four hours, not bad for veterans. The last matches were won by Maylands and Nedlands No. 1 after very strenuous efforts. Some fine performances by individual players were registered: Leo McComish, Maylands skipper, made a splendid 66, including 11 fours and also secured five wickets for 28. Bert King, this Cricket Association's general secretary, made a splendid 56, being his best score for the season. No doubt every R.S.L. cricketer will be glad to see Bert last showing some of his best form. Alf Halliday also made a brisk 51, which included 7 fours, and Hemmingsway did well in scoring 40.

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Great interest is being taken in the forthcoming Town v. Country R.S.L. Match, which is to be played at Cottesloe Oval on February 16. At a recent meeting of the Association the following were elected to select the Town team:

Messrs. H. King, W. Eddy, and R. Bell.
The general committee appointed were: Messrs. H. Hopperon, H. King, W. Eddy, W. L. Menkens, J. Rankin, C. Watkins and T. Scott.

For this match a Cup has been presented by Mr. H. Shearn, J.P., chairman Perth Road Board.

On Sunday, January 5, a social game was played between Bill Eddy's and Wally Crain's teams at Nedlands Oval before a large crowd of diggers and families. Crain's team won by 63 runs. Phil Allen, of Maylands, playing for Eddy's team, bowled one over of 12 balls (six wides) and secured 1 wicket for 6 runs. Keep it up, Phil. Maylands are looking for another bowler. It is hoped that this match will be made a permanent fixture.

A visit is expected from Bert Kortland, the ex-International cricketer, at our next round. Bert being a good digger we will all be pleased to see his criticism of our cricket.

In a letter to the writer, Bert Oldfield, the Association's patron, sends season's greetings to all digger cricketers.

We were pleased to see our good friend Rabbi Freedman at a match recently, and he expressed himself rather surprised at the interest that is being shown in the Cricket Association. We hope to see him again before long. He is always a welcome visitor at any time.

S. S. L.

ALBANY

The monthly meeting of the sub-branch was held on December 3, with Mr. G. L. Field in the chair. The following were elected for 1936-President, Mr. G. L. Field; vice-president, Mr. S. J. Barrow; hon. secretary, Mr. S. T. Coles; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Page; committee: sports-D. Langley (secretary), F. Page, H. Walker, A. Smith, S. Roots, A. Gull, W. Roots, F. Davy and E. Foster; entertainment, J. Hayward, A. Pryor, E. Brooks, B. Holley, E. Waters, D. Langley; sick visiting, E. Foster, R. Northmore, F. Johnson. Plans were completed for members to assist at the R.S.L. Christmas Tree.

The S.S.L. farewell dance to its High School members, which was held on December 12, was a grand success from a social point of view, but only a small sum was realised for the games fund. We must tender our thanks to the members of the women's auxiliary who turned up and supervised the commissariat arrangements.

Noticing a dour-faced Scot tugging at a stamp machine, a post office official inquired what was the matter. It took the Scot several seconds to recover sufficiently from his emotion to speak.

"Ah put a penny in this," he began, "an' four stamps came out." And he started hauling onions again at the machine.

"But," exclaimed the official, "what's the idea? What's all the fuss about?"

"Look ye here, mon, said the other. "I put another penny in, ye ken, an' naething's come out. The thing's a swindle!"

A charity cricket match was once arranged in which certain famous sportsmen, boxers, tennis players, and the like were induced to play for the Sweet Cause. One of the participants was a noted billiard player. He went out to the wicket confidently enough and returned swiftly-stumped. "How did that happen, Jack," asked one of the retiring batsman's friends. "I dunno," said the knight of the green cloth in puzzled tones. "One chap knocked the tips off the cues and the marker said I was out of baulk."

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At the meeting of the State Executive on December 19, 1935, there were present: Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Collett, Denton, Aberle, Hunt, Cornell, Margolin, Watt, James, Lovell, Wilkins, Mitchell, Pady, Ross, Lamb, Collins, Nicholas and Henning.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on January 15, 1936. The State President was empowered to call a special meeting if business of an urgent nature warranted it.

B.E.S.L. Conference.—Advice was received from the Federal Executive that the Eighth Biennial Conference of the B.E.S.L. would be held in London. Australia’s delegate would be appointed at the meeting of the Federal Executive on March 11. It was agreed that Mr. Yeates be nominated for Western Australia.

Federal Executive.—It was agreed to defer the appointment of a delegate from the W.A. Branch to the Federal Executive meeting until after the New Year.

Anzac Club.—The Anzac Club advised that the Club secretary had been granted four weeks’ leave of absence. Confirmation of this action was requested. On the motion of Messrs. Hunt and Olden, it was agreed that the arrangement be approved for this year. The Club requested that the matter of the lease of its present premises be held in abeyance pending the registration of the Club as a corporate body. On the motion of Colonel Collett and Mr. Hunt, discussion of the matter was adjourned until the next meeting.

Land Committee.—The Land Committee’s report of a meeting held on December 17, which was received and adopted, dealt with the minutes of the meeting of No. 4 District Committee, held in October last. The District Committee wanted to know why it was not advised of the recent visit of the Hon. W. M. Hughes to Western Australia. The reply was left to the State President.

Membership Committee.—The Membership Committee reported that efforts had been made to re-form the Canning District sub-branch and the Norwood sub-branch. It further recommended that an annual function be arranged to take the form of a dinner and be known as the Membership Dinner Evening, to which three members from each metropolitan sub-branch, namely the president, secretary and the chairman of the membership committee, would be invited. There would be no toast list, but all speeches would be on the subject of membership, and reports would be invited from all sub-branches.

The report was received and adopted.

Trustees.—The interim report of the trustees showed that 350 applications for Christmas Cheer had been dealt with, the expenditure involved amounting to £253.

Arrangements had been made for the distribution of Christmas comforts to ex-service men, in the following institutions:—Number 11 Ward and civilian wards, Perth General Hospital, Old Men’s Home, Edward Millen Home, Moorooloo Sanatorium, Heathcote Reception Home, Lennox Hospital, Claremont Hospital, Lucknow Hospital, Thistle Bank Hospital and The Haven Hospital.

Poppy Day.—A report of a meeting of representatives of metropolitan sub-branches on December 9, which made suggestions for the improvement of the organisation of Poppy Day was received and adopted.

Visiting Committee.—The Visiting Committee reported that during the month visits had been made to Edward Millen Home, Heathcote Reception Home and the Old Men’s Home.

Visits.—Reports on other visits were as follows:—Armadale sub-branch, F.L. Soldiers’ Wives, S.A. and Imperial Veterans, Gin Gin and Bullebrook sub-branches (the State President); Canning Districts (Messrs. Watt and Freedman); Tambellup (Mr. T. Sten); welcome to Mr. Kenneally, Tramway and Bayswater sub-branches (Mr. W. A. Wilkins); Nedlands sub-branch and Civic Reception to Mr. Curtis (Colonel Olden); West Leederville (Mr. F. J. Aberle); Moorine Rock (Mr. J. Cornell); Southern Cross, Kalgooarie and Boulder sub-branches (Archdeacon Riley).

Congratulations.—Colonel Olden, commenting on his visit to the Nedlands sub-branch, stated that a replica of the State War Memorial had been unveiled. The State Secretary was instructed to convey the congratulations of the State Executive on the sub-branch’s efforts in providing this replica.

Thanks.—Letters of thanks were received from Colonel Sentiments, Mr. F. N. Smith, Colonel Hyman, Sir William Birdwood and the diggers of the Repatriation Ward, Perth General Hospital.

Pensions.—The Federal Executive asked that publicity be given to the recent amend-
ments to the Repatriation Act, and urged that those eligible for the benefits apply immediately so that any grants would be made from January 1, from which date the new provisions would operate. A statement was prepared and handed to the Press.

S.S.L.—The following resolution was received from the Perth sub-branch S.S.L.:

That the senior members will support and continue to support the Commonwealth Government in its endeavor to discharge its obligations to the League of Nations.

Congress Agenda.—Growngangerup sub-branch, in response to a request for an opinion as to whether the Congress Agenda should continue to be printed in The Listening Post or not, expressed the opinion that the amount charged was outrageous. After discussion it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Mr. Cornwell, seconded by Colonel Lamb, that the Executive was satisfied that the charge was reasonable.

The same sub-branch requested that motions on the general subject of the appointment of a District Committee should have preference over those from sub-branches. The reply was left to the State Secretary.

General.—The appointment of officials as advertised by the Northam, Bullbrook, Wiluna and Reedy sub-branches, was confirmed. The annual report of the A.I.F. Canteen Funds and the Sir Samuel McCaughey Bequest was tabled for the information of delegates. It was agreed that letters be forwarded to Rabbi Freedman and Mr. W. Brine, thanking them for their activities on the committee which distributed these funds in Western Australia.

It was agreed to supply the South Perth Road Board with a list of sub-branches, as requested in connection with the distribution of a brochure advertising South Perth. A letter from the Director of Education, thanking the Executive for its support in connection with recent criticisms of school textbooks, was received.

A suggestion from the Warden of the State War Memorial that equipment be provided for the purpose of watering plants, shrubs, etc., at the State War Memorial, was referred to the State War Memorial Committee.

In accordance with Rule 20 (c), the Trustees were authorised to complete the agreement with the Railway Department on behalf of the Albany sub-branch for railway properties 656 and 657.

The Ardath-Babkin sub-branch advised that this district was threatened with a serious water shortage and asked the Executive to do something to assist settlers in this respect. It was agreed that the State President and the chairman of the Land Committee approach the Premier's Department in regard to the matter.

Mr. Hocking expressed appreciation on behalf of No. 1 District Committee on the particularly by Colonel Olden in the matter action taken by the State Executive, and of meat depots and of marketing potato.

Colonel Denton read a letter from General Sinclair-McLagan in which the latter asked to be remembered to all old friends.

Valedictory.—At the close of the regular business, the State President welcomed Brigadier Martyn to a farewell entertainment, being the last day the department from the State. On behalf of the State Executive, the President and Archdeacon Riley expressed regrets at losing one who had been such a

MOORINE ROCK

Mr. James Cornell reported to the State Executive:

By direction of your executive I attended the Moorine Rock annual reunion. Sir John Kirwan, M.L.C., was also present by invitation. The sub-branch president (Mr. George Marston) presided in a usual efficient manner; over some fifty ex-service men, some of them coming from Bullfinch, distant over 30 miles. Mrs. Sheridan, the licensee of the Moorine Rock Hotel, provided an excellent dinner, and the sub-branch attended liberally towards the liquid supplies. The usual toasts were well proposed, well received, and drunk with the usual honours.

On the following day, Sunday, the Honourable Mr. Harry Mathew was good enough to motor Sir John Kirwan, president Marston and secretary Nesbitt and myself through the South Moorine Rock locality. Crops at that period appeared as if most of them would harvest a normal yield. The spirit of the troops generally, despite adverse weather conditions and low prices, appeared to be normal.

There is no doubt regarding the value of functions such as this being held as a brief holiday to many who attend them.

TAMBULLUP

Mr. Tom Sten, country vice-president, reported to State Executive:

I have much pleasure in reporting on my visit to the reunion of the Tambullup sub-branch on the evening of the 11th instant. As a visiting member of the Executive I accorded that full measure of hospitality which is characteristic of our country units, and through conversation with members I quickly came to the conclusion that the affairs of the group were in a very healthy condition, and that the sub-branch officers, through their enthusiasm, enjoyed the full confidence of the members. Effective membership, I am told, includes a very high percentage of the total of returned men in residence in this district, and bright crop prospects and brighter prices are responsible for a cheerful tone in a unit which consists largely of farmers.

The main objective of the sub-branch for the past three years has been the conduct and maintenance of the local hospital. About three years ago the local institution, a committee hospital, fell upon bad times, and was in danger of closing down altogether. The local body of returned soldiers stepped in and with the aid of a strong women's auxiliary revived interest and set the place in going order again. They next faced the proposition of building, and through one effort added two wards and an operating theatre. Next, a gift of a wooden hall from an outlying district was made to them, and this they converted into fine quarters for the staff. In this building are separate bedrooms for the staff as well as a comfortable sitting room and bathroom, all completely surrounded by a ten-foot verandah. Naturally such efforts did not go unnoticed, and donations of equipment of all kinds poured in from the district.

The sub-branch, too, added many useful aids to working efficiency. The sub-branch, through its hospital committee, continues to administer the institution and are planning further additions. The present secretary of the sub-branch is a past secretary of the hospital, and it must, give him a great deal of satisfaction to see the work being carried on so enthusiastically. I have reported on this matter fully because it seems a splendid example of that aim of the League which impels it to continue to give service to the community.

This united effort led to rather an unique reunion, as sub-branch members sat down to dinner with members of the auxiliary and it was noticeable that the ladies honoured the guests no less enthusiastically than their more sophisticated men folk. Previous to supper a period of games and cards took place, and altogether the evening concluded as a most happy event, well attended by both sexes, and well handled by president and secretary. My prevailing impression was that of a sub-branch which was more than usually successful in making the most of its auxiliary.

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The same spirit of enterprise appeared to me to be evident in the general appearance of the township and its fine up-to-date building.

**PERTH**

The general meeting of the above sub-branch was held on the 10th December, and was particularly well attended. The president presided over nearly 50 members, which is an excellent attendance for this sub-branch. A great deal of discussion took place over the question of whether this sub-branch should seek accommodation outside Anzac House to provide a rest and recreation room for returned men who are not members of Anzac Club. Both sides of the question were considerably debated, and it was finally resolved that a further effort should be made to have a room made available in Anzac House. With this end in view, a delegation is to wait upon the Management Committee of the State Executive as a date to be fixed.

The notice of motion put forward by Mr. G. Gilmore, that the first meeting in November be held on Armistice night, provided it is not a Saturday or Sunday, was carried unanimously.

A very pleasing feature was the presentation of a Certificate of Service to C. G. Gibb, who was an indefatigable worker for the sub-branch for many years. "Gibbie" was genuinely surprised and made a very humorous speech in reply.

It was decided that the next meeting would be the annual meeting, which would be held on the 14th January, 1936.

The nominations for the various officers of the sub-branch are as follows—President, Messrs. Eddington, Hopperton and O'Farrell; vice-president, Messrs. Eddington, Hopperton and O'Farrell; treasurer, Messrs. Colpitts and Eddington; wardens S. S. L. Messrs. Beaumont, O'Farrell and Thomas; director R.S.L. Co-op., Mr. C. Longmore; auditor, Mr. J. J. Prendergast; committee, Messrs. Bateson, Beaumont, Collins, Colpitts, Gibb, Gilmore, Laughton, Lewis, Massey, O'Neil and Thomas.

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**CLAREMONT**

The general meeting on December 5 was taken as an opportunity to farewell Brigadier Martyn, O.M.G., R.S.O., who from October, 1932, to June 30, last, served the sub-branch as president. After the toast of Our Guest had been enthusiastically drunk with musical honours, the president (Mr. C. H. Briggs) presented the Brigadier with a bronze fruit bowl, suitably inscribed, from members of the sub-branch, and the League's Certificate of Service, at the same time pointing out the great progress the sub-branch had made during the period. Brigadier Martyn was president, and which was undoubtedly due to the manner in which he had carried out his duties. Mr. S. W. Smith, senior vice-president, also spoke in support of Mr. Briggs, and gave a short account of the progress made since the sub-branch dissolved partnership with Cottesloe about four years ago.

Seasonal greetings were received from Captain Ball, a former vice-president, now residing in Brisbane.

This was the last meeting of the financial year, the annual general meeting taking place on January 9, 1936.

During the year steady improvement has been made, and it seems that conditions generally are on the up-grade.

The president extends to everyone connected with the Claremont sub-branch the earnest wish that the new year will prove to be a bright and prosperous one.

**COLLIE**

No sooner did the Collie members finish their annual flower show than they ran an Armistice Ball, which was a grand feature and reflected the greatest of credit on the committee. Poppy Day returns were the best Collie has known, and the appeal was well organised by the women's auxiliary.

In conjunction with the "Back to Collie" week a reunion was held and many old comrades journeyed from all parts of W.A., to be present at the festivities. Some of those present being Colonel Margolin, H. E. Wells and Tom Towers from Dumbleyung. Our first attempt at holding an Enteddfod was a great success, and it is intended that another one will be held during 1936.

Our usual Christmas fete for the children was again one of the features of a round of Christmas festivities, over 100 children sitting down to all the good things provided.

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Our pension officer is kept very hard at it, as we always have our quota at every tribunal. A great many miles are covered by our Harry May in doing his good work for the League, as apart from his pension cases he is also on call at remuneration trusts and we go out miles in some cases to administer relief.

Our annual meeting will be held on 19th January, and will be preceded by the Annual Reunion.

REEDY
The first smoke social to be organised by the Reedy sub-branch was held at the Hotel Occidental at Reedy on Saturday, December 16, there being present about twenty returned men. The Cue sub-branch was represented by Messrs. C. Austin, C. Rose, C. Press, and A. A. Haynes. There were few speeches, but plenty of good humour and a popular atmosphere was created by the informal nature of the proceedings, and the camaraderie, in which the Reedy president (Mr. A. Nugent, J.P.) displayed able leadership.

In welcoming the members of the Cue sub-branch, the chairman stated that the Reedy men appreciated the interest shown by the Cue members in the formation of the Reedy sub-branch. Their attention at the smoke social was a friendly gesture, and he expressed the hope that Cue and Reedy would enjoy many future evenings together.

Mr. A. A. Haynes, in responding to the toast of the visitors, stated that he was the bearer of the congratulations of the Cue sub-branch to Mr. Nugent and the Reedy diggers on the formation of the new sub-branch. By the warmth of the welcome given to them, the Cue men felt that whatever hospitality they had been able to extend to the Reedy sub-branch had been more than repaid. Both were young sub-branches and their members could look forward to future gatherings with enthusiasm, and rely on each other for united work in the interests of the League. Mr. C. Austin, supported the previous speaker’s remarks.

WEST LEEDEURVILLE
Last month was a very busy one for the committee, the sub-branch holding its annual smoke-o on the 9th and a Christmas Tree on the 14th. In addition, the Goose Club was finalised and drawn in soup, an event which was a great success, both from the attendance and social points. The visitors included Counsellor Caddy, Henderson and Simper, and Messrs. Arblie and Guile, and representatives from neighboring sub-branches. The newly-joined Wembley members were the guests of the sub-branch. The excellent programme provided by the artists was enjoyed by all present.

The Lesser Hall was crowded for the Christmas Tree, which, by the way, was the first held by the sub-branch. Presents were provided for 120 children, the gifts being selected and labelled by four members of the auxiliary (Messrs. C. Austen, Hains, Kruiger and Smith), and they are to be congratulated on their work. Hughie Peters was Father Christmas, and deserved the smiles and thanks given by the kiddies. Ample supplies of cool drinks and ice cream were available, and although parents feared the consequences later, reports proved that their fears were groundless. The Goose Club closed fully subscribed and returned sufficient to meet the expenses of the Christmas Tree.

Our late secretary (John Smithers) has been very ill for some weeks, but shows some improvement now. Mat Ephish is in Ward 11, and is going along quietly. We wish them a speedy recovery. In town at Christmas time was Captain Jose. He is a busy man these days, and is away in the country a lot and unable to get down to meetings.

Owing to the short time allowed at the last meeting, the members had no opportunity of dealing with the report regarding the canvas for members in Wembley. It is expected that the committee will have something encouraging to report at the next meeting.

ALBANY
The Institute and gardens will be worth a visit when renovated, as the sub-branch has installed a resident caretaker. Visitors will be welcomed and shown over. Our aim is to make it one of the beauty spots of Albany, and it looks as though we shall succeed. A step forward has been taken in the formation of a women’s auxiliary. Miss E. Hillyard, of Brunswick Road, Albany, is the Show Secretary. The sub-branch held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 17, when Mr. E. Y. Butler, R.M., presided over a slightly better attendance. The Poppy Day sales this year nearly doubled those of last year. A vote of thanks was passed to all helpers who made this possible. In lieu of two wardens for the ensuing year it was decided by both sub-branches that Mr. S. S. T. Barlow be the warden and Mr. T. J. Coles, the secretary for the R.S.L., from the parent sub-branch for 1936. Messrs. Butler and Evans were appointed delegates to the “Back to Albany” committee. It was resolved that our share of the “Back to Albany” campaign be a R.S.L. Ball, on Friday, March 6, an Australian-wide Reunion, on Saturday, March 7; reception of delegates to No. 4 District Annual Conference; and the Conference itself at the Institute on March 8. Further details will be broadcast later.

Waroona
The annual general meeting was held on Friday, January 3. A good roll-up of members was obtained. The retiring president (Mr. T. Coulson) reported a successful year. A number of visits had been made to neighboring sub-branches. During the year membership had been good and the thrashing all one of the strongest between Perth and Bunbury. Finances had decreased

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owing to heavy expenditure in presenting portraits of His Majesty to the schools in the district—six in number—as well as the one for sub-branch headquarters. Curtains had been provided in the room and a number of cases had needed assistance from the amelioration funds. He, the retiring president, would not stand for re-election, as he was not able to get about as he felt the office demanded. The decision of the secretary ("Dick" Roberts) not to seek re-election was a blow to the sub-branch, as Dick has been secretary for sixteen years. Among the officers elected for the ensuing year were—President, Charles F. Baird; vice-president, Tom Groch; secretary, J. T. Bradby; treasurer, H. J. Mullins; auditor, R. Dawe; amelioration committee, president, secretary and R. H. Roberts. It was decided to hold the annual reunion in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, February 22. The condoleance of the sub-branch is extended to Mr. R. Colum on his recent bereavement. It was the unanimous decision of the meeting that Certificate of Service be applied for for Mr. C. H. Henning, for his valuable services as past president, Congress delegate District Committee man, and in numerous other unselfish acts of service.

KATANNING

Over forty diggers attended a recent meeting at which the guest of honour was Tom Edmondson, who, while in this district as Inspector of Schools, has been a tower of strength to the sub-branch, and also to a number of neighbouring sub-branches. When the sub-branch instituted the "Diggers' Golf Cup," it was found that it was rather short of funds. Tom came to the rescue and made the donation which put this annual competition on the map. Now that depression has been somewhat alleviated, it is the intention of the sub-branch to make the fixture permanent, thus honouring the donor's name, by presenting a replica to the winner of each year's competition. After proposing the toast of Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson, the president (Mr. S. Taylor), on behalf of the sub-branch, presented the departing guest with a golf bag. His valedictory remarks were seconded by Mr. Jim Old, and supported by Mr. Bert Fildes. In response, the evergreen Tom spoke feelingly, urging every ex-service man his obligation to belong to the nearest sub-branch, and to keep alive the memories and comradeship which existed during the war.

Subscriptions for 1936 are now due. Members are reminded of the annual meeting in March, and of the No. 4 District Committee's reunion in Albany during the same month.

SOUTH PERTH

On Friday, December 20, this sub-branch held a half-yearly smoko in the Swan Street Hall. About 80 returned men did justice to the good things provided by an energetic and hard-working Entertainments Committee, and some novelties in the way of fare were appreciated, such as the addition of prawns and hot dogs and rolls to the usual menu. The cutting off of the electric current for an hour shortly after proceedings had commenced, might possibly have marred the evening's pleasure, but the troops were equal to the emergency and cars were stationed at three of the doors with headlights shining into the hall. Conductor leader Watkins stepped into the breach with the words and led community-singing in his usual inimitable manner. Fred Aberle (no thinner for his visit to Sydney) made his first public appearance since his return and kept the audience enthralled with an account of his trip East and the inspiration for further service is provided. With a resumption of normal electric service later in the evening, those present were astounded with the electrical phenomena produced by "Wizard" Holt, who at considerable time and trouble had brought over and assembled the elaborate paraphernalia necessary for his display. A conjuring item by Mr. C. H. Taunt was also very much appreciated. Both these entertainers and their assistants were the recipients of a very hearty vote of thanks for their services. President Gordon Day gave a brief account of the half-year's activities, showing that some progress had been made, financially and otherwise, under his regime. The next meeting takes place on Thursday, January 23. On the conclusion of business, games will be indulged in and an effort made to see what new talent is available for Riley Shield games.

VICTORIA PARK

Approximately 75 patients from the Lemnos Hospital and Edward Millen Home were entertained to high tea at the Victoria Park R.S.L. Memorial Hall in Salford Street on December 1. Following a visit to Caversham House, the home of our late State President, the boys were conveyed by their drivers (Mesdames Stockton, Downes, Randall, Stubberfield) and other members of the State Executive Outings Committee to Victoria Park, where they were joined by the Edward Millen boys, who were conveyed by Messrs. Tolmie and Matthews to the hall. All did justice to a very generous spread, and a good programme arranged by Mr. Fred Matthews was contributed to by Councillor Caddy, Miss MacDonald, Mr. Cox and Mr. W. Clapham (Lemnos). Mrs. Starkey gave her services at the piano, and members of the committee acted as waitresses. Mrs. J. Black was responsible for the catering. The Auxiliary is in recess until the fourth Friday in January, but the committee will meet just as usual, owing to the Gala Day activities.

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In reply, I desire to state that already netting is prohibited in the majority of the inlets or rivers of the South-Western portion of the State. This prohibition may extend to the whole of the water or it may apply to a portion of it. It may be for the whole of the year, or it may be for a stated period during each year.

I would draw your attention to the fact that, in our present-day fisheries, the consuming public depend, to a very considerable extent, for their supplies of the smaller species of fish, upon the fishermen who operate in coastal or estuarine waters. These supplies of fresh fish completely cut off as suggested, there would be a shortage and prices would, undoubtedly, rise. Moreover, a considerable number of men, some of them returned soldiers, depend upon this particular class of fishing for a livelihood, and were they deprived of this means of supporting themselves and families they would, no doubt, be forced to swell the ranks of men already without regular work.

It is, I fear, not an unusual occurrence to suggest that men operating in rivers and estuaries be forced to the sea to earn their livelihood, but, in some cases, where men do turn to the outside waters of some of the beaches, objection is taken to their presence there. Men whose experience has been acquired in estuarine waters are not necessarily fitted to take up the work of fishing in the ocean; few have amassed sufficient wealth to enable them to purchase suitable gear for outside work.

WAR PENSIONERS

War pensioners in country districts who require medical attention are advised that the Repatriation Department has, as far as possible, appointed a Local Medical Officer in each district and pensioners may attend him for treatment for their war caused disabilities. A letter addressed to the League Headquarters, or the Repatriation Department will bring forth any further information desired.

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A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

One of the features of Christmas time for the past few years has been the Empire broadcast. Wonderful and interesting as it is, it would be incomplete without the King’s message at its close, with its simplicity and sincerity. “It is good,” said his Majesty, “that our own family of peoples is at peace in itself . . . May the spirit of goodwill and mutual helpfulness grow and spread. Then it will bring not only the blessing of peace, but the solution of the economic troubles which still beset us.”

Being the loyal organisation that we are, it behoves us to put this “mutual helpfulness” among our New Year resolutions. Of the ten items comprising the policy of the R.S.L. the last, but by no means the least, is “Trade within the Empire.” In this, every auxiliary member can be of valuable assistance in resolving to give preference to Local, Australian and Empire goods in her purchasing.

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to the women's section of the British Legion, so that a competition in a "British and Empire Trade Campaign" may be run among the many sub-branches. On the progress report forms issued in connection with this competition are suggestions for propaganda.

Some of these ideas may be helpful to auxiliaries in their endeavours to spread the good example of local and Empire Trading in their own district. Regular enquiries to be made by members as to what extent the local trademen's goods are British and what Empire products are in stock; make a list of firms who stock 75 per cent: and over of Empire products; arrange for lectures on the subject for the public as well as for members; arrange mannequin parades or displays of British fabrics; arrange fancy dress dances or tableaux; arrange an Empire products tea or supper, at which all goods and decorations have been produced in the Empire; arrange an Empire Shopping Week; arrange local competitions in needlework, handicrafts, home produce, etc., all ingredients and articles being guaranteed as Empire products; obtain local Press publicity and free advertising space for such a campaign.

It is good to know that we have been working on similar lines for our Empire Shopping Week, but there are several fresh ideas, which should be helpful.

A short survey of conditions in other countries would tend to clear away that indifference that is so fatal to progress. There are nations today to whom the "State" is paramount, where they are striving feverishly to make the country self-supporting, where trade within the state is compulsory and where liberty is very different from ours. With that "mutual helpfulness" in view let us try for 1936 to set, the example of doing voluntarily for our country and Empire what the many unfortunate nations are forced to do to bring about prosperity.

HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS CHEER

It is impossible to give a complete report of all the Christmas Cheer distributed by auxiliaries throughout the State, but it is very evident that it has been a time of special remembrance for all invalid and incapacitated ex-service men.

The patients of the Repat. Ward, Edward Millen and Lemnos were treated to concerts, afternoon teas and individual gifts of Christmas goodie by several of the metropolitan auxiliaries. One or two also sent tobacco, etc., to the Old Men's Home and to Wooroo-loo.

The hospital committee of the State Executive, on behalf of the R.S.L. trustees, purchased and made up the parcels for the soldier patients in the civilian wards of Perth Hospital. Through the generous donations of two auxiliaries similar parcels were sent to the 17 patients at Edward Millen, the 22 at Woorooloo and the 9 in the hospital section of the Old Men's Home. These parcels contained sweets, almonds and raisins, cigarettes, matches, handkerchiefs, face cloth, tooth brush and tooth paste. Each bore a bright Christmas tag and the patient's name.

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One of my sons fell in Nyasaland; the other went to France. He was spared to return.

There are still addresses available in South Africa, New South Wales, Victoria and England for any member who would care to form a link. These can be had from Mrs. McKlinlay, North Road, Basseende, who also welcomes news of other links formed through the addresses given last year.

BASSEndeAN

The auxiliary paid its annual Christmas visit to Edward Millen Home on the 19th of December. One member, Mrs. Wallace, has visited the Home almost without a break since 1927, at that time under the auspices of the original West Guildford auxiliary. The singing of Mesdames Clear and Lewis, and the recitations of Miss May Hart were much appreciated by the patients, and a happy afternoon was spent by both men and visitors. The various pets and hobbies were inspected and admired. An acrobatic Mickey the Mouse was presented by Mr. Nugent for the Basseende auxiliary. Small envelopes with greeting card attached and containing 5s. each were handed round by the members. In addition, Mrs. Morrison of the Guildford Red Cross distributed parcels of tobacco and sweets, and left numerous small pots of jam with matron. Basseende also gave its customary parcels of old linen which are always acceptable. Members and artists were conveyed to and from the Home in cars through the kindness of Mrs. Despeisse and Messrs. Stewart and Blyth.

VICTORIA PARK

The first general meeting of 1936 will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. on January 24. On December 15 Mrs. Caldwell took a party over to the Edward Millen Home, when the pupils of Miss Gable Williams, including Bobby Nolan (song and tap dance), Ida Wedgewood (acrobatic dance), Baby Coral (tambourine dance), Gregory Sisters (waltz clog), Marjorie Page, Bert and Ruth (dances), and Baby Mary, who received great applause with her impersonation of Mae West. Others contributing to the entertainment were Mrs. Ellemore (songs), Maisie Thompson (pianoforte solo), and Zena Cable (songs). The New Year’s Eve Party was well attended. The guests included patients from the Edward Millen Home. A pleasing feature of the evening was a presentation of a work basket to Mrs. Caldwell, on behalf of the patients of the Home. During recess the auxiliary has been assisting the men in their efforts to support the R.S.L. Popular Girl, Miss Lloyd. At a social held by the Auxiliary, a ten-shilling note was raffled. It was won by Mr. M. Mitchell. On January 11 the sub-branch will conduct a whippet race, and in the near future the auxiliary will hold a dance to help swell her vètes. It is to be hoped that on Gala Day, January 27, Miss Lloyd will hold her own in this interesting competition.

FREMANTLE

On December 21 children of members were accorded an invitation to a Christmas party at the R.S.L. Institute. The hall was prettily decorated and a huge Christmas tree adorned the centre (festooned with fairy lamps and hung with presents to delight the hearts of every girl and boy). The young folks arrived at 5.30 p.m. and did justice to a sumptuous repast. They then played games till 7.30 p.m., when the parents arrived to witness the arrival of Father Christmas, who handed to every child a present, judging by the looks and comments of the children, each little heart was very happy. Later in the evening members and wives enjoyed a convivial half hour, when toasts, were given to Mrs. McKlinlay, State President, and Mrs. Hopperton, State Secretary. The president (Mrs. A. G. Kirby) has earned the gratitude of all for her untiring efforts to make this Christmas party a success. We thank all those who gave donations, for this effort. Let us hope that this first Christmas Tree is the forerunner of many others.

CARLISLe

The monthly meeting, held in the Memorial Hall on the 2nd Monday of December, was well attended. Over 200, including South Perth and Victoria Park supporters attended a social given by the auxiliary on December 11. The hall was gaily decorated with streamers and palms. Dancing and musical items were greatly appreciated by all. An enjoyable evening was spent at Mrs. Nicol’s residence on December 16. Games were enjoyed, and a very dainty supper was partaken of. During the supper Mrs. Milligan, vice-president, presented to Mrs. Dyon a cake dish on behalf of the committee. The night brought to a conclusion the activities of the sub-branch till the 2nd Monday in February, when the general meeting will be held in the hall at 7.30 p.m. The sub-branch wish all their sister auxiliaries a happy and prosperous New Year.
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<td>F. P. Le Cres, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wallish Hall, Grosvenor Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 31 Grosvenor Road</td>
<td>A. R. Wood, 127 Fifth Avenue, Maylands</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
<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>NARROGIN</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>2nd Sale Day, monthly</td>
<td>T. Steen, Schoolmaster, Narrogin</td>
<td>T. Hogg, Flour Mills, Narrogin</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>J. M. W. Anderson, 33 Tyrrell Street, Nedlands</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. Kant, 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. Roberston, c/o. Court House, Northam</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewis, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam, Tel. 174</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>S. Dival, 453 Fitzgerald St., North Perth. Tel. B8438.</td>
<td>G. C. Fraser, 5 Hobart Street, North Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. G. Eanouf, Australian War Memorial House, 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 Fridays, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>B. A. Bell, 469 Murray Street, Perth</td>
<td>R. Biggs, c/o. &quot;West Australian&quot;</td>
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<td>Billiard Saloon</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 10.30 p.m.</td>
<td>W. E. Elston, Pithara</td>
<td>H. K. MacLean, East Pithara, Tel. No. 10</td>
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<td>PAPANYINNING</td>
<td>Yorning and Papanning</td>
<td>1st Saturday in month, alt.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yorning</td>
<td>C. J. McCarrick, Papanyinning</td>
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<td>Port Hedland</td>
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<td>L. E. Taplin, Pt. Hedland</td>
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<td>QUAIRADING AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Quairading Hall and Dunedin Hostel, alternatively Miners' Arms Buildings, Morgan Street</td>
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<td>J. R. T. Keast, Quairading</td>
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<td>RAVENSTORPE</td>
<td>Gordon-Day, 151 Angelo Sacks, South Perth</td>
<td>4th Thursday</td>
<td>H. Stockdill, Ravensthorne</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Public Hall, Swan Street</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Gordon-Day, 151 Angelo Sacks, South Perth</td>
<td>C. P. Hart, 34 Hensman Street, South Perth</td>
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<td>SUBLICO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokeby Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. E. Mitchell, 11 Rankin Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>B. T. Williamson, 87 Salisbury St., Subiaco</td>
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<td>TAMBEIUP</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Fridays, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>F. T. A. Daddow, Tambellup</td>
<td>J. E. Thraetha, P.O. Box 1, Tambellup, Tel. 49</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>(Trayning) Yelbeni (1)</td>
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<td>R. W. Weller, 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 Esperance 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>W. J. Earnshaw, Taxation Department</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers' Homes Board, Perth</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTFINE, JIBBERDING</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Bunting</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwllader, 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'l Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
<td>S. Hardwicke, Avon Terr.</td>
<td>W. F. P. Andrews, Post Office, York</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, quarterly June, Sept. and Dec.</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Korrelockng</td>
<td>Hugh A. Leslie, Wyalkatchem</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
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<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Crokkan, Hamel</td>
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**VICTORIA PARK**  R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Albany Road  4th Friday, 7.30 p.m.  Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88 Teague Street, Victoria Park  Mrs. C. B. Howard, 225 Berwick Street, Victoria Park
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<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>D. M. Benson, Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion Street, Leederville</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Wentworth Hotel, Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday each month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. J. Garner, 59 Boulevarde, Mt. Hawthorn</td>
<td>Geo. E. Cattermole, M.C., 219 Charles St., North Perth</td>
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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Ave., Leederville</td>
<td>C. Pilley, c/o Vetters &amp; Co., Murray St., Perth</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
<td>Col. D. M. McWhae, (Chairman, C. A. Davies, 711 Hay Street, Perth)</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., Nth. Perth. Phone B8594</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. T. E. Dunkley, 82 Angove St., North Perth</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruislip Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>Tom Kidd, Kitchen Ave., West Subiaco</td>
<td>R. W. Perry, c/o Repat. Department</td>
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TWENTY YEARS AGO

War Anniversaries of January, 1916

January 1.—The British occupied Jaffa in German Cameroon.

January 2.—The British exploded three mines near La Boisselle.

January 3.—Russian thrust at Czernowitz.

January 4.—Lord Derby's report on recruiting issues, showing that there were 671,160 unstarred single men who had not offered themselves for service.

January 5.—Military Service Bill introduced in the House of Commons. British captured a German armed steamer on Lake Tanganyika.

January 6.—Further Russian success on the Strypa.

January 7.—British submarine sunk off the coast of Holland. Her crew of 33 were taken to the Helder and interned. Count Bernstorff presented a statement to the United-States of the German submarine policy in which reparations were offered for "damages caused by death or injuries to American citizens."

January 8.—Two German attempts to take Chartoryisk, south of the Priepet, were repulsed.

January 9.—H.M.S. King Edward sunk, after striking a mine, the whole of the ship's company being rescued.

January 10.—Austrian offensive in Montenegro.

January 11.—Sir John Nixon resigned the command of the British forces in Mesopotamia, through ill-health, being succeeded by Sir Percy Lake, fall of Lovtchen, in Montenegro. Germans severely defeated in Champagne.

January 12.—French landed on Corfu to prepare the island for the reception of the survivors of the Serbian army.

January 16.—Austrians captured Cettine, the capital of Montenegro.

January 18.—General Aylmer, advancing to the relief of Kut-el-Amara, defeated the Turks on the north bank of the Tigris at and about Wadi.

January 19.—Reciprocal bombardments about Maricourt, Givenchy, Hill 63, and Hollebeke.

January 20.—Lille shelled by the British.

January 23.—Air raids in Kent. At 1 a.m., in bright moonlight, nine bombs were dropped on the east coast, killing one man, wounding two men, one woman and three children. At noon two hostile seaplanes were driven away by naval and military machines. In Western Egypt, General Wallace's column attacked the camp of the Senussi, burning it and dispersing the enemy forces. The British losses were 28 killed and 274 wounded.

January 24.—British troops advancing from Mbuyuni, occupied the enemy's camp at Serengeti, East Africa.

January 25.—German attacks repulsed between Arras and Neuville St. Vaast. German aeroplanes bombed Dunkirk.

January 26.—Pursuing a plan of absorbing Albania, the Austrians occupied Scutari.

January 27.—Military Service Bill, imposing conscription on England, Wales and Scotland, received Royal Assent.

January 28.—British beat back infantry attacks near Loos. On the Somme the Germans captured the village of Frise. French counter attacks recovered some of the lost ground.

January 29.—Zeppelin raid on Paris, in which 23 were killed and injured.

January 30.—Second Zeppelin raid on Paris.

January 31.—Great Zeppelin raid on the eastern, north-eastern and midland counties of England.
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