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THE PASSING YEAR

The year opened with the bandit bugles of Italy blowing over Abyssinian uplands, and it is dying to the sound of gun-fire in Spain. From the international standpoint, it has been a momentous year. It saw the disappearance of the last independent African monarchy, a monarchy that was already old when Mussolini's ancestors were a band of hill robbers, raiding neighbouring tribes for wives. Far worse than the rape of Abyssinia was the stunning blow Mussolini's successful defiance gave to the already diminishing prestige of the League of Nations. He was not long in finding emulators. Germany remilitarised the Rhineland. Italian propaganda rekindled the highly inflammable passions of the Arabs in Palestine, and, for the first time since 1927, a complete British division was sent on active service abroad. For the first time since Waterloo, Britain has had cause to fear for her naval supremacy in the Mediterranean. However, firmness and good faith cleared up the position in the Eastern Mediterranean. Peace has been restored in Palestine, while the Anglo-Egyptian treaty has turned an unwilling dependent into a friend and ally. The Mediterranean balance has been still further redressed by the treaty of Montreux, which allowed Turkey to refortify the Dardanelles, provided the warships of Black Sea Powers were allowed to pass through the Straits.

Attempts to clothe the bare framework of the League of Nations with the living, pulsing flesh of authority have been less successful. After the fiasco of the sanctions various suggestions were put forward for the reconstruction of the League but the only thing tangible that has resulted has been the formation of a rival league by the dictator power in Europe, and the movement for the formation of an American league. The only hopeful aspect of the matter as yet is that Italy has not openly left the League of Nations, and the recent rapprochement between Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler is too much a union of expediency to be lasting.

Perhaps the most important event of the year, if not the most spectacular, has been the devaluing of the franc and the consequent gentleman's agreement between Britain, France and the United States to take measures for the removal of restrictions to international trade in the realisation that this policy would remove a potential cause of war. But even an international agreement of such far-reaching consequences could not prevent the civil war in Spain, nor mitigate its horrors. Certainly, an international committee has been instituted to implement the international agreement regarding non-intervention in Spain, but neutrality has been outrageously flouted by partisans of both sides so that, whatever the Spanish War was in the beginning, it has obviously become a conflict between fascism and communism. The best that can be said for the international committee that, so far, it has prevented the Spanish cauldron from bubbling over into Europe.

Within the Empire, progress towards economic recovery has been rapid throughout the year. Droughts in other countries caused a shrinkage of the world's wheat surplus which was the main cause of depressed values. Australia is enjoying the unusual experience of seeing wool prices and wheat prices up at the same time. Mid-year, there were misgivings over the probable results of the trade dispute with Japan, and Japan's retaliation against Australian wool. By a fortunate combination of circumstances, wool prices were maintained in spite of the withdrawal of Japanese support from the Australian market. This has undoubtedly induced in Japan the frame of mind favourable to the settlement which is now reported to be in sight.

As returned soldiers we naturally think Imperially. Early in the year we all experienced a deep sense of personal loss on account of the death of King George V. Now, as the year closes, his successor has decided to abdicate in favour of his brother, H.R.H. the Duke of York. The chain of circumstances which led to the abdication will be deeply regretted by all ex-service men. In connection with our own affairs, the year 1936 has been an important one in League history. It saw a very successful membership drive in operation, the formation of new sub-branches, and the gaining of additional prestige. For the first time in the history of the League, women delegates with full voting powers attending the State Congress, thanks to the formation of a nurses sub-branch. Our own branch has been honoured in the selection of the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) as a delegate to the B.E.S.L. Conference in England next year. Fortunately, while we have had our losses, and some very severe ones too, we can still count our blessings. That those blessings will increase during the New Year, and that all readers and supporters of the paper will have a very Merry Christmas, is the sincere wish of The Listening Post. The Compliments of the Season to you all.

GENTLEMEN, THE KING!

As we go to press, the news of the abdication of King Edward VIII is being published and broadcast throughout the Empire. The general tone of the broadcasts and the newspaper comments is one of deep regret. King Edward commenced his reign under more auspicious circumstances than any of his predecessors. He succeeded his father as head of an Empire that had become a united family. Economic prosperity was returning, and the bachelor king was personally popular at home and abroad. It is regrettable, therefore, that his reign has been so short, and has terminated in such a manner.

The next King, like his elder brother and his parents, has also toured Aus-
tralia. Like his predecessor, he also saw active service in the Great War. His unexpected accession reveals a chain of coincidences. King George and Queen Mary were Duke and Duchess of York when they came to Australia to open the first Federal Parliament. The new King and Queen were Duke and Duchess of York when they came here nearly ten years ago to open the first session of the Federal Parliament in Canberra. Again, King George V was a second son and became heir-apparent after the death of his brother, the Duke of Clarence, who never married. Incidentally, this is the second time since the Norman Conquest that three reigns have fallen within the one year. The former occasion was in 1483, when Edward IV was succeeded by Edward V, the child king who was displaced by his uncle, Richard III. Edward V, like Edward VIII, was never crowned.

**AUTHORISED WITNESSES**

As a result of representations submitted to the Repatriation Commission at the request of the Victorian State Branch provision has now been made for sub-branch secretaries to be included in Regulation 23 of the Repatriation Act, as persons authorised to witness declarations.

The following communication was received from the chairman in connection with the matter:

Further to my memorandum G. 64 of July 27 (in reply to your letter of July 20), I now desire to advise that the necessary amendments to the Regulations have been made, giving effect to the League's request in the above-mentioned subject. The amendments read as follows:

Regulation 23 of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Regulations is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-regulation (1) the word "or" (last occurring); and

(b) by adding at the end of that sub-regulation the words "the secretary of the Federal Executive of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia or the secretary of any branch or sub-branch of that League."

The schedule to the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Regulations is amended by omitting from forms G.S.P. 3, X, Y and Z, the words "or a commissioned officer of the Australian Military Forces" and inserting in their stead the words "a commissioned officer of the Australian Military Forces, the secretary of the Federal Executive of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia or the secretary of any branch or sub-branch of that League."

The Commission shall be glad if, in advising the branches and sub-branches of your League, you will emphasise the point that, in signing forms and documents, the capacity in which the secretary attests be added after the signature, e.g.,

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Signature Secretary.
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Sub-Branch R.S.S.I.L.A

Such form of attesting will greatly facilitate the work of the department.

**APPRECIATION**

The ex-service men of the Old Men's Home desire us to express their deep appreciation of the splendid motor tour of the hills, arranged by the Outing Committee on November 8, and for the excellent tea provided on that occasion by the Kelmscott auxiliary, who also donate a case of fruit every week. On November 22, the South Perth auxiliary arranged an outing to City Beach and Scarborough, when a fine tea was provided by the auxiliary. These trips are greatly appreciated, especially by many of the men who are unable to get about and see the outside world. On November 26, the Mt. Hawthorn auxiliary visited the Home and distributed parcels. The tea that evening was much more appetising than usual. A community concert was greatly enjoyed. On December 3, there was a visit from the Subiaco auxiliary, with a distribution of parcels and a splendid concert. Nedlands sub-branch has secured an electric iron for the use of the ex-service men in the Home, and this gift has also been greatly appreciated.

**DATES AND PLACES OF S.S.L. SUB-BRANCH MEETINGS**

Press Sub-Branch.—Every Thursday evening at Y.M.C.A.

Cottesloe Sub-Branch.—Second and fourth Tuesdays, Council Hall, Jarrad Street, Cottesloe.

Claremont Sub-Branch.—Fourth Tuesday, commencing November 10, Green's Buildings, opposite Claremont railway station.

Perth Sub-Branch.—First and third Tuesday, Monash House, Perth.

North Perth Sub-Branch.—Second and fourth Monday, St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe Street, North Perth.

Midland Junction Sub-Branch.—Every second Tuesday, commencing November 10 R.S.L. rooms, Midland Junction (close to Trade's Hall).

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CONGRESS ITEMS

Item 154—Secondary Schools

At the Annual Congress of the League, at the instance of the Perth sub-branch, it was resolved that there should be a greater measure of Government assistance to enable country school children of outstanding ability to continue their education at secondary schools.

The matter was placed before the Director of Education, who has advised the State Secretary in the following terms:—

The department offers 228 scholarships each year on the result of the scholarships examination and selection of children in the country districts by the inspectors for secondary education. Seventy-eight of these scholarships, or one-third, are definitely for children in very small country schools. Children living in towns and metropolitan areas cannot compete for these 78; they are exclusively for country children. Of the remaining 150, country children may compete for them with metropolitan and town children.

Furthermore, children who pass the Junior Public Examination in country schools, or in towns in which there is not a high school, may receive an away-from-home allowance for two years to complete their studies for the Leaving Certificate Examination.

For your information, I would supply the following details of the 228 scholarships offered by the department:—

Fifty secondary school scholarships awarded by competitive examination, ten being for small country schools; 100 entrances to the Perth Modern School and other Government high schools awarded by competitive examination, country schools receiving approximately ten; 55 district high school scholarships and Narrogin School of Agriculture scholarships, awarded on inspectors’ recommendations, all to children in very small country schools; six scholarships for children of fallen or disabled soldiers at the Perth Modern School, awarded by competitive examination for all schools; ten entrances to district high schools or the Narrogin School of Agriculture, awarded by competition or on the recommendation of inspectors; three Education Endowment Trustees scholarships awarded on inspectors’ recommendation of country children, including two for correspondence classes and one for North-West schools; four East-Goldfields High School scholarships awarded by competitive examination.

Item 77—Rifle Ranges

The District Commandant advises:—

No provision is made by the Defence Department for the erection of 30-yard rifle ranges.

It would appear that the centres which request this facility would be eligible to apply to these headquarters, in the normal manner, for the formation of a rifle club.

There are in Western Australia at present, 141 rifle clubs provided with the necessary rifle ranges, and it is considered this provision suitably complies with the encouragement of the use of the rifle amongst citizens.

The erection of 30-yard rifle ranges would be an expensive undertaking, and it is very doubtful whether the average keen rifle shot would welcome such an innovation.

Item 183—Fire-Breaks

It was resolved at the State Congress that the Forestry Department be asked to provide adequate fire-breaks for all forest land adjacent to private property.

The following reply has been received from the Conservator of Forests:—

It is difficult to comment on a general statement of this nature, particularly as no district or forest type is mentioned.

The Forests Department at the present time maintains a very extensive fire-break system involving the ploughing, grading and scraping of many thousands of miles of fire-lines each year, in addition to which very extensive areas adjoining private property are rendered safe from fire by controlled burning between ploughed strips. It has not proved practicable to extend our fire control organisation into every forest district, but the department has done a tremendous amount during recent years to reduce the number and severity of bush fires.

If private property owners were to take similar precautions throughout the South-West to those taken by the department, bush fires would rapidly become a thing of the past. In many districts we have now reached the stage when the careless use of fire by private property owners is a far greater menace to the forest than forest fires are to the private landholders, and it is hoped that the work of the department in this regard may be assisted by co-operation on the part of your country members.

Item 10—Group Settlers

The General Manager of the Agricultural Bank has advised that the Commissioners have already given consideration to the matters raised in the resolution referred to, and in connection with group settlers, I have to advise that they have a general arrangement with the Hon. Minister for Employment that where settlers are desirous of abandoning their properties, and where it is desired that such settlers discontinue their farming operations, they are transferred to relief works.

Drainage and Irrigation

Item No. 1 of the annual congress urged the Government to appoint a Mobile Drainage Commission with local representation, this Drainage Commission to be similar in type and power to the Irrigation Commission.

The matter was submitted to the Minister for Water Supply, who has advised the League in the following terms:—

I desire to say that at present the Government has no power to appoint such a Commission as has been requested.

The Irrigation Commission is appointed by statutory authority under the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act, 1914. There is no such provision in the Land Drainage Act, 1925, to permit of the appointment of a Drainage Commission. This is the Act under which the major agricultural land drainage works of the State are provided, controlled and maintained.

When a comparison is made between the two authorities, the existing Irrigation Commission, on the one hand, and the suggested Drainage Commission on the other, it should not be overlooked that the main function of the Irrigation Commission is to determine what are, and what are not, irrigation lands in a district, within the meaning of the Irrigation Act. There is no comparable func-
tion under the Drainage Act, and none which cannot readily be performed by officers of my department.

Before, therefore, the Government gives favourable consideration to your League's proposal necessitating as it would, legislative authority to give it effect, it would be advisable for you to furnish me with the reasons that actuated the sub-branch in recommending the suggested innovation. I shall be glad if, at the same time, you will let me have the names of the South-West sub-branches concerned.

Veterinary Surgeons

At the annual congress, Yannah sub-branch urged the appointment of more qualified veterinary surgeons for the dairying belt. The following reply has been received from the Minister for Agriculture:—

With reference to your letter covering a resolution passed at your annual congress, regarding the appointment of at least three qualified veterinary surgeons in the dairying belt, you are probably aware that there is great difficulty in obtaining the services of competent veterinary surgeons for which provision has been made on our estimates; therefore, in order to make provision for the future supplies of the qualified men, the committee of the Youth and Motherhood Appeal was approached with the object of arranging for the training of a number of young men, the money so advanced by the Youth and Motherhood Appeal to be refunded by these men at a later date. Unfortunately, it was found that the funds available could not be utilised for this purpose.

I wish also to state that following on this decision, we endeavoured to obtain sufficient money to carry out the scheme, but, unfortunately, owing to the state of the finances, it was not possible to make the necessary provision.

**SCHOLARSHIPS, 1937**

As some doubts existed, owing to a lack of information, as to what scholarships were available to soldiers' children, the League recently approached the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust for information.

The following particulars have been supplied by the secretary of the Trust:—

The Repatriation Department grants educational assistance to the dependents of widows where the death of the ex-soldier is accepted as being due to war service; assistance is also granted to ex-soldiers where they are classified by the department as being permanently and totally incapacitated.

The Scholarship Trust grants educational assistance to the dependents of widows where the death of the ex-soldier is accepted as being due to war service, and also to the dependents of ex-soldiers who are incapacitated to the extent of at least 50 per cent., that is to say they must be in receipt of a war pension of at least 50 per cent. The assistance takes the form of the granting of scholarships and the provision of schoolbooks. In the granting of schoolbooks the general circumstances of the applicant are taken into consideration, in addition to the rate of pension.

Scholarships are awarded over two periods of the year. In July of each year applications are invited for the Perth Modern School, District High Schools, and the Narrogin School of Agriculture. These scholarships are awarded as the result of examinations which are held in October each year. Later in the year the Secondary Schools are circularised to ascertain what scholarships will be donated to the Trust. These scholarships are usually recommended in December of each year, and there is no examination.

Scholarships are available to the dependents of deceased and incapacitated ex-soldiers at the under-mentioned schools:—Underwoods' Business College, Stott's Business College, C. of E. Girls' School, Wesley College, Ladies' College, Victoria Square.

Candidates must be the dependents of deceased ex-soldiers, or incapacitated ex-soldiers in receipt of a war pension of at least 50 per cent.

For your information, I might add that there is no monetary grant with the above scholarships. They are what is known as Day Scholarships and the successful candidates are exempt from the payment of fees for all ordinary school subjects. In the event of a candidate coming from the country and being compelled to board at the school, the parents would be called upon to pay the difference between the value of a Day Scholarship and the boarding fees, as the Trust is not in a position to pay these fees.

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ON SEPTEMBER 24 of this year—just twenty-one years after the date of their first embarkation—about 20 members of the 32nd A.I.F. left Fremantle to attend reunion festivities in Adelaide.

It will be remembered that the 32nd Battalion was composed of two companies of West Australians, and two companies of South Australians, and that early in October, 1915, the Battalion was formed and camped on the Cheltenham Race Course, just outside Adelaide. The associations then formed between West Australians and South Australians have been kept alive since the War—days by constant communication between the 32nd Battalion Associations of Adelaide and Perth, and by occasional visits by odd members from State to State; but it remained for the Adelaide section to revive the old comradeship by inaugurating a South Australian Centenary 32nd Battalion Reunion.

For more than a week, 23 members from W.A., and numerous others from all over Australasia, gathered in Adelaide and were the guests of the members of the 32nd Battalion living in South Australia. This reunion is unique in the annals of A.I.F. units, and probably it is one of the very few occasions when men of the one regiment have travelled, as a body, so far to attend a reunion.

The party from this State travelled by the m.v. Duntroon, and immediately after the boat left Fremantle it was seen that the party was in for a good time. The holiday spirit became apparent, and the party, under the leadership of Bob Alexander, became, as it were, an A.I.F. unit on leave.

After a wonderful voyage, the Western Australians reached Adelaide on Monday, September 28, in the early morning. The welcome by the South Australians was another unique occasion. For the first time loud speakers had been installed on the wharf in Port Adelaide. The band of the 32nd Battalion, A.M.F., Footscray—from forty to fifty strong—were ready to greet the new arrivals with music and several officers and a number of N.C.O.'s. of the 32nd forming the Colour Party, and a considerable number of 32nd ex-service men were waiting for the ship to arrive.

Whilst still in mid-stream, Harry Tingey, president of the S.A. 32nd, transmitted messages through the loud speakers to the West Australians. Just as the ship was drawing in towards the wharf, Mr. Tingey called for two minutes silence in memory of those comrades who did not come back with us—and it was most impressive how the whole of the harbour became silent.

As the party disembarked, motor cars were ready to take various members to the billets in Adelaide. There was not a dull moment in the whole period of their stay in the South Australian capital. The following is a rough outline of the itinerary:

Monday, September 28: arrival of the party at Port Adelaide. A welcome at the Soldiers' Club, Adelaide. In the afternoon a visit to the Ewell vineyards. Evening: various entertainments and small parties, mostly at League branches.

Tuesday morning: civic reception by the Lord Mayor of Adelaide. Afternoon: motor drives to the hills, and various places of interest; 7 p.m., parade at War Memorial, march to Australia Hall; 7.45 p.m., grand reunion dinner. This function was a most impressive one. At 7 o'clock wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by Mr. R. Alexander on behalf of the 32nd West Australians, Mr. Harry Tingey on behalf of the 32nd South Australians, and Lieut.-Colonel Whitem on behalf of the 32nd A.M.F. (Footscray, Victoria Regiment).

Led by the magnificent band of the 32nd Battalion A.M.F., and colour party of that Battalion, carrying the King's and Regimental Colours, about 500 ex-service men of the 32nd marched along North Terrace to King William Street, proceeding right along that street and turning into Angas Street, and halting with the head of the column at Australia Hall. The procession then formed two deep and turned inwards and the Colours were marched at slow pace between these long lines of men and were taken into the hall. The band took its place on the stage, where the Colours were stationed, too.

A guard was mounted, and maintained its place guarding the Colours throughout the reunion dinner. This dinner was probably the most successful of any A.I.F. unit, both in numbers and enthusiasm.

Wednesday, September 30, 10.30 a.m. Visit to Penfolds' vineyards. Afternoon visits by motor cars to places of interest (sea-side resorts. etc.): 8 p.m., complimentary dinner to Major Wark, V.C., D.S.O. At this function the 8th Brigade A.I.F. Cup (a magnificent silver vessel), which was won by the Battalion in 1918 for efficiency and sporting events, and which was in the Adelaide Art Gallery together with a flag which had been presented to the Battalion by Dame Mary
Hughes in 1917, was handed by Major Wark into the keeping of the 32nd Battalion A.M.F. The cup was filled to the brim with champagne and each Digger attending this dinner drank from it to the success of the Battalion, at the same time calling out his name and the State from which he had come to attend this reunion. It was then seen that a considerable number had come thousands of miles to be present.

Thursday, October 1, visit to Mt. Bold (a huge dam being constructed right back in the Mt. Lofty Ranges). In the evening attendance at a picture theatre.

Friday, October 2: During the day, parties were taken in cars by members of the Adelaide committee to places of interest and were entertained all day, returning towards the end of the afternoon to the party from which they marched, lead by the band of the 32nd A.M.F. to Government House, where at 4.45 they were introduced to the Governor of South Australia and refreshments were served. This was probably the first occasion on which a special invitation had been given to a visiting party of ex-service men to meet the Governor of South Australia—a distinct honour for the West Australians.

Incidentally, one of the W.A. party by mistake selected the Governor’s hat and left his own for the Governor to wear. Finding out his mistake, he very tactfully refused to give up the hat, and now has it in his possession as a treasured keepsake.

On Saturday, the usual hospitality of the Adelaide Club was extended to the W.A.’s, and they were taken round in cars and shown further places of interest. In the afternoon they were the guests of the Football League at the final match of the season, and of the Cheltenham Race Club. In the evening they were present at the trots by invitation of the Trotting Club committee.

From Sunday, October 4, till Thursday, October 8, time was taken up by tours of interest, and whilst there were no further formal functions the West Australians were not allowed to have a dull moment. The Adelaide Association entertained small parties of the West Australian boys, and really the hospitality of these Adelaide people was unbounded.

Amongst those present during this Centenary Reunion Celebration were, in addition to the West Australian contingent, Major Wark, V.C., D.S.O., from Sydney; Captain Campbell, M.C., from the Solomon Islands; Mr. Blayne, M.H.R. from Darwin (an ex-32nd West Australian); Mr. Novice, from Alice Springs, and a considerable number of visitors from Melbourne and country centres in South Australia.

Synchronised with the visits of the West Australians, there arrived from Melbourne the full band of the 32nd A.M.F. Regiment (Footscray), which is recognised as being one of the best of its kind in Australia. The Colour Party, Lieut.-Colonel Whitten, C.O., Major Herrin, second in command, Captain Schutze and Lieutenant Young.

Later, at the request of Major Wark, Messrs. Lobacher and Johnston of the W.A. party who were visiting Melbourne were at a mess-evening of the 32nd Battalion A.M.F., and presented into the keeping of this regiment the 32nd Battalion A.I.F. Cup, and a very fine trophy donated by Major Wark.

The West Australian party left by the Katoomba, arriving back in Perth on October 13, and the wonderful hospitality of the 32nd Battalion A.I.F. Club in Adelaide will be for ever remembered.

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**HOSPITALITIES**

**BY W. ANDERSON**

November has been a busy month socially at the Edward Millen Home. There was a visit from the Executive, including Messrs. Panton, M.L.A., and Ferguson, and Rabbi Freedman. Everything was found O.K.; there were no complaints and the visit as usual ended in "smokes." Madame Bennet Wilkinson gave a musical recital during the month. On the 22nd, the Victoria Park sub-branch organised a drive in the country, and included in the passengers were the inmates of another place. A big Carlisle bus was engaged, and members fraternised with some old friends, including Dr. Crifffen, Deadwood Dick, Baron Swanson, Billy Fineday, &c. The tour concluded at the hall of the local sub-branch, where a recherche tea was provided, and subsequently a vaudeville entertainment given by local performers. Dancing and community singing brought an enjoyable outing to a close, the patients being conveyed to their respective domiciles in good time. On November 23, the women’s auxiliary of the Mt. Hawthorn auxiliary entertained the inmates of the Sanatorium to afternoon tea. There was a representative attendance from the sub-branch and an ample supply of confessions was available. Cigarettes and sweets were distributed and a novelty was introduced when every inmate was presented with a small bottle of homemade jam and pickles. The patients showed their appreciation of the gifts with musical honours. The Christmas vacation is approaching, when many of the residents will be given leave for the holidays.

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R. N. PERCIVAL, Secretary.
FEDERAL CONGRESS
Report of Delegates

At the meeting of the State Executive, the following report was received from the Western Australian delegates (the Hon. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C., and Colonel J. S. Denton) to the 21st Annual Federal Congress, which was held in Adelaide last month.

The congress was opened by the Governor of South Australia (Major-General Sir Winston Dugan), who, before the opening of Congress, entertained one delegate from each State at a luncheon at Government House.

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To press for the present hospital allowance provided by the Ministry of Pensions being paid in future, thus: five shillings to the man and three shillings to his widow.

To press that in future there be no income tax deductions made by the Imperial Government from the pay of domiciled ex-servicemen, and that the widows of domiciled ex-servicemen be paid in future, 'widow without any additional cost.'

To induce the Government to concede a policy, having for its object Empire-wide application of the war tax to provide for a common policy, having for its object Empire-wide application of the war tax to provide for a common pension, and that the widows and dependent children of ex-servicemen be provided with such a pension.

That the Government may be induced to extend a concession by striking out "12 years of age" and adding at the end these words, "provided he was not eligible and was rejected for the Great War."

That Rule 47(a) S.S.L. be amended by deleting the figure "12" and inserting "8."

That Rule 5 S.S.L. be amended by adding a proviso as follows: "Provided also that in any subsequent years the president and secretary may be appointed by and from members of the sub-branch of the R.S.L."

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

General

That it be a suggestion to all State branches that at all meetings of ex-service men a simple ceremony in memory of departed comrades be carried out at 9 p.m., similar to that observed in South Australia.

That henceforth the tab colours of Poppies conform to the colours of the financial dip for the current year, together with the figures indicating that year, and that the several State branches who supply their own Poppies be authorised to so act and the Federal Office to do so in any case where it supplies Poppies to any branch of the League.

That the Federal Government be requested to issue a 1938, 20th Anniversary Armistice Stamp, and that half of the net proceeds be allotted to the distress fund of each State branch in proportion to the sale of the stamps in each State.

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Congress is opposed to the surrender of any territory now held under mandate by the Commonwealth of Australia.

That there be a refund by the Commonwealth Government of all A.I.F. deductions in respect to venereal disease contracted during active service to affected men who subsequently rejoined their units.

That representations be made to the Federal Government with a view to securing a further reduction of interest on advances to soldier settlers, and that the £625 land settlement be re-introduced for new clients.

That in the interest of the community the present annual telephone charge for outer suburban districts should be reduced.

That war pensions be not taken into account in the payment of the Maternity Allowance.

Though the Federal Government has written off approximately £12,500,000 on soldier land settlement account, Congress is of the opinion that it should make available to the States a further substantial sum to those ex-service men allegedly repatriated on unsuitable areas may be compensated or transferred to suitable districts.

That the same procedure be adopted for the Coronation 100,000 Membership Drive as was done for the Federation of the League's Gallipoli Membership Appeal.

It was announced by the President that a sum of approximately £570 had been received from Great Britain for the relief of deserving ex-Imperial soldiers, domiciled in Australia. It was agreed that this money be dealt with as follows: The fund to be administered in each State and the Federal Capital Territory thus—the president of each branch or his deputy act as chairman with two other persons, who shall be ex-Imperial soldiers who are financial members of the League, and that the gross sum available for distribution be disbursed to each branch on a one-seventh basis.

We cannot conclude this report without—

(1) Stating that an analysis of the W.A. Congress items will show that more than 80 per cent. was given practical effect to.

(2) Congrading the Federal President, the Federal Secretary and staff for the capable and efficient manner in which they dealt with the business before and during the Congress.

(3) Thanking our assistant secretary for the valuable services he rendered to us.

(4) Congratulating you, Sir, on your election as a delegate to the Coronation B.I.S.L. Congress.

(5) Thanking your Executive for electing us to act as the Congress on behalf of the W.A. Branch.

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CHAPTER VI
GALLIPOLI—WALKER’S RIDGE

On June 1, 1915, the Regiment was relieved from duty at Quinn’s Post and Pope’s Hill, and allotted a bivouac site in support in Monash Gully. There it again came under the orders of the Third Light Horse Brigade. Dugouts were rapidly prepared, and improved, but our occupation of them was of a very limited duration, for on June 4 the Regiment marched to a reserve position on Walker’s Ridge.

Nineteen men of the fourth reinforcements under Hon. Captain R. T. McMasters arrived on this day, and were very welcome. Large working parties were supplied daily and nightly by the Regiment for trench digging and improvements, and on June 9, in addition to the digging operations, the Regiment became inlying picquet for the Walker’s Ridge sub-section. Trooper A. J. Cook, of the Machine Gun Section, was wounded in the head whilst manning his gun in one of the Walker’s Ridge saps.

The front line at Walker’s Ridge was held at this period by the New Zealand Mounted Rifles, and six men of our Machine Gun Section were sent for duty to Captain Wallingford—the famous New Zealand rifle shot—while four were detailed as scouts for special duty under Lieutenant Twisteddon, another New Zealander.

Though nominally in reserve, the greater portion of our personnel was gradually absorbed into the front line, engaged in work of some kind or other. Major Todd, D.S.O., became temporarily detached for supervising trench improvement work, Captain Mcmasters for communication saps, whilst small parties under officers were detailed for any and every kind of work that our existence on Gallipoli demanded.

Summer was now making its presence felt, and with its advent the flies became more numerous and disagreeable. Despite unremitting efforts to improve sanitation, dysentery began to creep insidiously into our ranks. Our Medical Officer (Captain Bentley) and his staff were kept exceptionally busy in combating this new enemy, and very great praise is due to them for their efforts.

The famous "Anafarta Gun"—that weird fragment of Turkish artillery which for months harassed the Anzac left flank so consistently, which was located (?) daily and reported put out of action by our warships and land batteries, only to come up again the following morning, smiling and effective as ever—took its toll from the Regiment, as indeed from very other unit in turn. Lieu-
tenant R. N. Cadden was wounded in the knee, and Squadron Quartermaster-Sergeant Buckland in the leg, arm and body by shrapnel from this gun.

About this time a party was detailed for work in front of what was called the Secret Sap on Walker's Ridge, under the gallant New Zealander, Captain Shera. This party worked continually under snipers and machine gun fire, and Corporal G. S. Moffin was killed whilst bravely carrying out his duty of laying down wire entanglements. His body was recovered and buried after dark the following evening.

On June 18 the Regiment suffered another serious loss, six men being wounded by a single shrapnel burst. They were Troopers L. H. Beardman, G. F. Dixon, A. U. Martin, H. E. Mundy, W. R. E. Northey and F. J. Plant. It was always remarkable, even in those early days of our experience, how sometimes a stray shell would pile up our casualties, whilst from apparently well directed salvos we would very often escape scathless.

One grave difficulty was at this period being experienced, from an administrative point of view, by the commanding officer, Major Love. The Regiment was becoming depleted of officers: ten were away sick and wounded, and no official information could be obtained as to their condition and the length of time that would elapse before they would be able to return to duty, if indeed they returned at all. Consequently these vacancies could not be filled by promotion from the ranks, a condition of affairs that threatened disorganisation.

Major Love suggested to the Higher Command that the exigencies of active service and the extraordinary conditions prevailing, warranted special appointments. It was recognised later on in the campaign that some provision of the kind would of necessity have to be made, and during the Palestine operations reports...
as to the condition of the wounded and sick personnel were forwarded as early as possible to the front line, thus giving each unit the opportunity of being brought to war establishment in the field by first appointments and promotions. That is one useful lesson, in an administrative sense, which, it is hoped, will be borne in mind in future wars.

June 20 to 24 was marked by a very heavy activity in the Cape Helles sector. On June 24 the Regiment again supplied the inlying picquet and another casualty occurred, Trooper R. E. Harrison being wounded.

Two days later, June 26, a move was made from the reserve positions, later called "Bellevue," and the whole Regiment was again placed in the front line. Major Todd, Captain McMasters and Lieutenant Williams returned with their various working parties, although forty men—amongst whom were many from the goldfields—still remained detached as miners.

Our portion of the line was at this time known as Number 3 Sub-Section of Number 4 Section, and extended from the beach near Fisherman's Hut on the left along the northern spur of Walker's Ridge, and joining up with the Russell's Top sector on the right. This position had been previously held by the Canterbury Regiment (N.Z.M.R.), whom we relieved.

It was a peculiar piece of country—"as crooked as a dog's hind leg" it was described—running practically from the water's edge along level, though much broken, ground for a hundred yards or so, and then rising abruptly and following the contour of the spur, up a very steep gradient the whole way. In all it was about eight hundred yards long.

The trenches already constructed were found to be narrow and shallow, and work was immediately commenced to improve them.

Two squadrons, "B" and "C," were entrusted with the responsibility of holding this sub-section, "C" Squadron under Major Scott the right half, and "B" Squadron under Captain Piesse the left.

Number One Outpost, one of the most advanced positions on the Anzac left flank at this period, was also taken over by the Regiment, and "A" Squadron, under the energetic leadership of Major Todd, soon converted it into a veritable little fortress. Day and night the men, stripped to the waist, worked at it, the special engineering and building knowledge of many of them being made full use of, and the results of their efforts, after a few weeks, brought forth loud encomiums of praise from those of the General Staff who paid an occasional visit.

Our line was continually subjected to enemy shell fire and sniping, and the casualty list at this time, if not large, was sedulously on the increase. Sergeant J. A. Scott and Trooper C. L. Carlson were wounded within the first two days of our occupation of these new positions.

The other regiments of our brigade, particularly the 8th Light Horse, were also suffering in this respect, and on June 27, as a result of heavy enemy shelling of their position, Major Gregory and the adjutant of the 8th were killed, whilst their commanding officer, Lieut.-Colonel White, was wounded.

On the night of June 29, the enemy, after a heavy bombardment of Walker's Ridge with field guns and howitzers, made a furious attack on the Russell's Top defences adjoining our section and held by the Wellington Mounted Rifles. The Turks came on with their wonted battle cry of "Allah," and hurled themselves with bayonet and bomb at our trenches. Bravely as they fought, they could make no impression on the gallant New Zealanders, who drove them back, leaving, as it was estimated, about 700 of their dead in the "No Man's Land" of the Ridge.

The same morning the sentries on duty in the "G" Squadron sector reported that the Turks on Sniper's Nest were seen carrying sheets of corrugated iron. This appropriately-named enemy post had sorely plagued our troops since the Landing, and a heavy toll of casualties had already been taken by snipers skilfully placed therein.

It consisted of a small rugged knoll with very abrupt slopes, and formed the apex of a sharp salient, which throughout the campaign was continually harassed by our warships and land batteries, but never actually passed into our hands.

Apparently it was the enemy's intention to make himself more secure there by reinforcing his trench system with iron roofing. The C.O. (Major Love) suggested to Brigade Headquarters that a reconnaissance be made with a view to the capture and blowing up of this post. His suggestion was approved, and Lieutenant H. B. Hamlin and a party of eight men were detailed to carry out this operation.

At half-past eight on the night of the 30th June, Lieutenant Hamlin and his men set out on their mission from Number one Outpost. Fifty pounds of gun cotton with the necessary fuse, deton-
torrs, etc., were carried. As the western face of the Nest was too steep, it was decided that an attempt should be made to approach and surprise the post from the rear; a post which was later discovered to have the whole enemy line in that sector supporting it!

The first portion of the enterprise was accomplished without mishap, but with very great difficulty, owing to the terribly rough and broken nature of the ground. The party succeeded in arriving at the rear of their objective without attracting enemy observation. But now a slice of pure bad luck was to intervene and upset their plans. Just as they were approaching the “Nest,” earth and sky suddenly became illumined by one of those weird ‘lightning storms’ peculiar to Gallipoli. Flash after flash, unaccompanied by thunder, exposed the ground to full view as clearly as in broad daylight, and it was quickly evident that the Nest was occupied and the enemy alert.

A brisk, though, fortunately, badly aimed fire was immediately opened on the party, who, realising that they had been forestalled, gradually worked their way back to their own lines, taking advantage of the intervals between flashes to move, and making use of the short rhododendron scrub as cover.

Though no casualties were sustained, the wisdom and practicability of sending Lieutenant Hamlin out on this enterprise was the subject of much criticism, but, be that as it may—it can only be said with certainty that great credit was due to Lieutenant Hamlin and his men for the fine “bushmanship” and daring they displayed.

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There is at present in the Edward Millen Home a man of many parts. He is a musician of note, his instruments ranging from the toy trumpet, the Jew’s harp, to grand piano. He is an artist in wood-working, basket making, poker work and an adept in the control of concert parties. At a recent gathering he acted as M.C. of a mixed community of Lemnos and Edward Millen Home patients, and he was a success. He is also the official photographer and is familiarly known to residents and visitors as “Rashput.”

Matron Eddy, of the Edward Millen Home, has been transferred to South Australia, her native State, after 12 months duty at the Sanatorium. Matron Eddy served in Egypt, France and England during the War, and was a great favourite wherever she was detailed for duty. The patients held an informal function during the month, when she was presented with many tokens of appreciation. Several “heads” of the Repatriation Department were present.

J.A.B.P. writes: In The Listening Post (16/11/’36) there is an article on the D.S.O. in which it mentions that the award of this decoration was awarded in the Boer War to a young W.A. Lieutenant, A. J. Bessell-Browne. It may interest you to know that the late Lieut.-Col. J. T. Todd also gained the D.S.O. in the Boer War, when he was a lieutenant in N.Z.M.R.

On November 5 the Moorine Rock sub-branch suffered a severe loss through the death of the vice-president, Captain A. M. Morgan. The deceased officer, who had served with the Pembroke Yeomanry and the Welch Regiment, had attended the reunion a few days previously, and the news of his death came as a great shock to members. The funeral took place at Southern Cross on November 6. As the deceased had no relatives in this State, the arrangements were made by the sub-branch. Despite the short notice, a large muster of comrades and friends paid their last respects at the grave-side.

A vote of sympathy and condolence was given by the Carlisle sub-branch to fellow member Harold Crofts, upon hearing of the passing of Crofts, snr. Harold is a great worker in the interests of re-
turned men, and so, too, is his god wife, Mrs. Lilian Crofts, the energetic secretary of the Carlisle women’s auxiliary.

John Wills Albert Haskins died in the Old Men’s Home on November 7 at the age of 79 years. The deceased served in the Egyptian campaigns of the last centuries. He was one of the hardy prospectors who did much pioneering in Western Australia and was well known in the Meckatharra district.

G. K. Baron-Hay, of the Agricultural Department, is now a member of Nedslands sub-branch and, according to report, has his eye on the bridge trophy. He learned his bridge in the officers’ mess of the 51st Battalion.

Back in Perth after seven years abroad Miss Elsie Brickhill has been attending auxiliary functions and speaking in an interesting vein on war graves and war memorials. Eleventh Battalion men will remember the valuable and ungrudging service Miss Brickhill rendered during the war. She also took an active interest in the work of St. Dunstan’s School for Blinded Soldiers. Since the war, Miss Brickhill has continued her public service in connection with other institutions. She considers that Australian soldiers are being looked after better than their Imperial comrades, especially in regard to pensions.

Two old comrades had yet another reunion at the recent Federal Congress. They were Lieut.-Colonel L. Mullen, D.S.O., who was recently elected president of the Tasmanian Branch for the fifteenth year in succession, and Lieut.-Colonel W. Tackaberry, who has just retired after years of service with the Staff Corps. When “Mull” and “Tack” were mere youths, they served together in South Africa with the 5th Victorian Mounted Rifles and were both with the regiment when it was cut up by the Boers at Wilmansrust. After the introduction of compulsory training, “Mull” was Area Officer at Burnie (Tasmania) while “Tack” was on the staff of the training brigade. Incidentally, the Tasmanian State president has offered a very good time to old 12th Diggers who visit the Tight Little Island, but as he is Governor of Hobart gaol in private life, that hospitality might not include the freedom of the city.

News comes from England of the death of George Blake, formerly Chief Instructor, R.A.N. Deceased was one of the pioneers of the R.A.N. After a long and meritorious service in the Royal Navy he came to Australia “on loan” and was eventually absorbed into the R.A.N. During the Great War he served in H.M.A.S. Encounter, and, with her, had the job of standing by the remains of the Emden at Cocos Island. Subsequently the Encounter was sent to help in bottling German raiding cruisers in the Rufiji River. After the war, George Blake settled in Albany where he became well and favourably known as the manager of the Municipal Baths. After his retirement he was the lucky winner of a prize in the Irish Sweep, and was on a holiday visit to the Old Country when the last call sounded.

Albany sub-branch reports the death of a member, W. Green (25th Battalion) who was seconded for higher duty on November 7, after an illness which extended over a considerable period. Bill was a native of Albany and was a well-known and popular identity. The sub-branch was well represented at the funeral.

Readers will be pleased to learn that Colonel Collett has recovered sufficiently to be able to return to his home in Western Australia. All the same, our past president has to take things very quietly for some time yet. We wish him and has family all the best for Christmas and the New Year, and hope to see him soon restored to normal health.

Mr. Arthur N. Viveash, of the 11th Battalion and 3rd Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, was elected unopposed as the new president of the Western Australian Institute of Advertising at the annual meeting of Wednesday, December 9. His membership dates back to 1926, the Institute’s foundation year. Mr. Viveash is also president of the Professional Photographers’ Association, but is best known as the founder and managing director of Messrs. Illustrations Ltd., photographers, of Hay Street, Perth.

J. SPENCER KERBEY has taken over the ORIENT HOTEL HIGH STREET, FREMANTLE Where Patrons are assured of a Hearty Welcome.
Mr. G. James writes:—In the “Varia” column of your edition of September, 1936, you advised members of the 16th Battalion Association and other Western Australians resident in Victoria to get in touch with the secretary of the 14th Battalion Association, Mr. E. S. Piper. I should be greatly obliged if you would arrange a correction, as this should have read, “16th Battalion and Western Australian Units Association.”

J. F. Bryans writes from London:—A paragraph in the August number of The Listening Post states that sergeants of the Prince Albert’s Somersetshire Light Infantry (13th Foot) wear their sashes over the left shoulder, “the same as officers.” That the sashes are worn the reverse of other scarlet-uniformed infantry is true, but sergeants of this regiment do not wear them as officers do. All officers wear the sash round the waist, and have done so for a number of years, probably thirty or more. This is not the only regiment where the commands “Attention” and “Order Arms” are not given. I well remember a battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles in Germany carrying on as described. I would not be surprised to know that these movements are common to all Light Infantry Regiments, and I intend to satisfy myself if this is so.

(In thanking our correspondent for this information, we hope he will also let us know the result of his inquiry.—Editor, L.P.)

In accordance with a policy that has recently been adopted, 31 of the ex-
service men in the Old Men's Home are now together in Ward B2. They have a wireless set and an electric iron, and it is hoped that as time goes on, other comforts may be procured. Any ex-service desirous of helping in this way is advised to communicate with the assistant State Secretary. The ages of these ex-service men range from 39-87 years. They include two naval men who were at the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882, eight Boer War veterans, two who served in the suppression of the Boxer Rebellion, and three on the North-West Frontier of India. Of the forty ex-service men in the Home 18 are ex-Imperials, one Canadian, one Rhodesian Horse, and 20 A.I.F. of whom one was at the taking of New Guinea.

At a recent ex-service men's function, Wing-Commander F. G. V. Laws remarked to the State president that he had never been asked to join a sub-branch. Mr. Yeates promptly remedied that omission with the result that the gallant airman paid his sub., received his badge, and was enrolled as a member of Norwood sub-branch, all in about five minutes.

Mrs. E. Wells, of Mt. Hawthorn, states that her little son, aged eight years, marched last Anzac Day wearing his deceased father's medals, which included the Queen's and King's South African medals, as well as those of the Great War. Mrs. Wells asks if there are any other little boys of his age wearing the Queen's and King's South African medals on Anzac Day.

About a month ago, a stir was caused by an American paper publishing the alleged story of an alleged Digger which declared that the Anzacs had been sent to Gallipoli as punishment for misconduct in Egypt. The publication came at a time when many in other countries would have liked to see the Empire less united. As official historian Bean pointed out, the furphy did not call for a reply. So many foolish things are printed in American papers that life is too short to reply to them all, said the official historian. And so say all of us.

**“WHO MAKE THESE WARS?”**

The leading article last month seems to have aroused the ire of our old friend, Mr. F. A. Law, of Merredin, who seizes the opportunity to indulge in a little further propaganda against armament-makers. In response to Mr. Law's pleading, and to the exclusion of more important and more interesting matter, we publish his letter, omitting only the last paragraph in Mr. Law's own interests. He writes:

Receiving the last issue of The Listening Post I read the article “Who Make These Wars?” On reading, I felt strongly inclined to reply, but recognising that it would probably be futile to attempt to reason against the dogmatic faith of the leader writer, I let the matter pass.

However, yesterday's West Australian contains an item which impels me to draw attention to the views expressed in The Listening Post. The item, of course, is a three-quarter column dealing with the death and a short biography of Sir Basil Zaharoff.

Here are two extracts: the first from The Listening Post article, and the second from The West Australian report.

(L.F.) “A year ago the hunt for a scapegoat was directed against armament-makers. They were supposed to have suborned the Press of the world, to have bribed Government officials in all countries, and to have fomented war scares for the sole purpose of adding gain to ill-gotten gain.”

Now the West: “Zaharoff was the greatest traveller for war material in the world, and Lord Beaverbrook once said of him: ‘The fate of nations is his sport and the plans of Governments his secret.’ In Paris, where he took up his abode in 1910, he owned the newspaper Excelsior. During the war he financed the ‘Radio’ newsgency. He was said to have had a large interest in the Figaro at one time and to have provided some of the funds for the starting of Tardieu’s Echo National... Some years ago he became a naturalised Frenchman and a director of the Bank of France. He was also one of the chief shareholders of the Vickers and Schneider-Creusot concerns and held large interests in banks and oil concerns.”

I trust you will be fair enough, Mr. Editor, to recognise what I have previously told you in correspondence all the things now published in the West. You will remember that you excused yourself from publishing my last letter on the
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subject, on the grounds that it contained libellous statements. Well, it contained nothing more dangerous than that which has now appeared in the State's leading daily papers.

I asserted that newspapers were used (suborned, if you like) to boost this wretched traffic in armament. Your leader writer pours cheap jeers at the assertion, but you must now see that he is completely refuted. He jeers in low journalistic style at University professors who tell truths he does not like about his dear friends Basil Zaharoff and Company Unlimited.

In my previous letter on the subject—the one you did not publish—I stated that the directorates of banks and armament firms were interlocked. Now see what The West Australian says concerning Zaharoff's various directorates: "A Daniel come to judgment, yea a Daniel."

Could I plea with you, Mr. Editor, to publish this letter in full, in the cause of truth and honesty in journalism, and to preserve the good name of The Listening Post. Will you be big enough to admit that perhaps after all your leader writer is not the last and final authority on armaments. Truely he is facile in his arguments, and specious. In high indignation he denies that British Statesmen ever aided and abetted armament manufacturers and points victoriously to the recent British Commission's report. But why does he forget to mention the American report? The armaments racket isn't a British job, it is international. Why blind ourselves to known facts?

I am an accomplished pacifist if you give that name to a man who loves peace and abhors war. At the same time I acknowledge the absolute necessity for adequate defence measures in a world resounding with warlike echoes."

Mr. Law has descended to the old political trick of setting-up cock-shies for the purpose of knocking them over again. What he cannot, or will not, understand, is that The Listening Post is the official organ of the League, and the views expressed in its editorials are in conformity with the League's constitution and policy, and not merely the opinions of an individual. Mr. Law's own views on armaments, and the new economics to which the crusade against armaments has been allied, are also well enough known, but he might command a greater degree of credence if he would only discard the tactics of a fifth-form debater and realise that honesty of thought and purpose is not the monopoly of Mr. Law and those who think—or think they think—like him. His reference to "low journalistic style" leaves us unmoved, and savours too much of the wall of the constantly-rejected contributor to be worthy of serious consideration.

Mr. Law refers to a previous letter which we declined to publish and asserts that "it contained nothing more dangerous than that which has now appeared in the State's leading papers." This is another of those naive assumptions with which Mr. Law's criticism teems. In the letter we did not publish, he complained that the daily papers had omitted all reference to certain evidence given in a court case, because the witness had mentioned individuals and companies by name. In that instance the witness had a protection which the papers had not. A daily paper could have included the evidence in a report of the trial, but to publish it as comment to bolster up a case against the armament-makers would have constituted a distinct libel.

Now, if Mr. Law will kindly re-read the article he attempts to criticise, and if that sense of fairness of which he prates so verbosely is in him at all, he must admit that we have neither excused nor condemned the armament-makers. In the absence of any convincing evidence, as distinguished from pacifist and new economics propaganda, we have declined to believe that armament firms control governments and newspapers to anything like the extent their detractors would have us believe. Mr. Law is welcome to what The West Australian has said about the late Sir Basil Zaharoff. Everybody knows that he sold armaments and had interests in one or two French newspapers, just as everybody knows that he endowed chairs at English and French universities. The West Australian comment on the deceased mystery man was only a summary of what had already been published about him, as was the very one-sided special article which appeared in the same paper the following Saturday. Mr. Law is also welcome to...
what comfort he may derive from a recently published book on the armaments traffic. The writer, an English member of Parliament, repeats all the wheezes about an interlocked Press—the word "interlocked" has lately become very popular among these people—which he says, has fomented wars in the interests of armament firms.

Our criticisms of certain university professors has not been because they "tell truths," but because, like Mr. Law, they have given out as gospel what propagandists on the other side of the world have written. Unlike Mr. Law, we do not cherish the intellectual snobishness that accepts a professor as an authority on armaments merely because he happens to be a professor of something else. In point of fact, and we do not blind ourselves to facts, despite Mr. Law's dogmatic assertion to the contrary, what Mr. Law calls truth is but blatant repetition of ex-parte statements, and he has the bland effrontery to allege that we are jeopardising the good name of The Listening Post because we suggest that these people would be better employed in doing the work for which they are appointed.

Incidentally, we have never implied that we are the "last and final" authority on armaments, nor on anything else. We have merely, and consistently we hope, refused to be swayed by every current of popular hysteria, no matter how respectable it may seem for the time being. If Mr. Law will only cultivate a little of that intellectual honesty he demands of others, he will admit that in our November leader, we neither excused nor condemned armament-makers as such. We ended the paragraph he quoted from by saying, "The armament-makers may, or may not be culpable, &c."

Like the British commission, we contend that the prosecution has not proved its case, and that commission consisted of men like Sir Philip Gibbs who is an acknowledged pacifist and no friend of the armament-makers. The members of the commission who, it may be assumed are at least as well-informed and as open-minded as Mr. Law, have returned what is tantamount to the Scottish verdict of "Not Proven." With that verdict we agreed, and not all the emotional pleading of Mr. Law, nor the rudeness camouflaged by verbosity which he mistakes for argument, has been convincing enough to wean us from that agreement.

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In his "Spanish Farm Trilogy," Mr. R. H. Mottram gave us one of the outstanding books of the war. After the publication of the three novels which make up the trilogy, he turned aside to other themes. Now he has described the Western Front as it is to-day, satisfying the curiosity and reviving the recollections of many who are too far away to join in pilgrimages to battlefields, but who wonder, nevertheless, what the scarred and shell-torn country we knew so intimately looks like after the lapse of twenty years. He has done his work in a wonderfully interesting and effective manner.

Each of the five British armies who suffered so severely and wrought so gloriously in France has a section of the book to itself. Thus, the battle-line is dealt with, sector by sector, and the confusion of thought engendered by the movements up and down the line when reading other war books is eliminated. In memory, we tread the old roads again, revisit the old estaminets, hear once more the tinkling piano or the wheezy penny-in-the-slot musical box, and we retrace our steps over those golgothas of the trench and shell-hole which were won and held at such terrible cost. What makes Mr. Mottram's book even more gripping is the wealth of historical reference. He links the war period with the past in a way which sheds new light on old experiences and begets a better understanding of the French and their social background.

The narrative is told in the same direct, almost impersonal style, which gave "The Spanish Farm" such distinction. The publisher, too, has done his work in a manner worthy of the book. Maps are provided, and the work is illustrated with twelve photographs selected from the collection of the Imperial War Museum.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

The following is a precis of auxiliary notes which were received too late for classification:

- Bassendean is preparing for a Christmas visit to the Edward Millen Home, and a February outing. Miss Brickhill, Mrs. Adamson, of Norwood, and Padre Vine were the guests of honour at the December meeting.
- Members of the State Executive were "At Home" to guests from suburban and country auxiliaries on December 4. Bayswater forwards seasonal greetings and thanks helps in past activities, especially those who assisted in the social side of monthly meetings. Commander and Mrs. Baldwin were the guests of the Friendly Union of Soldiers' Wives on December 3. Brigadier McFarlane cut the huge Christmas cake, and the present of an electric reading lamp was made to Mrs. Clear by the president (Mrs. H. Dean).
- The meeting of Subiaco auxiliary on November 18 was well attended, and on December 2 a Christmas Party was given to the lads in the Old Men's Home. Katanning is preparing a Christmas Tree for December 22. Katanning's funds were benefitted to the extent of over £5 by the two social evenings in November. Katanning regrets the departure of two valued members, Medames Mawson and McArthor, the latter of whom was a former secretary.

- A sub-branch organ recently mentioned that Carl Ferguson, "who, by the way, is 'some' snooker player, spoke on pensions on which he is an authority." Rather a left-handed compliment to Carl's well-known prowess with the cue.

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EX-MACHINE GUNNERS

The ex-Machine Gunners' Association's annual meeting, at Gregson's Mart, 32 King Street, Perth on October 30, was again a happy function. The retiring president (Mr. E. S. Everett), in delivering his annual report, expressed general satisfaction at the excellent progress the Association had made in such a short space of time. He called upon Mr. F. J. Aberle who was the official visitor from the League, to take the chair and conduct the election of officers. Mr. Aberle took the opportunity to give an inspiring address on League matters and congratulated the gunners on their efforts. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Mr. W. Gregson; vice-presidents,

MESSRS. H. DAY AND J. W. LYNCH; COMMITTEE,
MESSRS. Grahame, Stone, Thorn, Croasdale and Parks; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. S. Everett; and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. E. Jackson; Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. H. Gibson. After returning thanks to the retiring officers and finishing formal business, the evening was given to enjoying a programme of talkie-shots, which films were kindly made available by the courtesy of Mr. A. E. Lightfoot, manager, Fox Films Corporation (Aust.), Ltd., interspersed with well-received musical items by Diggers Mervyn Kidd and Billy Edwards.

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The names of all who served in the Australian forces, and of those who died while so serving, can be obtained from official sources. Great difficulty is being experienced in collecting other names which it is desired to include.

The War Memorial Board will therefore be glad to receive the names of former members of the Australian forces who have died from the effects of the War since their discharge. The Board also wishes to receive the names of men and women born in Australia or settled here before the War, who served in the naval and military forces of Great Britain, the sister Dominions, and the Allies.

Those who are able to furnish such information are requested to communicate with the Director, Australian War Memorial, Canberra, F.C.T.

DISTRESSED SETTLERS

Just before the meeting of the Federal Loan Council, very strong representations were made by the State Executive, through the Federal President, reminding the Prime Minister of the desperate plight of many soldier settlers owing to the long drought and the destruction brought about by locusts and other pests. Special consideration was asked for in view of Western Australia's needs.

The Federal President (Sir Gilbert Dyett) advised that the telegraphed request from the W.A. Branch had been conveyed to the Prime Minister.

The following reply has been received:

I am directed to inform you that whilst the Commonwealth Government fully appreciates the plight of the farmers concerned, it regrets that it is unable to see its way to assume financial responsibility for the losses sustained by them, the matter being one for consideration by the Government of Western Australia.

The Commonwealth Government does not propose to make any funds available for distribution, as financial relief to farmers with respect to this season's harvest.

At the recent Loan Council meeting, however, sympathetic consideration was given to the difficult situation in which Western Australia is placed as a result of the drought. The Commonwealth Government volunteered to accept considerably reduced proportion of the forthcoming loan in order that Western Australia's share might be increased. The other State Governments also agreed to accept reduced proportions in the loan.

18th November, 1936

At the meeting of the State Executive on November 18, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Philp, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Watt, Nye, Fairley, Margolin, James, Mitchell, Nicholas, Lamb, Anderson, Collins, Newman. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Brown, Collet, Panton, Denton, Warner, Thorn, Cornell, Noakes and Roche.

Aged Service Men's Home.—A report of the Aged Service Men's Home committee was presented by Mr. Yeates, and supplemented by Mr. Newman. It indicated that action had been taken to have all ex-service men in the Old Men's Home congregated in one block. In recording its satisfaction, the Executive decided to forward letters of thanks to the Under-secretary for Health (Mr. Holuin), Mr. Rust, and the British General Electric Co.

Poppy Sales.—The report of the Armistice and Poppy Day committee, presented by Mr. Hunt, indicated that this year's sale of poppies and wreaths had been a record. Appreciation of the assistance of Government departments, broadcasting stations, etc., was also expressed.

Land Matters.—The report of the Land Committee mentioned that the Minister for Lands had been interviewed in connection with re-purchased estates, and the General Manager of the Agricultural Bank with regard to Section 16 of the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act. Mention was also made of legal opinion in respect of the new mortgage document, and a suggestion was made that it become the subject of conference between the League's solicitor and the Crown Law authorities.

Relief.—The recommendation of the Relief Fund Trustees that the Christmas Cheer granted from the Commonwealth allowance should be confined to men registered as unemployed at Head Office was adopted.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:

State President (Nedlands and Nugarin), Colonel Olden (South African Veterans), Colonel Lamb (State War Memorial), Mr. Nye (Salvation Army Armistice service), Colonel Fairley (Kalgoorlie), Mr. James and State Secretary (Busselton), Messrs. Wilkins and Collins (Anzac Club and Darling Range), Mr. Watt (Beverley), Colonel Margolin (Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane and Federal Office), Mr. Newman (Bunbury), Mr. Philp (Armistice service at St. George's Cathedral and Northam), Mr. Hunt (annual meeting of Anzac Club), Rabbi Freedman (ex-Naval Men's Association).

Preference.—Mr. Watt reported on the unsuccessful approach to the Commissioner of Railways in connection with a recent appointment in the railway workshops. The report was received and it was decided to draw the Commissioner's attention to allegedly inaccurate information given to him by railway officials.

War Memorial.—On the motion of Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Colonel Lamb, it was decided, that the State War Memorial Committee be requested to go into the matter of placing on the State War Memorial the emblem of the Royal Australian Navy and that of the Australian Flying Corps, to serve as companions to the emblem of the A.I.F.

Women's Auxiliary.—Mr. Nye referred to a Congress Committee appointed to re-draft the constitution of the women's auxiliary. His suggestion that sub-branches be invited to submit suggestions before January 31 next was adopted.

Life Membership.—Merredin sub-branch requested that two of its members be made life members in recognition of outstanding service. It was decided that the sub-branch be informed that the constitution does not provide for life membership other than in the cases mentioned in Rule 5 (a) of the Federal Constitution. It was decided that the State President convey the League's appreciation of the wonderful work being carried out at Merredin.

Congress Items

No. 1: Farmers' Sons and Relief Work.—The Minister advised that no action would be taken in this respect.
The Under-Secretary for Law advised that the suggestion would receive consideration when the Act was next amended.

No. 37: Unsecured Creditors.—The Minister’s reply has been forwarded to the Land Committee and the sub-branches concerned.

No. 38: Form of Mortgage, Rural Relief Act.—The Minister’s reply has been forwarded to the Land Committee, and the Gnowangerup sub-branch.

Sub-Branches.—The appointment of an official as advised by Kellerberrin sub-branch was confirmed.

Kukerin sub-branch suggested that the weekly broadcast from Station 6AM might take place at a later hour. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the broadcasting station. Kukerin sub-branch expressed appreciation of what the Land Committee was doing for men on the land.

2nd December, 1936

At the meeting on December 2, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Phil. Denton, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Watt, Fairley, Margolin, James, Mitchell, Nicholas, Cornwell, Anderson, Colling and Newman. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Brown, Collett, Panton, Warner, Nye, Thorn, Noakes and Roche.

The following addition was made to the minutes of the previous meeting:

Fremantle War Memorial.—Congratulations were made to the Fremantle Council on being appointed sub-wardens of the Fremantle War Memorial, and arrangements were put in train for a visit.

Management Committee.—It was agreed that the State President attend a Christmas Tree in Ward XI on December 22.

Relief.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees for the month of November showed that 40 applications for relief, involving an expenditure of £2/2/5, had been approved. The Trustees also advised that arrangements had been made for assisting unemployed men and their families, registered at Head Office, with Christmas presents. A recommendation for the appointment of extra staff, commencing December 14, was approved.

Federal Congress.—The State President welcomed the delegates who had returned from the Federal Congress. Mr. Cornwell submitted a report which was received. Mr. Cornwell also reported that, at the meeting of the Federal Executive on November 21, Mr. Yeates had been elected as a delegate to the Coronation Congress of the British Empire Service League. Delegates extended congratulations to the State President on his election. At the instance of Mr. Cornwell, the State President was asked to convey thanks and appreciation to the acting President of the Australian branch for the hospitality extended to delegates. The meeting passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Federal Congress delegates.

State Secretaries.—The assistant State Secretary reported on the meeting of State Secretaries which was held in Adelaide on November 21.

Visits.—The following reports on visits were received:—State President (Bassendean, Subiaco, and Council and Imperial ex-Service Men), Colonel Denton (Kalgoorlie and Port Augusta), Mr. Aberle (Tuart Hill), Colonel Olden (A.P.C.A. Association), Mr. Watt (S.S.L. West Leederville), Mr. Nicholas (Wards X and XI and Victoria Park), Col.

MOIRINE ROCK

The sub-branch held the sixth annual reunion dinner on October 31 at the Moirine Rock Hotel. It proved to be one of the most successful yet held. There was a record attendance of 58. Mr. D. Morgan was in the chair. Among the guests were Sir John Kirkwood (President of the Legislative Council), the Hon. J. Cornell, M.L.C. (representing the State Executive), Messrs. W. St. C. Brockway (Southern Cross), J. Nixon and R. Baird (Bullfinch), and Lang (Marvel Loch) sub-branches. Responding to the toast of the State Executive, proposed by the chairman, Mr. Cornell expressed regret that he had been unable to induce the State President to come along. He spoke eulogistically of the work done on behalf of the returned men by the Executive. Other toasts were made to the Return of the Federal Congress delegates, and to Mr. H. C. Martin, on being appointed to the Fremantle Council on being appointed sub-wardens of the Fremantle War Memorial.

PETH

At the general meeting on November 10 the statement of receipts and payments showed a bank balance of £160/4/11, while the amelioration fund had a balance of £124/—. Accounts totalling £53/16/6 were passed for payment. The secretory reported the death of Mr. H. C. Martin, who passed away on November 7, 1936. Members stood in silence in respect. The president asked for greater support for the bridge evenings, which are held every Thursday evening in Monash House. The ladies’ night, held on November 6, was most enjoyed, but, then again, Mr. Bateson reported a comparatively small attendance, and urged members to endeavour to patronise such entertainments. Arrangements were made, forthwith, for a similar event to be held on November 26, on which all lady helpers for the sub-branch, on Poppy Day, were to be invited. The meeting on November 24 was well attended, and business, of a very general nature, was quickly despatched.

KELLERBBERRIN

The monthly meeting was held in the Tammin Hotel on November 11, with the president (Mr. Reeves) in the chair. Amelioration matters were dealt with, and examination of the balance sheet disclosed a small credit. The secretary reported that, notwithstanding the difficulties encountered, the proceeds of this year’s sale of poppies exceeded those of last year. On the motion of Mr. Nunn and Budd, it was decided that a woman’s auxiliary be formed. The sub-branch then went into recess until after harvest. The next meeting will be held at Kellerberrin on Wednesday, February 10.

TAMBELLUP

On November 21 a social and dance was held at Bobalong Hall to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Roennfeldt, who, after nearly 14 years’ residence in the district, are going to Albany where Mr. Roennfeldt has purchased a business. Frank and his wife will be greatly missed from Tambellup, as they have always been most prominent in all public movements. Frank, the son of the foundation members of the local R.S.I., and secretary for one year. He was in the landing on Gallipoli, and after recovering from wounds served in France. Mrs. Roennfeldt was the president of the Tambellup branch’s auxiliary as well as taking part in other women’s movements in the district.
Mr. Fred Daddow, president of the sub-branch, spoke eulogistically of the guests and voiced the opinions of those present in stating Tambellup's loss—would undoubtedly be Albany's gain. He wished them success in their new venture, and above all health and happiness. He called upon Mr. A. T. Birt (president of the Agricultural Society) to present them with a cheque subscribed by district residents. Mr. Roenfeldt responded feelingly. The hall was well filled and representatives from the following were present—R.S.L., Agricultural Society, Road Board, women's auxiliary, Infant Health Committee, C.W.A., and Tennis Club. A substantial deposit has been made on the club premises and the $41 raised by the women's auxiliary will go a long way towards renovating the building and furnishing it.

CARLISLE
(By "McTootle")

A lively interest in ex-service men's affairs was evidenced at the monthly meeting on December 3. Appreciation was recorded of the efforts by Mr. H. S. Raphael, M.L.A., to obtain an official post office for Carlisle Diggers, pensioners and other residents. Although unsuccessful, it was agreed to predicate the request and to draw special attention to an article in a South Australian paper in connection with the recent Federal Congress of the R.S.S.I.L.A., and future sub-branches action outlined. The Poppy Day report gave excellent effort. The dances arranged by the social committee have not received the desired support, so other avenues are being explored with a view to continuation of social activities. The annual picnic will take place on the first Sunday in February next. Further particulars will be made available later. Regarding the trip to the Collie sub-branch, it is desired that members intending to make the journey hand in their names to "Taffy" Powell immediately. One and all Carlisle Diggers wish our comrades and their families "A Very Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year."

THE SISTERS

There was a good attendance in the club room at Anzac House on December 1. Miss I. T. Bowick (retiring president) gave a splendid address and report which was received with acclamation. The secretary also gave a brief report and a vote of thanks was tendered. A new member, Mrs. Priestly, was welcomed. Mrs. E. A. Wills (Darlington) then gave a report of the Garden Party, at her "Leithdale Home" Convalescent." The State president (Mr. A. Yeates) officially opened the fete. Little Enid Wills presented Mrs. Yeates with a beautiful bouquet. The R.S.L. Band kindly provided the music, which was much appreciated. Members and sub-branches were in charge of the stalls. Messrs. Foy & Gibson, Economic Stores and Watermans' Ltd., Messrs. Heap, Owen and Dunstan are thanked for their assistance, and assistance given. All profits were handed to the Subiaco Road Board and a garden fetes will be held annually at Leithdale. Officers and committee for the coming year were then elected. President, Miss H. Clegg, vice-presidents, Miss I. T. Bowrick, Miss E. Grover and Mrs. Stack, Misses E. A. Wills, H. L. Gibbs, D. Tressider, E. Douglas, L. M. Hetherington; entertainment committee, Mesdames C. C. Clouston, W. S. J. Newman, Misses J. C. Clifton, M. Hayles. Members are thanked for their efforts. Messems E. Douglas, Priestly, K. Collison, B. Head, D. Tressider, C. C. Clouston, H. L. Gibbs, E. A. Wills, S. Armstrong, C. M. Potter, R. Newman, L. M. Hetherington, Misses I. T. Bowrick, H. Homan, A. Ashton, J. McDonald, K. Wignall, J. C. Clifton, E. Griver, M. Bailey, M. D. Edis, E. Davies, M. Hayes, L. McLaren. Meetings have been changed from first Tuesday to first Thursday of each month. Will shortly in case note, the next meeting will be held on the first Thursday in February, 1937. There will be no bridge evenings until March. Miss Margaret Ander son (late Principal Matron for W.A.) will be passing through on her way to England, and will be entertained at afternoon tea at the club room, Anzac House, on January 4, 1937. All Sisters will be welcome. A Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year to all our returned Sisters and to our returned soldiers wherever they may be.

CLAREMONT

As hoped for, the weather blessed the trip to Garden Island on November 22. The outing was enjoyed to such an extent that it has been decided to make this trip an annual affair. Facilities on the Island for swimming, picnic parties, fishing, etc., were taken full advantage of, many enthusiasts even taking the track to the back beach. By the way, it is not likely that their wait auster, or lash it to the best of their vigorous and successful efforts. The general and social committees are carrying out their duties in a manner that does them credit; but it would be well for some to submit suggestions for the benefit of the sub-branch. The monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall on December 3, president Clarrie Briggs being in the chair. As we had visitors from West Leederville, business was finalised in the usual style. At table tennis, the palm went to W.L., and to Claremont for plates. Hunts-housie and bridge was split 50-50. As this will be the last issue of "The Listening Post" for 1936, seasonal greetings for a Happy Christmas and Merry New Year are extended to all.

SUBIACO

On November 11 the sub-branch was relieved by Toc H of its responsibility as sub-warden to the State President. The retiring warden (Colonel S. R. Roberts), big. R.A.A.F., congratulated the branch members on their splendid work. The special effort made by volunteer workers who did their bit and contributed to the war effort was outlined. Mr. H. S. Raphael, M.L.A., was announced as the new sub-branch president. The meeting was held in the rooms of the Subiaco Hotel. The President (Mr. T. B. Boas) occupied the chair. The toast of The State President and Executive, R.S.L., was proposed by P. J. Clegg, vice-president of the sub-branch. The State President responded in person and his bright and interesting remarks were very cordially received. The Subiaco Sub-Branch was proposed by Councillor L. T. Boas, who referred to the cordial and happy relations which had always existed between his council and the sub-branch. The chairman responded and warmly thanked for their support and good wishes expressed by Councillor Boas. Subiaco Municipal Council was proposed by the secretary (Rev. G. G. Corless). Responses were led by Mr. L. S. Downe, the Mayor, and several members of his council. Mr. Dr. Downe stated that although he was relinquishing active participation in civic affairs for a time, he could still maintain a very lively interest in R.S.L. matters. He was proud, he said, to claim that both he and Mrs. Downe were some dear old soul mentioned it was remarkable one could still detect the peculiar qualities of gas. It is far from there. Poppy Day, as usual, was a full-time job for all those unselfish voluntary workers who did their bit and with an oversize "B" for the good of an outstanding good cause, and it was warmly thanked for their vigorous and successful efforts. The general and social committees are giving their duties in a manner that does them credit, but it would be well for some to submit suggestions for the benefit of the sub-branch. The monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall on December 3, president Clarrie Briggs being in the chair. As we had visitors from West Leederville, business was finalised in the usual style. At table tennis, the palm went to W.L., and to Claremont for plates. Hunts-housie and bridge was split 50-50. As this will be the last issue of "The Listening Post" for 1936, seasonal greetings for a Happy Christmas and Merry New Year are extended to all.

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of workers for their efforts. Secretary Leng in responding made special mention of the good work performed in the appeal by Mr. Prosser, Cannaway, Blatherwick, Belsie and Fixature. The balance sheet of the recent children's ball showed a profit of £8.10s./-

The secretary reported that the recent consultation showed a profit of about £8. Members are reminded to roll up to the election of officeholders at the January meeting.

On Tuesday, December 1, the annual sub-branch smoke-o, held at the Town Hall, Basseendean. There was a representative gathering from the district, visiting sub-branches, local governing bodies and associations, and the State Executive officers. Padre Vine, in his opening address congratulated the State president (Mr. J. H. B. Lawton) on his coming trip to London, and paid a tribute to the excellent work he had "done for the League generally, especially for his handling of some of the difficult subjects at Congress."

Mr. Yeates, in a characteristic speech, gave out some interesting facts as to the vast amount of work the League had in hand, embracing employment, soldier and group settlement, prospecting and mining, amelioration, pensions, deceased soldiers and their dependents, several Imperial soldiers and many other phases of the League's organisation.

He summed up the essence of the R.S.L. as "comradeship and service." Discussing League finance and, what became of a member's 10s. per annum, the State president stated that 5s. of it was retained by the branch, 1s. to the aged soldiers' fund, 1s. to the B.E.S.L., 1s. to "The Listening Post" and the balance to the Executive. Income from subscriptions was roughly £1,000 per annum and the League's expenses about £2,000 per year. A presentation was made to Messrs. Main and Blatherwick who tied for the record of attendances held throughout the year.

VICTORIA PARK

Entertainment has been prominent in routine orders, and several very enjoyable functions have been arranged in addition to the Friday games and social evenings. At the official smoke social, president Fred Matthews was present with a bell to keep order. On the pedestal was a silver plate bearing the names of past presidents. The State Executive was represented by Mr. R. A. Nicholas, who responded to the toast of the Executive, proposed by Bob Hewson. Bob Alexander invited everybody to drink to the evening's enjoyment.

YEALERING

On Armistice Day, the new flag-pole was dedicated in the presence of ex-service men and the general public. This has been erected upon a permanent base, enclosed by ornamental posts, linked by chain. The Education Department gave the schools a holiday for the occasion and approximately 150 children attended the ceremony. A stirring address was delivered by Mr. J. H. B. Lawton, the president of the sub-branch. After the dedication, specially installed receiving sets enabled the gathering to listen to the special Armistice Day broadcast for schools.

COLLIE

Meetings are well attended and members are displaying great interest in the forthcoming sports carnival. Jim O'Grady is not letting the grass grow under his feet, nor those of potential helpers, either. Collie is to be enlivened by a visit from the Fremantle sub-branch. Members are preparing to make that visit as pleasant as possible. An effort is being made to get the Municipal Council to have the local Memorial floodlit. Poppy Day was well organised and proved a financial success, notwithstanding the recent industrial trouble.

The proceeds will be donated to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. The Christmas Fete for children will be held on December 18. Harry May is still
up to his eyes in pension work. President Jim Stirling has just completed a season’s run of dances, the proceeds of which go to pay for a wireless set and the amelioration fund.

WEST SWAN
At a well attended meeting on November 12 president Alf Geary gave a brief resume of the efforts for Poppy Day. The sum of £27 4/-. was collected. The sub-branch expresses its many thanks to the ladies who assisted to this end (Mesdames Knapman, Eules, Tomlin, Tanner, Whitely, Davenport, Mises Haddril, Davies, Devereaux and Brown), and to members who gave the use of cars (Messrs. Guy, Woods, Adams and Day). This no doubt was a wonderful effort and goes to show the spirit which exists locally.

DOWERIN
As most members are busy with the harvest just now meetings lately have not been big. Unfortunately, at the beginning of November, when eight members waited in Minnivale for the Dowerin quota for the meeting, those members suffered a break-down when about half-way on the journey. It is unfortunate, as there would have been about 14 present—the biggest for some time. Giving up all hope about ten-thirty, Minnivale members set off for home to hear later that the Dowerinites had to go, per foot, back to Dowerin, arriving there about one-thirty next morning. Most members are in a good mood as crops are turning out a little better than anticipated, and prices are well up just now. Prospects are certainly good. Mr. Anderson, from the sub-branch, was a visitor at the recent meeting and gave an interesting address. The sub-branch has decided to form a separate zone with Goonalling and Konninggoring. The gift of wreaths for the Honour Board, from Mr. White, a maimed and limbless member, was greatly appreciated.

MUNTADGIN-TOTADGIN
On October 25, representatives of the sub-branch defeated Merredin in a rifle-shooting match. The day’s aggregate was won by T. Hooper, who just missed the possible on both ranges. Merredin Diggers are to be complimented on their initiative in arranging the match which, it is hoped, will become an annual affair. At the second smoke social on November 14, Captain J. J. Hooper presented secretary Ross Keegan with a case of pipes in recognition of his services to the sub-branch. Representatives from Merredin and Narembeen attended the function, and the guests included C. G. Latham, M.L.A., the Digger-legislator whose breezy turns are always appreciated by the troops. The quarterly meeting was held at Muntadgin on November 28. The Totadgin ladies were entertained by the Dowerin postmistress on the residence of Mrs. R. Keegan. The enrolment of three new members has brought the strength up to 34, and the balance sheet disclosed a healthy financial position.

GLoucester Park
Gloucester Park held its annual reunion, the first since the former tramways sub-branch was dissolved by assuming a territorial designation, on December 9. Jock Shields, who has commenced his second term in the presidential chair, mentioned that the change had been beneficial to the sub-branch, especially in the direction of increased membership. The toast of the Armed Forces of the Crown was proposed by Mr. J. Anderson (Nedlands), and responded to by Captain C. R. Collins (Press). Mr. Arthur Hillard said many nice things about the work of the State Executive when proposing the toast of the League. Mr. W. Wilkins, of the State Executive, responded after which he presented trophies won by members of the sub-branch in the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield competitions. The prize-winners were S. Brayshaw (table tennis), M. Hall (quoits), S. Kirby (draguits), A. J. Wilkins (shoot), and C. J. Lambe (competitive shooting trophy). The Fowler Cup, which will be shot for in 1937, was exhibited. Big Bill Eddington, a member of the sub-branch, who is also vice-president of the Anzac Club, proposed the toast of Kindred Associations, to which Ern. Congdon (Subiaco), and Woods (Perry) replied. Secretary Albert Wilkins called upon members to garge their throats in honour of patrons, and Messrs. Smith and Smiley replied. Among the patrons present was Mr. T. G. A. Molloy. A very enjoyable evening was interspersed with community singing and special items by a well-balanced orchestra and Messrs. Warriner, Parny, Frank Penn, Evans, Begent and Foley.

Darling Range
The Armistice Dinner in the old dining room of the Kalamunda Hotel reflected great credit on the executive of the sub-branch, and the ladies of the auxiliary, who gave such unselfish service in making the event an outstanding success. President Dudley North kept the ball rolling and sang songs in addition to delivering speeches. Secretary J. H. Wright was a busy man, though he did find time to attend to the social side of affairs. Concerted items were rendered by members of the South Perth R.S.L. orchestra, while the voices of Messrs. Jones and Fox were heard advantage. Jim Watson amused the crowd with his inimitable description of a competition conducted by an American women’s auxiliary. The toast of the League was proposed by the chairperson and responded to by Messrs. Wilkins and Collins who represented the State Executive. The main feature of the evening was the presentation of a Certificate of Service to past president, Bob Tanner. In making the presentation, Mr. Wilkins alluded to the good work Mr. Tanner is still doing in support of his successor.

Poppy Day was a success, and Mrs. Jack Morris is to be thanked for the able manner in which she attended to the catering arrangements. At the monthly meeting on November, arrangements were made for the annual picnic, in which the auxiliary will cooperate with the sub-branch.

Manjimup
For the first time in many years the Poppy Day appeal was made by the Manjimup sub-branch, and secretary Jack Smith reports very satisfactory sales. Not the impressive figures reached by some other sub-branches, but sufficient to indicate the revived public interest in R.S.L. affairs. The weekly community singing and dance evenings in the Town Hall have maintained their popularity to a remarkable degree. The proceeds of most of them have been devoted to the building fund, some to the amelioration fund, and a couple to public movements. The last for the season will be held on December 22, when the Warren Hospital Board will assist and the proceeds will swell the hospital funds. Free building fund now stands about £130. Two working bees, to assist widows of soldier settlers, have been organised and carried out by the troops lately. Another was organised by others and assisted by another group of auxiliaries, and a fourth organised by the Manjimup sub-branch, is listed for December 13. Enquiry and hay-making are the jobs in question. The boys have responded well so far. This is sound, Digger helpfulness, gratifying to all concerned. On Boxing Day the R.S.L. picnic is held every year at Fonty’s Pool. On that day our generous friend, Mr. Archie Fontanini, places his fine grounds and well-appointed swimming pool at the disposal of charge. For the first year or two we regarded the outing as a children’s picnic and still treat it as such, although it has become a popular occasion for all ages.

Nedlands
There was an excellent attendance of members at the monthly meeting on November 10. The president (Jim Anderson) occupied the chair and welcomed many visitors. Roy Perry reported satisfactory progress of the Choral Society. Cyril Chappell reported on the doings of the company and mentioned that an invitation was received from the Cunderdin cricket club to a match at Cunderdin. The president then advised the...
THERE IS BEAUTY IN REMEMBRANCE
BY ELSIE BRICKHILL
DURING THE YEARS 1914-1918 and since, it was my privilege to help and serve in a small way the men who fought in meeting that ex-service men at the Old Men’s home were now in a ward by themselves, and that their lot was a much happier one as a consequence. Mr. F. Corness, on behalf of the inmates of the Home, thanked the president and sub-branch for what it had done, and was doing, for the aged ex-Digger. A committee has been formed to consider the suggestion of forming a sub-branch library. At 8:20 the assembly stood before the sub-branch Memorial in memory of fallen comrades, while the president placed poppies on the Memorial in memory of two comrades who recently passed on—Jack Shimenson Trophy to the men of the A.I.F. and British forces. After an absence of more than seven years, I have returned to my Homeland to find that here, as in Britain, service is still being unsafely rendered by hundreds. It is therefore a pleasure for me to be able to speak to members of the women’s auxiliaries of the R.S.L. and Diggers generally, through the medium of The Listening Post, and to be able to offer my congratulations on the amount of work that has been so ably accomplished.

My own experiences have been many and varied, but there are some that remain fresh in my memory. Chief of these is a visit paid, under the guidance of officers of the Imperial War Graves Commission, to the battlefields and war cemeteries in France and Belgium. To erect memorials commensurate with our heavy losses, would seem almost an impossibility, so great were the sacrifices during the War; but the Imperial War Graves Commission has almost achieved the impossible. The work so ably carried out in the years since leaves nothing to be desired. May I ask all mothers, wives and any who have loved relatives lying in any part of the war areas, to remember that their dear ones are never forgotten, and even though the name may be unknown to mankind it is “known unto God.” The war cemeteries are beautifully kept and seemed to me more like gardens of England, for everywhere appeared to be growing roses, lavender, rosemary, and other sweet flowers. In each cemetery is the stone of remembrance, where generally is kept the register of each soldier’s grave. Towering high above the tree tops in each of these most hallowed spots, is the beautiful Cross, the symbol for all time of sacrifice. Each grave has its own headstone, and whenever possible the name and battalion inscribed; but frequently is found a headstone bearing the following: “A Soldier of the British Empire,” then underneath: “Known unto God.” As I saw hundreds of stones with the badge of the A.I.F. my sorrow was mingled with pride for I realised how splendid a part was played by our men.

There are two beautiful memorials in Edinburgh. The famous National Memorial, built in the rock of the Castle; the Scottish-American Memorial in Prince’s Street Gardens. There is in every hamlet, village, town or city in Britain some form of memorial to those who paid the supreme sacrifice, chief of these being the stately Cenotaph, in London, with its simple inscription: “The Glorious Dead.” Then that most sacred tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey. There is one memorial that I feel deserves particular mention, “Menin Gate,” Ypres. At this wonderful memorial, I had the honour of attending the ceremony of the sounding of the Last Post, by three Belgian buglers, in memory of the British dead. This is done every night at 9 o’clock. The British Legion have recognised this kindly act by presenting to the City of Ypres three silver bugles. One cannot visit this beautiful monument without being deeply moved, and my heart was very full, as I read the names of many known and loved. Inscribed on the walls are 54,896 names of British soldiers who have no known grave. This great monument is built over the moat leading to Menin Road, over which passed thousands of men, never to return. Britain always does things well. Menin Gate is a masterpiece of art and beauty. Its very simplicity touches the heart deeply.

At Polygon Butts Cemetery, I saw an Australian flowering gum tree. In each
cemetery flora of the country represented is grown whenever possible. I stood on Hill 60 and read this inscription on a tablet: “In memory of officers and men of the 1st Australian Tunnellers Coy. who gave their lives in the mining and defensive operation of Hill 60, 1915-18.”

At Anzac Cemetery, Saintry-sur-la-lys is this inscription: “The land on which this cemetery stands is the free gift of the French people, for the perpetual resting place of those of the Allied armies who fell in the War 1914-1918, and are honoured here.” From the top of Belgium right through the Somme at intervals are these beautiful memorials. It seemed incredible to believe that only a few years ago there had been so great an upheaval; for there is little to remind one, save for a block house, standing in a field, the remnants of a shell hole or old trench.

At Villers-Bretonneux I visited the site for the Australian National Memorial. The 2nd Australian Division Memorial is on the Bray-Corbie Road, and is similar to that erected at Pozieres. At Albert, the cathedral is rebuilt and the Madonna and Child are again at the top. In London I was honoured with an invitation to attend the British Legion Service of Remembrance, in the Albert Hall on November 11. This memorial to our beloved dead is a most moving way for us to forget the horrors of the War, and to be in that large hall and see the four years with those now living and help them to fall in the old trench.

On November 8 the auxiliary entertained ex-service men from the Old Men’s Home to an outing at Kelmscott. At Mr. Ward’s orchard, bunches of roses were presented to all ladies. The party visited Mr. Martin’s tropical fruit plantation and then went on to Kelmscott Hall where the auxiliary had prepared a welcome for the president of the auxiliary (Mrs. Rosewarne), and the president of the sub-branch (Mr. Fieldman). Mesdames Randall and Stockman thanked the hostess on behalf of the motor outing committee, and Messrs. Brick and Corness on behalf of the guests.

On November 28 was well attended, 56 members being present. It was decided to go into recess until the fourth Friday in January, when the next quarterly social will be held. The committee, however, will meet as usual. A New Year’s Eve party will be held in the R.S.L. Hall, when members and their families will all be welcome. The Victoria Park women’s auxiliary wish to convey to all Sister auxiliaries, the compliments of the Season.

KEIMSCOTT-ROLESTONE

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SOUTH PERTH

The auxiliary entertained ex-service men from the Old Men’s Home on Sunday, November 8. After a very pleasant drive to City Beach and Scarborough, the party turned to the Swan Street Hall, South Perth, where a high tea was prepared by auxiliary members. Mrs. Day (president of the sub-branch) and Mrs. A. Beere (president of the auxiliary) welcomed the guests and thanked the car drivers. Mrs. McInlay (State president) responded. Mr. Corness, on behalf of the guests, thanked the auxiliary for the wonderful outing. A musical programme was also provided by the guest Misses Ward and Mr. F. Aberle. The following lent their cars:- Messrs. Grabham, Aberle, H. Day, Parker, Ward, Lord, Adams and Court hope. During the month about twenty of the members visited Burford’s soap factory and had a very interesting afternoon. Each lady on leaving was given a box of soap.

CARLISLE

There was a good attendance of members at the meeting on November 9. A number of members assisted the sub-branch on Poppy Day and a good day’s selling resulted.

The following night, November 14, when Carlisle will hold a Christmas Rally, President, secretaries and treasurers of all auxiliaries are invited. Carlisle extend to State Executive and all sister auxiliaries a Happy Christmas and Bright and Prosperous New Year.

NORWOOD

The final monthly meeting for 1936 was held on December 1, when the president (Mrs. W. A. Doran) welcomed in attendance of 27 members. Guests of the afternoon were Miss Elsie Brickhill and Miss E. Lloyd, the latter having rendered valuable assistance on Poppy Day. Members were informed that the auxiliary had collected £40/0/- on Poppy Day. Arrangements were completed for the holding of the Children’s Christmas Party on December 12. It was decided to go into recess till Tuesday, February 2. At the conclusion of the proceedings, Miss E. Lloyd, who has lived a very able and interesting address on the work of ex-service men’s organisations abroad. It was all the more suitable with view of the fact that the sub-branch consists mainly of ex-Imperials. She congratulated the president on the excellent attendance and the
activity which had been displayed in securing such a large membership of 45 in so short a time. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Brickhill, who is leaving Australia in March next to resume her work in the Old Country. A dainty afternoon tea was then served.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The fortnightly meetings still continue to be well attended. The “Black Mammy Troupes” betook themselves to the Old Men’s Home during October. The spacious hall was well filled and the entertainment provided, and the community singing which followed, were well received and appreciated by all. Arrangements are in hand for a Christmas Cheer Party to visit the Diggers at the Home in the near future. Satisfaction was displayed when the president (Mrs. E. Bell) announced that she had been elected on the committee of the State Executive. Members were out bright and early for the annual Poppy Day appeal, and, although mid-week was considered to be bad for sales, our takings for that day exceeded last year’s by £17.

SOCIAL

The quarterly united R.S.L. auxiliary social took place at Anzac House on December 1. About 350 members enjoyed dancing and supper and a musical programme, arranged by Nedlands auxiliary. The auxiliary members appeared as sailors and their lasses on board ship and that was the merriest ship ever seen. Everyone on board joined in the rollicking choruses, while Mesdames Atwell, Moyles and Miss Wood sang solos and Mesdames Jorgenson and Chappell danced. Mrs. Emmett Burke and Misses. Atwell and Urquart formed the orchestra.

MIDLAND JUNCTION

Preparations are in hand for the Christmas Cheer for the children of the district. Card evenings have been held at members’ homes, and members have made articles to be raffled, so that a useful amount has been raised to defray the cost. Mesdames Wilkinson, senior and junior, the mother and wife of the president of the sub-branch, have been of great assistance in adding to the funds. Thanks are also due to the treasurer (Mrs. Webster) for her good work. The president and secretary (Mesdames Morgan and Brewer) attended the dinner of the West Leederville auxiliary on October 21. Members and officials attended a social at Herne Hill on October 30. The first meeting of the auxiliary in the new sub-branch rooms was held on October 21.

NEDLANDS

Upon the Nedlands auxiliary was thrust the honour of providing the entertainment at the quarterly social of combined auxiliaries held at Anzac House ballroom on Tuesday, the 1st inst., and a nautical review was presented to an audience estimated at 300, representatives of auxiliaries travelling from as far afield as Bullbrook. The ballet, which was for the occasion specially trained by Mrs. W. Jorgenson, were dressed as sailors of the “King’s Navee” and sailor lasses, and wonder-ful dresses they were. The sailor lasses looked sweet young things in white pleated dresses of knee length, nicely waisted with blushes to match, complete with deep collars of navy blue artistically banded with three rows of white. The sailor “he-men” had similar tunics complete with scarves and with fashionable “scantie” type of bell-bottomed trousers. White socks and black patent shoes completed the pedant ornaments, whilst the lasses were remarkable, for the while sailor hats with many bands gracefully tied at the side. Many sailor choruses were rendered. Mrs. Jorgenson danced a hornpipe, whilst Mrs. Chappell, as “Pop Eye,” and Mrs. Jor- genson carried out an apache dance. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Moyle, Mrs. Attwell, Mrs. Jefferson and Miss Dorothy Wood, Mrs. G. Randall (the president of the Nedlands auxiliary), on behalf of the ballet, presented Mrs. Jorgenson with a bouquet, whilst other bouquets were presented to Mrs. Chappell and Mrs. Lander. The orchestra consisted of Mrs. Bryant and Messrs. H. Urquhart and P. Atwell. Dancing and supper brought to a close a very successful evening.

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