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In more recent Anzac Day commemorations, speakers have stressed the duty of remembering the living while honouring the dead. The twofold nature of the duty of remembrance becomes more apparent as the years roll on and the less obvious war injuries become manifest. It is opportune, then, that the matter of providing a home, or homes, for aged and burnt-out ex-service men should have been raised once more, practically on the eve of Anzac Day.

There are many such institutions in the United Kingdom—the Charterhouse, familiar to readers of Thackeray, the Rowton Houses, and which is more interesting from our point of view, the Royal Chelsea Hospital where specially-selected army veterans spend their closing years in comfort. According to tradition, which is often truer than history, the Chelsea Hospital was founded by that casual monarch, Charles II., at the instigation of Nell Gwynne who was distressed at the sight of old soldiers begging in the streets. Australia, in a happier era of aloofness from international wars and old-world economic problems, had not, until recently, been confronted with the problem of housing incapacitated and partially incapacitated war veterans. There are old men’s homes in this country, hostels for maimed and limbless men, and hospitals for other categories of those permanently injured by their war service, but there is no institution for the housing of aged veterans, and those who have become prematurely aged as the result of their experience in the front line.

The problem of providing for the prematurely aged digger, the burnt-out man as the Canadians call him, was first proposed in The Listening Post two years ago. The editorial we published on that occasion bore fruit in State and Federal Congress resolutions which, in their turn, gave direction to the recent amendments to the Repatriation Act. But the improved regulations, desirable as they are, and grateful as we ourselves are for them, do not solve the problem of a home. That, apparently, is a matter for the League and for the sub-branches who compose it. The League has already instituted an Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund, but some years must necessarily elapse before that fund can be operated upon, and even then it will be used for amelioration as distinct from housing. Some intermediate effort is, therefore, indicated.

This is recognised by ex-service men who are at present in the Old Men’s Home at Claremont, and by the several sub-branches which have forwarded resolutions on their behalf to the State Executive. In response to the ensuing correspondence, the Executive called a conference of representatives of its various committees, which the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation and the secretary to the Workers’ Homes Board were invited to attend in an advisory capacity. The report of the conference is published elsewhere in this issue. It is a reasoned statement which traverses the question in all its aspects. It stresses the “strong need for the provision, of a home or homes not only for those men at present in institutions, but also for those who, in consequence of normal conditions, or the more far-reaching effects of the recent economic depression, or as a result if ill-health or other misfortunes may, in the future, require assistance of this nature.”

There are forty of these at present in the Old Men’s Home and about half a dozen in the Salvation Army Retreat; but the number of those in need of such a scheme is likely to be augmented considerably within the next ten years. The greatest difficulty, as the conference clearly recognised, apart from financing the scheme, will be the acquisition of suitable premises. The conference is of the opinion that no existing premises will fully meet the requirements of the scheme now or in the future. Without any available data to guide it, the conference estimated the initial outlay at something like £5,000. Thus, the first hurdle will be the most difficult one to surmount, but, as the report showed, “the erection and occupation of a home of the nature suggested would probably lighten the burden at present borne by some authorities as well as the charges upon the League’s amelioration fund.”

The report also recognises, as we ourselves must, that the Commonwealth Government is hardly likely to finance the scheme in view of its other commitments and of the expense of applying the principle to every State. The duty devolves on us all. It is not a matter for the State Executive alone. That body has done as much as it can for the present in assembling the conference which has presented such a comprehensive and illuminating report. Nor can the conference whose purpose it was to explore ways and means take any other than advisory measures. Its members are prepared to assist the State Executive at any future time, and in any further way the Executive may desire. The report under discussion may be amplified in the light of further knowledge and research, but no one can launch the scheme without the authority of State Congress. The report will certainly provide material for much interesting discussion and debate at this year’s congress. Meanwhile, we would recommend readers to take an active interest in the project during the intervening months. One feels sure that the organisation which made Anzac House an accomplished fact will make this other and possibly worthier dream come true. One feels doubly sure that the general public which was so whole-heartedly and generously behind the League in the erection of Anzac House will be equally generous in helping to provide homes for veterans in their declining years.
**REPATRIATION BENEFITS**

The annual report of the Repatriation Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1935, is just to hand and contains some very interesting information. The total expenditure on war pensions payable in respect of the Great War by the Commonwealth now exceeds £125,000, 000. During the year war pensions cost £7,369,916, W. A.’s share being £69,797 the total expenditure including administrations, costs, etc., being £8,178,198.

**Number of Pensioners**

The total number of pensioners were 264,061, of this number 74,998 were to incapacitated members of the forces and 189,063 being the total number of dependents. The figures for each State being:

- New South Wales: 25,102 and 60,132
- Victoria: 25,455, 64,112
- Queensland: 8,234, 20,011
- South Australia: 4,079, 11,169
- Western Australia: 7,031, 17,405
- Tasmania: 3,146, 9,377

The average fortnightly rate of pensions for incapacitated members of the forces in W. A. is £1 16s. 8.1ld., and that of dependents 13s. 8.44d.

**Nature of Disability**

It is of great interest to learn the nature of disability of pensioners. In the following list the disabilities are divided into twelve groups:

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**Treatment**

On the 30th June, 1935, 1519 patients were undergoing in-patient treatment at Repatriation institutions and in addition there were 145,545 out-patients attendances for treatment.

There were also 13,231 soldiers’ widows, widowed mothers and orphans who received medical treatment through friendly societies, the expenditure being £15,704.

**Assessment Appeal Tribunals**

Assessment Appeal Tribunals commenced operations on 1st June, 1929, and up to 30th June, 1935, have heard 18,106 appeals of which 6,614 have been allowed, 10,743 disallowed, 52 reduced, 20 deferred, 247 lapsed and 429 remain to be heard.

During the year 3,767 applications were lodged, 1,217 allowed and 2,048 disallowed. In this State 231 applications were lodged, 46 were allowed, 91 disallowed, 2 reduced, 89 are pending and 3 lapsed.

**Education Scheme**

The Soldiers’ Children’s Education Scheme, launched in 1921, for the education and training of soldiers’ children, cost for the year £83,391, the aggregate expenditure from the inception of the scheme for Western Australia is £177,977, and 1,769 children have been assisted in this State, the total for the Commonwealth being 16,922. The basis of eligibility for this scheme is that a child’s father was deceased or totally and permanently incapacitated as the result of war service.
until June 30 next. Mention was made of the fact that great uncertainty prevailed amongst settlers and all were apprehensive of the Bank's policy.

In reply to the League's representations, the Senior Assistant to the South-West (Mr. W. H. McCay) drew attention to paragraph seven of the agreement, which specified that subject to strict adherence to the agreement a client should be assured of security of tenure. Furthermore, paragraph three of the agreement specified that improvements are to be effected in addition to maintenance. Where dispossession proceedings had been started the provisions of the agreement had not been fulfilled. In one case, twenty acres were overgrown, there was no hay or ensilage and the agreement had not been fulfilled. In another case there was no cropping and no conservation of food.

ANZAC DAY

Twenty-one years will have passed since the first landing on Gallipoli Peninsula on April 25 next. The commemoration of the day, which brought Australia on the stage of the world and which gave the A.I.F. its real birth, will follow the lines of previous years. This year April 25 falls on a Saturday, and on that day there will foregather in the early hours of the morning the survivors of famous units mobilised in Western Australia, together with their comrades of the Imperial armies, the Royal Navy and the Royal Australian Navy. Not by any means the least amongst those who will pay tribute in the early dawn round the State War Memorial in King's Park will be the members of the Nursing Services.

Later in the day the bugles will sound "fall-in" outside of Anzac House in St. George's Terrace. The parade ground will extend from Pier Street down as far as the Christian Brothers College. Many sons and daughters of men who fell in battle, or who have since died as the result of war service, will head the column under directions of officials of the Legacy Club. Metropolitan bands will play the different sections of the column through the city streets to a combined Remembrance Service on the Perth Esplanade. The State President (Mr. A. Yeates) will conduct the service and deliver the address. He will be assisted by Rabbi D. Freedman and Rev. Eric Nye, an ex-vice-president of the League. For the first time this year machine gunners will march as one unit, and another addition to the column will be the members of the St. John's Ambulance Overseas Brigade. The State Executive of the League appeals for a full muster of all ex-service men to the nearest Anzac Commemoration Service, as those who survived the conflict have a sacred duty in honouring the memory of old comrades on this one day of the year.

SOLDIER SETTLERS

There was a full attendance of the Land Committee at Anzac House on March 24 when Mr. W. J. Hunt, chairman, welcomed Messrs. Arnold Potts, Pat Roche, Charles Henning, Fred Warner, Jock Brown, H. E. Wells and Col. Olden. A number of individual matters were first dealt with.

The State secretary intimated that as a result of the League's intervention, at least two dispossessed soldier settlers were again given ownership under conditions satisfactory to the Bank and to the settlers themselves. Other matters discussed included re-valuation and the progress made with debt composition; the amending Commonwealth legislation; and wires received from Senator Collett, which indicated that the suspension clauses of the Debt Relief Act were not imperilled; Torbay sub-branch and its desire for a conference with other organisations; Pingrup sub-branch and the operations of Section 51; Kununoppin sub-branch and the inadequacy of funds for drought relief; and the question of the League's policy in respect to migration.

Two sub-committees were appointed to wait on the Director and Trustees of the Rural Relief Scheme and also to interview Agricultural Bank officials.

Reporting on behalf of the sub-committees to a subsequent meeting of the State Executive, Mr. Roche stated that they had interviewed the Director (Mr. White), the chairman of the Trustees, Mr. Angwin, and later in the day the General Manager of the Bank (Mr. Grogan) and Inspector Wardell. Figures presented by the Relief Trustees indicated that already about fifty-six cases of debt relief had been finalised, with an outlay of approximately $50,000. The sub-committee considered that, so far as it was possible to estimate, the process of debt adjustment was proceeding on reasonably satisfactory lines, but it was not yet in a position to say that for every case a fair basis for the debt composition had been observed. This information could not be authentic until the League was advised by individual settlers who had had their propositions finalised. The report continued that neither Mr. Grogan nor Mr. Wardell, the latter being the officer entrusted with the preparation of cases for the Commissioner's
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consideration, could tell them anything definite. Nothing could be gleaned as to what standard values was being observed.

Advice from country centres to the Land Committee would indicate that settlers mortgaged to the Agricultural Bank have experienced little difficulty in arranging for seasonal credits, but where a second mortgage exists and a settler is involved with a private financial institution the process of securing supplies is not so easy.

Again, where a settler has a first mortgage with a private financial institution the probabilities of securing relief from debt do not appear hopeful. The Committee visualised a farmer indebted to the Crown being relieved of a considerable amount of his liability, and side by side with him another soldier settler indebted to a private financial institution denied the relief extended to his neighbour. The Land Committee considers that it might be necessary to approach the Commonwealth Government to make some provision in the rehabilitation legislation for a compulsory composition in respect to all creditors, secured or otherwise, where relief in such cases is justified.

Copy of letter received by the State Secretary from the Chairman of the Agricultural Bank Commission (Mr. Alex. McCallum.)

Dear Sir,

I have looked into one or two points which you mentioned at the deputation which waited upon me recently, and desire to advise as follows:

Regarding stock firms financing stores and supplies to settlers on the security of the stock, I find that it is the general practice for this to be done, and as I told you at the deputation, many hundreds of cases have been agreed to. For the clients under the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Act who are operating under trustees, the practice is to allow advances against the stock account up to the estimated return from wool for that year, and we are advised that this has been accepted as being generally satisfactory.

In connection with super supplies, the point that clients should be able to borrow money from the stock firms in order to pay cash for their super has been examined, and we find that the rate for super bought for cash is £3 17s. per ton, and the stock firms charge 5½ per cent. interest on the money loaned. The rate for super bought on terms against the crop lien is £4 per ton and 7 per cent.

interest. For a farmer cropping 250 acres, the saving would be £4 1s. The General Manager advises me that not one single case has been referred to him on this point, and he knows of no instance where supplies have been held up under this heading.

In the case where a farmer has just finished paying for his stock to the firms and has no ready cash with which to carry on, the practice has been, and still is, for the Bank to give a letter to the merchants agreeing to allow them to rank in a preferential position ahead of the Bank if they advance the finance. The form on which the Bank gives its approval has been drafted by the merchants and not one single request has been lodged with this institution to alter that form, or that it does not give sufficient security. No instance is known where finance has been held up under this heading.

A 1915 REMINISCENCE

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This is the twenty-first anniversary of the epoch-making landing on Gallipoli, but, even after the lapse of so many years, memories linger and, indeed, become more vivid with the passing of time. It is possible that most of the incidents of the landing have already been embalmed in print.

I was privileged to be one of that gallant band, which comprised the 3rd Brigade of 1st Division, A.I.F. To the 3rd Brigade fell the honour of covering the landing. Their exploits will go down in history and thrill future generations of Australians long after all participants have been called to their long rest. As is very well known, the casualties were tremendously heavy, and far exceeded expectations, so much so that hospital arrangements were sadly inadequate.

It was therefore necessary to utilise several transports. To carry the wounded to various points where they could receive expert attention—Alexandria and Malta.

To the island of Malta came thousands of seriously wounded soldiers from the Gallipoli battle-fields. Thousands of Australian parents, and men, who took part in this campaign, should remember Malta with gratitude. Not only in recognition of the tender care given to the wounded, but of the efforts of the padre of various denominations who worked so hard in the interests of the troops. They were particularly active in writing to the relatives at home. To let them know that their loved ones were in good hands and progressing favourably. Only too often the information conveyed brought sorrow to

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many Australian homes. But in numerous cases the parents had already received the official notice that their sons were among the missing. And with what joy did they receive the padre’s news that they were still alive and progressing as well as could be expected.

I remember the Rev. MacKinnon saying to me in Valetta Hospital in May, 1915: “I am very busy, working almost night and day. I have two hundred and fifty letters to write to Australia and New Zealand.”

When we arrived first at Malta there were only two large hospitals, Valetta Hospital and the Naval Hospital. The first two ship loads of patients to arrive took almost all the accommodation available; then the large barracks on the island were utilised. Almost immediately a committee was formed with the Governor Lord Methuen at the lead, to organise the resources of the islands. The need of beds was urgent. The Maltese people responded admirably. A factory was set up to manufacture beds and bedding, and all sorts of other necessaries. Charitable organisations were brought into being, to provide added comforts for the troops. In six weeks there were seven thousand wounded in Maltese hospitals and camps. These were from all A.I.F. and New Zealand units, Indians and numerous British regiments were represented.

A most depressing sight was that of the funerals. Night and mornings sometimes up to twenty at each burial. If it’s any consolation to bereaved relatives, I should like to say that the main cemetery “Pieta,” where our dead lie, is one of the most picturesque spots imaginable, as well as being the neatest I have ever seen, as I revisited Malta in 1929. This cemetery is still kept in a most creditable manner.

It was my good fortune to be only slightly wounded. So a month on Malta did wonders for me. The time soon came when I was passed as fit again for service, and sailed for Gallipoli to help my comrades who had withstood the heat of the day in this glorious campaign.

Malta accommodated ninety thousand wounded from Gallipoli, and might therefore be called the nurse of the Mediterranean. There were twenty thousand there at one time, and in three months the number of camps and hospitals on Malta rose from three to twenty-nine, surely a creditable achievement for an island 17½ miles by 8½ miles in extent. In conclusion, I think it is due to those workers in Malta that their efforts should be remembered, particularly at this time of the year, when we commemorate the gallant feats of arms which commenced with the landing of Gallipoli.

A SPLENDID GIFT

Members of the League throughout the State are deeply grateful to Sir Charles and Lady McNess for their magnificent gift of over £3,000 to the Anzac House fund.

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Colonel Collett submitted the following report to the State Executive:

The State President, with the approval of the State Executive, invited certain gentlemen to meet him at Anzac House at 3 p.m. on March 27 in order to confer upon the advisability of, and ways and means for, establishing a home or homes to afford comfortable shelter to the needy (as contemplated by Rule 2 (c) of the Constitution) and to inform the State Executive thereon.

The following were present at the conference:—Mr. A. Yeates, State President; Hon. A. H. Panton, a trustee of the W.A. Branch; Mr. E. S. Watt, representing the Pensions Committee; Mr. W. J. Hunt, representing the Management Committee; Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Mitchell, representing the Pensions Committee; Colonel H. B. Collett, a trustee of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund; and Mr. C. Taylor, deputy commissioner for Repatriation; Mr. H. G. Jarman, secretary to the Workers’ Homes Board, in an advisory capacity.

The conference, during its deliberations, had before it representations made by the Nedlands, Bunbury and other sub-branches in respect to ex-service men at present inmates of the Old Men’s Home at Claremont; a resolution dealt with by the 1934 State Congress; and the terms of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund Act, 1932.

After discussion the conference was agreed that bearing in mind the “objects” of the League, there undoubtedly exists a strong need for the provision of a home or homes not only for those men at present in institutions, but also for those who, in consequence of normal conditions, or the more far-reaching effects of the recent economic depression, or as a result of ill-health or other misfortunes, may, in the future, require assistance of this nature.

It seemed imperative, therefore, to formulate and consider a long-range policy covering the following points:—

1.—Numbers, estimate of—
   (a) At present in institutions.
   (b) Potential inmates
      (i) Single men of widowers in receipt of—
         A. Pension for war injuries.

2.—Acquisition of premises—
   (a) Existing government-owned—to be loaned or rented.
   (b) Other existing buildings by purchase or on rental basis.
   (c) New premises to be erected.

3.—Government, Administration and Maintenance—
   (a) By League and its staff.
   (b) By paid staff.
   (c) By inmates themselves.
   (d) By special controlling authority.
   (e) What is to be done for the ailing?
   (f) Sources of supply of clothing, comforts and material or means for recreation.

4.—Finance—sources of—
   (a) League funds.
   (b) Private and/or public subscription.
   (c) Donations or subscriptions from members of League.
   (d) Government (Commonwealth and/or State) grants.
   (e) Inmates.

5.—Admission—
   (a) What should be the conditions attached to admission?

(b) How admitted—
   (i) At will of controlling authority.
   (ii) By nomination of sub-branch.
   (iii) All qualified—if ample accommodation available.

Dealing with Numbers (1)

The information before the conference revealed that the Old Men’s Home at present holds over 40 war veterans and the Salvation Army Retreat an additional half-dozen or so. Apart from these it is common knowledge that many others are in need of aid and that, judged by the number of applications made for Service and other pensions, a considerable augmentation of the foregoing figures is inevitable during the next decade—probably anything from 300 to 500.

Single men, or widowers, only were considered, as it was thought that the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund will, if properly supported, provide in the years to come extra means for the assistance of married couples or widows.

The Acquisition of Suitable Premises (2)

The acquisition of suitable premises is, apart from finance (with which it is inevitably associated), the greatest difficulty likely to confront the League in any project undertaken. Factors to be considered are area, space for expansion, healthy and congenial surroundings, and a site reasonably close to the city and adjacent to means of transport.

Haying in view these requirements, the numbers to be dealt with, and the limitations which finance must set upon any endeavours, the conference, after a brief survey of possible opportunities, formed the opinion that no really suitable premi—
ises are at present available. It contemplated, therefore, a scheme on the cottage-colony plan, located within 20 miles of Perth and on land for which could be obtained free, or on lease at peppercorn rental, from the Crown. Such a scheme would, it was thought, be acceptable to foundation and development on sound and progressive lines and also, when realised, confer a large degree of comfort on men drawn from the mining fields and "outback" as well as from the towns. At least peace, comradeship, recreation and even light occupations could there be found.

The conference had not exact data to guide it in forming an estimate of the cost of this plan, but agreed that an initial outlay of between £7,000 and £10,000 would be entailed. Later on a larger sum would be needed, it being considered that a fair basis for calculation as to cost for building and furnishing is £60 per head of the inmates.

Government; Administration and Maintenance (3)

As regards Government, administration and maintenance, as well as the Rules for Admission (3), it was considered that a detailed examination of these questions might be left to a later date.

Financing (4)

The financing of any such scheme, both for the launching of it and its subsequent maintenance is, it was agreed, a matter for the fullest investigation and discussion, later, by the State Executive or annual State Congress. It should be pointed out that the erection and occupation of a home of the nature suggested would probably lighten the burden at present borne by some authorities as well as the charges upon the League's amelioration funds. Nevertheless, it was considered unlikely that the Commonwealth Government would grant, at the present juncture, any direct assistance as an application of the principle to the other States would involve very heavy expenditure. The conference, however, advanced the opinion that there are several sources of finance which could with probable advantage be carefully examined and exploited.

In any event an organisation that has successfully negotiated the erection and financing of Anzac House should have less difficulty in efficiently coping with the even worthier object here presented.

The members of the conference felt, and in this they were actuated by their intimate knowledge of the League and its workings during the past ten years or more, that the influence, capacity, and willingness of the many ex-service men and women in this State to make a considerable contribution towards a settlement of some of the difficulties of their comrades have never been adequately appreciated, nor has any fitting endeavour to utilise their power to the full ever been under review. In this connection, whilst it is realised that funds required to initiate any proposal for the erection of homes may have to come from outside sources, it is not the promptings of any idle dream that suggest the most adequate return for the benefits of comradeship and mutual service received and given during the Great War would be a practical undertaking now, if not endow, to be the main means of support of those surviving comrades needing the cheery encouragement and helping hand so rarely refused in the days past.

Those who can may help. Those who can help should certainly do so.

The conference may be regarded here as indulging in mere sentiment, but it is sentiment susceptible to a practical interpretation and application. Some striking achievements are to the credit of this branch of the R.S.L., but the vista reveals even greater heights of attainment.

In submitting this brief summary of its discussions and conclusions the conference desires to acknowledge the compliment bestowed upon those attending it in being asked to submit the outline of a workable plan. It ventures to express the hope that there will be some concrete result from its labours and acknowledges, with gratitude, the attendance of Messrs. C. Taylor and H. G. Jarman, both of whom offered valuable information and advice.

The members of the conference are also prepared, should it be desired, to render to the State Executive any further assistance they may be able to offer.

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This year Maylands sub-branch was represented in the annual Town v. Country cricket match by Messrs. Leo. McComish, who had the distinction of being elected captain, and Val. Sparrow. Both played well. Val. is keeping wickets efficiently these days and on this occasion was at his best form. One of the hardest workers on the ground on that day was our good friend Phil Allen, who always turns up when work is to be done.

Very well known to all Tramway diggers is Arthur W. Jones, who in the Great War served with the 32nd Batt., and for many years since leaving the Tramway Department has been acting as accountant and paymaster at the Princess Royal Mine, Westonia. He has been undergoing treatment in No. 11 Ward Perth Hospital, having recently had a very severe nervous breakdown through the effects of war service. He will be spending a fortnight at the M.C.L., Cottesloe, before returning to No. 11 Ward for a further overhaul. Arthur would be glad to see any old digger pals at any time.

Madame Bennett Wilkinson still carries on with her good work for the men in No. 11 Ward, Perth Hospital. She visits them there about twice a week, and gives her talents freely for the welfare of the sick digger. Her services are always appreciated.

A good worker for Maylands sub-branch is Alf Cook, who is editor of "All Quiet." Any one who has read the current issue will agree that it is certainly a credit to any editor. Maylands is certainly fortunate to have his services again.

The new hon. secretary of Maylands sub-branch is Mr. J. E. Adamson. Many years ago he did good service for R.S.L. members in the Quairading District. Maylands is very fortunate in securing the services of such a capable official. His good wife has always been a great worker in the cause.

Frank Dillon-Smith, well-known in big election campaigns, is again on the sick list in No. 11 Ward. Both he and Bill Menkens are quite convinced that election stunts are now off for some time to come. At the time of writing Frank seemed to be on the mend. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

At present there is a sprinkling of diggers in the M.C.L. convalescent home at Buckland Hill, where they are sent from No. 11 Ward for complete rest. The M.C.L. is certainly in a very fine position as regards fresh air, etc. Occasional concerts help the patients towards recovery. Recently Madame Bennett Wilkinson took a concert party down there, and the programme was deeply appreciated.

At present the following diggers are recuperating at the M.C.L.:—L. R. Graham, 12th Battalion; B. Peacock, 6th Field Engineers; A. W. Jones, 32nd Battalion; A. Bowman, 4th Machine Gun Section; F. Hughes, 11th Battalion; W. L. Menkens, 4th Field Ambulance.

Visitors travelling by rail are advised to alight at Buckland Hill, No. 1 Cottesloe Station, which is the most convenient for the home.

One of our most valued country correspondents, T. Thurgood, senior, is at present in the Serpentine district where he has linked up with the local sub-branch for the time being. His contribution to the membership drive is the recruiting of four new members for the sub-branch, four for the women's auxiliary, and six for the S.S.L. If everyone pulled his weight to that extent, we should soon attain the objective we have set ourselves.

At the meeting of the State Executive on March 25, the State President informed delegates of the resignation of Miss I. Christie, who had been a member of the office staff for over seventeen years. Miss Christie leaves League headquarters to take over the duties of business secretary of the Y.W.C.A. The State President suggested that her resignation be accepted with very great regret, and this was carried. It was also resolved on the motion of Mr. Aberle, seconded by Colonel Denton, that the question of presenting Miss Christie with a token of esteem be left in the hands of the State President. Those diggers who have had occasion to visit the head offices of the League, both in Anzac House and the old building, will have had experience of Miss Christie's devotion to duty and her many acts of kindly courtesy. Her departure will be keenly regretted, and her place will be hard to fill. This paper joins with the State Executive in wishing her long life and happiness in her new appointment.

During March, Boulder sub-branch had a visit from Mr. R. Tucker, an officer of the Repatriation Department, who earned the gratitude of the sub-branch by his kindly advice and assistance in several repatriation matters which were put before him by secretary T. O'Grady. During his visit, Mr. Tucker was shown over the surface and underground workings of the Great Boulder Mine. The boys in the sub-branch reckon he has the makings of a good miner in him. He handled the rock drill underground quite efficiently and bored several inches into rich ore in one of the faces of the 900-ft. level.

Boulder diggers lose a good comrade through the transfer of the Rev. A. O. Schroder to Chidlow Wells. Mr. Schroder, who, among other offices, has held that of secretary of the Boulder Benevolent Society, has been far from well for some time past, and has been ordered by his medical adviser to ease up in his many and various activities. Before leaving Boulder he was farewelled by a number
of friends in the Mayor’s parlour at the Boulder Town Hall. Various speakers voiced their sincere regret at the departure of such a valuable citizen as Mr. Schrader has proved himself to be. This paper joins with members of the Boulder sub-branch in wishing Mr. Schrader the best of luck in the future and a speedy restoration to health.

Lieut.-Colonel Clarrie Fairley, secretary and general live-wire of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch left the goldfields during the month to take up a position in Perth. Clarrie is a goldfields native and has lived there most of his life with the exception of the years he spent in the A.I.F. During the War, he served with the 48th, the Joan of Arc battalion as the others of the 12th Brigade called it, because it was made of all Leanes. He was severely wounded at Bullecourt, where he gained a stout M.C. Since the War, he commanded the famous Goldfields Battalion until it was disbanded, temporarily, we hope, during the re-trenchment spasm of a few years back. His many friends wish him every success in his new venture.

The stork recently brought a screaming 1936 model digger to the West Leederville residence of George Warden, who is prominent in the affairs of the West Leederville sub-branch, and ably conducts the choir of the local Methodist Church. We are in a position to contradict the insidious rumour that George has been overheard practising the well-known ballad, “Oft in the Stilly Night.”

Enquiries are being made for the whereabouts of William Arthur Fry, who served with the New Zealand A.S.C., being a member of the 10th Reinforcements of that unit. If anyone knows where Mr. Fry is at present, would he please communicate with the State secretary, R.S.L., Perth.

Val Sparrow, the popular Maylands wicket-keeper, who has been one of the most consistent digger cricketers this season, excelled himself in the semi-final against Fremantle. He has also represented the Town against the Country on each occasion, and is as good with the bat as he is between the stumps. In his younger days he was a footballer of some renown.

It is very pleasing to see Bill Waterman about again. A keen cricket enthusiast, Bill was very disappointed at Cottesloe being eliminated in the semi-final. In this match, he acted as collector and, we understand, did very well.

Bill Eddy, Cottesloe’s popular skipper, has had a wonderful all-round season. His batting has always been responsible for double figures, his fielding inspiring, in addition to which he has taken many wickets. He, and his colleague Bill Wilkins, are great assets to Cottesloe.

Cliff Nixon, who was bombardier with the D.A.C. in France, is now a stalwart of the Buckland Hill sub-branch. Cliff is a foundation member and has always been an indefatigable worker. He occupied the presidential chair for three consecutive years and recently members recognised his valuable work by presenting him with the League’s Certificate of Service. Failing health has compelled Cliff to relinquish his executive duties, but it is the heartfelt wish of all his digger colleagues that he will enjoy a quick and speedy recovery.

Harry Rutherford, president of Mundaring and Districts sub-branch, commenced his third term of office with two spells in hospital. During his absence the chair was ably filled by the senior vice-president (Percy Grose). But the fates were unkind still, for this good comrade and uniring worker passed out recently. His death was keenly felt by all who knew him. Dick Hardwick, the popular pedagogue, carried on as chairman until the president’s return to the active list.

Dick Bailey, of Mundaring and Districts sub-branch, has just received that knighthood of democracy, a commission of the peace. In congratulating him, we feel sure that the new J.P. will fill the bill as admirably as he carries out the numerous other odd jobs which are thrust upon him.

A well-known digger and sportsman, George A. (“Copper”) Houston, died in Geraldton on March 31. The deceased, who was the popular licensee of the Freemason’s Hotel, Geraldton, and managing director of the Globe Brewery, served abroad with the 3rd Pioneers. In his day he was the State’s champion sculler.
and a prominent footballer. He retained a keen interest in all forms of sport to the last. We join with Geraldton comrades in tendering sincere condolence to his widow and five children.

The Commercial Travellers conference brought some good diggers from other States to Perth, where they were visitors at a State Executive meeting and welcome guests at the Antaz Club. They were Edwin Whiteman (8th Light Horse) and Ted Young (49th Battery) from Tasmania, and W. R. Julian (3rd Motor Transport), the president of the Victorian C.T.A., and L. L. Williams (13th F.A.), another Victorian representative who is a Tasmanian by birth.

At the April meeting of the Claremont sub-branch, reference was made to the loss of an esteemed member, Bob Price. Since his transfer to Lucknow Hospital, old Bob had been an active and enthusiastic member of the sub-branch. Genuine regret was expressed by his fellow members at the passing of an old warrior who had had more than his share of trials and tribulations during the years that have elapsed since the “Cease Fire” sounded.

Clement Williams, the hefty young baritone who has recently been delighting listeners from the National Station, is a native of New South Wales and saw active service with the 7th Light Horse.

One more Anzac to answer the last roll call was Lieutenant George H. Gardiner, of Bassendean. In his passing the sub-branch has lost a valued member. Although war service took heavy toll of his health, especially of late years, his interest in R.S.L. affairs never flagged and he was present at the meetings whenever possible. A foundation member of the original sub-branch in the district, he was president from 1922 to 1924 and served later as treasurer. Over 60 of his comrades were present when he was laid to rest in Guildford Cemetery on the 16th of March.

George Gardiner was one of the best known and highly respected citizens of the Guildford district, where he spent most of his life apart from his service in the army which bears a noble record. Enlisting with the 1st Northampton-shires, he spent 12 years in India. On his discharge he returned to W.A. He joined up with the 11th Battalion on the outbreak of war and served on Gallipoli and France with the A.S.C., being gazetted lieutenant in 1916.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his widow, daughter and six sons.

Diggers will learn with interest that the Hon. J. M. Macfarlane, M.L.C., has again nominated for the Metropolitan Suburban Province. While Mr. Macfarlane has at all times during his political career acted up to the ideal of legislating for the whole of the community as against any particular section of the community, it is well known that Mr. Macfarlane has at all times demonstrated more than his usual interest in the affairs of returned soldiers. Than Mr. Macfarlane there has been no more ardent worker in the earlier days when help was most needed to obtain recognition for the diggers and support for their dependants during the war period, he having discharged the duties of chairman of the War Patriotic Fund.

Big genial Oscar Walters visited this office during the Easter holidays. Oscar, who was formerly a member of the Press sub-branch, now manages the Kalgoorlie office of the West Australian Worker. Some years ago, the Perth sub-branch published a booklet of his verses under the title “Shrapnel Green” which we reviewed in The Listening Post. Oscar contributes verse regularly to The Bulletin and other periodicals and is represented in The Digger Book and Jarrah Leaves. But with all his growing reputation as a poet he is a modest even somewhat shy, man, genial and unassuming, and everything that is meant by a good companion. He went to the war with the 3rd Field Company, Australian Engineers.

A good digger answered the last call when John Henry Lockton died in Geraldton on February 17. The deceased, who was well-known on the goldfields,
enlisted from Boulder in a Trench Mortar Battery, from which he was transferred to the 51st, when that battalion was formed. During his service abroad, he was wounded at Villers-Bretonneux. He was a prominent footballer and a member of the Railway Workshops sub-branch. The late Mr. Lockton's friends and relatives are extremely grateful to the Geraldton sub-branch and to the Council. Although he was not so well-known in Geraldton, on news of his passing, flags were hung at half-mast on Birdwood House and the Council Chambers, and 51 members of the sub-branch paid their last respects to a fellow digger at the graveside. He was only 45 years of age when the call came.

While in Perth on his way back from South Africa, Bert Oldfield, the only digger cricketer still playing in Tests, renewed acquaintance with Western Australian friends. One graceful action performed by this fine sportsman was taking a number of his fellow players up to visit the boys in No. 11 Ward. This gave pleasure to quite a number of our less fortunate comrades.

At present in Perth Hospital, recovering from a rather serious operation, is George Hipe, the well-known violinist. George served with the 48th during the Big Stoush and his many friends will be glad to hear that the operation will give him a new lease of life and renewed vim for the famous fiddle.

Morrie Mundy, whose sporting remembrances were published in The Listening Post a few years ago, and who plays the piano with the South Perth R.S.I. orchestra, is now playing again behind the stumps, having been roped in for Cottesloe this season by the energetic Bill Eddy. In his heyday, Morrie was one of the State's best wicket-keepers.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S HEADSTONES

The general secretary advises that Resolution 179 of the 20th Annual Congress: "That the attention of the Defence Department be directed to the quality of the workmanship, particularly the lettering connected with the Commonwealth headstones erected on the graves of ex-service men who die of war causes," was forwarded to the Department concerned. The general secretary continues: "Inquiries have been made and as far as can be ascertained the reference is to headstones in Western Australia which are now due for repainting. About 80 stones are concerned and repainting of the inscriptions will be effected before June 30 next."

ARCHBISHOP RILEY MEMORIAL SHIELD COMPETITIONS

The controlling committee of the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competitions had a difficult task before them on Tuesday, March 24, when they met at Anzac House to consider the division of the 18 nominations received from metropolitan sub-branches in these competitions. There are four new entries this year, these being from Fremantle, Cottesloe, Victoria Park and Bassendean. This leaves very few metropolitan sub-branches to come into line and the sooner they realise the wonderful social value of this competition the better. Nothing would be more pleasing than to have the whole of the metropolitan sub-branches entered.

The recommendation of the meeting of sub-branch delegates was to hold the competition in one zone, providing that there were not more than sixteen nominations. However, 18 nominations came forward and the competition has been divided as follows:

1. No 1 Zone.—West Perth, North Perth, Maylands, Osborne Park, Bassendean, Bayswater, Mt. Hawthorn, Mt. Lawley and Perth.
2. No. 2 Zone.—Victoria Park, Fremantle, Tramways, Cottesloe, South Perth, Claremont, West Leederville, Subiaco, and Nedlands.

The first games are to be completed by May 9, 1936, and the final will be completed in the fortnight preceding the Annual Congress.

44th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The committee of the 44th Battalion Association desires a huge muster for the Anzac Day parade, for which Sid Longmore has been asked to act as C.O. From the enthusiasm evinced at the last meeting the future of the association seems well assured. An art union, in aid of the funds, has been organised. Each member is enjoined to sell at least one book of tickets. Preliminary arrangements are now well in hand for the annual reunion dinner which is to be held on October 6, the Tuesday of Show Week.

EX-MACHINE GUNNERS' ASSN.

Machine gunners are reminded that a general meeting of the Association will be held at Gregson's, 32 King Street, Perth, on Wednesday, April 27, at 8 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all machine gunners, whether members of the Association or not. The committee is looking forward to a good attendance as this will be the final rally before the Anzac Day march, when the Machine Gun Corps will parade as a separate unit. All machine gunners should look for the marker carrying the flag bearing the crossed guns.

12th/52nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

Members of the 12th/52nd Battalion Association are reminded of Anzac Day parade. The president and committee are very desirous of having a full muster of both units. This section of the parade will be in the capable hands of Captain Jock Evans, and the staff-bearer on this occasion will be Mr. H. Hopperton. After the parade a meeting will be held in the show room of Rowles and Bignell, Milligan Street, to transact important business and to elect officers and committee for 1936-1937. Refreshments are made available and all members on parade will be welcome.
When the Dardanelles Were Forced

SIR JOHN DUCKWORTH'S EXPLOIT

By C. R. Collins

Ours was by no means the first war on Gallipoli, for the peninsula and its adjacent waterways have resounded to the clash of arms since the dawn of history. On the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles, a bare three miles from the entrance, stands Hisarlik, or Castle Hill, the eminence on which ancient Troy reared her topless towers. The peninsula itself is identical with the Thracian Chersonese, once ruled by the Thracian Chersonese, once ruled by. Militiades, who, after allying himself with Darius, deserted that monarch and defeated his hosts at Marathon. It was across the Narrows that Xerxes, another Persian invader, built his bridge of boats. Alexander the Great invaded the Persian empire by way of the Dardanelles, and the same strait effectively held up another great conqueror, Tamerlane, even as the narrow strip of the Strait of Dover prevented Napoleon from invading England.

In the Middle Ages, Gallipoli was a flourishing city, an important commercial centre with a population of 100,000. It was fortified by the Byzantine Emperors, and from Gallipoli the army of the Third Crusade embarked for Asia Minor. In the 13th century, it was contended for by the Venetians and their Genoese rivals. Not until the middle of the 14th century did it pass into the power of the Crescent, and though the Turks were signally defeated here in 1416 by the dispossessed Venetians, they retained their grip on town and peninsula.

In 1654, Knut Silversen, the Norwegian sailor of fortune, while in the service of the Venetian republic, with a single vessel, attacked and seriously damaged a Turkish fleet in the Dardanelles and compelled the surrender of the Turkish garrison on Tenedos. In 1807, occurred the episode which had its influence on the conduct of the operations in 1915, though the lessons that might have been learned from it were, unfortunately, forgotten. This was the forcing of a passage through the Dardanelles and the Sea of Marmora by a British squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral Sir John Duckworth. In the British Official History of the Gallipoli Campaign, Brigadier-General Aspinall-Oglander writes: "To force the passage of the Dardanelles, and to retain command of its narrow waterway, had been for a hundred years regarded as one of the most difficult, yet most interesting operations of war." Sir John Duckworth forced the passage, and fought his way out again, but he failed to retain command of the waterway. And this expensive object lesson was ignored by those who deemed that modern warships unsupported by land forces, could do what had been done by Sir John Duckworth's wooden vessels.

In 1807, as in 1915, the political situation influenced strategy. Napoleon, so far supreme on land but having lost his fleet at Trafalgar, was seeking alliances with other powers who still had fleets that might be used against the nation of shopkeepers across the Channel. At the same time, he was very much concerned with the strategic importance of the Dardanelles, especially as he had not yet made peace with Russia. "If Russia should hold the Dardanelles," he wrote, "she would be at the gates of Toulon." He therefore fomented trouble between the Sultan of Turkey and Russia. To counteract these intrigues, the British Government decided to supplement the efforts of the British Minister at Constantinople, a Mr. Arbuthnot, by sending British ships into Turkish waters. The orders of Vice-Admiral Sir John Duckworth, who commanded the squadron, were to support the negotiations of Mr. Arbuthnot, or, in the event of the Minister having broken them off and quitted Constantinople, to ensure that the Turkish fleet did not fall into the hands of the French. Contrary winds prevented the British fleet from arriving off the Dardanelles until after Mr. Arbuthnot had been forced by French intrigues to leave...
the Turkish capital. Further, it was the desire of the Admiralty that Duckworth should wait for a Russian squadron that was to reinforce him. The Russians, however, did not arrive till the operations were over.

By the time the squadron had assembled at Malta, whence it sailed on February 6, 1807, it was evident that only the forcing of the Dardanelles and the passage of the British squadron into the Bosphorus would give the desired control of the Turkish fleet. That distinguished general, Sir John Moore, who was then commanding a British force in Sicily, protested against a scheme which did not include land forces to secure the passage of the straits, though ample troops were available in Sicily and in Egypt for that purpose. Duckworth's squadron consisted of only eight ships of the line and three frigates, with the Madras, store ship. They were the Royal George, 100 guns; Flag-Captain C. D. Dunn; Windsor Castle, 98; Captain C. Baylis; Canopus, 80; Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Louis; Pompee, 80; Rear-Admiral Sir Sidney Smith; Ajax, 74; Captain the Hon. H. Blackwood; Repulse, 74; Captain the Hon. A. K. Legge-Thunderer, Captain Thomas Harvey; Standard; Endymion, 38; Captain the Hon. T. B. Capel; Active, 38; Captain R. H. Mowbray; Juno, 32; Captain Charles Richardson. Off Cape Matapan the squadron was joined by the Delight, sloop-of-war, and by the bomb-vessels Meteor and Lucifer. On February 11, while the ships were anchored under the lee of Tenedos, H.M.S. Ajax met with disaster. At about nine o'clock in the evening, a fire broke out in the after part of the vessel and spread so rapidly that neither could the ship be saved nor any of her boats, except the jolly boat, be lowered. Of her crew of 400, 250 were lost.

At daybreak on the 19th, the squadron weighed anchor and stood towards the Dardanelles, H.M.S. Canopus leading. At that time the passage was defended by two ancient but strong forts, one on either side. In addition to the heavy ordnance, each fort was armed with 14 great guns, formed of brass, and adapted for the discharge of granite balls. They were constructed like mortars, but 22 feet long and ranging from 25 to 28 inches in the bore. These guns were not mounted on carriages, but lay on a paved terrace near the level of the water. Duckworth's ships were fired upon as soon as they entered the strait, but they sailed through without sustaining any material damage. By 10 a.m., the leading vessels came in sight of a Turkish squadron, riding at anchor some distance above the forts. It consisted of one ship of the line, four frigates, three corvettes and some gunboats. Action was joined at once. H.M.S. Pompee, with all her canvas set, dropped anchor between the ship of the line and the four frigates, engaging them on both sides with all guns at once. Sir Sidney Smith, who commanded H.M.S. Pompee, was the same Sir Sidney Smith whose successful defence of Acre, eight years before, had brought Napoleon's Palestine campaign to a disastrous end, and of whom Napoleon said: "That man made me miss my destiny." The other British frigates gradually came into action and all the Turkish vessels were destroyed. Boats' crews of the rear division and marines landed and destroyed a partially finished battery position at Pesques Point, on which the Turks had mounted 30 pieces of cannon. Most of the guns were spiked, but some were actually brought off by the landing parties.

Proceeded by H.M.S. Endymion, four miles ahead, flying a flag of truce, the British squadron arrived within eight miles of Constantinople next day. A Turkish squadron, consisting of five sail of the line and four frigates, anchored defiantly in the fairway and the two forces faced each other at anchor for six days, while flags of truce passed to and fro. On February 27, the Repulse, Lucifer and the boats of the squadron, fully manned and armed, landed a force on Prora, the most important of the ten islands of the Princes. There the British, with three large guns, and with pike and bayonet, attacked a body of Turkish troops who were forming entrenchments, destroyed their battery and captured their field pieces. By March 1, the whole squadron was off Constantinople. It was now evident that all hopes of an amicable settlement must be abandoned, likewise all hopes of successfully bombarding Constantinople, as Duckworth's squadron was hardly strong enough for this purpose. The British admiral, therefore, weighed anchor and made for the open sea, keeping mid-channel with H.M.S. Canopus in the lead. At 10 a.m. on March 3, the battery at Pesques Point opened fire on the Canopus. Each British ship in turn ran the gauntlet, and all, with the exception of H.M.S. Pompee, whose fire was reserved for the more formidable forts yet ahead, exchanged shots with the enemy. At 10.40 a.m., the
guns of these forts came into action and inflicted severe damage on the passing ships. This fire was returned, but the British gunners had no means of assessing the success of their fire. Within an hour, the hostile forts were left astern, and the squadron anchored at sea at seven miles' distance from them. The Royal George had her cutwater carried away, and was nearly sunk. The mainmast of the Windsor Castle was cut in two. Two ports had been beaten into one on the Thunderer. A single shot carried away the wheel of the Repulse, killing 24 of her crew at the same time. The Repulse was saved from drifting on shore only by the skilful seamanship of those who manned her. In every instance the damage had been caused by granite shot. Another granite shot burst through the port bow of H.M.S. Active. A second tore away the whole barricade of her forecastle, while a third lodged in the bends abreast of her main chains, and then rolled overboard. "Never since artillery had been invented," says James Grant, "had shot of greater magnitude been fired." According to another authority, guns of the forts, cast in the reign of the Sultan Amurath, fired a ball which weighed 11 hundredweight and which required "a charge of powder amounting to 330 pounds."

The British losses included 38 killed and 231 wounded. In his despatch to Lord Collingwood, commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean, Sir John Duckworth reported: "The Turks had been occupied unceasingly in adding to their forts; the fire of the two castles on our going up had been severe, in returning it was doubly formidable. In short, had they been allowed another week to complete their works throughout the channel, it would have been very doubtful whether a return would have been open to us at all. . . . At the time that the whole line of coast presented a chain of batteries, 12 Turkish ships of the line, two of them three-deckers, with 9 frigates, were, with their sails bent, and, in apparent readiness, filled with troops; 200,000 men were reported to be in Constantinople, ready to march against the Russians, and an innumerable quantity of small craft were prepared to act against us. With batteries we might have coped, or with their strongholds, but your lordship will be aware that, after combating the opposition which the resources of an empire had been many weeks preparing, we should have been in no state to defend ourselves against them and then repass the Dardanelles."

The British fleet was hardly clear of the strait when a Russian squadron came in sight. The Russian admiral suggested a return, but Sir John Duckworth replied, with characteristic English hauteur, "If a British squadron has failed, no other is likely to succeed." This was borne out as long after as 1912, when Italian warships, during the war between Italy and Turkey, bombarded the forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles, on April 18, without any decisive result other than closing the passage to Turkish and all neutral shipping. Protests from neutral Powers caused the straits to be reopened to navigation on May 1. Duckworth's exploit was plucky, even cheeky, and its lack of success had little bearing on the war at sea. However, it was a blow to British prestige in eastern Europe. Immediately on receipt of the news Tsar Alexander I. of Russia concluded the Treaty of Tilsit with Napoleon, a peace which was virtually an alliance.

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**Polling Day, Saturday, 9th May, 1936**

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TWENTY YEARS AGO
War Anniversaries of April, 1916

April 1.—Sixteen persons killed and 100 injured in a Zeppelin raid on north-east coast of England.
April 2.—Zeppelin raids on north and south-east of England and south-east Scotland. In the latter country 12 were killed and 11 injured. Allied airmen dropped 83 bombs on enemy cantonments of Keyyen, Essen, Terrest and Houthulst.
April 3.—British attack the crater of St. Eloi, which had been held by Germans since March 30, capturing it and establishing a line beyond it.
April 4.—War Budget introduced into House of Commons.
April 5.—Zeppelin attack on north-east coast driven off by anti-aircraft fire. British bombard hostile works near Bois Grenier (south of Armentieres), and north of Ypres-St. Julien Road.
April 6.—French gain near Fort Douaumont. German forces in the Arusha district, East Africa, surrender to General van Deventer.
April 7.—Germans regain portion of trenches captured by British at St. Eloi on March 27.
April 9.—German attack on a six-mile front north-west of Verdun everywhere repulsed.
April 11.—British repulse enemy raids near La Boisselle.
April 12.—Three successive German attacks west of Pilckem-Ypres Road repulsed.
April 13.—Australians attack and occupy Turkish camp at Jiffa, east of Suez Canal. The Katia oasis also occupied.
April 14.—Three naval aeroplanes dropped bombs on the Zoitunlik powder factory and aeroplane sheds at Constantinople, and a fourth bombed railway station at Adrianople.
April 15.—Turkish division routed by Russians in the region of Bitlis.
April 17.—Further German attacks near Douaumont.
April 18.—Fall of Trebizond officially reported from Petrograd. War Office announced a check to the Kut relief force. The Turks heavily counter-attacked on the right (south) bank of the Tigris, forcing back British lines. President Wilson’s note to Berlin demanding that Germany abandon her piracy or the United States would sever relations was regarded as an ultimatum in Germany. The United States, however, did not come into the war until 12 months later.
April 19.—Three successive German attacks on French positions at Les Eparges, 13 miles south-east of Verdun, repulsed.
April 20.—On the night of April 20/21, an attempt to land arms in Ireland was made by a disguised German auxiliary, assisted by a German submarine. The auxiliary was sunk and Roger Casement made prisoner.
April 21.—French gains near Deadman Hill. King’s Shiropshire Light Infantry recapture a trench about the Ypres-Langemarck Road, which had been lost on April 19.
April 22.—British advance in East Africa continues, culminating in the occupation of Umbugwe and Salanga, and the occupation of Kondoa Irangi by General van Deventer.
April 23.—Attack on Sanna-i-Yat position on the left (north) bank of the Tigris failed through floods. Turkish attacks at Duweidar, near Suez, and on the small yeomanry force occupying the Katia oasis, beaten off.
April 24.—Outbreak of the Easter Week Rebellion in Dublin. The rebels seized the post office and other points of vantage in the city.
April 25.—At 4.30 a.m., enemy battle cruisers shelled Lowestoft.
April 26.—Liberty Hall, the rebel base in Dublin destroyed and occupied. St. Stephen’s Green captured.
April 27.—The whole of Ireland placed under martial law. General Sir John Maxwell sent, with plenary powers over the whole country. H.M.S. Russell sunk through striking a mine in the Mediterranean.
April 28.—German submarine sunk off east coast of England; one officer and 17 ratings of the crew captured.
April 29.—Fall of Kut. General Townshend surrendered to the Turks with 2,970 British and 6,000 Indian troops.
April 30.—Lord French reported that the backbone of the Irish rebellion had been broken.

THE HILLS AT ANZAC
By “A Legatee”

There are high hills at Anzac
Above the purple sea,
Which treasure in their keeping
The proudest memory.

They have no tongues for calling;
They hail not as they stand;
But to them thoughts come flocking
Out of a distant land.

And on this day of all days
They summon to their crests
The love that knows no dying,
That recollects and rests.

Content that men were manly
When came their country’s call,
And, comrade aiding comrade,
Answered and gave their all.

Salute the hills of Anzac,
Across the alien sea!
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(Written for our Anzac number by Oscar Walters)

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About the tragedy that wrecked that splendid scheme of mine
Between the Q.M.'s store and where D Company held the line.

I've had a lot of time to think about it, and about,
And I'm convinced that jar was cracked before I started out.
I don't admit a lack of care, and I denied it then.
But who could justify himself before that crowd of men?

What if my speech was thick and wild?
What if I smelt of rum?
Who wouldn't, when that darned jar broke, attempt to salvage some?
What if there were suspicious marks down my unshaven chin?
What else had I to put the drop of rum I salvaged in?

If any of the old platoon still hold me in disgrace,
I'd like to ask what they'd have done had they been in my place.
I'd like to ask those fellows who might still be feeling sore:
Who was it, anyway, who pinched it from the Q.M.'s store?

I'd like to say to those who were so ready to condemn,
That it was pretty rotten luck for me as well as them.
It was a heavy blow to meet disaster and defeat.
In what seemed a well-planned attempt to give the lads a treat.

They can say what they like, but I'll maintain till all is done,
That it was a mishap that might have come to anyone.
And I will tell them, too, that it was with no sense of guilt,
I heard the old platoon lament the night the rum was spilt.

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"GREATER LOVE"

(MAX ARTHUR)

The splendour and the tragedy of Anzac is to be commemorated once again throughout the State. Before night lifts her mantle and reveals the dawn, the first pilgrims will move on their way to the Shrines of Remembrance. The moving force behind this great pilgrimage is the desire to honour, and to do reverence to the memory of the army of men who laid down their lives for a cause which they felt to be worthy of the sacrifice.

Sixty thousand dead! The price of honour. It is a great day of reckoning, and stock-taking. A time of contemplating values given, and services rendered. We must weigh up the value returned for this unfathomable gift of heroism, loyalty and supreme surrender.

To the remnants of the old army who walk, it is a time of remembrance and a time to meet in communion of spirit with good comrades who walk this way no more.

Sixty thousand dead! The open page stares starkly at us. The slaughter of the Nation's most virile plants, whose growth to manhood was accomplished, reflecting their strength, their enthusiasm, their shielding protection from the blasting winds of rushing warfare which threatened to engulf the world.

The tragedy of war. Not for the weak and aged. They cannot withstand the heat of the day, nor fill the mud-filled trenches, nor advance over gun-scared earth to kill or be killed and maimed. Not strong enough to lift the heavy stretcher, laden with mutilated flesh and mangled limbs, to carry on and carry on, until the back is torn with deadly fatigue and the sense numbed, but still to carry on. The weaker plants are to bear the seed for the new generation.

Pad, pad, pad. Through the stillness, from East to West and North to South they come. The Cenotaph is wrapped in a grey mist, silhouetted against the sky. The river lies still and clear below. The sentinels, keeping their night-long vigil stand out like phantoms in the dawn. This obelisk of stone represents every battlefield, every quiet war-filled cemetery in distant lands, every resting place in our own land, where lies the body of a man who fought, or withered years after, from the war's touch. It is the Cenotaph, the resting place of every unknown soldier. It is at the foot of these Shrines that we offer up our thanks and gratitude year by year to this great invisible army.

These men were actuated by no motives of anger of hatred. No man went forth with hate in his heart. They were men clear sighted, clear thinking, who went forth prepared to give the thing everyone values most of all—his life—not for a salary, not for aggrandisement, but for love of his country and a cause he thought noble.

After all—what does life hold more worth while than doing that thing which conscience tells us is the only straight road. These men forsook the easy paths and took the road of honour. The scent of shrub and tree and dew-drenched earth makes sweet and clear the air. Night is lifted from the enshrouded earth: It is still.

In this peace, and restful sleep healed hour, comrades meet and see again the phantom army raised in wraith-like sil-
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houette against the strength and enduring stone of the Cenotaph. Memories of comradeship, suffering, laughter, and death. Inspiration to carry on, to watch over their broken comrades, to help the fatherless, and still to follow the ideals which inspired these men to answer the call to arms and lay their lives down for an ideal.

To-day, the silence is pregnant with the thoughts of what confronts youth of to-day. Must the awful ghoul of war be offered another orgy of youth? Is there an era of peace ahead or war more cruel, more devastating, with the brains of man concentrated on creating gases of the most diabolical, guns of the mightiest to shatter bodies, to tear down homes and wreck industries? Wonderful winged machines created in beauty, cleaving the air over forest, plain and corn-clad field, carrying their sickly cargo to spray the perfume of death into the nostrils and lungs of helpless peoples, trapped in congested cities with no escape, no chance of self-defence.

What thoughts! What a return! Yet who can say that the world has not progressed in spite of this dreadful fear. Russia has awakened out of a sleep of despair, every Nation, though restless, is seeking a way out of the turmoil which ensnares the world. Nations are realising that one Nation cannot survive without the help of its neighbour. We realise more fully that God created all races, that all races have a right to a place in the sun.

The old enmity between Germany and France might be healed. The shadows of the past may be lifted from Germany. France’s frayed nerves might be quietened, Italy, smarting under a grievance; the smaller Nations timid, afraid of being overwhelmed; America holding aloof, imagining that one Nation can hold aloof and look on in peaceful isolation.

Everywhere are bands of people trying to untangle the great skein. Nazism, Fascism, Soveitism, Communism, Red Shirts, Black Shirts, Five Year Plans, etc. All moving towards a world where every man has a chance to live in peace and a modicum of comfort.

Nations are recognising that only just and honourable dealing, with a fair measure of reward for labour and capital, a reward for efficiency, and the will to act without fear or favour, the exchange of products, so that the fruits of the earth and the work of men’s hands can be enjoyed by the peoples of all nations, can bring a lasting peace.

For this, these men cast upon the altar their sublime gifts of youth and life; for this, they left these shores to scale those barren heights of Gallipoli and face the guns in France, some to return and bear

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The present state of the Quairading sub-branch is excellent. Three years ago they had 28 members, and since then 7 have left the district. Their membership now stands at 63, and the increase in recent months has been 14. Their funds indicate a very satisfactory state of affairs. The general fund has a credit of £20 and amelioration fund £25. They have only casual calls on the latter. We were asked to mention that on April 23 they are conducting their R.S.L. Ball and would welcome any delegate who happens to be in the district at that time. At the end of May they will be entertaining their women's auxiliary at an annual function. Everything has been arranged for Anzac Day. I would like to mention one activity of the sub-branch. A member died some three years ago and since then the sub-branch has administered the farm on behalf of his widow. They do all harvesting and seeding, and will continue to do so until the children, who are approaching the adult age, are able to carry on.

A tribute is due to the secretary (Mr. J. J. Murphy), who is a veteran of the Boer War as well as the Great War, for his splendid energy and enthusiasm which, together with the other officers (Mr. J. R. T. Keast) is largely responsible for the present position of the sub-branch.

Leaving Quairading next morning we journeyed to Bruce Rock and at 2.30 p.m. were met by the president, Mr. W. Andrew and the secretary (Mr. Ted Morrow), and shown over the Memorial Hospital. This building was erected in memory of those ex-service men of the district who lost their lives in the Great War. It is controlled by a hospital committee and the sub-branch has a representative thereon. The institution is an excellent one, and a wonderful benefit to the residents. About 4.30 we were entertained at afternoon tea by Mr. Harold Wilkins, an ex-president of the sub-branch. Mr. Wilkins conducted us over his farm and here was a splendid illustration of what capable and thorough methods will accomplish.

At 8.30 in the evening Bruce Rock sub-branch held an impromptu gathering at which 66 ex-service men were present, and a very characteristic and friendly tone was in evidence. The Ardath-Babakin and Muntadgin sub-branches were represented. Bruce Rock is also in an excellent position financially and numerically, and despite the fact that Ardath and Muntadgin are off-shoots, to-day they have a larger membership, not only in their district, but also in the whole of the Quairading district. Their amelioration fund has £6 and general fund £52. Membership now stands at 54, 13 having been obtained since the new year, and we are expecting to have about 20 more before the end of the year. In other words they had a 100 per cent. membership.

Mr. Ross Keesing, when speaking on behalf of Muntadgin sub-branch, indicated that there was not an ex-service man who was outside the League. In other words they had a 100 per cent. membership.

After a somewhat convivial farewell to Bruce Rock, we made contact with Merredin sub-branch at 12 noon on the following day. Mr. F. A. Law and Mr. J. Richmond, president and secretary respectively, met us and we were conducted to the Road Board office where we were entertained by the chairman of the board and other members. We were found the sub-branch actively concerned with civic affairs, and tributes paid to the League were very pleasing to listen to. Following this we were prevailed upon to visit the Merredin Club, where the president (Mr. Peter Lyne) and other members entertained us.

After luncheon with members of the sub-branch at Duft's Hotel, we were permitted to leave the town in time to reach Mooring Rock about 4 o'clock. Mr. Morgan (president), together with the ex-secretary (Mr. Netham), and the ex-president (Mr. Marston), welcomed us to their gathering. We learned something of the difficulties being experienced in that district, and are referring questions raised to the Land Committee. Despite the fact that a number of returned men had abandoned their farms and left the district, the Boer War sub-branch is in an excellent financial position, the figures quoted to us being £63 5s. 10d. in the general fund and £16 0s. 6d. in the amelioration fund. There are 18 financial and 15 unfinancial members.

Southern Cross was reached about 6 p.m. Here we were met by a League stalwart in Mr. Stan Hammer, president and acting secretary of the sub-branch, and also Hon. James Cornell, who had timed a visit to coincide with ours. I laid a wreath upon the local War Memorial which has been removed from its position in the town centre to a commanding site on a hill overlooking the town. A smoke social had been arranged for the evening, and we were pleased to see about 50 ex-service men present, which number included representatives from the newly-formed Marvel Loch sub-branch, also Mooring Rock and Bullsbrook. Bishop Elsey of Kalgoorlie also attended the gathering. Opportunity was taken by your representative to explain the aims and objects of the League, and an appeal was made for support and co-operation in keeping the organisation active and virile in that part of the State.

We sincerely hope that as a result of this visit, Southern Cross will once again attain the membership and standing as a League unit it enjoyed some years ago.

Our return journey to Perth was commenced on Sunday morning, and we appreciated the hospitality of Messrs. J. W. Spilman, L. Hillier and C. Hearle, members and secretary of the Baandee sub-branch. These gentlemen met us at the Hines Hill Hotel on arrival, and had very kindly arranged luncheon. At the gathering with them I learned that their chief concern was Rural Rehabilitation and the position was explained to them.

Apart from Southern Cross, where Mr. Hammer badly needs assistance from our returned comrades, there was evidence of great interest and an increasing membership. Addresses on the work of the League were listened to with great appreciation. In the older districts a more hopeful feeling amongst farmers was evident, but in some districts that are adjacent to the goldfields and farthest east are in a bad way. Many have left their farms and those who are remaining are wondering what the future holds for them. In these and the new scattered mining districts, the organising and...
keeping together of our sub-branches is difficult. Men come and go, are difficult to get in touch with and to keep together, but there is a big field for work throughout the whole mining area.

I wish to express my thanks for the hospitality and reception given to Mr. Ferguson and myself during our tour. York, Quairading, Bruce Rock, Merredin, Moorine Rock, Southern Cross and Baandee were visited and contact made with members of 5 other sub-branches.

COLONEL OLDEN AND MR. BENSON VISIT THE WHEAT BELT

At the last meeting of the State Executive the following report was submitted by Col. Olden:-

With the State Secretary I left Perth on March 26 and returned to the city on Sunday evening, March 29.

In that time we attended several set meetings or functions and made contact with the following sub-branches—Kulin, Kondinin, Wickepin, Yealering, Narrogin, Wagin, Dumbleyung and Lake Grace. Initial action was taken towards the formation of a new sub-branch at Kukerin, situated midway between Dumbleyung and Lake Grace.

Passing through Wickepin in the afternoon we were met by the president (Mr. A. Oliver) who introduced a number of local members. We arrived at Kulin about 5 p.m. and in company with three members of Parliament (the Hon. A. Thompson, Hon. F. Piesse, and Mr. H. Seward, M.L.A.), we were welcomed by the chairman (Mr. W. Dick), and the vice-chairman (Mr. R. McGuinness), of the local Road Board. Soon after 6 p.m. members of the Kulin sub-branch, together with their wives and a number of visitors sat down to dinner in the new sub-branch premises, Mr. Dave Honey being in the chair.

A social evening following the dinner, during which one of the best speeches was made by Mrs. Clark (president of the local women's auxiliary). During the proceedings of the social the building, which is the old Road Board headquarters, was handed over by the Road Board to the local sub-branch. It is a wooden structure and has been renovated and lined with plaster boards by the sub-branch members. Some of the furniture in the hall was made and finished in first-class workmanship manner by Mr. W. Tumber, the hon. secretary, and apart from sub-branch headquarters it is intended to supply facilities for the gymnastic instruction of the youths of the district.

A deputation from Katanning, headed by the president and secretary, waited upon us on matters affecting Land Settlement and the housing of aged ex-service men. Upwards of 300 people must have attended the Kulin function.

The following day we were driven around the district by Mr. Honey, and in the evening attended the annual reunion of the Yealering sub-branch, which was a really good show with Mr. J. H. Lawton presiding. Yealering has 47 members and £25 in the emergency fund and £8 in the general fund. At this gathering there were 44 ex-A.I.F. men and 14 ex-Imperial men, amongst them being nine ex-members of the Light Horse and six 28th Battalion men. Mr. A. G. White, president of Corrigin sub-branch, responded for kindred sub-branches.

Leaving Yealering on Saturday morning, March 28, we were met in Narrogin by Mr. Tom Sten and Mr. Tom Hogg, president and secretary. As Mr. Sten was going to Marradong that night we stayed some time to impart information to him in respect of land settlement.

We arrived at Dumbleyung about 1.45 p.m. and were met by the president (Mr. Larkins) and the secretary (Mr. Nicholson), and by no means less the redoubtable Tom Towers. After a pleasant hour we left again for Kukerin.

Mr. W. McKenna (ex-S.A. Vets.) is the licensee of a very fine two-storied hotel. Hearing that a number of ex-service men were resident we arranged to return to Kukerin on the Sunday morning.

Lake Grace sub-branch reunion took place in the Agricultural Hall on the Show Grounds, Mr. Pelham (president) presided over about 64 ex-service men. Afterwards at the hotel we managed to secure a back room and were plied with questions from serious-minded men until the early hours of the morning.

Leaving Lake Grace about 9.20 a.m. we arrived at Kukerin on Sunday morning soon after 10 o'clock and met six local ex-service men from whom we obtained the names of eighteen eligibles, to whom circulars have

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now been forwarded, indicating how a sub-branch could be formed.

We returned to Dumbleyung and were the recipients of hospitality by some members who had been at the regular meeting of the sub-branch the night before.

The visit to Kukerin had delayed our arrival at Wagin, which was announced at 11 a.m. We did not, however, arrive until 12.15. Some of the members had gone home, but some had waited. However, again we found them interested in land problems and the relief question. We were pleased to hear that definite effort is to be made to make Wagin sub-branch what it should be.

I feel that this visit will undoubtedly benefit the League. At Kulin they now have 100 per cent. membership. Two members were gained on the night of our visit, these being the only two men outside the League in that district. The country we found very dry, but there appears to be an improving outlook amongst farmers, and the revaluation of properties seems to be bringing about a feeling of brighter prospects.

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R.S.L. CRICKET ASSOCIATION

By W. L. M.

In the semi-final of the major pennant competition, Maylands beat Fremantle by the narrow margin of four runs, the totals being Maylands 73, and Fremantle 69. The best scores were by Mudie (Fremantle) 24, Robin (Maylands) 23, and Witte (Maylands) 20. The bowling honours for the winners were captured by McComish (5 for 21), Bill Graham (3 for 19), and Percy Patterson (2 for 23); and for Fremantle, Jennings (5 for 21), Mudie (2 for 11), Sheldrake (2 for 20), and Carter (1 for 17).

In the other semi-final Midland easily defeated Perth. Midland's scorers were Webster 43, Wilkinson 39, Higgins 35, and Byrne 31; while Thomas carried his bat for Perth, making 29 not out. Harold Holmes was the outstanding bowler for Perth.

The semi-finals of the minor pennant series resulted in wins for North Perth and Nedlands No. 1. North Perth, 235, Allsop, 3 for 20, Western, 3 for 39, Dival, 2 for 17, Wallace, 1 for 15; and Cottesloe: Eddy 2 for 32, and Beckley, 2 for 63.

The total scores in the other semi-final were Nedlands No. 1, 134 (Crain 24, Sorenson 23, Stone 16 not out, Green 22, Mayhew 12 and Bert King 10); and Mt. Hawthorn, 79 (Blunt 21, and Randle 16). The best bowling performances were: for Nedlands, Stone, 6 for 41, Crain, 3 for 12, and Green, 1 for 19; for Mt. Hawthorn: Randle, 4 for 25, and Marshall, 2 for 5.

Over 1,500 spectators assembled at Wellington Square on April 5 to witness the finals of the major and minor pennant competitions. In the major final Midland (122 and 8 for 144) defeated Maylands (148 and 110) by two wickets. Midland's victory was largely due to the

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THE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Practically all sub-branches of the League report increased membership, and we doubt if there is a sub-branch without a membership committee except a few fortunate ones who can boast 100 per cent membership. An offensive has been launched against all eligibles who do not wear the League’s badge of service and it is anticipated that it will continue in intensity until the objective of 10,000 members for this year is reached.

A special appeal is made to all within the ranks to continue their memberships and thus prevent what in the past has been a big leakage.

At a meeting of the Tramway sub-branch of the R.S.L. a motion which should be of value to the League in the drive for new members was carried unanimously “That the State Executive of the League be asked permission to convert the community of interest sub-branch (Tramways) to the Gloucester Park sub-branch, open to all returned men eligible to become members of the League. This permission having been granted, the hon. secretary, Mr. Wilkins, c/o. Car Barn, Hay Street, would be pleased to hear from any men desirous of joining up.”

His Excellency the Governor-General, speaking recently at the annual conference of the Federal Capital Territory Branch spoke feelingly of the work being accomplished by the League, and of the policy of which so wisely detached the organisation from all forms of party politics. The League, he said, should not be alienated by political bias from any section of the community.

“My only regret is that not more men have joined the League,” he said, “and I make an appeal to-night to those men. Are they quite playing the game by taking all the League gains for them without putting something into the fight? But for the League the prospects of many of those men would not be as good as they are to-day. Greater numbers and large subscriptions must mean more help for men going through hard times through no fault of their own.”

“I should like to see all those officers who held high commands taking an active interest in the welfare of the men, whose valour and steadfastness when under their command earned them their high rewards. A great example along these lines has been set by Lord Haig and Earl Jellicoe.”

Ex-members of Imperial Camel Corps who would be interested in the holding of a reunion during Centenary year, and interstate men who propose visiting Adelaide and who would like the opportunity of meeting old pals, are asked to communicate with F. W. Baker, 52 Palmerston Road, North Unley, sending their full names and addresses, also number of Company and Battalion.
BILLY is old as a soldier goes,
With hair that is rapidly turning grey.
Ever since ANZAC he's strafed our foes
In his own, cool, calm, methodical way.
He learned to shoot on a country range.
His aim is steady and quick and true.
"Bombe" says Bill "are good for a change,
But its the durned old rifle will pull you through".

Diggers who've scarcely been out a year,
These are to Bill but as untrained boys.
The name of Mill's to their heart is dear.
And they won't be happy without their toys.
"Not" says Bill "that they're much to blame".
Bred in a trench as one might say.
But when it comes to the open game
It's the well aimed bullet that wins the day.
With his cheek to the stock he will cuddle down.

While the swathes of the Huns as grass are mown;
At a burst of "rapid" into the brown.
Bill is a Lewis Gun on his own,
"Clean her and oil her and keep her neat,
She's a wonder" says Alf "when she gets her chance".

She stood by the "boys" in the great retreat;
She will do the same in the

GREAT ADVANCE.

J.H. PECK Lieut-Colonel.
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It is not pleasant for souls thirsting after the waters of unrighteousness to be entrapped in a lift about closing time. This is what happened to the committee of the 44th Battalion Association, less Colonel Charlie Lamb, who had a better tactical appreciation of the situation, after a recent meeting which ended at 8.50 p.m. The prisoners were immured, or perhaps one should say uplifted, for approximately 40 minutes and so missed the customary deoch-an-doris. Belated resourcefulness eventually saved the situation. A pane of glass was removed to permit a somewhat undignified exit. It must have been a sight for the gods when the rotund figures of Sid Mountain and Hugh McLean slid through an opening of thirteen by twelve inches. There seems to be something inadequate in the warning that these lifts are authorised to carry only eight people, especially when among the eight is included a couple of gentlemen, each of whom is capable of giving up his seat to two ladies in the trams.

Mr. F. A. Thomson, State Secretary of the West Australian Branch T.B. Sailors and Soldiers' Association of Australia, writes:—"As it seems there has been a report circulated that the W.A. branch of the T.B.S. and S. Association of Australia advertised for ladies to sell poppies last Poppy Day on commission, I desire to state that this report has been circulating in error. This association has never taken part in selling poppies on Poppy Day, nor received any benefits whatsoever therefrom."

H. Walker writes from Torbay.—A Plex Duplicator, which belonged to No. 5 District Committee (now defunct), was recently ballotted for among the sub-branches concerned and Torbay was the winner. The exc-secretary, (Mr. Leader, of Kentdale), who was about to leave this district, asked me to acknowledge receipt through The Listening Post. The Duplicator was duly received by me and I shall be pleased if you would be good enough to notify Mr. Leader in your columns as desired.

It is very gratifying to hear that our S.S.L. movement is being discussed in outside circles. At a recent largely attended meeting of the Chamber of Manufacturers several speakers made eulogistic references to the organisation. We understand many business men present were keenly interested. In fact, one of the latter got into touch with the assistant State Warden (Mr. R. A. Nicholas) to obtain more information regarding the League. We thank the gentleman concerned and trust that others in their wisdom will emulate their example.

Oscar Walters' verses in this issue remind us of an incident connected with the career of Brigadier-General Brand, now a Senator. One of the untidiest soldiers in Victoria Barracks, Sydney, had fallen in for the District Commandant's inspection of the permanent forces with canteen medals still glistening wet on his left breast.

"Ha——" said the Brig. " Been drinking beer."

"No," came the prompt reply. "Spilling it, sir."

The Education Department will again broadcast an Anzac Service for the benefit of school children on April 24. Head office would appreciate the active cooperation of sub-branch members, particularly where the headmaster desires assistance in the way of providing a flag pole or flag, or in the marshalling the children for the saluting of the flag. The present generation looks to the school children to carry on the traditions which the observance of each Anzac Day commemorates.

J. Pickering, of South Terrace, South Perth, has made a hobby of collecting regimental badges, etc., and is anxious to communicate with anyone who can assist to make his collection more complete.

The report of the trustees of the R.S.L. Relief Fund for the month of March shows that assistance was given to 67 A.I.F. and 22 ex-imperial applicants of whom only five A.I.F. men were members of the League. The total expenditure involved was £90 12s. 11d.

The report of a sub-branch festivity states that the musical arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. Beer. Beer is conducive to harmony.

Mr. Parkhill's idea of beautifying the militia force has given local Scotmen hope of raising a kilted regiment in Perth. Elderly gentlemen who wear trousers instead of kilts to their offices are enthusing over the prospect of seeing lads drilling in kilts, but the only tea leaf in the sink is the official stipulation that each Westralian Jock must pay four pounds, the difference between the price of the kilt and the more conventional infantryman's uniform. It looks as if the clash between Scottish instincts and Scottish aspirations will be a severe one. No one would have suspected the placid Mr. Parkhill of such Sassenach willingness. We wonder what the artificial limb factory will charge for the third leg when local Manxmen decided also to inflict old world anachronisms on a young country by forming a Manx regiment.

The project for an old soldiers' home induced the usual ass with more spleen than knowledge to write to The West Australian, slating the State Executive for not proceeding with the matter, and criticising the management of Anzac House to which, he alleges, no one not a member of the club is admitted. The correspondent courageously conceals his identity under the original pen name of "A Digger," therefore we are not in a position to know precisely how he arrived at his conclusion that the sub-

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State President to visit Wiluna and other Murchison Sub-Branches

Just before going to press we learned that the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) and the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) have arranged the following itinerary of sub-branch visits:
ANZAC MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT
(Sir Gilbert Dyett, C.M.G.)
On this date 21 years ago, the name of Australia was immortalised by the intrepidity, bravery, and tenacity of those heroic men who attacked and captured the hazardous and rugged heights of Gallipoli.

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Their inspiring and noble example on that memorable occasion was emulated by those who comprised the reinforcements to that great army of citizen soldiers—the Australian Imperial Force—whose patriotic and comradely spirit is being perpetuated and preserved by the members of the R.S.S.I.L.A., which is not only doing everything possible to ameliorate the conditions of the ex-service men and women of Australia, but is playing an important and effective part in promoting and safeguarding the best interests thereof.

Consequently, on this anniversary of that great adventure "the Landing at Gallipoli" which originated the impressive and ennobling commemoration services held on Anzac Day, I sincerely urge non-members to assist in maintaining the prestige and influence of the League by joining it, especially as such action would help the League to continue its helpful efforts on behalf of our less fortunate comrades and the dependants of those whose memory is being honoured throughout the Commonwealth to-day.

SUGGESTED CHANGE OF DATE OF ANNUAL CONGRESS
Kalgoorlie sub-branch desire a change in the date of the annual congress and sent the following letter to the State Executive. The matter is referred to the next congress. Sub-branches in the meantime should give thought to the matter. The letter reads:—

For some time now it has appeared to many of the congress delegates that the present period of holding congress, namely one week prior to Show Week, is unsuitable to the present conditions of affairs of the League in W.A. It is quite understood that the date was selected because many of the delegates from country sub-branches were interested in the Royal Show and so combined the business of the League with their own business and attended the Show.

I am sure your Executive will agree that of late years soldier settlers' sub-branches' delegates have certainly attended the soldier settlers' congress, but a vast majority of them have not waited for the general congress much less for the Royal Show. This, of course, is not due to lack of interest in the general congress of the League, but to the state of depression existing for the last several years in the farming industry.

It is felt that now there are so many sub-branches operating in W.A. occasion should be taken to fix the period of congress at a more suitable date, so as to enable delegates from country sub-branches to enjoy the wonderful summer resorts in and around the metropolitan area. With a view to this it is suggested that consideration be given to the transference of the date of congress from the August-September period to a date towards the end of January.

This will have, we feel, a very good effect on the general tone of congress, in so much as it will enable many of the professional men at present active in country sub-branches, such as school teachers, etc., to attend, as during that period that have their annual leave, and also as that period is the hottest in the years in W.A. there will be the added attraction of the summer resorts of the State.

It is quite understood that this cannot operate this year on account of the Constitution, but it is our intention to move in this direction at the next congress and to this end we would be grateful for the result of any deliberations which the State Executive may make as a result of this letter.

EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK
Empire Shopping Week this year will be held from May 25 to May 30, and the Executive Committee, augmented by other citizens who have been prominent in the movement for years have arrangements well in hand. Once again Mr. Hastings C. Reid has agreed to act as hon. organiser, and it is hoped that during the week at least every shop window will display Empire goods, specialising on goods produced in Western Australia and that there shall also be shown appropriate posters which will be made available by the controlling committee.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Soldier Candidates

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The Hon. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C.

The Hon. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C., who is again seeking the suffrages of the electors of South Province, is well enough known to diggers both on account of his Parliamentary career and his services to the League. He has been a member of every State Executive since 1919, excepting one year when he did not seek re-election for health reasons. In addition to being keenly interested in agricultural and mining matters, Mr. Cornell has represented Australia at two B.E.S.L. Conferences, the famous one in South Africa where he was a member of the committee which drew up the constitution under which the B.E.S.L. has operated ever since, and at an equally important one in Canada. Apart from his war service, he has travelled extensively and read much, so that he has brought into politics a keen mind, broadened by first-hand knowledge of the way affairs are managed in other countries.

Mr. Cornell has been a very useful member of the Legislative Council for many years. His profound knowledge of constitutional procedure was recognised in his appointment as Deputy President and Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Fergie Reid

Mr. Fergie Reid, the independent candidate for the East Province, is a digger who has been farming in the Quairading district for over 25 years, during which he has always associated himself with all movements designed to benefit the farmer. He is a strong advocate of the amalgamation of the W.G.U. and the P.P.A., being a financial member of both associations. As a returned soldier, he has, since his return from France in 1918, been an active member of the R.S.L. and was president of the Quairading sub-branch for four or five years. He has represented the sub-branch at several State Congresses. At present he is a delegate chosen to inquire into the over-capitalisation of soldiers’ properties and into the readjustment of debts. Mr. Reid has been a member of the Quairading Road Board for the past 17 years, and has been appointed a delegate to every conference. Among other things he has always taken a keen interest in all local sports and activities and is a member of the local hospital committee.

Sons of Soldiers’ League

All Sons will be pleased to know that this year an official wreath from the Sons of Soldiers’ League will be placed on the State War Memorial at the Dawn Service on Anzac Day. Sons who find it possible to attend will be proud to know that each and all of them are represented at that solemn and impressive ceremony.

Anzac Day Parade

Join the ranks of the S.S.L. and make this year’s record parade. All sub-branches are asked to organise their members and make it possible for every Son to be present. We intend to show the public of Western Australia that the Sons of Soldiers’ League is a movement to be proud of. You will march behind your own banner for the first time. This is a beautifully coloured flag bearing the design of the S.S.L. badge. We ask returned soldiers to encourage their boys, whether members of the S.S.L. or not, to join us. There is no need for boys to march in the parade with their fathers—the warden will be there to take care of them. You will be notified by circular and through the Press the time and place of meeting. In suburban and country districts where special services are being held Sons are asked to co-operate, and we hope the R.S.L. sub-branches will give you a place of honour.

At the last meeting of the Medical Units Association it was decided to hold the annual reunion and smoke social on Saturday, May 23. Tickets may be procured at the parade on Anzac Day for the modest sum of 2s. 6d. Plenty of Mist Tussi and Number 9 will be on issue.

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**STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

**11TH MARCH, 1936**

At the meeting of the State Executive on March 11, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Panton, Aberle, Margolin, James, Lovell, Wilkins, Mitchel1, Pady, Wells, Collins and Newman.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Olden, Sten, Collett, Philip, Denton, Hunt, Freedman, Cornnell, Warner, Watt, Ross, Lamb, Nicholas, Henning and Roche.

The State President read a letter of greeting from Archdeacon Riley.

Resignation.—Mr. G. Philip tendered his resignation from the State Executive and, after the State President had referred to the valuable services rendered the League by Mr. Philip over a long period, it was decided on the motion of Colonel Margolin, seconded by Mr. Aberle, that Mr. Philip be granted three months' leave of absence.

D.N.O.—The State President intimated that the District Naval Officer (Commander J. C. McFarlane) would attend the meeting of the Executive on March 25.

Routine.—The State Secretary reported that following the staff offices in the basement of Anzac House had been made available for the conveniences of country members filling in debt relief application forms.

Finance.—In presenting the report of the Finance Committee, Colonel Margolin referred to the difficulty in keeping up the supply of badges and the experience in this respect of other State branches.

A donation of £3 from the Press women's auxiliary was paid to the Aged Relief Fund.

Pensions.—The report of the Pensions Committee, presented by Mr. Panton, mentioned that the following resolution had been taken by Rabbi Freedman to the Repatriation Commission in Melbourne:—'That, where, in the opinion of the State Board or other Repatriation authority, the unsuccessful applicant for a disability pension may succeed in an application for a service pension, authority be granted for the Repatriation Department to notify the applicant to apply for a service pension.'

House Committee.—The House Committee's report, submitted by Mr. Aberle, referred to the proposal to commence community concerts in the ballroom of Anzac House from Monday, April 20, and each succeeding Monday until further notice, in co-operation with broadcasting station 6IX.

The report was adopted.

Visitors.—At this stage, the State President welcomed members of the War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal (Colonel Mason, Colonel Dibdin, and the secretary, Mr. S. Riley). The President's welcome was supported by Messrs. Aberle and Panton. Col. Mason and his colleagues replied and in a sympathetic manner, reviewed the appeal legislation. Mr. Panton then took the chair in the temporary absence of the State President, who was entertaining the visitors.

Visits.—The following reports of visits were received:—State President (Albany sub-

branch and No. 4 District Committee); Mr. W. J. James (Mr. Hawthorn); Colonel Margolin (Hospital visiting committee).

Arising out of Colonel Margolin's report, it was resolved on the motion of Messrs. Aberle and Wilkins, that the matter of furnishing the sick ward at Lemnos Hospital be taken up with the Repatriation Department.

Lazarette.—The State Secretary read a communication from the Minister for Health in which it was stated that medical opinion in the matter of the lazarette at Woorooloo must be accepted, and the Minister could see no reason for removing lepers to a remote or isolated island. (N.B.—The English is the Minister's, not ours.) It was decided to forward a copy of the reply to the Woorooloo sub-branch.

Soldier Settlement.—The Minister for Lands advised that it was unnecessary to repeal Clause 2 of the Rural Relief Act, as under the security taken for advances from the funds there was no penalty clause and no power to compel payment. It was decided to ask the Minister if there were any objection to his reply being circularised to sub-branches.

The State Secretary read a reply from the Agricultural Bank Commissioners intimating that Sections 42 and 47 of the Bank Act required that interest should be raised half-yearly. It was decided that the information

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be conveyed to sub-branches by circular. A letter was received from the Wickepin sub-branch in appreciation of the efforts of the Land Committee on behalf of soldier settlers.

War Service Homes.—Referring to resolutions passed by Nedlands sub-branch, urging the provision of additional funds, the War Service Homes Commission informed the League of what was contemplated in the next estimates. It was resolved to advise the sub-branch accordingly.

Membership.—Mr. Newman submitted a report in connection with the recent membership dinner and the favourable references received at head office.

At this stage, the State President resumed the chair.

Letters in connection with membership from Mr. H. J. Sykes (No. 11 Ward), Serpentine sub-branch, and Mr. W. A. Stevenson, were referred to the Membership Committee.

Returned Soldiers’ Business.—The State Secretary said that the use of the term “Returned Soldiers” in the description of businesses not conducted by ex-service men had been mentioned at last year’s Congress and referred to Headquarters, 5th Military District, with the request that action be taken under Section 30 (a) of the Defence Act. District Headquarters notified the League that suitable action was being taken to delete the words “Returned Soldier” from a certain business, or the matter would be placed in the hands of the Commonwealth Crown Solicitor.

General.—Letters were received from Perth, Nedlands and Subiaco sub-branches in connection with the establishment of homes for war veterans and aged mothers as a memorial to the late King George V. This matter was referred to the Pension Committee.

The appointments of Mr. W. R. Stevenson, as secretary of the Poultry and Dairy Farmers sub-branch, and Mr. T. Thurgood, as secretary of the Serpentine sub-branch, were confirmed.

The annual report of the R.S.L. Trading Company, indicating improved business, was received. Mr. A. H. Panton was appointed League’s representative for the meeting of shareholders on March 24, and visitors to sub-branches were invited to mention this Trading Company and its claims on League members for a share of their business, particularly in the increase of club sales by.

The State President stated that the Anzac Day Committee would meet on March 18. Colonel Wiek would be invited to attend this meeting.

It was understood that Sir Isaac Isaacs would be passing through the State and the State President would be authorised to make suitable arrangements for his reception.

It was decided to convey congratulations to Mr. Andrew Halley of the Maylands sub-branch on his appointment as Traffic Superintendent if the Tramways.

25th MARCH, 1936

At the meeting on March 25 there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Collett, Denton, Aberle, Hunt, Warner, Watt, Lovell, Wilkins, Ross, Wells, Lamb, Collins, Nicholas, Henning, Roche, Margolin and Newman, in connection with the laying of the Legacy Club wreath.

The report was adopted with the laying of the Legacy Club wreath.

Colonel Margolin reported that he had discussed the Esplanade arrangements and they had a suggestion to make later on.

Land Committee.—The report of the Land Committee traversed the committee’s discussions and interviews with the Rural Relief Trustees and the General Manager of the Agricultural Bank. The report was adopted and, in connection with migration the following opinion of the Land Committee was endorsed:—“That migration would automatically follow when the agricultural community was placed in a position of reasonable prosperity, and that in any representations made by the League to the Commonwealth Government, this opinion should be stressed.”

R.S.L. Relief Fund.—The report of the operations of the R.S.L. Relief Fund, during the month of February, showed that 109 approved cases had been dealt with and of these only 10 were members of the League. The total expenditure for the month was £149 1s. 6d. The report was adopted.

Empire and Local Trading.—Mr. Watt informed the meeting that Mr. Hastings Reid had again consented to act as organiser of the Empire Shopping Week. On the motion of Mr. Aberle and Colonel Denton, it was agreed to make the usual donation of £5 to the funds of the committee controlling the campaign.

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MAYLANDS

A recent donation of three dozen cups and saucers by Messrs. W. J. Lovell, H. Baker, H. Woods, L. W. Smith, D. Crook and J. Omerod was extremely welcome. The balance sheet discloses a healthy position, the credit balance on February 16 being £12 16s. 10d. During the last year fully a dozen cases of distress were assisted. A recent social activity was the visit of the sub-branch cricket team to Lemnos, where, after an enjoyable game, during which Bill Lovell’s 22 was the top score, the visitors emerged victorious by 19 runs. The new president (Mr. H. Woods) took the chair at last month’s meeting, and welcomed two new members. As a result of the membership drive, four former members have rejoined.

SERPENTINE

A successful social and dance was held in the Serpentine Hall on March 11. The entertainment was provided by the Main Road’s Birming Gang, under the direction of Mr. Allan, in aid of the funds of the sub-branch, defraying the costs of the hall and the band, while the womenfolk, assisted by the auxiliary, took entire charge of the supper arrangements. Members of the gang rendered items after every third dance and the funds benefited to the tune of £4 9s. 1d. In reply to the hearty vote of thanks tendered him and his helpers, Mr. Allan eulogised the work and worth of the R.S.L.

ALBANY

The sub-branch had a busy time of it during the Back to Albany Week. The R.S.L. Ball was a great social success, while the Australia-wide reunion was responsible for the mobilisation of 200 ex-service men, proving one of the biggest efforts of its kind yet organised in the Commonwealth. Among the portions of the Empire represented were New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and India. All the fighting services had their representatives present and those of the R.A.N. included a survivor of the “Sydney”-“Emden” fight. In his report

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Visits.—The following visits were reported:—State President, Gosnells; Colonel Olden, Coolup and Belmont; Mr. E. S. Watt, Carlisle, Mt. Magnes, Victoria Park and Mt. Lawley; Mr. H. C. Newman, Bullsbrook; Mr. H. L. Roche, Dumbleyung, Lake Grace and Yaraling; Colonel Margolin, Mt. Helena.

On the motion of Colonel Olden and Mr. Aberle, it was decided that when invitations from sub-branches were accepted, a reminder should be forwarded to the Executives concerned shortly before the function is to take place.

Mention was also made of the number of non-soldiers admitted to the R.S.L. functions, sometimes without the entertaining sub-branch receiving notification.

Mr. F. L. Warner, who had already forwarded an apology to the sub-branch, apologised for not attending a function at Muku-budin as he had been ill. Mr. Warner was appointed Executive representative at Muku-budin on Anzac Day.

Home for Aged Sailors and Soldiers.—Letters were received from a number of sub-branches, following the receipt of a circular from an inmate of the Old Men’s Home.

The State President made a statement setting out the position, and also intimated that he had called a meeting of a sub-committee to discuss the proposal.

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on the ceremonies, the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) said that Captain Butler, the Resident Magistrate and president of the Albany sub-branch, extended a welcome to the executive delegates that day. Mayor of Albany, the new member for the district (Mr. H. M. A.), Dr. Home, and representatives of fourteen sub-branches, including Mardingbool, Boddington and Lake Grace. The dinner in the Naval Drill Hall particular reference was made to the long and effective work of Mesdames Haines, Pearson, Lawson, Hill, Neal and Evans. Mrs. Craigie also contributed to the success of the function.

As accommodation was difficult to obtain, the Albany sub-branch had permission to use Government House, previously occupied as a summer residence of the Governor. On the morning after the dinner representatives of the sub-branch met in the Soldiers' Institute, leased from the Railway Department. The Institute is in spick and span condition, having recently been painted and renovated, and in the surroundings great care and attention had obviously been shown by some members with gardening qualifications.

No. 4 DISTRICT COMMITTEE
The State President reported having attended a meeting of No. 4 District Committee at Albany, during the Back to Albany Week.

The District Committee meeting extended from 10.30 a.m. to about 1.45 p.m., when it was decided to adjourn proceedings for one month. The whole time was occupied with reports, including one from Mr. Roche, the Committee's representative on this Executive, the secretary's reports, and financial statement and extensive correspondence. The reading of correspondence provoked many questions, which Mr. Hunt, myself or the State Secretary were called upon to answer.

I think that from the questions and information given the sub-branch representatives and others listening we were left much better informed on matters concerning Rural Relief. We left Albany about 5 p.m. on Sunday, staying the night at Kojonup, where Mr. H. L. Roche, Mr. J. G. Finlay and Mr. W. Partridge entertained us. The visit to such a large and representa-

tive gathering was, I consider, worth while, and as a result there will undoubtedly be a better understanding between Head Office and the officials of the District Committee.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Hunt and the State Secretary visited the Albany Hospital, where the medical officer (Dr. Home) and the matron received them and introduced a returned soldier whose identity had been mixed up with another person, and whose pension claim was prejudiced in consequence. The necessary action is being taken to have this matter adjusted.

MANJIMUP
Grollo headgear, an impersonation of Madame from Argentieres, and a sandbagged souvenir German machine gun, gave a touch of amusing realism to the eminently successful reunion dinner at Manjimup. Bob Newton, president of the sub-branch, took the chair, and over 70 sat down to enjoy the baked meats and the bonne vivant food. The principal guests were Mr. C. I. Doust, member for Nelson in the Legislative Assembly; Mr. J. W. Margerson, chairman of Manjimup Road Board; that good friend of the sub-branch, Mr. Fontanini; and the Rev. W. Bushell. Lou Goodman proposed the toast of neighbouring sub-branches, which was responded to by Frank Hunter and Hubert Jay of Yarram. Guy Duffield proposed the toast of Parliaments at home, with the name of the new digger member. Mr. Doust was heartily cheered when he rose to respond. Mr. A. Fontanini also received an ovation when he got up in response to Laurie Sim's toast of the sub-branch's friends outside the League. Jack Murdock officiated at the piano. Jock Mackenzie led the choruses in addition to giving special items. Other performers were Snowy Baker, and ventriloquist Roy Pearce. The Eppington brothers did some clever trick comedy and Hadley Harmon proved his worth as an eccentric comic-

PERTH
Meetings during the month of March could have been better attended and the president desires that members will give this matter their urgent attention. Social activities have been very pleasant and those who do not attend meetings, are missing some good nights. On Monday, March 23, representatives of the sub-branch went along to the Hopetoun Lodge, I.O.O.F., at Victoria Park, and had a wonderful evening playing a challenge match with that organisation at parlour bowls. This is where the president excelled himself. If you would like to please the president just tell him that he is a champion parlour bowl player. At the meeting on March 24 a team of 8 bridge players came from the Railway goods yard, and a most interesting game resulted. Felicitations were extended both ways and the gathering was a most cordial one. The sub-branch is well behind the scheme for the provision of a home for the aged sailors and soldiers, and the provision of a rest room at Anzac House. If you are interested in these matters your attendance at meetings would be welcomed.

NANNUP
The meeting at Jarrahwood was attended by troops to the number of nine, who journeyed 16 miles. Members were met by vice-president Jim McCoy, whose chief-of-staff and hon. quartermaster is one Bill Eighteen and Dick Hall. We are now 22 strong. Sol Ledger's voice, as he greets Ernie Mowday and others, can be heard across the hall. Billy Williams is seated at the centre of the table looking ready for business and by his side is Joe, with his minute book and papers. To judge by the look on his face he is too sub-due. Now we are in full swing and the business is being polished off in a business like way. President Billy Williams demands attention. He's making a presentation on behalf of the sub-branch to Dick Ford, who is leaving us for Mullewa, where he has been transferred. Dick, under the circumstances, ably responds and wishes the sub-branch every success. Bill Eighteen and his cobber, Joe Quinn, who reckon they make nineteen between them, are also leaving us. Well, the cup that cheers is losing its attraction and the flag is nearly empty and nine of us have 16 miles to go before we arrive at our homes. The clock says 11.15 p.m. Good nights are shouted amid the noise of starting cars. We are seated and on the journey home. We feel confident that we will be able to spin any yarn that the "situation" may require. So ends another entertaining night.

BULLSBROOK
There was a good attendance at the March meeting held in the Lower Chittering Hall. The president (Bill Newton) welcomed Mr. Newman (State Executive) and Mr. Anderson (president of Nedlands sub-branch). Both gentlemen addressed the meeting. Mr. Anderson's subject was "The Home for Prematurely Aged Returned Soldiers and Sailors."
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M.L.A., gave some of his experiences on the road to and from the House. Other speakers were Messrs. Serisier, Beer, Rutherford, Forrett, Tomkin and Jones. The musical programme was in the capable hands of Mr. Beer, who thanked all those contributing (Messrs. Ben Davis, Kennedy, Brindle, Keane, Mason, Wesley, Tomlin and Boys). The catering was well looked after by Messrs. Stovin, Butler and Sinclair. We are fortunate in having two of our now two head teachers of schools (Messrs. Beer and Jones) from whom we may expect considerable help at meetings.

QUAIRADING

The annual reunion dinner was held on April 2. There was a good muster of members and guests. Amongst the latter were the State President (Mr. A. Yeates), and assistant State Secretary (Mr. Ferguson). A civic reception, tendered the State President in the afternoon by the chairman and members of the Road Board, was attended by representatives of citizens of the district. The other guests included the Hon. C.G. Latham, M.L.A., the presidents and secretaries of the Y.P.S., Bruce Legion sub-branches. Mr. R. T. Keast, the Quairading president, was in the chair. One of our South African veterans went "west" last month (Frank Harder), whom we missed very much; however, Glenn Treloar filled the vacancy and related how he ran down the donkey in South Australia. Another old comrade of the Boer War (H. M. Growden) the genial Road Board chairman, did not quite seem his usual bluff and hearty self, he is evidently worried by one of the usual plagues of farm life (the roofs of his out-buildings and stables, etc., were blown off by an American cyclone) and he suffers from a microbe named "Vertigo" when on top replacing. Harry Clemens and Harry Walker both excelled themselves, it looks as though Harry Clemens is practising for Parliament. Tom Effridge did well for the South African veterans, and it was really quite touching to see the poor old chaps getting misty-eyed, but, of course, there might have been some other reason for that. Fergie Reid eulogised our doctor and Charlie Kirkwood. Past president Fraser said some nice things about kindred sub-branches and considered it an honour to see them more often.

The chairman (J. R. T. Keast) proposed the toast of the State Executive, coupled with the name of Mr. Yeates. In responding to the various toasts Mr. Yeates gave an admirable resume of the aims and activities of the League; Mr. Latham on Parliament; and Mr. Ferguson on war pensions. The three visiting sub-branch presidents also addressed the gathering. George White was in his usual good form. Songs, recitations and spoon dances were rendered by Jack Waller, Snowy Robinson, Young Glen and Teddy Woodward. The toast of the sub-branch, proposed by Mr. Yeates, was responded to by Mr. Keast. Jim Dolin, in replying briefly to the toast of the host, was nervous and had to be supported by two waitresses.

BUSSELTON

At the recent annual meeting a good muster was present, and T. Morris was elected president; Mr. Greatorex, secretary, and W. H. Willmott, treasurer. It was decided to go after members, and generally try to revive interest in the sub-branch. The matter of the Institute, of which our lease expires next year, also came in for discussion. The evening finished with an enjoyable and bright smoke social. The new executive got to work at once, and at the last sub-branch meeting in March, which was attended by about 40 members, the secretary was able to announce that last year's membership roll of 41 had already been increased to 65, with several more still to be roped in. Arrangements are well in hand for Anzac Day, and for the annual R.S.L. Ball on April 27. This is going to be something special. Neighbouring sub-branches please note the date. The cricketers of this sub-branch went over to Capel on March 29 and had a most enjoyable day as guests of Capel sub-branch. The latter, however, proved that they knew a lot more about cricket than our local celebrities. We hope to entertain Capel in return on April 26. This sub-branch has taken the initiative in attempting to form a District Committee for the lower South-West, and a conference is to be held shortly. It is hoped to bring in Nannup, Rosa Brook, Karridale, Cowaramup, Forrest Grove and Busselton, and it is felt that there is hope of such a District Committee doing much good in these parts.

VICTORIA PARK

The March meeting took the form of a presentation night. A war widow wrote thanking members for their good work in painting her house, and a letter of thanks was received from the winner of the glory box. The matter of the home for aged soldiers is being taken up. A membership drive is being organised. The digger who enrolls most members this year is to receive a prize of two guineas, kindly donated by Mr. Jim Johnson, manager of the Victoria Park Theatres. The meeting decided to enter teams for the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield competition. Certificates of Service were presented to J. Cox, retiring president, and to J. Barnett, who was retiring from the committee. Ex-president Alf Shadgott presented the certificate to the retiring president, and paid him a few left-handed compliments. The other certificate was presented by ex-president Robert Alexander. Joe Barnett, who keeps whippets, is breeding a lot of "hot dogs" for the winter meetings. Mr. E. S. Watt, of the State Executive, addressed the meeting on matters of interest in regard to pensions, relief, unemployment and soldier settlement. His speech should be printed in "The Listening Post" and a copy posted to all diggers who are not members of the R.S.L., that is if it is possible to do so. The address showed a wonderful record of splendid work accomplished by the R.S.L.

MAYLANDS

The membership drive is being energetically conducted, and efforts are meeting with a fair measure of success. The twenty-first anniversary memorial service will be held as usual in Memorial Park, adjacent to the Maylands Town Hall, on April 25, at 3 p.m. If the weather is unfavourable, the service will be held in the hall. The free use of this hall has been granted by the Perth Road Board for many years now, which is very much appreciated by the sub-branch. Our padre member (the Rev. J. A. Sanders) is arranging the religious part of the ceremony and will give the main address. The Salvation Army Band will again lead the march from the assembly point in front of the Maylands Town Hall to the Memorial, where the laying of wreaths will be conducted. The president hopes that all returned soldiers in the Maylands district, whether they are members of the sub-branch or not, will take part in the parade. Warrant Officer Stanfield will be in charge of the parade. It is desired that all returned sailors and soldiers be at the assembly point not later than 2.30 p.m. The Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield competitions are now occupying the attention of members. The R.S.L. cricket season has now closed. Midland having beaten Maylands are now premiers for the year 1936. Our captain (Leo McComish) is to be congratulated.
on the finer showing his team put up this year, and having run so close to winning the pennant. The competitions are a valuable adjunct to the R.S.L. activities.

OSBORNE PARK
At the fortnightly meeting Mr. Doug. Foreman was congratulated by the members for his work in the redecoration of the hall. The local Anzac Day service will be held as usual in the Agricultural Hall at 3 p.m. The Coastal Scottish Pipe Band will lead the march from the Memorial Hall. Members are urged to put in early for preparing for the A.R.M.S. competitions. Through the absence of the president (J. Gardner), now on night shift, Bill Ashdown, the senior vice-president, has been taking the chair at meetings. Old members and new members are being added to the roll, and with the fortnightly socials commencing shortly members are looking forward to an enjoyable winter's programme.

SUBIACO
On April 2 Colonel J. E. Mitchell presided over a large attendance of members. Mr. G. Lomas was enrolled as a new member and welcomed by the president. Mr. Fraser reported that the sports match with the Bassendean sub-branch had resulted in a tie. The visitors expressed their thanks and satisfaction at the manner in which they had been entertained by the Suby boys. In cooperation with the Municipal Council arrangements are in hand for certain renovations in the meeting room. It was decided that the old piano now in the premises be handed over to women's auxiliary to be disposed of, the funds going towards the purchase of a more suitable instrument. A series of Saturday night social and dance evenings are suggested for the coming cool season, by which a two-fold object might be achieved—funds for the new piano, and closer social relationship between R.S.L. and auxiliary members and friends. Mr. E. Congdon, Mr. H. R. Beaver and the secretaries reported on various social items. A working bee of ten members, including Mr. Martin, the municipal gardening expert, attended at the State Memorial in King's Park on March 29, and carried out necessary improvements. Colonel S. R. Roberts, the warrant officer, is always on his job and inspiring his sub-wardens in carrying out the various duties necessary to that office. In connection with Anzac Day ceremonies at Subiaco it was decided that arrangements would be on the same lines as in former years. On Sunday, April 5, the sub-branch conducted an outing to Coogee Beach. About 150 people were conveyed in two buses and several members' cars. Families of members and new members were invited, several from the women's auxiliary and friends united in having a really enjoyable outing. Free ginger beer and ices were provided for the children, foot races were conducted and prizes were liberally distributed among the competitors. In the 75 yards sprint for ladies first place was gained by Mrs. J. E. Mitchell, with Mrs. Bolin second. The 75 yards for men was won by A. Buggins, with E. Congdon second. This picnic was the first for many years, and was unanimously voted a great success.

BASSENDEAN
At the meeting on April 2, the main business was the arrangements for Anzac Day, members will participate in the Dawn Service at the Guildford Memorial and in the vigil from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 24, until 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 25. The afternoon ceremony will be conducted in the Bassendean Memorial Reserve. Sympathy for aged and burnt-out soldiers was expressed, and it was resolved to ask the State Executive to do everything possible to provide a home for those who need it. A eulogy of the secretary (F. Leng), who, during his 16 months of office, has gained 126 members, mainly through personal effort, was recorded in the minutes. The Commonwealth Public Works Department was criticised for having let two major contracts to private firms, thereby, it was considered, depriving returned soldiers of preference in employment. Bassendean co-operated with Bayswater sub-branch in a picnic for their families and friends. The outing included a river trip to Fremantle which was thoroughly enjoyed over 350 fathers, mothers and youngsters. River music was provided by Messrs. R. Irwin and J. Cluett. The following were thanked for donations of ginger beer, confectionery and fruit: Messrs. J. Woods, V.C., H. Tull, W. Day, E. Byrnes, of the Guildford Hotel, J. Tanner, of the Bassendean Hotel, Foy and Gibson Ltd., and the Swan Brewery. The sub-branch secretaries (Messrs. F. Leng, Bassendean, and Spencer, Bayswater) and their social committees are to be specially congratulated on the success of a most enjoyable outing.

YARRI
Changes of men employed on the mine, long hours and other matters, combined with the Christmas holidays, made it necessary for the sub-branch to go into recess for several weeks. Now that things are more or less normal it is hoped that membership will be increased. Since the formation of the sub-branch in July last a nice little hall has been built at a cost of £150, most of which was subscribed in two buses and several members' cars. Families of members and new members were invited, several from the women's auxiliary and friends united in having a really enjoyable outing. Free ginger beer and ices were provided for the children, foot races were conducted and prizes were liberally distributed among the competitors. In the 75 yards sprint for ladies first place was gained by Mrs. J. E. Mitchell, with Mrs. Bolin second. The 75 yards for men was won by A. Buggins, with E. Congdon second. This picnic was the first for many years, and was unanimously voted a great success.

MOUNT LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD
The annual reunion in Wallish's Hall on March 21 was well attended. Among the visitors were Messrs. Watt and Bill James of the State Executive, R. V. Shearn, M.I.A., and A. J. Mallet. During the evening Certificates of Service were presented to Messrs. O. J. Williams (past president), R. A. Wood (secretary), and E. Allwood (treasurer). Musical and other items were rendered by Messrs. H. McMahon, H. Partington, Jimmy Lord and Frank Richards. On Sunday, March 22, the sub-branch co-operated with the women's auxiliary in giving 22 of the boys from Lennox an outing and high tea at Waterman's Bay. A programme of lectures and talks has been arranged for the winter months.

COTTESLOE
At the committee meeting on March 17, it was decided to compete in the A.R.M.S. competitions, and the secretary would like the names of all willing to join in and pull their weight. After debate, the committee decided to recommend to the next general meeting that the sub-branch support the project for a home for prematurely aged soldiers. At the monthly meeting on April 7, the sub-branch adopted the committee's recommendation. It was ascertained that South Perth will be the first to meet Cottesloe in the A.R.M.S. competitions. The chairman of the War Memorial Committee stated that he could give no definite information as yet about the hall, as one of the most important memmbers of the committee was out of town on business. At the conclusion of the general business, Major Athol Hobbs gave an interesting talk on the North-West Frontier of India. Several new members were enrolled. The local Anzac Day commemoration will be observed.

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ARDATH-BABAKIN

The annual meeting took place on April 4. Mr. A. Wheeler was elected president for a fourth term with Mr. T. G. Reticic as vice-president. Mr. A. King was again appointed treasurer, with Mr. A. Cant as secretary. The president's report disclosed that this sub-branch's activities for the year stamp it as a real live sub-branch of diggers good and true. The vice-president made a very strong appeal to have something tangible done for the better care of the prematurely aged returned men and was warmly supported by old Harry, we don't know why, as advancing age is just an excuse for the old soldier to grow younger. We will again conduct Anzac Service this year which has always been well supported. The year's activities will be finished off in the usual manner with a smoke social in which we receive able and general support from our patron.

CLAREMONT

Four new members were greeted at the April general meeting on April 2. The main item of the evening was the reminder to members that arrangements for the children's hall, to be held on April 17, were well in hand, and only the co-operation of the members was required to crown with success the efforts of the social committee and women's auxiliary. While on the subject of the women's auxiliary, may we extend the belated wishes for a very happy trip to the worthy president (Mrs. Fitzpatrick). May her holiday be every bit as pleasant as she hopes it will be. The Sons of Soldiers' League still goes happily on its way. It is hoped that finality will somehow be reached as regards the use of the Drill Hall for fortnightly meeting. The sub-branch extends its heartiest congratulations to the boys' immediate past president (Mr. A. G. Eddy) on his performance in earning the right to represent the State in Sydney. Members will be almost as proud as his dad if he shoots straight enough to bring the trophy over to Western Australia. Thanks to the generosity of the management, Princess Theatre and the Picture Gardens have been placed at the disposal of the sub-branch for its Anzac Day service Madame Bennett Wilkinson, whose services over the last twenty years to the returned soldiers, particularly to those whom the Gods of War frowned upon, cannot be forgotten, is now a resident of the district, and a welcome surprise at the meeting was a request from Madame for assistance to straighten up the surroundings of her home. The request was met by the provision of an unemployed member, the necessary expenses being met by the sub-branch. Heartfelt congratulations were extended to Bill Ford on the completion of three years of service as secretary. How his sterling services are appreciated was evident by the "bear heart" that greeted the remark by a member "Many happy returns of the day." Games were entered into with a zest which augurs ill for our opponents in the A.R.M.S. games. West Leederville, by the way, are our first rivals and will entertain us on their home pitch on the evening of May 1. Members are informed that the Parish Hall has been made available to the terms for a final practice on May 1. A good roll-up is desired so that the various team captains may finalise their selection. Owing to the difficulty in obtaining the hall at Claremont, we would like to notify opponents that our home fixtures are: South Perth, May 22; Nedlands, June 12; Cottesloe, June 26; and Victoria Park, July 24.

AT REST

During the services on Anzac Day our thoughts will turn with natural yearning to the last resting places of those who made the great sacrifice. Although only a privileged few will ever be able to make the pilgrimages across the sea to the graves of the fallen, we can rest assured that these are tended with constant care and devotion through the ministrations of the Imperial War Graves Commission.

Formed from every unit of the British Empire and with an endowment fund of £9,000,000, the Commission set itself the gigantic task of erecting and maintaining cemeteries and memorials to the million dead. In all parts of the world, under both British and foreign flags, graves with the British headstones are to be found, telling for many a year to come a tale of sacrifice and devotion to duty. The burial grounds have been given by the nations in perpetuity—given in the hope that these will be the last war graves ever required.

Whether they be lone or in companies of hundreds and thousands, each grave is treated in the same way regardless of rank, creed or race. The headstone is of British marble (except in Turkey) and bears the regimental badge, the soldier's name, his religious emblem and an inscription sent by his next-of-kin. Over the unidentified, the stone bears the simple words "A soldier of the Great War, Known unto God."

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On Gallipoli, in deference to the religion of the Turk, there is no Cross of Sacrifice erected, merely the Stone of Remembrance with a cross sometimes carved on it. The headstones, too, are little, white sloping marble slabs, resting on the ground but with the inscriptions similar to those of their comrades in other lands. Sir Ian Hamilton says of the 31 cemeteries on the Peninsula: "They are gardens of the dead among the wilderness of the living."

Ex-servicemen are appointed to care for the graves. In France and Belgium alone there are 500 of them now, permanently employed as gardeners. Tributes are paid regularly to the Commission by those relatives who visit the graves of their dear ones, for they find them as carefully tended as they would have wished them to be. After our beloved Queen Mary had made her first pilgrimage to the battle-fields of France, she was moved to send out the following message to the women of the Empire and from it we may take comfort: "All who have visited the War Cemeteries must have been moved to the heart, as I was, by their solemn beauty, and by the reverent care with which they are tended. We know, too, that the War Graves Commission surrounds them by the same care wherever they may be... Yet those who fell are not alone in having sacrificed all that life has to offer. Every man of our million dead may have been dearer than anything on earth to some one woman, and in every part of the Empire to-day are the women who go on living with wounds in their hearts that time cannot heal. I wish that my voice could reach each one of them with a word of loving sympathy."

CARRY ON AUXILIARIES
BY E.K.
As an auxiliary member of several years standing, I lay a modest claim to know something of the auxiliaries' work. What grand and noble work it is. Women banded together and working happily in a cause that year by year has more and more calls upon our sympathy and help.

As the years roll by we must give more and more of ourselves. Each of us can do something really well. Let us devote that ability to the service of men who have given that most treasured possession health (and oft-times wealth) for us and for their country in time of need.

The hospital work, which entails a round of every ward in the hospital every week, has its own reward in the welcoming light in some sick man's eyes and his grateful thanks when he receives his favourite paper. Perhaps a digger from the country, who has no relations or friends in Perth, and whose weekly visit and little talk (not forgetting the packet of smokes) provides the only break and consolation in a monotony lasting several months.

There then is the amelioration work. Often through temporary misfortune in lack of work or ill-health our investigation officers find a home devoid of food, a worried, dis-spirited woman and children lacking clothes and shoes. Assistance is given, provided the man is a returned soldier, and how grateful received, only our officers know and an occasional letter of thanks to the sub-branch discloses.

To further this deserving work we should solemnly promise (let it be on Anzac Day) to bring at least one new member into our auxiliary during the year. New members bring new vitality and new ideas into our sub-branch and our work is ever increasing.

We have many noble workers in our ranks. Quiet, unassuming, kind women, who do not look for self-aggrandisement, but have ever before their minds the "boys" at Lemnos, Edward Millen, Repatriation Ward and Perth Hospital, and any little thing (more often it is a big thing) they can do, is indirectly an act of kindness to one of those "boys."

Let our watchword be "service" and the care of the helpless and incapacitated ever be our only objective.

CAVERSHAM PICNIC
The auxiliaries paid their annual visit to Caversham House on Saturday, the 14th of March. Although the weather was oppressive and the sky overcast, the gathering radiated a cheerfulness that could be heard all over the grounds. On the arrival of each bus (there were five), the visitors were welcomed by Mrs. T.C. Wilson and family.

Tables laden with beautiful grapes and luscious watermelons also greeted the members and even the most decorous could not resist a large slice of juicy melon. Mrs. Wilson arranged tables for bridge on the verandah, while Mrs. Rigg, assisted by Mesdames Cliff and Hopperton, superintended the games and competitions for the afternoon, which included tennis, clock golf, swimming, bowling and races.

The process of drying the currants was explained to those interested, while an invitation to visit the fig tree was much appreciated. Picnic tea was partaken of on the lawns and under the stately old olive trees.

Towards the close of the happy afternoon all the company gathered together for the presenting of the prizes, which, at the request of Mrs. McKinlay, Mrs. Wilson carried out. Mrs. Berry, of Spearwood, and Mrs. Tere link, of Nedlands, happily expressed the thanks of all present to Mrs. Wilson and family for their great kindness and hospitality, the auxiliaries supporting with hearty applause. Fifteen sub-branches were represented.

Mrs. Clear, of the F.U.S.W., sang, most appropriately, "The End of a Perfect Day," wherein, as in past years, "Sir Roger de Coverley" was danced on the lawn until the arrival of the buses. Good-byes were said and the Caversham picnic was over for another year.

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CUP COMPETITION

A circular will be issued to all auxiliaries shortly with reference to the cup competitions held annually, for efficiency in work carried out in accordance with the aims and objects of the R.S.L. The Wilson Cup for country auxiliaries was inaugurated 3 years ago and has been won in succession by Wagin, Narrogin and Collie. The Hopperton Cup, competed for by metropolitan auxiliaries, has been won by North Perth and Press. The object of having these competitive cups is to give a stimulus to auxiliary work, and it is hoped that there will be many entries.

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CARLISLE

The social and dance on April 1 was largely attended, and it was pleasing to see a few of the sister auxiliaries present, the State Secretary (Mrs. Hopperton) and her worthy husband. Items were rendered by Miss Brehan's quartet and dance), Mr. C. D. Bate's accordian quartet. The outstanding feature of the evening was the first appearance of the auxiliary nigger minstrels, composed of 16 ladies, and their services are highly commended upon their good performance. The Village Choir, rendered by the W.C.A., Mother's Club, headed by Mrs. Dyson, was rather novel and caused much amusement. The ever-willing pianist (Mrs. F. Williams), assisted by Mr. N. Drummer, played the music. The cruel raffle was won by Mrs. Powell. The general meeting, held in the Carlisle Hall on April 6, was well attended and brought 2 new members. After the meeting, an American Tea took place adding a little more mone to the funds. A visit was paid to the Edward Millen Home by the president (Mr. Dyson), and Mesdames Perc, Cable and Williams, who cheered the boys with a few tunes on the piano. Another social is arranged for April 29 in the Carlisle Hall.

MAYLANDS

The auxiliary is still enrolling new members, and membership is now greater than the number that was in existence a few months ago. The auxiliary is very much appreciated by the patients. The ladies of the auxiliary are grateful to supporters and friends who lend their cars to take parties to the various institutions.

MT. HELENA

The first meeting of the year was held on March 18. A hearty welcome was accorded Mrs. Jones, a new member, wife of our newly-appointed school master. We also had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Neale, a sister of Mrs. Jones, who is on a visit from the Old Country. A fair amount of business,
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<td>BUNBURY</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
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<td>BAYSWATER</td>
<td>Town Hall, Bayswater</td>
<td>Alt. Wednesdays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. E. Batey, Railway Crescent, Bayswater</td>
<td>A. Spencer, 10 Francis Street, Bayswater</td>
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<td>BUSSELTON</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute</td>
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<td>T. Morris, Busselton</td>
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<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>Last Thursday in each month</td>
<td>B. T. Goody, 40 Harvey St., Buckland Hill</td>
<td>A. Sillis, 35 Gill Street, Buckland Hill</td>
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<td>CARLISLE</td>
<td>Bickford Soldiers’ Memorial Hall</td>
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<td>W. Marshall, 29 Mars Street, Carlisle</td>
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<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>A. G. Hook, “Lilypad,” 4 Keen St., Peppermint Grove</td>
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<td>CLAREMONT</td>
<td>Parish Hall, Claremont</td>
<td>First Thursday in each month</td>
<td>C. H. Briggs, 1 Brac Road, Claremont</td>
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<td>DUMBLEYUNG</td>
<td>Dumbleyung</td>
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<td>Tom Towers, Dumbleyung</td>
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<td>DOWAK</td>
<td>Salmon Guns</td>
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<td>J. W. Wegner, Salmon Guns</td>
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<td>Soldiers’ Institute, South Terrace</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday (pension night), at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Theo Brennan, cr. Mary and Fothergill Streets, Fremantle</td>
<td>S. P. V. Harrison, 65 Bellevue Terrace, Fremantle</td>
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<td>GASCOYNE</td>
<td>Gascoyne Hotel</td>
<td>1st Monday</td>
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<td>GWALLA</td>
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<td>HARVEY</td>
<td>War Memorial Hall</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>B. H. Lothet, Wksup ‘Phone Harvey 108M’</td>
<td>D. D. Johnstone, Herbert Road, Harvey</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute</td>
<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 p.m.; Executive alt. Fridays</td>
<td>R. R. Gibbs, Bank of N.S.W., Hannan St.</td>
<td>T. C. Fairley, 49 Campbell Street, Kalgoorlie, Tel. 290</td>
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<td>Bi-monthly</td>
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<td>S. S. Waycott</td>
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<td>D. Tolerton, Minkadine</td>
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<td>KOODA</td>
<td>Koorda</td>
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<td>MENZIES</td>
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<td>H. Woods, 51 Seventh Avenue, Maylands</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>Town Hall Committee Room</td>
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<td>Len Wilkinson, Midland Junction</td>
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<td>Rd. Bd. Hall, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wallish Hall, Grosvenor Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>J. K. Craze, 118 Central Avenue, Inglewood</td>
<td>R. G. Hummerston, 46 Leake St., North Perth</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>J. M. W. Anderson, 33 Tyrell Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>R. A. Wood, 81 Archdeacon Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
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<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST FREEMANTLE</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>2nd Thursday</td>
<td>Lieut.-Colonel G. P. W. Meredith, Artillery Barracks</td>
<td>Staff-Sergeant S. McMurray, Artillery Barracks</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>L. F. Ash, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>Avon Bridge Hotel, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. F. Roberston, c/o Court House, Northam</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewiz, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam, Tel. 174</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Dival, 473 Fitzgerald St., North Perth. Tel. 88438</td>
<td>G. C. Fraser, 5 Hobart Street, North Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. O’Farrell, 223 Fitzgerald St., Perth</td>
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<td>(Office hours 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
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<td>B. A. Bell, 469 Murray Street, Perth</td>
<td>R. Biggs, c/o “West Australian”</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>Billiard Saloon</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 10.30 p.m.</td>
<td>W. E. Elston, Pithara</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Quairading Hall and Dargin Hostel, alternatively</td>
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<td>J. R. T. Keast, Quairading</td>
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<td>QUAIRADING AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Miners’ Arms Buildings, Morgan Street</td>
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<td>H. Stockdill, Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokey Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. E. Mitchell, 11 Rankin Road, Subiaco</td>
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<td>TAMBEULLUP</td>
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<td>F. T. A. Daddow, Tambellup</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
<td>N. H. Millar, Box 41, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAMWAY</td>
<td>Anzac House</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m. (from 13th March)</td>
<td>J. Shields, 195 Washington Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>A. J. Wilkins, 43 Lord Street, Perth</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
<td>Traying (3) Yelbeni (1)</td>
<td>4th Sunday</td>
<td>R. W. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>F. Matthews, 3 Manchester St., Victoria Pk.</td>
<td>J. Matthews, 21 Esperance St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. Earnshaw, Taxation Department</td>
<td>W. L. Ross, Workers’ Homes Board, Perth</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTINGE</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>H. E. Smith, 186 Railway Parade, West Leederville</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwallader, Wubin, Tel. No. 7</td>
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<td>JIBBERDING</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawson, Yealering</td>
<td>H. J. Hains, 97 Bencowen Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>YEALETERING</td>
<td>Comm’t Hotel, Yealering</td>
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<td>B. O. Read, Korrelcoking</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
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<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
<td>T. Crokkan, Hamel</td>
<td>Hugh A. Leslie, Wyalkatchem</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, quarterly, June, Sept. and Dec</td>
<td>Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88 Teague Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>Mrs. C. B. Howard, 225 Berwick Street, Victoria Park</td>
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including balance sheet and successful bridge and euchre evenings on February 22 was dealt with. A delightful afternoon tea was provided by Mrs. Barry.

**COLLIE (By "Artem")**

The weekly dances are now a regular feature of auxiliary life and each Wednesday a bigger crowd than ever has to be catered for. Recently a "Threepenny Night" or "Scotsmen's Night" was held. Nothing cost over threepence and it was marvellous to behold the stock which one could purchase. As Jock said afterwards, it took "two threepennies" to make a sixpence gap hang. The proceeds of this night, amounting to £3, went to help pay off the Collie Hospital Radio, which the sub-branch is purchasing.

**MOUNT LAWLEY**

Recently the Mr. Lawley sub-branch and auxiliary entertained the patients from Lennox Hospital. A bus was chartered for the patients and Messrs. Schultz, J. J. Plunkett, W. Edgar and Annear conveyed members of the sub-branch, auxiliary and the State Executive motor outing committee in their cars. The party visited Waterman's Bay, where some enjoyed a swim while others amused themselves on the beach, where fruit was handed round. High tea was served at Sandy-croft Hostel. Mrs. Doran (president of the Lawley auxiliary), and Mr. J. K. Craye (president Mr. Lawley sub-branch), welcomed the guests. Mr. McKeaver thanked the hosts on behalf of the patients. Mrs. J. McKinlay gave thanks on behalf of the motor outing committee. Mrs. H. Hopkinton, in supporting Mrs. McKinlay, thanked the hosts for inviting the motor outing committee. Mr. L. A. Schultz expressed the pleasure of car drivers lending their cars for such occasions. After tea the party adjourned to the sitting room where Mrs. E. Keen played for community singing and for a solo by Mr. Schultz.

**BULLSBROOK**

At the meeting in the Lowe Chittering Hall on March 14 Mrs. Haslam (vice-president) was in the chair. Two new members were enrolled - making a total of 23. Mr. Newman (State Executive), who was paying the sub-branch a visit, was introduced to the ladies. On March 21 the first dance was held. This was a success, the Amelioration Fund benefitting to the amount of £7. The Piglet, donated by Mrs. Newton, was a golden one, judging by results. Mr. B. Scantlebury, of Bulsbrook, was the lucky winner. Thanks are due to Mr. G. Pickering (M.C.), Mr. Nairn, for the loan of his truck, Messrs. T. Walker and F. L. Keith (sub-branch secretary) who took charge of the door, and Mr. F. Wilson, who officiated at the soft drink stall (had it been hard drink he could not have sold them better). The number of willing helpers with the supper was greatly appreciated by the secretary (Mrs. F. L. Keith).

**NORTH PERTH**

Meetings were resumed after the New Year recess. With great regret the resignations of the president (Mrs. James), and the secretary (Mrs. Middleton), were accepted. The former had held office for three years, and the latter for five years. Both ladies were sincerely thanked for past services. Mrs. Cliff was elected president and Mrs. Newmarch secretary. The next of Mrs. Cliff's fortnightly bridge parties will be held on April 7. All are cordially invited.

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<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>D. M. Benson, Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES</td>
<td>Wentworth Hotel, Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday each month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. J. Garner, 59 Boulevarde, Mr. Hawthorn</td>
<td>Geo. E. Cattermole, M.C., 221 Charles St. North Perth</td>
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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Ave., Leederville</td>
<td>C. Pilley, c/o Vetter &amp; Co., Murray St., Perth</td>
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<td>FORTY-FOURTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>As advertised</td>
<td>Annual Reunion, Tuesday of Show Week</td>
<td>Col. C. H. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George's Terrace, Perth</td>
<td>E. C. Rogers, 65 Fairfield St., Mt. Hawthorn</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
<td>Col. D. M. McWhae, (Chairman, C. A. Davises, 15 Hay Street, Perth)</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., Nth. Perth. 'Phone B8394</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt-Col. I. E. Dunkley, Ardross Street, Applecross</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruislip Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>C. E. Woodward, Farnley Street, Mr. Lawley</td>
<td>R. W. Perry, c/o. Repat. Department</td>
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<td>12th/52nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Subiaco Club</td>
<td>4th Wednesday</td>
<td>J. Harvey, 41 Rosebery Street, Jolmont</td>
<td>Sid Rowles, c/o. Rowles and Bignell's Car Sales, Milligan Street, Perth</td>
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