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EVER SINCE the League was a league, all manner of coteries and individuals have been striving to split it or, failing that, to exploit it for the advantage of outside interests. Fifteen years ago, there were in the Eastern States rival leagues constituted in accordance with the religious and political bias of their members. None of these lived. When their futility and impotence became apparent, diggers who had been attracted to them by the lower subscription rates returned to the older and broader comradeships and the League, one and indivisible, has flourished ever since. Of course, not every cause in which outside people have tried to interest the League has been an unworthy cause. The digger with his unerring instinct of criticism has been able to sift the wheat from the chaff and discern the nigger in the woodpile. That is why his organisation has rigorously eschewed party politics and sectarianism; that is also why the League has thrown its weight behind such causes as the Empire Shopping movement, the Safety First movement and others.

Remembering this, we, as the League's official organ, are very suspicious of outside interference with the interior economy of our organisation, especially when that interference takes the form of propaganda for the alteration of the present mode of observing Anzac Day. As ex-service men we have our own individual opinions on this very important matter and those opinions are often very divergent; but the opinion of the League as a whole can be expressed only in and through the resolutions passed by the Annual Congress. Congress only can alter the present method of observing Anzac Day and, over a period of years, Congress has decided very definitely in favour of regarding the day as a fifty-third Sunday, and has with equal definiteness set its face against all efforts to whittle away the sacred character of the occasion. The progressively increasing attendance of the general public as the years roll on is evidence that the State as a whole approves of the League's interpretation of the significance of Anzac.

One wonders then what motives underlie the attempts of certain newspapers and business men's associations to induce the League to alter a method of observance that has stood the test of time. Reduced to their common denominator the objections are based on a falling off, for twenty-four hours, of cash takings and a shrinking of the newspaper space devoted to racing and other commercially organised sports. Naturally enough, this is not stated so openly. The newspaper objections are camouflaged by high-sounding moral precepts and a carefully stimulated interest in the digger's own well-being. There are touching references to the recreational value of certain games which would be robbed of their health-giving effect if they were not played on this one afternoon out of the three hundred and sixty-five. There is also much talk of Anzac Day as a day of gloom and crocodile tears are metaphorically shed over the supposition that the fallen whom we honour would not like to see hotels closed and racecourses empty on this day of days.

It is the height of absurdity to become dogmatic over what the man who gave his life for his country in 1915 would think in 1936, as these propagandists do. It is more reasonable to assume that the man who fell in the Great War was much the same type of chap as the man who survived and that, if he were with us to-day, he would feel and think much as we who are left feel and think. If that assumption is valid, so is the corollary that he would be just as conscious of the sacred character of the annual observance as the rest of us, and just as reluctant to allow a national occasion to be exploited for purposes of gain. Whether our assumption is right or wrong, we feel sure that his views would at least be expressed with common honesty.

Objectors in our own ranks are refreshingly free from the intellectual dishonesty of those who would exploit them. They will tell you straight out from the shoulder that they would like a drink when the march is over, and so would most of us. However, there is no reason why we should sell our birthright for a pot of frothage, and this particular difficulty is not insurmountable. At the risk of being branded as wowsers, may we suggest that after the sacrifices made by troops in the war, surely one other little annual sacrifice might be made with dignity to ourselves and advantage to the League?

Candidly, we cannot help feeling that we should be adopting a very dangerous attitude were we to acquiesce, or even appear to acquiesce, in attempts to whittle away the solemnity of Anzac Day. It is a dignified occasion, an act of remembrance mingled with gratitude and pride, for solemnity is by no means synonymous with gloom. The League has striven hard to evolve the most fitting form of commemoration which, rightly or wrongly, we believe is that now in use. To devote the afternoon to sport would mean doing away with the suburban ceremonies, and it would provide the thin end of the wedge that would ultimately force the day out of the calendar. Future generations may, and no doubt will, do as they like about the matter, but, while we live and are in possession of our
faculties, let us hold out for the day, the whole day, and nothing but the day. Only by taking the manlier and loftier stand shall we be able to imbue our sons with the ideals for which we have risked so much and suffered so much.

**NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL**

In connection with Resolution No. 183, passed by the Twentieth Annual Federal Congress of the R.S.S.I.A.,

That representations be made to the Federal Government with a view to the erection of the Australian National Memorial on the site of Villers-Bretonneux as soon as practicable, the General Secretary (Mr. E. V. Raymont) has forwarded a copy of a reply from the Prime Minister's Department which we publish for information.

As you are doubtless aware in 1926, the then Commonwealth Government approved of the erection of a National Memorial on a site at Villers-Bretonneux, at a cost not to exceed £100,000, and that in 1927, as the result of a competition limited to Australian architects and designers who enlisted or whose sons or daughters enlisted for service in the Great War, the design of Mr. W. Lucas, of Melbourne, was selected. Owing to the period of financial stringency, construction of the proposed Memorial was postponed and in 1931 the scheme was abandoned. The Imperial War Graves Commission subsequently drew attention to the fact that the constructional programme for treating graves overseas of the fallen of the British Empire had been completed, and that memorials to the missing (excepting that at Vimy) had been erected, whilst the names of some 11,000 Australian missing on the Western Front had not been commemorated.

Under the scheme which has now been approved by the Commonwealth Government the proposed Memorial will serve two purposes:

(a) Memorial to the Missing.

(b) National Memorial.

The main portion of the funds (£50,000) necessary for construction will be found by the Imperial War Graves Commission, and the additional cost (approximately £10,000) to raise the status of the Memorial to that of a National Memorial will be found by the Commonwealth.

In these circumstances the Imperial War Graves Commission has been requested to proceed with the construction of the Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux. The design approved was prepared by the eminent British architect, Sir Edwin Lutyens. This architect had designed the entrance to the cemetery at Villers-Bretonneux, and as this entrance also leads to the Memorial site, it was considered appropriate that Sir Edwin Lutyens should have been selected by the Imperial War Graves Commission to design the Memorial.

**ABANDONMENT OF FARMING PROPERTIES**

The following is a reply received by the State Secretary from the Secretary to the Agricultural Bank Commissioners (dated 14th May) in reply to representations made by the Land Committee following a complaint from Kondinin regarding the policy of the Bank in connection with abandonments of farming properties in that particular district.

From general investigations made by the Commissioners, it has been found that the reasons prompting settlers to abandon their holdings are attributable to many causes. It has also been found that the satisfactory settler on a reasonably good property has been able to carry on, and in many cases with satisfactory results both to himself and to the Bank.

Towards enabling clients to continue their farming operations, the Bank is giving every consideration to applications submitted by settlers for releases or advances against crop proceeds to enable them to harvest their crops, also to requests for refunds of money received by the Bank when the proceeds of crops have come to the Bank in payment of interest, and exemptions against stock, progeny and wool.

In drought affected districts, the Commissioners are providing chaff, seed wheat, wages, fuel, spare parts and assistance, in addition to the Commonwealth Acreage Bounties and Drought Relief Funds, and every consideration is now being given applications for advances for the purchase of horses and other essentials to enable the farmer to carry on his farming operations under the best conditions possible.

The Commissioners have already published their decision regarding debt adjustment. Under their proposals, where settlers have outside creditors, they make application to the Director of Farmers' Debts Adjustment Act; and where there are no outside creditors, application is made to the Commissioners, and every consideration is being given applications received. The Commissioners in this connection have established a Valuation Department and relief from overcapitalised indebtedness is being calculated on the values assessed by that department.

Assistance in other directions is being constantly provided by the Bank, particularly at the moment in the drought affected districts. The Commissioners have determined, where the personal equation of the settler is right and the land reasonably good, to maintain the settler on his farm.

Among the many reasons why settlers are leaving their properties at this time of the year, it has been found that poor prices and medium to bad seasons have been the main causes.

It is noted from the letter that no suggestions are submitted by your correspondent from Kondinin regarding steps which might be taken to correct any undue exodus from farms which may be taking place in the Kondinin district. I wish to advise that if the farmers in that district submit suggestions along these lines, they will receive every consideration by the Commissioners.

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**WHY NOT? The Returned Soldier Printers—the IMPERIAL PRINTING COMPANY LIMITED**
COLONEL COLLETT ASKS QUESTIONS re PENSIONS

The following extracts from the Federal Hansard are very interesting:

WAR PENSIONS APPEALS

Senator A. J. MclACHLAN.—On the 30th April, Senator Collett asked the Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation, upon notice—

1. Has the additional War Pensions Entitlement Tribunal, appointed last year, been dissolved?

2. What, at the present date, are the arrears of pension appeals?

3. It is not anticipated that there will be a considerable increase in the number of appeals as a result of the institution of the system of service pensions? I am now in a position to inform the honourable senator as follows:

1. Yes, as from the 15th April, 1936.

2. At the 1st May, 1936, there were 340 appeals listed for hearing by the Entitlement Appeal Tribunal in the State in which it will actually conduct sittings during the period from the 1st May, 1936, to the 12 June, 1936, and 245 other appeals are ready to be listed in the various States to which the tribunal will subsequently proceed, while 93 appeals are waiting registeration by the commission. This makes in all a total of 678 appeals already listed or waiting listing or registration. The tribunal can hear 50 cases a week. It will, therefore, dispose of the 340 cases actually listed within the period from the 1st May, 1936, to the 12 June, 1936, and the remaining 338 cases in less than seven weeks from that date. The tribunal can hear 700 cases in fourteen weeks. This means that the average waiting period for each appeal is less than three months. Seven hundred cases are necessary to keep one tribunal constantly functioning. When the additional, tribunals was appointed there was an accumulation of 1,302 cases. This was beyond the capacity of one tribunal. The accumulation having being disposed of, the position is now well within the capacity of the existing tribunal.

3. No, as no right of appeal from service pension applications lies to the War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals. All service pension appeals lie on the ground that an ex-soldier is:

(a) permanently unemployable; or
(b) suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, lie to the War Pensions Assessment Appeal Tribunals.

SERVICE PENSIONS

Senator A. J. Mclachlan.—On the 30th April, Senator Collett asked the Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation, upon notice—

Concerning the benefits allowed by the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, 1925—

1. What number of service pensions in each State have been (a) applied for; (b) granted; (c) refused, since the act came into force?

2. Similarly, how many tubercular ex-soldiers in each State have been granted pensions and treatment?

3. What is the approximate total annual financial commitment so far incurred?

I am now in a position to inform the honourable senator as follows:

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3. As at the 30th April, 1936, the figures showing the total annual financial commitment were—

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£124,292

but it is estimated that, when all applications, present or pending, have been determined, the annual financial commitment will be—

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£278,400

EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK

An Outstanding Success

Mr. Hastings C. Reid's Report

Mr. Reid, the hon. organiser, in his report on the week's activities submitted the following report:

The Central Organisation this year comprises the following ladies and gentlemen—E. S. Watt, Esq. (Chairman), Mesdames E. Bagot, H. C. Griffiths, H. Hopperton, J. C. McKinnay and T. C. Wilson, and J. C. Bartington, Esq., J. A. Child, Esq., J. E. Mitchell, Esq., A. H. Macartney, Esq., R. A. Nicholas, Esq., T. Nisbet, Esq., A. E. Pady, Esq., H. E. Wells, Esq., C. Ferguson, Esq. (honorary secretary), and Hastings C. Reid, hon. organiser.

Through these ladies and gentlemen the following organisations are brought directly into contact with the movement, which through their enthusiasm and powerful influence is now of a State-wide character: the Returned Soldiers' League and the Women's State Auxiliary, the Women's Section of the Primary Producers' Association, the Country Women's Association, the Department of Industries, the W.A. Chamber of Manufacturers and the Australian Association of British Manufacturers.

It is estimated that during the past decade the governing body has handled and distributed upwards of 250,000 units of propaganda in the form of posters, and has issued between 2,000 and 6,000 printed circulars and appeals setting forth the principles for which Empire Shopping Week stands. The funds required to meet the cost of a campaign of this nature have been raised by voluntary subscription, and over the years in question have aggregated a sum of approximately £600.

This year, thanks to a generous consignment of Empire Marketing Board posters kindly supplied free of charge by the Overseas Service of the Department of Overseas Trade, London, and to the generous support of the Local Products Campaign Council, it has been possible to issue to metropolitan, metropolitan-suburban and country districts between 40,000 and 50,000 posters of Empire and local significance to assist shopkeepers in dressing up their windows for the occasion. The kindness of the W.A. Government Railways and of the Midland Railway Company in allowing all parcels of posters free transport to their
destinations is gratefully acknowledged. That this unprecedentedly large stock of posters is now practically exhausted speaks in eloquent terms for the increased enthusiasm of the 3,000 or so persons who have individually assisted to make the Week a success.

The Week was officially opened in the Perth Town Hall by His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, K.C.M.G., who also declared open the two-day exhibition of locally manufactured goods, organised by the Department of Industries. Other speakers besides His Excellency and Mr. Watt were the Hon. the Minister for Industries (Mr. Hawke), and the president of the W.A. Chambers of Manufacturers (Mr. Bartington). The proceedings were broadcast through the National Broadcasting Commission’s station 6WF, and were largely attended by the general public.

Throughout the week the shopkeepers continued to display and sell mostly goods of Empire origin, and this support of the Campaign was ably seconded by purchasers themselves. Every year that Empire Shopping Week is held shows more conclusively the value of the campaign. Through the close cooperation and active support of the metropolitan and country press the public at this time is brought fact to face with the problem of whether it is in their interest, apart from the consideration of racial ties and the like, rather to buy most from those who buy most from us, than to give their support to countries whose interest in Australia may be purely of a selfish and commercial character. It is an irrefutable fact that during the Week in question public attention is focussed more than at any other time upon the need for making their purchases from within the Empire, and that each succeeding year this spirit of goodwill towards the Empire holds good and endures for a longer period after the Week is over.

Almost synchronising with the commencement of Empire Shopping Week came the announcement of the Commonwealth Government’s new Trade Policy. This appears to aim at giving most consideration to those parts of the world which treat Australia best. As there can be no denial of the fact that Great Britain buys more of Australia’s exportable produce than any other country, and that Australia still enjoys an immense and favourable trade balance with the Mother Land, this policy must be accepted as aiming more particularly at greater reciprocal trade with it. Nothing more advantageous to a campaign for Empire shopping could have been launched than a gesture such as this, so entirely in keeping with the principles associated with the movement. It will be the fervent hope of all who are interested in Empire Trade that at this time next year the advantages to the Empire of the new arrangement will be apparent.

The thanks of the Council are due to the following: the Press, for the publicity they gave to the Week; to the shopkeepers of the State for the displays they made of Empire and local goods; to the two railway organisations for the free carriage of posters; to the lady members of the Economic Council and the Women’s State Auxiliary of the R.S.L. for so kindly distributing posters by hand in Perth and Fremantle; to all the organisations above referred to as standing behind the movement; to the following, ladies and gentlemen who during the Week gave such interesting broadcasts: Madames Griffiths, Hopperton and McKinlay, and Messrs. C. G. Latham and T. Nisbet; to the Department of Industries for staging in the Town Hall so interesting and educational a display of the products of Western Australian manufacturers to coincide with the two first days of the Week; to the R.S.L. State Executive, for so kindly placing a room at the disposal of the Council for the storage and distribution of posters; to the Aero Club of W.A., for the flight of planes over the city on 25th May; to the R.S.L. Band, for its assistance in drawing people to the Town Hall on the opening night; and to the Local Products Campaign Council, for its generous contribution towards the cost of local posters as well as to those firms who also contributed to the funds of the Council.

Finally, I desire most sincerely to thank Mr. C. Ferguson, who has so efficiently and indefatigably discharged the duties of Hon. secretary of the Council; to our chairman (Mr. Watt), for the fine example he set us all in the enthusiasm with which he inspired us, and every member of the Council for his or her advice and assistance. May Empire Shopping Week long continue to be an important annual function in this State, and that as the years go by the community will see to it that no purchase of any magnitude is made from outside the British Empire.

THE PRESS BALL

BY “MARTINGALB”

Just as I had learned to compose myself to slumber without mentally rehearsing a brace of Grand Marches and a cover of Press Cotillons on the bedroom ceiling, and was almost convalescent after a bad attack of “Ink Splashes before the eyes,” a ukase from the Big Chief has sent me delving back into the scintillating splendours of May 22 to write up an account of the Press Ball for this learned periodical.

Well, boys, it was a great show and numerous harassed committee men gradually smoothed away the apprehensive corrugations which had marred their classic frontispieces, and relaxed with cycloonic sighs of satisfaction as the evening sped by on well-oiled wheels (you may delete that bit, Mr. Editor, if anyone takes it as a personal reflection).

Tickets, which were limited to 800, were all sold out long before the ball commenced and Government House ball room boasted more “fair women and brave men” than did the famous Boston tea-party before the Battle of Trafalgar, or whatever it was that Shakespeare wrote about. The delegates and visitors to the Australian Newspapers Conference were the guests of honour and included Mr. A. C. C. Holtz and Miss Olga Holtz, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dunstan, Mr. Norman White, and Misses Clarice and Beryl White, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. K. Thompson, Mr. J. F. Fairfax, Mr. H. Pacini and Mr. T. Dumbbin. Other guests were Lieut.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs and Lady Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gieng, and Mr. H. Baldwin. Henry Cochrane’s orchestra dispensed the sort of music that puts the jig into gigolos and tempted even the most bashful performers to take a chance on the floor.

The Pageant of the Press, and the Cotillon, which the sets performed, was a memorable spectacle. Ten sets took part, each being heralded by a fanfare of trumpets. First came the West Australian octette ushered in by a gleaming golden figure garbed as Mercury—and a very charming figure it was—pirouetting in the spot-light’s gleam. “Buzz,” and his merry men—be-frilled and stiffly stocked, sprouting hirsute luxuriance, escorted a quartette of demure crinolined damsels of a century ago.

The Western Mail was represented by
a set in period costumes of 1885, and four dainty ladies in rose pink and black gave a demonstration of "How to be graceful though bustled." The men framed their features in face, fungus and spotted toppers at rakish angles.

The Broadcaster and The Daily News gave entrancing visions of what we may expect to see in the years to come and provided another argument in favour of "monkey glands." The Wests' baseball set with the men in their grey uniforms and their partners in leaf-green; and the Australian Journalists' Association in the garb of "go-getter" Yankee reporters with partners representing War, Murder, Scandal and Fire, were two effective sets.

"Radio," immaculate in spotless white and scintillating diamante carried off the prize with a futuristic set, and well deserved the award.

The R.S.L. Press sub-branch, preceded by a diminutive chappie arrayed as an ink-bottle, symbolised the comradeship of the Pen and the Sword, and I noted that with a magnanimous gesture, the ladies permitted their better halves to wield the mightier weapon—for one night only.

A very effective double set, arranged by Miss Kathleen Coronel, was symbolic of War News, and the ladies in their varied national costumes bore appropriate topical slogans.

Miss Rene Esler's Newboy Ballet might be cited as an effective method of increasing circulation and would certainly send ones "sales resistance" down to zero.

Ink Splashes, the paper issued at the ball, was a great little journal and contained some good samples of written pictorial humour. A "flash" of the sets at the conclusion of the grand march gave it added interest and it formed an interesting souvenir of an enjoyable function. Syd. Longmore, who managed to edit it somehow or other in the intervals of organising the ball and functioning as "Non-Com," described it as "everybody's baby," and hoped that "all those whose labours gave it birth" would be amply rewarded. He certainly deserves to be bracketed with Dr. Dafoe for his masterly handling of the accouchement.


TWENTY YEARS AGO
War Anniversaries of June, 1916

June 1.—Austrians held up in the southern Tyrol, but gain ground in the Asiago section.
June 2.—Germans pierce the French lines in the southern part of the Gallette Wood in the region of the Vaux Pond and Daloup.
June 3.—Allied troops occupied the government bureaux at Salonica, and proclaimed martial law throughout the occupied territory.
June 4.—Russians commence an offensive from the Priepet to the Rumanian frontier.
June 5.—H.M.S. Hampshire, with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board, sunk at 8 p.m., to the west of the Orkneys, by a mine. The Secretary of State for War was on his way to Russia.
June 6.—Germans bombard British positions about Hooge and in the neighbourhood of the Ypres-Comines railway and canal. Russians take Lutsk. Allies blockade the Greek coast.
June 7.—Port Vaux cut off. First Australian action in France. Australians raided German trenches east of Bois Grenier, inflicting loss and bringing back prisoners.
June 8.—During the Russian pursuit of the Australians after the capture of Lutsk, 11,000 prisoners surrendered, in addition to the 40,000 men and 77 guns captured since the opening of the offensive.
June 9.—Meeting of the Allied War Council in London. Those present included Generals Joffre, Roques and M. Briand, the French Premier.
June 10.—Violent artillery action around Verdun.
June 11.—Brussiloff captured Dubno and on the Bukovina border, continued the thrust towards Czernowitz.
June 12.—Successive German attacks on Thiaumont repulsed. A British column under General Sir Percy Sykes enters Kerman, South Persia.
June 13.—Canadians recovered lost ground to the south of Zillebeke. Australians made a successful raid on enemy trenches south of Armentieres.
June 14.—General Smuts' northern column reached Makuyuni.
June 15.—French carried a trench on southern slopes of Dead Man Hill.
June 16.—British destroyer H.M.S. Eden sunk after a collision in the English Channel; 31 saved.
June 17.—Austro-German counter-attack on the Styrs repulsed. Russians capture Czernowitz.

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Visit to the Murchison Sub-Branches

Rain storms, brain storms, water-logged roads, and true digger hospitality were the experiences of the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) and the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson), during their long-promised tour of the Murchison district. In all, 15 sub-branches were visited, contact was established with several more, and by the time the apostles of League efficiency returned to Perth, the speedometer had registered 1,900 miles. Reporting on the tour to the State Executive, Mr. Yeates states:

Leaving Perth on May 8, we called at Moora, where we met the secretary of the sub-branch (Mr. Alex. Gloster) who reported increased membership. At Carnamah, we attended a sub-branch meeting presided over by Mr. H. Dunning (28th Battalion), who was ably assisted by his secretary, Mr. George Bradesaw (11th Battalion). At this meeting Mr. C. Mettam, manager of the Bank of Australasia, was elected president, vice Mr. "Chitter" Brown, who has left the district. During the evening, Mr. Mettam reported that he had enlisted eight new members.

On the way to Geraldton we called at Three Springs and Vandywoods, where we met members of each sub-branch.

June 18.—French repulse German attacks against Dead Man Hill. General von Moltke, former chief of the German general staff, dies suddenly of heart failure.

June 19.—In Italy, Alpini carry a summit of Monte Lidro, taking 200 prisoners. British airmen successfully bombard enemy aerodrome, five miles south of El Arish.

June 20.—German attacks against French positions north-west of Hill 321 repulsed.

June 21.—General Smuts occupied Han- deni.

June 22.—Greek Government acceded to the demands of the Allies.

June 23.—Russians capture Kimpolung.

June 24.—Allied blockade of Greece raised.

June 25.—Italians in the Pasubio sector extend their lines of occupation as far as the Piazza.

June 26.—Italians advance from the Val Arsa to the Sette Communio plateau.

June 27.—Italians re-occupy Aresiro and Asagio.

June 28.—General Lechitsky defeats the Austrians on a front of 25 miles east of Kolomea.

June 29.—Roger Casement sentenced to death.

June 30.—Russians capture Kolomea.

We arrived at Geraldton at 2 p.m. During the afternoon a meeting had been arranged with T. S. Smith (Mr. President of the Upper Chapman sub-branch) and matters affecting the sub-branch and district generally were discussed. The meeting at Geraldton was held that evening in Birdwood House, about one hundred and twenty being present, with the president, Mr. Roy Skinner (44th Battalion), in the chair. The acting secretary is Mr. Bob Webb (R.G.A.).

The toast of "The League" was proposed by Mr. A. E. Anderson, and responded to by myself. On Sunday morning, at 10 a.m., a meeting was held with the executive committee of the Geraldton sub-branch, and thereagain matters in connection with the sub-branch were discussed and advice given.

As we left Geraldton there had been languishing for a long time, the main problem there being a hall which was built some years ago and which had been allowed to get into a state of disrepair. Fifteen attended the meeting and at the present time there are ten members, but no capitation fees have been paid. I undertook to discuss the question of the hall with private bank officials.

Arriving at Morawa at 6.30 p.m. we were met by Mr. F. J. Albrecht (R.G.A.), and the secretary, Mr. J. W. Hannant (11th Battalion), and Messrs. Valentine (father and son, both diggers). A good meeting was held in the evening with about twenty members of the sub-branch present. Again at Morawa there had been a falling off of the sub-branch, but signs of revival are in evidence. Mr. Robert Swan (12th Battalion), who is well known in League circles, had dwelt on the previous few days, collected ten members. On May 11, we reached Mullewa at about 1 p.m., and were met by Mr. F. Albrecht (9th Battalion), and Mr. R. B. Latto (12th Battalion), president and secretary of the sub-branch. A most enthusiastic dinner and meeting were held in the evening, at which about 70 were present. The hall which has been erected by the Mullewa sub-branch is a very good structure and can be very useful for future conveniences. After the dinner the tables were cleared and the ladies of the auxiliary, who had had their dinner at the hotel, came along, and Mr. Benson and I addressed them. Mullewa is one of the new sub-branches and the officers and the committee deserve every credit for the very fine work they are doing in that district.

Tuesday morning found us on the road to Yalgoo. We called at Pindar, eighteen miles distant, and met three local diggers, Messrs. Kinsella, Wright and Simpson, and were entertained to morning tea by Mrs. Jim Wright. At Yalgoo, both the president and secretary were absent on business and we were met by the vice-president (Mr. Mick Rodan). After lunch we discussed with him the problems of our newly-formed sub-branch and their problems and the work of the League. We found them quite enthusiastic despite their local difficulties. Mr. J. Newill, on behalf of the Yalgoo Road Board, which has subscribed so large as the State of Victoria, gave us an official welcome.

Leaving Yalgoo, we reached Mount Magnet at 5.30 p.m. We were met by the president (Mr. Punch Dawson) and Mr. Joe Gardener (R.G.A.). We also met Glenbo, of the District Magistrate for the district, and were conducted to the Road Board hall, where we were extended a very hearty wel-
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After her return to this State she took a course of maternity instruction at the King Edward Hospital, then at the old Base at Fremantle. She came to Perth when the Repatriation Wards Nos. X and XI came into existence in 1921, and had been connected with the Perth Hospital ever since, with the exception of a brief period as Matron of the convalescent home at Lesmurdie. She has been sister to the soldiers for the past 14 years, and during the last 10 years constantly in charge of “the boys,” her boys. It can safely be said that some 11,000 war patients had passed through her hands and under her skilful, loving, devoted care. Through all time she must be called and remembered as Our Sister Nightingale.

Words would fail even in a small measure to express what she did for her “boys.” They were no mere patients to her. They were part of her family. She felt with them in their pain and suffering. She was by them at their sick bed, in the “theatre” when “hop over time came.” She watched them till full consciousness returned, soothed the heated brow or helped ease the pain and agony. Her word was often enough “Now that’s all right—smile.” “You’re a good boy”; and the restless, tossing man lay still. And when the last came, ‘twas she who closed the eyes and pulled the ominous screen round the bed and left, sad-hearted, tears running down her face. Time was nothing to her. Her duty was not ruled by set times. If a man was grievously ill, Sister Jones was never off duty. Oft and oft when the lights were out, only the dim passage light showing at midnight or in the early morn, if a stealthy little figure would be seen stealing its way, felt-slippered, down the ward to reach the bed of some chap on the danger list—it was Sister Jones.

Nor was it to the men alone she proved a veritable message of hope, of sympathy, but to the wives and families she rendered aid, by help, by advice, and often much more.

Sister Jones’ charity was unbounded and she never had anything for herself. It is safe to say that eighty per cent. of her salary went to her boys, and it was no good to argue the matter with her.

There is no nobler profession in the world than that of the nurse. The surgeon or the doctor sees and advises, but the nurse does the job. Her nerves are ever at a strain. Her sympathy is ever called upon and her tact and intuition, her continuous skill, it is that that counts.

Of the thousands of such women, and we must thank God there are such, Sister Jones stands out, a great comet amongst a firmament of stars. Today thousands miss her and will miss her, but her name will live on and on in the annals of the diggers, in the hearts of the people. She was the fount of true charity, the charity which St. Paul wrote of, of which “Colen” said, “Did universal charity prevail earth would be heaven and hell a fable.” And now Sister Jones lies at rest in a grave at the highest point of the Karrakatta Cemetery. Around her in every section lie the remains of those she had nursed, had suffered for, and with, and loved. And yet one must think of her as gone to her reward and say:

“And now she stands before the great White Throne,
And Christ in all His tenderness doth say: ‘Sweet Sister, Wel-come Home’;
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Let us not be ever sad, but thank God such a one as Sister Ruth Victoria Jones was given to us.

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This year’s Ladies’ Evening at the Anzac Club was as brilliant and enjoyable a function as its predecessor last year. It was well attended and all present thoroughly enjoyed the Club’s hospitality. The South Perth R.S.L. Orchestra provided the music, and soles of Miss May Pilgrim and Messers. B. Davis and Claude Saunders were greatly appreciated and well applauded. The whole of Anzac House was thrown open for dancing, card playing and other amusements. Early in the evening, a buffet supper was served, the supper room being effectively decorated with varied flowers. The guests were received by the chairman of the club committee (Mr. W. A. Wilkins, D.C.M.), and Mrs. Wilkins, and the secretary (Mr. J. J. Andrew) and Mrs. Andrew. Members of the Blinded Soldiers’ Association were the special guests of the evening. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Melvin and Miss Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ireland (Tattersall’s Club), and Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown (Celtic Club), Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bailey (Mundaring), Mr. and Mrs. Keith (Chittering), and Mrs. A. G. Kirby (Fremantle auxiliary).
The Federal Office reports the receipt of a message, sent by Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood to the Prime Minister (Mr. J. A. Lyons). The message, conveyed by wireless from s.s. Lancastria on May 13, reads:—"On behalf of old comrades on board Lancastria who fought on Gallipoli, send most sincere heartfelt greetings to all old Anzacs in Australia on the occasion of laying wreaths on the memorials of comrades who fought and fell here. We humbly honour their memory and the courage and ideals for which they lived and died."

It was wonderful the respect that was shown to the remains of Sister Jones along the route of the funeral procession to Karrakatta Cemetery. Salvation Army bands were drawn up in Pier and Barrack Streets, and members of the Salvation Army Congress, which was being held at His Majesty’s Theatre, lined the street. Amongst others who lined the route were about 200 V.A.D.’s and Red Cross helpers under Colonel McWhae, nurses from the King Edward Memorial Hospital, and sisters from St. John of God Hospital.

Major J. M. Hobbs, son of Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, has been appointed Military Adviser of the Punjab States, India, from July 13 next. Major Hobbs, who was educated at Scotch College, Claremont, and Bedford Grammar School, England, went to the War with the 8th Field Battery, and served on Gallipoli and in France and Belgium until August, 1917, when he was gazetted to the 2nd-5th Ghurkha Rifles. He was awarded the Military Cross in December, 1917. He also served in the campaign in Waziristan, 1920, being severely wounded in the operations and heavy fighting that preceded that capture of Makin in the February of that year, for which service he gained a bar to his Military Cross. He was promoted to the rank of Major in 1934.

Alex. Craigie, a well-known and popular member of the Blinded Soldiers’ Association, and a vice-president of the Albany sub-branch, has packed up the old kitbag and taken Mrs. Craigie with him for a long holiday in that land we used to call "Dear Old Blighty." We join with the Albany lads in wishing them both a very pleasant holiday and hope that the fleshpots of Egypt and the jackpots of London will not keep them too long away from us.

Members of Victoria Park sub-branch and women’s auxiliary attended the funeral of the late Henry John Ware on May 20. The deceased served abroad with the Electrical, Mechanical Mining and Boring Company of the A.I.F. and had been for several weeks a patient in the Repatriation Ward. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to his widow, Mrs. Frances Ware, who is an active member of the Victoria Park auxiliary.

At the annual reunion of the York sub-branch on June 2, Mr. Vernon Harris, a past secretary, was presented with a silver inkstand as a token of the esteem of his fellow members. In eulogising the good work done by Mr. Harris, the president of the sub-branch (Mr. C. M. Thorn) mentioned that he had occupied office of secretary for three years. The State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) made the presentation on behalf of the sub-branch.

A casualty return from Albany shows that Vic. C. King has been in hospital, and that R. Byleveld of Denmark is recovering in the Government Hospital from the effects of a serious accident which injured his back. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Mr. Basil Kirke, who was a Gentleman of the Light Horse during that little unpleasantness we had with the Kaiser, was the recipient of many farewells before he finally handed over the management of the Perth National Station to his successor. The Press sub-branch entertained him to a complimentary luncheon on June 2, when his health was proposed with all good wishes for the future, by Mr. C. P. Smith, whose remarks were supported by Colonel Olden and Mr. E. S. Watt. All three speakers paid glowing tributes to the many services Mr. Kirke had rendered the League during his management of the National Station, and in his capacity as a committee man of the Press sub-branch. It may be mentioned that Basil was caught by the press-gang almost immediately after his arrival in Western Australia. On behalf of the sub-branch, the president (Mr. R. A. Nicholas) presented the guest of honour with an inkstand made of...
Western Australian wood. Mr. Kirke, in reply, spoke in an interesting vein, describing the evolution of the National Station, particularly during the difficult transition period. He took the opportunity to introduce his successor, another good digger, Mr. Conrad Charlton.

The new manager of the Perth National Station, Mr. Conrad Charlton, is a hearty genial soul who fought the good fight with the New Zealand Rifle Brigade. He is no stranger to Perth, having been here in 1928 as a member of the J. C. Williamson Operatic Company which played "The Student Prince." It was Mr. Basil Kirke who gave him his entree into radio work seven years ago. When Mr. Kirke introduced him to the press-gang he mentioned that Mr. Charlton did not wish to be called Conrad. He preferred the shorter and more friendly Con. The motion was carried nem. con.

Other diggers connected with the National Station are Nelson Burton, the conductor of the orchestra; the inimitable Billy Edwards, the conductor of the popular community concerts; Roy Glenister, the popular singer and announcer; and C. R. Collins, the A.B.C. Commentator. The sprightly comedienne, May Webster (not to be confused with the lady of the anecdotes) is the wife of an ex-service man, Paul Daley, of 6IX, who is an ex-Imperial. Sid Longmore, well-known to the League in his own person as a former member of the State Executive and past president of both Perth and Press sub-branches, and as "Non Com" of The Western Mail, is also a very senior digger broadcaster, while Jim Grant, of 6PR, is an old-time Thespian who served in the war with the New Zealanders.

His many friends and comrades of the Bassendean sub-branch were shocked at hearing of the death of Will O'Rourke, an old 11th Battalion man, who was the victim of a "hit and run" motorist in Guildford on Saturday, May 11. There was a large gathering at the graveside on June 1 of relatives and friends, including many members of the sub-branch. The pall-bearers were Messrs. R. A. McDonald (chairman, Bassendean Road Board), L. Latham (secretary, Bassendean Road Board), W. Menkens (Maylands sub-branch), T. Kerr (Union secretary), and H. Grieve and F. Leng (president and secretary, Bassendean sub-branch). Our late comrade was a well-known and highly respected resident of the Bassendean district, and a great stalwart in the A.R.M.S. competition games. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to his widow and five children.

Narrogin reports the death of Charlie Dunstall, 16th Battalion, who passed away peacefully in the Narrogin Hospital. The Rev. Boxall officiated at the graveside. Messrs. T. Stenn (president of the Narrogin sub-branch), F. Johns, W. Hurst, D. Bennett, T. Hogg, Bob Cameron, S. Parker, Bert Duncuff, each cast a poppy into the grave, to signify "We shall never forget." The deceased soldier who also served in the South African War was a valued member of the sub-branch and a highly respected townsman.

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A good soldier of many years standing answered the last roll call in Fred King, of the Maylands sub-branch, who passed away suddenly in the Perth General Hospital on May 26. Many old soldiers attended the funeral, Maylands sub-branch being represented by Messrs. J. Stanfield and W. L. Menkens.

While Italian and German newspapers were gloating over the British Empire's alleged loss of prestige because the League of Nations could not quite decide whether it was a league of hallucinations or a league of recriminations, a British officer and his 130 Sikhs unostentatiously but very efficiently set about the task of preventing Addis Ababa from becoming another Cawnpore. Major William Forster Charter, M.C., 5/14th Punjab Regiment, the commander of the British Legation guard that Italy has been trying to shift from the Abyssinian capital, rescued the occupants of the American, Belgian and Turkish legations, and, in a situation as desperate as that of Gordon in Khartoum; white foreigners found safety under the British flag. Major Charter was born in the northern English county of Cumberland and joined up as a ranger in the Scottish Rifles early in the Great War. He gained his commission in 1915 and joined the Indian Army in 1918.

The interest taken in the proposal to send a contingent, of A.I.F. men to King Edward VIII's coronation next year reminds us that Ted Arundel, of Perth, a Boer War veteran, who served with the 10th Light Horse in the Great War, was a member of the contingent the Commonwealth sent to the coronation of King Edward VII.

The originator of the sounding of the Last Post at the Menin Gate was Pierre van den Braambussche, Chief of Police at Ypres, died last April. His admiration for the British dated from November, 1914, when his life was saved by the bravery of a British soldier, Sergeant-Major Johnson, of the Warwickshire Regiment, who rescued him from the Cloth Hall which had just been struck by enemy shells and was in flames.

NEW EXECUTIVE DELEGATE

Mr. F. Warner, M.L.A., Mr. Thorn is a Country Party man; the Hon. James Cornell, M.L.C., is a Nationalist, while Mr. Speaker Panton is a good Labour stalwart. Another Executive delegate is Mr. H. Wells, who formerly represented Canning in the National interest.

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With reference to Resolution No. 174, passed by the 20th Annual Congress, which reads:—

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days. The camp will be run on real military lines, and all the old regimental cooks, barbers, and so on, will go back to their wartime jobs. An advance party of unemployed members of the Old Contemptibles' Association will prepare the camp site, lay water mains, and put up tents. There will be no drills during the camp. Every day will be a soldier's dream—one long programme of recreation.

A tablet to the memory of the million dead of the British Empire was unveiled in the reconstructed cathedral at Arras, on May 10, by Mr. Duff Cooper, the Secretary for War and Chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission. The tablet is dedicated "To the memory of one million dead of the British Empire who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918, and of whom the greater part rest in France." It is similar in design to those erected by the Commission in other cathedrals in France.

France has honoured a Canadian soldier, the late Sergeant Hugh Cairns, V.C., of North Saskatoon, by naming a street in the historic town of Valenciennes after him. The reconstruction of the towns in the forward areas has given France many opportunities of paying such graceful compliments to Dominion soldiers. We named the side streets of Vignacourt ourselves after the capitals of Australian States. They bear those names to this day, but digger facetiousness got out of hand a little when a street in Peronne was named Rue de Kanga. The French authorities, in all seriousness, have retained that name also.

BULLYING THE BEEF
BY "TOC-EMMA"

I read with interest "Come on the Guns" (Listening Post, 14/6/36), but I was surprised at your contributor's remarks about a certain brand of "Bully," I remember we regarded "Fray Bentos" as being the only make of canned beef which did not seem to have been devitalised in the process of manufacture. Even in stew it was palatable and some considered it a luxury. I should mention that I served on the Western Front, with infantry and trench mortars, where we did not suffer from thirst to the extent to which troops did on other fronts, excepting that thirst when out of the line, of course!

During the succeeding seventeen years of peace, I have been batching most of the time, sometimes in places where fresh meat is hard to come by, and often, when opening the "tinned dog," I have wished it were "Fray Bentos."

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Scabbards Off!
By "Pip Tok"

When Lord Gowrie met Jack Carroll, V.C., in Kalgoorlie, His Excellency asked Jack what he was doing those days. "Mucking about the country," was Jack's picturesque reply. We wonder if, by any chance, Jack was misreported.

After giving the Presbyteriansestheir lesson in bayonet fighting and suggesting that Australia should what the German appetite for further demands by giving up New Guinea, Prossor Murdoch indulged in another controversy with Mr. Somerville over the formation of a new political party. Amidst these activities he found time to say a few kind words about the censorship of books, which he alleged is done by illiterate whippersnappers in the Customs Department. Then Mr. Bird, the head of the local Customs, unkindly retorted by giving the names of those constituting the Australian Censorship Board—Sir Robert Garran, K.C., Professor L. H. Allen, M.A., Ph.D., and Professor Headyon, M.A. The cream of the joke is that Professor Allen, formerly professor of English at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, and now of the University College, Canberra, is a gentleman of higher academic and literary attainments than Professor Murdoch himself and a recognised Australian poet who is represented in Professor Murdoch's own Oxford Book of Australian verse.

At the same time, Mr. Bird's reply is hardly a refutation of the charge that the censorship of books in Australia is done in haphazard fashion. Obviously, Professor Murdoch did not refer to the members of the Censorship Board, and it is equally obvious that these gentlemen and the Minister who relies on their advice, have not time to read every over-seas publication that comes into Australia. But the term "illiterate whippersnappers" is unfairly applied to departmental officials who have to pass a fairly stiff educational examination before receiving their appointments. One does not need a string of letters after his name to be able to recognise filth, blasphemy and sedition when he sees it and, I, for one, fail to see how Australian culture will suffer by the exclusion of pornography and turgid communism from our bookshelves.
The main trouble with the censorship is the loose way it is administered. To cite a concrete instance, Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" was included in the catalogues of circulating libraries in Perth for some months before it was banned by the censors. A few years ago, when Eastern States and New Zealand libraries were banning "All Quiet on the Western Front," the manager of a large local library wanted to cope with the demand by soulful spinsters for the book by ordering extra copies. He obtained five from a neighbouring Church Book depot. While I am suspicious of the motives of many of those who advocate the abolition of the censorship, I agree that no censorship at all would be preferable to one that is haphazard, irksome and absurdly Gilbertian.

One must compliment the Rev. Eric H. O. Nye on his dignified and forceful refutation of the hysterics of John K. Ewers over the commemoration of Anzac Day. In an answer which was really no reply, Mr. Ewers said that his insults to deceased soldiers were not really insul- tants and concluded by saying we should remember our dead with pity rather than pride. Contempt rather than pity is the reaction of ex-service men towards Mr. Ewers.

The State President got off a good one at the expense of Major Jack Complains during the South African Veterans' smoke social. It was mentioned earlier in the evening that Jack had been captured near Reddersburg. The Boers did not need prisoners so much as what they were wearing, so Jack and his companion were duly stripped. Later in the evening, Mr. Yeates complimented the gallant Major on having been a pioneer of the nudist movement.

A Miss Irene Glasson told a number of Y.W.C.A. girls that the present fashions in women's hats and frocks are subtle propaganda for war. Evidently the rooster feathers in ladies hats are construed as a throw-off at cocktails.

Much publicity has been given to the activity of a section of university students who intend to take measures to prevent the enlistment of other students in the militia forces. It was not stated how strong or how representative this section is, nor what measures they propose to adopt. Possibly they will refuse to knit socks for soldiers during the next war.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S VISIT

His Excellency, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, has arrived in Perth just as we go to press. Lord Gowrie is a distinguished soldier and a winner of that most coveted of decorations, the Victoria Cross. He is no stranger to Australia, having arrived here 28 years ago as Military Secretary to the then Governor-General, Lord Dudley. He saw much of the A.I.F., both on Gallipoli and in France. Naturally, in getting to know the people of this State he will see much of ex-service men and women while here. His Excellency was accorded a bumper reception by the ex-service men of the goldfields while passing through Kalgoorlie. The Perth reception by ex-service men and women will take place in Anzac House on June 26. The doors will be open at 7.30 p.m.

A.R.M.S. COMPETITION

The results of the second round of the A.R.M.S. competitions are as follows:

Zone 1

North Perth beat West Perth 6-4
Osborne Park beat Maylands 7-3
Bayswater beat Bassendean 10-0
Mt. Hawthorn bt. Mt. Lawley 8-2
Perth, a bye.

Zone 2

Victoria Park beat Fremantle 8-2
Gloucester Park beat Cottesloe 10-0
South Perth beat Claremont 8-2
West Leederville beat Subiaco 8-2
Nedlands, a bye.

The following is the result of the 3rd round of the A.R.M.S. Competitions:

One should think that interference with enlistment is a dangerous proceeding even in a university-ridden place like Perth, but the amazing thing about it all is that those who are loudest in their denunciations of anything savouring of defence are the very ones who would derive immense physical benefit from a bit of drill and training.

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(By R. G. HUMMERSTON, ex-10th Light Horse Regiment)

Continued from May Issue

'Twas the same old picture—sand, eternal sand, with here and there a stunted bush—shade for neither man, nor beast, and if the route was not uphill, it was down—nowhere flat, just a scramble up the side of a mountain of sand, and a slither, slide, down, sideways on. Sometimes here and there a horse would come a buster. Sometimes a gun-pec: would fall, and then there was a hearty curse from all concerned. The sand just had to be got out of the barrel, and the mechanism of the gun—oh! what a glorious life—sand in your tucker, in your teeth, down your bloomin' back, in one's hair. You saw sand, slept in it and woke to find yourself, equipment, everything damned thing covered with sand. In daylight the heat blazed down, and the glare blistered up. Picture to yourself thousands upon thousands of mounted troops riding through the middle of hell with the lid on up to, and the fire going full rip under foot, and you have a vision of what our Walers went through with their riders. Presently, as the monotony of the ride forces itself upon you, you find yourself, or perhaps a cobbler, and even the horses dozing, moving automatically, endeavouring to make up for lost sleep—when suddenly a halt is called, followed by the order to dismount—a short halt—but you immediately fall asleep in the shade of the horses, while the nags also close their eyes, and possibly dream as do their riders—of home.

Sometimes a horse has lain down beside his sleeping rider; both oblivious to everything. Here and there men open a tin of "Fray" and bog in while they may, for who knows what the next hour may bring; gulp a mouthful of lukewarm water from the canvas neck bag, light a fag, and are content—till the word comes to prepare to mount—and we are off again. And so the chase went on, for days upon end, always the same ride and fight, stable pickets, cossack posts, inlying pickets.

We are maneuvering to out-flank Jacko, but he is wise, aided, no doubt, but Allah-il-allah, and will not be caught. Weeks go by and still we ride. Then, one morning, just before dawn, after an unusually "forced" march, we are halted, still mounted, for what seemed an hour, till from far out on the left front came the familiar crack of an Arab rifle, followed by another. The order to trot came simultaneously, and away we went, into full gallop on the instant, and the pace is kept up for possibly two miles until we are again halted. The East is lightening, and we can distinguish each other's features, awile and distant objects can be seen. Then the long-looked for order comes, "you may smoke." Instantly scores upon scores of smokers are lit up and troops are happy, for it is monotonous riding all night without a smoke. Proceeding at a leisurely pace, we are suddenly roused by the sharp order to trot, almost instantly to gallop—and away we go again. God, what exhilaration, galloping in the nippy dawn, intent on obstacles in front, thinking—of what? is your luck going to hold

The State lost a good citizen and the R.S.L a good friend when Sir Charles Nathan passed away on June 5. Sir Charles was the third warden of the State War Memorial, an honorary office which he took as seriously as if it had been a highly-salaried appointment. He spent much time in the neighbourhood of the Memorial during week-ends, and provided afternoon tea in the kiosk for whatever sub-wardens were on duty. Now that death has removed the embargo on publicity, it may be mentioned that Sir Charles was the anonymous donor of the electric lighting equipment for the Memorial. After the Memorial had become an accomplished fact, Sir Charles interested himself very actively in the provision of a permanent headquarters for the League. He was a member of the original committee which raised funds for and brought about the erection of Anzac House, and subsequently became a member of the Anzac House Redemption Fund committee. He was one of those rare men who, while reserved and somewhat taciturn in temperament, was easily approachable and genial once the ice of a natural shyness was broken. He stood for all that was best in the public life of our State, and, in passing, his influence in the life of the community will be greatly missed.
or are you going to collect? Wh-ee-ee! zip-bang! bang—Hell! that was close.
What a cold, prickly feeling goes racing up and down your spine. How suffo-
cated one feels—just as if one’s heart was trying to leave that damn fool mouth for
a safer place, but the very speed at which we are galloping thrills one to the roots
of the hair. Tug, tug, and I look at my
shirt just above the belt and find two
separate bullet holes. But one has no
time to worry now, wha-ee-ee, cr-a-a-sh,
cr-a-a-sh—two shrapnel burst away ahead
fair in our track, and we are rapidly
galloping. We are over what remains of the
green grass. Twinkling of an eye, but we
are shrieking—bullets whistling. Men
are falling and lie still. One feels stiff
with the friendly dust which is rising in
clouds round us—and then there comes
tearing along the Major—a fire-eater if
every there was one—but we liked him,
a real tip-top sort. He roars out in a
voice to strike terror into one who didn’t
know him—“Come on the guns.” Speed
is increased if possible. A hasty word
is exchanged with No. 1 to find if he is
all right. You glance ever to see if the
pack is riding true and find the gun has
slipped a bit. Drawing the horse closer
to you, and holding the reins in one
hand, you grip with knees and reach over
to buckle the offending strap still tighter.
It’s a cow of a job, this riding practically
on air to do up buckles some feet away
on the opposite side of a madly galloping
horse, with bullets snapping round, shells
bursting, your own equipment rattling
and banging into you at every stride.
Still, it’s part of the game, and you ride,
ride like hell, caring not a damn for what
might come. Flee-e-e—p—the whistle
shrills and “action front” comes again.

(To be concluded in our July issue)

OUR OVERSET

We regret, owing to pressure on our
columns, having to delay publication of
some splendid contributed articles, includ-
ing “The Diggers’ Postal Service,” by A.
J. S. Strutt, “Here Comes an Old Sol-
dier,” by Morrie Munday, “Soldiering in
the Early Days,” by J. E. Hammond, and
others.

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Westralian Cavalry in the War
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CHAPTER I
The Formation of the Regiment

At the outbreak of hostilities, Western Australia possessed, under the Commonwealth Defence Act, one Mounted Regiment, with a Machine Gun Section attached. This Regiment was at that time known as the 25th Light Horse, and, under Lieut.-Colonel Brazier, had seen a couple of years successful training, and, although its component units were scattered over a great portion of the State, had, by the keenness of its personnel, attained a fair degree of efficiency.

Judge, then, of the bitter disappointment and chagrin evinced by officers and men, when, at the first call for enlistment for service overseas, it became known that no mounted troops were being asked for from the West.

A good number, in order, as they thought, not to be left out in the cold, immediately enlisted in one of the infantry battalions or other units then forming, and by this means the ranks of the "Old 25th" became sadly depleted. Others, however, never for one moment lost confidence in their belief that, sooner or later, our State would be asked to supply mounted troops, and, in the case of several officers, even volunteered to resign their commissions and go as rankers if necessary.

Their zeal and belief in their own arm was at last rewarded, when it was announced that the offer of a squadron from Western Australia was accepted, the condition being that each member would supply his own horse gratuitously.

A party of officers made a tour of each important centre, and, from the numbers who were offering their services, made selections large or small enough to be fairly representative of each district.

The men fortunate enough to be chosen were concentrated at Guildford, near the Old Remount Depot, in the first week of October, 1914, and were soon in full training as a Light Horse Squadron.

And what an assortment of Australian manhood that squadron was! Could any assemblage of well under 200 souls possibly be more cosmopolitan? Here were gentlemen of independent means, professional men, university graduates, commercial men, farmers, labourers, all shaken down together and actuated only by that splendid spirit which Western Australia showed from the beginning and from which, in the brightest or darkest days of the War till the last shot was fired, she never looked back.

The Squadron was then "C" Squadron of the 7th Light Horse, the balance of the 7th being in process of formation in Queensland and New South Wales.

Continual applications were being made from all parts of the country for service "with the Light Horse," but had of necessity to be shelved for the time being, if not turned down altogether.

It soon became evident, however, that our State was quite capable of turning out at least one complete regiment, and representations to this effect were made to Headquarters. Repeated efforts were at length crowned with success, authority to form a regiment was granted, and the 10th Light Horse Regiment was accordingly formed. In this respect great credit is due to the personal effort put forth by Lieut.-Colonel N. M. Brazier, who may be rightly called the "Father of the Regiment."

Enlistment now proceeded rapidly, and officers who held commissions in the Commonwealth Military Forces were given appointments in the A.I.F. to serve with this new regiment.

The original squadron became "A" Squadron, and continued its training at Guildford, whilst a party of officers under Captain T. J. Todd, D.S.O., was despatched to the Royal Agricultural So-
no screaming farce, could have possibly caused more mirth and merriment to anyone possessing the slightest sense of humour than did the numberless incidents of the daily routine of that period.

Captain Todd was the life and soul at Claremont, and to him fell the task of putting prospective Light Horsemen through their riding tests, with poor old Sandy McPhee standing by as a groom, and sometimes picker-up of dislodged candidates. Of these latter there were not a few—but they were not all rejected.

On one occasion a young fellow presented himself for the test, and was given the tall chestnut "Doctor Mac" to ride. Everyone who knew "Mac" will remember that he was a grand old horse, but with rather a mischievous disposition. On being ordered to mount, the youth made several desperate attempts to clamber into the saddle on the off side, and at last arrived there. But he was not destined to remain long, for "Mac" arched his back, put his head down, and away went the recruit about five yards clear in front to the ground. Nothing daunted, and apparently not in the least surprised, he repeated the performance with a similar result. A third time was he "skied," when Captain Todd said to him kindly:

"My boy, what made you think you could ride?"

"I don't sir," promptly replied the boy.

"Have you ever been on a horse in your life?"

"No, sir."

"Well, what the H—— did you come here for?"

"I didn't say I could ride, but I don't mind having a try, and I want to join the Regiment."

"That's the way to talk," said the Captain. "Well, go away for a week and practice riding and I'll give you another chance."

"Thank you, sir."

In a week's time the boy came along again and went through the test in fine style. Needless to say he was immediately "taken on the strength."

Many similar examples of wonderful spirit and determination were exhibited on the part of men in their desire to enlist in the Regiment.

Take for instance young Godley's ride of 300 miles overland from Kimberley to Wyndham to catch the Fremantle boat only to find on arrival at the recruiting office that there was no vacancy at that time. Persisting, however, his case was soon brought to notice, and a place was eventually found for him. A fine boy, who, after serving gallantly with the Regiment, died fighting in France as a pilot in the Air Service.

Or take the spirit shown by the man who was rejected on account of possessing a malformed great toe. Walking away, not be any means downcast, but with rather a resolute air, he reappeared a week or so later with a confident grin and the remark, "Will you take me now?" The offending toe had been amputated!

Such was the stuff which composed the original "Tenth." Many incidents similar to these could be recalled, but they may not be recounted here. Now came the work of licking this willing material into shape, and here it was that the splendid efforts of the pukka sergeant-majors shone out prominently. They were literally the backbone of the Regiment at its inception, and their devotion to their job, their knowledge and their manner of imparting that knowledge to raw material went very far to create that grand espirit-de-corps which has since firmly stood to the Regiment through its many ups and downs, its joys and sorrows, and the light of which has never once waned.

(Rapidly did "B" and "C" settle down to the dismantled training, and on October 28 two of these two squadrons marched on foot from Claremont to Guildford, where the Regiment was ordered to concentrate. They might easily have gone by rail, but they preferred to march, just for the purpose, as the men said, "of trying themselves out."

The sixteen miles were covered in very fair time, and, on their arrival at Guildford, "A" Squadron turned out and gave their new comrades a rousing cheer.

The ensuing few weeks were strenuous ones, as only those who have witnessed the organisation, training and equipment of a unit for active service could possibly appreciate.

Doubtless the same thing must have been taking place throughout the length and breadth of the Empire at that moment, and one can only marvel at the enormous amount and concentration of energy required to build and set the huge war machine of Britain working.

Everything went smoothly. Colonel Brazier and his adjutant, Captain R. E. Jackson, carried on with the administrative work; Major A. J. Love, the Regimental Second-in-Command, was indefatigable in his task of training the Regiment, whilst the Quartermaster, Captain W. C. Robinson, had charge of the equipment.

A Machine Gun Section was organised and trained under Lieut. C. L. Nicholas, and the veterinary officer, Captain Weston, was busy with the selection, branding and handling of remounts.

Summer was now making itself felt, and the heat and dust of Guildford had a very appreciable effect in increasing the general thirst of the Light Horse camp. To meet this contingency, a long row of wooden, hessian, and iron shanties, lovingly called "Hay Street," sprang into being, and the termination of the day's work saw a general rush in their direction for squashes, ices, or anything else which might be legally retailed in a "dry" camp. For Guildford was "dry" in those days.

(To be continued.)

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MEDICAL UNITS ASSOCIATION

The Medical Units Association is well behind the movement for increasing the membership and efficiency of the Militia Forces, and for propagating the ideals of the League in other directions. At a well attended reunion on May 23, these aspects of the Association's activities were duly stressed. In outlining the aims of that organisation, the chairman (Mr. C. A. Davies) mentioned that one of the outstanding achievements had been the establishment, during the past year, of libraries for the use of patients in the various repatriation institutions. By this means it was made possible to give some recreation to invalid ex-service men. Over 1,000 books had been donated, and others were still awaiting distribution. Thanks to the donation of handsome bookcases which had been installed in Ward 11 of the Perth General Hospital and at Lennox Hospital, more money was available for the purchase of books that may be asked for, from time to time, by patients. Books were still required. Mr. Davies stated that one donation had been received from England. A novel and amusing feature of the evening was the mock broadcast from Station 606, Bullford, interspersed with musical honours, by which the guests and representatives of kindred associations were welcomed. In his reply, Major-General A. T. White, C.M.G., V.D., said that every opportunity should be taken to increase the existing Militia Forces, especially the Army Medical Corps. He considered that medical officers in country centres should interest themselves in the teaching of first aid, which was useful both in peace and war. The unit associations were welcomed. In his reply, Mr. H. Hopperton; vice-presidents, Messrs. Fullerton and Cook; hon. secretary, Mr. Sid Rowles; country vice-presidents, Messrs. Reeves and McCormack; committee, past president, Jack Harvey, Messrs. Evans, Allen, Hunt, Cooke, Kitson, Thornton, Deary, Sawyer, Sparrow, Hall, Tout, Bath and Dalton. After the election there was a pleasant discussion on past reminiscences intermingled with musical items provided by Messrs. Banjo Reeve, Percy Lester, Jack Allen and H. Hopperton. Ex-soldier members of above units wishing to join up are asked to get in touch with secretary Sid Rowles, c/o. Reeves, 14, Milligan Street, Perth.

44th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The committee is extremely pleased over the result of the year, the result being: President, Mr. H. Hopperton; vice-presidents, Messrs. Banjo Reeve, Percy Lester, Jack Allen and H. Hopperton. Ex-soldier members of above units wishing to join up are asked to get in touch with secretary Sid Rowles, c/o. Reeves, 14, Milligan Street, Perth.

12th-52nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

After the Anzac Day parade the 12/52 Battalion Association met to elect officers for the ensuing year, the result being: President, Mr. J. W. Tait; vice-presidents, Messrs. Fullerton and Cook; hon. secretary, Mr. Sid Rowles; country vice-presidents, Messrs. Reeves and McCormack; committee, past president, Jack Harvey, Messrs. Evans, Allen, Hunt, Cooke, Kitson, Thornton, Deary, Sawyer, Sparrow, Hall, Tout, Bath and Dalton. After the election there was a pleasant discussion on past reminiscences intermingled with musical items provided by Messrs. Banjo Reeve, Percy Lester, Jack Allen and H. Hopperton. Ex-soldier members of above units wishing to join up are asked to get in touch with secretary Sid Rowles, c/o. Reeves, 14, Milligan Street, Perth.

32nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The 32nd Battalion Association was the first to make its appearance in the year. The result was: President, Mr. H. Hopperton; vice-presidents, Messrs. Banjo Reeve, Percy Lester, Jack Allen and H. Hopperton. Ex-soldier members of above units wishing to join up are asked to get in touch with secretary Sid Rowles, c/o. Reeves, 14, Milligan Street, Perth.

THE LISTENING POST

5th June, 1936

EX-MACHINE GUNNERS' ASSN.

The Machine Gunners' Association has every reason to be satisfied with the success of its activities. The quarterly gathering on April 22 was a great success, and the parade of between 60 and 70 strong on Anzac Day was most satisfying to those who have worked hard to make a success of the initial parades. The Battalion has been divided into five separate units. Association members are looking forward to the next gathering which will be held at Gregson's, 32 King Street, Perth, on Friday, June 19, when as a result of increased membership, promises to be an even more successful evening than on previous occasions. Intending members are advised to communicate with the hon. secretary, Mr. L. J. Parks, Forests Department, Perth.

THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION

On Saturday, July 18, 1936, at the Anzac House supper room, the Association will celebrate the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Battalion, with a grand "coming of age" gathering. Festivities will commence with a hot dinner at 7.30 p.m., and this is to be the outstanding function in the history of the Association. The committee are storing up surprises for old 32nd men, and there will be excellent entertainment from the word go. The price of the tickets is to be kept at 

3/6, and tickets will be available from the secretary, Mr. L. J. Parks, or from any of the committee, and will be on sale at the door on the night of the function. It is asked that all those who intend to go to this function buy their tickets as soon as possible to help the committee to gauge prospective attendances. The committee urge every 32nd man to attend this reunion as no effort is being spared to make it the 21st anniversary of the Battalion one to be remembered—an eventful year in the history of the Battalion Association. On the exact date of the 20th Anniversary of Fluerbaix (Sunday, July 19), members will parade at 11 a.m. at the Queen Victoria Statue in King's Park, and will march to the State War Memorial, where, at 1.30 p.m., a wreath will be placed at the foot of the Memorial in remembrance of fallen comrades.

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At a meeting of the Press S.S.L. in the Y.M.C.A on May 28, an Empire Shopping Week subject was dealt with in the form of a talk on “How Wire Netting is Made.”

The speaker was Mr. Charles Hull, of the advertising branch of Malloch Bros., who is also publicity officer of the Bayswater sub-branch. For purposes of illustration he used a large working model of the W.A. Netting and Wire Company’s factory at West Perth, which showed all the machines in action and made the explanation of the various processes very interesting. The sales manager of the factory (Mr. N. McSwain), who was also present, pointed out to the Sons the value of buying local products, for by so doing, our industries would be increased, and there would be more positions created for our Sons as they left school. Arrangements have been made for the boys to be shown over the factory on June 11.

ALBANY
Mr. E. Forster presided over the monthly meeting on May 5. A letter was received from the State Secretary congratulating the sub-branch on its activities during 1935 and conveying the best wishes of the State Executive. It was resolved to purchase additional material for games. The business meeting has been changed from the first to the second Tuesday of each month. Combined games and firework meetings will be held every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the monthly dance on the fourth Friday of each month.

True citizenship means not only a man’s obedience to the laws of his own country, but a practical regard for the Empire to which his country belongs.

20th May, 1936
At the meeting of the State Executive on May 20, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Denton, Aberle, Hunt, Freedman, Cornwall, Marchion, Watt, James, Wilkins, Mitchell, Pady, Ross, Lamb, Collins and Nicholas. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Olden, Sten, Collett, Philip, Panton, Warner, Wells, Newman, Henning and Robich.

Empire Shopping Week.—Mr. Watt reported that the final arrangements in connection with Empire Shopping Week were in hand.

Constitution.—Mr. Aberle reported that the amendment to Rule 5 of the Federal Constitution had emanated from the Sixth Biennial Conference of the B.E.S.L. and had been confirmed by the 19th Annual Federal Congress.

Visits.—The State President submitted a report of his tour with the State Secretary of sub-branches in the Murchison district. Other visits were reported by Colonel Olden (Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville), Mr. Cornell (Marvel Loch, Southern Cross, Boulder, Ravensthorpe, Norseman, Coolup, Kalgarin, Newdegate, Esperance, Lake King), Mr. Pady Rockingham, Rabbi Freedman (S.S.L.), Col. Margolin (Gloucester Park).

It was arranged that the State Executive would be represented at functions as follows:—Medical Units, May 23, Mr. Collins; 28th Battalion Association, June 9, Colonel Lamb; Torbay, May 23, Mr. E. Y. Butler; Harvey, May 26, Mr. Cornell. An open invitation for June 9 was received from the Nedlands sub-branch. An invitation from the Kirup sub-branch on a date to be arranged was referred to the Management Committee.

Sub-Branches.—Approval was given for the formation of new sub-branches at Kukerin, Yalgoo and Beacon.

Cowaramup sub-branch advised its intention of negotiating for the acquisition of property adjoining the sub-branch hall. It was agreed to advise the sub-branch that the full responsibility must be accepted by its members and that further information would be appreciated by the Executive.

The appointment of a new secretary of the Norseman sub-branch was approved.

Suggestions for the alteration of the Anzac Day service, forwarded by the Merredin sub-branch, were referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

The Northam sub-branch forwarded a resolution to the effect that the recent anti-advertisements on the celebration of Anzac Day made by Mr. J. K. Ewers, should be treated with the contempt they deserved.

Approval was granted for the change of the name of West Leederville sub-branch to West Leederville-Wembley sub-branch.

No. 6 District Committee.—Approval was given for the formation of No. 10 District Committee which will embrace the following sub-branches:—Busselton, Nannup, Forest Grove, Ross Brook and Cowaramup. A resolution from No. 10 District Committee concerning soldier settlers’ difficulties was forwarded to the Land Committee.

Poppy Tabs.—A suggestion from the Maimed and Limbless Men’s Association that the Poppy Tabs used on Poppy Day this year be coloured royal purple as a mark of mourning for the late King George V was received to be forwarded as a suggestion to the Federal Executive.

Pensions.—Information relating to Entitlement Tribunal appeals and service pensions, submitted to the Senate as the result of questions asked by Colonel Collett, was received and referred to the Pensions Committee.

Anzac House.—Perth sub-branch’s request that urgent action be taken to supply a rest room at Anzac House was referred to the House Committee.

Medical and Hospital Expenses.—It was agreed that the matter of medical and hospital expenses raised in a communication from the Kondinin sub-branch be made an item for the agenda of next Annual Congress.

Kirup.—Approval was given for the appointment of trustees by the Kirup sub-branch for the vesting of a block of land granted by the Government.

Community Concerts.—Mr. Aberle re-

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The following visits were reported:

The vacancy caused by Mr. Lovell's resignation will be filled by Mr. Lindsay Thorn, M.L.A.

3rd June, 1936

At the meeting on June 3, there were present Messrs. Olden, Collett, Panton, Denton, Aberle, Hunt, Freedman, Cornhill, Margolin, Warner, Watt, James, Wilkins, Mitchell, Pay, Ross, Collins, Nicholas, Newman and Thorn. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Sten, Philip, Wells, Lamb, Henning and Roche.

In the absence of the State President Colonel Olden occupied the chair.

Sister Jones.—It was reported that Sister Jones was seriously ill. At the instance of Colonel Olden, a resolution was carried conveying the Executive sincere sympathy and heartfelt wishes for her speedy recovery.

New Delegate.—Mr. L. Thorn, M.L.A., the new delegate to the Executive, was formally welcomed by the chairman.

Visits.—The Land Committee's report indicated the action being taken in connection with relief for farmers in the drought-stricken districts.

Trustees.—The trustees reported that 133 applications for relief had been approved during the month of May, and that the amount expended was £197/5/0.

Empire Shopping Week.—Mr. Watt reported that this year's Empire Shopping Week had been highly successful, and at his suggestion it was decided to invite the hon. organiser (Mr. Hastings Reid) to submit a more detailed report at the next meeting of the Executive.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:

—Mr. G. R. Collins (Medical Units Association), Rabbi Freedman (Memorial Service, Battle of Jutland), Colonel Margolin (Aero Club), Mr. Panton (Pingelly sub-branch and annual meeting, M.C.I. Home), Mr. Aberle (W.A. sub-branch), Mr. Gersh (Rocky sub-branch), and Colonel Olden (Manjimup sub-branch).

Visit of Governor-General.—The State Secretary reported that advice had been received from the Premier's Department that the League had been allotted June 26 at 8.30 p.m. for the purpose of entertaining His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Gowrie. It was agreed that Lord and Lady Gowrie be tendered a reception at which the attendance would be confined to ex-service men and women, together with the State President and Secretary, women's auxiliary and the presidents and secretaries, women's auxiliary sub-branches. The details were left in the hands of the Management Committee.

Sub-Branches.—Invitations from Waroona sub-branch (June 5) and Gosnells sub-branch (June 28) were referred to the Management Committee.

Approval was given for the reforming of the Mundijong sub-branch and an invitation to attend a gathering at Mundijong on June 13 was referred to the Management Committee.

BAYSWATER

On April 27, we were defeated in the A.R.M.S. competition round by last year's champions, Mr. Hawthorn. However, the disasters of the night were light compared with those that befell the dubious twins, Dick and Darke. They missed the transport, and the route march that ensued got them home just ahead of the morning milk. The sub-branch was entertained by the women's auxiliary to high tea on April 26, and to an evening on April 30. This put members into form for the victory in the A.R.M.S. contests over Bassendean on May 13. The formation of a sub-branch of the S.S.L. is now under consideration.

MAYLANDS

Among the 20 new members who have joined the sub-branch are Messrs. Donavan, Castieau, Leake, Foster, Davies, Evans, Martin and McKenna. North Perth defeated us on our own ground in the A.R.M.S. competition. Nevertheless, the evening was a most enjoyable one and the supper for which Messrs. Smith and Elkington were responsible was a most enjoyable one. Both teams showed an improvement on last year's form. Maylands was again well beaten by Osborne Park on May 20. The evening was another enjoyable one, for the victors were excellent hosts. The Osborne Park women's auxiliary turned out in style and put on an appetising supper. The Friday evening dances in the North Perth Town Hall continue to be well patronised. The next meeting will be held in the Lesser Town Hall, Maylands, on pension day, June 25.

BULLFINCH

A successful picnic was held on the Soccer ground on May 24. The children for whom the event was arranged thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is only when Christmas Trees are decorated and picnics partaken of that we realise the numerical strength of the Bullfinch children. Athletic events for young and old were the order of the day. Bill Bacon successfully hurled the hammer and Harry Day won the cycling event. President Jim Dixon was again to the fore and Jack Tyson helped to make things go with a swing. Afternoon tea was served by the women's auxiliary.

NURSES

At the meeting in Anzac House on June 9 the president (Miss L. T. Borwick) asked the members to stand and observe a two minutes silence as a tribute to the memory of their late member Sister R. M. Jones, and in a subsequent address recalled the many sterling qualities of their late fellow member. She was proud to realise the esteem in which Sister Jones was held by the thousands of diggers to whom she had administered with kindly care and attention during the course of her duties. The deep respect in which she was held was exhibited by the unusually large assemblage of old soldiers at Karrakatta. The meeting accorded some fitting memorial be placed in the club rooms. Business dealt with included a letter from Miss E. McKay, of Caulfield, Victoria, thanking the sub-branch and Sisters Hetherington and Gray for the very valuable assistance rendered in connection with the application for pension for Sister Olive McKay. Notification was received from the League that a receipt would be given to their Excellencies Lord and Lady Gowrie at Anzac House on June 25. It is anticipated that forty members of the Nurses' sub-branch will be able to attend the reception and the League officials have been asked to make the necessary reservations.

PERTH

Since our last report a further two meetings have been held, both of which were very well attended. The president (Mr. J. O'Farrell) occupied the chair in both instances, and at the first meeting which was held on the 12th May, quite a considerable amount of business was got through. One of

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the main items of the evening was the dis-
cussion of the Rest Room in Anzac House.
This sub-branch does not intend to let this
matter rest, and is making a determined effort
to have this room established in the interests
of those members who cannot afford Club
membership. Every consideration is being
extended to the State Executive in the very
difficult task which confronts them, and the
sub-branch is now awaiting the report of the
League's architect to see what he proposes in
regard to this matter. Accounts totalling £39/4/4
were passed for payment. A report that £40 was won in a sweep was
won with applause. In response to a circular letter from the R.S.L. Band, it was decided to make
a donation of £2/2/. The president wel-
comed two old members in Messrs. D. Col
e and J. Keightley, and also a Mr. Marriott, who
has just joined up with the sub-branch. Sympa-
thies were expressed to Messrs. A. Massey
and H. Norris in their recent sad bereave-
ments.
At the meeting of the 26th May, Mr. E.
Beaumont's position on the committee was
decayed vacated by reason of non-attendance,
and Mr. G. P. Smith was elected to fill the
vacancy. Mr. A. Della-Rocca took Mr. Bea-
umont's place as a sub-warden of the S.S.L.
Our next games in the A.R.M.S. competition
are to be played against Osborne Park sub-
branch, and we are fully alive to the strong
opposition that this sub-branch will give us.
The last thing done at this meeting was a
congratulatory resolution to the State Execu-
tive for its stand in the recent episode of the
A.R.M.S. competition which confronts them, and
the State Executive was urged to make sure
that the purpose for which the hall is hired
are stated distinctly on the application forms.
This meeting closed at 9 o'clock and games
were indulged in until a late hour.
PRESS
The most spectacular item of the Press
Ball was the "Pageant of the Press." One
of the sets which presented a tableau was the
R.S.L. set, which represented the activities
of the Press sub-branch, past and present.
The set was symbolised by ladies in scarlet
military costumes, each with a small sheathed
sword, and the men in evening dress, each
holding in his white gloved hand a huge black
pen with the gold nib dipped in ink. Head-
ing the set and the players in front was a
small boy of six years of age. His eyes just
showed out of the neck of a huge ink bottle
that had been draped with the R.S.L. set, and
the bottle bore the label "Press Sub-Branch,
R.S.L. S.S.L. Branch." Thus all the activities
of the sub-branch were represented from the
sword to the pen, bringing to our minds the
fact that the Press is Mightier than the Sword.
The sub-branch has recently elected a new
president of the sub-branch (Mr. Reg. A.
Nicholas) and included the following mem-
bers:-Messrs. Sorensen, Brown, Sexton and
Nicholas.
MOUNT MAGNET
During the last five months membership
strength has increased from 13 to 33 finan-
cially and very creditably, and the sub-
branch is now urging the members to take
operation of all concerned. Meetings are
held on alternate Saturdays. During the
month, the sub-branch had the pleasure of
entertaining the State President and State
Secretary at a reunion social. Other visitors
to the sub-branch was Colonel Mansbridge
and the chairman of the local Road Board (Mr.
J. Atkinson). These visits by members of the
State Executive are greatly appreciated
water, and of course, a strong movement of
improvements and additions to the kitchen and
basement have added to the comfort of all
concerned. In the A.R.M.S. competition the
sub-branch has defeated Mount Lawley and
North Perth. The next contest will be with
Osborne Park. Social committees are making
great success of the weekly dancer.
CARLISLE
(91. McTootle")
Well, lads, here we are! In response to a
demand from my comrades for "noos," and a few polte (?) enquiries as to the
leged class known as "boomb palls," and
worded something after this style: "Are you
ookin?" "Are you dead?" or "Have you
earned your typewriter?" - and with the very
sets: - Messrs. F. Sorenson, G.
were added to the membership basement have added
months membership.
Beaumont's position on the committee was
appointed to the sub-branch. Interest
in the main items of the evening was the
least recipient of the League's
meetings. Tile
speeches
under the sub-branch, past and present.
State Executive, and last, but not least, Mr.
W. J. Evans, the latest recipient of the League's
Certificate of Merit, to whom the happy
financial position of the hall finances is mainly
due. The completed building is of tasteful
design, roomy and well ventilated, and is
indeed a credit to its sponsors and the district
generally. Judging by its popularity as a
place of entertainment, it should rapidly be-
come free from debt and develop into quite
an appreciable source of revenue to the sub-
branch, and the happiest spirit prevailed
throughout. An excellent orchestra was in
attendance, led by Mr. J. Bates, and the
music and vocal items were frequent and of
a very high order. Mention
was made of the manner in which the toast of
"Fallen Comrades" was received in the dim
light of a candle and the impressive rendering
of the Last Post and Reveille by Mr. G.
Gilmour. Special arrangements were
reasonably short throughout the evening. The toast to the
"R.S.L." was most ably proposed by Mr. J.
Norton, who, in a few brief sentences, voiced
the true League spirit and a broad outlook.
Other toast-holders were those of "Firealla-
"Citrus Council," "Visitors," "1st
Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-Branch,
"Artists" and "Chairman." The financial
membership of the sub-branch was stated to
be 98, and the energetic secretary (Mr. G. F.
Charles) was re-elected president of the
branch, reaching the century in a couple of
days.
Members who assist in the busy bee every
Sunday morning are to be commended for
their work. By their efforts the seating ac-
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quite a lot of business disposed of. The most important, perhaps, was a very commendable decision to change the date which has previously ended the financial year at December 31, to the first Thursday in July. Nominations were received for the election of the sub-committee of hospital officers, and the election of officers will take place at the next general meeting on Thursday, 2nd July, next.

Agenda items for the forthcoming annual congress were submitted for the consideration of the sub-committee of hospital officers and the election of officers will take place at the next general meeting on Thursday, 2nd July, next.

Mr. Aberle also spoke appreciatively of what the Red Cross had done for Lemnos and other hospitals. Other toasts were "The Ladies of the Auxiliary," proposed by Roy Inuppen and responded to by Mrs. H. K. Peet; "The Mayor," by Mr. Hardwick and responded to by Mr. Wood; "Local Governing Bodies," in proposing which Mr. Roy Inuppen specially mentioned the Mayor who, in his reply, referred to the hard times experienced by primary producers during the past few years and expressed pleasure at the prospects of improvement in their conditions.

COLLEGE

Mr. Stirling presided over a good attendance at the meeting on June 2. Mr. H. May reported progress on pension matters and stated that he had taken action to obtain retrospective pension. After the president had eloqued the work done by Mr. J. Giblett in connection with pensions, a motion of appreciation of his efforts, proposed by Messrs. J. Giblett and J. Nicholls, was carried.

Mr. J. Giblett reported on the meeting of No. 2 committee and submitted a further report on an interview with the secretary of the W.A. Athletic League (Mr. Begley) in connection with the sports carnival to be held on the Saturday morning, Colli, on January 18, 1937. He had informed that a large number of professional runners would be likely to compete at the Collie meeting. The President stated that a weekly Saturday night "pig's ear" was held for four consecutive nights and the necesity of raising funds for the completion of the installation of a radio system at the Collie Hospital.

Mr. Stirling noted this with regret. His successor is Mr. H. Brown.

REEDY

The sub-branch has suffered the loss of its valued president, Mr. Arthur Nugent, through his leaving the district. Before his departure he was tendered a valedictory social by the 120 members and their friends.

Mr. Nugent was unanimously elected the services of his predecessor, both in forming the sub-branch and in holding it together, and special reference was made to the address he delivered on April 27, the first annual meeting. He also did much to assist in the organisation of the sub-branch. His remarks were ably supported by Messrs. George Thompson and George Whalley, who presented the departing guest with a case of pipes as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the sub-branch. Mr. Nugent, in response, thanked office-bearers and members for their co-operation, and stated that so far as he knew the position in Big Bell was not going to be changed to form a sub-branch there.

GLOUCESTER PARK

This sub-branch, formerly Tramways, is now open to all diggers residing in the East Perth district. Mr. A. Wilkins, the honorary secretary, is desirous of hearing from intending members. Excellent programmes are arranged to follow the business portion of meetings. The sub-branch recently defeated Fremantle in the A.R.M.S. competition by the narrow margin of two points at bridge. Anyone who fancies himself at bridge, table tennis, shooting, draughts or bridge is advised to join up. Carpet bowls are always on the mat.

NARROGIN

The sub-branch is now very active in securing new members before the close of the year. The Soldiers' Memorial Institute has now been completely painted and the new caretaker, an old-time secretary, T. Hogg, is busy attending to the garden. All members are pleased to see him at the Institute.

A good attendance was mustered for our visit to Bayswater on May 13, a most enjoyable evening being spent. The business of the evening was to engage Bayswater in Soldier Games, the highlights of which were Artillery, Archery, and the general business meeting, with 40 to answer the roll call. A letter was received from the Road Board about the removal of the prize gun from the Memorial Hall. As the result of another interview between the president and chairman of the Road Board, it was decided that the gun be removed but not scrapped. A contribution was made to the R.S.L. Band towards the trip to Adelaide. A vote of thanks was recorded to Mr. R. Lovelock for his contribution to the sub-branch on meeting nights. Mr. Kidson was elected to the sick committee, vice Mr. Burket. We miss the Mrs. M. Smith, who is away on the goldfields. The committee met on June 1 and decided to run a social evening during June at the Town Hall, inviting all ex-service men and their wives. It is hoped that this will help to keep their membership up.

On June 2 we received a visit from West Perth for the A.R.M.S. competition. The visitors, who were the winners in all departments, expressed their appreciation of the arrangements made for them. The R.S.L. Band entertained them with music until dark.

The dance social, given by the women's auxiliary, on May 2, was a great success.

The music, provided by the R.S.L. Band, was in the hands of Mr. T. Thurgood, jnr, carried out the duties of M.C. in an efficient manner. The music, provided by the R.S.L. Band, was in the hands of Mr. T. Thurgood, jnr, carried out the duties of M.C. in an efficient manner. The music, provided by the R.S.L. Band, was in the hands of Mr. T. Thurgood, jnr, carried out the duties of M.C. in an efficient manner.

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The meeting of the sub-branch was fixed for August 5. Mr. Prince was appointed as the sub-branch's representative on the St. John Ambulance Association committee. It was resolved that three months' trial be given to a proposal to send personal notices of meetings to members.

TORBAY

The monthly meeting at Torbey on May 23 gave opportunity for the entertainment for the winter months. There will be no fewer than $5 turned up to last one. At the next meeting it is intended to conduct the first of a long delayed series of games with the cups as the incentive. A challenge is already out against the rifle team by the sports, for the right to shoot in the A.R.M.S. games as some of the reasons reckon they are more invincible to stage-fright than the official team. The committee would be very pleased to see other games captains raise up some energy and follow the example of the rifle team by having a weekly practice. The team is showing a handsome profit after paying for ammunition and refreshments each practice night.

SUBLICO

The monthly meeting on June 4 sympathetically for fellow members was expressed to Ben Williamson, our secretary, whose father had passed on during the week-end at the good age of 81 years. Members of this sub-branch share with all fellow comrades the deep sorrow felt in the loss of our beloved Sister Jones, of the Repatriation Ward. We all feel that this world can ill spare such a comforter, and healer of broken men. Workshops have been busy in painting the interior of the meeting room, and the women's auxiliary is assisting in making these premises more pleasant and comfortable by adding the finishing touches. Bridge evenings are held on alternate Saturday nights, in order to raise funds for a piano. Permission is also being sought to conduct an art union. Miss Doris Melville has offered to put on a children's concert in Sublico. The nocturne proceeds are to be devoted to the same purpose. The date and particulars will be advertised later.

Boulder

The A.R.M.S. games competition the sub-branch was successful against Claremont. In reference to the Essay competition on Empire Day, the secretary is to be congratulated on the very fine address he delivered on that occasion. In an effort to stimulate greater interest in the affairs of the sub-branch and to secure new members, a harmony night was held on May 18. Every member present was expected to contribute some item to the programme and this caused a good deal of amusement, it being apparent that many of our members had previous experience hiding their lights under a bushel in the past. The secretary, after all he had contributed that mournful little ditty "The Lost Sheep on the Mountain," was immediately pounced upon the treasurer (Mr. Sydney Herbert) and accused of pinching his item to the programme. A large number of pension claims have been dealt with, by the secretary during the past month, the majority being service pension claims. We had the pleasure of meeting the senior pensioners' officer (Mr. Keays) at the Kalgoorlie railway station on his way back to Melbourne. He stated that he was very pleased with the way everything was being carried out, and spoke in glowing terms of the staff of the Repatriation Department in this State.
THE PRICE OF LIBERTY

Recently Lieut.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs made a stirring appeal to the relatives of ex-service men to induce their men-folk to join the Militia of this State and give voluntary service in her defence. His earnestness and convincing words must have aroused many a woman to give serious thought to the gravity of the present situation. Others, too, in high command, urge daily for the greater protection of our country.

Current events in the world have roused a national Conservative spirit, the British Empire, keeping so loyally to the ideals of the League of Nations, has, since the War, kept armaments reduced to a minimum. This is efficiency and that only comes with training.

Let us therefore place no obstacle in the way of sons or daughters who wish to give military and V.A.D. service to Australia; rather let us encourage them knowing that the price of liberty we enjoy has been won through the service of those who advocate "eternal vigilance."

The State President, Mrs. J. McKinlay, has received the following letter signed by Sir James Mitchell, Lieut.-Governor: — "Dear Madam, with reference to your letter of condolence and loyalty on the death of His late Majesty King George V, I now have it in command from the King, on behalf of His Majesty, Queen Mary, and the other members of the Royal Family, to inform you that the message you have received with deep appreciation."

VICTORIA PARK

Members have had a busy time this last month. Included in their activities have been a jumble sale, a children’s local product and Empire frangy dress ball, and the annual carnival dance to celebrate the first birthday of our fortnightly dances. The jumble sale enabled us to give a donation towards the Hospital Visiting Committee. The children’s ball was attended by over 170—the majority in local Empire production costumes, and the judges—Mrs. McKinlay, Mrs. Stockman and Mrs. Browning-Turner, had a difficult task in allotting prizes. At the conclusion of the judging each child was presented with bags containing fruit, lollies and cakes. This effort proved a fitting conclusion to the auxiliary’s effort to help the sub-branch in their Empire shopping campaign. Proceeds will go to the amelioration fund. The first annual carnival was the scene of great gaiety and it was noticed that even the committee found time to enjoy themselves. The attendance was all that could be desired, 163 being present. At the general meeting in May, Mrs. Taylor happened to remark that the boys in the hospital could do with some matches. In a few moments the sum of 9/1 was collected—for which sum a member said she could procure a case at wholesale rate. Mrs. Caldwell reported 11 patients at the Edward Millen Home and an appeal for cards was launched. As there is a tremendous amount of business to be dealt with, the annual meeting will be held in the committee room and the usual social will not be held on this occasion. The second annual rally will take place on July 14.

NORTH PERTH

The North Perth women’s auxiliary recently entertained the patients from Lemnos Hospital and Edward Millen Home. The guests were driven to Araluen where an enjoyable hour was spent wandering round the grounds. From there the patients were conveyed to the North Perth Bowling Club house (tent for the occasion) where high tea had been prepared by auxiliary members. Mrs. Clift (president of the auxiliary) and Mr. S. R. McWhirter, (chairman of the motor outgoing committee, Mr. McKeevers, of Lemnos and Mr. Mason for Edward Millen Home. Mr. H. Purcell sang several solos and played the piano for community singing, and Mr. E. K. E. Leyland gave a comic recitation. During the evening the ladies of the motor outgoing committee (Mesdames McKinlay, H. Hopperton, V. Stockman (chairman motor outgoing committee), H. L. Downe, Stubberfield (late secretary of the motor outgoing committee), Misses McKean, of in local or Empire products were returned home in the early hours of the morning after a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Not even the thought of bad roads ahead and the cold drive could damp the visitors’ spirits. Mr. E. T. Keay, the energetic secretary of the sub-branch, gave a raffle and sold many tickets, thereby visibly swelling the takings for the night. The next evening...
is to be held at Mrs. Carrie's, where the
promise of a "Scotch Evening," as well as
bridge, has greatly aroused everyone's curi-
osity.

**KATANNING**

A very enjoyable evening was spent in the
R.S.L. club rooms on Friday, May 15; the
occasion being the 9th anniversary of the
women's auxiliary R.S.L. A large number
of members and friends were present, also
pleasing to note was the presence of Mr.
Tyler, president R.S.L., Mr. Bailey Lee, and
quite a few members of the R.S.L. The
women's auxiliary were honoured with the
company of Mrs. McKinlay, State President,
and Mrs. Wellard, Country Vice-President, who
travelled from Gnowangerup to be present at
the celebration. Mrs. Stewart, president of
the women's auxiliary, and Mr. Tyler, presi-
dent R.S.L., gave the visiting ladies a hearty
welcome to Katanning on behalf of the
sub-branch of the R.S.L. and women's auxiliary.
Mr. Tyler also made very pleasing remarks
about the women's auxiliary. Mrs. McKinlay
was then requested to say a few words. All
present must have thoroughly enjoyed and
appreciated the State President's remarks.
They were educational, and aims of the
organisation. Mrs. Wellard was very interest-
ing to listen to, and showed herself an earnest
worker for auxiliary. The evening passed very
quickly and pleasantly with songs from Mrs.
Carter, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. James, and recitation
from Mrs. Rogers, all of which were much
enjoyed. Games made a pleasant interlude.
An excellent supper was provided by the
ladies. The place of honour on table, gay
with flowers, was given to the Birthday Cake
complete with its seven candles, presented by
Mrs. Higman, vice-president, who also made
two lovely bouquets of golden roses which
were presented to Mrs. McKinlay and Mrs.
Wellard by Miss Vera Spowart. An en-
joyable evening closed with good-byes to Mrs.
McKinlay and Mrs. Wellard, with the hope of
them visiting Katanning again at not too
distant date.

**PRESS**

There was a record attendance on Saturday
evening, the 30th of May, at the second of the
series of monthly dances held at the
Stirling Institute by the women's auxiliary of
the Press sub-branch. The room was taste-
fully decorated with flowers and gym-tips.
Those responsible for the evening's entertain-
ment were Mesdames E. Sorenson, R. A.
Biggs, A. D. Stone, A. D. Hood and A.
Shaw. The music was supplied by Mrs.
Bates' orchestra. Mr. G. Warner ably car-
ried out the duties of M.C. The next dance
will be held at the Institute on the 27th of
June. The annual meeting of the auxiliary
was held at Anzac House on the 3rd of June.
After reports had been read and the balance
sheet submitted, the elections for the
sub-branch were held. The following ladies
were elected: Mrs. Sorenson (president),
R. A. Biggs (secretary), A. D. Stone and A.
D. Hood (vice-president), A. Shaw (treas-
urer), J. McKinlay, H. Hopperton and
J. Shearn (trustees). The committee were
unanimously elected unopposed. Afterwards, the members
partook of supper provided by Mesdames
McKinlay and Hopperton, thus bringing a plea-
sant evening to a close. Mrs. A. D. Stone
was re-appointed publicity officer.

**MAYLANDS**

The very successful poster ball in the May-
lands Town Hall reflects great credit on
those who organised it. Among those pre-
sent were Mr. H. V. Shearn, M.L.A., and
Mrs. Shearn, Mr. Harry Woods (president
of the sub-branch) and Mrs. Woods, and the
Rev. Lindsay and Mrs. Lindsay. The funds
of both sub-branch and auxiliary will benefit
greatly from the effort. The thanks of the
organisers are due to Mesdames Adamson,
Cameron, Whitaker, O'Meara and Golding
and all who provided single characters and
couples. Mesdames Griffiths, Cecil, Swiercz
and Henderson proved themselves competent
judges. The organisers were also fortunate in
securing the services of Mr. K. J. King, who
presided at the evening. The conduct of
children's functions. Mrs. Golding's orchestra
played excellent music, and the evening
closed with a dance for adults. The monthly
visit to Lemnos was paid on May 15. The
Lemnos visit was most enjoyable, with a con-
cert and dance, the following items contrib-
ing:
Messes. Penn, Bracknell, Williams, Hen-
derson; while Mrs. J. Frankish acted as M.C.
for the dance. The auxiliary's birthday will be
celebrated on June 23.

**QUARTERLY SOCIAL**

All roads led to Anzac House on the even-
ing of the 9th of June, when the quara-
ters social of the united auxiliaries took
place. Members, numbering about three hun-
dred, were welcomed by the State President
(Mrs. Austin). The dinner was served the first part of the
evening took the form of an entertain-
ment contributed by the State Executive.
Two items were given by Mrs. Hopperton, a
monologue and tap dance and a Dutch song
with Dutch dancers. Accompaniments being
played by Mrs. McKinlay. Fourteen mem-
bers took part in a play, termed "Patience,"
and absurdity in one act, the mere male in
this being Mrs. Henderson. The others were
all ladies of different type and class, and all
roles were carried out extremely well con-
sidering the few rehearsals that had taken
place. The final item was a burlesque enti-
titled "Miss Mary Mac's Kindergarten—all
local products," wherein the State Executive
appeared as bright young things arrayed in
red checked dresses and hair ribbons, socks
and sandals. "Teachek" was in blue check and
horn rimmed glasses. Performances on
their percussion band were given interspersed
with antics and incidents common to every
kindergarten, much to the amusement of the
audience.

Later, supper was served by the State Ex-
ecutive in costume, which further con-
tributed to the merriment of the evening.
Dancing took up the second half of the pro-
gramme with an interlude by Mrs. Taylor, of
Kulin, impersonating a "lady" at a football
match and at the pictures. Mrs. Irvine, of
Bussendean gave her services as pianist for
the evening. A very happy and friendly
evening was brought to a close at 11 p.m.
with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the
National Anthem.

**F.U.S.W.**

The annual meeting of the F.U.S.W. was
held in the ball room of Anzac House on the
4th of June. It was a particularly moment-
ous occasion as it also marked the coming
of-age of the Union. Many guests were in-
vited and representatives from public bodies,
kindred associations and Parliament were seat-
ed on the platform. Lady Mitchell was pre-
sent on her arrival with a dainty autum-
tinted posy.

The reports of both the president (Mrs.
Dean) and of the honorary secretary (Mrs.
Clear) showed considerable progress and a
deepening interest in the Union membership.
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<td>Yornaning and Popanining</td>
<td>1st Saturday in month, alter.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yornaning</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>L. E. Taplin, Pt. Hedland</td>
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<td>QUAIRADING AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Quairading Hall and Danzig Hostel, alternatively</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>J. R. T. Keast, Quairading</td>
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<td>RAVENSTHORPE</td>
<td>Miners' Arms Buildings, Morgan Street</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>H. Stockdill, Raventhorpe</td>
<td>C. F. Hart, 15 Hensman Street, South Perth</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Public Hall, Swan Street</td>
<td>4th Thursday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Gordon Day, 151 Angelo Street, South Perth</td>
<td>B. T. Williamson, 87</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokeby Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. E. Mitchell, 11 Rankin Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>G. W. Williams, Hostel, 87</td>
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<td>TAMBEULLUP</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>F. T. A. Daddow, Tambeullup</td>
<td>Salisbury St., Subiaco</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, altern.</td>
<td>F. Matthews, 3 Manchester St., Victoria Pk.</td>
<td>J. Le Thriant, 8 P.O. Box 54, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
<td>Traying (3) Yelbeni (1) Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. Barnshaw, Taxation Department</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers Homes Board, Toodyay</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>F. Matthews, 3 Manchester St., Victoria Pk.</td>
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<td>WABBIN, BUNTING, JIREDDING</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. Barnshaw, Taxation Department</td>
<td>W. J. Lansdown, Victoria Pk.</td>
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<td>WARMINGTON</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. E. Smith, 186 Railway Parade, West Leederville</td>
<td>S. Snoop, Traying</td>
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<td>YEAGERING YORK</td>
<td>Comm't Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, evening</td>
<td>J. Le Thriant, 8 P.O. Box 54, Toodyay</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEN</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
<td>S. Hardwicke, Toodyay</td>
<td>W. F. Andrew, Post Office, York</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, quarterly, June, Sept. and Dec.</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Korreloking</td>
<td>Hugh A. Leslie, Wyalarken</td>
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**R.S.L. Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliaries**

| VICTORIA PARK       | R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Albany Road      | 4th Friday, 7.30 p.m.  | Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88 Teague Street, Victoria Park | Mrs. C. B. Howard, 223 Berwick Street, Victoria Park |

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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>When necessary</td>
<td>D. M. Benson, Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion Street, Leederville</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Wentworth Hotel, Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday each month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. J. Garner, 59 Boulevard, Mt. Hawthorn</td>
<td>Geo. E. Cattermole, M.C., 229 Charles St. North Perth</td>
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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Ave., Leederville</td>
<td>C. Pilley, c/o. Vetters &amp; Co., Murray St., Perth</td>
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<td>FORTY-FOURTH ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>As advertised</td>
<td>Annual Reunion, Saturday 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. McWhaie, (Chairman, C. A. Davies, 775 Hay Street, Perth)</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., Nth. Perth. 'Phone B8394</td>
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| TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.      | Committee, as arranged | 2nd Monday | Lt.-Col. I. E. Dunkley, Ardross Street, Applecross | W. C. Armstrong, 30 Ruislip Street, W. Lee-
| THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.      | Anzac House, Perth | Annual Reunion, Saturday July 18, at Anzac House | Bob Alexander, Shepperdon Rd., Victoria Park | L. D. Lobascher, 27 2nd Floor, Economic Cham-
| 10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION        | Anzac House, Perth | When called | C. E. Woodrow, Farnley Street, Mt. Lawley | R. W. Ferry, c/o. Repat. |
| 12th and 92nd BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION | Subiaco Club | 4th Wednesday | H. Hopperston, 30 Waterloo Crescent, E. Perth | Department  |

during the past year had increased from 270 to 414. The representatives on the Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust were Mesdames C. H. Manning, Evans and Clarke, and the Union had donated the sum of £5/5/- towards the fund. The social afternoons throughout the year had been most successful and the river picnic had been an all-day outing. A branch was formed at Donnybrook in May, with Mrs. Harding as president.

Two posies, a F.U.S.W. shield, and two birthday keys were presented to Mrs. Dean to mark the occasion of the 21st birthday. Great thanks were expressed by Sir Talbot Hobbs, Colonel Collett, Brigadier P. M. McFarlane, Commander J. C. McFarlane, and many other prominent citizens.

Afterwards tea was served in theupper room, where Lady Mitchell cut the huge birthday cake. Songs were given by Mesdames Clear and Lewis.

The office-bearers elected for the coming year show little change to those of last year. Mesdames C. H. Manning and Clarke have been made life vice-presidents in recognition of their work for the Union since its inception. Mesdames J. C. McFarlane and T. C. Wilson were appointed vice-presidents and Mesdames Sidney Taylor and Warne were added to the committee.

It is with deep regret that we have to report that on her return home from the above meeting Mrs. C. H. Manning became seriously ill. Our loving sympathy and hopes for a complete recovery are extended to her.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

The following are excerpts from the secretary’s report:—Substantial assistance was granted to nine families (an increase of one on last year) in the nature of food, clothing, fuel, bedding, medical necessities and attendance, and on Christmas morning in conjunction with the sub-branch the majority received hampers.

To augment the funds of the auxiliary entertainments in the nature of social afternoons and evenings, bridge parties, jumble sales, children’s ball and an annual fair were held at various intervals.

Donations during the year totalled £12/12/0.

The annual outing to the patients from Lemnos Hospital was held on Sunday, March 22, with assistance of the sub-branch in furnishing necessary vehicles. The function was a great success and was highly appreciated by the guests.

In regard to the State Exhibition, members of the auxiliary responded in a greater degree than in previous years and a fair number of prizes were obtained from exhibits. It is to be hoped that the Lawley-Inglewood will again take charge of the produce stall at last year.

In accordance with the motion of July last to assist those country sub-branches represented by our State Executive members, I have to report that Traying auxiliary members have called upon us on three distinct occasions in connection with distress and deaths. In one case assistance was granted to a family in distress and at Christmas time the family having been transported to Perth the mother dying shortly afterwards necessitates supervision and visiting by your Executive members. In two of those cases our thanks are due to Mr. J. K. Craze for visits and inquiries which were outside our province.

In connection with the social activities of the auxiliary a tennis club was formed in September last, and a regular practice has been held on Thursdays (weather permitting). The average attendance is about 12 to 17 members and is progressing satisfactorily.

KIRUP

The Kirup Hall presented a gay scene on May 16 when the women’s auxiliary of the Kirup sub-branch R.S.L. held its annual ball. The hall was tastefully decorated with black and white streamers, and miniature flags, representing the colours of all A.I.F. units, while at the walls were posters of Empire Shopping Week. Joe Chamberlain’s Bandists provided some bright music for the dancing. The function was a huge success, both financially and socially.

ALBANY

On May 12, members had the pleasure of entertaining at afternoon tea Mrs. J. McKinlay, the State President of the Women’s Auxiliary. A social evening and dance in her honour was held in the evening. During the evening Mrs. McKinlay gave a very welcome and inspiring address in which she explained the object of the organisation, stressing the fact that cooperation was essential, the need to training children to be loyal to the memory of the fallen, to Australia and last, but not least, to the Empire; and to help in aiding the needy and sick amongst returned men and their dependents.

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