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The Royal Review and Enlistment

Speaking at a recent luncheon of the Press sub-branch, Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs urged all ex-service men to do their utmost to encourage enlistment in the militia forces. It would be a calamity if such advice were to fall on deaf ears, for, those of us who witnessed the Royal Review last month must have been impressed with the truth of the warnings of senior officers that modern armaments are not of much use without the men to man them. The present troubled state of the world has forced Australia, in common with Britain, to budget for a heavy and progressive expenditure on defence over a period of years. Obsolete matériel must be replaced with the more modern equivalent; additions made to existing arms; and new arms established. At the Royal Review, the public of Perth, for the first time in the lives of most, saw mechanised artillery on parade, and the mechanisation of field artillery is but one of the many changes that have affected the army since 1918.

Veterans of France and Palestine were interested in the new method of fixing bayonets, and the general consensus of opinion was that, considering the small amount of training they receive, the young soldiers acquitted themselves very creditably. Like the rum issue of old, the quality was excellent, but the quantity left much to be desired. As one saw what were virtually skeleton units marching past, one hardly knew what to admire the more: the bearing of the units, or the stamina of commanding officers and other ranks for achieving such a result in the face of much active discouragement and much lack of interest in the militia except on the rare occasions it provides the public with a free pageant. Infantry battalions with less than the strength of a company, as we knew it in France, cannot give officers and non-commissioned officers the best of training in the difficult art of handling men in time of peace, nor are they adequate for the defence of Australia in time of war.

Almost simultaneously with this object lesson, newspaper readers were treated to the Minister’s rather fatuous admiration of the voluntary system of enlistment. Sir Archdale Parkhill said, in a recent speech, that the compulsory clauses of the Defence Act will remain suspended, and that the voluntary system has not been properly tried yet. Those of us who were serving before the war have better memories than the Minister for Defence. They will know just as Sir Archdale Parkhill well knows, that before 1911, although there were kilted regiments, Irish regiments in rifle green, English riflemen in busbies, and other embellishments to the parade ground, only the technical corps could keep up their establishments without legislative assistance. The sartorial aids now advocated were all employed, and in those days the militia man was paid at a rate double the present. Nevertheless, the voluntary system was weighed in the balance and found wanting.

It is not for us to decry any legitimate efforts to make service popular. Rather would we add our weight to the periodical appeals to employers and others to encourage recruiting; but it seems to us that the enlistment problem is being approached from the wrong angle. The three main reasons for skeleton units are the politician, the employer, and the apathy, and, in some instances, the hostility of the public.

It is one of the paradoxes of our democracy that, while no layman is ever appointed Attorney-General when lawyers are available for this office, and while there are several distinguished and highly-trained soldiers in the Federal Parliament, a civilian is invariably allotted the portfolio of Minister for Defence. The effects of this blithe habit on the existing forces have been little less than calamitous. The Minister, of course, has the advice of his technical experts, but one would imagine that the time and occasion calls for someone who can do more than suggest attractive uniforms and appeal to employers’ associations for assistance. Many employers have responded nobly to the appeal, but there are others who have not, and fear of losing a job in these difficult times through taking a few days off to go into camp have proved a definite deterrent to recruiting. Under the compulsory system, employers as a class shared the burden and responsibility of allowing men time off for training and there were fines for those who interfered with recruiting. From the point of view of sharing the responsibility, the compulsory system was far more democratic and equitable than the present haphazard methods of recruiting.

One cannot blame the Press for the apathy of the public. In the newspapers of this State, prominence has been given to the need for defence and the efforts being made to keep up establishments; but the newspapers, in endeavouring to cater for all classes of the community, give space to anti-defence speakers altogether out of proportion to the importance of these people or the validity of their arguments. Fortunately, one has only to give such people rope enough and they will hang themselves, so to speak, but, men who howl for more drastic sanctions against aggressor nations in one case, and less defence in another, are a menace and might conceivably land us into the war they are always bleating about. Only a fortnight ago, Sir Walter Citrine, a well-known English Labour
RECEPTION TO LORD GOWRIE

THE OLD SONGS were sung with all the old-time vigour by the overflow gathering of ex-service men and women that packed Anzac House on June 26 as a Diggers' reception to His Excellency, the Governor-General. The well-known Digger conductor, Billy Edwards, stimulated the community singing, and Mr. Conrad Charlton, the new manager of the Perth National Station, received quite an ovation for his rendering of "When the Sergeant-Major's on Parade." The troops were welcoming not only a Governor-General, but a brother soldier who had been associated with Australian troops both in South Africa and the Great War. That is why the vocal information that "old soldiers never die" preceded the National Anthem as His Excellency was making his way to the stage through the crowded hall.

Before Lord Gowrie arrived the gathering on the dais included four Victoria Cross winners—Captain R. Gee, Lieut. C. W. K. Sadlier, Corporal T. L. Axford and Private J. Woods—and four generals—Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, Brigadier P. M. MacFarlane, Brigadier-General A. J. Bessell-Browne and Brigadier-General G. Martin. His Excellency's arrival brought both sections up to five, for, while his Victoria Cross was won at the Battle of Gederief in 1898, when he was a young officer, his rank is now that of Brigadier-General.

With members of the State Executive of the R.S.L. on the dais were ex-service members of Parliament, Sir Charles and Lady McNess, who have been generous patrons of the League, and other citizens prominent in League circles.

"It is with feelings of great pride that we welcome Lord Gowrie," said the President of the West Australian Branch of the League (Mr. A. Yeates), who presided, "firstly, because he is our Governor-General and, as such, represents the King; secondly, because he is a very distinguished soldier who has honoured us by becoming our patron; and, thirdly, as one of our own comrades in arms, the full significance and meaning of which can only be known and realised by those who served together in war."

On behalf of the Legacy Clubs of the State, the president of the Perth Club (Mr. L. Glaeuer) joined in the welcome and spoke of their appreciation of Lord Gowrie's interest in their work of giving assistance to the children of ex-service men.

It was some time before Lord Gowrie could make himself heard when he rose to address the gathering. "First," he said, "I want to speak of Legacy. I have always taken a keen interest in this movement. I know its value. I know what it means and what it would mean to the men who fell. I feel that there could be no movement finer than this, which aims at doing everything possible for the loved ones of the men who gave so much for their country. I feel that the thanks of the whole community are deserved by those who take part in this movement."

"Now let me talk to the returned men. I have been associated with Australian troops since 1910, when I was here with the late Lord Kitchener. I can well remember our camp at Tammin. Here, most interesting manoeuvres were tackled; here we fought desperate 'battles'; and here, we left our hundreds of 'wounded' and 'dead.' I can well remember Kitchener saying to that grand old man, the late Archbishop Riley: 'Riley, I'm going to mention you in dispatches for the wonderful way you've looked after the poor dead men.' Laughter.)

"Then I saw you again on Gallipoli and in the mud and slush of France. I was alongside you then and I knew you in the trenches and behind the lines. (Laughter.) I cannot say where I liked you most (laughter), but I will say that anyone who saw you in the line would willingly forgive what pranks you played away. (Laughter.)"

"Early in April, 1918, I was in the 5th Army, in the left corps. We had had a bad time and had been driven back by weight of numbers. Our troops were exhausted and things looked bad. In the middle of one night, the late General Monash came to me. 'What can I do for you?' I asked. 'We have come to take over,' he said, and that was one of the greatest sounds I ever heard. The Australians then went into the fight full of vigour. They were spoiling for a fight (laughter) and they took the offensive. They lost many men, but I am satisfied that every man who took part in that offensive saved the lives of many of his fellows."

"Enough about war. War is over—at least, that war, and we all of us pray that there will never be another. (Hear, hear.) It has been said that returned soldiers want war. Nothing could be more absurd. Soldiers do not want war. Nobody who ever took part in such a turmoil as we went through could ever want it. The futility, blindness, destructibility and horror of war are so impressed on us that we must be, and are the greatest advocates for peace of all. While the war is remembered, none will want to fight, but the danger is that..."
it will be forgotten. The world is in an inflammable state. People are saying that the League of Nations has failed. I do not hold with this view—it is human nature and civilisation that has failed. We hope, I think, to advance further than we did and we were wrong, for civilisation has not advanced as far as we thought.

"But we need not despair. What we have to do is to reorganise, to build up the League on different grounds. Unfortunately, we have found that savage instincts still exist and we have got to work on that unfortunate assumption.

We, in the British Empire, have been trying to give a lead to the world. We disarmed far below the safety line, and now we are faced with the task of placing our own defences in order. Therefore, I do not feel that the young men of the present should assist by preparing themselves to defend their hearths and homes should ever such an occasion arise, and I know that the employers of labour will realise this necessity.

"God forbid that there shall ever be another war, but, if it comes, then it will make the last one look like so much child’s play. In the old days, wars were fought by men who pitted their courage and knowledge of arms against other men. Now we are faced with a different spectacle. In the next war nobody will be out of it. All will be forced to take a part and it will be a terrible thing. So, let us avoid it if we can, and I think that the only way we can make ourselves secure is by being prepared."

Lord Gowrie concluded by appealing to all ex-service men to join the League. He spoke of its value and its work. "The League is strong," he said, "but it should be stronger, and, remember that the stronger it gets, the greater value its work will have."

A vote of thanks to Lord Gowrie was moved by Mr. J. M. Anderson (President, Nederlands sub-branch R.S.L.) and supported by Mr. E. Damon (Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch R.S.L.).

When the public reception was over, Lord Gowrie was introduced to the members of the State Executive in the Board Room, after which he came into the Anzac Club where he was welcomed by the chairman of the committee (Mr. W. J. Wilkins, D.C.M.). A visit to the Returned Nurses’ Club, on the mezzanine floor, where the nurses entertained the wives of Executive delegates to a dainty supper, brought the evening to a close.

**PROPOSED CORONATION CONTINGENT**

At the meeting of the State Executive on July 1, the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) reported progress on the proposal to send a contingent of Australian ex-service men to England for the Coronation of King Edward VIII. It will be remembered he said that the Federal Executive, at a meeting held on March 11 last, resolved that "The League organise a contingent of ex-service men and women to visit England on the occasion of the Coronation of His Majesty King Edward VIII, and that the Federal President be authorised to make any necessary arrangements."

Cables were despatched to the British Empire Service League, urging that the Executive of the Australian and New Zealand Passenger Conference be interviewed with the object of ascertaining the minimum cost in sterling per member up to a limit of one thousand men and women.

The Prime Minister was also notified by the Federal President of the League’s intentions, and in a reply Mr. Lyons stated that the Government would willingly give its approval to the movement, and would later give full consideration to any proposals which may be before it that some representation of the present and past forces of the Crown attend the Coronation Ceremony.

It would appear from letters received from the Federal Executive that much correspondence has passed between the Executive of the Overseas Conference in Australia and League Headquarters, and in a letter from the Federal President (Sir Gilbert Dyett), which was received a few days ago, the advice is conveyed from the chairman of the Australian and New Zealand Passenger Conference—

That the Aberdeen and Commonwealth, P. & O., and Orient lines have agreed between them to keep accommodation in their steamers arriving in Europe in time for the Coronation for up to 200 ex-service men and women until August 31 next. If before the end of August indications are that accommodation required will exceed that set aside, every effort would be made to place additional accommodation at the disposal of the League. It was regretted (the chairman of the conference adds) that the owners are unable to make a reduction in fares for the party, but everything would be done to make the passengers as comfortable as possible and to look after them well.

In a covering letter, Sir Gilbert Dyett points out that, although negotiations have proceeded ceaselessly through the medium of interviews, cables, telegrams and telephone conversations since May 7 last, the ship owners are unable to reduce the fares for the contingent. It would also be observed that members of the contingent would not be accommodated in one boat, but that steamers of the three lines mentioned in the communication would be used to provide the required accommodation. The Federal President further adds that the success of the proposal was based on the assumption that a reduction in fares and accommodation in one boat would be provided by the ship owners, but, unfortunately, such anticipation has not been realised.

The Federal President asks for further advice indicating the attitude of each State Branch of the League.

From previous circulars, it would appear that the return fares for single berths, Aberdeen and Commonwealth Line of steamers, would range from £90 to £112/10/-; for two-berth cabins from £70 to £98; for four-berth cabins from £72 to £90; and for six-berth cabins from £68 to £85, inclusive of exchange. A deposit of £15 is required on the booking of a berth.

It will be recalled that the League’s proposal was to organise under its auspices a contingent of ex-service men and women to attend the Coronation in London in May of next year without any expense to the Commonwealth Government, and, as the shipping companies are not disposed to make any concessions, it would seem that the only course is to make this information available to those interested and leave it to them to either notify the League of their intentions or to arrange direct with the shipping companies for any necessary berths. We should, however, advise the Federal Office of any decision arrived at.

Reference was made to a deputation from unit associations which waited on the Minister for External Affairs (Sir George Pearce) on June 30, at which a request was made that the Commonwealth Government arrange for a contingent composed of representations of unit associations to attend the Coronation under service conditions. Colonel Margolin, who had been a member of the deputation, mentioned that the Minister’s attitude had been most sympathetic. After discussion, the Executive resolved that the following telegram be
sent to the Federal President: "Units Associations waited on Sir George Pearce asking that each units be represented at Coronation, the Commonwealth Government to make all arrangements and bear expense. Minister gave favourable reply and promised support. Necessary you consider position having regard to Federal Executive resolution."

It was agreed that no further action be taken a pending reply to this telegram.

The organising and administrative genius of the corps was Captain A. G. Tyler, in pre-war life a supervisor in the Mail Branch, Perth, and but recently retired from the position of Superintendent of Mails, Adelaide. The main sections of the corps were Record, Redirection, Sorting and Transport.

Record cards of each member of the A.I.F. were held in cabinets in alphabetical order, viz. Aa to Z, and a marching-in and -out statement from units, hospitals, training brigades, and embarkation camps were received daily through A.I.F. headquarters.

One section of a female staff was kept employed recording particulars from these statements on to record cards, while a further section faced up (also in alphabetical order) on large tables, all letters received during the day from various sources.

As the time of which I write was November-January, 1916-1917, the magnitude of the task can be imagined.

At midnight, a redirection staff of about 50 men under two staff sergeants and two corporals commenced duty. Each man was allocated a section of the facing-up correspondence, and a record cabinet and set to work. The whole of the letters for one man would be checked, particulars as shown on record card noted, then placed in a large covering envelope and endorsed accordingly, viz., No. 678, Pte, A. Jones (1st Battalion). R.T.U. (returned to unit), 2nd A.A.H. Southall, K.I.A. (killed in action), or whatever record showed. Great care was essential owing to the similarity of names.

(I once got a rap over the knuckles for enclosing in one covering envelope letters for two diggers bearing identical regimental numbers, initials and names, but different units.)

Our sympathies were always with the poor unfortunate dealing with Browns, Jones and Smiths, as the chances of error were very great.

Throughout the night the work would go steadily on. Occasionally comments would be heard, as a familiar name was sighted and his fate learned from the record card.

Shortly before 8 o'clock the work would be collected and each man's tally recorded, as we were expected to put through a reasonable amount. The whole
of the work was then transferred to the sorting room to be dealt with by the day-staff. With this phase of the work I was not particularly familiar, but it varied little from that of any civilian mail branch of a capital city, except that bat-talions replaced towns.

The work of the transport staff was a revelation. Only about a dozen men working in two shifts under N.C.O’s. were engaged on this work, but I have seen 2,000 Australian mail bags transported in from one of the London goods stations, checked, the bags of papers re-labelled to unit addresses in France and cleared within 48 hours.

The inward flow of mail from units, training brigades, etc., commenced in the mornings and continued throughout the day. The outward flow about 4 p.m., from then onward till about 8 p.m. transport left for Waterloo, Marylebone, or Victoria with the mail for units in France or training camps on Salisbury Plain.

Mails for special training schools, such as the Machine Gun Depot, Grantham, Signal School, Dunstable, Shoeing School, Ramsey, etc., were prepared and handed over to the civilian postal authorities at Mount Pleasant, for transport by their services.

A somewhat similar programme was carried out at the parcels section in Regent’s Park, where Lieut. G. S. Gerrans (now superintendent of mails, Perth) held sway. This system in miniature was established after the Armistice, writer spending several months in the Field Post Office at Warminster, and 1st O.T.B. Longbridge, Deverill; but as many diggers were overstaying leave chasing good jobs in the vocational training schools, etc., much and varied was the abuse to which we were subjected when the digger and his correspondence failed to make contact in what he considered a reasonable time; but in spite of all the complaints, and the enormous difficulties encountered, the efficiency of the organisation was something to be proud of.

old soldier, and Tap was old—he must have breathed a prayer for forgiveness when he signed on as 45.

We met the old boy in front of Anzac House on the eve of Anzac Day—and right glad we were to see his wrinkled, scarred old dial. As he hobbled along with his right knee bending outwards with each step, and his hat as usual—well down over the left eye, we gave a simultaneous yell: “Old Tap, glad to see you—shake.” And shake he did, but not before giving his hat a further twitch—this an old habit of Tap’s.

“Well, boys, certainly glad to see you—haven’t met any of you since Messines. Remember I collected there? One all to m’self—and what a mess! See this old knee? Bent a bit, eh? But, boys,” with a chuckle, “the other one’s straight and I can still move along. Then—m dial—that suffered a bit, didn’t it? Made the left lamp a bit dimmer, and ruined m’beauty—but I can still see the way to me mouth with a pot—eh? thanks, don’t mind if I do—mine’s a beer.
After deliberating for two days on the problem of group settlement and other land matters, the Land Committee of the State Executive, including its country members (Messrs. C. H. Henning, H. L. Roche, J. Brown, H. Jay and A. W. Potts), attended the meeting of the State Executive on July 15 when the chairman (Mr. W. J. Hunt) presented the following comprehensive report:

The Land Committee meeting commenced at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14, and terminated at 12.45 p.m. on July 15. There was a full attendance. Proceedings were adjourned to allow the committee to interview the assistant Minister for Commerce (the Hon. Mr. H. V. Thorby).

Figures presented to the committee showed that the following progress had been made with Debt Adjustment from Commonwealth fund:

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Of the causes dealt with by the Agricultural Bank, that is, for those settlers not indebted outside of the Bank, the following is the progress made:

No. of cases finalised: 65
Number of debts written down: 18
Total amount written off: £10,903
Average for holdings affected: £605
The cases receiving attention: 216

In an interview with the Minister, the deputation was introduced by Senator McDonald, the following subjects were submitted for the consideration of the Commonwealth:

(a) The continuance of the Fertiliser Subsidy.
(b) West Australian representation on the Export Butter Board.
(c) The necessity for some protection for wool growers, owing to the present trade dispute with Japan.
(d) The necessity for bringing secured creditors within the purview of Rehabilitation Legislation.
(e) The necessity for making some provision for the replacing of essential plant.
(f) The serious plight of soldier settlers in the drought and locust areas.
(g) The continued responsibility of the Commonwealth in respect of soldier settlement.
(h) The encouragement of secondary industries in the southern portion of the State.

The Minister received your representatives very courteously, and in the problems of Debt Adjustment, he promised that the secretary to his department (Mr. Stevenson) would be instructed to investigate the position amongst the State authorities, and he had secured the promise of the Premier and other State Ministers for such investigation to be carried out. Referring the wool position, he made an extensive reply, which was fully reported in the Press.

Other matters, such as the responsibility of the Commonwealth for soldier settlement, he proposed to refer to the Federal Cabinet. The fertiliser subsidy, he stated, is likely to be decreased owing to the extraordinary increase in consumption, but to offset any decrease in the subsidy, the Commonwealth was endeavouring to secure a further reduction in the sale price.

**Group Settlement**

Mr. Jay made an extensive and very informative statement on the group position, with particular reference to the anxiety caused by the recently announced reassessment of values. It appeared from this statement that the gravest concern, with the possibility of leading to dislocation altogether of settlers' efforts, was caused by the official attitude towards the method of collection and the amount demanded by the Agricultural Bank. It would appear from the information available to the committee that the demands by the Bank in respect of monthly commitments are quite out of all proportion to the present productivity of the average group holding. The committee considered it advisable to arrange for Mr. Jay to make a statement to the Press recounting some Group Settlement history which had not been published hitherto. After much discussion and deliberation, it was resolved—

That this committee is of the opinion that the best methods for the permanent solution of Group problems can be made only through the efforts of Group Settlers themselves. The
Land Committee, however, will continue to give ex-service men engaged on Group Settlement any necessary assistance in their dealings with the Agricultural Bank.

It was also resolved that much good is likely to be done if the Bank Commissioners would agree to see Group representatives.

The committee dealt with certain recommendations from the Boyup Brook sub-branch, and decided to reply that the only competent body to amend the policy of the League in respect of soldier settlement was the Annual Congress.

**Revaluation**

The methods and basis of assessing values produced a good deal of discussion, as seemingly the officials entrusted with this phase of the Bank's operations were proceeding on different lines to those laid down some time ago by the chairman (Mr. McCallum), and the committee decided to draw the attention of the Executive to the fact that the methods of revaluation adopted by the Bank appeared to be based on the estimated market value of the property, rather than "what the holding, efficiently farmed, could reasonably be expected to pay"—this being an indication of policy laid down by the Chairman of Commissioners in an interview with the Land Committee on February 12 last. It was agreed to bring this matter before the notice of the Commissioners and to refer to one or two cases mentioned during the discussion, and also those included within the Group Settlement reassessment.

It was also considered advisable to suggest to the Bank Commissioners that, providing the statutory lien obligations of a settler is met, he be allowed to carry on farming operations in his own way and untrammelled by any restrictions imposed by district offices.

**HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS**

In reply to Resolution 231, passed by the 20th Annual Congress:

That the Commonwealth Government be requested to arrange with the various State Governments for the issue of the holiday excursion tickets to returned soldiers, their wives and families, to enable them to visit Canberra for the purpose of viewing the National War Memorial and Museum, such tickets to be issued on the authority of an accredited representative of the R.S.S.I.L.A.

The Federal office forwards the following reply from the Prime Minister's Department:

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 9, 1936, relative to Resolution No. 231 adopted at the 20th Annual Congress of your League regarding the question of the issue of holiday excursion tickets to returned soldiers, their wives and families, to enable them to visit Canberra for the purpose of viewing the National War Memorial and Museum.

In reply I am directed to inform you that the date on which the National War Memorial will open to the public is not yet known, but at the appropriate time the request contained in the resolution passed by your League will receive full consideration.

**NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEME**

In connection with Resolution No. 206 passed by the 20th Annual Congress—

That the Commonwealth Government be requested to expedite the introduction of a National Insurance Scheme, the Federal office forwards a copy of a reply from the Prime Minister's Department. The reply reads:

With further reference to your letter of December 9, 1935, embodying the text of resolution No. 206 adopted at the 20th Annual Congress of your League on the subject of National Insurance, I am desired by the Prime Minister to inform you that this question is receiving the consideration of the Government.

**SOLDIERS' CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST.**

Applications are invited from children of fallen or incapacitated ex-soldiers for scholarships at Perth Modern School, District High Schools, Secondary Schools and the Narrogin School of Agriculture. Candidates must have passed the 6th standard in a State school, or an equivalent standard in any other efficient school. They should be over 12 and under 14 years of age on December 31, 1936.

Candidates for the Narrogin School of Agriculture must be not less than 13½ or more than 15 years of age.

Application forms and all particulars may be obtained from the hon. secretary of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust (Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick), G.P.O. Box K765, Perth, and must be returned before August 14, 1936.

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

(Continued from June Issue)

The same process has to be gone over and you are off lickety split, back to the rear to get the belts refilled, for the guns had good shooting. A hasty overhaul and you find your own saddle horse has a “crease” across his thigh, and a nasty gash in the neck, mostly a skin wound and already stopped bleeding. The gun-horse has barked shins — how, you don’t know. “Hullo, lad, how are you?” and I turn to find our Padre has stopped for a word of cheer. A few greetings are exchanged and I tell Padre I am O.K. A shake of the hand and he is off on his mission of help to those who were unlucky and “stopped one,” either a “knock-out” or one which means a trip to Cairo — or better still, to dear old Aussie and home. The afternoon draws on, firing has become desultory, and there have been no further calls for ammunition — wouldn’t be any good if there were as the last belt has long since gone up to the guns with the news to go steady. Gallopers career past and you learn that things are not so good. Jacko is stubborn — playing for darkness so that he can slip away. Suddenly you see troop after troop of the 10th Regiment racing for their horses, and away — hell for leather to the right flank, and you wonder what is up. Word comes back that Jacko reinforcements are coming from Gaza, and that the mountain batteries are almost out of ammunition.

You instinctively look at other horseholders, tighten straps, and your own belt for you have had nothing all day, and then at the rapidly approaching dusk. One turns to talk to the nearest trooper to discuss the chances of a hasty retreat over the desert with Jacko after us, or whether he would be glad to let us go, when on looking to our left flank we see the Aussie members of the Imperial Camel Corps charging towards the Jacko trenches (these splendid fellows charged when ordered to retreat) and we all raced with them, a figure is seen careering along on a chestnut racer, a long, slim barrelled galloper — and as he gets closer, coming from the direction the 10th had taken, one recognises our one and only “galloping Jack Royston.” He is making a bee-line for the front line, and presently news comes back of a savage charge being led by “Galloping Jack” and Rafa is ours. Jacko has cried quits. Guns cease. There is an occasional isolated shot, and soon the word comes for the packs to move up. A hasty gathering of belts, boxes, and other gear, and you are relieved to find there have been no further casualties, other than scratches. You gather from No. 1 that a squadron of Enzeds had worked their way unseen round and taken Jacko in the rear simultaneously with our wild charge in front. Riding along in the dusk searching for men possibly hit, and unnoticed, an occasional dead figure is marked with his rifle and bayonet driven into the earth, and here and there a wounded man is left in charge of a cobber until the ambulance “guts cart” lumber along and picks them up.

Poor old Jacko has had a gruelling time. His trenchers are choked with dead and wounded, and those still left fit had stood or knelt on the bodies for room, as they had had no time to attend to them nor throw them out of the way. A whistle blows the fall-in, and we wearyingly find our marker and squat in front of the horses, for one is suddenly dead, dog-

tired, and so are the horses. The word to mount is given by the sergeant, and we crawl aboard, stiff, hungry and thirsty, and in the darkness we move off, and are told to “ride easy, boys.” A move is made to open and scrape a tin of “bully” and pass it round. Each man digs a knife-full out, puts it on a corner of a glorious No. 5 biscuit — and we are happy and on our way back. We take a guzzle of warm water from our bottles; a fog makes its appearance — and you start thinking of poor old Fred, and Smithy and Mac. Mac had been back once for ammunition, but never got back to the gun. Smithy was blown to bits, while Fred had died not knowing what had hit him.

And so you moralise, half asleep with weariness, and the long night passes, with an occasional halt of ten minutes every hour. You vaguely remember a halt at which you had an opportunity to see your late opponents, 1,600 of them, gave them a drink, and a smoke, and in return received a pleased grin and words of Arabic in thanks. You pity the — — but it is all in the game. Dawn. . . . daylight, and familiar marks appear, and you see the ocean in the distance — but “Hey, Joe, can you hear music or am I dreaming?” Jock cocks his ear — for he was dozing in his seat — sits up, and listens. “Cripes, boy, that’s — bag-pipes,” he exclaims, and steadily the sound comes nearer, nearer, and there at last the pipes of a Scottish unit which had moved up since we had last been in bivouac. And what a soul-stirring tune it was. “Cock-a’-th’-North,” and then “See the Conquering Hero Comes.” We pass by, and, section after section, enter the “Hod,” and so on to our lines which had been prepared for us. Equipment off, horses watered, for they had had none for nearly forty-eight hours, back on to the lines, nose-bags on — fall-in for stable pcket — and you do a grin to yourself, as having two horses to look after you miss a job like that, and then sergeant tells our O.C. that we are O.K. A word or two of thanks for our efforts and we get “dismiss.” We spread our saddle-blankets in the shade of the palms, destroy some Maconochies this time, also some dinkum bread and plum jam, guzzle some dinkum cold water, toss our dixies over to “cooky” for a spot of hot tea — get it down, hot as it is — and then roll over to sleep the sleep of the utterly tired.

(Concluded)
Billy Rowles, of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch, is jubilant over the success of his rifle team in the recent matches against Osborne Park and Maylands. On each occasion his marksmen scored the possible, which is believed to be a record for these contests.

Bill Stone, of Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch, has recovered from his recent attack of "flu." His recovery is timely for the Leedervillains can hardly spare him from the quota team.

George Casey, whose cheery face and gay repartee were seen and heard on the platform of his tram for so many years, has been a patient in Perth General Hospital lately. Something is wrong with the interior economy and George has had a rough time of it. Latest reports indicate an improvement, so that his many friends may expect to greet him at meetings of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch in the near future.

Another Mt. Hawthorn Digger, Geo. Cooper, has also been having a bad time in the Perth General Hospital. Many of his friends have been up to see him, but there was a time when none but his immediate relatives was allowed at his bedside. We are glad to report that he is now allowed to see visitors. Good luck, George. We'll all be glad to see you amongst us again.

A circular letter has been sent to sub-branches placing before them an appeal on behalf of a country cricketer, Mr. J. Luff, who was seriously injured in the Country v. Town match, last season. Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. H. King, hon. secretary R.S.L., Cricket Association, 18 Rankin Road, West Subiaco, or c/o. West Australian Farmers.

One of Mayland's vice-presidents, Jim Stanfield, has taken over the organisation of the A.R.M.S. competition teams from Syd. Kinair. Jim, who retired recently from the Permanent Forces, is an old soldier who served in the Siege of Ladysmith as well as the Great War.

The death is announced of Maurice O'Grady, who served in the war with the 1st Tunnelling Company, at Wagin. The deceased was interred in the Roman Catholic portion of the Wagin cemetery, the funeral being attended by a large number of sub-branch members, one of whom sounded the "Last Post" at the graveside.

Jack Shanahan, the genial secretary of the Midland Junction sub-branch, and popular R.S.L. cricketer, is gradually recovering from his recent serious accident. He is already full of plans for next season and on the look out for a good wicket-keeper. Those who wish to play for Midland next summer are asked to get in touch with Jack at 11 Lindsay Street, Perth. Meanwhile, he is ready to partake of the dinner he won from Phil Allen over last season's championship. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery—not of the dinner, but of the effects of the accident.

Stan Dival, who has been elected president of the North Perth sub-branch for the second time, distinguished himself last season as captain of the sub-branch cricket team. During the season, he proved himself one of the best slow bowlers in the competition. In civil life he is one of North Perth's leading business men, having a flourishing establishment in Fitzgerald Street.

Sir Isaac Isaacs, the only Australian Governor-General of the Commonwealth, and the only civilian patron the League has ever had, is normally a man of few words. It may therefore surprise readers when they are informed that he can speak Chinese, Russian, German, Italian, French and modern Greek as fluently as he can speak English if called upon to do so. He was a pupil teacher at the ripe age of thirteen, and at fifteen began to study law. Incidentally, he was one of the framers of the Constitution of the Commonwealth which has been the target of so much criticism during recent years.

League members, and those who should be members, will be pleased to hear that Colonel Collett is on the mend after the recent accident which prevented him from attending the Diggers' reception to Lord Gowrie. He sustained a severe injury to his ankle while visiting the Canning Dam a few weeks ago.

It is both difficult and dangerous for newspapers to lay down the law about the oldest Digger, or the oldest member of the League. A few years ago we made the latter claim on behalf of a metropolitan sub-branch treasurer who had then passed the allotted span of three score and ten. We were promptly bombardebd with correspondence from other...
sub-branches who informed us that they had active members who were considerably older. That chastening enabled us to chuckle over the erroneous statement, made in all good faith by Eastern States dailies and repeated in our own, that the late Mr. Richard Watkins, who died in Sydney last month, was the oldest member of the A.I.F. It is now believed that the honour of being the oldest Digger belongs to Mr. John Absolom Pierce, who joined the 44th Battalion in 1916 at the age of 63 years, and had two years of active service abroad before the Cease Fire was sounded. During his previous service Mr. Pierce saw fighting in India, Zululand, Mauritius, and the first and second Boer Wars.

Another veteran of five wars, Mr. William K. Bryant, died recently at Ipswich, Queensland, at the age of 97. After signing on, on the famous Victory, then a receiving ship, at 13 years of age, Mr. Bryant was a gunner with the naval brigade which landed in the Crimea in 1854, and served through the bombardment of Sebastopol. In the Indian Mutiny, he took part in the march to relieve Lucknow. Later, he was in the Chinese and the Maori Wars. Emigrating to America, he showed his breadth of mind by fighting with both Federals and Confederates in the Civil War. He settled in Queensland in 1882.

During his recent visit to Perth, the Minister for External Affairs (Sir George Pearce), accompanied by Senator Alan MacDonald, and Hugh K. MacLean (44th Battalion), visited Anzac Club and met several committee-men and others of the boys. Sir George deliberately rang the bell and many who had not the slightest intention of entering the legal profession were called to the bar.

Bert J. Kortlang, the international cricketer, who is doing so much to put baseball on the map in Western Australia, is a member of the Press sub-branch. He served in the War with the Canadian Engineers and has represented five countries in international cricket—Australia, New Zealand, West Indies, Canada and the United States. At present, he is covering baseball for The West Australian, umpiring matches and giving up much of his spare time to the instruction of novices and the training of umpires.

Harry Vickers, the energetic and pleasant-mannered tailor of the R.S.L. Trading Company, went to France with the Bantam Battalion of the West York-
of late, and it is hoped that the tonic received will assist his recovery.

Signor Elio Pinza, the Italian basso who has been performing in Perth this month, made his first contact with the League at the luncheon meeting of the Press sub-branch on July 15. He is both hearty and distinguished in appearance. Signor Pinza's war service was as an artilleryman on the Italian front.

Mrs. Howard, although nominated, did not stand again for the office of secretary of the Victoria Park women's auxiliary, but we can hardly let the occasion pass without accusing her a vote of thanks. Although a comparatively new member, she stepped into the breach when her predecessor resigned, through ill-health, almost at the beginning of her term last year. The auxiliary is pleased at retaining the services of Mrs. Howard on the committee.

R. Tweedie, head teacher of the Boyanup State School, and an active member of the local sub-branch, had an unpleasant experience during the recent disastrous gale. Considerable damage was done to the school property, outbuildings, trees and fences were blown down, but the gallant pedagogue went into action in true Digger style and kept a roof over his head remaining on top of the residence, for two hours, during the fury of the storm, with a hammer and nails, while his wife and youngsters were below hoping for the best. He saved the situation, and incidentally the roof. His comrades of the sub-branch expressed their sympathy at the June meeting, but one thinks that a good quartermaster's nip of S.R.D. would have been appreciated when the incident occurred.

At the July meeting of the Subiaco sub-branch, Mr. Ern Congdon was elected secretary, in place of Ben Williamson, who had to resign suddenly on account of the illness of his little son. The doctor had recommended removal to the hills for the patient. Members of the sub-branch deeply regret the circumstances which necessitated this change and deprived the organisation of the services of a splendid secretary. This was expressed in a motion which placed on record an appreciation of Ben Williamson's valued services. His successor has had a very busy time filling the breach, but, as is well known, Ern Congdon is a whale for work, and may be depended upon to fill his new office with credit.

Many of us will experience a sense of keen personal loss at the passing of big genial G. L. T. Drummond-Hay, who was formerly a member of the permanent military forces, and finished the war as R.Q.M.S. of the 28th Battalion. Neither financial depression nor ill-health could cloud his cheery spirit, and it was most unkind cut of fate that death came just after he had received an appointment under the Public Health Department.

Harry Nichol, president-elect of the Carlisle sub-branch, is no newcomer to the presidential chair. His many years of experience and service should stand the sub-branch in good stead. With 'Taffy' Powell as secretary, and Charlie Devenish looking after finances, and a splendidly balanced committee, the sub-branch may confidently anticipate a successful future.

It is rumoured that Curl Macrone of the Carlisle sub-branch is preparing a biography of that versatile lady, Mac West.

It is with great regret that we report the death of John William Smethers, who answered the final call on June 21. The deceased, who was a sergeant in the Royal Engineers while on active service, was secretary of the West Leederville-Wembley sub-branch. He had been in indifferent health for some considerable time, particularly at the beginning of the year, when his condition was very grave. After a wonderful recovery, he resumed duty, but, unfortunately, the improvement in health was not maintained. A special memorial service, held in St. Barnabas Church, West Leederville, was attended by a large and representative gathering. We join with the sub-branch in extending condolences to his widow and relatives in their sad loss.

Mr. R. H. Reeves, the new president of the Kellerberrin sub-branch, served abroad with the 12th Battalion. He was twice wounded on Gallipoli, once at the Landing, and again on July 5, when he was sent home. He was present at the initial meeting at the Base Hospital, Fremantle, when the then called Returned Soldiers' Association was formed in 1916, and has been a member continuously since. He is now in business as a baker at Tammin.

ANZAC CLUB
Members' Night

The first members' night, arranged by the committee of the Anzac Club, was a social success and has already achieved much of its objective in increasing membership. Each member was requested to bring along a guest who was also eligible for membership, and soon after zero hour the club room was filled to capacity, as the theatrical people say. The president (Mr. A. Yeates), opened the proceedings and then handed over to Mr. Bill Dodington, the convener of the sub-committee responsible for arranging the evening. Much of the night's enjoyment was due to the fine work of the South Perth R.S.L. Orchestra, which performed under the baton of W. J. Wilkins, to Ted Scott with his inimitable monologues, the songs and duets of Messrs. Harold Neate, A. Mashford and C. Saunders, and the cornet-playing of Mr. Ron Rees. The whole show was so enjoyable that, now, club members, like Oliver Twist, are asking for more.

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Through a misunderstanding, the steamer fare for the trip to Adelaide, quoted in a previous issue, is not correct. It appears that the steamer on which 'Chocs' will travel to and from Adelaide do not provide the particular class of accommodation quoted for. The amended steamer fares are as follows:--1st class return £17 2/6; 2nd class return £12 16/6.

While it is entirely optional which class any member of the party wishes to travel, the committee considers it advisable that everybody should travel in the one section, and strongly recommend all members to book second class, as this will suit the majority of the party.

The Soldiers' Club, Adelaide, advises that accommodation for a limited number can be provided at the following rates:--Bed and breakfast only, 5s. per day, or 28s. per week (inclusive with all meals, 48s. per week).

The closing date for sending in regis-
The traditional serenity of Subiaco has been upset by one of those long-tongued individuals who spread malicious rumours regardless of the harm they may do. At the July meeting of the Subiaco sub-branch, a letter was received from the Subiaco Municipal Council, complaining that some irresponsible person had spread the erroneous report that an enemy soldier had been employed on the staff of the Council, presumably to the exclusion of a local ex-service man. The Mayor of Subiaco (Mr. L. E. Downe) and the Town Clerk (Mr. A. H. Jacob), who are both members of the sub-branch, made a careful examination of the Council records, but were unable to find anything which might give colour to the rumour. Naturally, all members of the Council strongly resented a canard of this nature. He found out that it had formed part of the load of a barge, anchored out in the river. Some of the boys swam out to it and broached the cargo. “Well, it was worth swimming for,” Jack Simmons commented, and when asked how he knew, Jack retorted, “Because I’ve been in the swim myself.”

With the consent of the Perth City Council, the Commonwealth Air Board proposes to name the unit of the Air Force to be formed in the State next year the “No. 23 (City of Perth) Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force.” The squadron will be manned largely by Citizen Force men recruited in the Perth metropolitan area. In linking up the auxiliary Air Force squadron with the city, the Air Board has followed a precedent recently established in England.

The Victorian Branch of the Returned Soldiers and Sailors’ Imperial League of Australia has just conducted a plebiscite among financial members of the League on the question of how Anzac Day should be observed. The questions submitted to the voters were:

1. Are you in favour of the present form of observance of Anzac Day?
2. Are you in favour of changing the observance from the actual date, April 25, to the nearest Sunday?
3. Are you in favour of an amendment of the Act to allow trading and amusements, as in Sydney?

The Act referred to the third question is the Victorian Act which makes Anzac Day a close holiday on which hotels and places of amusement are closed all day. There are 280 sub-branches in Victoria with an approximate total membership of 20,000. The results of the plebiscite will be announced on July 22, when the Victorian State Congress will be in session. A recent plebiscite in Queensland favoured the continuance of an observance similar to that of Western Australia.

The opposition of a section of local University students to recruiting for a military unit within the University, and the drivel talked about the old men who want another war, is typical of the muddled thinking which confuses defensive measures with the aggressive spirit. Notwithstanding the amount of newspaper space given to the conscientious objectors, they are neither a large nor an influential body. In fact, they are the laughing stock of the more virile students.

The Director of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, has advised the League that Branch 115 of the Canadian Legion (the Canadian equivalent to the R.S.I.L.A.), at Winnipeg, is known as the “General Monash Branch.” It is indeed gratifying to learn that the great Australian leader is held in such high

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estime in the sister Dominion, and all Australians share the pride that his family must feel at the honour that has been bestowed on his memory and, incidentally, on the whole A.I.F. The War Memorial is sending to the Branch a reproduction in colour of the portrait in colour of Sir John Monash which hangs in its gallery.

At Arras, during May, the Right Honourable A. Duff Cooper, Minister for War, unveiled a plaque to the memory of the Empire’s Million Dead. The plaque, set in a wall in the Cathedral, bears the words in English and French “To the Glorious Dead and 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.”

Missing from the ceremony through illness was M. Delansorne, the Mayor of Arras, now seventy-eight years of age. M. Delansorne is to Arras what Burgomaster Max was to Brussels. Too old to fight during the War, M. Delansorne remained at his post as municipal councillor in the devastated town and organised help under almost daily shell-fire. To-day M. Delansorne lies on a sick bed. After the ceremony, Sir George Clerk visited him and invested him with the Order of the British Empire.

A window, dedicated during May in St. Dunstan’s Chapel, Brighton, consists of a medallion of sixteenth century glass from the Cloth Hall, Ypres, inset in an existing window. The medallion was recovered by Captain Percy Palmer, D.S.O., of the Welsh Guards, who was killed while leading his men at Loos, and was given by his widow to the Rev. Harold Gibb, a war-blinded St. Dunstan’s officer, who has presented it to St. Dunstan’s.

It is a matter for deep regret that the Returned Soldiers’ Memorial Band will not be participating in the Adelaide Centenary Band Contests. Some members of the band are unable to be away from their employment long enough to make the trip to Adelaide, and, as their absence will militate against the band being placed in the competition, it is rightly considered that the expense incurred would not be justified under the circumstances.

The first plank in the platform of the local Nazis is the sterilisation of the physically and mentally unfit. If that ever becomes the law of the land, we are not likely to see the formation of a Sons of Nazis League.

A member of the Hunt Club committed a horrible faux pas at one of the lunch hour baseball matches on the Esplanade. At a most exciting crisis of the game he yelled out “Tally ho!” instead of “Attaboy!”

I am all for preference to returned soldiers, but I often wonder if the war is really over. There seems to me no more reason for refusing a German work in Australia, any more than one of those Danes who fought against Nelson at Copenhagen, all other things being equal, of course. Reference is made in another column to strife in Subiaco over the alleged employment of a former enemy soldier by the local Municipal Council. The fuss had its origin in a mischievous furphy, but it seems passing strange that it should have happened in Subiaco, an electorate which sent a lady to Parliament in preference to two returned soldiers and the father of two returned soldiers.

Doctor Roberta Jull said, at the annual meeting of the Cottesloe District Infant Health Association: “Fathers should receive training in child welfare.” Haven’t most of us carried the bimbo at the high port whilst singing “Oft in the Stilly Night”?

Our own Alex. Panton, being blessed with a luxuriant thatch, could afford to dispense with the wig of office when he took the Speaker’s chair. On the other hand, the High Commissioner-designate for New Zealand defends the wearing of ceremonial clothes, saying: “A man can have a heart beneath a silk hat.” So he can, for the heart is a very errant organ. During the Somme scrapping, mine was often in my mouth—that is, when it wasn’t in my boots. But one has only to look beyond flippant writers like myself and consult the pages of really serious lady writers to see how the heart can behave on occasion. One gleeeful instance I have before me advises: “Never laugh at a man because of the clothes he wears. Many a patched pair of pants covers a warm heart.” Better still is Miss Marjorie
TWENTY YEARS AGO

War Anniversaries of June, 1916

July 1.—Commencement of the Franco-British offensive north and south of the Somme, on a front of 25 miles. "In the attack, which commenced at 7.30 a.m., the Allied troops carried the German forward system of defences on a front of 16 miles, storming and occupying the strongly fortified villages of Montauban and Mametz.

July 2.—Heavy fighting between the Ancre and the Somme. British troops carry Fricourt. Total prisoners to date, 3,500. French, attacking on the north of the Somme in the region of Hardecourt and Curci, captured the village of Frise and Mereaucourt Wood, with over 6,000 prisoners.

July 3.—British take La Boiselle, but are checked north-east of Albert. The French capture five villages and advance to within three miles of Peronne. Total prisoners in three days' fighting, 12,300.

July 4.—South of the Somme, the French make good progress towards Peronne, capturing Estrees and Belloy-en-Santerre.

July 5.—Continued gains by British and French. Prisoners to date in British sector, over 6,000; French, 9,500.

July 6.—British advance near Thiepval. In Volhynia, Russians take over 2,300 prisoners. West of Lower Strypa, the enemy is overthrown and thrown back.

July 7.—Mr. Lloyd George became Minister for War. British advance between the Ancre and the Somme. Russian break the German line north of Lutsk salient. General Smuts captured Tanga on the coast of German East Africa.

July 8.—Fighting on extreme right flank of British forces who gain a footing in the Bois des Trones. French report the capture of Hardecourt.

July 9.—East of Flaucourt, the French carry enemy positions on a depth of from 1,100 yards to a mile and a quarter. They capture the village of Bianches. Russians, north of Lutsk, salient, force the Germans back six miles to the Stokhd. Aeroplane raid on the south-east coast of England.

July 10.—Desperate fighting in Trones Wood where Germans made a slight gain.

July 11.—U-boat fires 30 rounds of shrapnel at Seaham Harbour.

July 12.—British recapture all the ground lost during the night in Mametz Wood and make some progress in Trones Wood.

July 13.—British advance continues. Allied shell conference at the War Office.

July 14.—Capture of the German second line on a front of four miles. As the result of the day's fighting, the British hold position from Bazentin-le-Petit to Longueval and the whole of Trones Wood.

July 15.—North of Bazentin-le-Petit, the British penetrate the German third line at the Bois des Foursaux.

July 16.—Russians capture two batteries and 3,000 prisoners in Volhynia.

July 17.—As the result of further successes, the British hold four miles, 300 yards of the German second line north of the Somme, and are close to the third line north of Longueval.

July 18.—Germans attack positions near Longueval and Delville Wood.

July 19.—Enemy recaptures a portion of Delville Wood and obtains a footing in Longueval, but the British regain most of the lost ground.

July 20.—British advance 1,000 yards north of the Bazentin-Longueval line. Heavy fighting continues in the northern outskirts of Longueval and in Delville Wood. General Sakharoff's troops inflict heavy defeat on the Austrians on the south-western face of the Lutsk salient.

July 21.—Russian army of the Caucasus reported the capture of Gumushkhane, 100 miles from Erzerum.

July 22.—Despatches from Lord French and General Maxwell on the Irish rising published.

Bowen, the gifted writer of historical romances. In "The Sword Decides," the anguished heroine passes through an emotion crisis, in which "her heart throbbed in her pants for breath."
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Westralian
Cavalry in the War

By Lieut.-Col. A. C. N. OLDEN, D.S.O.

CHAPTER II
THE ROCKINGHAM CAMP

On December 18, 1914, the Regiment moved out from Guildford, mounted and fully equipped, to Claremont, where it was billeted on the Agricultural Society's ground, a splendid reception being accorded by the citizens of Perth during the march through the city. The following day was devoted to military sports, and the people of the metropolis witnessed a fine exhibition of horsemanship in the beautiful show ring.

Christmas was drawing near, and as it was known that embarkation would not take place before the New Year, general leave was granted to enable as many of the boys as could be spared to spend their holidays at their homes or with their friends. It was a generous concession, and very largely availed of by officers and men, to spend their first Christmas as soldiers of the A.I.F. with their families. Alas! In too many cases it was destined to be their last.

Leave was up on January 2, 1915, and work commenced in earnest at Claremont. On January 6 the Regiment marched out from Claremont, and, embarking on board the s.s. Zephyr, at the Claremont jetty, sailed for Rockingham, there to remain—with the exception of several trips to the Claremont Rifle Range for musketry—until the end of the month.

Intensive training was the order of the day at Rockingham, and of all the dusty, dirty camps and bivouacs experienced in the course of its varied career, Rockingham will be remembered in the Regiment as one of the dustiest and dirtiest. The one saving grace was the proximity of the sea, and the daily swim, coupled with the frequent visits of friends laden with picnic hampers, made life endurable.

Sunday was the popular visiting day, and the excursion steamers from the city were invariably crowded with friends and relations who, realising that the time for embarkation was drawing near, were anxious to lose no opportunity of spending every possible moment with their boys.

An important event during the sojourn of the Regiment at Rockingham was the consecration of a Regimental Standard, the generous gift of Mrs. P. Law-Smith. In the presence of the whole Regiment, mounted and in review order, the impressive ceremony was conducted by His Grace Archbishop Riley, Chaplain-General of the Forces, following which, the beautiful emblem was handed into the keeping of the Regimental Sergeant-Major by Mrs. Law-Smith in person.

The first week in February saw the Regiment back once more on the Show Ground at Claremont, and word was passed round that embarkation for an unknown destination would take place, probably on the 8th.

There was much speculation as to the destination, but very little doubt existed that it would be Egypt. The Infantry and Artillery, and indeed the greater portion of the Light Horse were known to be already there, and there was small reason to suppose that the Third Light Horse Brigade, consisting of the 8th, 9th and 10th Regiments, should be switched off elsewhere at that juncture.

A few days prior to the date set down, it became known that one squadron, owing to the lack of sufficient accommodation on the transport allotted to the 10th Regiment, would embark on another ship about a week later. This naturally caused a little disappointment, which, however, was quickly overcome when the circumstances were made known.

These few final days in Australia saw an all-round speeding up in the way of finishing touches, so that on the day of embarkation, the Regiment was turned out complete—as the saying is—"down to the last button."

On February 8, 1915, the Regiment, less "C" Squadron, marched out from Claremont to the Fremantle wharf, where the British-India steamer Mosaic—otherwise known as "A47"—was waiting to receive it. The horses were first got aboard, and for the most part behaved wonderfully well, considering that it was their maiden embarkation, the sling being brought into requisition in one or two cases only. The troops followed, and were soon shaken down in their respective troop decks.

Apparently it was not considered necessary to observe the same secrecy with regard to sailing as was in evidence in the case of the infantry's departure. The Emden having been effectively dealt with, no danger was apprehended in the Indian Ocean.

Consequently, it is doubtful if ever such a huge and representative assemblage of Western Australian people had previously been seen at Fremantle to compare with that which gathered together on the wharf that day to bid adieu to their one mounted unit. A spirit of boisterous enthusiasm prevailed, both amongst the troops and their friends on shore. Doubtless much of it was assumed in order to conceal the deeper heart-feelings of wife and sister or husband and brother. But it was a spirit proper to the occasion. Western Australia was giving of its best for King

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
BY MAX ARTHUR

The address delivered by the Director of Education (Mr. J. A. Klein) at Subiaco State School recently makes excellent reading.

The question of placing youth after pouring them out of our State schools every year is one of the most vital problems confronting us to-day.

When the present King's inspirational idea of commemorating His Royal Father's Jubilee, by inaugurating an appeal for funds for a youth movement, was "borrowed" by our own Government (was it for lack of imagination to think out anything original?) it was expected that before funds were collected some concrete scheme for spending the money would have been formulated.

It was, however, a case of buying the fuel to feed a machine which has not even yet been built.

The scheme outlined by the Director—"Choosing a Career"—and asking for the co-operation of the parents, will bring a hope into the hearts of parents that at last a track is opening up before youth. The scheme is a commencement at the door of adolescence, before the child is turned out into that no man's land between youth and maturity.

However, "Choosing a Career," is a long way from realising that career, and it is just here that the work must start. Vocational training requires a solid backing and the earnest assistance of Governments in placing youth. This is the first hurdle to jump.

We are quickly drifting into an age of unskilled labour. Where are our coming builders, bricklayers, carpenters, glass workers, farmers, cabinet-makers? How many are apprenticed in these spheres, to say nothing of the many new classes of work which have sprung into existence with the coming of the motor car and the aeroplane?

Houses, buildings, etc., will soon be jerry built by unskilled labourers, working under one skilled man. In the second largest town in Western Australia there is only one youth apprenticed to the building trade. Men are brought from Perth to do contract work, and much of that work shows evidence of the unskilled hand already.

In Perth recently there was not one glass worker available, although work was plentiful. Men were sent for from South Australia, but were not available. More work by unskilled men under one trained man.

We read frequently of men falling off scaffolding, men falling from wagons, and numerous accidents in the account of which, appearing in the Press, will be seen that the victims have only been on the work for a few days or weeks. Men thrown into positions in which they were unaccustomed. If these men had been trained to doing these things in the course of their apprenticeship, how much could be saved in life and efficiency.

All our children cannot be professional men. The Director said, "Boys were taking the first position presenting itself." How foolish a boy would be not to do so, as things have been done for the last few years. Although, as the Director points out, "the depression is lifting," the organisation for placing youth is just as hopeless.

When the boy states the vocation to which he aspires, how does the Director or Mr. Morrison hope to find him that niche in the promised land?

Here is the No Man's Land confronting youth! This is the vital point at which the committee investigating the means of spending the money for youth should commence their investigations. Here is the great pilotless machine, and we must find the fuel to feed this great machine.

Wonderful work is being done by the Chandler Scheme and Tardun Farm Scheme of a concrete nature, but how heart-breaking the pioneering of these schemes without the strongest support of Governments in giving, yes, giving, these boys plots to work upon. Governments would rather import immigrants who have not the ability to make successful colonists, rather than give plots and organise community farms, with community stock in first class country, to our own lads.

What a romantic scheme the Fairbridge Scheme has been, but how much more romantic if a Fairbridge Farm colony were to spring into being and our young colonists settled before old age dulls their enthusiasm? If youth had the weapon of the franchise on leaving the school-room, what deadly blows he could strike to wield his own destiny.

Unfortunately, it is only in the schools where youth is organised. This organisation is expanding and expanding, but only a more highly trained brain and intelligent understanding, harnessed to an enthusiasm unbounded, is the result. It means that the child understands much more intelligently his plight, hence the bitterness and hard outlook of the modern child.

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and Country, and she was giving, as she always has done, cheerfully and with confidence.

At five o'clock in the afternoon the Mashobra drew slowly away from the wharf to the accompaniment of cheer upon cheer, the National Anthem, and the many battle cries, now so familiar to everyone. A final waving of hats and handkerchiefs, as last long-called "goodbye" as the steamer passed the mole, and the 10th Regiment had gone!

(To be Continued)
Trade unions will deny this statement. Have they done anything to help youth? No. Everything done, every act placed on their statutes is a law to protect the adult from the onrush of youth. Every statute in the industrial life of the community is for the benefit of the adult. Youth has no franchise, he is in No Man's Land, until there is a war; then and only then he comes into his own most gloriously. Here he is given all the habiliments of manhood, far beyond the value of his employer, his parents, politicians above all others.

No wonder he talks scathingly of the "old boy's feasts." Youth is thinking hard. He is thinking bitterly. We must be tolerant; for it is these lads who speak so bitterly of war, who were the first to offer themselves in the Great War. We forget that the environment of 1914 was vastly different to the environment of this age; youth cannot visualise the same scenes that we older people can, but they can plainly see their futile drifting today, and the hand of the war god stretched out to claim their enthusiasm and manhood at the school-room door.

The cry that "funds are not available" will not hold intelligent people much longer. Youth is restless. Crime is rampant amongst youth. Somewhere their bottled up enthusiasm and initiative must be spent. One bright youth recently escaped thirty-eight times from an institution. What a pity that youth's initiative could not be harnessed to some good purpose. What material going to waste!

The world is learning its lesson, and in spite of the smouldering fires of war, peace is still with us. No country genuinely wants war, the peoples of the world are crying out for education and a place in the sun.

When the deliberations of the committee in charge of the Youth Appeal are complete, let us hope that whatever scheme is evolved, that it will begin at the school-room door and span that desolate, waste between school and the age of the franchise, when it is too late.

Mr. Klein's address gives one a feeling of optimism, and hope that "something concrete" is on the horizon; and that the Government of to-day is moving.

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BULLYING THE BEEF

R. G. Hummerston writes:—In your issue (15/6/36) your contributor, "Toc Emma" takes me to task for mentioning that wonderful concoction familiarly known to the troops as "Fray Bantos." Having served in France, it is quite conceivable that the Fray that "Toc Emma" was issued, "souvenired" or otherwise "obtained," was frozen so solid as to be only swallowed in one lump, whereas we of the Desert Column, and your good self and coppers of the Cameliers had the tack in liquid form, mixed with strings of "beef" and gristle. Therefore, salt was the predominating taste, if one was lucky enough to not have his "Fray" explode in his haversack with the heat. Like "Toc Emma," I, too, have had my cut of batching, before and after the big "stoush," in the East Kimberleys, but I have never yet struck any "dog" to touch "Fray" for salt. Every man to his taste, of course.

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SOLDIERING IN THE EARLY DAYS

BY J. E. HAMMOND, AUTHOR OF "WINJAN'S PEOPLE" AND "WESTERN PIONEERS" (NOW IN THE PUBLISHERS' HANDS)

While we feel it our duty to remember those who gave their lives for King and Country in the Great War, we should also remember their forefathers who went to other wars. Many of those who served in the A.I.F. were descendants of the old veterans who came to this colony to protect the infant settlement from anything that may have threatened in those days. Some of those soldiers were middle-aged men who bore as souvenirs the scars of sword and bullet wounds taken in battles long ago. They were known as the Old Pensioners. Most of them were married with fairly large families, and some of their sons went to the South African War. They provided the colony with a nucleus of trained men, to which was soon added the Volunteers who were sworn in for home defence.

The Volunteers were trained by the veterans of the Imperial Forces. Colonel E. D. Harvest, a British Army officer, who lived in Western Australia from 1872 to 1878, was very interested in the volunteer movement. The Volunteers used to have a monthly parade independently of any parade the Captain ordered. On these occasions Colonel Harvest instructed the men for half the duration of the parade and often told us while going through the drill that we pleased him very much, especially when marching in line. The Colonel was a strict disciplinarian, and as the Volunteer Corps had not long been established when he arrived in Perth, it may be said that he brought it to the stage of efficiency it eventually reached.

The first drill instructor that I can remember was Drill Sergeant Archdeacon, who put us through our facings in the early 'sixties. He had the scars of sword wounds on his face, hands, arms and other parts of the body. During his service here, he instructed men in many parts of the colony, Perth, Fremantle, Pinjarra, Bunbury, York, Guildford and other towns. A son of that old warrior is still living in Perth. Another notable drill instructor was Sergeant Manorgan, an Imperial soldier who put me through my own drill. Manorgan had been wounded in the Crimea.

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The Defence Force was of great assistance in providing pleasure and recreation for the public in the old days. Almost every youth over sixteen years of age could, and did; join the Volunteers, but he was not sworn in until he had reached the age of eighteen years. However, a youth took great pride in going to his drills twice a week, especially when he could put his red coat on. Unless memory fails me, the full strength of the Volunteer Force in Perth was 240 of all ranks. One rarely heard of rifle ranges in those days. We went to shoot at the butts, then situated on Mt. Eliza, and ranges in those days. We went to shoot the Volunteer Force in

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The results of the fourth round in the A.R.M.S. competition are as follows:

Zone 1

West Perth beat Maylands .... 10-0
North Perth beat Bassendean .... 10-0
Mt. Hawthorn bt. Osborne Park .... 10-0
Perth beat Bayswater .... 9-1

Mt. Lawley, a bye.

Zone 2

Gloucester Park beat Vic. Park .... 10-0
South Perth beat Fremantle .... 8-2
W. Leederville beat Cottesloe .... 10-0
Nedlands beat Claremont .... 8-2

Subiaco, a bye.

The following is the result of the fifth round of the A.R.M.S. competition:

Zone 1

Bayswater beat Osborne Park .... 8-2
Mt. Lawley beat North Perth .... 6-4
Perth beat West Perth .... 8-2
Mt. Hawthorn beat Maylands .... 10-0

Bassendean, a bye.

Zone 2

Claremont beat Cottesloe .... 8-2
Subiaco beat Fremantle .... 10-0
Nedlands beat Victoria Park .... 10-0
W. Leederville bt. Gloucester P. .... 6-4

South Perth, a bye.

The position of the teams at the end of the fifth round of the A.R.M.S. competition games for 1936 is as follows:

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17th June, 1936

At the meeting of the State Executive on June 17, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Collott, Philip, Denton, Aberle, Hunt, Cornell, Margolin, Warner, Wott, James, Willkins, Mitchell, Pady, Ross, Wells, Lamb, Collins, Nicholas, Newman and Thorn. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Sten Fenton, Freedman, Henning and Roche.

Senior Vice-President. The State President reported having received communication from Archieacon Riley, which he read to the meeting.

Visitors. - Mr. H. J. Sykes, from Kondinin, and Mr. J. Day, from Wubin, were formally welcomed to the meeting.

Reception to Governor-General. - The Management Committee reported that arrangements had been made for the reception of the Governor-General.

Year Book. - It was agreed that the Federal Executive be notified that this office would supply information from the Annual Report for insertion in the New South Wales Year Book, but that advertising in this book would be of little value to anyone in Western Australia and beyond Head Office there would be little demand for it.

Condolences. - It was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Lady Nathan, and that appreciation for services rendered by the late Sir Charles Nathan to the League and ex-service men generally be recorded.

It was also agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to the relatives of the late Sister Jones, and that appreciation of the excellent work the deceased sister has done in her capacity as Sister in charge of Ward XI be recorded. The question of perpetuating the memory of Sister Jones was referred to the Nurses' sub-branch for a definite proposal.

The Nurses' sub-branch expressed appreciation of the funeral arrangements made for Sister Jones.

Home for Aged Ex-Service Men. - A progress report on the proposed home for aged ex-service men was received.

Membership. - A communication from the Murray sub-branch, which was referred to the Executive by the Membership Committee, was sent on to the Management Committee for enquiries and action.

Empire Shopping. - Mr. Hastings Reid, the organiser of the Empire Shopping Campaign, attended the meeting and submitted his report which was received and adopted. At the instance of Colonel Olden, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Reid.

Sir Charles McNess. - On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was agreed that a suitably inscribed photograph of Sir Charles McNess be procured for Anzac House. The inscription was left to the Management Committee.

Concerts. - On behalf of the House Committee, Mr. Aberle reported on four recent community concerts, stating that these had yielded a total profit of £46/17/4.

Trustees. - The trustees were authorised to expend up to £13/10/- in providing artificial limbs for a deserving case.

Visits. - The following visits were reported:

Sir President (Mundijong-Jarrahdale sub-branch and South African Veterans' Association), Colonel Lamb (28th Battalion Association), Colonel Margolin (Nedlands sub-branch), Mr. Cornell (Kalgoorlie and Boulder sub-branches).

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B.E.S.L.—Advice was received that the eighth biennial conference of the B.E.S.L. will be held between May 20 and May 30, 1937. Advice was received that His Majesty King Edward VIII had honoured the B.E.S.L. by becoming its Patron-in-Chief. Invitations.—An invitation from the T.B. Association for July 1 was accepted. Invitations from Wubin and Kulin were referred to the Management Committee. Boy Scouts' Association.—The Boy Scouts' Association advised that the question of whether they should continue to take an official part in the Anzac Day Service had been discussed by them. They asked that the State President and State Secretary receive a deputation to discuss this matter. It was agreed that the deputation should be received, and the Executive expressed the opinion that it was advisable for the Boy Scouts to associate themselves officially with Anzac Day.

Gutha.—Advice was received that the Gutha sub-branch had been reconstructed and the appointment of Mr. E. Matthews as secretary was confirmed.

General.—The suggestion that League information should be broadcast weekly was referred to the Management Committee. It was agreed to ask Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs to accept the office of trustee of Anzac House, rendered vacant by the death of Sir Charles Nathan.

Mr. L. Thorn was appointed to the following sub-committees:—Land, Empire and Local Trade and Poppy Day.

Mr. Watt reported that Mr. Keys, officer in charge of Pensions at the Repatriation Commission, had expressed his appreciation of hospitality extended him by the Kalgoorlie and Boulder sub-branches and the Mayor of Boulder.

1st July, 1936

At the meeting on July 1, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Philp, Panton, Denton, Aberle, Friedman, Collin, Margo-lin, Warner, Watt, James, Wilkins, Mitchell, Pady, Ross, Lamb, Collins, Nicholas, New-
Sons of Soldiers' League

All honour to our leader the Rabbi.

The following message was sent by the assistant State Warden to our leader State Warden (Rabbi D. I. Freedman):—"The officials and Sons of the Sons of Soldiers' League of Western Australia feel proud that our Beloved Monarch, King Edward VIII, has in his wisdom seen fit to confer upon you, our leader, the honour of the Order of the British Empire. 

"We all join in wishing you very many years of health and happiness to enjoy the honour which is your due."

Education and Entertainment

It is gratifying to find public-spirited men who are willing to give up their hard-earned leisure hours to the work of instructing and interesting our youth in the intricacies of local manufacture. At the factory of the W. A. Netting and Wire Co., Ltd., Leederville, the Press sub-branch of the Sons of Soldiers' League were met by the following gentlemen:—Mr. Cecil Malloch (general manager), Mr. Frank Malloch (works manager), Mr. Begent, T. O'Brien and Harold Hopperston. Dancing was the theme of the evening. Among those present were the State Secretary Women's Auxiliary (Messrs. H. Hopperston), the past president (Sir J. Sherwood), and Mrs. Sinclair, and Mr. W. Wilkins (representatives of Wonder sub-branch).
Victoria, was welcomed by the president (Mr. J. O'Farrell). The sub-branch has five victo-
ries to its credit in the A.R.M.S. com-
tiitons, having defeated Mt. Lawley, Osborne
Park, Bayswater and West Perth. The only
points dropped were against North Perth.

MUNTADGIN

The election of officers, on May 30, re-
sulted as follows:- president, Captain J. J.
Hooper (returned unopposed); vice-presi-
dents, C. Auld and H. A. Hill; secretary, Ross
Keesing (also unopposed). Arrangements for
the children's picnic, on June 29, were com-
pleted. The events to be contested should
arouse great interest especially among the
big kids. Invitations have been issued to the
members of Bruce Rock and Merredin sub-
branches. The card evenings are still popu-
lar, notwithstanding the frosty evenings.

MUNDIJONG-JARRAHDAL

The meeting on June 13 was attended by
the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) and
Mr. W. A. Wilkins, of the State Executive.
The president of the sub-branch, Major R. A.
Geddes, 32nd Battalion, occupied the
chair. There were about twenty present.
This sub-branch will hold its meetings alter-
atively in Mundijong and Jarrahdale, and
hopes to achieve a membership of between
20 and 30. A pleasant evening was spent,
the toast of the "Executive" being proposed
by Mr. Tate (44th Battalion and Dunster
Forces), and responded to by the State Pre-
sident. Mr. Wilkins proposed the toast of
"The Sub-Branch," and both speeches were
listened to with close attention. In the
able hands of Major Geddes and the secretary
(Mr. E. M. Rose, 10th Light Horse), the sub-branch
should go ahead.

NORTH PERTH

The election of officers for the ensuing year
was the main business of the sub-branch at
the meeting on June 15, the result being
as follows:- Mr. Stan Dival, re-elected as
president, and Mr. Bill James retaining his
office of immediate past president; Mr. Doug
Cummings and Mr. Clary Sadlier, vice-presi-
dents; Mr. B. Mclllwraith, secretary; Mr.
Jack Rankin, assistant secretary, and Mr. O.
Newmarth, treasurer. J. Casson, N. P. Cliffe, H. Davy, G. Fraser, A. J. Hawkins,
D. James, E. E. Rendle, H. G. Richmond
and P. Wess were elected on the committee,
and Messrs. J. Casson, D. Cummings, H.
Davy, G. Fraser, J. Lantern, J. Rankin,
B. McLlwrath on the sports committee.
Mr. Dave James, sports director. Messrs.
J. Yule and L. McDowell, auditors; D. Cummings,
publicity officer; A. E. Base, J. Casson and
H. H. Scienter. A special committee:
H. Massey, J. Middleton and A. Rob-
erts, trustees. Judging by the number that
turned up at the meeting there must still be
a lot of truth in the saying that "Old
soldiers never die."
The annual report of the
women's auxiliary was read, and it showed the
progress made by this section of the sub-
branch. The adjourned meeting was held
June 21, 1936, and members were informed
that Mrs. Jones, mother of the late Sister
James, had passed away that day. This sad
news was received with regret by all the mem-
ers present. Quite a lot of business was got
through in a short time and the president
(Mr. Stan Dival) had the pleasing duty to
perform at the present meeting.
Mr. F. N. Graves a
special committee, he having been secre-
tary of the Training Committee. Mr.
Graves responded and gave an outline of a hospital
visiting scheme as practised in the Traying
areas.

NARROGIN

The annual meeting took place on June 25.
Mr. T. Sten was elected president, unoppo-
sed, and Mr. E. M. Rose, secretary, of the office. Other officers elected were:
vice-presidents, Mr. N. Pettit, Mr. W. Melvin,
and Mr. R. Ewing; treasurer, J. W. Holden;
secretary, T. Hogg (unopposed), executive;
Mr. Smith, J. Bohan, J. Cranbrook, J. Stone,
Mr. Hannah, E. C. Walker, Mr. J. H. Moon,
Les. Pettit, T. Quinn. The Soldiers' Institute is now in
the hands of the secretary, and further
improvements are expected. Membership drive:
Twenty-one paid their annual subscriptions
last month. The new executive is an ad-
marlable blend of experienced old hands and
it is confidently expected that it will
prove one of the strongest that the sub-branch
has had under the leadership of T. Sten.
A large number of members are
still coming forward with new names, and old worker, T. Hogg, who again takes up the
secretaryship for the ninth time. The Gov-
ernor-General's visit to Narrogin saw a roll
up of about 50 members, who formed a
guard of honour at the Soldiers' Institute.
His Excellency was given a walking stick
made from local wood (jam) and a bumper
reception by the returned men while passing
through Narrogin.

NASSEBDEEN

The regular business night on June 11
opened with a two-minute silence especially
to the memory of our late comrade Mr.
"Will" O'Rourke of the 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
The sub-branch of a very fine type from
the censsful year, has decided to nominate for
the Newdegate Shield. A special appeal is
being made to all members to get behind
their energetic secretary and help him to reach the
200 membership mark aimed at. Members
were pleased to welcome two members in
Messrs. Summerton and W. J. Parker. Mem-
ers generally rose to speak of their
regret at the passing of Sister Jones, and their
appreciation of her life's work. A letter on
these lines was sent to the Perth
Hospital Board. Mr. Tracy was thanked for
the good work he performed in getting the
tennis club to continue once again. The
notice board, now doing duty at meetings, is
always a neat little job, donated and executed by
Digger Main. Mr. "Hugby" Prosser, who
was officially welcomed back after his long
sickness, thanked the members for the visits
and little acts of kindness while he had been a
"casualty." The sick reports were received
from members who had decided to visit any
ex-service men on the sick-list, irrespective
of the visiting committee.
On June 18 about 20 members hired a "charry" for a
run out to North Perth for Shield games.
"Will" O'Rourke had the best of argument in
eye game, but was Bassendean down-
hearted? No! You should have heard their
young voices in lusty choruses on the home-
ward run. At the social night on June 25
apologies were received from president
Grieves and Padre Vine, who were not so
well. Mr. Parker filled the chair. An item
of interest was the visit that night by Mr.
Lewis, manager of the R.S.L. Trading
Coy. Mr. Lewis, who is a past president
of the sub-branch, stated that suit clubs
were being formed by a number of sub-branches,
and that proof of their popularity lay in the
fact that when one club finished another was
started immediately. The capitalisation of the
Trading Coy. proved interesting to mem-
ers, Mr. Lewis stating that 2,500 shares
were held by the State Executive; 2,500
shares held by the North sub-branch,
and 3,000 shares held by individual ex-soldiers
or their dependents. Members, therefore,
were actually helping themselves when they did
business with these shareholders.

MOUNT LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

The monthly meeting was responsible for
a considerable amount of argument which culmi-
nated in the spontaneous and voluntary
resignation of the management committee.
Mr. A. Chapman was appointed chairman,
with Mr. Les. Challen as secretary, pro tem,
and the election of officers was immediately
proceeded with. Mr. R. T. King being re-
turning to England. A result Mr. O. J. Wil-
liams was elected president, Mr. K. Craze,
junior vice-president; Mr. F. I. Chambers,
committee; whilst all other officers were re-
lected. The new president, after extending
thanks to all concerned, closed the meeting.
It has now been decided by the ball com-
mittee to conduct a children's ball on Friday,
August 28, in the Perth Town Hall, so that
all concerned may now set about their ar-
rangements. The sub-branch sweep was fully

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subscribed and drawn in the presence of the meeting, the first two prizes going to unemployed members. At the end of the month members of the sub-branch will be called upon to defend their positions in various spheres of sport against the Sea Scouts. Arrangements for a Fair, to be held later in the year, are now being considered by the management committee. The children’s ball committee reaped a very rich reward for their labours in organising the wonderful function which eventuated. The fact of having an attendance of barely four hundred children and parents as a result of only eight days’ organisation, speaks volumes for the esteem in which the general public hold the sub-branch. The committee has decided to conduct another children’s ball in the Perth Town Hall on Friday, August 28. In fear and trepidation the A.R.M.S. teams awaited the arrival of the famous warriors from North Perth on June 24, but by the grace of Allah the quiet team woke up from its Rip Van Winkal, and fairly battled with the rings. This put stomach into the tennis and rifle teams. They also bolted, but not so the bridge and draughts devotees. The extreme concentration of mind made them so oblivious to the surroundings that they missed the tide of enthusiasm and registered losses. An invigorating coffee and roll supper, the usual pats-on-the-back, smooches, etc., completed a very happy sports night. We are now wondering if the terraces from Osborne Park consider it worth while inviting us out to a feed of pats-on-the-back, for the lack of obstacle race was first favourite, this branch was formed before the signing of the Armistice, but it is regretted that, owing to permanent records not having been kept, its history is not known to the majority of the present members. It is desired that, where possible, old members supply the necessary data to enable a complete history of the sub-branch to be compiled, as it is considered essential that permanent records be kept for future reference.

CARLISLE

(By McTootle)

It was a beautiful evening for the monthly meeting on July 2, and we had a record attendance for the year. The fact that it also heralded a new financial year added interest to the business which was presided over by the senior vice-president, Jim Wilson. Members reverently observed a two minutes silence in memory of that dear comrade, Sister Ruth Jones, of the Repatriation Ward. The chairman presented the ex-secretary of the Karriate sub-branch, Mr. Smith, with the League Certificate of Service. In reply to the many nice things which Jim Wilson said on behalf of the diggers present, Smithy said that he had always put service before self, and he would continue to do so as a member of the Carlisle sub-branch—which, incidentally, struck him as being “one of the most active sub-divisions in the metropolitan suburbs.” (A voice: “Oh, yeah!”) The voice was traced to Wally Tolmie, a staunch supporter and member of the Victoria Park sub-branch, so he was seized and given the job of scrutinising football for the Carlisle branch, which he took place, and resulted as follows:—President, H. R. Nicol; hon. secretary, I. B. Powell; treasurer, Charlie De Venish (re-elected unopposed); vice-presidents, Les Gilsenan and Harold Crofts; auditors, R. A. McClean Roberts; trustees, Percy Manners and Les Gilsenan; general committee, Messrs. Bowkett, Cope, Stenning, Macrone, Wilson, Conduit, Fancy, Marshall and George Greaves; pub. sub., Mr. Muntadgin; vice-chairman, T. O. Smith (re-elected for another term); secretary, Mr. Tom Keane. The next monthly meeting was held at Claremont on Thursday, August 7.

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ter, and there were no volunteers for his job, as what he doesn't know now about driving cars and trucks isn't worth knowing. If anything, his hair is a shade greyer or at least a shade whiter, after the kids and the bumps he collected. The more serious side of his mind was also very popular, and was won by a great burst of speed by Mrs. J. Hooper. This is an event which gives the ladies their opportunity to show what they can do. Letters of appreciation for donations were forwarded to Mesdames Smart and J. Hooper; Messrs. J. J. Hooper, L. Brissenden, F. Hughes and Bradock. Tea was taken by the light of numerous car headlights after President J. J. Hooper had said a few words to the children and presented the prizes. The recent meeting was a red-letter day in the progress of this sub-branch, as in following the eternal quest for new members we have taken in five from Totadbain, and four members travel up to 20 miles to attend, and in order to assist them it has been decided to hold four special (quarterly) meetings a year, two at Totadbain, and one at Totadbain, and one at Totadbain. One new member joined up at the meeting.

**ALBANY**

At the meeting which Mr. E. Y. Butler presided over on June 26, authority was given for the purchase of a new flag, and arrangements were made for the future of the Governor-General. It was decided to make the annual grant of one guinea to the Wooroloo Sanatorium. Mr. J. Page was appointed Agent of the S.S.L. This will be a change from his strenuous work as O.C. gardener. Mr. T. P. Bennett was elected unopposed to the office of secretary. The election of other office-bearers will take place at the July meeting. It was moved to ask the State Executive to try and have Albany make a port of call for boats taking ex-service men to the Coronation. The reception to the Governor-General was held in the Institute on June 20, and attended by one ex-service man. A feature of the function was the way His Excellency made personal contact with those present.

**KOJONUP**

Mr. Macphail, although handicapped by an injured knee, presided at a well-attended meeting on Friday, June 26. It was decided to hold the annual ball on September 16.

**TOTADBAIN**

A subscription list was opened for the benefit of Misses I. T. Borwick, N. Hayes, C. Swan (Queensland), E. Grover, E. Perkins, E. K. Davies, E. B. Ballantyne, E. Hammersley and A. A. Carpenter.

**NORWOOD**

(British Imperial Services)

The annual general meeting, held at Anzac House on July 1, saw a considerable revival of interest in the affairs of the sub-branch. The reason was an appeal for support to the Council of Imperial ex-Service Associations, which body, realising the desirability of keeping active this link in the community, took up the matter of organizing the sale of red-letter day, with the view of raising a fund for the Digger's Welfare Fund. It was decided to form a women's auxiliary to assist the sub-branch, for which purpose a meeting of interested ladies will be held as soon as the above-mentioned appeal is launched.

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AN ANNUAL EVENT

Almost every month has a special significance in auxiliary work. April has its Anzac Day, with its attendant ceremonies of remembrance; in May, there comes Empire Shopping Week. June and July are fully taken up with annual meetings and birthday parties. November has Poppy Day; and December, Hospital Christmas Cheer. September is the fullest month of all, with Conference following upon the heels of the Exhibition, and August is largely devoted to preparation for these major events of the auxiliary year.

The Exhibition was the idea of Mrs. T. C. Wilson, former State president, who felt that, in the common interests of floriculture, cookery, handwork, needlework and photography, members would be brought together. The first venture was held four years ago, in the Soldiers' Institute, and exceeded all expectations. The Town Hall was chosen for the second exhibition. But last year it was held in our own home, Anzac House.

Never has the ball room been seen to better advantage with masses of floral exhibits displayed down the centre of the hall, the stalls and exhibits being arranged around the walls and on the platform.

Besides the usual prizes and trophies, there has now been donated two (perpetual) cups, which will be won by the country and metropolitan auxiliary sending in the largest number of entries, according to membership. The exhibition is held on the Friday preceding Conference, so that country delegates may have a chance of being present.

The hopes of the originator have been indeed fulfilled. Not only do entries come in from auxiliaries all over the State, but those who take part: the committee, the stall-holders, the stewards and the exhibitors, do not spare themselves and find exceeding pleasure in the strenuous work of preparation and accomplishment.

Prize-winning entries often come from members well-known for their enthusiastic auxiliary work. When and where they find time to produce such artistic handicrafts, thrift novelties and stitchery will always remain a mystery.

A prizewinner of past years living in one of the outermost farming districts in the State wrote recently: “We have just on 500 acres in up to date, and another 200 to put in. We have only one man, so I take the seed and super out in the truck, as they are working two miles from home. We are milking six cows and another six to come in. I am getting a few things ready for the exhibition; truly has it been said: “If you want anything done, ask a busy woman to do it!”

The various sections in the exhibition, the gardening, needlework, cookery and thrift typify the accomplishments every home-maker should possess, and by creating an interest in these we are striving towards good citizenship, one of the ideals of the League.


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**VICTORIA PARK**

The auxiliary took a concert party over to the Edward Millen Home on a recent Sunday afternoon. This was arranged by Messmates Gibson, Callaghan and White. Items were rendered by Mr. Edwards (songs), Mrs. Elmoremore (songs), Mr. Ted Paine (entertainer), Miss Gladys Thomson (songs and dances), Cliff Clifford (step dancer), Mr. Williams (comedian), and Ted Kavanagh (song). Mrs. King acted as pianist. These items were interspersed with selections by the Perth Advent Band, under the baton of Mr. G. Wheeler. The programme was greatly appreciated, and a letter to this end was sent to the home by the president on behalf of the patients. The annual meeting, on June 26, was well attended. Reports showed that a fair amount of good had been done by the funds raised for amelioration through the fortnightly dances. The election of officers resulted in Mrs. E. Tolmie being re-elected unopposed as president. Other officers elected were: vice-presidents, Mesdames H. Taylor and F. Matthews; hon. secretary, Mrs. E. Prue; trustees, Mesdames Haigh, Peaks and J. White; treasurer and publicity officer, Mrs. L. A. Coleman (unopposed); committee, Mesdames Haigh, Wall, Howard, Grannery, Lloyd, Horwood, Caldwell and J. Matthews. Mrs. Howard, the retiring secretary, did not seek re-election, neither did Mesdames Colley, Barnett, Barnes, Serace and Kancel, who have acted on the committee ever since its formation. A vote of thanks was recorded in the minutes as a tribute to the splendid work done by these members for many years. The auxiliary desires to thank all those who attend dances and socials, which enable us to carry on our work of helping the sub-branch, and to those members of the sub-branch who act as door keepers for us, and help in other ways.

**MAYLANDS**

Though the auxiliary was formed on June 27, 1927, its ninth birthday was celebrated on June 23, when St. Luke's Hall was too small to hold all who wished to attend. Nine other auxiliaries were represented. Among those present were the State President (Mrs. Mc Kinlay), the State Secretary (Mrs. Hopperton), and the president of the Albany auxiliary (Mrs. Haines). The birthday cake was cut by the president (Mrs. Menzies) who, with the secretary (Mrs. Adamson), are to be congratulated on the success of the evening.

**SOUTH PERTH**

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting on June 19. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. Beere; vice-presidents, Mesdames Wilson and H. Day; secretary, Mrs. O. Bader (unopposed); treasurer, Mrs. Brameld (unopposed); trustees, Mesdames Bonny, Pike and Allen; amelioration officer, Mrs. Frenederland; publicity officers, Mesdames Hollis and Gibson. A concert party, formed by Mrs. Allen, promises to be a great success. The first of a series of monthly bridge parties was a successful venture, both socially and financially.

**BEVERLEY**

A successful entertainment, comprising singing, dancing, instrumental and elocutionary items, arranged by the auxiliary, has been held in the Beverley Town Hall. Mr. E. Caddy, a visiting artist, who acted as conductor, sang several comic songs and a duet with Mrs. Caddy. Miss Caddy gave effective performance.

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rendering of several popular numbers, including the familiar "Sweet Mystery of Life." Other visiting performers were Miss Burke, who was seen in two dance numbers; Mrs. Edwards, who gave two soprano songs of which the second was the difficult "Lo, hear the gentle lark"; and the three children: Jean Tickie, Gwen Martin and Gloria Hines. Among local contributors were Mr. Fred Bremer, whose three yodelling numbers were enthusiastically received, and Miss Coe. The accompaniste was Miss May Brown. At the conclusion of the programme the three child performers were presented with boxes of chocolates by the president of the auxiliary (Mrs. H. Smith). The president of the Betsy-Minhed (Mr. G. L. Weaver) supported Mrs. Smith in the custom vote of thanks, which was replied to by Mr. Caddy.

BASSENDAN

The auxiliary held its annual general meeting on the 11th of June. There was a good attendance. Mrs. Gallagher presided and thanked members for their loyal support. The secretary's report showed an increase of ten in membership during the year. All advertisement appeals had been attended to, the sub-branch had been assisted with catering and Christmas cheer had been given to Edward Miller patients and several ex-service men and their dependants in the district. Mrs. Gallagher did not seek re-election, and Mrs. A. Carter was unanimously elected president. The other office-bearers chosen were Mrs. Gallager and Piesce, vice-presidents; Mrs. Dierman, Kirke, and Miss Lukin, treasurers. The secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer were all re-elected unopposed, these ladies being Mesdames McKinnay, Irvine and Bunce. The third annual sale of work will be held in the Town Hall basement, on Thursday, the 13th of August.

F.U.S.W.

The July social of the F.U.S.W. took place at Anzac House on Thursday afternoon, the 2nd of July. Several hundred members were present. Mr. Pearson gave an interesting address on the education of soldiers' children. A vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Mrs. T. C. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Coome. A musical programme, given by members, was arranged by Mrs. Chamberlain.

YORK

A farewell was tendered Mrs. R. J. Williams last week at Mr. T. Bevis's tea rooms. The president (Mrs. H. K. Stirling), on behalf of members, referred to the assistance rendered by the guest and presented her with a crystal vase as a token of esteem. A successful dance was held in the Masonic Hall on July 21.

SUBIACO

At the annual meeting on June 17, tribute was paid to the memory of the late Sister R. V. Jones. The president (Mrs. Downe) reviewed the work of the year, and the treasurer reported that a substantial credit balance was in hand. A beautiful spray of roses and Maidenhead fern was presented to the retiring secretary (Mrs. Anderson). The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. H. Downe; vice-presidents, Mesdames Cribb and Shand; secretary, Mrs. Pope; treasurer, Mrs. Cottrill; visiting committee, Mesdames Clegg, Underwood and Burgess; trustees, Mesdames Turpin, Fraser and Sefton; auditors, Mesdames Jacobs and Desmond; publicity officer, Mrs. V. Lester.

NEDLANDS

The annual meeting and birthday party was held at the Lesser Hall, Nedlands, on Tuesday, the 7th July, there being approximately 90 members and visitors in attendance, including the State President (Mrs. J. McKinnay), the State secretary (Mrs. Hopkins), Miss Mary Meares, O.B.E., and representatives of 16 other auxiliaries. Mrs. G. Randall and Mrs. R. Terellick were again elected unopposed as president and hon. secretary for the year 1936-37. Elections held in respect of the other offices, resulted as follows:—Hon. treasurer, Mrs. H. Hoare; vice-presidents, Mesdames Maddox and Terry; trustees, Mesdames Brack, Rich and Greenshields, and Mrs. R. A. Wood as publicity officer. Musical items were rendered by Messrs. Knight, Jefferson and Atwell, whilst Mrs. Perry, after keen competition, was declared to possess the most attractive voice in the hall, although the R.S.L. sub-branch Memorial Warrooms on duty (Messrs. R. Wood and H. Lewis) were allowed no votes. Two minutes silence was observed, the sub-branch Memorial being floodlit, and special reference being made to the passing of an old member of the auxiliary. Proceedings were terminated after the usual toast had been honoured and the birthday cake, made by Mrs. Kendall, cut and handed round with due ceremony.

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