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Not for the first time in history has plain speaking clarified an atmosphere that was becoming dangerous. It has been said that, had Britain made it clear before August, 1914, that she would not tolerate any violation of Belgium's frontiers the Great War—might not have happened. German apologists have admitted this, somewhat plaintively, just as Signor Mussolini is reported to have said that he would not have proceeded to extremities with Abyssinia had he known that Britain placed such insistence on the spirit and letter of the League's Covenant. In the face of such cavalier attitudes towards international obligations and plighted faith, a relic of the days when a diplomat used to be described as one who deceived without lying, a straightforward statement of an Empire's aims, and the precise degree of provocation she is prepared to accept from international swashbucklers is essential in the interests of peace. Mr. Eden's speech, which is both a warning and a statement, is as refreshingly opportune as it is moderate, for the Powers that used the universal yearning for peace as a means of blackmail can no longer say they had no means of knowing when toleration must give place to active resistance.

Toleration's vanishing point was approached when, towards the end of last month, Signor Mussolini forgot the ruse of Abyssinia long enough to support the German demand for colonies. In pointing out that the colonial issue was one between Britain and Germany, and that Britain would not be dictated to in this matter by a third party, the British Foreign Secretary, in effect, told the effervescent Mussolini to mind his own business; and the rebuke was all the more stinging because of the dignified terms in which it was couched. Actually, Signor Mussolini's advocacy of treaty revision on behalf of Germany was an unwarranted impertinence. As Mr. Eden stated in his speech, Italy gained large territories in Europe at the expense of her opponents in the Great War, as well as important territorial concessions in Africa. These were part of the bribe promised Italy for deserting her former allies, Austria and Germany, and coming into the war on our side. Italy's only real grievance in respect of the peace treaties was that the bribe was not paid in full, because the interests of the Southern Slavs had to be considered in the final settlement.

The talk about Germany's right to colonies, and the charge that Britain is illegally detaining lands that justly belong to Germany, are just so much moonshine. Admittedly, the contention that Germany is unfit to have colonies, a statement that was advanced when annexations were camouflaged as mandates, is equally untenable. Germany has been astute enough to seize upon the weakness of that argument to buttress the flabbiness of her own case for colonies. Territories are part of the stakes in the gamble of war. Germany knew this when she entered the war. She knew it in 1871, when she annexed the French provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. The loss of territory was part of the fine inflicted on Germany for disturbing the peace. In capturing her colonies during the war, and in retaining them after the peace, the victors only followed the precedent that had been observed by other nations, including Germany, in previous wars. It is not for us to defend or attack that precedent. It is enough to mention that by 1918 it had become one of those established customs which are the parents of law. Unfortunately, in the present instance, the issue has been clouded by the mandatory system, which was an effort to square the punishment of a disturber of the peace with the Entente assurance that Britain and her allies had not entered the war with the intention of increasing their territories. The spirit of Versailles may have been as crude as methyl and as vindictive as the, most ardent treaty revisionist would assert, but it was the spirit of the age and of former ages. It was not at all unnatural that nations who had suffered so much and so long at the hands of Germany and her allies should have allowed an element of retribution to enter into the peace treaty. But that treaty, whatever its defects, sought to establish a machinery for substituting international law for force. This being so, the much-criticised Treaty of Versailles contains the seeds of its own revision, a fact which Germany and her apologists often overlook.

Germany's agitation for the return of her former colonies has been so persistent that it has won sympathy in certain quarters of the British Empire, perhaps because it is obvious that Britain is the target of the agitation. By constantly posing as a persecuted race, the Germans have convinced altruistic professors and others who would give away anybody's lands but their own, that there is something in the German case. In more influential quarters, and this is implied in Mr. Eden's speech, it is believed that there is an opening for an international discussion of the whole position and of Germany's alleged economic and territorial needs. But the time for brouhaha and bluster has passed. Signor Mussolini's intrusion into the argument is not likely to be of much service to Herr Hitler. No longer will the British Government make concessions for fear that a refusal might
prove another war. This modern revival of dane-geld has been successful once or twice, but British and French statesmen appreciate the fact that the demands of the blackmailers outgrow their gratification. With characteristic logic French spokesmen have stressed the view that it would be dangerous to accede to the German demands unless guarantees that there is a limit to these demands, and that their satisfaction will make for peace are forthcoming from Germany. Signor Mussolini’s intrusion and the present vilification of Britain, to say nothing of the personal attacks upon Mr. Eden in the German and Italian Press, may have an effect unforeseen by those who expect to meet a yielding mood every time they rattle the sabre. The immediate and general effect is likely to be a hardening of the British and French attitude on the colonial question. Both countries are prepared to concede much in the cause of conciliation and international good-will, but they will yield nothing to blackmail.

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VOTES AT CONGRESS

Doubts as to the status of members of the preceding year’s executive, and the way they exercise their votes at the annual State congress, were implied in a number of questions recently submitted to the incoming executive by the Nedlands sub-branch. The following are the questions and the answers that were given:

Question 1: What was the total number of actual delegates who attended the last congress?

Answer: 127.

Question 2: How many of these were members of the State executive?

Answer: Twenty-one. All of this number were not proxy delegates. Some represented their own sub-branches.

Question 3: How many sub-branches were represented by members of the State executive?

Answer: 29.

Question 4: Did each member of the State executive have voting powers in accordance with the number of sub-branches he represented?

Answer: Yes, but did not always exercise it.

It is pointed out that executive members have no executive status at congress, as they retire before congress assembles.

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THE KING’S SPEECH

We have been fortunate enough to receive the full text of the speech delivered by His Majesty the King, on the occasion of the review of ex-service men and women in Hyde Park last June. His Majesty said:

I am very pleased to see so many old comrades here to-day.

I appreciate your having come, both men and women, in such large numbers, many of you from long distances, and I hope that you will take away lasting memories of this great gathering.

I am happy to think that, as Patron, I am in the future to be associated with the work of some of those bodies which make up the great brotherhood of ex-service men. Being one of that brotherhood myself, I have always followed their progress with real interest and sympathy. I have especially welcomed the interchange of visits between the ex-service men of other countries and ourselves. Those of us who have seen the war know what a great calamity it is for victors and vanquished alike, and if, with the united weight of our experience, we can convince the world of this fact, then I feel we can render no greater service to the human race.

Some among you have not known the tragedy of war and, I pray God, never will. For you, too, there is a task to perform. It is not only in times of common danger that we need the fellow-feeling so lavishly outpoured during those dark years. The spirit of unselfishness and sympathy is just as necessary now for the welfare of mankind in our daily life, and it is up to you, and to all of us, to see that this spirit is never allowed to fade. These are not easy tasks, but we must all do our best to carry them out; and by setting this example to our fellow-men we shall win honour and glory for the proud name of ex-service man.

The Queen and I wish every one of you prosperity and happiness. For us this gathering will always remain one of the most outstanding events of our Coronation Year.

GEOE GE R.I.

27th June, 1937.

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A COMPOSITE BODY

As a composite body, the new State executive should be well qualified to guide the destinies of the League for another year. Its members include two clergyman, five Members of Parliament (including one Federal Senator, one Member of the Legislative Council and the Speaker and two Members of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia), two chartered accountants, one master printer, one vigneron, one pensioner, four public servants, two school masters, one commercial traveller, and eight business executives. Four of these have been, or still are, actively associated with farming activities of various types. Religion is represented by an Archdeacon of the Church of England, the Jewish Rabbi and a very active member of that noble body, the Salvation Army. As to army ranks, the State president, who was a Regimental Sergeant-Major in the A.I.F., was elected to this office in succession to a colonel. Four members were colonels during the war and three others subsequently attained that rank in the Militia. All ranks are represented from colonel down to private.
COMMEMORATION OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR

It is known generally that headstones have been erected on the graves overseas of those who lost their lives in the Great War and that these graves are being maintained in excellent condition by the Imperial War Graves Commission. It is not generally known, however, that, unlike the "missing" of Great Britain and the other Dominions, some 11,000 Australians who were posted as "missing" have not been commemorated.

The Defence Department, however, announces that this position is being corrected and that with the completion early next year of the memorial now in course of erection at Villers Bretonneaux, the whole of the Australians who lost their lives overseas will be commemorated in the various theatres of war, either by means of a headstone or other memorial.

The memorial at Villers Bretonneaux, in addition to commemorating the "missing," is also the Australian National Memorial, and will rank notably with that of Canada at Vimy and South Africa at Delville Wood.

Situated on high ground overlooking Amiens—12 miles distant, and its famous cathedral—the two main features of the memorial will be its ten acre site planted with lawns, shrubs and trees (including those Australian shrubs and trees which will thrive in that climate) and a tower 103 feet high. Above the entrance portal to the tower will be a reproduction of the emblem worn by every member of the A.I.F., namely, the rising sun, and on each side of the entrance an appropriate inscription in both English and French. Within the tower a staircase will give access to an outside platform, some sixty-four feet above the ground. From this, staircases lead eleven feet upwards to an observation room in the upper tower (provided with maps and other relevant information), from which the surrounding country and battlefields may be viewed.

Flanking the main feature, walls finishing with two small towers, will form three sides of a courtyard and upon these walls the eleven thousand names will be carved. The apex of all three towers bears a resemblance to the upper portion of the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne.

Good progress is being made with the constructional works and upon completion the site will be fully treated and trees, shrubs, etc., given ample time to establish themselves before the ceremony of unveiling takes place. Various dates have been suggested for the unveiling, notably, Anzac Day, 1938, for it was upon that day and the eve of that day that Australian troops recaptured the town and won the thanks of the local villagers. (Evidence of this will be seen in the form of a tablet presented to Australia by the people of Villers Bretonneaux and soon to be incorporated in the War Memorial now being erected at Canberra.) The Government finally selected August 8, 1938, as the most suitable date, and is now giving consideration to the details associated with this ceremony.

NAREMbeen

The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held in the local hall on Wednesday, December 8, at 8 p.m. This will be combined with the quarterly smoke social. The annual dinner will be held at the hotel on January 12, 1938, at 8.30 p.m.

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Bank Interest.—Moved Mr. Roche, seconded Mr. Frohawk, Congress reaffirms its interest reduction resolutions of last congress.

Abandoned Farms.—Moved Mr. Frohawk, seconded Mr. Warner, That, as W.A. is essentially a primary producing State, and in the interest of the State as a whole, and with a view to settling the present abandoned farms, Parliament be approached and pressed for a reduction in the interest rate to 2½ per cent. on monies loaned or to be loaned on agricultural land development.

Relief Work.—Moved Mr. Morgan, seconded Mr. Cornell, That all ex-service men taking up virgin blocks of land be allowed relief work until the blocks of land give himself and family a living, and that pensions be not taken into account when fixing the amount.

Reclassification.—Moved Mr. Morgan, seconded Mr. Cornell, That congress approach the State Government for a reclassification by the Lands Department of all sections in the Moorman Rock District as early as possible, with a view to a reduction of rents, as land values in the Moorman Rock District have considerably depreciated.

Holdings.—Moved Mr. Brown, seconded Mr. Stewart, That co-operation be requested between the Agricultural Bank and the Lands Department before the Agricultural Bank agents advertise any holdings for sale.

Timber Cutting Charges.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Wells, That the Forestry Department be requested to waive timber cutting charge of £2 on small lease holders, particularly in cases where profits do not exceed £400 per year.

Repossession of Bulls.—Moved Mr. Frohawk, seconded Mr. Cornfield, That the Agricultural Bank, in the event of repossession of bulls from settlers vacating their holdings, be requested to either sell, castrate or destroy them within 14 days, owing to the damage, annoyance and inconvenience caused by these animals.

Assistance Procedure.—Moved Mr. Warner seconded Mr. Cornell, That as soldier settlers are caused considerable inconvenience owing to the delay of the Agricultural Bank and Industries Assistance Board in stating the amount of assistance to be granted for any year's operations, the executive be asked to approach the Agricultural Bank with a view to having the following procedure adopted:
1. That assistance be granted to the settler on the basis of acreage to be sown for the coming wheat season.
2. That the settler be advised of the amount of assistance available not later than February 15 in each year.

Fire Risks.—Moved Mr. Moulton, seconded Mr. Combs, Congress considers that as the danger of fire, owing to dry feed on vacant holdings in the group area, will be much greater than usual next summer, the Agricultural Bank be asked to make arrangements for such holdings to be depauperated before Christmas.

Freedom of Clients.—Moved Mr. East, seconded Mr. Keast, Congress is of the opinion that the time has arrived when greater freedom should be allowed to clients of the Agricultural Bank who have met their obligations and whose fixed security is substantially greater than their debt to the Bank, and that their names be removed from the "black list"; and, if necessary, the Bank Act be amended accordingly.

Storekeepers.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Warner, Congress considers that country storekeepers should be entitled to participate in the protection afforded under a preferential lien, to cover advances for food and reasonable working expenses for the farmer.

Bulk Handling.—Moved Mr. Graham, seconded Mr. Frohawk, That it be a rule at all bulk loading sidings that agents can only get the scrip between 3 and 4 p.m., that at no other time while wheat is being delivered at siding.

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Tractors.—Moved Mr. Roche, seconded Mr. Stewart, Congress is of the opinion that the practice of the Agricultural Bank in preventing clients from purchasing tractors should be discontinued, as it is unjust and places a severe handicap on settlers.

Medical Expenses.—Moved Mr. Warner, seconded Mr. Roche, banks in arranging farmers' finance for the year should make provision for medical expenses.

Policy Regarding Widows.—Moved Mr. Brown, seconded Mr. East, The policy of the Agricultural Bank in regard to widows of ex-service men left on farms should be ascertain-

Advisory Board.—Moved Mr. Keessing, seconded Mr. Combs, An advisory board should be created in each Agricultural Bank district, comprising the district branch manager, a prominent successful farmer and an independent man, to function in all matters of en-

Mortgage Agreement.—Moved Mr. Potter, seconded Colonel Nicholson, Conference considers that the restrictions of the new mortgage agreement of the Agricultural Bank are harsh and unjust, and requests the executive at all times to maintain this point of view in any discussion or negotiation with the authorities and Agricultural Bank Commissioners.

Grasshopper Menace.—Moved Mr. Morgan, seconded Mr. Bateson, Congress deplores the inactivity and lack of interest shown by the Agricultural Bank and Lands Department in their failure to co-operate with the farmers in the Moorine Rock district to combat the grasshopper menace on abandoned properties in that area, and that a letter of protest be sent to these departments.

Agricultural Bank Act.—Moved Mr. Roche, seconded Mr. Froehawk, That conference reaffirms the decision of last year's congress concerning Clauses 51 and 52 of the Agricultural Bank Act.

Transfers from Condemned Properties.—Moved Mr. Warner, seconded Mr. Cornell, That returned soldiers, who have been transferred from condemned properties granted to them under the Discharged Soldiers' Act, be given similar privileges in respect to the holdings to which they have been transferred.

Dairy Cattle.—Moved Mr. Lofthouse, seconded Mr. Froehawk, That the matter of scientific research into the causes and treatment of contagious abortion in dairy cattle be again brought under notice, with a view to action being expedited.

Potato Marketing.—Moved Mr. Crook, seconded Mr. Keessing, That in accordance with Item 42 of the 1935 Settlers' Conference, the League continue to press for the establishment of a board with statutory powers to control the marketing of potatoes.

Rural Relief Act.—Moved Mr. Keast, seconded Mr. Andrews, The Rural Relief Act should be amended to allow a creditor to appeal against a decision of the Commissioners under Section 6.

Outstanding Debt Totals.—Moved Mr. Brown, seconded Mr. East, The Lands Department should be requested to show the amount of the total debt outstanding on their receipts.

Land Committee Report.—Conference adopted the Executive Land Committee re-

port, on the motion of Mr. Adams, seconded Mr. Graham.

As the result of discussion on the report, it was moved by Mr. Combs and seconded by Mr. Hunt, That a committee from this congress be appointed to wait on the Chairman of the Agricultural Bank Commissioners to discuss the disabilities of soldiers on group settlement. The motion was carried. The committee appointed consisted of Messrs. Hunt, Benson, Combs, McKenzie, Froehawk, Moulton and any other group settler delegate who was available at the time of the deputation.

The motion of Colonel Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Keessing, That conference records its full appreciation of the work done by the Land Committee of the executive and officials of the League during the year, was carried with acclamation.

The following country delegates to the Land Committee were appointed by conference: Mr. J. R. T. Keast (Quairading), wheat; Mr. D. C. East (Mandong-Boddington), wool; and Mr. G. F. Combs (Manjimup), dairying.

During the conference, a telegram was received from Mr. Jay, containing greetings and regretting that he could not be present.

Lands Department.—The following message from the Hon. Minister for Lands was received through the Under-Secretary and reported to conference: "The Minister, referring to the repurchased estates, said that the Lands Department would accept the surrender of the old leases and a new lease for the further period of 40 years, and he would credit payments made on the old lease to the new lease and wipe out the arrears of interest on the old lease. This refers only to the leases of those settlers on repurchased estates who have made application to the F.D.A. for the writing-down of debts. Mr. Troy wants to be clearly understood."

Vote of Thanks.—On the motion of Mr. Morgan (Moorine Rock), seconded Mr. Archer (Pingelly), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman (Colonel A. C. N. Olden).

ANZAC CLUB

The annual report of the ANZAC Club presented at the annual general meeting on November 12, revealed that during the three years of the Club's existence, membership has increased from 105 to 358. It is believed that there are few clubs in the State with a larger membership. Remarkably on the numerical strength of the Club, the retiring president (Mr. W. A. Wilkin) said that members were linked with a specially close tie and one more binding in friendship than the social bonds of any similar institution. He hoped that all members would see that the high club standard which had been established by themselves would be maintained. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. P. J. Aberle; vice-president, Mr. W. E. J. Eddington; committee, Colonels H. B. Collett and T. C. Fairley and Messrs. J. Tatey, Alex. Cunningham, R. A. Graham, W. J. Hunt and A. J. Wilkins.

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Having described personal and other experiences in France and Flanders, G. D. Mitchell has followed up the success of “Backs to the Wall” by starting a war of his own. “The Awakening”. he describes is a rude one for Australia. The new novel which, by the way, differs from the average war book in being a novel, deals not with what has happened, but with what might happen and what happens with paralysing suddenness if we retain our pathetic faith that the past is more potent than the punch as a means of maintaining peace and security. The point of Mitchell’s story is that unpreparedness in a world that still worships at the shrine of Mars is to invite invasion and all its attendant tragedies.

The theme of the novel is surprise invasion of Australia by the forces of a foreign Power whom the author tactfully refrains from identifying. Aerial bombardments destroy the Australian Air Force, wreck the stations where breaks in the railway gauge occur, and put all the wireless stations out of action. The partially-trained militia forces do their best, but they cannot cope with the more numerous and better equipped invaders. Powerless to mobilise, much less concentrate, our defence forces are crushed and immobilised; not piecemeal, but simultaneously in all the Eastern States; and while this is happening, Britain is too busy fighting for her life in Europe to render any assistance. It is a dreadful occasion, but one which finds the man.

John Cromwell, a Queenslander who held a Major’s commission in the A.I.F., organises a successful resistance in his own district. He finds plenty of volunteers, but the majority of these are untrained. Wisely he adopts for them the loose organisation of the Boer commando. His force of hard-bitten bush-fighters grabs its necessary armaments from the enemy, as the Confederates often did in the American Civil War, and the Boers often did in the Old War. The commando idea is not altogether a new one. It is especially applicable to conditions outback, and it was suggested to the present Minister for Defence by a retired Staff Corps officer who is now resident in Western Australia. Nothing came of the suggestion. The Minister was probably too busy providing prettier uniforms for city lads to worry very much about the fine fighting material of the backblocks. As Mitchell shows in his novel, the commando is inexpensive, as it can be made self-supporting, and it has the advantages of mobility and a knowledge of bush-craft which would be invaluable under the circumstances he describes. To retell the adventures of the Australian Cromwell, from the time he organises his commando, until he finds his Thermo-pyle in the Bulli Pass, would be to deprive the reader of much of his pleasure in reading what is a capital story, apart from its value as timely propaganda.

There is one point, however, which should not be overlooked. The book was published about two months before the Japanese commenced to bombard non-combatants in Chinese towns. Mitchell realises what has since been proved in a very terrible manner. The civilian need expect no quarter in future wars. None is given in the war Mitchell pictures, and Cromwell and his men take no prisoners.

The story is one that is well worth the reading for its own sake. It is one to be read at a single sitting. Event follows event in a sequence that is both logical and dramatic. The thread of an entrancing love story is woven through the fabric of the tragedy, but the love interest is never allowed to obtrude itself on the main theme. Mitchell is worth his place among the great story-tellers of Australian fiction, for there is not a dull line in the whole book.
to do than throw heavy shells at each other and otherwise shatter the peace and quietness of the surrounding district. Naturally, the work on the upper-deck suffered in consequence, as it is obvious that speaking strictly from a spectator's point of view, one can take more interest in watching a battle between a few warships and opposing forts on shore than washing decks or cleaning guns. The weather got decidedly warm on the run to Malta, and tunics, etc., were shed anywhere and anyhow, which is unfortunate, as anything left lying about is promptly placed in the ship's "scran-bag." Every now and then the scran-bag is opened and articles recovered upon payment of a piece of soap.

I shall never forget the first time this time-honoured custom was performed aboard this ship, Mac. The sergeant-major was in charge, and most of us, who had heard of, but never seen, this relic of bygone days, were duly impressed when the gallon "stripie," after a few well-chosen words, exhorting all and sundry, not to forget the piece of soap, dived his hand into the cavernous depths and drew forth a slightly soiled check shirt. An impressive silence followed his demand for the owner, and nobody being forthcoming to claim this privilege, an examination of the garment elicited the fact that it was his own property! The hilarity that followed completely ruined the effect of an otherwise solemn occasion.

A quiet afternoon and calm seas provide an excellent opportunity to tell you of the outstanding features of this trip, old lad. After Port Said, and passing the familiar De Lesseps Statue, we entered the Suez Canal one sunny Sunday morning. Picturesque Isamia contrasted with the miles and miles of sand, and how unique the railway station at Kantara, which says "London, via Cairo and Calais!" We got it good and hot in the Red Sea, and I was very surprised to find Aden quite cool. Aden, "The Barren Rocks of Aden," well-known march tune. The Union Jack floating proudly over the barracks provided a splash of colour to the barren landscape, but I was unable to land, as we were in a hurry to make China. On the way to Colombo one old soldier gave us plenty of information on what to avoid, what to eat, where to go, and we felt that we could step ashore at Colombo and face the natives with confidence. After eight days at sea, we were prepared to view the island even as Columbus viewed America. During this period at sea the days passed most pleasantly, sleeping on deck 'neath the stars, music from the radio gramophone and welcome sea breezes down the wind-shutes. Oh, picture of sweet contentment! But Colombo disappointed, Mac, Instead of snake-charmers, elephants and jungle, and the glamour of "East of Suez," a huge sign on a framework "Ceylon for Good Tea" lit up at night in company of many other advertisements made it evident that East has gone all West!

In passing from the Northern to the Southern Hemisphere, the full ceremonial rites of "Crossing the Line" were observed. One night at 3.30 a voice hailed the ship, enquiring her name, destination and business. The necessary information being supplied by the captain, the ship was stopped, and to the accompaniment of a shower of rockets and a fanfare of trumpets, the Herald clambered aboard via the hawse pipe. He conveyed greetings from King Neptune to all the old seat salts and shell-backs, and warned the novices, "whose names we well know," to present themselves for initiation or be prepared to take the consequences.

It's really extraordinary, Mac, how seriously the Navy takes this business. At nine o'clock next morning this ship's company mustered aft to receive King Neptune and his court. I know you have been all through the business, old timer, but I doubt if ever you saw a more rufianly crowd of cut-throats than the guard of honour, arrayed as they were in sea boots, odd football stockings, white duck trousers, a selection of football jerseys of multifarious hues, blue jumpers and stockinget nightcaps. Around each waist was a coloured sash adorned with a cutlass, and in the mouth of each man was the inevitable clay pipe, weather beaten faces complete with court plaster rounded off their murderous appearance. Next came the police squad with the pirates' coat of arms on their helmets, and their chests heavy-laden with medals and fictitious decorations. Following them came the court officials, barber, doctors and the bears, all carrying the necessary implements and paraphernalia of their respective callings. Finally came King Neptune and his Queen in full regalia. They were received by the band playing appropriate (private-pirate?) music: the Wedding March and Colonel Bogey. After His Majesty's address and presentation of various amusing orders and decorations, the bears were let loose and everybody repaired to the bath for initiation and to watch the fun.

The official taster having passed the water as fit, the initiation commenced, the captain being the first novice. Having been passed as medically fit, given the usual soap and flour pill, washed down with a dose of vinegar, he was duly shaved with a three-foot razor and tossed to the bears, who mercilessly well and truly ducked him. Then he was invested with the Order of the Tropical Kipper, a rather high specimen being draped around his neck! Initiation continued throughout the day, and several of the more spirited novices succeeded in ducking members of old Nep's court, and shortly before tea the clerk of court declared King Neptune satisfied, and the court was declared closed.

Penang and Singapore were taken in our stride, and on the 19th we reached Hong Kong. Here again I found that the East has gone all West. I had visions of junks and sampans, with a mass of household utensils and lean scrappy chickens in a coopy attached to the stern
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being propelled slowly around the harbour by a female of the species with a squawking baby secured on her back; but picture instead a streamlined sampan fitted with a powerful engine capable of attaining a speed of anything up to 40 knots, a portable radio in place of the baby, and a Chinese in charge who will touch his peaked cap and say “O.K., chief,” when you tell him where you wish to go! Hundreds of sampans are fitted with out-board motors, but this evidence of progress among the heathen Chinese seems out of place in this particular setting. I soon went ashore and found a well laid out city. cinemas were everywhere, and cheap restaurants catered for the service man. For the Navy man there is the “China Fleet Club,” a truly noble and imposing edifice. The food is excellent and cheap. Let us watch the show is well worth the money, and finishing at about 11.15 p.m. gives him just enough time to catch the last boat aboard, and so to bed. The total expenditure of the run is roughly two dollars, or 2/6 in English money!

The reason for our presence became apparent yesterday when the local Chinese began to burn everything of Japanese origin. Furniture was thrown out of houses and piled for burning, and even rickshaws of Japanese make were added to the blaze. It seems so stupid and reminded some of our old soldiers of the days of the Great War, Mac, when intensely patriotic Briti shers burnt German goods and smashed gramophone recordings of German artists! We were ordered up the Yangtze River to Woosung, and although it is only a short distance, the trip was very interesting and showed a bit of the real old China. A particularly novel sight is the huge rafts, some of which are a hundred yards and more in length, and looking like a floating village as they are towed downstream. Another interesting sight is the numerous “Heath Robinson” contraptions used for catching fish. Although primitive in method, they appear to be surprisingly effective.

Having arranged for the safety of British residents in Woosung and Nanking, we are now heading for Shanghai, and I will endeavour to give you some “news behind the news” in my next letter. In the meantime, my kind regards. Yours, as always,

“Joey the Marine.”

STATE CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS

Australian Flags

The resolution passed by the recent State congress, “That congress again approach the Government re the supplying of Australian flags to Government schools from class V upwards” was referred to the Hon. Premier, who replied:

“There are large numbers of things required by schools to-day for which financial provision cannot be made, and I regret that it is not possible to find funds for this purpose. In various parts of the State, however, the Parents’ and Citizens’ Associations have undertaken expenditure for the provision of libraries, sporting accommodation, school improvements and facilities of all kinds. I feel that if this matter were referred to the executive of that association their co-operation might be arranged.”

Charcoal Suction Gas

Referring to the resolution which reads: “Congress urges the State Government to supplement the Common wealth Grant for research into the possibilities of charcoal suction gas,” this was submitted to the Hon. Minister for Agriculture, who replied:

“In this connection, I wish to advise that I understand that the Commonwealth Government are at present conducting an investigation into the possibilities of charcoal suction gas and, in my opinion, as this is a matter that concerns the whole of the Commonwealth, I do not consider that the State should be called upon to make any contribution.”
BULK LOADING AT SIDINGS

Referring to the congress resolution, which reads as follows: "That it be a rule at all bulk loading sidings that agents can only get their script between three and 4 p.m., and at no other times while wheat is being delivered at siding," the Co-Operative Bulk Handling Ltd. has advised:

We have given consideration to resolution 26 mentioned in your letter of October 16. This might suit at some places but not at others, as the rush period varies considerably.

We will instruct our inspectors to investigate the position at each of the sidings in their territory, and make arrangements to avoid delays to growers.

RANGE MARKERS

Referring to this resolution, passed by this year's congress, "That the department in charge of the Swanbourne Rifle Range be urged to give preference to unemployed ex-service men as markers, etc., at shoots," the following reply has been received from Headquarters, 5th Military District:

It is a standing instruction to the superintendent at Swanbourne Rifle Range that all markers whose names appear on the regular markers' list kept by him are to be given preference. There are names of five returned soldiers on the list and the superintendent is emphatic that none of them has been passed over for employment. At the last N.R.A. meeting, four returned soldiers, who were to be employed, stated at the last moment that they were unable to attend.

There have been sixteen returned soldiers on the regular markers' list, but most of them obtained regular civil employment and ceased to attend at the Range.

Preference is definitely given to returned soldiers, when possible. It will be appreciated, however, that following factors prevent the policy being adhered to entirely:

(a) The demand fluctuates very considerably, and often the notice given is short. Few of the prospective markers can be reached by telephone and the superintendent is not supplied with the necessary paper and stamps. As a result, it is most difficult at times to obtain markers of any kind and, on those occasions, returned soldier markers might not be engaged.

(b) On all Saturday, rifle clubs shoot for prizes and, therefore, only trained markers can be employed. Without some practice a new marker cannot possibly give the efficient marking demanded by riflemen on the one hand, or the careful handling of equipment required by the department on the other.

Any returned soldier who proves his efficiency has the right to have his name recorded on the markers' list, and orders issued provide for unemployed returned soldiers on the list to be given absolute preference. There will be no relaxation of these orders.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mercantile Marine

Attention is directed to resolution No. 26 of the Federal executive meeting held on September 14, wherein it was agreed that ex-members of the Merchant Service who have been awarded and are in possession of the British War Medal and the King's Mercantile Marine War Medal, shall be eligible for members of the League.

The ruling given by the Federal president at the 11th Annual Congress, and which is referred to in the above resolution, is as follows:

"Men in possession of the British War Medal and Mercantile Marine War Medal, together with discharge or certificate of service, are eligible to become members of the R.S.S.I.L.A."

WHO WERE THEY?

Two Diggers Who Fell at Pozieres

The Defence Department announces that enquiries have been instituted by the Imperial War Graves Commission with a view to ascertaining, if possible, the identity of two Australian soldiers whose bodies have been exhumed from a spot approximately 500 yards north-east of the village of Pozieres (Somme), France.

In one case a 9ct. gold ring, engraved "T.R to A.R." was found in the deceased's pocket, whilst the remains of the other were wrapped in a waterproof sheet upon which the following particulars can be traced:

"4540, A.F. . . . nn D. Company, 16th Platoon."

Any person who may be able to assist in the identification of these two soldiers is asked to communicate with the officer-in-charge, Base Records Office, Department of Defence, Melbourne, S.C.I.
R.S.L. CRICKET ASSN.

Since the October issue of The Listening Post, further donations have been received by Messrs. Menkens and Allen, hon. organisers to the South Australian carnival appeal.

Previously acknowledged, £30/7/2/; Miss Marion Hunter (Messrs. W. Smith & Co.), £30; Mrs. Hopperton (votes), £5/17/4; Mrs. H. Rigg (votes), £4/11/; Mr. J. J. Prendergast, £1/1/; Messrs. Muir, Williams and Joseph, £1/1/; Northern Bus Service (per G. F. James), £1/1/; National Clothing Factory, £1/1/; His Majesty's Hotel (per J. Gaynor), £1/1/; Yellow Cabs Ltd., 10/6; Mr. R. J. B. Miller, 10/6. Total: £333/6/-.

There are quite a number of promised subscriptions yet to come in and the £500 mark should easily be reached.

Since the State team was selected, Messrs. J. Mayhew (Nedlands No. 1) through business reasons was unable to accept the invitation, and W. Witte (Maylands), through the serious illness of Mrs. Witte, had to withdraw. Messrs. A. J. Hewitt and F. Wimbridge (Nedlands No. 1) have been selected to fill the vacancies.

The general president of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch ("Jigger" James) is arranging a send-off to the Kalgoorlie representative (Mr. C. Donaldson) and a reception to the State team. The team leaves Perth...
Members of the Returned Soldiers' League State Cricket Team which will leave for Adelaide in December. Front row (from left to right): D. Byrne, P. Carter (captain), W. L. Menkens (manager), L. McComish (vice-captain), P. R. Allen (treasurer) and W. Crain. Centre row: H. King, F. Oayton, A. Hewitt, A. Allsopp, H. Oavy and J. Rankin. Back row: V. Sparrow, M. Troy, A. Watts, W. Webster, G. Marshall and G. Thomas. Two other members, C. Donaldson and F. Wimbidge, were not present when the photograph was taken.

Carnival fixtures, dates are as follows:
- December 27, Victoria v. Western Australia; December 28 and 29, South Australia v. Victoria; December 30, South Australia v. Western Australia; January 3, 1938, South Australia v. Western Australia.

In Adelaide, all players and men supporters will be housed at the Anzac Club.

Married couples at the old Colonists' Hotel (100 yards from the club).

New Season Opens

The cricket season opened on Sunday, October 10, in great cricket weather. The president (Mr. E. J. Reilly) declared the season open and wished all clubs the very best of luck. In the opening matches, Nedlands No. 1 played Mt. Hawthorn and won by 18 runs on the first innings.


Matches on October 17

Junction won by an innings and 95 runs.


Matches on October 24


Matches on October 31


Matches on November 7


The following are the fixtures for the next four matches from November 21 to December 19. On November 28 the State Team v. Next Best will be played on Bassendean Oval. Play will commence at 10.30; luncheon at 1 o'clock; afternoon tea 4 p.m.

### POPPY DAY

50,000 Poppies Sold

The recent Poppy Day appeal was the best effort yet made in this State on behalf of this annual appeal day of the League.

Other than the cost of poppies, to unemployed members of the Maimed and Limbless Association, there are no administrative or out-of-pocket expenses, as practically the whole amount of the money collected on Poppy Day goes straight into either head office or sub-branch distress funds, with, of course, one third to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund.

Every sub-branch in the metropolitan area sold poppies and 30 of them had allotted selling stands within the city block. For the first time the Friendly

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The following are the fixtures:

**November 21**

No. 1 wicket: Midland Junction v. Maylands.

**December 5**

No. 1 wicket: Mt. Hawthorn v. Fremantle.
No. 2 wicket: Nedlands No. 1 v. Nedlands No. 2.

**December 12**

No. 1 wicket: North Perth No. 1 v. Cottesloe.
No. 2 wicket: North Perth No. 2 v. Midland Junction.

**December 19**

No. 1 wicket: Nedlands No. 2 v. Mt. Hawthorn.
No. 2 wicket: Maylands v. Fremantle.

Matches will then be resumed on January 9, 1938, after the return of the State team on January 8, 1938.
Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund

The central committee has urged the appointment of stewards and the names of these from each sub-branch is desired.

Books of coupons will soon be available for each of the appointed stewards and this should be a special sub-branch activity.

The increase of this fund is imperative, it is a case of self-help, as we do not desire our comrades in old age to be thrown aside as unwanted.

Every ex-service man and woman should make the increase of this fund one of their personal objectives in life, as widows of living ex-service men will be eligible for benefits.

As the collection and administration of the fund is borne by the League, there are no administrative costs whatever.

Progress reports will be published monthly in The Listening Post, and also high lights of sub-branch activities.

The following are some of them:-

Wyalkatchem Sub-Branch.—Ted Rice (hon. secretary) resolved: “That all farmer members contribute one bag of wheat to the fund and all members other than farmers contribute the equivalent of one bag of wheat in cash or produce.”

Recommended that this practice be adopted by dairymen, poultrymen, orchardists, graziers and Diggers in all industries. In addition, the sub-branch would raise a sum equivalent to 10s. or more per member per annum.

Mount Hawthorn Sub-Branch.—Fred Charles (hon. secretary) resolved: “That a tax of 5 per cent. be deducted from net profits of all functions and that subscription books be issued to members for regular fortnightly donations, the first amount paid being 5 per cent. on first function.”

Some sub-branch donations since annual congress:

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Gnowangerup Sub-Branch suggests posters be printed for placing at railway sidings, etc.

Mount Magnet Sub-Branch has appointed “Punch” Dawson as steward, and the Press sub-branch veteran John Woods. Will others notify their stewards?

Poppy Day proceeds will uplift the fund, and Northam sub-branch's effort of 800 poppies and 14 wreaths, Gnowangerup sub-branch of 600 poppies, and Wyalkatchem sub-branch of 250 poppies have set a standard for next year.

THE COUNTRY VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Ross Keessing

The selection of Mr. Ross Keessing as this year's country vice-president was a popular one. He is well and favourably known in many parts of the State, both in the country and in the metropolitan area. At one time he was a tower of strength to the League in Port Hedland. Ross was also one of the principals of the big Bunbury reunion, a few years ago. Then he became an active member of the Claremont sub-branch, after which he founded and loaded the Muntadgin-Tot-adgin sub-branch in both barrels. He combines an infinite capacity for hard work with unfailing geniality, and a knowledge of land conditions in many areas which should probably be the asset to the executive. During the little unpleasantness we had with the Kaiser, Ross wore the blue and brown circle patches of the 51st Battalion.

NEW EXECUTIVE DELEGATE

Captain Roy Potts, M.C.

During the short time he has been in Perth, the new delegate to the State executive, Captain Roy Potts, M.C., has certainly made his influence felt. A schoolmaster by profession, he has been stationed at Wagin, Albany and Kalgoorlie, and in every place he has pulled his weight in the local sub-branch. Having served in France with the 48th, he will be associated with another officer of his battalion, Colonel Fairlie, on the executive. Roy gained a Captain's stars and a bar to his Military Cross before the war was over, added to which he is a B.Sc. of the University of Western Australia. Last year, he succeeded the late Mr. Thomas Chandler as headmaster of the Perth Boys' School. Incidentally, he is the “Potty” who is mentioned so frequently in G. D. Mitchell's "Backs to the Wall."

MACHINE GUNNERS' ASSOCIATION

At the meeting of the State executive on October 13, the State secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) reported that he attended the annual reunion of the Machine Gunners' Association on October 8, at which Mr. H. Day, of South Perth sub-branch, was unanimously elected president. There was an attendance of about 50 and the annual report showed that this association is excellently managed and the officials have a keen appreciation of their duties. Mr. Benson made the only speech of the night, in response to the toast of the State executive. The rest of the evening was taken up with a first-class programme.
Subiaco sub-branch has again the sad duty of reporting the death of a valued and respected member, Mr. Joe Smith, who passed away during October. Although only 45 years of age, he had been a very sick man for many months. His case was one of those not uncommon nowadays, where a man who returned from the war apparently in good health appears gradually to collapse physically. Treatment and operations gave him no benefit and his heart was badly affected. In spite of this ill-health and other worries, he was of a cheerful and willing disposition, with a ready smile and a keen sense of humour. Probably no man was more popular in the sub-branch. About 20 Subiaco members, among others, attended the funeral and many sympathetic comments were made at the general meeting on November 4. To his sister and to his widowed mother we offer our sincerest condolences.

Claremont’s champion gardener, Phil Gulley, is employed in the Postmaster General’s Department. Being stationed at York and only able to be home for the week-ends, he was not present when the trophies won in the recent garden competition were presented at the meeting of the sub-branch. Accordingly, Phil had to face the music, and incidentally, the trophies, before a large gathering of personal friends in the Hammond Road Tennis Pavilion, on Saturday, November 6, when the trophies were handed over by Mr. Jarman, of Cottesloe, who represented the Claremont sub-branch on this occasion. We have heard that Phil’s response was somewhat agitated, but he took his revenge by winning all the ensuing tennis sets, for he is just as good with the racquet as he is with the spade and trowel.

Mr. Tom Tait, president of the Mundijong sub-branch, has been shown on the sick state, through an attack of lumbago. All members wish him a speedy recovery.

Arthur W. Jones, late of the 32nd Battalion, expresses his sincere thanks for the many messages of sympathy he received during his recent sad bereavement. He desires to extend special thanks to members of the South Perth sub-branch for their many kindnesses. The loss of his eldest son, as the result of a motor accident, was a great blow, and has set Arthur back somewhat in health. He is now in the Edward Millen Home and would be pleased to see any of his old Digger pals.

At the request of Sir Ian Fraser, C.B.E., chairman of St. Dunstan’s, we publish the following letter from J. B. Wheeler, one of the blinded soldiers of that institution. He writes: “While out in France, I came across a New Testament, a book with prayers. The words written in front are: ‘Pte. J. Walker, 60, A.I.F., with best wishes from Rev. J. T. Hall, Church of Scotland Chaplain, No. 8 Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F., 21/7/16.’ There is blood over the back page of the book, so will you please give me some idea what to do. My people at home came across it when cleaning out and they asked me about it. I had quite forgotten that I had it.” Mr. Wheeler desires to return the Testament to the owner, or to his relatives. Base Records have been unable to trace any record of a J. Walker of the 60th Battalion, or any member of the A.I.F. whose regimental number was 60. Can any reader supply further information?

Nedlands auxiliary regretfully reports the resignation of a staunch and popular member, Mrs. Brayshaw. She was a great asset to the games committee, being an expert at quoits and draughts. Mrs. Brayshaw has left the riverside suburb to reside in Geraldton.

Our sympathy on her recent illness is expressed to Mrs. Reg. Wood, of Nedlands. Mrs. Woods is the wife of the present of the Nedlands sub-branch and an active member of the auxiliary. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Don Lindsay, who represented Yealering at this year’s congress, has advanced views on matters of national importance, as well as the courage and ability to express them forcefully. Congress delegates were very favourably impressed by the manner in which he proposed and spoke on the compulsory training motion. Don considers that the time has arrived when Australia should shed her leading strings and dependence on the Navy, and that the man in the country should know how to fire a hundred rounds rapid should the occasion arise.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. F. M. Taafe, an active member of the North Perth sub-branch. Our sympathies go out to his widow and family. Sympathy is also extended to Mr. H. (Bert) Garland, of the North Perth sub-branch, on the loss of his brother, Charles, who died suddenly in Melbourne on October 31.

Our Moora correspondent reports that one of the bulwarks of the sub-branch, Sam Ferguson, was not able to represent the Royal Navy at the annual reunion on November 6. Sam was still a patient in St. John of God’s Hospital, as the result of a serious accident. He was greatly missed by the local lads. It is gratifying, however, to know that he is now well on the road to recovery.

The Albany sub-branch has sustained a very deep loss through the death of Sister Elsie Hayward Richardson, who passed away on November 8, after a long illness. The deceased was for a long time a member of the sub-branch, but recently she transferred to the Nurses’ sub-branch. Besides being an ardent supporter of any movement for the betterment of ex-service men and their dependents, the late Sister Richardson was a member of many local charitable organisations. The funeral, which took place...
on November 9, was attended by a parade of sub-branch members, in association with the band of the Albany Volunteer Fire Brigade.

A. Simpson (10th Light Horse) writes: When passing through Pithara, recently I called in at the local hotel, and was surprised to see Digger Ernie Harrington officiating as manager. Ernie is a D.C.M. winner and has always been a battler for the League. As soon as I entered the shrine, I was detailed to buy a poppy before I could be served with any lubricating medicine to go with the duty. I knew Ernie when he was at Osborne Park, where he was always out to help the sub-branch. He went to the Big Stouche as an original member of the 8th Light Horse.

The League suffered a sad loss when Arthur Penny passed away suddenly at Northam during the month. Arthur was assistant State secretary of the League in this State for a number of years under Theo. Taylor, and the late Jim Butler, and was then State secretary for a few years. He resigned this position about nine years ago to enter into business life at Northam. Arthur’s active service was with the 32nd Battalion. Our sympathy is extended to his sorrowing widow. Carl Ferguson and George Mellor motored to Northam to represent the State executive at the funeral.

The editor of Musti, the official organ of the League in Victoria, is Noel R. McCoy, who served during the war with the 32nd Battalion. In a recent communication to The Listening Post he desired us to convey kind regards to many old pals including Jack Andrews, Jack Treasure, “Dum” Brady and Lou. Lobascher.

The address is sought of John Thorley, late 14th Hussars. He left W.A. on October 20, 1914, as a reservist to join his regiment and was known to be back in Perth in July, 1920. Any information to Geo. E. Cattermole, hon. secretary, British United Services Association, 229 Charles St., West Perth.

Although Mr. W. A. Wilkins d’d not seek re-election to the State executive, or the presidency of the Anzac Club, this year, he is still a very busy man. At present he is contesting the Mayoralty of Subiaco. Four other members of the Subiaco sub-branch, Messrs. Ernest Conden, Skinner, Alf Buggins and Syd. Macnamara, are chasing seats on the council of the same delectable suburb.

We wish them the best of luck, this issue, and hope to be able to turn that wish into congratulations in our next.

Melbourne’s new Lord Mayor, Councillor Edward Campbell, is a Digger, who served with the 14th Field Company, Australian Engineers, in France. He is an engineer by profession and has been a member of the Melbourne City Council since 1921.

Lewis Yelland Andrews, the Australian official who was assassinated at Nazareth during the recent outbreak of Arab terrorism, was a Captain in the A.I.F. during the war. Major A. K. Vickery, 6th Light Horse, the area superintendent for the Imperial Graves Commission for Palestine and Syria, reports that the murdered official was buried with full military honours in the Protestant Cemetery, Mount Zion, outside the walls of the old City of Jerusalem, on September 26. The coffin of Captain Andrews was draped with an Australian flag which was his own property, and which was flown from his house in Jerusalem on many occasions. Practically the whole of the British colony of Jerusalem attended the funeral. Among those who were present, or sent wreaths, were the officer administering the Government, the Australian Trade Commissioner in Egypt, Lieut.-Col. G. M. Campigl (Australian Engineers), assistant General Manager Palestine Railways, Major A. K. Vickery, Captain J. N. Stubbins, M.C. (8th Light Horse), Director Registration of Land, Jerusalem (Mr. J. D. Burns, 6th Battalion, A.I.F.), Deputy Superintendent of Police and Mr. C. Ward (3rd Light Horse), Public Health Department, Jerusalem.

Mr. Justice Owen, who has just been appointed to the Supreme Court Bench.

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of New South Wales, is the third member of his family to become a Judge of the Supreme Court. He went to the war in 1915 as a sapper in the 1st Field Company, Australian Engineers. He was transferred to the 7th Field Company, and was twice wounded in action. A few weeks before the Armistice, he transferred to the Flying Corps, in which he received his commission in April, 1919. Mr. Justice Owen was admitted to the Bar on August 2, 1923, and became a King's Counsel in 1935. He had been acting Judge of the Supreme Court since March, 1936.

A current Commonwealth Gazette records the promotion of Major T. S. Louch, M.C., to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. Lieut.-Colonel Louch served in the Garrison Artillery (Militia) at Albany before he went to the war with the 11th Battalion. He took part in the historic Landing and gained his first commission on August 4, 1915. At the conclusion of the war, he was Brigade-Major, 13th Infantry Brigade, and was awarded the Military Cross and the Order of the Star of Rumania. He is now back in khaki as the commanding officer of the new 16th (Cameron Highlanders).

An old 16th officer, genial Fred Aberle, has just been elected president of the Anzac Club, in place of W. A. Wilkins, who did not seek re-election. Fred is also a member of the State executive, and for the past two years he has been chairman of the Anzac House committee.

Dear old Colonel Pope is laid up for repairs at the Repatriation Ward, Perth Hospital. It is a long cry back to the stirring days of Gallipoli where the Colonel was one of the leading actors on the Anzac sector. Pope's Hill, named after the Colonel, will for all time be a reminder of his leadership and gallantry with the 16th Battalion. He is happy with the boys in Ward XI, but our wish and your wish for him is for a speedy recovery.

12th-52nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION
At the annual meeting and reunion on October 9, President Harold Hopperton took the chair. A large number of Diggers rolled up to despatch business and talk over old times. The chief business of the evening was the election of officers. Sid Rowles, a foundation member and secretary for many years, was enthusiastically elected president. Other officers elected were: Vice-presidents, Messrs. Hunt and Bathe; country vice-president, Mr. Reeves; secretary, Mr. A. Cook; and publicity officer, Mr. W. J. Thornton. Over 70 were present at the social which followed the general business.

Westralian Cavalry in the War

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

Part 2

Chapter XII

The Move to Sinai

There has been an unavoidable delay in the publishing of this splendid story of a famous regiment. Our last instalment finished with the description of the Gallipoli evacuation.

The first two months of 1916 witnessed the steady re-organisation and training of the Regiment-in conjunction with the other units of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade-as a mounted unit. The 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th reinforcements had arrived and the Regiment was not only brought up to establishment, but a fourth squadron was formed and trained, taking the horses from each of the other three squadrons in turn for its mounted work.

Training was commenced in earnest on New Year's Day and the Heliopolis racecourse became a very busy place indeed. Fresh remounts arrived to replace horses which had become casualties at Mersa Matruh, and the otherwise normal wastage, though our losses in this direction had not been heavy.

Saddlery and harness were got ready by the saddlers' staff, and the shoeing personnel were also kept working at top speed. The routine work and training proceeded uninterruptedly, with an occasional sports gathering and concert or entertainment of some kind to relieve the monotony.

The weekly race meetings at Ghezireh were well attended by those on leave, and great interest was manifested in the regular event on each programme arranged for British and overseas officers. The 10th Regiment took a prominent part in these races, and had its share of wins. Indeed, one horse, Lieut.-Colonel Todd's "Babanoeka," by "Barbarossa," trained by Farrow-Sergeant W. Burton, proved himself easily the best handicap horse in Egypt at that time. Starting low down in weights—about nine stone, which was nearly the minimum—"Babanoeka" won four races in succession, eventually carrying 12 stone 10 lbs. to victory. Other horses in the Regiment that did well at these race meeting were Lieut. Norrish's "Kojon-up," Lieut. MacDonald's "Old Nick," Captain Olden's "Yahoo," and "Orchadar."

The end of February saw men and horses fit and well, and greatly benefited by the comparatively easy time, coupled with the perfect Egyptian weather.

On February 29, a move was made to the banks of the Suez Canal in anticipation of entering our new sphere of operations. The Regiment marched out from the Heliopolis racecourse, entrained, men and horses, at Helmhieh—the identical railway station from which they had started on their first great adventure—and arrived at Serapeum the following morning.

A brigade camp was formed a few hundred yards west of the Canal, but on March 8 a further move was made. Crossing the Canal by the pontoon bridge the Regiment proceeded under orders through the heavy sand to the front line, which consisted of a series of strong posts in various stages of development.

The particular portion of line allotted to us was about 10 miles east of the Canal, and ran roughly north and south on a frontage of six miles, being based on Serapeum Railhead—the termination of a light Decauville railway line about six miles due east of the Serapeum bridge.

It was held at the time by two brigades of Australian Infantry, amongst whom were our 11th (Western Australian) Infantry Battalion. These troops the 10th Light Horse Regiment relieved. The 9th Light Horse Regiment remained in support at the railhead, and the 8th Regiment was detached for duty at Ferry Post—a short distance from Ismailia.

The desert in the intervening spaces between the Suez Canal and front line was covered with the tents of Australian infantry and artillery who were reorganised and ready to proceed to France when the word should come.

It was hoped that the Light Horse would co-operate as a mounted arm in the same theatre of war as our Australian comrades of the other arms, but as time...
went on it became disappointingly apparent that this was not to be.

Though we were a mounted force once more, the appearance of the line just taken over and the general situation made it clear that—for the time, at least—trench life, but under somewhat different conditions to those obtaining on Gallipoli, was again to be our portion.

Rumours of another Turkish attempt to seize the Canal were in the air, and reports were to hand of increasing enemy activity in the northern sector, close to the Mediterranean. And so the task of strengthening this outer line of defence, commenced by the Infantry, was immediately taken in hand.

Trenches were formed in the loose shifting sand by means of hurdles made with timber frames, covered with coarse Egyptian grass matting and strung with wire. These hurdles were built on the spot by our men, assisted by various detachments from the Royal Engineers. The sand was scooped out and the hurdles placed in position before the newly-formed trench collapsed.

Revetting and fire steps were of filled sand-bags and on the whole a very useful form of trench system was constructed. But the great disadvantage of these desert trenches was not so much the difficulty of construction, as the continual necessity of keeping them clear of sand. Though seven feet deep, they would often fill up in a few hours as a result of the Khansan which prevailed, and the clearing work was always strenuous and unpleasant.

As the desert sand was too heavy for wheeled transport, the whole of our supplies for horse and man, rations, forage and water, as well as material, was brought out daily on the camels of the Egyptian Camel Transport Corps. Water for both personnel and animals was carried in twelve-gallon cans filled ranatis, each water camel carrying two of these. There were no troughs available at the time, but a few storage tanks had been brought out, into which the precious fluid was poured from the ranatis. Horses were watered from canvas buckets filled from the storage tanks.

The sector taken over by the Regiment was divided into three sub-sectors, and to each of the three squadrons was allotted a sub-sector. On the right were the Yeomanry and on our left the Canterbury (N.Z.) Mounted Rifles.

A friendly rivalry sprang up between the squadrons as to which could do the most and soundest work in trench construction, and the erection of barbed wire entanglements, and on the Regiment being relieved from the line honours were fairly even.

Additional to the construction of defence works, a constant patrol for several miles in front of our line was maintained daily, and strong standing patrols were placed well out by night.

Whilst in the front line a visit was paid the Regiment by General Birdwood, accompanied by Generals Cox and Godley. General Birdwood congratulated Lieut-Colonel Todd on the good work done by the Regiment, and expressed the hope that, although everything pointed to the Light Horse remaining in the desert for the present all Australian arms would soon be fighting together again.

The period of front line work lasted about five weeks, after which the Regiment was relieved by an Infantry Battalion of the 54th Division, and marched back to Railhead.

It was soon made clear that, unless something unforeseen happened, this was to be our standing camp for some weeks at least, and, as the summer was coming on, shelter from the scorching Egyptian sun was necessary for the horses. Accordingly, each squadron immediately set to work to build stabling. There was, fortunately, plenty of timber and grass matting available and of carpenters there was no dearth in the Regiment. In a very short space of time the horses were all comfortably under cover, and the general appearance of the stables reflected very great credit on their builders.

It was in this camp at Serapeum Railhead that the Regiment first made the acquaintance of the Inverness Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, which now became attached to the 3rd Light Horse Brigade. No sooner had the Highlanders pulled in alongside our lines than they were warmly greeted by our men—all we always quick to fraternise with Scotsmen—and thus the foundation was laid of many and sincere friendships.

That the cheery, unassuming style of these “Scotties” greatly appealed to the Light Horseman is strikingly evidenced by the fact that never once did our men attempt to “pinch” a horse from them, whilst on their side reciprocal feeling towards us was clearly shown when their Commanding Officer (Major Fraser) asked that his battery be issued with Australian hats!

This period was marked by regular training and routine work and daily improvement to the standing camp. Under Colonel Todd’s guidance, ably assisted by the Regimental Medical Officer (Captain Wesley), the camp became a model of sanitation and hygiene, particularly with regard to the cookhouses and their appointments.

The Commander-in-Chief visited the Regiment whilst at Railhead, and warmly complimented Colonel Todd on the appearance of the camp. This was followed up by a general order for the officers of other units, even as far away as Suez, to make a tour of inspection to the 10th Light Horse lines and see, as it was put, “what a camp should be like.”

Gradually the tents of our Infantry and Artillery comrades melted away, as the units embarked for France. It reminded us of another Gallipoli. Perchance, as erstwhile to Gallipoli, we should soon follow. But the Turk had still to be reckoned with, and this time it looked—as, indeed, it later turned out to be—like a parting of the ways.

(To be continued)
a London Professor with the grand old name of Laski said that the Duke should be content to live as a private individual. Perhaps he would be, if Laskis and Swaffers and many others who stayed at home at ease, when the Duke was risking his life for the Empire, would only let him. With equal justice, one might mention that Professor Laski and other academic limelighters should be content to do a little university work for a change.

Another assailant of the Windsors was the vitriolic Hannen Swaffer. Swaffer has hitherto been a dramatic critic. Possibly it was exasperation at being unable to pronounce his name without making a noise like a patent fly exterminator that made Hannen Swaffer an assailant of actors and playwrights rather than a critic. The Windsors and Armistice Day have given him new targets for his spleen. Speaking of the latter, he said that ex-service men did not approve of the way Armistice Day is commemorated. The Windsor and Armistice Day have given him new targets for his spleen. Speaking of the latter, he said that ex-service men did not approve of the way Armistice Day is commemorated. Military pomps, he declares, are aspects of humbug which are an insult to the dead, and he asserted that King George V had expressed the opinion that the two minutes' silence should be discontinued. Next day, the London Daily Mail denied that King George had ever said anything of the kind. It is even money that if the late King had ever voiced such an opinion, ex-service men the Empire over would have fallen in with his views, but in any case, who is Mr. Swaffer to speak on behalf of ex-service men? The matter has never been discussed by any ex-service men's organisation that I have ever heard of, but perhaps it is given to Mr. Swaffer to read the hearts of us all. Incidentally, I have searched through three dictionaries without having been able to find any record of Mr. Swaffer's war service. As he was born in 1879, he was of military age when the rest of us were wearing khaki.

Speaking on the Education estimates in the Legislative Assembly this month, Mr. I. G. Boyle deplored the fact that the Commonwealth could devote eleven million pounds for blowing people's brains out, but would give nothing towards the cost of putting something in the brains of the younger generation. Strangely enough, the organisation that put Mr. Boyle into Parliament would strongly resent the intrusion of the Commonwealth into what is a State activity, for the man or the Government who pays the piper is entitled to some say about the tune to be played. In any case, Mr. Boyle's ideas of defence seem to be as rudimentary as his conception of the educative process. If he is one of those cranks who think defence measures are unnecessary at the present stage of the world's history, he affords evidence that an insufficient amount of money was spent on education when he was very young.

As he is a confirmed bachelor, Herr Hitler cannot tactfully describe himself as the father of his people, but he is godfather to over 12,000 German children. To achieve the honour of becoming the Fuehrer's godson, the infant must be at least the seventh son of Aryran parents with an irreproachable heredity, from the Nazi point of view. If the parents are poor, the godchild receives a present, but in every case the relationship is certified by a letter, which the recipient can frame when he is older. But, for all his efforts, Hitler is still far from attaining the record established by Hindenburg. The old Field-Marshal was godfather to no fewer than 28,000 young Germans.
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One pathway to peace was growing dim. Anyway, Britain and France seem to have hung a pretty efficient Nyon sign over the Mediterranean.

It is strange indeed how a certain type of publicist will always exploit occasions like Armistice Day and Anzac Day. Professor Fox, of the local University, weighed in with the usual platitudes about the desirability of peace, and what a wrong thing it is to kill people, even in defence of one's hearth and home. There was nothing new or very original in Professor Fox's Armistice Day sermon, though it contained much that was true. Unfortunately, these idealists picture the world as it ought to be, instead of opening their eyes to the world that is. Professor Fox's doctrine of non-resistance is about as appealing as his former comparison of the soldier with the scavenger. If I were a dictator contemplating an attack on the Empire, I would spend any amount of money subsidising people like Professor Fox; it would be cheaper than buying guns and aircraft.

One of the defects of democracy is the facility it provides for flickers from the miasma of modernism to pose as guiding lights. This is probably why certain women are driven by their own repressions to form societies for minding other people's business. A day or so before Armistice Day, a gaggle of such good souls passed a resolution against the sale of warlike toys to children, in the belief that the sale of these things is calculated to promote the war spirit. The war spirit, as I knew it in the trenches, is the will to endure against odds, the spirit that makes one play up for his side, and stick to a mate through thick and thin. It was the war spirit that pulled Australia out of the mess during the depression, and unless my definition is radically wrong, it is not an undesirable thing in itself, except when it gets out of control, as has happened in Italy, Germany and Japan. A few years ago, the same ladies who are such unwitting supporters of Hitler and Mussolini want ed to excise all references to war from the school books and substitute politico-social propaganda in favour of the convulsive movements they claim to represent. One delegate to this meeting represented a woman's organisation that mistakes abstinance for temperance, and which, a few years ago, declared that anti-gas drill and training in the use of gas-masks fostered the war spirit. And of such is the kingdom of blither.

Speaking on the Education estimates the Minister for Education (Mr. F. Wise) conveyed a hint that the Education Department's text books were to be revised. That suggests a position that the League would be well advised to watch. If the revision of text books means the insertion of pacifist or economic propaganda at the dictates of C.S. intellects, a vigorous protest should be forthcoming. One thinks that the contents of school books could safely be left to the education experts themselves, and these do not include laymen nor clucking women.

The Northam sub-branch reunion on Armistice night was attended by over 100 Diggers. Reporting to the State executive Mr. E. S. Watt, who attended, stated that it was one of the most interesting and enjoyable functions he had ever attended. President Percy Prince (28th Battalion) had complete control of the gathering throughout the evening, speeches were short, all with a touch of humour, the harmony was outstanding and the comradeship all that could be desired. An excellent innovation was the "calling off" for three periods of ten minutes each. Mr. Watt said that the Northam unit was worthy carrying out all the noble objectives of the League.

Local savants, who have been delving into the origin of Western Australian place-names, have stated that the "gnow" in Gnowangerup is the aboriginal word for a mallee hen. The "up" termination which appears in so many Western Australian names, indicates water. But even this process of elimination does not dismiss the suggestion that the "anger" in Gnowangerup is derived from The Listening Post. Perhaps this aspect of the case will be threshed out before next year's congress.

The second annual picnic and sports of the S.S.L. sub-branches will be held at Point Walter on Monday, January 31, 1938. The s.s. Perth will leave the Barrack Street Jetty at 9 a.m., returning from Point Walter at 7.30 p.m. An interesting sports programme has been arranged for the day. Tickets for the occasion will cost: adults 1/6 each, and children under 16 years of age, 6d.

Manjimup Memorial Gates.—As one who pursues a forlorn hope, Mr. Laurie Sims, at the ratepayers' meeting at Manjimup on Saturday last, asked the road board if they intended to complete the Memorial Gates before the next war, or were they waiting for another lot of soldiers to memorialise. The chairman (Mr. R. G. Lock) said the work was included in the development scheme for the recreation ground now in course of preparation.

It is expected that many Diggers from the various States will visit Sydney dur
ing the 150th Anniversary Celebrations in January. Mr. B. Talbot, of 21 Union Street, Newton, Sydney, who is secretary of the Combined Cyclist Battalion Association (N.S.W.), asks former members of cyclist battalions who will be in Sydney during the anniversary, or the Anzac Day celebrations, to get in touch with him and he will do his best to find accommodation for them. The association intends holding its annual reunion and smoko on Anzac Day, 1938.

English newspapers report the death of Harold Pyott, better known as "Tiny Tim," who claimed to be the smallest man in the world. He was born at Stockport fifty years ago of parents who were both normal in size. Though only twenty-three inches high, he was called up for service three times during the war.

"Same Again" writes on a matter concerning which we must confess we have only second-hand information. "Has the middle-aged spread been responsible for the growth of a cantankerous disposition?" he asks. "If not, what has gone wrong with the old Digger spirit of comradeship and broad vision? I had always regarded a club as a place where fellows of similar tastes could meet and have a few dozen quick ones without the unwelcome attentions of those who "bot" on the badge in more public places. Generally speaking, the atmosphere of Anzac Club is cordial, but I am surprised at certain development which occurred in connection with this month's election of officers. The retirement of the president and three members of the old committee, who did not stand for election again, left the field open to new blood on the committee, so there was really no need for anyone to try to run a party ticket, which included only one member of the old committee, possibly because some one had to be put seventh. So far, we have managed to run both the League and the club without transferring the authority to a small clique, and it's up to every dinkum Digger to see that this policy is maintained. What struck me as being especially stupid was the canvass against members of the State executive. Surely, a man capable of winning the confidence of his fellow Diggers to the extent that he is elected to the executive, with its many activities and ramifications, is also a fit and proper person to become a good committee man, if elected, of a club, which with all due respect, is a much smaller show. The implied suggestion that he is not is an insult to the intelligence of members, as well as of the State executive delegates, and the annual State congress which elects them to that office.

When these absurd tactics reacted against the candidate, who was blamed for using them—I do not say whether that blame was justified or not—it was most unseemly of those who tried to pack the general meeting not to accept the verdict and to agitate for a method of election which really means minority rule. I understand that the disgruntled element will press for an extraordinary general meeting with the object of up-setting an election which reflects the will of the majority of club members. 'Extraordinary' is the right word. If that meeting is held, it is up to as many as possible to attend it and nip in the bud a new and undesirable activity that can only have the effect of killing the club."

According to the London Daily Mail, "Old Bill," London's war-time 'bus, is to be retired in 1940. For years, this veteran vehicle, which first came on to the streets in 1910, has been used only on special occasions such as the funerals of ex-service men employed by the London Passenger Transport Board, and to collect for charities and take part in Armistice Day processions past the Cenotaph. "Old Bill" was one of the first London 'buses to be sent into the war zone. It bears a brass memorial plate in which is inscribed the vehicle's war service. The inscription reads: "1914, Antwerp; 1915, Ypres; 1916, Ancre; 1917, Somme; 1918, Amiens; 1919, Home—'Lest We Forget.'" The retirement is caused by the new transport regulations which demand that all vehicles of this type must have pneumatic tyres. The Board rightly considers that if pneumatic tyres were fixed on this 'bus, it would cease to be the real "Old Bill." When retired, it is expected that "Old Bill" will find a resting place in the Board's museum at Chiswick.

We have received a copy of the Armistice number of The Green Envelope, the official organ of the North Perth sub-branch. The editor, Mr. W. L. Menkens, is to be congratulated on the number, which contains many interesting items, published on art paper, making a full record of the sub-branch's doings for the month.

By a strange coincidence, Sir George Pearce, the best Minister for Defence this country has ever had, and Sir Archdale Parkhill, the most calamitous, with the possible exception of Texas Green, who was not in office long enough to do very much harm, were both unseated by the recent Federal election.

On Armistice Day, the British Government was asked to assist in the purchase and repatriation of 1,400 horses, used by the British Army during the Great War, which are still being worked by peasants and others in France and Flanders. It was not suggested that these animals are being ill-treated, but they are now well beyond the working age, in addition to which many are emaciated, lame and blind. A few years ago, a similar movement succeeded in rescuing a number of former Army horses from Egyptian bondage. It will be remembered that the gentlemen of the Light Horse shot their steeds after the Armistice to save them from the tender mercies of Gippos and Arabs.

We have received a copy of the Monash Oration, 1937, delivered by the Rt. Honourable Sir Isaac Isaacs, before the Victorian Jewish Graduates and Undergraduates' Association. The oration is a masterly commentary on the achievements of Sir John Monash, in war and peace. It forms a noble piece of prose, in being worthy of the great man who was its subject and of the great man who delivered. We regret we did not receive it in time for this issue, but hope to publish it in an abridged form, if not in full, in our next.

Londoners this year showed very plainly that they would not tolerate any interruption of the two minutes' silence by people who publicly clown in pursuance of a pacifism that passed all understanding. The man who interrupted at the Cenotaph was removed for his own protection by the police, though the incident was televised like the rest of the proceedings. In another place, an interrupter was dealt with by the bystanders, while another saved his skin by being quick off the mark.

As we go to press, we note that the Australian representative of the Hamburg-America Line (Captain R. Koehler) has denied that the crews of two German steamers, that were in port in Melbourne on Armistice Day, had continued to work during the two minutes' silence. Reports published in Australian dailies stated that while returned soldier stevedores ceased work and stood to attention, the German
seamen went on with their work. Captain Koehler declares that the silence was strictly observed. All flags were propped to half-mast, he says, while the members of the crew on deck saluted and remained motionless.

Eastern States newspapers mention that there have been complaints in Sydney about the allegedly harsh administration of the law against consorting with criminals. It is alleged that ex-prisoners are harassed because they still associate with their old goal-mates. Evidently in Sydney a police officer's life is not a happy one.

The son of a local Digger saw one of the tickets for Gloucester Park's Crustacean Carouse, from which, we understand, many of the tramway troubadours went home in the "rattler."

"Dad," he asked, "I know a carouse is a shicker-up, but what's 'crustacean' mean?"

Dad consulted a pocket dictionary and explained that the word had some connection with crayfish and crabs.

"Crabs!" exclaimed the youngster. "Gee, dad, I didn't know you could get them on the trams!"

October 13, 1937

At the meeting of the State executive on October 13, there were present: Messrs. Yeates (chairman), Olden, Collett, Philip, Anderson, Aberle, Margolin, Hunt, Thorn, Fairley, James, Freedman, Newman, Wait, Sten, Mitchell, Nicholas and Potts. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Keesing, Panton, Denton, Lamb, Warner, Cornell, Paton, Noakes and Austin. The State president welcomed delegates to the new executive, especially the new members, Messrs. Nicholas, Sten and Potts.

Condolence.—It was resolved that an expression of sympathy be conveyed to the relatives of the late General Sir Granville de L. Ryrie.

Committees.—The following committees were appointed:

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Hospital Visiting: Messrs. Riley, Freedman, Panton, Nicholas, Paton and Wells.


War Service Homes: Messrs. Cornell, Aberle and Watt.


Soldiers' Scholarship Trust: Messrs. Wilkins and Wells.

R.S.L. Scholarship: State president, chairman of Scholarship Trust, the president of the Legacy Club, with Colonel Fairley and Mrs. J. L. McKinna.

Invitations.—The following have been delegated to represent the executive in response to invitations from sub-branches and other organisations:

Colonel Olden (Nannup, November 20) and Mr. Panton (Mr. Lawley horticultural show, November 20).

Poppy Day.—Recommendations from the Poppy Day Committee, that the Friendly Union of Soldiers' Wives be asked to participate in the Poppy Day appeal, and that a meeting of representatives of metropolitan sub-branches be convened for November 1, were adopted.

Settlers' Conference.—Colonel Olden submitted a brief report on the interview between group settlers and the chairman of the Agricultural Bank Commissioners on the concluding day of congress.

Federal Executive Meeting.—Mr. Philip reported on business transacted at the Federal executive meeting, held in Melbourne on September 14 and, arising out of the report, it was resolved that Mr. Philip be thanked for his services.

House Committee.—Mr. Aberle reported on the continued success of the weekly community concerts.

Visits.—The following visits to sub-branches, etc., were reported: The State president: R.S.L. Memorial Band, Soldiers' Golf Competition, women's auxiliary, Nedlands: Messrs. Aberle and Hunt; Carlisle: Messrs. Newman and James; 16th Battalion Association: State secretary and Mr. James; West Leederville; State secretary: Machine-Gunners' reunion; Mr. James. 44th Battalion Association; Colonel Olden and Mr. James. 51st Battalion Association.

State Congress Items.—A number of items referred to the executive were reviewed and directions given as to the action to be taken. Arising out of one item, referring to the stoppage of certain payments in respect of service pensions, it was resolved that a deputation consisting of Colonel Olden, and Messrs. Panton, Anderson and Newman, wait on the Minister for Health.

R.S.L. Band.—A communication was received from the R.S.L. Memorial Band, advising the abandonment of the proposed trip to Sydney next year.

Electoral Districts.—On the recommendation of Rabbi Freedman, it was resolved that each of the sub-branches be supplied with a list of the sub-branches in the electoral district he represents.

Anzac Day.—Colonel Collett gave information in connection with the observance of Anzac Day in the Federal Capital Territory.

Leave of Absence.—Leave of absence from three meetings was granted to the State president (Mr. Yeates) and to Mr. Panton.

November 3, 1937

At the meeting on November 3, there were present: Messrs. Olden, Collett, Philip, Denton, Anderson, Aberle, Lamb, Margolin, Hunt, Thorn, Warner, James Freedman, Newman, Watt, Sten, Mitchell, Paton, Nicholas and Yeates. The leave was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Keegan, Panton, Cornell, Fairley, Noakes and Austin. Colonel Olden occupied the chair.

Reports were received from the following committees: Finance, Pensions, House, Membership, Poppy Day, S.S.L. and Relief Fund Trustees.

The report of the Relief Fund Trustees revealed that 83 applicants for relief had been approved by the end of September, involving an expenditure of £89/15/11.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund.—A report of the committee appointed to investigate ways and means of augmenting the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund was received. The sub-committee suggested that efforts should be made to secure the surplus insurance funds from War Service Funds for this fund. The suggestion was referred to the committee. South Perth sub-branch advised that during the Anzac Day Festival the Australian War Memorial was opened to the public.

North Perth sub-branch offered an entertainment at Anzac House to discuss a proposal to boycott Japanese goods. It was agreed that the sub-branch be informed that it is not desired that any action be taken in this direction.

Broadcasts.—Kalgoorlie sub-branch advised that arrangements have been made for a Digges' session, each Friday at 6.45 p.m., from station 6GF, Kalgoorlie.

Yealering sub-branch forwarded a resolution emphatically protesting against the lack of consideration given by the Australian Broadcasting Commission to news of national and Empire importance. The sub-branch alleged that the last glaring instance was the British Official Wireless report of Mr. Eden's speech, which was interrupted at the beginning and the report was not repeated at the evening session. It was agreed that the protest be forwarded to the manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

The following was the broadcast roster for November: station 6AM; November 9, Mr. Hunt; November 16, Rabbi Freedman; November 23, Mr. Sten; November 30, Mr. Philip.

Condolence.—It was reported that Mr. W. A. Penny, a former State secretary of the W.A. Branch, had died on Northam on October 26. The executive expressed its sympathy with his widow.

Bugsler, Funerals.—Mention was made of the difficulty in securing bugslers for ex-service men's funerals. It was suggested that the assistance of competent bugslers be invited through the bugler association and that, with authority, he might be able to secure the services of bugslers from Salvation Army Bands. The authority was granted.

State War Memorial.—The Handing-Over Ceremony at the State War Memorial will take place on November 11. It was agreed that instructions be forwarded to all concerned, and that Colonel Mitchell be appointed to take over the duties of Mr. Tozer, should the latter be unable to attend the ceremony.

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WEST LEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

At the meeting of the State executive on October 13, the State secretary reported: On October 11, with Mr. W. James and Mr. C. T. T. (the District Commissioner for war service pensions) a visit was paid to the West Leederville sub-branch. Unfortunately Colonel Lamb had to cancel his appointment through illness. The principal event of the evening was the unveiling, by Mr. W. James, of a metal replica of the State War Memorial (24 ft high by 13 ft). The metal was well executed, carried out by Mr. Harold J. Ingle, vice-president and an ex-president. The wooden case was made by Mr. W. Lehman, an old member of the 11th Battalion. The lighting and wiring was executed by the president (Mr. G. E. Timel, 28th Battalion). West Leederville is a credit to the organisation, the meetings being well conducted, and on Monday night there was an attendance of about 70 or 80. There are 125 financial members and an amelioration fund of £56, plus a £30 bond, and there is £36 in the general fund. Attending the meeting was a keen supporter of the sub-branch, Mr. F. G. Gulley, J.P., warden of the local memorial, who made a vigorous and rousing speech on behalf of League membership in general and in particular the creditable work of the local sub-branch.

FREMANTLE

At a recent meeting a protest was voiced intimating that the constitution of the cricket team going to the Eastern States is not a true representation of the League. We understand that delegates from Fremantle have been asked to attend the R.S.L. Cricket Association's next meeting to state their case. Messrs. J. Lynch (president) and H. G. Wilson reported on the congress deliberations, in which they were delegates. Jack Paton reported on the activities of the State executive. A start was made in co-operation with the women's auxiliary with preparations for the children's annual Christmas tree. The president thought that some League recognition should be extended to that well-known welfare worker amongst Diggers, Madame Bennett Wilkinson. He stated that she had been and still is an indefatigable worker in any movement for the good of returned men. It was decided to request the State executive to go into this matter. A happy selection was made this year for the warcriptions of the Fremantle War Memorial when His Worship the Mayor (Mr. F. E. Gibson) agreed to accept that responsibility.

OSBORNE PARK

President Bill Ashdown was in the chair at the meetings on October 13 and 27. A games competition for the children has been inaugurated. Hallowe'en was celebrated in traditional style in the Memorial Hall on November 4. Old-fashioned games—duck and snap apple—fireworks, music and dancing were all in evidence. Thanks are due to Mrs. Foreman for the great work she did and many other nights and to all other lady helpers. Syd. Forsyth is now back at work, though there is still room for improvement in his health. The remaining meetings of the year will be held on November 24, December 8 and December 22.

CLAREMONT

The social committee met at the residence of Mr. Davie on October 25, when detailed arrangements were completed for the children's party in the Parish Hall on December 9. Members asked to give the secretary (Mr. W. Ford) particulars of ages and sex of their children, up to the age of fourteen. This information is needed so that each child will be given a suitable toy. The ladies of the auxiliary and their children are cordially invited to this function. There will be no charge for admission, but parents are asked to bring eatables. Father Christmas will be on parade to issue the presents. The Rev. Mr. J. Pilch, B.A., M.A., will give a lantern lecture on his trip abroad after the meeting on December 2. The garden competition was finalised on November 4, when President Clarrie Briggs presented prizes to "Dad" Barwood, Doug. McKenzie, Fred Davie, Bob Hatchett and Mr. Fowler (on behalf of Phil Gulley). Other successful competitors received their prizes by mail.

MUNDIJONG

The monthly meeting was held on October 9, with the president (Tom Tait) in the chair. A most enjoyable community concert held for the comforts of the older folk was conducted by Mr. Will Talbot, assisted by visiting artists, was held in the Jarrahdale Hall on October 16. The proceeds were in aid of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund.

YARLOOP

Twenty members attended the opening meeting of the newly-formed women's auxiliary, at which Mrs. H. Eastcott was elected president and Mrs. G. Tozer, secretary. Mr. Crook, of the Waroona sub-branch, who also represented Yarloop at congress, attended the meeting, and gave an interesting account of the proceedings. The existing voting methods called for some comment, and it was decided to ventilate this matter at the next District Committee meeting.

VICTORIA PARK

A pleasing function took place in the Memorial Hall on November 3 when, at the invitation of Mr. C. McIntosh, over 300 guests assembled to bid farewell to his niece, little Valma McIntosh, who is returning to her parents in Melbourne, after a short visit which lasted two years. Dancing was interspersed with items by the Victoria Park Novety Orchestra, songs by Mr. H. Hanton, pianoforte solo by Miss Rothwell, and a clever sleight-of-hand trick by that versatile bird, Fred Matthews. An excellent supper was provided, after which the little traveller was presented with the parting gift of a gold wristlet watch. Dancing was resumed till midnight, with Mrs. Starkey at the piano.

SUNBECIO

The month of November witnessed a full in our usual feverish activities, the sub-branch gathering its limbs together and swinging its tail from side to side preparatory to springing at the public on Poppy Day. The "open slasher" in the matter of stickers was much to the liking of the boys, who marched into battle with savage cries of "sticker-a-decker," a Gaelic war-cry used by the Houndsditch Highlanders and meaning "boob-in."

At the monthly general meeting on November 4, an imposing list of forthcoming functions was published. Details will be given in the monthly circular. Future bridge evenings: November 20 and December 4.

ALBANY

There was a good attendance at the meeting on which Mr. E. Y. Butler presided on October 5. A challenge to a debate on November 9, when F. G. Green, L. S. Lane and R. Neil, will work in conjunction with the women's auxiliary. A communication was received from the chairman of the Lottery Commission, intimating that approval had been given for the Christmas Goose Clubs in connection with which the following sub-committee has been appointed: Messrs. S. J. Barrow, J. Page, A. Prior and W. H. Job. A letter was sent to the Chamber of Commerce, thanking that body for the donation of a bag of sulphate of ammonia for use in the R.S.L. Memorial Gardens, and one to the State president (Mr. A. Yates) congratulating him on his re-election.

BOULDER

The president (Mr. J. Sheridan) presided over a well-attended meeting on October 6. The club has added prizes for a sports meeting for the children of the Gold-Battlers at Ora Banda. An effort is being made to assist the widow and children of a late comrade who was accidentally killed at the Celebration Mines during August. The collection box, which was placed in the office to augment Boulder's contribution to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, already has a good rattle. A carnival in aid of the fund will be held in the near future. As the representative of Mr. W. Menkens, it was decided to donate towards the expenses of the Adelaide cricket tour. A large number of tickets have been sold in aid of this cause. During the past few months a large number of pension cases have been dealt with. Several service pensions have been secured. The weekly lotteries are so popular that it looks as if a larger hall will have to be engaged. The sub-branch gratefully acknowledges the handsome sum donated by Mr. W. Menkens. The nature of the competition for this cup has not yet been decided. His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor (Sir James Mitchell) was entertained by the sub-branch during his recent visit to the goldfields. Sir James had a hand-kneaded and a kindly word for...
every member present. Member Bob Whiteley regaled the distinguished guest with a few of his good stories. Taking a keen interest in the affairs of the sub-branch and ready to assist and encourage, he met, H. Edwards, H. Wooley, "Plum" Davis, H. Fisher, R. Slater, A. Wilson and H. Jennings. Membership continues to increase.

YEALERING

The General Purposes Committee continues to see that meetings are made interesting. At the monthly meeting, the president (John Lawton) gave an instructive lecture on wool. After hearing it, many members realised that it would pay them to scrap rafferty rules and pay more attention to the production of the golden fleece. It has been decided to form a sub-branch in S.S.L. Mr. E. Gardiner was elected president and Mr. Harold Cook secretary.

MURRAY

The monthly meeting was held at Mandurah on October 11 with the president (Mr. W. Marsh) in the chair. There were 24 members present. Congress delegates rendered their report, and outstanding holiday services. Much interest was taken in the report of the reception to Sir William Birdwood at Collie, at which the sub-branch was represented. Arrangements were discussed for Armistice Day and the forthcoming children’s sports. This year, instead of going to the Waroona and Drakesbrook schools, so a good attendance and keep competitions are expected. It was decided to hold a ball on Armitage night. A committee is to be appointed to consider an effort to raise funds for the W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund. This year a special effort will be made to sell poppies throughout the district, instead of confining the appeal to Pinjarra, as in former years. After the business of the evening, supper was hospitably supplied by Mrs. Chivers.

RAVENSTHORPE

The women’s auxiliary and friends were entertained at a picnic on October 10, when two blackboards, a 5 ft. long, were presented to them. The outing was a most enjoyable day at the seaside. The tedium of the journey was lessened by the jazz band, which was ably conducted by Bill Clarke. A monster sports meeting and ball will be held at Hoveepton on Boxing Day; aaid of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund.

NORTH PERTH

The series of weekly dances ended on October 29. The grateful thanks of the sub-branch are extended to Messrs. Heley, Watson, Coombs and Wilson, who conducted the dances throughout the season as ticket-sellers, doorkeepers, etc. Joe Wilson was an expert in preparing the coffee ration. Mr. Heley was cashier all through the five months the dances were in progress. Jack Watson, Bill Coombs and Reg. Radley took the door in turns. Harold Day acted as M.C. through the season, while Bill Menkens donated a huge box of chocolates to be raffled at each dance. Special thanks are also due to the ladies of the auxiliary, who arranged the supper arrangements. Books of tickets for the Christmas Goose Club may now be had from the secretary (Mr. N. McIlwraith), the president (Stan Dival) or Mr. Jack Middleton. For the modest sixpence one may obtain a chance for twenty attractive prizes. At the meeting on November 5 a good attendance was recorded for another interesting talk by Mr. H.D. Moseley, P.M., who is a Digger himself and, therefore, knows how to appeal to the spirit of the troops. The sub-branch’s efforts had another successful concert during the month. The producer, Jack Cliff, deserves great credit for an excellent performance. No. 1 cricket team was unsuccessful in the matches against East and Midland Junction. No. 2 team seems much stronger and defeated Mr. Hawthorn without much trouble. Jack Linton says that the teams will play a match for a dinner on January 9. Mrs. Cliff was elected Treasurer, and the organisers of the Poppy Day collectors home to the £200 mark this year. Mr. H. Mayne, of Harvey sub-branch, has joined North Perth as an associate member for the period of his residence in Perth. As a good bowler, he will be an acquisition to No. 2 cricket team. New members who joined during the month are Mr. L. S. Dowsett (original 44th Battalion), who is now a sergeant in the C.I.B., Mr. G. Evans, who has transferred from Northwood, Mr. T. Peach (16th Battalion) and Mr. S. S. Wardrop (28th Battalion).

MAYLANDS

At a recent meeting, it was decided to give a big send-off to Messrs. L. McConinsh, V. Sparrow, P. Allen and W. L. Menkens before their departure with the R.S.L. cricket team, the function to which the members of the team have been invited and will take place on November 25. The cricket team has been victorious over both North Perth teams. The picture night given to the members by the Shell Company was well attended. Congratulations to Mr. C. Cotesloe for an excellent performance at the meeting held at Jardee on October 13. The meeting was ably conducted by Mr. T. Morrice, Dr. J. J. Hamilton and Mr. W. Foley are to be congratulated on their present. Congress delegates rendered much support which members have given. Meetings are held every pension night in the lessor Town Hall. All ex-service men are welcome. After business has been transacted, games are played under the direction of Mr. H. Foster.

NARROGIN

Through the resignation of the president (Mr. T. Morrice) Mr. J. J. Savage was elected to this important office. Tom Morrice was presented with a set of pipes (the smoking variety) as a recognition of his services to the sub-branch. The veteran secretary, Tom Hogg, was presented with a Certificate of Service. Tom has been a faithful member for nine years and his achievement in clearing off the debt on the Soldiers’ Institute was an admirable effort. The sub-branch has just had two picture nights in aid of the amelioration fund. The Poppy Day appeal was a great success. Mrs. Savage and Mrs. W. Foley are to be congratulated on their successful sales.

GERALDTON

In connection with Poppy Day, efforts are being made to increase the sales of 500 of 700. The women’s auxiliary of Geraldton is confident this can be done. The Diggers in hospital during the month were Captains R. Skinner, D. Hamerley and J. Tipple, of the Upper Chapman sub-branch. For the benefit of coastal and country members of this district, who are admitted into hospital, we suggest that they mention the fact that they are ex-service men to the nurse in charge. This will save the committee a lot of time. Our energetic secretary, Mr. S. L. Savage, has had 16 certificates returned, and has submitted and obtained the granting of a Certificate of Service to our past president (Mr. Roy Skinner). Progress is being made with the bowling green, behind the rear of Birdwood Avenue, and it is hoped to have it ready for play by next month. The first broadcast community concert was staged under the baton of W. P. Edwards, who had a real good programme. At the last general meeting, quite a discussion arose over whether the committee was entitled to sell raffle tickets or not, many speaking for and against. Eventually, it was held over for the next general meeting to decide.

MANNUM

There was a moderate but satisfactory attendance at the meeting held at Jarder on October 25. The secretary (Mr. L. J. Mackenzie) stated that 300 poppies had been ordered for sale on Poppy Day. These would be handed to the women’s auxiliary, who had offered to undertake the selling. The announcement that the strength of the sub-branch had been increased to 60 members was received with considerable gratification. On behalf of the meeting, the president extended a welcome to Mr. I. Peake, as a new member, and also to Mr. Fred Spencer, as visitor from Connecte, and to Mr. J. S. Slater, from the secretary of the Mannum Trolling Club (Mr. W. J. Morgan), expressing the club’s appreciation of the co-operation between the sub-branch and the Trolling Club in connection with the sports meeting last Easter. He hoped the present good weather and joint effort would be made next Easter. Mr. Mackenzie favoured the proposal and said he would like to see the sub-branch join the Trolling Club in a programme of sports spread over both Easter Saturday and Monday. A committee consisting of Messrs. J. L. Mackenzie, B. Beer, L. Sims and J. Smith, with power to add to their number, was appointed to discuss the matter with the committee of the Trolling Club. The secretary stated that during his recent visit to Perth he had enquired into the possibility of obtaining from the Lands Department a suitable block of land in the town for the erection of the proposed R.S.L. building. The authorities had suggested a block of land for a satisfactory position on the old school site, facing Bath Street and the sub-branch has lodged an application for it. Reports on the proceedings at the recent congress at Perth were submitted by the sub-branch’s delegates (Messrs. Mackenzie and Combs). The thanks of the meeting were accorded the delegates. The sub-branch’s official whip, Laurie Sims, is busy rounding up volunteers (not so voluntary, some of them) for the annual gambol in the wet ground. Social dances and races. The wind-up social and dance at the Masonic Hall was well attended. The ladies are to be congratulated on their supper arrangements. Thirty members signed the attendance book at the general meeting on October 28. The reig-
nation of the president (Padre H. Vine) was regretfully accepted. Mr. J. E. Cloughton was then elected president, and Mr. E. Hart, vice-president. Members are reminded that meetings will be held on Thursday until the end of the year. A full attendance for the next general meeting is requested, as there will be a number of important items for discussion.

MOORA

The big annual shoot between local Diggers and the rifle club took place on October 10, and for the first time the Diggers won. Apparently they improve with age, like another famous brand. The riflemen, however, were sportsmen and provided an excellent afternoon tea and refreshments. The trophy for the highest Digger scorer went quite fittingly, to big Alec Leishman. On November 6, a splendid roll-up of Diggers, representing Australian, Imperial and Indian Army units, celebrated in that spirit of comradeship which has no equal, the annual reunion. Our worthy president (Bill Boyce) commanded operations in his usual able manner, and an order of merit goes to the social committee, comprising Alec Gloter, F. Reeve, H. Stockdill and A. Lindsay, for their very effective staff work. The scene of operations, with its flags and bunting and well-laden tables, looked most attractive. Prominent on the tables were numerous members of the celebrated Dongarra clay clan, who, after being heartily welcomed, somehow fished disappointingly early in the proceedings. Mentioned in despatches must be the two Georges, Reeve and White, for their distinguished conduct in keeping the ammunition up to the troops. Unfortunately, Billy Edwards was too indisposed to be present. However, the versatile Joe Lewis, accompanied by a capable pianist, fitted the gap and did a great night's work. Responding to the president's toast of "The State President and Executive," Col. Nicholson spoke of the solid work being done below; of the high esteem in which the League is held in high places and by the Press; and stressed how vital it was, in order to strengthen the League's hand, particularly in the interests of distressed comrades, that every returned man should become a financial member. Dr. Myles proposed the toast of "The Navy, Army and Air Force," and urged the importance of being prepared. Responding, Geoff Gardiner cited the case of Collie as an example of the difficulties confronting young men in country centres who desired military training. Other toasts were those of "Visiting Sons of Soldiers" and "The Entertainers." In the course of a very cheerful evening. Arty Lindsay, who sings well, took the company back to Old Havana, and was very deservedly encored. Eagerly looked forward to is the annual cricket match against the rifle club. Provided weather conditions are propitious, that is to say, warm, this is quite the most popular event of the year. The sub-branch hopes soon to have quarters of its own, and the formation of a women's auxiliary is under discussion.

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MAYLANDS

The long expected mock wedding was celebrated in the Maylands Town Hall on October 27. It was considered the best organised function ever held in Maylands, besides which it proved a financial success, as every marriage of convenience should be. Accordingly, the president (Mrs. Lewis), the secretary (Mrs. E. Adamson) and all the other ladies who worked so hard to bring the bridal pair to the altar, are gratified at the result. Speaking of brides and alters, why do these words suggest briddles and halters to so many of our bachelors gay? Over 400 persons were present when the bridal pair entered the hall. The bride, impersonated by Mr. Alf Cook, was certainly a tasty little baggage. The groom, Mrs. Cameron, was of plump and pimply mien. Bony bridesmaids, who looked well in their blue trappings—there's the suggestion of trap again—were H. Foster and Leo Lewis, while Miss Bobby Fairclough was a dashing

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The bazaar will be held on November 25 at the Memorial Hall and will be officially opened at 3 p.m. by Lady Mitchell, who will be accompanied by Mrs. McKinlay (State president). The various stalholders are all working hard to make the event an outstanding success. At the general meeting on October 28, business was suspended for a few moments to enable Mr. Fred Matthews to address members about Poppy Day. Some of our members visited Maylands, the occasion being a "mock wedding," and a very happy evening was spent. Mrs. Prue read a comprehensive report of the conference, which was listened to with interest by all present. The meeting concluded with a social and dance, the raffle being won by Mrs. Phillips with ticket No. 17. Tea and biscuits formed a pleasant interlude, and the music was supplied by Mrs. Starkey. We are extremely grateful for donations recently received from members (Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Bill Colley and Mrs. Parker). The funds have had many calls on them of late and are consequently rather diminutive. Mesdames Tolmie, Prue and Caldwell were the hospital visitors for October. Mrs. Caldwell reported that 35 patients at the Edward Millen had been visited, cigarettes and literature etc., being distributed. This month’s visitors will be Mesdames Barnett, Grannary and Coleman.

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NEDLANDS

The bridge evening on October 26 was well attended. Prizes were awarded to Mr. Bolton and Mr. Jefferson (highest scores), Mrs. Sharpe (highest number) and Mrs. Atwell (rummy). These evenings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. At the last Scouts’ entertainment, Mrs. Lewis was presented with a small badge, in recognition of five years’ service. A combined Christmas party and celebration of the McKinlay Shield victory will be held on December 7.

At the November meeting beautiful red poppies adorned the table in commemoration of Armistice Day. Mrs. H. Dean cordially welcomed Lady Hoskins after her recent return. Also the guests of the afternoon (Mrs. MacDonald, president of the British ex-Service Women’s League, and Mrs. Radburn of Manjimup and Mrs. Poole). The speaker for the afternoon was Mr. Neville, Commissioner for Native Affairs, who took for his subject, "Your Duty Toward the Natives." A vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Lady Hoskins and seconded by Mrs. C. Wilson.

The net profit on the children’s ball amounted to £30, a very gratifying achievement for the organisers. Members were asked to support the following functions: the bridge party, in the Equity Hall, at 8 p.m., on November 18, and the jumble sale, at Museum Street, at 8 p.m. on November 26. The annual picnic takes place on December 20. The boat leaves the jetty at 10 a.m. Members’ children only (under 16 years) will be allowed on board. The Union will participate in the sale of poppies on November 11. Further gifts were received for the purpose of raffle and the donors were thanked by Mrs. Dean. A delightful musical programme was given by the following artists: Mesdames Fother and Clift (piano duets), Miss Colley (cornet), Master Purvey (eolocation) and Mrs. Uren (songs). Mrs. Lynch moved a vote of thanks to the artists, seconded Mrs. Matthews. Afternoon tea was then served.

MUNDARING

Mundaring Weir was recently the scene of a jolly reunion which included the Norwood and Gottesloe auxiliaries. Approximately 70 members and children were present. Mrs. Wilsheusen ably conducted the sports. The treasure hunt proved a popular event. Mrs. Moore (Norwood) and Mrs. Cooke (Cottesloe) thanked the Mundaring hostesses for their hospitality. Mr. Rutherford suitably replied on behalf of Mundaring.

WEST LEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

The annual children’s ball held recently seems to be a popular event at West Leeder ville and members spent a busy evening catering for the children’s wants. The adult plain and fancy dress carnival, held on October 9 in conjunction with the sub-branch, was a great success. It provided a substantial donation for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund. McKinlay Shield competitors challenge...
ed the sub-branch to friendly combat on October 20. As anticipated, the honours went to the men folk. The auxiliary bore their loss bravely and very generously presented the victors with a silver shield of magnificent proportions (?) already suitably inscribed. During the evening, presentations were made to Messrs. Tonkinson, Kirtton, McCullough and Hains (umpires during the competitions) and Mr. W. Hains for his kindly assistance at all times.

FREMANTLE

The floral fete in aid of amelioration funds took place in the Soldiers’ Institute, and was opened by Lady Talbot Hobbs. Mrs. Kirby spoke a few words of welcome and introduced Lady Hobbs. Mrs. Scupham moved a vote of thanks to her Ladyship, which was seconded by Mrs. Jackson. Little Elsie M. White presented Lady Hobbs with a bouquet of red roses. The stallholders were: Mesdames Webb and Gough (produce), Mrs. Wild (flowers), Mesdames Grey and O. Smith (cakes), Mesdames Baker, Fuller and Birt (sweets), Mesdames Jackson, Jane, M. Whitter and Chapman (work), Mesdames Humphreys and Bell (bran sub), Mesdames Scupham and Kaig (afternoon teas), Mesdames Clark, Whitmore, Worthington and Edwards (jumble stall), Mrs. Wilson (Madame Kato). Mesdames Kirby, Brennan, Hawkins, W. Smith, Jarvis and Thompson assisted generally. A display of dancing was given by the pupils of the Kelly Dancing School, led by Eileen Hawkins, who was presented with a floral spray. Miss Joyce Whyte also danced and was presented with a posy.

MANJIMUP

The auxiliary is making its presence felt. In order to raise funds for its own activities, a fancy dress ball on October 29 was a bright success. A number of nice costumes were rewarded by nice prizes. Mrs. Wally Wilson (president of the auxiliary) thanked the crowd, and Jock Mackenzie (president of the sub-branch) presented the prizes.

GNOWANGURUP

Ex-service men in the Old Men’s Home were taken for a drive through National Park and back to Perth for a high tea which was ordered by Gnowangerup auxiliary. In the absence of the Gnowangerup delegate to conference (Mrs. Venning, who is ill in St. John of God’s Hospital), Mrs. Middleton, the Gnowangerup representative on the State executive, welcomed the guests. Mrs. Stockin thanked the hosts on behalf of the motor outng committee and Mrs. Stubberfield thanked the car drivers. Mr. Rust thanked the hosts on behalf of the Old Men’s Home and spoke of the work of the secretary and State executive of the auxiliary who had helped him years ago on the Parkerville appeal. He then called upon Mr. Cornes to present Mrs. Hoppertron with an inscribed clock from the Diggers in the Old Men’s Home. Mrs. Hoppertron thanked the “boys” for their gift. Musical items were given by Mrs. Elsie Clear, Messrs. Reg. Fisher and Sidney Smith. The following are thanked for lending their cars: Messrs. Mead, Madey, Asiel, Bennett, Bill Waterman, H. M. Hoare, Randall, Lock Adams, Messrs. D. Bresland and Pether (by courtesy of Sydney Atkinson) and J. Stone (Attwoods).

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On October 3, North-East Fremantle auxiliary entertained the patients from Lemnos Hospital and Edward Millen, and ex-service men from the Old Men’s Home. The party drove to Coogee and back to the Victoria Hall, Fremantle, where high tea had been prepared. About 250 sat down to tea, including the country delegates to the auxiliary conference. The president (Mrs. Bell) welcomed the guests. Mesdames J. McKinlay (State president) and H. Hopperton (State secretary) thanked the auxiliary for the lavish tea provided for the guests. Mrs. Hill (Bridgetown) spoke on behalf of the country delegates, Mrs. V. Stockin and Messrs. McKeever and Spencer on behalf of the motor outng committee, Lemnos and Edward Millen Home, Mrs. Bates (North-East Fremantle) replied. Mr. Rust, on behalf of the Old Men’s Home thanked the ladies and called on Mr. Cornes to present an inscribed clock to Mrs. Bell, who had first “discovered” the ex-service men at the Home. Mrs. Bell, in thanking the “boys” for their gift, called upon Mr. Percy Hillbrick (Fremantle Workers’ Club) who was instrumental in notifying Mrs. Bell that these ex-service men were at the Home. Musical items were given by Mrs. Gahill, Misses Eileen Hawkins and Kathleen Hackett and Messrs. A. J. Thornton and Bill Bates. The following are thanked for lending their cars: Messrs. H. V. Parrant, Mead, Bill Bates, Viv. James, J. N. Williams, H. R. Croft, Lock Adams, Randall, Kessint and Messrs. Tate, Nightingale and Caris (by courtesy of Sydney Atkinson).
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<td>March, June, Sep., Dec.</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club Rooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
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<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
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<td>&quot;Monash House,&quot; 23 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
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<td>PINGELLY</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
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<td>POPANYINNING</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Club</td>
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<th>Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88 Teague Street, Victoria Park</th>
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