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THE BELLs OF BETHLEHEM

When the celestial choir sang to the startled shepherds their message of peace and good-will, Palestine was enjoying a peace that she had not known for many years. The land flowing with milk and honey had also been a conduit for the blood shed in the wars of Jew and Gentile. It had been devastated by Assyrian cohorts and resounded to the tread of the Macedonian phalanx. It had shuddered beneath the march of conquerors. It was also Rome the pacifier. Through the organizing genius which formed the basis of the grandeur that was Rome, Palestine was able to enjoy a measure of peace, sufficient for Augustus to take the most memorable census in history. The birth of a child in a stable at Bethlehem meant little to the census-taker. It was just the addition of a tiny unit to the population of a vast Empire. But to the shepherds who heard the heavenly message, and those searchers of the midnight sky who had seen and followed His star, it gave hope for a new and better world.

The Roman peace was more the discipline maintained by the legions than the peace which is bred of contentment and good-will. That proud race, the Jews, like other proud races in other parts of the Empire, chafed under the rule of the conquering alien. They were newly come to repose, the leaders of the people, and under the leadership of Jesus who our Lord and Messiah. The creed has not outlived the spirit of toleration, or the perfect peace which is bred of contentment. The new generation are being educated, nor a flourishing Broadcasting Corporation will relay the music of the bells of Bethlehem, this Christmas. It will therefore be possible for troops in shattered Shanghai and in snow-swept Spanish trenches to listen to the bell-music that celebrates the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, provided that music is not smothered by the man-made static of zooming aircraft and roaring guns.

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greater toleration in the world today. The creed has been superseded by the ideology as something to fight and die for.

It is not altogether fair to blame professing Christians for this pretty pass in which the world finds itself. One may admit the validity of Chesterton's jape that so far from Christianity being a failure, it has never been tried. Paradoxical though it may seem, there is much truth in the paradox, but not the whole truth. Christianity, or what seems Christianity to the triers, has been tried, but, so far, only a minority of mankind is Christian. Christians today are far outnumbered by Buddhists and Moslems. The ethics of all the great religions have much in common, but there are differences of outlook, racial and social defferences, to say nothing of economic needs, that make it very hard to devise a workable scheme for collective security, much less universal peace.

The task of the peace-maker is rendered all the harder by the fact that in Continental Europe today millions of the younger generation are being deliberately taught that war is not only legitimate, but desirable. Constantine the Great, the first Roman Emperor to embrace Christianity, realised on what a firm basis he was rearing his Empire, but it is doubtful if even Constantine fully realized what a rejuvenating force Christianity would prove to an Empire that was growing moribund. In the words of Dean Inge, "The victories of Constantine, won under the banner of Christ, brought toleration to the Christians, and nobody seems to have doubted that toleration meant complete victory. The Roman Church has outlived the Roman Empire. By a strange negation of that spirit of toleration, Nazi Germany is now distorting the Bible to find justification for the persecution of the Jews and the fostering of a spirit of aggression towards other nations. Fas-
citists and Communists, whether we regard them as nations or as individuals, have this in common, they have scraped Christian tolerance in favour of the spirit of brutal and ruthless aggression.

That is why, nearly two thousand years after the earthly birth of the Prince of Peace, it is necessary to oppose force with force. There is hope for the future in the attitude which will not convict itself of aggression, the attitude, for instance, which impels Japan to plead that she is only acting in self-defence in carrying fire and destruction into China. There is hope for the future in the international condemnation of aggression which, a bare hundred years ago, would have been considered only the culmination of a logical sequence of events. There was a time when five righteous men might have saved a city. There is a time now, when two or three fair-minded nations acting in concert could save civilisation. Were the nations of the world sufficiently inspired by the Christian virtue of tolerance the way to peace would be assured. As it is, most nations today desire peace, or profess to desire it, and most of them seem prepared to co-operate in obtaining it. Be cynical, if you will, and say this is due more to expediency than conviction, but it is true none the less. The tendency, whatever its cause, has manifested itself, and it has manifested itself at all is a step in the direction pointed out in the message of Bethlehem. Its very persistence shows that at least some of the seed has not fallen on stony ground.

SONS OF SOLDIERS’ LEAGUE
SECOND ANNUAL PICNIC

The Sons of Soldiers’ League committee regrets that it has been forced to postpone the second annual picnic of the Sons of Soldiers’ League from January 31 until Easter Monday, April 18 next.

This postponement has been caused by difficulties met in connection with transport. The S.S. Perth will not be available on January 31.

Sub-branches are asked to note this alteration and concentrate on a successful show on Easter Monday.

Tickets will be distributed early in the New Year.

All other arrangements already notified to sub-branches in connection with the picnic will stand.

THE LEAGUE’S OFFICIAL ORGAN

We have been requested to give a brief history of the official organ of the League in this State. The first official organ was a week-end newspaper called “The Australian,” which was, we think, first published in 1918. It was owned and edited by Roy Lee, who was until recently the general secretary of the Associated Chamber of Manufacturers with headquarters in Melbourne. Roy was not a returned soldier, having been rejected for service. This paper ceased publication some time in 1922 but the League withdrew its official patronage early in 1921.

In 1920 a few digger printers headed by Jim Watt started the business now known as the Imperial Printing C oy. Ltd and in December, 1921, obtained permission to publish a League journal which was called “The Listening Post.” We believe that the name was first suggested by “Stumpy Wright,” well known in league circles in those days.

Jim Watt, now of Mt. Magnet, was the first manager and Morrie Zeffert, now a leading business man of Perth, the first editor. After the first year Morrie Zeffert had to give up the post of editor owing to pressure of his other business activities and he was succeeded by Stan Watt and Leonard Gibbons, the latter now being Town Clerk of Guildford, and later by Stan Watt and C. R. “Dick” Collins, which combination has continued for eleven years. With this issue we commence our seventeenth consecutive year of publication with 193 issues, which to the best of our knowledge, is a record for any ex-service man’s journal in the British Empire. We could have made the journal more interesting by publishing more war history and reminiscences, but it would have been at the expense of League news. We hope that we have substantially assisted the worthy objectives of the league over the years and we are happy in the knowledge that we possess the goodwill of practically all members of the League and the Auxiliaries.

AGED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS’ FUND

Amount in the fund £6,850.

£20 paid in by sub-branches since Congress as the result of special efforts. Mount Lawley sub-branch donated £27 11/- to make up contribution of £50.

Personal donation from Colonel Collett £5.

Further donation from Wyalkatchem sub-branch of £4 9/10. Donations since last issue include: West Leederville, £7; Cue-Big Bell, £5 12/-; Dongarra, £3 4/-; St. George’s Cathedral, £8; Boulder, £27.

Fingrup sub-branch has decided to put in two bags of wheat after harvest from each member, and proceeds to be paid to the fund. West Leederville sub-branch has circularised all members. The Press and West Swan sub-branches donated entire Poppy Day proceeds.

Stewards appointed are: South Perth Sub-Branch: Mr. H. Williams; Mount Marshall Sub-Branch: Mr. Vic. Hamer; Mount Magnet Sub-Branch: Mr. B. Dawson.

Posters will be printed for placing at sidings, at the suggestion of Gnowangerup Sub-Branch.

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In honour of the Coronation of Their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth, the Federal Executive of the League decided to grant scholarships in each State for competition among children of ex-service men or women, who have served with His Majesty's forces, and that such a scholarship shall be tenable at the University for four years and be of an annual value of £30.

The conditions governing the scholarship in Western Australia are:-

(a) The scholarship shall be open for competition among the sons and daughters of ex-service men and women who have served in His Majesty's Forces and are eligible for membership of the Returned Soldiers' League.

(b) A candidate for the scholarship must be under 18 years of age on December 31, 1937, and applications from candidates must be lodged with the State Secretary, R.S.L., at Anzac House, Perth, on or before January 21, 1938. A candidate must show that he/or she has by examination qualified for matriculation at the University of W.A.

(c) The scholarship shall be awarded by a committee appointed by the State Executive of the W.A. Branch R.S.S.I.L.A. The successful candidate must enter the University in the first term following his or her selection.

(d) No candidate for the scholarship shall suffer disqualification by reason of the award to him or her of any bursary, education allowance, or similar assistance towards the cost of a University course.

(e) The committee shall make its award having regard not only to the scholarship of the candidate, but also to his or her personal character and a reasonable assurance that the course will be completed.

(f) Candidates must have resided in Western Australia, and attended a school or college within that State, for a period of not less than twelve months immediately preceding the award.

(g) The successful candidate must present periodical certificates of diligence and proficiency, on the result of which payment of any portion of the scholarship may be reduced, or withheld altogether, if the certificate is not satisfactory to the State Executive.

(h) Application forms are available at League Headquarters, Anzac House, Perth.

R.S.L. CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The following are the results of matches played since November 7.

Matches on November 15
Nedlands No. 1 v. Fremantle.—Nedlands No. 1, first innings, 115 (Green 42 n.o., Wimbridge 29, Thompson 10); Fremantle, bowling: Collins, 6 for 49; Renfrey 2 for 23; Carter, 2 for 39; v. Fremantle, 120 (Renfrey 68, Bell 45 n.o., Collins 8, retired hurt). Nedlands No. 1, bowling: Wimbridge 1 for 4, Madderford 1 for 5, Mayhew, 1 for 17; Cook, 1 for 25; Crain, 1 for 23. Fremantle won by five runs.

Nedlands No. 2 v. North Perth No. 1.—Nedlands No. 2, first innings, 47 (Brooke 19, Armstrong 12) and 2 for 74 (Ashton 26, Forrest 21, not out, Brooke 14). North Perth No. 1, bowling: Stone, 4 for 24; Allsopp, 4 for 25; Dival, 1 for 17; North Perth No. 1, seven wickets for 130 (declared) (Rapley 34, Stone 26 not out, Garland 17, Dival 13 not out, Wallace 11). Bowling for Nedlands No. 2: Armstrong, 6 for 49; Forrest, 1 for 26. Won by North Perth No. 1 by 83 runs.

Matches on November 21
Match played on November 21.


On November 28 the State team played the next best at Bassendean Oval before a large crowd. The State team won by an innings and 48 runs. The best batting performances were registered by Albert Watts (52), and B. Byrne (51). Both of the State side. Allsopp (six for 12 runs) and Crain (9 for 20) bowled splendidly for the State side. The cricket was fast and interesting and the fielding of both sides very keen, Wallie Crain being outstanding. Both teams were entertained by the
Bassendean Women's Auxiliary. At the luncheon Mr. W. L. Menkens supported by Messrs. P. Carter, and W. Stooke, thanked the ladies for their efforts that day. Details:—State side, 206 (Watts 52, Byrne 51, Marshall 31, King 13, Wimbidge 12, Crain 17). Bowling for North Best: Hewitt 3 for 34; Bell, 1 for 3; Webster, 3 for 57; Cook, 2 for 64. North Best, first innings, 48 (Webster 11). Second innings, 110 (Hackett 26, Stooke 24, Berlinsky 21, Webster 16). State Team's bowling: Allsopp, 6 for 12; Crain 9 for 20; Carter, 1 for 7; Stooke, 2 for 28; Trov, 1 for 16.

Matches on December 5.
Mt. Hawthorn v. Fremantle.—Mt. Hawthorn 222 (Potts 87, Marshall 30, Erickson 29, Bennett 24, Stockmin 13, Bell 2 for 11, Wise 2 for 25, Carter 4 for 41) lost to Fremantle 2 for 233 (Mudie 111 not out, Carter 65, Berlinsky 26 not out, Bell 11; Marshall, 1 for 18, Day 1 for 27). Fremantle won by eight wickets.

Nedlands No. 1 v. Nedlands No. 2—Nedlands No. 2, 38 (Hamley 10, and 91, Fitzgerald 31, Tolchard 15, Bennett 13, Green 3 for 15, Crain 7 for 42, Mayhew 6 for 50, Hewitt 1 for 21), lost to Nedlands No. 1, declared, 5 for 140 (Wimbidge 77, King 33 not out, Watkins 20), winning by innings.

The following was the position of clubs on November 21, 1937.—

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The State team leaves Perth on Tuesday, December 21, at 9 p.m. President

**RELIEF, A TORCH AND AN ARC LAMP**

By Lieut-Col. M. PURSER, D.S.O., V.D.

Relieved from the Somme front line towards the end of 1916, the 32nd Battalion, of which I was temporarily in command during the absence of Lieut-Colonel R. H. Beardsmore, D.S.O., V.D., was on its way to the huts at Montauban for a few days' rest. Miserably cold, extremely tired and generally "fed up" after a particularly gruelling tour of duty in the trenches, during which heavy rain had fallen, all ranks trudged wearily along duckboards greasy with mud.

"Jigger" James is arranging a very suitable welcome at Kalgoorlie, where their representative Cyril Donaldson will join the team.

The W.A. Trotting Association through Mr. J. P. Stratton, is giving the team a farewell during the trotting meeting on December 19. The Lord Mayor will farewell the team at the Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 21, at 12 noon. Then the team will arrive in Adelaide on Christmas Eve, and leave for Perth on January 5, arriving at Perth on January 8, at 9.45 a.m.

The State team consists of: P. Carter (capt.), L. McComish (vice-capt.), F. Wimbidge, A. Watts, W. Crain, H. King, D. Byrne, V. Sparrow, C. Donaldson, H. Davy, A. Allsopp, F. Clayton, M. Troy, W. H. Webster, G. Marshall, G. Thomas, A. J. Hewitt, with Mr. W. L. Menkens (manager), Mr. P. R. Allen (treasurer), Mr. J. G. Rankin will accompany the team as scorer.

The team will play Victoria on December 27, and South Australia on December 30 and January 3. All matches will be played on the Adelaide University Oval.

The Adjutant (Captain Robinson) and I decided that on leaving the duckboard track we would take what from the map appeared to be a somewhat shorter route than that usually followed, but unfortunately, we got into some very broken ground and after a really awful trip had to admit that the longest way round is often the shortest way home.

On arrival at the Water Point at Montauban, we found the man in charge sitting over a brazier and Captain Robinson simply crumpled into a seat beside him. I doubt whether I have ever seen a more dejected looking piece of humanity than was "Robbie" at that moment. I probably looked equally dejected, and it was only by a very great effort that I refrained from also sitting down; had I done so I would probably not have got up for a considerable time, being practically "out" on my feet.

We reached the huts in the early hours of the morning, when so great was the state of my exhaustion that, after getting rid of my pack and eating a few mouthfuls of the excellent meal which the Seret.-Cook had ready for us, I collapsed on the floor and slept till afternoon. Then a shave, a wash, a change of clothes, a tot of rum and a good meal, and life seemed worth living again.

Three of the companies reached camp at varying times after midnight, but one Company Commander very wisely decided to rest his tired men in a park of motor lorries he had come across and

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R. K. BUSCOMBE, Secretary
bring them on to the huts the following morning. The runner he sent to acquaint me of this arrived at Montauban at about the same time as myself, delivered his message, and immediately left again with a supply of rum for his company. Good old runners! Packed full of courage, they always managed somehow to get through with their job. I "dips my lid" to them all.

Readers will probably be wondering what all that has to do with a torch and an arc lamp. I am coming to them now. This was no exception to the rule that irrespective of how trying a time we might be experiencing, some "dag" would come to light with a spot of humour. On the duckboards the Adjutant and I overtook a platoon, at the head of which marched—if march it could be termed—Lieut. (afterwards Captain) N. R. McCoy, the present editor of "Mufti," and Sergeant Treasure, the latter assisting to guide the platoon by intermittent flashes from a torch which obviously did not belong to him, as a man in rear made frequent and very forcible demands for its return, and was finally told by the sergeant "You are in the army now and your torch has been commandeered."

Followed a few minutes' silence, then a stumble, an oath, and "Sergeant Treasure, give me back that b—— torch, it's mine." Quick as a flash and cutting the air like a pistol shot came McCoy's "Oh, give that man a b—— arc lamp." This caused some laughter, but "Diggers" can you picture an arc lamp on the Somme, or for that matter any part of the front, especially during relief? What a scene of desolation and misery it would have illumined; what curses would have been hurled at it and those responsible for its appearance: how the tired men on the duckboards would have flogged themselves along so as to be as far away as possible when "Jerry" notified he had swept by delivering large quantities of "ironmongery" in its vicinity.

SOLDIERS' DISCHARGES

The following discharges (Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force) have been handed to the State secretary, R.S.L., and may be obtained on application to Anzac House:

Brooke and George Sharpe of Nedlands, and many other visitors.

The replica was made and presented to the sub-branch by Dick Hummerston and is hewn from solid Cottesloe limestone, cement washed to the colour of the original. It measures thirty by thirty-two inches at the base and thirty-seven inches high. Complete with flagpoles and flags, floodlights and fence, it is an exact replica in every way. An ordinary one-inch carpenter's chisel and tomahawk were the only tools used. The fence is aluminium and the only tools used in making and is complete with gates and gate posts set into cement. The rising sun and wreaths are original war service badges. In handing the replica to the president, the donor also handed two documents notifying the gift and authority to possess, the latter being vested with the words.

War

League to possess the replica if the branch should cease to exist. These

documents depicted a grave on the field, with a rifle embedded mottle down at its head and a “tin hat” on the stock of the rifle, followed by another similar grave with a plain wooden cross entwined with the words “Lest We Forget,” flanked by a sketch of the State War Memorial. At the foot is a large red Flanders poppy. In accepting the latter Colonel Lamb predicted that at the present rate of progress Mt. Lawley-Inglewood would not cease to exist for very many years yet. Eulogistic speeches were made by others present as to the fine piece of work which had been done, and at the conclusion the president of the sub-branch announced that he had appointed Dick Hummerston as the first Warden of the memorial, which news was greeted with acclamation.

VISIT TO BUSSELTON

Harry May, past country vice-president, reported to a recent meeting of the executive as follows—

Dear Sir,—In response to your letter dated November 5, 1937, wherein you request that I should visit the Busselton sub-branch on November 11 in order to officially represent the State Executive, I desire to advise having made the visit as requested.

In this connection I desire to report that the function was a complete success, there being between 70 to 80 Diggers in attendance and the duties of chairman were ably carried out by the branch president, Mr. L. Weston.

In responding to the toast of the State Executive, which was very ably proposed by Mr. Anderson, I took the opportunity, among other things, of enlarging on the recent decision of the State Congress, urging the necessity for sub-branches to give some attention to the augmentation of the funds of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Trust Fund. I received an assurance from the branch that this would be done so soon as they had wiped off certain liabilities to which they were already committed. Whilst talking of this matter, it was pleasing to note at the function that representatives of the Nannup sub-branch were busy selling Art Union tickets, the profits of which are to be solely devoted to the fund in question. It does seem to me that country sub-branches are taking this matter up seriously, and in my opinion the Executive would do well to give publicity to the matter from time to time and by a chart showing how the fund is progressing, by circular letter to all branches.

As one who is deeply interested in League matters, it was really pleasing to note the enthusiasm that revolved at the annual dinner of the Busselton Branch, and I can only report that, so far as I can ascertain, everything is well with the branch from the League’s point of view. The secretary, Mr. Powell, certainly had everything well organised and I would suggest that a letter of congratulation be sent to the branch from Headquarters. Of course there were many questions to answer regarding Repatriation matters, and to these I replied in the strain that I thought an actual member of the Executive would have answered.

I thank you for the honor of being asked to represent the Executive, and I was most happy to make the journey, although notice was somewhat short. I might state I was accompanied by five other members of the Collie sub-branch which included our president and secretary.

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Never since the Cardwell reorganisation in the early 'Seventies has the British Army undergone such a drastic and rapid change. Mr. Cardwell, who was Gladstone's Secretary for War, brought Sir Garnet Wolseley to the War Office, and the new broom swept very clean. The system of linked battalions was introduced. Territorial designations replaced the numbers of the Line Regiments so that local patriotism might induce the public to take a pride in the Army. Wolseley introduced new methods of training. Officers and men were encouraged to fit themselves for the job which the country was paying them to do. The system of obtaining commissions by purchase was abolished, along with many of the more draconic punishments that were still inflicted on soldiers, long after they had been discarded by the civil power. Wolseley weeded out the senile and the inefficient, replacing them by younger and more promising men. These, among whom were such men as Redvers Buller and Evelyn Wood, were scornfully referred to as "Wolseley's Gang," but they carried on regardless of criticism and improved the efficiency of the service. In his essay on Wolseley, the late Sir John Fortescue said, with considerable justice, that if the New Army in the Great War was aptly called, that incomparable army which fought at Mons, the Marne, the Aisne and Ypres, was in the truest sense of the term Wolseley's Army.

Every great war is succeeded by a period of military impotence. The need for preparedness gives way to the more pressing need for economising. It is said of the Duke of Wellington that, when the economisers began to sharpen the pruning knife, he would ship a few more regiments out to India and keep them out of sight until the retreatment crusade was over. Recent international tendencies have forced Britain to realise that a condition of military impotence is not the basis of international peace. Reconstruction and reorganisation have been made necessary, and the man entrusted with this colossal task is Mr. Leslie Hore Belisha, who, until last May, was Britain's Minister for Transport. Mr. Hore Belisha was at Oxford when the Great War broke out; he was a Major in a New Army unit when it ended. To the War Office he has brought a boundless energy directed by the zeal of a fervent, but calculating, patriot. He works longer hours than any of his office staff, and like Sir James Mitchell, when he was Premier, he is usually the first on duty and the last to leave. With all his driving force, and his embarrassing insistence on seeing things for himself, he is popular at the War Office, which is probably why his earlier reforms have been carried out with the minimum degree of friction.

These reforms fall within two categories. He aims at stimulating recruiting by making the Army fit for soldiers to live in; and he aims at increasing its efficiency until it becomes the most formidable fighting organism in the world. One of the disadvantages of Army life in the past was the system under which a soldier, from the time of his enlistment until his discharge or transfer, had about as much privacy as the proverbial goldfish in a bowl. Certainly, the old type of soldier learnt more of his soldiering in the barrack-room than on the barrack square; but in this age of free and compulsory education, of mechanisation and intensive specialisation, a very different type of man is being attracted to the ranks. Hore-Belisha has given the man in the ranks the privileges of sleeping out of barracks, provided that he is available for duty when wanted, and that he does not abuse the privilege. Realising the defects of the short-service system prevailing in countries that have resorted to conscription, he has made it possible for reservists to rejoin, and others to put in their twenty-one years and so qualify for a pension. Now, he has astounded the nation by inducing older officers to retire and give younger men an opportunity to rise to the highest ranks. That in itself is an incentive to ambition and greater efficiency. Another very important reform, gives the Territorial Army a more important role in the defence of the country, and establishes a closer liaison between the Territorial Army and the War Office.

In the matter of training and policy, it would seem that the Secretary of War inclined to the view so often expressed by Liddell Hart and others, that mechanisation has made smaller and highly trained professional armies to achieve greater mobility and greater striking power than the unwieldy masses of conscripts that have piled up the butcher's bill in more recent wars. Here, perhaps, is on more debatable ground. Liddell Hart is a sound writer on military subjects, but his theories, though argued with logic and force, are not more than theories as yet. Only last month, German officers disputed the contention that mechanisation makes for a rapid decision. The Germans base their argument on the Spanish war, where mobile mechanised forces have been opposing one another until a position of stalemate has been reached, as it was on the Western Front for over three years. But the fact that the Spanish conflict is being fought between relatively small armies does not refute Liddell Hart's contention, because neither side has the advantage, or the disadvantages of numbers. Further, the war in China, which is more like the war we knew in France and Flanders, offers little evidence for or against Liddell Hart. It is being fought by huge armies on both sides, but the Japanese have an enormous advantage from their superior armaments, and their mechanised units have operated successfully in spite of the disadvantages presented by terrain and weather. Japan's delay in obtaining a decision has been through enterprising strategy, and the unexplained delay in using her sea-power to the best advantage, rather than to any shortcomings of her mechanised units. The most that can be said is that neither of the present wars has presented any irrefutable weight of evidence in favour of either Liddell Hart or his critics. It has been stated that never again will Britain employ huge armies on the mainland of Europe. That statement has been interpreted as an intention to return to the older amphibious strategy which was so successful in the days of Marlborough and Wellington. But whatever policy is adopted, it, may be assumed that under Hore Belisha's direction, the Army will not repeat the traditional error of training for the last war instead of the next one.

One may picture Brass Hats becoming purple in the face when they contemplate the War Minister's sweeping reforms, and declaring "The Service is going to the dogs." But the grandfathers of those same Brass Hats foam at the mouth and said the same thing when promotion by purchase and flogging were abolished in the Army.
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Melbourne reports the death, at the age of seventy years, of Major-General Godfrey Irving, who in his day was the tallest and kindliest officer of the permanent military forces. There was not an unkind fibre in the whole six feet five and a half inches of him. He was the third son of the late Professor Irving of the University of Melbourne, and entered the service in 1895. He went to South Africa in command of the 6th Australian Commonwealth Horse, and during the Great War he commanded for a time, the 15th Infantry Brigade of the A.I.F., and the 5th Division. General Irving was District Commandant in Western Australia from 1909 to 1914, and held a similar command in Queensland after the war, retiring in 1922, under the scheme of destruction, officially known as reconstruction, of that year. A brother, who died in recent years, was for long editor of the "Kalgoorlie Miner."

"Camelo" writes.—The passing of Mr. Raynor Hoff, the famous sculptor in Sydney last month, removes from our midst one of the most cheery and lovable of gentlemen. Mr. Hoff was an ex-Imperial soldier of the Great War, and came to Australia in 1923. Nothing he has done has surpassed the sculpture of the Anzac Memorial in Sydney. Whilst modelling his groups for this memorial, I was privileged to receive an invitation from him to inspect his work at his studio and spent a most interesting and instructive afternoon with Mr. Hoff. So painstaking was he regarding detail that his studio contained hundreds of photographs and much equipment, yet I was able to point out to him a most glaring mistake in his figure of a Light Horseman. He had the buckle on the left leg done up on the inside of the leg. He was grateful, and told me that many Light Horsemen had viewed the modelling at an exhibition held in Sydney without noticing the error—which, of course, he soon rectified, the casting not having been done. Raynor Hoff was handsome and unconventional, and an artist to his fingertips, and the world is the poorer for his early demise.

Alf Nicholas has recently taken over the Causeway Service Station on the angle corner just over the Causeway in Victoria Park. Alf served abroad with the 12th and the 52nd Battalions. He is a good league member belonging to the Subiaco sub-branch, but is now joining up with the boys at Victoria Park. Diggers who favour doing business with one of their number should, where possible, give Alf their patronage. He has good parking facilities for country cars.

The opening day of the Federal Congress held last month at Hobart was the 46th anniversary of the enlistment in the British Army of our president, Alf Yeates. The Federal President, Sir Gilbert Dyett, congratulated Alf, who was heartily applauded by the delegates.

Mr. E. J. Dennis, of 9 Gregory-street, Granville, N.S.W., desires to get in touch with Major Arnold Leschen of the 5th Division. He requires substantiation of some statements in regard to his application for pension.

Jack Hatton has left the Albany sub-branch to go where he will have someone to look after him. Over a month ago, he took up his residence in the R.S.L. Ward of the Old Men's Home. He will be greatly missed by his friends of the sub-branch, particularly on meeting nights at which he was a regular and popular attendant.

The Albany sick state, rendered to this office on November 15, includes the names of vice-president J. H. Lewer, who has just recovered from the effects of hitting the nail on the toe, Jack Page, who is now marked fit for duty after an argument with a saw, in which the saw got the decision on points, and S. Stone, who has had to enter hospital again to be operated upon for appendicitis and spinal trouble. Horace Buckeridge, of Kronkup, has been critically ill in Albany hospital. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Our Albany correspondent reports:—Sailor Lewis is in town, he landed from a lugger. As you were! We almost inadvertently published Sailor's favourite recitation, and then the fat would have been in the fire. Sailor can give you the rest of the recitation himself, because "The Listening Post" strikes enough trouble without looking for it. Any way, Sailor Lewis isn't that sort of a sailor. He served in the Royal Navy before coming to Australia. Incidentally, he was one of those pink-cheeked Middles who won the admiration of the A.I.F. for the gallantry they displayed when in charge of the cutters that conveyed the Diggers ashore at the historic Landing. Reg. ("Sailor") Lewis has now linked up with the Albany sub-branch.

Congratulations to our Albany correspondent, Syd. Coles, who has been re-elected Country Vice-President of the Old Contemptibles' Association.

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Perth's old friend, Mr. Basil W. Kirke, is to be congratulated on another well-merited promotion. He succeeds Mr. H. G. Horner as manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission in New South Wales. Before his transfer to Victoria about eighteen months ago, Mr. Kirke was manager of the Perth National Station, a very active member of the Press sub-branch, and a good friend to the Digger in every possible way. He was a gentleman of the Light Horse when Fritz and Jacko Turk were showing their dirty temper.

A veteran A.I.F. Padre, the Rev. James Green, C.M.G., V.D., is now in Perth, filling the pulpit of the Trinity Congregational Church during December and January. He is Senior Methodist Chaplain, 2nd Military District, and his service with the Australian Military Forces has been long and varied. He had two hitches of service in the South African War, which gained him the Queen's Medal with five bars, and the King's Medal. His A.I.F. service, which included Gallipoli and the campaigns in France, lasted over four years. Padre Green has made several valuable contributions to Australian literature. He is the author of "The Selector" and a book of essays called "From My Hospital Window." His "On the March with the Bushmen," a collection of articles contributed to a Sydney daily, still remains one of the outstanding records of Australia's part in the Boer War.

The stork recently wandered out to Osborne Park and left a bonny boy at the home of Syd. Forsyth. Syd. served with the 10th Light Horse in the Big Stoush. Our congratulations to him and his good wife.

Morawa sub-branch wishes us to extend the Season's Greetings to all sub-branches. Our Morawa correspondent reports that Mr. J. McLean (28th Bat.) has left the district, carrying with him the best wishes of the sub-branch. Wally Simons (51st Bn.) and now of the local police station, is away on holidays. The local lads hope he is having a good time.

It is with deep regret we report that two gaps recently occurred in the ranks of the Claremont sub-branch, through the deaths of Mr. R. Young, who passed away in Ward XI. on November 12, and was buried in the Church of England division at Karrakatta on November 13; and that of Mr. Griffiths on November 26, whose funeral was in the same portion of the cemetery on November 27.

The fighting services are well represented in the new Lyons Ministry. Our own Senator Allan MacDonald served with the Light Horse during that little unpleasantness we had with the Kaiser, after which he took up an appointment with the Red Cross in Palestine. He was also, for some time a member of the State Executive. Another new Minister, Mr. A. C. Cameron, who, like Allan MacDonald, is Assistant Minister for Commerce, fought with a South Australian unit. Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. White, the Minister for Customs, was an airman, who was captured by the Turks, and Dr. Earle Page was away with the Army Medical Corps. And yet, with so many ex-service men available, the Defence portfolio is given to a civilian, Mr. Thorby.

"Barb" (A. H. Barber), chronicler of the 51st, was recently a cot-case on his farm at Dixvale (near Manjimup), nursing an honourable s.i.w. He had been using an axe when a blow was deflected by some means and the result was a badly gashed ankle. Five of the blokes from Manji. sub-branch went out to see him on December 5. The weather wouldn't allow them to bring in any of his hay for him, but they were able to replace a shed-roof that had been ripped off by a gale.

We are sorry to have to report the return of Joe Deacon, Carlisle sub-branch, to the Perth Hospital for further treatment. Joe has had a very trying year and we trust 1938 will treat him more generously.

The Carlisle Diggers visited Bayswater sub-branch on Wednesday, December 8, accompanied by the Harmonica and Stringed Instruments Band, under the direction of past-president Harold Nicol and "Commissariat Cope." An excellent evening terminated with a promise from Bayswater to visit Carlisle on the first Thursday in February next.

A personality, prominent in the military and scientific life of the State, was removed when stalwart, genial Lieut.-Colonel E. A. Le Souef passed away recently at Margaret River in his sixty-eighth year. He was a Bachelor of Veterinary Science of Melbourne University, and an officer of the Australian Army Veterinary Corps, but his greatest work for the State was in building up the Zoological Gardens at South Perth. At one time, the late Colonel Le Souef and two of his brothers were curators of Australian zoological gardens. His earlier service was as a combatant officer and he was second in command of the Cannington Mounted Rifles when the South African War broke out. He served in South Africa and as Veteri-

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Our Mt. Hawthorn correspondent writes:

We were pleased to see Geo. Cooper and Jack Lunny amongst us again. George, who had a long drawn out illness, turned up at the last two meetings looking much better. Jack, whose motor accident looked at one time to be very bad, has made a quick recovery and hopes soon to be in full harness again. Both got a great welcome home. Others on the sick list are G. W. Andrews, in No. 1 Ward; Jim Fewson, Garney Blab, Jim Bane and Clarrie Barrett. We regret to report the death of Jack Humphries at the Repat. Ward on Sunday, December 5. Jack had suffered a long time and consequently he was not seen at meetings recently, but he was well known in R.S.L. cricket circles as umpire. We saw him on Friday, December 3 and he was his old cheerful self. We sympathise deeply with his sorrowing relatives.

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Visitors to Albany are loud in their praises of the Memorial Gardens, now one of the town's many beauty spots. The beautiful blooms and verdant lawns reflect credit on the gardener and volunteer assistants from the sub-branch. It is just two years ago since the sub-branch took over the care of the gardens. The sub-branch extends its thanks to Mr. J. A. Stewart, of Mt. Lawley, a frequent visitor to the town, who has always taken a kindly interest in the Gardens. Recently, Mr. Stewart donated a very fine pussy willow cutting.

Dr. L. P. Jacks, the English Unitarian Minister and writer on philosophical and educational subjects, does not believe in mincing his words. Recently he asked, "Would not the case be more fairly stated, and our bonafides less suspected abroad, if we abandoned our attempts to invest British rearmament with the air of a philanthropic enterprise, and claimed no other motive for it than the very proper one of protecting our highly vulnerable Empire from attack?"

The total number of names to be inscribed on the Australian National Memorial at Villers Bretonneaux to the missing is 10,885. It is interesting to note that among the Western Australian units in France, 276 were posted as missing from the 11th Battalion, 344 from the 12th, 231 from the 16th, 370 from the 28th, 61 from the 32nd, 52 from the 44th, 293 from the 48th, and 318 from the 51st.

London's Leftist Professor and anti-gas expert, Professor J. B. S. Haldane, recently declared, "What science has done is to make war extremely expensive and dangerous, not only to sailors and soldiers, but to civilians as well." Last year, he placed his expert knowledge at the service of the Valencia Government. Undaunted by the lack of raw materials, while in Spain, Professor Haldane turned broken beer bottles into more or less serviceable gas masks.

Both Nationalists and Republicans in Spain are now enduring the disadvantage of trench warfare in inclement weather. Columns on both sides have been forced to plough through knee-deep mud and to occupy trenches turned into quagmires by incessant rains. Even light artillery is bogged whenever attempts are made to move it.

A furphy of the Great War has been recalled by the story that carrier pigeons used by the Republican Intelligence Service for sending and receiving messages, were served up as an important part of a public dinner in Barcelona. It is reminiscent of the tale told of a Portuguese unit, which was issued with a crate containing two carrier pigeons, when it went into the line for the first time. The following day, the Portuguese commander sent a chit to the C.O. of the British troops in support (or should one say escort?) thanking him for the pigeons, which were found very enjoyable, and asking him to send some more.

The Victorian Branch of the League is to be complimented on the dignified and tactful handling of an irritating situation. Newspapers throughout Australia, reported that the Victorian Minister for Health (Sir John Harris), had made a slighting reference to Army nurses, when replying to a deputation of busybodies who want to stop other women from smoking cigarettes and
Brita is determined not to endure the risks of a submarine blockade a second time. She now has cargo submarines of 5,000 tons. Their construction was made possible by the evolution of the new ultra-hard steel in Sheffield laboratories.

Towards the end of October, over 12,000 workmen took part in preliminary tests at Chatham dockyard, to see how quickly they could obtain shelter in the event of an air attack. All were under cover in less than five minutes of the sounding of alarm signals.

The enlarging of No. 1 Dock, the largest Admiralty greaving dock at Gibraltar, at an estimated cost of £600,000, is now in progress. It is stated that the British intend to strengthen the coast defences near Plymouth, and to turn Alderney, in the Channel Islands, into a second Malta. The existing defences of Alderney are about a hundred years old, but when the new works are completed, assuming the report is correct, Britain will be able to close the Channel to all surface shipping in time of war.

Kalgoorlie sub-branch topped the score for Poppy sales outside the metropolitan area. This year they had no difficulty in selling all poppies on hand, the number being 1,344. The effort reflects great credit on the local organisers of the appeal.

Another Australian in China, Garnet Malley, of Sydney, is technical adviser to Madame Chiang Kai-shek’s air committee. He is a steady-eyed, rather diffident lad, who was unable to settle down to business life in Sydney, after his return from active service as a pilot in the Australian Flying Corps. He continued his service for a time with the Citizen Air Force, and went to China in 1930. In reorganising the Chinese Air Force, he has had the assistance of German and American airmen, who had also served service in the Great War.

Mr. Ron Hurd, said to be the first Australian to return from the war in Spain, is a deliberate, but very interesting speaker. He mentioned that there were 25 Australians in the battalion of the International Brigade with which he served, as well as many Australians in other formations of the Republican army. The average age of the International Brigade is 25, according to Mr. Hurd, which was about the average age of the A.I.F. in 1918. Incidentally, there are several Diggers in Spain. Mr. Hurd says that the Australians in Spain have achieved a splendid reputation for valour, initiative and discipline, and he paid a high tribute to the Australian nurses in that unfortunate country. Whatever one may think of the merits of the cause they are serving, it is gratifying to learn that the old strain of Gallipoli and Pozieres is running true to form.

The West Australian has probably readier access than any other Australian daily to first-hand information about Shanghai, as three of C.P’s young men have been there within the hectic period of the past five years. Sporting-writer Horrie Collingwood was in Shanghai during the former undeclared war. “Ken” McKenna, the younger brother of a popular member of the Mt. Lawley sub-branch, was there about two years ago. The special articles from the Shanghai front, which are now appearing in The West, are written by W. A. (“Buzz”) Farmer, who went to China for foreign experience earlier in the year and arrived in Shanghai just in time for the present show. “Buzz” is an elegant, hefty young athlete, who acquired some knowledge of military affairs while hold-
ing a commission in the Militia Forces. His father was in the Jameson Raid.

Among the victims of the Nazi pogroms in Germany are the three best-known German writers of war books: Arnold Zweig, author of "The Case of Sergeant Grischka" and "Education Before Verdun"; Ludwig Renn, author of "War"; and Eric Maria Remarque, the writer of "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "The Road Back," the screen version of which is now being shown in this State. Arnold Zweig, who is now almost blind, is living at Haifa, Palestine. When last heard of, Ludwig Renn was in Spain, fighting in the ranks of the International Brigade. Remarque's present whereabouts are unknown.

During the war, it used to be said that wherever there's trouble you'll find an Australian in the thick of it. Before and since the outbreak of the undeclared war in China, Australian newspapers contained frequent references to William H. Donald, formerly a Digger, now one of the principal advisers to General Chiang Kai-shek. After our war, Donald became editor of a Chinese newspaper which is published in English. When the paper changed its policy and became pro-Japanese, Donald was instructed to alter the tone of his leading articles to suit the new policy. He published the instructions, together with his resignation, on the front page.

An English weekly reports that Field-Marshall Lord Milne, known affectionately to the troops as "Uncle George," has lost his first battle. His long and brilliant military career has included active service in the Sudan, South Africa, France and Salonika, but the Field-Marshall, who is now in his seventy-second year, has been unable to coax the amount of £150,000 from the pockets of the British public. This amount was the object of an appeal which Lord Milne launched last May on behalf of London's Royal Free Cancer Hospital, of which he was chairman. Lord Milne attended the Soldier Settlers' Conference in Perth three years ago, and the biennial conference of the B.E.S.L. in Sydney. Speaking at the time on Australian defence, Lord Milne said: "Australia is a luscious morsel waiting to be swallowed up."

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The history of the 11th Battalion, A.I.F., is at last an accomplished fact, publication having commenced in the "Western Mail" on the 9th instant. "Jock" Belford has made an excellent job of the story and all that remains now is for ex-members of the battalion to support the association in its endeavour to publish in book form. To do this, subscriptions of 10/- per copy (or at least 5/- deposit) are asked for in advance. The following subscriptions have already been received and the committee confidently appeals to 11th diggers for their support in creating a permanent record of the old battalion. Subscriptions to Wally Blair, 79 William-street, Perth. In the event of the book not being published the money will be refunded.

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Recreational Facilities

Resolution 148 and Resolution 157, moved by Cottesloe and Fremantle Sub-branches at the Annual State Congress, urged the provision of dressing and shower facilities on sports grounds and reserves, and the additional provision of recreation facilities for the youth of this State.

The secretary of the Road Board Association (Mr. E. H. Rosman) has advised the League that, as the local authorities control reserves and public sports grounds, it would be necessary for the League to make specific requests to the various local authorities where dressing rooms and shower facilities are specially required.

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CHAPTER XIII.
THE WADI MUKHSHEIB OPERATIONS.

The hot desert summer of 1916 was now upon us, and still the Turks had not moved against the Canal. Reports of their increasing activity, however, were to hand. Aerial reconnaissances and information from various other sources showed that the enemy were devoting a great amount of energy in developing water supplies east of our line, probably with a view to attacking the Canal on a broad front.

A brilliant raid by the 9th Light Horse Regiment in April had resulted in the wrecking of a large supply—which had been prepared at Jif-Jaffa by a party of Turkish engineers under an Austrian officer—together with the capture of the whole party. But along the same route, closer in, was a huge body of fresh water impounded in a wonderful series of Roman rock-hewn cisterns at the head of the Wadi Mukhsheib.

These the Turks now turned their attention to, as also some pools or clay pans along the Wadi further west. At Khabrit-el-Habbal was a veritable miniature lake, 14 miles from our front line, almost within striking distance.

If our people could destroy or seriously impair the supplies of fresh water in these places, an enemy advance along this route—the identical route by which the Turks had advanced—in their previous attack on the Canal in February, 1915—would be practicable an impossibility—for this summer anyway.

Consequently it was decided by the High Command to send a column to drain these cisterns and pools. Serious enemy opposition to our occupying the portion of desert containing them was not anticipated, but it was known that a considerable Turkish force, with guns—amounting to 1000 or 2000 men—could be concentrated in a short space of time if an attack on the protective troops were contemplated.

It was estimated that the work of pumping or filling in would be carried out in two days, which would be hardly sufficient time for the enemy to concentrate a large enough force and make an approach march, provided that he had no knowledge of our intention before the column reached the vicinity of the wells.

Of the cisterns, the most important was a group of seven, called Mubashia, in the Wadi Mukhsheib, roughly 40 miles east-south-east from Serapeum Railhead, with a capacity of nearly half a million gallons. About three miles west of this group were two others called Hag Hassan Mehsin, of 100,000 gallons capacity, whilst a few miles south of Mubashia was the Moiya Harab group. This latter group was left to be dealt with by a Yeomanary column pushing out simultaneously with our own, and thus affording flank protection at the same time.

In addition to the cisterns, there were several fresh water pools further west along the Mukhsheib, the largest of these being at Er Rigum, and the one previously mentioned at Khabrit-el-Habbal.

The cisterns were to be drained by pumping. They were not to be destroyed or even permanently injured, firstly because they were of great value to the Be'duin in times of peace, and, secondly, because they might be of value to us at some future time.

As to the pools, it was proposed to deal with them as seemed most expedient after closer inspection, but a good supply of explosives, picks and shovels were to be transported in anticipation to the scene of operations.

The column was under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Todd, D.S.O., and it was originally intended that the whole of the 10th Regiment, with one squadron of the 9th Regiment attached, should participate. A stroke of misfortune, however, in the shape of an outbreak of bilious fever amongst the horses of "B" Squadron resulted in that squadron being left behind, and a second squadron from the 9th Regiment replacing it.

The composition of the column—totaling 49 officers, 810 other ranks and 880 horses—which Colonel Todd moved out with was as follows:
- 10th Light Horse, two Squadrons.
- 9th Light Horse, two Squadrons.
- 8th Light Horse (small detachment).
- 8th and 10th Machine Gun Sections.
-Detachments from Royal Engineers (Major Cooke); 3rd Light Horse Field Ambulance (Major White); Bikanir Camel Corps (Bikanir officer); Army Service Corps (Lieut. Dickins); Royal Flying Corps (2nd Lieut. Pierce); Camel Transport Corps (Capt. Spence); Intelligent Corps (M. de Halpert).

A supply and water convoy consisting of 903 camels was mobilised by Capt. Dunningham with the following distribution:

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This convoy, with a strong escort, moved out from Railhead at 9.30 p.m. on the night of June 9th, 1916, under orders to reach a point in the Wadi Mukhsheib about ten miles west of Hag Hassan Mehsin, by midnight on the 10th, where the fighting troops would join up with it.

The column assembled at the starting point near Railhead at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of June 10th, marching out through the trench system and wire of the front line, and proceeding south-easterly through the heavy sand dunes, struck the Wadi Mukhsheib at 10 o'clock that night. The convoy was overtaken at about this hour; having got off its bearings slightly it was not so far advanced as expected.

The column moved along the Wadi bed to a point about half-way between Khabut-el-Habbal and Er Rigum, where it halted for the night. Here canvas troughing was rigged and filled from the water camels, and at daylight on the 11th the horses were watered, the men filled their bottles and the march proceeded. The cisterns at Hag Hassan were reached at 9.30 a.m. and found to contain only about 12,000 gallons of water fit for human consumption and 13,000 gallons of horse water. As a large portion of this would be required
for our own maintenance, the whole of the pumping plant, 21 pumps in all, was sent forward with “A” Squadron of the 10th Regiment (Major Olden) to Mubashia.

The Wadi, which lower down had been about a quarter of a mile wide with a hard, sandy bottom, now became narrow and steep, with loose shingle under foot which resounded like a peal of bells.

Emerging from the Wadi, the Squadron joined up with a detached patrol under Captain Wearne (8th Light Horse Regiment) and reached the Mubashia cisterns. These were situated at the base of a huge rock and close by was a small Bedouin garden and patches of cultivation. A chain of rough granite hills formed a basin round the cisterns, and the covering troops were immediately placed in defensive positions on them.

An examination of the cisterns showed that, of the seven five contained water estimated at 400,000 gallons. Under Major Cooke, of the Royal Engineers, the pumping parties methodically commenced the work of draining. The pumps were unloaded from the camels, rigged and placed in position, and by 4.30 p.m. that afternoon the 21 hand-pumps were being worked at top speed, turning the beautiful ice-cold water out to run to waste along the hungry Wadi.

Four men comprised the crew manning each pump, working in reliefs of two at a time. The work continued incessantly throughout the night, and by 2 p.m. on the following day (June 12) all the water with the exception of 2000 gallons left for the Bedouins, was disposed of.

In the meantime the protective troops being fully alive to the importance of preventing information as to our movements reaching the enemy, had patrolled the surrounding country for a distance of about five miles, and rounded up the Bedouins roaming round these parts. These, with their flocks of sheep and goats, were collected and brought to Mubashia, where they were given what food could be spared, and detained until the work was completed.

The Yeomanry column had reached Moiya Harab to time, but, being deceived by the small aperture of the cisterns, miscalculated the amount of water they contained. Fearing lest their water supply should be exhausted before our task was complete, they did not commence pumping till mid-day on the 12th, only to find, to their consternation, that the cisterns opened out into large caverns, and could not possibly be emptied by their plant for a considerable time. The situation became more interesting by an aerial report to the effect that the Turks were concentrating at Jiff-Jaffa, not many miles away.

As it was not part of the scheme to stay and be attacked by probably overwhelming numbers, it became necessary to act promptly. Colonel Todd, with a squadron of the 9th Regiment, and twelve pumps immediately proceeded to Moiya Harab. Arriving at the cisterns he found that about 19,000 gallons remained to be pumped out, and our Yeomanry friends struggling frantically to do it with one pump. In no very pleasant mood he called out—

“What Yeomanry are you?”

“Middlesex,” came the reply.

“And a d—n good name too!” he cried. “You’re no sex at all! Out of the way.”

Quickly the 12 pumps were rigged and being worked at high speed. In an hour and a half the cistern was empty,
The pumps packed and on their camels, and the party away to rejoin its own column.

The retirement from Mubashia was commenced at 7.30 p.m., “A” Squadron acting as rearguard to the column. The Bedouins who had been detained and closely watched during the period of our sojourn were left to discover for themselves that they were again free. The remainder of the column was picked up at Hag Hassan, and the march proceeded till midnight, when the pools at Er Rigum were reached.

Of these there were five, four out of the five being almost dry, while the remaining one contained a large supply of water. It was impossible to pump this, so the system of cutting trenches 4 feet deep by 3 feet broad completely round it was adopted. It was discovered that a layer of clay from two to six inches in thickness, covering the bottom of the pool, solely retained the water.

Underneath this clay was ordinary desert sand. Leads were cut from the water’s edge into the trenches, the water thus percolating into the sand. In some cases it was necessary to cut a further drain off the original one with a T piece in order to create a larger absorption surface. It was a laborious task for men who had already been working and riding without sleep or rest for nearly four days, but they worked enthusiastically the whole night through, and by morning had reduced the depth of water from 3 feet to 1 foot 9 inches.

A final system of drains were cut, and at mid-day on the 13th the column moved back to the large pool at Khabrit-el-Habbal. The same system of digging was again adopted at this pool, and in addition two charges each of 15lb. of gun cotton and one of 10lb. of gelignite were fixed in holes dug in the centre of the bed of the pool and exploded, clearing deep holes some six feet in diameter in the sand.

Work was carried on continuously until mid-day the following day (June 14th) with very excellent results. This larger pool was nearly a quarter of a mile in circumference, and was estimated to contain five million gallons. On our leaving at mid-day the water had been reduced by probably one-half. The column arrived back at Raisa at dusk the same day to find that the camp had been bombed by enemy aircraft during its absence.

Four days later (June 18th) two squadrons of the 10th Regiment under Colonel Todd made a flying visit to the pools to complete the work of draining. “B” Squadron (Major Robertson) remained at Khabut-el-Habbal, whilst “A” Squadron pushed on to Er Rigum, each squadron, after watering and feeding its horses, immediately turning to with pick and shovel. No one slept, but working strenuously the whole time, succeeded in rendering the pools useless as a means of water supply, and returned to camp without mishap.

This second effort was a fine test of endurance of horse and man. The shade temperature was 106 degrees in the day time, and the hot desert sand was both heavy to the horses and trying to the men’s eyesight.

It was necessary to travel “light”; consequently very small rations and forage were carried. The men took four biscuits and a tin of “bully beef,” whilst for the horses a sandbag of forage was the allowance. Nevertheless 62 miles had been covered in 30 hours by the leading squadron, with six hours’ digging thrown in.

These two raids on the Turkish water supply were described as highly satisfactory to the Commander-in-Chief. If the enemy intended to attack the Canal, he was now committed to the coastal route.

(To be Continued.)

12th/52nd. BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The president (Sid Rowles) presided over a good muster at the meeting on November 17. Seventy old comrades were present at the enjoyable social night on October 9. The meeting carried votes of thanks to the various country and metropolitan members for their assistance and donations. It was resolved to run another sweep in aid of the social activities of the association. It was with regret that members learned that two comrades, Harold Hoppeston and Campbell were in Ward XI. Members are requested to visit the wards whenever possible.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

E. CUNNINGHAM, Gosnells.—As a writ has been issued against the management of the Anzac Club, in connection with the matter on which you write, we cannot risk a prosecution for contempt of court by publishing your letter. Reluctantly, therefore, we have deferred publishing it until a more opportune time. May we refer you to the item in our last issue, about which you write? You have apparently overlooked the fact that the confession of having only secondhand information on the subject was our own, and not that of our correspondent, who, we may assure you, was at the annual meeting of the club.

MONARCH LAUNDRY LTD.—DYERS AND CLEANERS

LETTERS FROM A ROYAL MARINE TO "MCTOOTLE"

Shanghai,
November, 1937.

My Dear Mac.—So this is Shanghai, the “City Above the Sea." Before the Japs knocked it about so, it would be regarded as a wonderful example of what the energy and enterprise of people of the West have been able to accomplish in developing a modern city on the fringe of a country renowned in its past for its antipathy to Western civilisation. Along the “Bund,” handsome buildings such as the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the Chinese Maritime Customs Buildings, and Sassoon House, would be creditable in any of the great cities of the world. Wonderful picture palaces that combine the comforts of Western civilisation and the splendour of Oriental interior decoration, with up-to-date films direct from Hollywood, have been built—and destroyed. I had a guide book, Mac, of Shanghai, issued by the Shanghai Municipal Council before the shemozzle, and to compare the pictures with the ghastly ruins that remain, has an effect on one that beggars description!

On the way to Shanghai, we were busy preparing to accommodate refugees and it reminded me of our job a few months ago in Spain. All available space was turned into living quarters, and gun casemates fitted out as emergency bathrooms. After dropping the anchor in Navy Row, and exchanging salutes with every blinkin’ nationality in the world, we made ready to receive the first batch. It was a distressing sight. The crowd had just assembled on the wharf when an air raid took place. With bombs and shrapnel dropping all around, the women and kiddies were put on an open launch, their menfolk nonchalantly (?!) waiting on the wharf for the return of the launch. Seeing the danger, a British destroyer boat destroyer dashed in to the Bund, collected the menfolk and caught up the women and children into the launch as neatly and speedily as though it was part of their daily rou-

"Something Similar." "Johnny Walker." "Arf and Arf," and half a hundred others.—See above. Why do you fellows all pick on such thrist-provoking pen-names, just when the M.O. has ordered our Associate Editor a long course of dry punishment?
time. Soon they were alongside and we received those brave British residents who had suffered much during the past three or four months, and in many instances had lost everything of value. We had plenty of tea and sandwiches ready for the adults, and fruit and cakes for the kiddies. Each person was allowed to bring a hand case and trip to Hong Kong, which we did in the dent of Western Australia. Her hubby in the Navy, but latterly was a
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ing experience, and to make matters worse, it rained cats and dogs when we arrived at Hong Kong. They were bil-
etted with friends on top of the Peak, but their troubles were not ended, as a typhoon hit the old house and the result made them wonder whether they were out of the frying-pan into the fire!
At Hong Kong, there is a Doctor Gawler, formerly of Perth, W.A., and he spoke of Mr. Eales, Mr. Fred Hitch
-of Empire Typewriters, Perth—and others whom you may know. The local residents were greatly appreciative of our evacuation work, and we received more invitations to dine and to parties than we could possibly accept. How very different to our previous call here, Mac! Then, sailors and marines were not per-
mitted to enter dance halls, cabarets, etc. in uniform, and the local white residents looked upon us as “the lower orders!” War has changed all that, and they are certainly making amends.
Back again at Shanghai, we are kept pretty much on the alert, believe me. Chinese airplanes come over occasional-
ly and try to drop their bombs on the Jap warships anchored nearby, and as they are very poor shots we are sub-
ject to a good deal of danger from strays. The Jap anti-aircraft gunners are also very poor shots, and waste vast quantities of ammunition. Life ashore is very trying, due to the arrogance of the Japanese sailorman. It appears to be the custom of these sailors to push Chi-
ese, or other pedestrians off the footpath should they happen to meet, and the other night one of them pushed a stoker from the British Flagship into the gutter. Jack Tar hopped to his feet and clouted the Jap a beauty on the head, when, to our amazement, the Jap said “Hari gato” (Thank you). So the

stoker hit him again, a trifle harder, if anything, whereupon the Jap picked himself up, bowed very courteously and said, “Okini hari gato!” (Again I thank you!). Later we learnt that the Jap
ese Naval Commander had given orders to his seamen to extend only the greatest politeness to British sailormen, and it would appear that this particular instance of arrogance is not likely to be repeated!

The Shanghai police are really won-
derful in their handling of a very diffi-
cult situation. This unit is composed of Chinese and Sikh police with British N.C.O.’s and officers, and is used spe-
cially for dealing with civil disturbances. In dealing with mobs, tear gas and vomiting gas are freely used in prefer-
ce to the rifle or revolver. It came as no surprise to me, Mac, to learn that the high state of efficiency reached by the unit is due to the training and organi-
sation of an instructor who graduated from the Royal Marines.

All sorts of stories are in circulation, dwelling mainly upon the high standard of honour of the Japanese, but this one wants a bit of swallowing: It is commonly believed amongst the Chinese that Japanese torpedoes are controlled by a man who is actually inside it when it reaches its objective, and is, of course, blown to pieces. In this particular case, the man lost his head, and instead of
was at once presented when, to our


It’s marvellous, though, what hero worshipers the Japanese are. The local Jap General Matsui is greatly admired by the Japanese, but the man who is directing Japan’s military might from behind the scenes, so to speak, is simply worshipped. He is the ex-War Minis-
ter, Sadao Araki, and the soldiers cheer themselves hoarse at the very mention of his name. Wherever he goes he carries a sword almost as large as himself, yet he refuses to wear the gorgeous general’s uniform to which his rank entitles him.

“Our country is determined to propa-
gate its national ideal throughout the seven seas” he cried not long ago. “To extend and expand it over the five contin-
tents, even if force has to be employed. We are the descendants of God, and we must reign over the world . . .

It is no wonder that the crowds cheer, and the Japanese fighting man unserv-
ingly obeys him, and hint that the Shang-
hai fighting is only a warming of “Things to Come!”

I wonder how and when it will end, Mac? I had hoped to visit Sydney early next year for the 150th anniversary of the landing of Governor Philip. We had a buzz that our ship was to be pres-
ent, and I had a letter from Freddie Powell, the secretary of the Royal Ma-
ine Old Comrades’ Association in W.A. to say that 25 ex-Royal Marines of the New South Wales branch had been picked to represent the Marines who landed 150 years ago, but it all depends on this Sino-Japanese affair whether we shall be there or not. Any-
way, here’s hoping!

In the meantime, I wish you and all ex-Service and serving men, a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.—Yours, as always.

“JOEY THE MARINE.”

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17th November, 1937

At the meeting on November 17, there were present Messrs. Olden, Keegan, Collett, Philip, Denton, Anderson, Margolin, Hunt, Warner, Cornell, James, Watt, Sten, Mitchell, Paton, Nicholas and Potts. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Panton, Aberle, Lamb, Thorn, Fairley, Freedman, Newman, Noakes and Austin. Colonel Olden took the chair.

Incorporation of League Activities.—It was reported, that with the concurrence of the State president, a meeting had been arranged with soldier members of Parliament for 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23, at Parliament House.

Poppy Day.—The Poppy Day committee reported that 47,790 poppies had been issued this year, as well as 2,773 stickers and 173 wreaths, 71 of which went to sub-branches. It was resolved on a motion from the chair, that this executive express its gratitude to the public and loyal helpers, and to the Poppy Day committee, for the success of the appeal on this occasion, which is a record.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund.—A report of this fund revealed that donations had been received, amounting to £28s/14d., as from October 1, 1937.

Relief Fund.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees for the month of October, showed that 76 cases had been assisted at a cost of £78/2/6.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:
- Colonel Olden (South African Veterans' Complimentary Social to Brigadier-General Bestell-Browne, Opening of Italian Hall, Newcomb sub-branch meeting and Armistice Dinner, Handing-over Ceremony, State War Memorial); Mr. Cornell (Moore Rock); Mr. Watt (Northam); Messrs. Anderson, Hunt, and Sten (Beverley); Mr. Anderson (Tambellup, No. 4 District Committee with interviews at Engley, Narrogin and Katanning); Mr. Sten (Kojonup and Freemantle Armistice Dinner); Mr. Warner (No. 2 District Committee); Colonel Collett (Darling Range).
- Country Vice-President.—The chairman formally welcomed the Country Vice-President (Mr. Ross Keeling) to the meeting.
- State War Memorial.—Colonel Mitchell undertook to re-draft the details of the annual handing-over ceremony of the State War Memorial, and to suggest certain amendments.

Picture Night.—It was reported that the management of Hoy's Regent Theatre had made an offer to the League, in connection with a film of army life, entitled "Farewell Again," the profits of a performance to be devoted to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. The details of the offer had already been submitted to sub-branches. It was agreed that about forty seats be booked for executive delegates.

Congress Resolutions.—Replies to Congress Resolutions were received as follows:
- Resolution 126: Holiday, Anzac Day: It was agreed that a reply from the Secretary for Railways should be referred to the Premier.
- N.M. 8: State and Federal Public Works: A reply was received from the State Minister and forwarded to the Bassendean sub-branch.
- Resolution 110: Junior Examination: A reply was received from the Acting Director of Education, who could not agree to the request. It was agreed that a copy of the reply be sent to the North Perth sub-branch and that a further communication on the matter be sent to the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
- Resolutions 148 and 177; Recreation Facilities: A reply was received from the Board of Agriculture, the result of the request that a report be submitted to the Executive. The report was submitted, and a copy of the findings. was agreed to be referred to the next meeting.

The question of reports from sub-branches concerning the balance of their amelioration funds was discussed. Mr Philip agreed to submit a further report at the next meeting.

Co-operation, Militia Units.—The following motion was carried at the instance of Colonel Collett and Mr. Philip: Having in mind the declared policy of the League, and due to the exigencies of the defence system of Australia, that the personnel required to form a nucleus for training in peace-time on the most efficient lines be provided by voluntary enlistment, this State executive invites sub-branches to establish and maintain the closest possible contact and friendly relations with the officer commanding any Militia unit in their localities, so that ready help and encouragement may, if needed, be afforded to the younger sailor or soldier seeking to qualify himself for service.

Leave.—Colonel Collett was granted leave of absence while in the Eastern States.

2nd December, 1937

At the meeting of the State Executive on December 2, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Philip, Denton, Anderson, Margolin, Hunt, Fairley, James Freedman, Watt Sten, Mitchell, Paton, Nicholas and Potts. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Olden, Keegan, Collett, Panton, Aberle, Thorn, Warner, Cornell, Newman, Noakes and Austin.

Congratulations.—It was decided to forward congratulations to Senator Allan McDonald, a former member of the Executive, on his elevation to the Federal Ministry.

Poppy Day.—The recommendation of a combined meeting of metropolitan sub-branches, held on November 29, that all poppies be recalled after Poppy Day, and no poppies be issued before 12 noon, on November 10, was carried at the next combined meeting to be held in connection with Poppy Day.

The question of the charge for poppies for graves was referred to the Poppy Day committee.

Visiting Committee.—The Visiting Committee reported having visited the ex-service men at the Claremont Hospital, and in wards X and XI at the Perth General Hospital.

Relief Fund.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees for the month of November revealed that 97 cases had received assistance at a total cost of £61/3/4.

Visits.—After the State president had reported on the official visit of the executive to the Fremantle War Memorial, it was agreed that thanks be extended to the Mayor of the City for the extended invitation. Rabbi Freedman reported on having represented the executive at the Press S.S.L. picture night and a cricket match between Mt. Hawthorn and Leeming patients. Other visits were reported by Colonel Fairley (Kalgoorlie); Mr.
KALGOORLIE

Lt-Col. Fairley reported to a recent meeting of the State executive as follows:

I attended Kalgoorlie sub-branch during the Armistice period, and was present at their general meeting held on Tuesday, 9th inst., when a lot of questions were asked concerning the Congress motions and general activities of the State executive, and our replies were favourably received.

I stressed the necessity for a big branch like Kalgoorlie doing something in relation to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund and explained in detail the branch and then and there decided that a they had reserved the Town Hall for the next Armistice Cup season, which is the big social period on the Goldfields, for three productions by the Kalgoorlie Company, they have promised £100 from that season towards the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund.

The poppy sales for the Kalgoorlie sub-branch was a record; £64/10/6, of which £33/15/3 will go to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund under the present arrangement.

Sales were conducted on Saturday, November 6, both by the Kalgoorlie and Boulder sub-branches. Kalgoorlie sold out and unfortunately they did not contact with Boulder where they could have, I believe, picked up 200 poppies and so increased their sales, but I congratulated them on their effort.

The Armistice Service, which is always conducted in Kalgoorlie at 7 o'clock in the evening, was very largely attended, and I was called upon to speak on behalf of the State executive.

After the Commemoration Service we attended a function to the Endowment Members and Lady Workers in the Soldiers Institute, where an excellent programme was staged by the Comedy Company.

This Comedy Company is the work, mainly, of Mrs. Berthold, the secretary's wife, and started some three years ago. Some excellent productions have been staged from time to time, and they have been eminently successful.

There was no speechmaking.

With regard to the Boulder sub-branch, I had hoped to have been able to attend the service in the morning, as they have been in the past, holding it at 11 a.m., but as luck would have it, they had it at the same time as Kalgoorlie.

I called several times on Mr. O'Grady, but he has not been very well, and finally I got in touch with him on the telephone and conveyed your good wishes to him. He asked me to convey his appreciation to the State executive for all the assistance they had given.

On the return I met several of the Southern Cross members, but did not have time to stay long with them.

I feel members of the State executive will be pleased to know that there is excellent cooperation between the Goldfields sections of the 28th Militia Battalion and the R.S.L., but the president of the sub-branch commented very forcibly on the lack of cooperation between the Militia units in the Melbourne area and the R.S.L.

I took the opportunity to point out that that was not the fault of the R.S.L., and that I knew in one case at all events, that when the 28th went into camp, Colonel Collett was not even invited to attend the mess night.

In concluding, I am pleased to be able to say that the Goldfields sub-branches are keeping up their usual high standard of efficiency.

KUKERIN

An enjoyable ball was held in the local hall on November 13. Thanks to the generous support of the C.W.A. and ladies of the district, the supper left nothing to be desired. The music for the occasion was supplied by the Heaton Band. The sub-branches amelioration fund will benefit from this successful function.

YOUANMI

The sub-branch held a successful Armistice Day function, there being 34 League members present with Mr. D. Johnston presiding. With the exception of the absentees all present were ex-service men, and the speeches and the entertainment programme of a very high order. The sub-branch is endeavouring to secure the re-opening of the old Youanmi rifle range, and Colonel Collett has been asked to use his influence to this end.

The sub-branch is trying to secure 100 per cent. membership. It has been decided on meetings being held monthly, on the Friday night following the mid-monthly pay.

MOORINE ROCK

At the meeting of the State executive on November 17, the Hon. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C., reported:

By direction I attended the annual reunion dinner of the Moorine Rock sub-branch. Sir John Kirwan, M.L.C. and Mr. G. J. Lambert, M.L.A., also attended by invitation. Mr. Dave Morgan, sub-branch president, presided over an attendance of 40.

The annual report of the sub-branch intimated that (1) sub-branch meetings were held fortnightly, also the sub-branch Management committee meetings (2) there were 26 financial members and about 10 unfinancial members, some of whom paid up again during the course of the dinner (3) there was £54 in hand in the general account and £47 in the Aged Soldiers' Fund.

The catering for the dinner was done by the licensee of the Moorine Rock Hotel, Mr. Harris, and was up to the unusually high standard set by previous dinners.

Though drought conditions plus another graminaceous invasion had laid a heavy toll on crops generally in this district, the spirit of the troops there is as heretofore under similar conditions, viz., to "box on" with a hope that Dame Fortune will ere long, come to smile and cease to frown on the Moorine Rock district and ex-service men domiciled therein.

General regret was expressed at the State president's inability to attend the function.

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Anderson (Subiaco); Mr. Sten (A.F.C. Reunion); Mr. James (Osborne Park and Mt. Hawthorn); Archdeacon, Rev. John, Calingiri, and Corrigin); Mr. Paton (Bridgetown), Colonel Nicholson (Moora); Mr. H. May (Busselton): Matters arising out of Mr. May's report were referred to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund committee.

From Congress.—The State president submitted an interim report on the Federal Congress. A full report will be presented when Mr. Newman returns to Perth.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund.—The Press sub-branch added to the general contribution from Poppy Day to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, and sought information concerning the issue of coupons for sale to members to augment the fund. It was agreed that the sub-branch be notified that the matter is in hand, and that a meeting of the committee would take place shortly.

New sub-branch.—Approval was given for the formation of the Naval Base sub-branch.

Congress Items.—Rural Relief Act: A reply received from Mr. Troy was referred to the Commission committee.

Resolution 150.—Correspondence on the suggestion that English be made a compulsory subject for the Junior University Examination, was received from the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia. A letter to the correspondent was forwarded to the sub-branch concerned.

Appreciation.—The Melville sub-branch suggested that the State executive should take steps, and to place on record the League's congratulations to Colonel Collett on his long and distinguished military career, and also its deep appreciation of his very great services to the Empire and the League.

Militia Forces.—The District Commandant expressed appreciation for the resolution carried by Congress that the State executive arrange for the Militia Forces to be supplied with uniforms and equipment by the League, and that the State executive confer with the suppliers of uniforms and equipment to see that a good service was rendered to the Militia Forces.

Sub-branch Officials.—The appointment of officials, as advised by the Ballidu sub-branch was confirmed.

Old Men's Home.—A letter from the Netherlands sub-branch, dealing with the question of diet for certain patients at the Old Men's Home, and an allegation of unfavourable discrimination, was referred to the Visiting committee. Mr. Anderson again introduced the subject of a special diet for patients at the Old Men's Home, and moved that special diet be provided from the Trust Fund raised for the Soldiers' Ward for four men for a period of six months at a cost of approximately £7, the matter to be reviewed at the end of the period. The motion was seconded by Colonel Margolin, was lost in favour of an amendment that the matter be deferred pending the report of the Visiting committee.

War Memorials.—Particulars were received concerning the publication of "The Immortal Heritage," by Sir Fabian Ware. West Leederville--Wembley sub-branch sought information concerning the history of the State War Memorial. The matter was referred to the State War Memorial committee.

Electoral Districts.—Information was supplied to delegates concerning the electoral districts in which they represent in their various electoral districts. As there appeared to be some overlapping, the matter was referred to the Management committee.
Wishes were expressed that his health had benefitted from the trip abroad. General satisfaction was expressed regarding the work of the executive and staff in general, and its help to the sub-branch in particular.

OSBORNE PARK

The president (Mr. W. Ashdown) presided over well-attended meetings on Nov. 9 and November 23. The report on Poppy Day sales showed that lady helpers, and Messrs. Doug, Foreman and Dave Millar, who saw to the disposing of stickers, exceeded the sales of previous years. Members and their wives were the guests of the Nedlands sub-branch at a most enjoyable evening on December 29. Arrangements are in train for the summer sales, which will be continued on Wednesdays throughout the season.

DARLING RANGE

Thanks to the auxiliary’s good work-foot, stamina and enthusiasm, this year’s Poppy Day sales surpassed those of previous years. The Armistice Dinner was held in November 13, when 59 ex-warriors and their guests sampled the excellent catering of the auxiliary. Colonel Collett and Mr. Wilkins represented the State executive. There were also visitors from Merrin and Subiaco sub-branches. During the evening Colonel Collett presented the secretary, “Old Bill” Wright, with a Certificate of Service. After a short session of community singing, the president, (Mr. Walters) presented the cups and trophies won in the recently concluded competitions. The prize winners were Fred Wallace (president’s cup, champion shot); Scotty Wilson (Koster cup, champion table tennis); Alex Findley (Watson cup, champion parlour bowls); and Charlie Phillips (Nester cup champion quoits). The first aggregate trophy, donated by Doug Clark, was awarded to Norm Heaps; Mr. Jenner’s second aggregate trophy went to Benny Woods. A special presentation was made to Norm Heaps who is leaving the district temporarily, it is hoped. General Barber ably proposed the toast to the artists and guests. At the meeting on November 20, Allan Brady was elected treasurer.

WILUNA

It was decided at the general meeting on October 9 to place the business of the sub-branch in the hands of an executive, consisting of four members to be elected by the sub-branch and the president, secretary and treasurer. Messrs. Haselhurst, Hardwick, Fullarton, Fewster were elected and the executive has functioned successfully for the past month. The general meeting on November 13 took the form of a social and ladies’ night and proved an outstanding success. Dancing and community singing were interspersed by individual items from Mrs. Riddles (piano solo), Miss Whalley (four songs), Miss Lorna Thompson (tumbling and tap dance), Miss Jean McFadyen (recitation). Messrs. Hipsett and Wright (songs), Messrs. Campbell and (McGhie (recitations), Mr. C. Smith (violin solo), Mrs. Sargent (accompanist), Mr. B. Thompson (tap dance). Mr. Mott, Mr. C. Smith and Mrs. McFadyen provided the dance music. A tasty supper was provided by mine host, of the Lake Way. The Poppy Day appeal was a success again this year. Poppies sold, 665; motor stickers, 42; wreaths of remembrance, 4. The executive has decided to conduct community singing on the oval in the recreation ground every Sunday evening after church. This will be started as soon as arrangements are finalised.

ALBANY

The vice-president (Mr. H. J. Lewer), president of the monthly meeting on November 2. An invitation to a reunion at Gnowangerup on November 13 could not be accepted as that date clashed with the date of the Albany Show. It was decided that, at each meeting, there would be a call for volunteers to take charge of the moving machine on Sunday. After discussion, the necessary fatigue parties were detailed for the month. Formal business having been despatched, members of the King River Debating Club and friends were welcomed. The debate was won by the younger team. Mr.

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COLLIE

November was a very busy month for the sub-branch. On the 4th and 5th we held our annual flower show which was a great success both financially and for the number and variety of exhibits. For the first time we had the assistance of the newly formed "Birdwood" Girls' Club and to their efforts and the Women's Auxiliary was the great success of the show due. On the 15th we held a grand concert in aid of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund and the result will be shown by the donation forwarded to the fund. All the work done during this month and expenditure was kept down as low as possible so that the best results could be obtained. The thanks of the sub-branch are extended to all those who helped us in this endeavour.

In the last three years the sub-branch has held a function for the purpose of augmenting the fund. Our poppy sales this year although not coming up to expectations showed an improvement on previous sales. It was almost entirely in the hands of the women's auxiliary, and great work was done by them in achieving this result. The sub-branch is pleased to note that the sales throughout the State have considerably increased. Collie is unfortunate being scattered over a large area, as it requires a very large number of workers to actually cover the town and we were unfortunate this year in the fact that some good workers in past years were unable just at the last minute to carry on this year. At the last meeting eulogistic references were made to the work of members of our sub-branch. Our annual Christmas tea will be held on December 16 and we are hopeful that a great evening will be spent by all. The "Birdwood" Girls' Club which is in the very capable hands of a most efficient committee of the auxiliary, is going ahead splendidly. The exhibition of their work held just prior to the flower show was something in the nature of an eye-opener to all those who had the pleasure of viewing the exhibition. The sub-branch Sports Carnival which will be held over a period of three days promises to be something extra special. This year great novelties and attractions will be held and we hope that on January 1st to 3rd all roads will lead to Collie. A noted attraction at our recent anniversary was the appearance of Mr. P. E. Clifton, president, who will address the Auxiliary and Miss Dorothy Green. All Diggers from all parts of W.A. are welcome. Log-chopping, cycle racing and pedestrian events will be held and a spectacular event in the tree falling will be one of the sports.

THE SISTERS

The Returned Sisters held the last meeting for the year in their clubroom, Anzac House, on December 2. Three new members were welcomed: Misses C. L. Despard and G. M. Allen, of Leederville, and Miss M. M. Rodgers, who also received a welcome to the West, having come from South Australia and now on the staff of the Edward Millen Hospital. A satisfactory financial statement was received and also a letter from Mr. C. Taylor hon. auditor, who mentioned the good work and amount of time given by Mr. S. J. Smith, honorary secretary of the sub-branch, which is most appreciated. The presidories of Mrs. H. Homan (elected unopposed); vice-presidents: Mrs. E. D. Graham Brown and Miss Jessie Clifton; treasurer: Miss M. Ashton. No meeting will be held in January. The next meeting of the sub-branch will be held at the first Thursday in February, 1938. A hearty Christmas greeting to all other sub-branches and all Diggers and Sisters wherever they may be, and good luck for 1938.

BASSENDEN

A good muster attended the meeting in the lesser hall on December 27. Sub-branch members are away in the country on part-time work. The sub-branch has interested itself in the question of relief work for some time and discussion was held over, pending information from the State Executive.

The sub-branch held a dance and the results of Poppy Day, especially in view of the limited number of workers available for the Perch stand. A social function is to be held on behalf of the ladies who helped on Poppy Day and letters of appreciation will be sent to all who assisted. President, Mr. A. B. E. Clifton, pointed out a number of weaknesses in the sub-branch's organisation, and it was resolved that the management be vested in the following general committee: president, J. E. Clifton; vice-president Mr. R. Hart; secretary, F. Leng. members, Misses Parker, Prosser, Perkins, Bandy, Atkins, Lovelock, Summerton, Westbury, Ford, Bridson. The president welcomed Mr. Bridson, an old member of the sub-branch, who has been resident in the wheat belt for some years. The meeting adjourned, with a cheque of £8/6/1 of the sub-branch being presented to Mr. H. Grieve. The next general meeting falls on December 23, when the main business will be the nomination of officers.

CLAREMONT

After the completion of business at the monthly meeting on December 2, our popular Padre, John Bell, gave a lecture on his travels in Europe. The lecture was curtailed on account of time, but was sufficient to whet the appetites of his audience to see and hear the full issue. The success of the evening was also due, in no small measure, to John's assistant (Mr. C. A. Maddaford). The president of the local auxiliary, the Rev. Thomas, judging by the crowd on November 21, the trip to Garden Island has become a popular annual function. The weather being ideal, everybody enjoyed the outing. Once again, on November 11, the Women's Auxiliary was assisted by the V.A.D.'s and representatives of the sub-branch proved their claim to a place in the sun. Were it not for these valuable units Armistice Day would be but a dim memory, so—Hats off! Selling poppies is not "all honey," it is downright hard work, so the sellers can look with pride at the good they have done for those in need. Dad Barwood, as expected, topped the poll, and Wally Lidbury took charge of the transport of Armistice Day daisies held in Christ Church on Sunday, November 14, the Rev. John Bell officiating. Compliments of the season and good health to all.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting on December 6: president, Mr. A. J. Wilkins; vice-president, W. Eddington and H. Caffey; auditor, C. J. Lambert; treasurer, C. Roblin; auditors, H. Timms and W. Hudson; publicity officers, H. Edwards and N. Bush; committee, V. Fowler, S. Brayshaw, J. Shields, L. Ponton, W. Duncan, A. McDonald, and C. Isbister. The retiring secretary, Mr. A. J. Wilkins was presented with the League's Certificate of Service by the retiring president, Mr. A. C. Maddaford.

ARMADALE

The community concert conducted by Mr. Bill Talbot on December 27 was a social and financial success. Arrangements are now in hand for the Christmas tree on December 18, when 200 children will be entertained. The last card evening of the year was shufilled and dealt on December 7. The social committee are making preparations for the New Year's Eve Ball in the Armadale Hall. The last official sub-branch function of the year was the smoke social on December 7, which celebrated the score of a century in membership.

VICTORIA PARK

A report received at the monthly meeting showed that the various funds had a total credit of £108. The sale of poppies netted £44/6/9, which was a shade below last year's result. Appreciation of the work of the auxiliary, and the honorary organiser (Mr. Fred Matthews) was recorded. The ladies were entertained at a very successful social evening on November 19, when dancing was interspersed with songs, instrumental items and a gymnastic display by Mrs. Tolmey and Mr. Folkard. The annual river trip has been arranged for January 16. These trips have been a great success in the past, and it is hoped that the one next month will outclass all previous functions.

MORAWA

On November 13, a voluntary fatigue party transferred the pictures, Honor Board and wreaths from the local Town Hall to the C.W.A. Rest Room. In the evening the sub-branch entertained the members of the C.W.A. The president (Mr. J. Valentine) welcomed the guests, and thanked the members of the C.W.A. for attending. He then unrolled a picture of the Cenotaph, giving an interesting explanation. Then Mr. T. J. Tyler (1st Canadians) unveiled and gave an interesting explanation of Longstaff's famous picture, "The Menin Gate at Midnight." Mrs. Hannant who laid a wreath on the Cenotaph in London, on behalf of the Morowa sub-branch, and who sought back a wreath of poppies and laurel leaves made in the Old Haig Poppy Factory, from "Comrades in the Old Country," unveiled the wreath, and...
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gave an interesting description of her visit to the Conotaph and the poppy factory. Several songs were contributed and by way of a change the men served out the supper to the ladies.

**SUBIACO**

On Thursday, November 18, we were the guests of our Women's Auxiliary to a noble feast and entertainment for which many thanks are due and payable. Saturday evening, November 27 saw an assembly of stout lads for the annual reunion and dinner, to which were invited, amongst other notabilities, the members of the Subiaco Municipal Band. Their presence contributed much to the success of the evening and we understand they voted it amongst the best smoke socials ever was. The highlights of our monthly general meeting on December 2 were (1) the report of our satisfactory time season; (2) the mayor, F. E. Gibson, was installed as the second President of the Fremantle Memorial. A brief ceremony was held and the State President laid a wreath on behalf of the Executive. His worship, the Mayor, assisted by Mrs. Gibson, received and entertained the guests and members in his parlour and dispensed hospitality. Mrs. A. S. Kirby, president of the auxiliary responded for her ladies, thanking the president for his remarks. The State President, Mr. Alf Yeates, said that the Fremantle sub-branch had a very proud record and he congratulated the officers and members on their activities. In commenting on the scenic beauty of the Memorial and its environs, he paid a very handsome compliment to the Mayor and Council on the way they were looking after it. Mr. Jack Paton, our representative on the executive, wound up the very agreeable function with a few appropriate remarks. The president, officers and members of the Fremantle sub-branch wish all the comrades and the editor and staff of "The Listening Post" the compliments of the season and the best of luck in the new year.

**FREMANTLE**

(By "NAUTILUS")

The above sub-branch has been busy with Armistice activities and preparing for the festive season. On Armistice eve our genial mayor, F. E. Gibson, was installed as the Warden of the Fremantle Fallen Sailors and Soldiers' Memorial for the ensuing twelve months by the president, Mr. J. Lynch and the outgoing warden, Mr. Dick Carter. It is a very happy selection and popular with everyone, and P.E. will represent on his forthcoming trip the diggers of Fremantle in particular as well as the citizens in general.

At 8 p.m. the same evening an Armistice dinner was held in the supper room of the Town Hall and was voted a great success. An innovation this year was that wives and lady friends were invited and took opportunity of attending. Mr. Sten represented the executive and the Mayor and Miss Gibson graced the proceedings. Armistice Day was observed outside the Town Hall as usual this year, the silence of the city was very impressive and seemed to full opportunity of attending. Mr. Sten represented the executive and the Mayoress and Miss Gibson graced the proceedings. Armistice Day was observed outside the Town Hall as usual this year, the silence of the city was very impressive and seemed to full opportunity of attending. Mr. Sten represented the executive and the Mayoress and Miss Gibson graced the proceedings. Armistice Day was observed outside the Town Hall as usual this year, the silence of the city was very impressive and seemed to full opportunity of attending. Mr. Sten represented the executive and the Mayoress and Miss Gibson graced the proceedings.

On Sunday, November 28, at 3 p.m., our State Executive led by Mr. Alf Yeates and Archdeacon Riley paid an official visit to the Fremantle Memorial. A brief ceremony was held and the State President laid a wreath on behalf of the Executive. His worship, the Mayor, assisted by Mrs. Gibson, received and entertained the guests and members in his parlour and dispensed hospitality. Mr. J. Lynch, in opening proceedings, hoped this would be an annual event and paid an eloquent tribute to the Mayor in the building and completion of the memorial and also expressed appreciation to Mr. Yeates, Senator Collett and the Woman's Auxiliary of the sub-branch.

**MANJIMUP**

"How doth the little Working Bee, Improve each drizzly hour, While, wading in the wet grass, We curse each passing shower?"

Every so often (and not nearly often enough) there appears in the Manjimup district a strange bee; one that gathers grass nectar, and makes ensilage instead of honey. It has none of the technique and only about one per cent. of the energy of the common or garden bee. It is a natured insect, however, as the ensilage it makes is mostly for the worker and worker's family, and so was able to sit down to work. Another double-bee who worked hard, long and bravely because he couldn't get away, was secretary Bert Beer (mind you don't forget the B at the end of this Bee, Mr. Frinter; thanks; course you didn't think that was B, did you?) The workers at the pits turned pale when Jack Marshall brought his truck into action. Fully loaded on the skyline the vehicle looked like a portion of the green hill-top sliding down. Neither of the Duffs were prominent. If anybody saw them working the fact has not been commented on so far. This Chronicle would not be complete without a pat on the back for little Nellie Sims, whose steadiness was a pattern for the younger set. Our only fear is that she may become a driving force like her more or less instructed dad.

Owing to the showery weather lunch was taken indoors this year, the cubs being pooled and "help yourself" the order. The ladbees brought afternoon tea out to the field and the day concluded with sips of nectar brought out in bottles.

The lady of the farm is respected for her high courage and fine character. Her children are worthy sons and daughters of their mother and their departed dad, who was regarded by his cotters as a man in the best and every true sense. The "blokes" believe that their birth is nature's better than flowers on their comrade's grave, and, in any event, they feel a personal benefit from the act.

Jock Mackenzie thanked the workers on the lady's behalf, and, speaking in support, Laurie Sims's remarks were characteristic.

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thanked those workers who for various reasons were outside the league; they came, he said, for the love of the game and the love of a fair thing. He thanked the members not so much, because it was their job.

And when one comes to think of it, that is what the League is for.

**Carlisle**

President Harry Crofts welcomed old and new members at the general meeting on December 1. Secretary George Greaves gave evidence of his former zeal and ability during reports on the various activities of the sub-branch since his resumption of office, and in the arrangement of sub-branch business for the members and wives, and the Carlisle R.S.L. women’s auxiliary and their menfolk.

A particularly attractive programme has been prepared, and it is hoped that the function will be attended by every member.

Evidence of at least two cases of “acute publicity starvation” was forthcoming in the discussion that the sub-branch notes had not appeared in the last two issues of “The Listening Post,” and it was decided to ask the defaulting “McTootle” to please explain (Gowangangup sub-branch please note!).

After disposing of the routine business, and finalising arrangements for a visit to the Bayswater sub-branch on Wednesday, December 8, the stewards got busy and, as our social writer puts it, “a good time was had by all.” There is no doubt about it, the Carlisle Diggers know how to enjoy themselves, and any exserviceman in the district missing these monthly meetings is missing a real treat.

The Season’s Greetings are extended to one and all, with the devout wish for a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

**Muntadgin-Totadgin**

Sub-branch activities have been booming during the past month, commencing on October 30 with the annual smoke social in the Muntadgin Hotel. Representatives were present from the State Executive in the person of Mr. W. A. Wilkins together with the State Secretary. The neighbouring sub-branches of Bruce Rock, Merredin, Ardath and Narembeen were well in evidence, in fact patrons had to be limited as space was at a premium.

Information of particular interest to soldier settlers was disclosed by the State Secretary and as “Wilkie” brought his fiddle, the troops also had a musical treat. Toasts honoured were “State Executive” (H. A. Hill, response W. A. Wilkins); “The Forces of the Crown” (J. Moloney, Merredin; response, T. G. Retalic, Ardath); “Muntadgin Totadgin Sub-branch” (D. M. Benson, response Capt. J. J. Hooper, president); “Our Guests” (R. A. Keening; response J. J. Sherlock, Bruce Rock); “Bill and ‘Erb” (B. J. Spiers and Graham Narembeen); “The Pianist” (C. Auld; response Geo. Sharpe, to whom a farewell presentation was made); “The Chairman” (S. Fletcher). The Armistice Anniversary Ball, the social event of the year, took place on November 13. A great deal of trouble had been taken to put on a good show, including those heroes Old Bill and Erb, who did much to recapture that wartime feeling. The star turn was “Armentieres Mademoiselle’s Ballet” composed entirely of local “talent.”

The younger generation gave double pleasure of witnessing a phase in trench life in the form of a chatting expedition by Bill and ‘Erb, followed by capture of a German post which produced 18 prisoners who acted as the waiters for a dainty supper produced by the members’ wives. Later in the programme the gallery of old Bill and ‘Erb was recognised by the presentation of medals by General Nuisance. The guard of honour then produced Kaiser Bill, who with the British Generals put the show in proper spirit by signing the Armistice. When’s next R.S.L. stunt? It is now the question in the Muntadgin-Totadgin district. The quarterly meeting was held on November 27 at Muntadgin with Captain J. J. Hooper in the chair. A goodly attendance received the report of Ross Keening, the sub-branch’s delegate to Congress. Reference was made later to his active participation in the Soldiers’ Settlers’ Conference and Annual Congress.

Motions of congratulation on his elevation to the responsibilities of Country Vice-president were passed. The reports showed an increase in membership, improved financial position with respect to poppy sales, smoke social and ball accounts, also it was revealed that three ex-service men had been helped in various ways. Messrs. Hill, Fletcher and Pratt were elected as Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund committee and great results are expected from further activities in this direction.

**Maylands**

At the meeting held on November 24 a send-off was given to Messrs. L. Comish, V. Sparrow, W. L. Menkens and P. R. Allen who will be accompanying the State R.S.L. cricket team to Adelaide this month.

The president Harry Wood, and Messrs. A. Hullett and A. Cook in nice speeches congratulated the guests on having the good fortune in going with the team. All in turn thanked the sub-branch for their gesture in inviting them along that evening. An excellent supper was provided which was most appreciated. Bill Menkens arranged the programme which included items by Messrs. D. Lester, Reg. Fisher, S. Smith and P. Bright. S. Sale was accompanist. Great preparations are being made for the annual Christmas Tree which will be held in the Maylands Town Hall on Monday, December 20. This year’s effort should be better than record. The president, Mr. Harry Wood, extends to all members and families his best wishes for a very happy Xmas and the very best and prosperous New Year. The final meeting of the sub-branch takes place on Thursday, December 23. The sub-branch cricket team has recently suffered its first defeat of the season, by being defeated by Midland Junction by five runs. Phil Allen says it’s the last defeat of the season, which we all hope is correct. Mr. W. L. (Bill) Menkens, who has acted as hon. public officer to the sub-branch for the last four years has tendered his resignation to take effect from the end of this year.

**North Perth**

The sub-branch still holds the proud position of premier sellers of poppies. The total of £165 collected speaks well for the enthusiastic and untiring efforts of the ladies and for the efficient and thorough organisation of Mr. L. (Laurel) McDowell and his assistants. No word of ours can convey the gratitude and thanks which is rightfully due. By their efforts the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund will benefit by approximately £40, bringing North Perth’s total contributions to £273. As this issue will be the last before Christmas, the sub-branch executive team desire to convey to all members of the sub-branch the compliments of the season.

Members who attended the general meeting in November had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. H. D. Moseley, P.M., who gave another of his interesting talks. The subject was based on Mr. Moseley’s experiences, grave and gay, as magistrate of the police court. At the conclusion of the talk, Mr. Stan Divall proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Moseley, who said in response that he would be only too pleased to come along at some future date. Four members of the sub-branch in Messrs. H. Davy, A. Alliopp, W. L. Menkens and J. G. Rankin leave on December 21 for Adelaide with the State cricket team. No doubt all wish them the best of luck. A very successful social evening was held in
the North Perth Town Hall, in honour of the workers who did so well on Poppy Day. The event was held on Monday, December 6 and was well attended.

MOUNT HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE

The president and members send you and your staff best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year. Attendances at meetings show a marked increase and at the December 9 meeting 55 members were present. New members were Messrs. G. W. Andrews, P. Attwater, W. Gerrard and A. Erickson. These were welcomed very heartily by the president, Mr. W. E. Kay. The branch games tournament closed last month, the final winners being: Bridge: Ted Woodward and Clarrie Bucknara; shooting, Bill Gartner; tennis, Sgt. Richardson; quoits, Bill Stone. The trophies will be presented at our Christmas meeting to the branch that made the trip to this suburb on the 8th inst. accompanied by a high-class mouth-organ band, which was highly appreciated by the local blood. Gordon Bradford, the local president, was at his top and explained in language long, but funny, the ideal of comraderie. Altogether the evening was a most enjoyable one. Now the old wheel is taking another turn and we are reaching yet another milestone, Our Editor. We wish you and your staff a Merry Xmas and Prosperous New Year. It is so pleasing to chronicle that the genial Charles Ward, after his bout in the Retrakation Ward, is home again. We trust that the treatment and operation will prove a permanent cure.

BAYSWATER

(By "jingle")

Although no misty vapourings appear in your esteemed "Journal" Mr. Editor it does not signify that this sub-branch is ever in a transient stage of torpor. The activities of the branch are in fact very brisk. The "Big Four" backed by the majority of ardent workers reports that the dance season will close as a financial success. Proceeds from Poppy Day appeal amounted to £23/11/-. Lady sellers are to be congratulated on their untiring efforts, seeing that the allotment was well emphasised the day prior to November 11, but they lived into John Maynard, stuck to their post. The committee dealing with the matter of medical examination of all financial members, reports that a doctor had agreed to carry out the work desired. Approximately 30 members of the Carlisle sub-branch made the trip to this suburb on the 8th inst. accompanied by a high-class mouth-organ band, which was highly appreciated by the local blood. Gordon Bradford, the local president, was at his top and explained in language long, but funny, the ideal of comraderie. Altogether the evening was a most enjoyable one. Now the old wheel is taking another turn and we are reaching yet another milestone, Our Editor. We wish you and your staff a Merry Xmas and Prosperous New Year. It is so pleasing to chronicle that the genial Charles Ward, after his bout in the Retrakation Ward, is home again. We trust that the treatment and operation will prove a permanent cure.

WEST SWAN

Poppy Day was a successful event with the branch this year, the amount collected being £21/7/2. Of this amount £7/10/- was collected locally and the balance by selling in the street. The branch also is indebted to the ladies who sold poppies, for their wholesome support, and also A. Guy, G. Tanner and F. Adams for the loan of cars. On November 17 a social evening was given by the branch to the ladies poppy sellers in Caversham Memorial Hall, and regret was expressed by the president having to lose one of our band of workers, Mrs. Eccles, who has now left the district, and on behalf of the branch Mrs. A. Guy very thoughtfully asked one of Mrs. Eccles' very old friends, Mrs. Knappman, to make a presentation of a beautiful cake-basket. Mrs. Eccles suitably replied. The opportunity was also taken in welcoming back Mr. and Mrs. Wally Day, who had just returned from a trip abroad.
Geo. Thomas, who is a member of the sub-branch and who has been chosen to go to Adelaide with the cricket team as Geo. plays with the Cottesloe team, were extended to their members to join in, and a good number rolled up. In proposing the toast of the guest of the evening, Mr. Wilkins, ably supported by Mr. Eddy, captain of Cottesloe Cricket Team, also eulogised Mr. Menkens for the wonderful manner in which he has built up this team. Mr. Menkens as manager of the team then endorsed the inclusion of Mr. Thomas and said that if he produces his true form he will be right up with the best of them. Mr. Hopperton supported Mr. Menkens with a happy little speech, so glasses were again charged for the "Why was he born at all" business. Mr. Thomas then had his say after the tumult had died down, after which the president presented him with a small token on behalf of those present. Eric Allen was in good vein at the piano and vocal items were given by Messrs. Wilkins, Hopperton, Chamberlain and Jock Shields put over something Scotch, but as we had no interpreter we made the best of it as it sounded all right. The next meeting will be held on December 20. All members with books of tickets in the Xmas stocking raffle are requested to bring along their butts as the drawing will take place on Thursday, 23rd at 8 p.m.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

With an attendance of over 80 strong, the December meeting was chock full of surprises. In addition to the handing over of the sub-branch roll, and the president gave Dave Benson and the gathering a very stunning surprise in the shape of a cheque for £50 as the sub-branch effort towards the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund, together with another for £3 from Col. H. B. Collett towards the same fund. The State secretary admitted that he was properly taken aback with the sudden announcement and hoped that Mt. Lawley-Inglewood’s action would be an inspiration to other sub-branches to follow suit. Colonel Lamb spoke on behalf of the State president. Nomination for office bears for the ensuing year were then proceeded with and resulted in the whole of the officers with the exception of the vice-presidents, being nominated and elected unopposed. There are four nominations for vice-presidents and a considerable number for the management committee and other sub-committees and these will be the subject of elections at the February meeting. The Flower Show and Fair resulted in considerable financial gain and the committee desire to thank all those who helped to make the effort a success. Members are asked to particularly note that the January general meeting will be held on the second Thursday in lieu of the first Thursday owing to the holidays. The membership roll now stands at 182 and it is quite on the cards that the 200 will be reached before Christmas. Sid Johnston has taken it into his head to have a little relaxation for Christmas by way of a spell in Ashton Hospital, which Mr. O’Hara was delighted to send him in a hurry. When last seen, Sid was digesting the latest Japanese war news and was full of pep. He hates No. 9’s and thinks it won’t be long before he helps Sister with the bandage rolling.

F.U.S.W.

The Christmas meeting of the Union was a very happy one, with an attendance of approximately 500 members. Mrs. H. Dean (president) welcomed the visitors, Lt. Gen. Sir Talbot Hobbs, Commander and Mrs. C. C. Baldwin, Brigadier P. M. McFarlane, Mr. C. G. Latham, M.L.A., Mr and Mrs. G. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Charlton, Mesdames F. Bourne, Mansbridge, E. A. Tyler, A. A. Cooper and Col. Lamb. Xmas greetings to the Union were received from Lady Mitchell, Lady Hobbs (regrettably absent through illness) and Carlisle and Subiaco Women’s Auxiliaries. Mesdames S. Vincent and H. Walsh, loyal workers in the Union, were each presented with a crystal vase by Sir Talbot on behalf of the Union. The programme for the afternoon included the following artists:—Mrs. Henry Greig (piano), Miss Denise Dingwall (violin solos), Mrs. E. Clear (songs), Miss May Hart (elocution items). A vote of thanks to the artists was moved by Mrs. T. C. Wilson (vice-president). Christmas Carols were sung by the members accompanied by Mrs. Greig and Miss Dingwall. During the afternoon a raffle was conducted and realised the sum of 25/-, the winner being Mrs. M. C. Scott.

CARLISLE

The auxiliary extends Christmas greetings to "The Listening Post" and offers sincere thanks for services rendered during the year. Two new members were welcomed at the meeting on November 8 by the president (Mrs. Gilsenen). During afternoon tea, the raffle for a pair of pillow slips was won by Mrs. Gilsenen. The secretary (Mrs. Crofts) reported a good sale of Christmas Cheer tickets. Poppy day sales were highly satisfactory. A united social was held by the sub-branch on November 12, for which the music was provided by the novelty band. During supper, the president of the sub-branch (Mr. Crofts) presented the past president (Mr. Nicol) and the secretary (Mr. Powell) with Certificates of Service. There were not many in children’s costumes at the “Back to Child-

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hoody" Ball on November 26, so the judges (Mrs. Truelove, Miss Hoffman and Mr. Bartlett) had an easy task. Music was provided by Mrs. Starkie and her drummer. Mr. Brennan made a capable MC. Among the visitors were members of the Bayswater and Bassendean auxiliaries. Christmas greetings are extended to the State executive, all sister auxiliaries and the sub-branches, and the F.U.S.W.

WEST LEEDERVILLE—WEMBLEY

The monthly meeting was held on November 24. To our great regret we were told by our former secretary) who, we feel sure will carry on in the same way as her predecessor, and keep the auxiliary the flourishing gathering it has always been.

MUNDARING

The second birthday of the auxiliary was celebrated on November 18 with a happy party at the home of Mrs. Walters. Afternoon tea was enjoyed on the terrace in most pleasant surroundings, and were crowned by a delicious birthday cake given by Mrs. Wills. Gifts of remembrance and deep appreciation were made to Mrs. Jacoby and Mrs. Leutschford (retiring president and secretary). Both ladies have given untiring service. Very great regret was expressed at Mrs. Jacoby's departure from Mundaring. The election of officers for the forthcoming year was as follows: President: Mrs. Leutschford; vice-presidents, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Wilshusen; secretary, Mrs. Stirling; treasurer, Mrs. Hardwick; trustees: Mesdames Lamb, Hogg and Moore; publicity officer: Mrs. Bumstead.

CLAREMONT

The monthly meeting was held on December 2 at the home of Mrs. Harvey Rae. The auxiliary was visited by the State Executive representative, Mrs. Randal who gave an interesting talk and many suggestions for further activities. Mrs. Chidlow, a visitor from Northam and Mr. Powell from the sub-branch were also present. Arrangements were made to assist the sub-branch to entertain the local children at a Christmas party on December 9. Good reports were given by members on their efforts to raise funds for the Christmas Cheer for the sick and disabled soldiers. A day's tennis and bridge was enjoyed by members and friends at one member's home. A Whist Drive was held at another member's home. Two other members reported on making lemon butter, the sale of which brought in a sum of nearly five pounds. A visit is to be paid to the Old Men's Home on December 15 when a pair of sox will be given to each ex-service man. Mrs. Lidbury reported on taking the sick soldiers from the Boolgowan Hospital for an outing in the hills every fortnight in her car. Members of the auxiliary provide afternoon tea on these occasions which are greatly appreciated by the soldiers. These outings are to be continued during the summer months. The auxiliary winds up the season with a picture night and goes into recess until February.

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<td>A. H. Pearce, Mt. Barker</td>
<td>H. Sullivan, Kellerberrin</td>
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<td>MOUNT BARKER</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall,</td>
<td>Alt. Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Woods, 51 Seveth</td>
<td>L. E. Treasure, Kojonup</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Maylands</td>
<td>(pen- sion week)</td>
<td>Avenue, Maylands</td>
<td>R. C. Wood</td>
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<td>MENZIES</td>
<td>Menzies Road Board Hall</td>
<td>First Sunday in month</td>
<td>Mr. R. Pugh, Menzies</td>
<td>E. Wood, Lake Grace</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>R.S.L. Branch Rooms,</td>
<td>1st Thursday</td>
<td>Len Wilkinson, Midland</td>
<td>C. Verdun, Lake King</td>
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<td>Telephone: No. 1</td>
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<td>MOSMAN PARK</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>Last Thursday in each</td>
<td>G. A. Ashworth, Bond</td>
<td>B. Beer, Manjimup</td>
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<td>MOORA</td>
<td>Road Board Room, Moora</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>W. H. Boyce, Moora</td>
<td>R. A. Lindsay, P.O.</td>
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<td>MT. MARSHALL</td>
<td>Rd. Bd. Hall, Bencubbin</td>
<td>1st Wednesday, monthly</td>
<td>P. P. Le Cras, Bencubbin</td>
<td>V. M. Creagh, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD</td>
<td>Wallis Hall, Grosvenor</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 21 Grosvenor Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>J. K. Craze, 118 Central Ave., Maylands</td>
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<td>MUKINBUDIN</td>
<td>Commercial Room, Mukinbudin Hotel</td>
<td>Every fourth Saturday</td>
<td>T. G. Adams, Mukinbudin</td>
<td>H. D. Cairns, Muckinbudin</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
<td>Mornington Mills</td>
<td>Every alternate Sunday</td>
<td>T. E. King, Mornington Mills</td>
<td>W. G. Fulton, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>NAREMBEEN</td>
<td>Narembeen</td>
<td>Quarterly, by notification</td>
<td>A. S. Graham, Narembeen</td>
<td>J. H. Wylie, Emu Hill, via Narembeen</td>
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<td>NARROGIN</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>(Wed., June 30, 8 p.m.)</td>
<td>T. Sten, Schoolmaster, Narrogin</td>
<td>T. Hogg, Soldiers' Institute, Egonter Street</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>Second Sale Day, monthly</td>
<td>R. A. Wood, 81 Archdeacon Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>W. G. Duffield, 55 Tyrell Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Tuesday</td>
<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
<td>J. H. Kane, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTH - EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>Quarterly, 3rd Saturday March, June, Sep., Dec.</td>
<td>Lieut-Colonel H. C. Burdock, Artillery Barracks</td>
<td>Bombardier C. A. Gower, Artillery Barracks</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>L. F. Ash, Northampton</td>
<td>A. Glance, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club Rooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>P. T. Prince, Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewis, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam Tel. 174</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Dival, 453 Fitzgerald St., North Perth Tel. B8438</td>
<td>B. N. McIlwraith, 21 Dundas Road, Maylands</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>“Monash House,” 23 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
<td>J. O'Parrell, 223 Fitzgerald Street, Perth</td>
<td>Geo. S. Mellor, “Monash House,” 23 King St., Perth</td>
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<td>PINGELLY</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Tuesday</td>
<td>F. Archer, East Pinelly</td>
<td>M. Sargent, Pinelly</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
<td>Reg. Nicholas, c/o. Gov't Printing Office</td>
<td>R. Biggs, c/o. “West Australian”</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Pithara</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Roberts, Pithara</td>
<td>L. G. M. Brown, East Pithara</td>
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<td>POPANYINING</td>
<td>Yornaning and Popanyinning</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>L. E. Taplin, P. H. Huldan</td>
<td>C. J. McGarrigal, Popanyinning</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>1st Saturday in month, alt.</td>
<td>V. D. Fallon, Quairading</td>
<td>L. E. Gregan, Pt. Hedland</td>
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<td>QUAI RADING &amp; DISTRICT</td>
<td>Quairading Hall and Dangin Hostel</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>E. P. Newton, Ravensthorpe</td>
<td>J. R. T. Keast, Quairading</td>
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<td>RAVENSTHORPE</td>
<td>Warden's Court, alternatively</td>
<td>1st Saturday in month, alt.</td>
<td>P. J. Clegg, 190 Nicholson Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>T. F. Smith, Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokey Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>W. N. Hayman, Subiaco</td>
<td>E. Condon, 65 Hensman Road, Subiaco</td>
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<td>TAMBELLUP</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. G. Tatham, Tambellup</td>
<td>J. E. Trathan, P.O. Box 1, Tambellup. Tel. 45</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>P. Smeton, Yelbeni</td>
<td>J. W. Patterson, Traying</td>
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<td>TRAYNING - YELBENI</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>4th Sunday</td>
<td>H. Taylor, State Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>J. Jennings, 57 Leonard Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Traying (3) Yelbeni (1)</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. Earnshaw, Taxation Department</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers' Homes Board, Perth</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Bunting</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwallader, Wubin. Tel. No. 7</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTINE, JIBBERDING</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
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<td>WEST LEDERVILLE-</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Lederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>G. E. Timmell, 34 Harbourstone St., Wembley</td>
<td>H. J. Hains, 97 Blencowe Street, West Lederville</td>
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<td>WEMBLEY</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Wembley</td>
<td>4th Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>I. Meredith, Yarloop</td>
<td>P. G. Rieger, Yarloop</td>
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<td>YARLOOP AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Yarloop Hotel</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
<td>Roy J. Kerr, Yealering</td>
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<td>YEALERING YORK</td>
<td>Comm’n Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
<td>Colin Thorn, York</td>
<td>S. Hardwick, York</td>
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<td>YOUANMI</td>
<td>Youanmi Hotel</td>
<td>Fortnightly (Friday)</td>
<td>D. Johnston, Youanmi</td>
<td>G. M. Maley, c/o. Y.G.M. Ltd, Youanmi</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, quarterly, June, Sept. and Dec.</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Korreloking</td>
<td>Hugh A. Leslie, Wyalkatchem</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Crockan, Hamel</td>
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| VICTORIA PARK       | R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Albans Road  | 4th Thursday, 7.30 p.m.         | Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88 Teague Street, Victoria Park | Mrs. E. Prue, 64 Basinghall Street, Victoria Park |
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