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TEXT-BOOKS on literary composition and style are agreed in referring to the Parable of the Prodigal Son, in the Authorized Version of the Bible, as the finest example of the short story in the English language. Even so, while we are told what the father, the elder brother and the prodigal himself thought about matters, the fatted calf's point of view has been studiously ignored. That, also, seems to be the position of residents in those lands that will be handed over to Germany, or some other Power, if ever the British Empire should decide that concessions to international blackmail are in the interests of future peace, and not an incitement to further demands.

Keep on saying a thing long enough and you will assuredly get many people to believe you. That seems to have been the keynote of Nazi propaganda ever since Hitler, the house-painter, emerged from the chrysalis of a political Charlie Chaplin to become the most tragic comedian of modern times. Less than ten years ago the Nazis were few in number, though noisy on the hustings, and ridiculed by the majority of Germans in their own land. To-day, they dominate central European politics and regiment public opinion in Germany to an extent that is equalled only in Italy or Russia. The demand for colonies was a plank of the Nazi platform as long ago as 1929. In itself the demand was the translation of a desire into an article of faith, but it served its purpose and did more than anything else to re-shape public opinion in the Nazi mould. Being past masters in the black art of propaganda, it is not absurd to suppose that Nazism has established, in British communities, cells that are even now itching into an advocacy of giving Germany the whole earth, if Herr Hitler rattles the sabre hard enough.

We have had academic and other exhibitionists, both in Australia and England, advocating the cession of North Australia, and Western Australia, to the most threatening Power, in the interests of future peace, though the mere Australians, like the fatted calf in the Parable, have remained unconsulted as to this interference with their destiny. More dangerous is the attitude taken up by the Manchester Guardian, a paper that, during the past century, was notoriously the spokesman of the Little Englanders. That paper suggests that colonies should be held as mandates, and that the more backward of them should be placed under international control. The Guardian finds it convenient to forget that the British colonial system was the model for the mandatory system. The self-governing Dominions, for instance, have progressed through successive types of administration from Crown Colonies to autonomous lands with responsible Governments. Even after an intensive study of the map of the world, it would be hard at present to find any British colony without at least some semblance of self-government. Yet, to the muddled mind of Manchester, centuries of British experience in colonial administration should be thrown into the discard in favour of some amorphous method of international control, under which the control would pass to the Power with the biggest battalions. It is not surprising that the former organ of the Little Englander party should find something wrong in the British Empire whose growth it resisted so strenuously in the past; but one does expect to find an Australian Minister for Education better informed. One can agree with Mr. Drummond, of New South Wales, that Germans made good colonists and good citizens in Australia, but where is the truth, or even the commonsense in his bald assertion that Germany's present population of 65,000,000 people has been built "from a great colonial empire, which has been swept away"?

Actually, the former German colonies absorbed little, if any, of Germany's surplus population; and provided Germany with only a negligible quantity of raw materials. Herr Hitler himself declared that eastern and south-eastern Europe would provide more favourable outlets for Germany's surplus population than the tropics, but, he added, the German agitation for colonies was only in respect of Germany's former colonies. Even in this respect, Germany has apparently waived the question of the mandated territories in the Pacific, or, at least, of those islands now retained by Japan. Japan is too hard a nut for Germany to crack, but the matter of New Guinea is to be left in abeyance, probably in the hope that the pro-German cells in British and Australian universities and newspaper offices may yet induce a softening of the Imperial issues of which Germany might one day take advantage. The truth is, Germany is more desirous of regaining her former African possessions which would provide her, not with raw materials, but with reservoirs of man-power which she might convert into colonial armies, as France has done in Africa, and Britain in India. Meanwhile, every British utterance in sympathy with Germany's agitation for colonies is eagerly seized upon by Nazi propagandists and converted into yet another weapon in Hitler's armoury of argument.

In the past, Britain has not been ungenerous in the matter of restoring captured colonies to their former owners. After the Treaty of Amiens, Britain restored all her conquests except Trinidad and Ceylon. When Napoleon was finally defeated, many West Indian islands
were given back to France, Spain and Holland. Minorca was restored to Spain, although Admiral Byng had been shot for failing to relieve that island in the Seven Years' War. The Cape, which was taken in 1806, was retained, but Britain paid Holland a large sum of money by way of compensation. Java, which had been conquered in 1812, was restored to Holland, just as Cuba and the Philippines were given back to Spain after the Seven Years' War. German and Italian newspapers are fond of presenting Britain in the role of the world's worst land-grabber, but no other country in history has been so generous in the matter of restoring conquests. The present German agitation is aimed directly at Britain, but any transfer of colonies, which are now held under mandates from the League of Nations, is a matter, not for British action, but for international action. If any such action is contemplated, it should not be taken without the consent of the inhabitants of the lands concerned.

In this respect, the blunt, sturdy remarks of Mr. Ernest Bevin, the chairman of the British Trade Union Congress, are in refreshing contrast with those of the Manchester Guardian and Mr. Drummond. Mr. Bevin repudiates the naive suggestion that Germany is entitled to colonies, merely because she fixes bayonets in support of an oft-repeated assertion. In his repudiation, he suggests, quite trenchantly, that the proposed transfers might cost more than they are worth in blood and treasure. In the sphere of individual conduct, any detective will tell you that the surest way to encourage a blackmailer is to yield to his initial demands; why then should it be considered satisfactory for Britain to yield to international blackmail? Britain has made many dangerous sacrifices in the cause of international peace. The time has arrived to call a halt and let Britain can afford to be generous, and no doubt will be generous, as she has been in the past, but the matter of providing Germany with colonies has become an international matter. One cannot make concessions that are demanded at the point of the bayonet, or under conditions which make yielding more dangerous than resistance. If one may paraphrase an American statesman of the past century, we should be prepared to advance millions for peace, but not one cent for tribute. Conceding to a request may make for future peace, but in the yielding to demands germinate the seeds of future war. That being so, it is high time that Britain, instead of providing Germany with a tropical empire, should give the Nazis a map location that is even hotter.

The MEMBERSHIP RALLY

On Wednesday, March 17 next, will be a big membership rally at Anzac House at which all sub-branches of the metropolitan area will be represented by from 20 members each. The proceedings will be broadcast by the National Station from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short addresses, not exceeding five minutes each, will be given by the chairman of certain executive committees. These will be interspersed with items of harmony including community singing, assisted by the South Perth sub-branch orchestra.

Opportunity will also be taken to bid bon voyage to the State president, who will be leaving for England the following week as a delegate to the B.E.S.L. conference, also to welcome home the senior vice-president (Padre Tom Riley) after an absence of nearly a year in England. The occasion will also be used to say farewell to Padre Eric Nye, who will be leaving for Victoria and who has done yeoman service for the League.

There will be refreshments, which will be largely paid for by a voluntary "bob in." It will be a most interesting evening and it is hoped that the hall will be comfortably filled.

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Three years ago, a trust account was opened when the Quairading sub-branch undertook to look after the interests of the widow and family of a deceased member. After paying all outstanding debts the committee handed over a cheque for £67/17/5. As no proceeds from this year's harvest have yet been put through the bank, this must be considered satisfactory.

It is estimated that there were at least 800 bags of wheat and 120 bags of oats for sale this season. At the prevailing prices this should net at least £600, a sum almost as great as was handled the whole three years previously.

The only creditors the widow now has are the Lands Department and the Agricultural Bank, and the amount owing to them have not increased very much during the past three years.

The Hon. Minister for Lands has assured the sub-branch that no arrears of rents will be claimed for three years, but all interest from now on must be paid. This should easily be done with the money now in sight.

At present the family has a good team of young horses in good condition, and the sheep are almost in a satisfactory condition. It is considered that the sons are now old enough to carry on the farm with out assistance, although the sub-branch is both willing to give any advice or assistance that may be needed. Thanks are tendered to all who rendered personal assistance in this worthy effort.

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186—Oil from Coal

That this congress, realising the urgent need for defence of Australia in case of attack by a foreign Power and the need for a reserve supply of motor spirit for the mechanised units on land, sea and air, respectfully urges the Commonwealth Government to make strenuous efforts in search for oil and establishment of plant for its extraction from coal and shale for the production of power alcohol.

In connection with this resolution, the following letter has been received from the Prime Minister's Department:

As far back as 1933 Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., was approached with a view to ascertaining the terms and conditions under which that company would erect a plant in Australia for the production in Australia by the hydogenation process of about 50,000,000 gallons of petrol per annum from coal. The company is not yet, however, in a position to reply to this enquiry because reliable estimates of capital and running costs are not available.

Arrangements were made for Sir David Rivett, chief executive officer of the council for Scientific and Industrial Research, to visit Great Britain and Germany this year for the purpose of conducting enquiries into various processes for the production of oil from coal. Sir David has just returned to Australia and it is expected that his report will be available early in the new year. Interim advices from him indicate that the plant design of the large scale hydogenation unit being operated by Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., at Billingham-on-Tees, England, has not yet reached finality.

Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., has, it is stated, expended more than £1,000,000 on research and investigation into the production of oil from coal, and it would obviously be desirable to have the advantage of the knowledge and experience of such a company in initiating a highly technical industry of this kind in Australia. The company must, however, have precise information as to capital and running costs before it can make any proposition, because it is apparent that some form of direct or indirect subventions will be necessary to ensure the establishment of the oil from coal industry.

With regard to the production of oil from shale, I am to say that the Government has carried out considerable investigations and has offered assured protection over a period of 20 years to induce private enterprise to develop the industry. The conditions received wide publicity through the principal daily newspapers of Australia, but despite this no acceptable offer was made. Negotiations are, however, now taking place with powerful interests with the object of establishing the industry, and it is hoped that the outcome of these negotiations will be favourable.

In addition a sum of £250,000 was provided this year in connection with the search for flow oil.

In connection with power alcohol, the Government's technical advisers have expressed the view that coal oil and shale oil have superior attractions to those of power alcohol, both from the economical and national points of view.

I am to add that the Government fully appreciates the need for developing indigenous supplies of oil and is sparing no effort to obtain supplies from one source or another.

164—Promotions C.P.S.

That the Commonwealth Public Service Board be requested to take into consideration, when making promotions in the Service, the efficiency that might reasonably have been attained had not the returned soldier officer been on active service.

The Prime Minister's Department has advised that in assessing the efficiency of returned soldiers for promotion in the Commonwealth Service, it is the practice of the Public Service Board in conformity with Section 50 (4) of the Public Service Act to include such efficiency as, in its opinion, they would have attained but for their absence on active naval or military service.

161—Preference Mail Contracts

That it is a request to the Federal Government that where a returned soldier's tender for a mail contract is equal to the tender of an existing mail contractor who is not a returned soldier, the contract be given to the returned soldier tenderer.

The following letter has been received from the Postmaster-General:

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tenderers, including existing mail contractors who are not returned soldiers to the extent of five per cent. subject, of course, to the sureties being eligible and other conditions being satisfactory. The relative clause in the Conditions of Tender for mail services is as shown here-under:

Returned soldiers who have served with satisfactory record in any expeditionary force raised under the provisions of the Defence Act, 1903-1927, shall be allowed a preference over other tenderers to the extent of five per cent.

158—Permanent Appointment Cleaners P.M.G.'s. Department

With reference to the above resolution which reads:

That the Federal Government be requested to have the position of cleaner placed on the organisation of the P.M.G.'s. Department and, further, that the men now employed as temporary exempt cleaners be given the first opportunity of permanent employment;

the following letter has been received from the Director-General, Postmaster-General's Department:

This matter, which is one coming within the province of the Commonwealth Public Service Board, has received careful consideration from time to time. The Board has decided that in the public interest it is undesirable to make permanent appointments to the positions mentioned.

191—Efficiency Medal

With reference to the above resolution which reads:

That the Commonwealth Government be asked to amend the regulations so that a returned soldier may have his service counted in the A.I.F. for the award of the Efficiency Medal, irrespective of the date of joining the Voluntary Services;

the Department of Defence advises:

That the Royal Warrant inaugurating the Efficiency Medal states, inter alia, that the intention of His Late Majesty King George V was that there should be one medal throughout the Empire to reward long and meritorious service and that thereby the Imperial character of such service be recognised.

The Royal Warrant also states: "We are graciously pleased to make, ordain and establish the following rules and ordinances for the governance of same which shall henceforth be inviolably observed and kept."

The Warrant further states: "Eleventhly, it is ordained that service requisite to qualify shall be continuous except . . . an interval not exceeding 12 months between any two periods of service shall not be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service."

The proposal of the R.S.L. annual congress would destroy the Imperial character of the medal unless similar conditions obtained throughout the Empire, as it could involve a gap of more than 18 years in the case of an ex-A.I.F. man who joins the Citizen Forces now, it is not considered that a case could be presented to His Majesty that would warrant any prospect of approval to such a change in the Royal Warrant as would be necessary to give effect to the resolution.
(100,000) Membership Appeal" which I have much pleasure in inaugurating tonight, I am gratified to state that the membership of the League has increased by 16,000 since my last appeal for members in January, 1935.

The attainment of the League's objective of 100,000 will necessitate an increase of approximately 25,000 members, but when it is realised that the League has done and is doing everything possible for the dependents of those who made the supreme sacrifice and our less fortunate comrades of the Australian Imperial Force, and also the British ex-service men now resident in the Commonwealth, I feel confident that the spirit of comradeship and co-operation which permeated the training camps and the trenches will prompt those who are eligible to respond to this special Coronation Appeal.

It can truly be said that membership of the League is an unparalleled privilege because it is confined to those who have the honour of serving their King and Country in a theatre of war.

The League's objects and aspirations should suffice to induce you to join your worthy and reliable companions of those stirring and eventful years from 1914 to 1918 who realised that it was their duty to become members of this active and efficient organisation for the dual purpose of endeavouring to promote the welfare and happiness of ex-service men and women and to advance and safeguard the interests of the people of Australia.

In stating that the recapitulation of the League's achievements would take a considerable time, I wish to assure you that every phase of repatriation, including war pensions, medical treatment, vocational training, land settlement, War Service Homes and employment has received the constant and sincere attention of the officials of the League.

Irrespective of the League's efforts on behalf of all concerned, it has always taken a keen interest in and played an effective part in fostering and maintaining the cherished ideals and lofty principles of the people of Australia and the British Empire. The members of the 1,250 sub-branches of the League which exist and function in almost every district throughout the Commonwealth have readily identified themselves with every local proposal or movement, having for its object, the unity and development of the British Commonwealth of Nations, which, of course, include "our magnificent heritage," Australia.

I have great pleasure, at this stage, in reading the messages received by me from the presidents of the State branches of the League, who are co-operating with characteristic enthusiasm, vigour and determination, to ensure the unqualified success of the Coronation (100,000) Membership Appeal.

Mr. R. D. Huish, the president of Queensland States:—My message to the Queensland Diggers is an adaptation of Lord Nelson's immortal and famous message: "The Queensland branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. expects every ex-service man to do his duty by joining up without delay the nearest sub-branch in his area." Think! with 100,000 members what could we not do, not only for the protection of ex-service men and their dependents, but in helping to solve the problems that must inevitably face Australia in the future. Therefore, it is for our own protection that every effort should be made in persuading non-members to join the League and assist the objective of 100,000 members for the Coronation year and at the same time making the League the most powerful organisation in the Commonwealth.

Mr. L. A. Robb, the president of New South Wales, states:—It is extremely gratifying to me to be able to record the result of successful endeavour, but we have not gone far enough—there are many thousands of ex-service men who still remain outside the League, principally, I am convinced because they are ignorant of the work the League is carrying out.

League members have taken it upon themselves to shoulder the caring for those of our comrades and dependents in need, and I do hope that this fact will be appreciated by public and ex-service men alike—over ninety per cent. of the work done and assistance provided for ex-service men, is given freely and gladly to non-members.

To those who are non-members I appeal to join and lend your needed aid in the great work the League is carrying out.

Mr. G. W. Holland, the president of Victoria States:—Greetings to all Victorian comrades. Great things are expected in Victoria this year. A warmer and more personal interest is being taken in the League. Men are realising that there must be an organisation to take care of the bereaved, the sick and distressed, and that the League is the only body able to do the job effectively. It is run efficiently, with a sub-branch in every town. Its officers are, with the exception of a necessary staff at headquarter, all honorary, pledged to give service to old comrades and to the bereaved. We ask your help. If you can actively assist we shall welcome your co-operation. If too busy for active service, your subscription will help us to function. And

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Mr. W. S. Hosking, the president of South Australia, states:—South Australian ex-service men and women, having passed the State quota of 9,600 allotted under the 20th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli Membership Drive, earnestly appeal to their brother and sister Diggers throughout Australia to do everything in their power to make this objective possible of attainment. This is a message, not a boost, for we learnt during our drive for 10,000 members that many a man was drawn within the ranks under the belief that it was far better to be with the majority than with the minority, and that minority is steadily decreasing day by day. We trust we can pull the same weight in 1937 as we did in 1936, and wish you success.

Mr. A. Yeates, the president of Western Australia, states:—I appreciate the opportunity of joining in this Coronation Membership Appeal, which has for its object 100,000 members to mark the coronation of Their Majesties. I once again urge all eligible ex-service men and women to actively associate themselves with the Returned Sailors and Soldiers’ Imperial League of Australia.

To all who have seen war service, the League means comradeship and friendship of the highest order in all matters affecting relief, employment, pensions and repatriation, and for help in any private trouble or misfortune. During and since the Great War it has stood for the maintenance of loyalty to King and Empire and the ideals of liberty and freedom that we enjoy under the British flag. I ask all comrades to join our ranks and help this great movement.

Colonel L. M. Mullen, the president of Tasmania, states:—I welcome the opportunity of associating myself with the opening of the 100,000 Coronation year membership drive. This is an outstanding year in the Empire’s history and what greater privilege could be given any man in this Coronation year of our Sovereign than to be linked as a member of “the greatest organisation that exists in the British Empire.” That is what membership of the R.S.S.I.L.A. affords those who possess through their service in the cause of Empire the unique privilege of eligibility to its ranks.

I hope and trust that all ex-service men in Australia will seize this opportunity of joining a sub-branch and thus make possible their share of aid and guidance along the paths of duty and service that the League always has, and ever will continue to traverse.

Mr. A. E. Jackson, the president of the Federal Capital Territory, states:—For many years the R.S.S.I.L.A. has worked untiringly in the interests of ex-service men and their dependents, and to-day it appeals to every ex-service man to join so that the year 1937 will be regarded as the dawn of a new era in its history. It is a great honour to wear the badge of a returned soldier, but to my mind it is even a greater honour to wear the R.S.L. badge, which inculcates into civil life the principles for which the men and women of the British Empire fought. Let me, in conclusion, appeal to every ex-service man to join the League, thereby assisting our Federal president to achieve the ambition of membership desired by him and his executive—100,000 members throughout Australia by the date of the Coronation.

I feel that such earnest and impressive appeals as those made by the State presidents should convince you of the usefulness of the service you would render many of your old comrades and their dependents by joining the League which has, by its vigilance and undertakings, facilitated the difficulties and greatly improved the conditions of ex-service men and women.

It can, having regard to the brotherhood of the Australian Imperial Force, be justifiably said that the well-being of the dependents of our deceased comrades is the responsibility of the surviving members of that grand and gallant army of citizen soldiers.

Remember that the League, which was founded on comradeship and self-sacrifice is the custodian of the honour and traditions of the A.I.F. whose magnificent exploits placed the name of Australia on the highest pinnacle of fame.

It should also be remembered that the policy, motto and slogan of the League, whose name is synonymous with loyalty and patriotism, are calculated to ensure the stability, progress, security and prosperity of our incomparable Empire.

However, in expressing my profound appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the State presidents, officials of State branches, district and sub-branches, I earnestly appeal to you to assist in making the Coronation (100,000) Membership Appeal a pronounced success by joining and urging others to join this Empire-building organisation as soon as possible.

In conclusion, I desire most sincerely to thank the Australian Broadcasting Commission for its kindness in authorising and arranging this National broadcast.

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Town v. Country Annual Match

The third annual R.S.L. Cricket Association Town v. Country match took place on the Cottesloe oval on February 14. It was witnessed by 1,000 spectators. The match was more evenly contested this year, the country team being much stronger than previously. The town side won by 70 runs, scoring 198 to their opponent's 128. Parkins, the country captain, won the toss from Leo McComish, the town skipper, and decided to bat on a first-class wicket. The country team made 128 in two hours and a half.

W. Moore scored 33, including 5 fours and was unlucky enough to be run out when well set. Jervois made 26 nicely before being cleverly stumped by Sparrow. Clayton was the town's most successful bowler, securing five wickets for 37, McComish 27, Eddy 25, Clay- ton 10 not out, Daly 19.

Bowling (for country):—Urquhart 3 for 49, Bagot 2 for 32, W. Moore 1 for 31, Jervois nil for 24, Brown nil for 28, Lodge 2 for 14, Dennis 3 for 14.

Messrs. J. Cutmore and J. Humphries were very efficient umpires.

LUNCHEON

The president of the R.S.L. Cricket Association (Mr. H. H. Hopperton) presided at the luncheon during the annual cricket match which was held that year on Sunday, February 14. There was a wonderful gathering of Digger cricketers. The toast of the country Diggers was entrusted to Harold Hopperton, and the response was given by Messrs J. Parkins (captain country team) and A. E. Yeates (State president R.S.L.) who, in his usual breezy way, congratulated the Cricket Association on the great assistance it is giving the League.

Mr. Phil Allen (vice-president) proposed the toast of the patrons (Messrs. Bert Oldfield and W. L. Menkens). The retiring hon. secretary (Mr. H. King) and the incoming hon. secretary (Mr. J. Rankin), to which all these gentlemen briefly responded with the exception of Bert Oldfield, for whom Bill Menkens replied.

During the luncheon a presentation of a life-membership badge was made to Mr. Bert King, who had to retire recently from the position of hon. secretary on account of ill-health. Mr. Hopperton, in making the presentation, referred to the wonderful services he had rendered the Association. Mr. King, in response, thanked all members for their fine gesture and regretted very much having to sever his connection with such a fine body of men. Mr. Leo McComish supported Mr. Hopperton.

The toast of the working committee and umpires was proposed by Mr. Wally Crain, one of the veterans. He congratulated them all on their great effort that day. Mr. W. Eddy briefly replied.

Among those present at the match were Rabbi D. I. Freedman and Clive Newman (State Executive), and Mr. J. Curtin, M.H.R.

CRICKET PERSONALITIES

Jim Parkins, of Toodyay, again captained the Country team this year. His exhibition of wicket-keeping at the annual match was excellent. If a country player is selected for the East, Jim should have no difficulty in securing a place, as he is also a fine bat. He is a very popular Digger in the district where he resides.

Jock Brown, another well-known Digger cricketer, was again a member of the country side. He was recently in the East with Bill Jervois watching the Tests. Their cricket in this year's Country v. Town match, especially their batting, showed conclusively that they still had a fine trick up their sleeves. Both returned on the Manora this month with Bill Menkens.

All the veterans, Leo McComish, Wallie Crain, Bill Eddy, Val. Sparrow, Tom Bell, Kanga Brooke, showed that they are still improving in their cricket as the days go on. All looked very brisk in the recent R.S.L. Town v. Country match.

Phil Allen and Bill Menkens were appointed joint hon. organisers of the R.S.L. Cricket Association's proposed tour East next Christmas. Bill regrets that owing to strict instructions from the medical adviser, he is not allowed to attempt anything in this way for some time yet. He deeply regrets having to retire, but Phil Allen can have his assistance later.

Jack Rankin, Bert King's successor as hon. secretary of the R.S.L. Cricket Association, is a fine wire. He has done and is doing good work for North Perth R.S.L. and should do well in the big task he has now taken over. Good luck, Jack, we wish you every success.

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CHAPTER VIII

GALLIPOLI—RUSSELL'S TOP

THE CLOSING DAYS of July, 1915, witnessed the arrival at Anzac of Lieut.-Colonel Brazier, who immediately assumed command of the Regiment, and Lieutenant Heller with six reinforcements. Corporal E. Saul was wounded also about this time.

On July 29 the Regiment was ordered to vacate No. 2 sub-section and relieve the Wellington Mounted Rifles at Russell's Top, the most advanced position on Walker's Ridge. The portion of line assigned was known as No. 2 Post of No. 1 Sub-section, otherwise the Nek, and the average distance separating it from the front line Turkish trenches was, roughly, not more than forty yards. In fact a sap running from the main trench line, came as close as twelve yards.

Accordingly on July 31 mutual reliefs were effected, the Wellingtons taking over No. 2 Sub-section from our people, and the Regiment assuming occupation of the new position.

From the first moment of our occupation it became very apparent that Russell's Top was what was commonly known as a "very warm corner," the whole post being incessantly harassed by the Turks with machine gun, rifle, bomb and shell. Observation was, of course, only possible by means of periscopes, and many of these were instantly shattered in the hands of the observers on being raised above the parapets. Only the most fleeting glance, consequently, could be had of the enemy works, but even these disclosed the tremendous advantage he still held as to ground. Everywhere one looked the gradient was with him, and his spherical bombs would often roll on of their own accord for yards, after being hurled, to eventually find long-ment in one of our saps.

A listening post at the extreme end of No. 2 sap was always a favourite mark for the Turkish bomber, and casualties were frequent in this perilous position, until—the result of a happy inspiration—it was covered with wire netting.

The works immediately opposed to No. 1 sub-section were known as the "Chess Board," so named from an aerial photograph which displayed a trench system sub-divided into myriads of irregularly shaped squares, which only too clearly demonstrated the mighty energy the Turks, under their German masters, had exerted in order to render this—to them all important—salient impregnable.

The fire trenches had been admirably sited, and the details of the support and communication so carefully planned that immediate reinforcement to any part of their line would be a comparatively easy task.

The apex of this system was "Baby 700," and it was obvious to the veryest
tyro that should this be carried and held by our people, the whole enemy line at Anzacs must be seriously menaced. It was not surprising, therefore, that the Turkish High Command, having feverishly pushed on this imposing work to as near perfection as was humanly possible, fully realised the vital necessity of retaining their grip of it at all cost, and furthermore, at no time during these strenuous days and nights did they ever evince the slightest idea or inclination of allowing it to pass from them.

A demonstration made by us on August 3, chiefly with the idea of confirming whether this portion of their line was as strongly held as suspected, immediately drew forth such a perfect hurricane of machine gun and rifle fire, supplemented by shells and bombs, as to leave no doubt as to the enemy's never tiring vigilance.

Nevertheless, the forecasted "Big Push" took definite shape, as far as the Regiment was concerned, on August 5, when orders were received that the Third Light Horse Brigade would make a frontal attack on this position on the morning of August 7. These orders were succinct and reasonably clear. After outlining the general Army scheme for the great assault, the role of the Third Light Horse Brigade was laid down. Briefly, it was as follows:

At 4 o'clock on the morning of the 7th August a combined bombardment of the enemy positions by the navy and land batteries would commence, with the idea of smashing his defences. This bombardment was to continue for half an hour till 4.30, and immediately upon its cessation, an attack by the 8th and 10th Regiments would be delivered with bayonet and bomb. This attack would be delivered in four waves of, roughly, 150 all ranks in each wave, the 8th Regiment supplying the first and second waves, and the 10th Regiment the third and fourth. The objective of the 8th was the

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first two lines of Turkish trenches immediately in front of our position. If the 8th Regiment failed to capture the second Turkish line, this was to be captured by the first wave of the 10th Regiment, and, supported by their second wave, the 10th were to work their way up the slopes of “Baby 700” as far as possible and hold on. The remaining Regiment of the Brigade, the 9th, was held in reserve. Meanwhile, the First Light Horse Brigade, then in position at Pope’s Hill on our right, was to attack from that sector. The final objective of both Brigades was the summit of “Baby 700.”

A word as to the condition of our personnel at this time. The men, for the most part were far below their normal standard of fighting efficiency. Physically they were weakened and wasted. The intense summer, the everlasting racket of digging, the long front-line vigils with the necessary standing to arms, the contaminated fly-ridden food with its accompaniment of dysentery and diarrhoea, and the shortage of water, had left their marks upon most of them. Indeed, exercises at cliff-climbing, which had been previously ordered by the High Command, with a view of “hardening them up,” had, perforce, to be abandoned on this account. Nevertheless they received the orders for the forthcoming attack with eagerness and confidence.

Many, like the much-loved and gallant Captain Vernon Piese (who had been sent away to hospital a few days before), forgot their ills and hastened back to the firing line in order, as they said, to be “in it” when the boys “went over.”

If any anticipated failure, they certainly showed no sign. Were not the guns to make the way easy for them? Were they not to at last break loose from their cramped-up prison and show the Turk and his German friend what the bayonet of the Light Horseman was like? And finally, when the Turkish Army was rolled up and beaten, what a delight it would be to buy a glass of beer in Maidsos, and, perchance, even in Constantinople itself, and pay for it with a ten-shilling “Bradbury” with its Turkish inscription stamped upon it by a wise far-seeing Government, to facilitate its circulation in these towns?

In this spirit did they await the order “to go.” The timely arrival at Russell’s Top of Lieutenant H. V. H. Throssell with 81 reinforcements helped materially to swell the wasted ranks, and again each squadron received its quota. The final preparations were completed with vigour and energy. Fire steps were cleared, recesses were cut in the forward walls of the trenches to give a firmer footing and legs driven in the parapets to grip with the hand, and so ensure a quick and simultaneous “hop-over.” The details of dress were not overlooked. As it was considered desirable that the attackers should not be hampered by unnecessary clothing and equipment, they were ordered to discard everything except the grey flannel undershirt, with a field dressing sewn on to it, breeches or “shorts” boots and puttees. A white square of calico was also carried on the back of the shirt in order that our own troops might be distinguishable in the melee.

The afternoon on August 6 was noticeable by reason of the fact that the reciprocal artillery fire which had been almost incessant during the past few days had now increased in intensity, and the roar of heavy guns and rattle of rifles and machine guns away on our right, told our people that the battle had begun in earnest, and that the attack on Lone Pine had been launched.

From several points in our own line many of our officers and men were privileged to witness the magnificent Infantry assault at Lone Pine, and reports were to hand during the night that those famous works had fallen to the 1st Australian Infantry Brigade. Loud cheering on our left also told of the capture of Table Top by the New Zealanders. Confidence in the success of our own efforts on the morrow was greatly increased thereby.

At 4 o’clock in the morning of August 7 the Regiment was quietly standing to arms, awaiting the promised battering in of the Turkish defences by our artillery in conjunction with the naval guns. A destroyer, steaming close inshore, opened fire with a single gun in the direction of the Nek, and maintained, with as great a degree of accuracy as could be reasonably expected under such precarious conditions, a brisk fire till the half hour had expired. Beyond this, as far as could be ascertained, although there was much noise in the vicinity, the expected artillery preparation had not been forthcoming, certainly not with any apparent effective result.

The bombardment, such as it was, ceased at 4.30, and immediately a furious enemy rifle and machine gun fire was opened on our parapets. Never wavering for an instant the first line of the 8th Regiment sprang from the firing trench and dashed forward to the assault, closely followed by their second line, led in person by the brave and chivalrous Colonel White, only to be mown down within a few yards of their trench.

It has been stated that several of the 8th men actually entered the Turkish front line trench, but how many will for ever remain a mystery.

Rapidly Brigade Headquarters were communicated with and the situation explained. It seemed impossible that anything could live under such a hellish fire. As one officer described it, “The air was hazy with lead,” and it was estimated that the fire of at least thirty machine guns was sweeping that thirty or forty yards of “No Man’s Land” on the Nek.
attacking lines to withdraw, and support troops moving up Monash Gully. The withdrawal was effected by the utilisation of whatever dead ground was available, but is was found impossible to move to the support of anyone until the units could re-organise.

This latter order was accordingly cancelled, and one of re-organisation substituted. Speedily as possible, the shattered squadrons were collected in the fire trenches and waited without a murmur for the next development.

Throughout the remainder of that day and the following night they stood with bayonets fixed, ready to avenge their fallen comrades, should the attempt again be made. The roar of the battle on both flanks rang in their ears, and although no definite news as to its progress was forthcoming, instinctively it was felt that all was not going well. Everywhere along the Anzac front was there evidence of large Turkish reinforcements—the reinforcements that the troops from Suvla Bay were expected to cut off, thus placing Gallipoli in our hands—and it required no great genius to divine that the Suvla Bay scheme had miscarried.

Already the Turks were counter-attacking in various sectors, and on Russell's Top our men stood at bay to receive a possible enemy effort. And so two or more days passed without sleep or rest; but the counter-attack did not come.

By an inscrutable dispensation of Providence the Turks either would not or could not come on at this point; had they done so promptly and in any strength, according to the expressed opinion of many perhaps competent to judge, nothing could have prevented them from sweeping Walker's Ridge clean to the sea. Conjecture, however, is futile, and the fact remains that although many subsequent attempts were made to drive our people from this line, not once did a Turk ever reach it.

Gradually the battle along the whole front slackened and died away, and slowly, but with convincing certainty, it was realised that our Army's attempt to get astride the Peninsula had failed. Small gains there undoubtedly were, gains at terrible cost, but the ultimate goal was as far distant as ever.

So much has been and probably will continue to be written regarding the Gallipoli campaign, that to dwell upon the effect of this reverse on those who participated in it, would be almost a mere restatement of platitudes. Indeed many bitter disappointments were still in store for them through the succeeding years of war, and probably not one single unit of the British Army in any theatre of operations can claim exemption in this respect. But perhaps never in the history of the Army has a more stunning effect been created in a unit with such suddenness than had that glorious debacle of August 7 amongst the wasted ranks of the 10th Regiment. Bitter as was the loss of their comrades, it was as nothing compared with the bitterness of the knowledge that their lives were offered up in vain.

It cannot be said that the average Australian is lacking in imagination, and it has been many times demonstrated that the Australian trooper or private may on occasion, appreciate a situation with such surprising clearness as would do credit to many a highly placed officer of the General Staff. Moreover, he is inclined to regard an operation in which probably many Divisions may be engaged, as a purely personal matter, and consequently he becomes elated or cast down at the
success or otherwise of the venture. Just such an occasion were these operations of the early days of August, 1915.

An officer, in his diary, under the date of August 11 expresses it thus:—

"We now realise we have failed, at any rate for the time, in our effort to reach the Dardanelles. This undertaking every man had personally set his heart on. What a terrible blow it is to know that it is a 'wash-out'! Before the attack the Regiment was buoyant, excited and hopeful. Now its aspirations are shattered like an electric globe.

Our hopes are frozen tears.

"The men carry on and do their duty but each man seems to be brooding over the possibilities of 'what might have been.' He does not speak for fear of starting the same train of thought in his mate. He has not appreciated the fact that his mate is thinking exactly the same unuttered thoughts.

But they were not composed of the sort of stuff to remain long in this frame of mind. Their natural exuberance of spirits soon reassured itself, if somewhat subdued by their physical condition, and very soon they were imbued with the idea of "getting some of their own back." Their opportunity was to come later on in the month at Hill 60, and how they again came into their own there will be shown in these pages.

Our casualties on the 7th were one hundred and thirty-six, roughly one-half of our effective strength at the time. Of these eighty-four were killed or missing, and fifty-two wounded. The 8th Light Horse lost a total of two hundred and forty (including the gallant Colonel White), or over two-thirds of the splendid Regiment. The bodies of the fallen lay where they fell, and, as the Nek never actually passed into our hands, were never recovered.

Russell's Top was not an occasion where one might single out special acts of gallantry in the Regiment. Many have expressed the opinion that "Each man who went over that day deserved the V.C." But, perhaps, the splendid heroism of Lance-Corporal Hampshire may be recounted here. His troop leader, Lieut. Leslie Craig, was very severely wounded whilst leading his troops into action, and lay helpless in "No Man's Land." Hampshire, after discovering that his officer was still alive, immediately jumped over the parapet of the trench to which he himself had safely returned, and under a withering fire carried Lieut. Craig back to cover. It was an act of utmost bravery, performed in perfect sang froid, and coupled with a miraculous escape for both.

General Sir Ian Hamilton, in his des-

Evidently married life then was much the same as it is to-day; although the condition of being married was preferred to that of being non-existent, for we used to sing just as lustily—

"Oh, my! I don't want to die,
I want to go home."

The old song—

"Good-bye, don't sigh low,
Wipe the tear, baby dear, from your eye."

seems to be in danger of being relegated to the limbo of forgotten things, although it was as popular as any during its day.

Those of us who were in France will remember how we used to yell in mongrel French—

"Après la guerre fini
Les soldats Anglais parti."

The next two lines of this ditty will not, of course, pass the censor, but they dealt with the "interesting conditions" left by the soldiers after their departure from France.

These, Mr. Editor, are but a few fragments—fragments of almost forgotten songs. The titles, even I, have forgotten. Could some of your readers enlarge on what I have written. There must be other songs a line or stanza of which would immediately transport us to other scenes and other days.

**SONGS OF THE WAR**

C.N.L. writes:—M.H.M.'s interesting article in the January issue of *The Listening Post* recalls a number of songs popular during the war years which do not seem to be in danger of being forgotten, at least for some time to come. But there are a number of songs—songs which played their part in those far off days—which are to-day almost completely forgotten, or, if not forgotten, are seldom heard. Perhaps, with the cooperation of your readers, some of these almost forgotten pieces could be re-called and, just as with M.H.M. each song had its associations, so these others might bright back pleasant memories of bygone days.

I remember in middle '15 how at Blackboy we used to sing lustily—

"I'm a poor married man,
Please don't take me home."

patch, briefly states that "The 8th Light Horse only accepted their repulse after losing three-fourths of the gallant band that sallied forth so bravely from Russell's Top." He makes no mention of the 10th Regiment. But surely no one would begrudge the mention of Western Australia's horsemen along with that of their Victorian brothers-in-arms, whose common fate they shared that day!

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Leave of absence has been granted to Mrs. Fred Matthews (vice-president of the Victoria Park women’s auxiliary). Mrs. Matthews has accompanied her husband on a holiday trip to the Eastern States. We all wish her a happy time and hope she will benefit by the trip.

George Cooper, of Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch, is reported to be progressing favourably in No. 11 ward. He has had a hard time of it, but now it seems the corner has been turned and we hope to see him back amongst us soon. Wally Fletcher is sparkling on all four.

Ted Damon, the retiring president of Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch, has occupied the chair for the last three years. During that time the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield has been won each year. The Soldiers’ Memorial Hall in Oxford Street has been built and the membership increased by nearly 100 per cent., so you can say he has had a wonderfully successful term of office. Largely through his association with people outside, the sub-branch has been able to secure the necessary money to build the hall, and his unfailing tact and good humour has kept affairs working smoothly and harmoniously. Ted is known to most sub-branches in the metropolitan area and at headquarters. He has a host of friends who are always glad to see him at any of their functions. He is also an honorary collector for the Perth Hospital and does a lot of good work in that direction. Ted served with the 16th Battalion in Egypt and France. He was taken prisoner of war at Bullecourt in 1917 and for the rest of the war grew spuds for the Fatherland. Returning to Perth in 1919 he resumed his occupation at Plastowes Ltd., where he caters for the sweet tooth of the city and countryside.

News has been received that Mr. H. Sharp, of Kenny Street, Bassendean, passed away on February 2 in the Perth Hospital. The late Mr. Sharp has been a resident of Bassendean for many years and a consistent supporter of the League. A great and silent sufferer for many years he stuck to his post of duty until a few months ago it became humanly impossible for him to carry on. He was an enthusiastic gardener, his flower show being a delight to those privileged to see them. Our sympathies are extended to his wife and relations.

Mr. F. Leng, the secretary of Bassendean sub-branch, met with an accident at work on February 3. He will not be able to resume duties for at least two weeks.

It is pleasing to find a Digger in the person of George Potter installed as campaign director, organising the “Yes” vote in the approaching Referendum. George went abroad with the original 11th Battalion as a full private. He was badly wounded at Gallipoli. He rose to the rank of Captain and was twice mentioned in despatches. On his return he was appointed secretary and quartermaster at the Base Hospital. Later he became a member of Parliament, winning the West Province seat in the Legislative Council which he held for six years. George is a live wire and a very efficient organiser.

Looking greatly improved in health, after his trip to the Eastern States, our cricket scribe, W. L. (Bill) Menkens, returned to Perth by the Manoora in time for the annual Country v. Town cricket match. During his tour, he and his good wife visited Adelaide, Bendigo, Sydney, Newcastle and other places, and saw the Tests in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. He also paid courtesy calls on League officials in Melbourne, Bendigo, Newcastle and Sydney, and speaks in glowing terms of the courtesy shown him everywhere by Eastern States Diggers. Incidentally, the selection of our State president to attend the Coronation Conference of the B.E.S.L. is as popular in the other States as it is here. In Bendigo, our tourists were entertained by Colonel G. S. Lansell, M.L.C., the president of the sub-branch, which is one of the strongest in Victoria. The secretary of the Bendigo sub-branch is Mr. Stan Hall who was, for some years, employed by Boans in Perth. Bendigo is a town where all the prominent positions are held by Diggers. Consequently, the preference policy is very strictly observed. Bendigo, in addition, has a very active Legacy club. Newcastle sub-branch is also doing good work. During Christmastide, this sub-branch distributed 150 hampers to Diggers in less fortunate circumstances. In Adelaide, Mr. and Mrs. Menkens and their son, Rob., were met at the boat by Mr. F. S. Reynolds, the assistant State secretary, and Mrs. Conn (Mrs. Menken’s mother), and the party were driven to the Anzac Club where morning tea was served. During this visit, the proposed cricket tour of the W.A. R.S.L. Cricket Association next season was discussed.

Roy Rowe, who is the secretary to the Minister for the Interior, recently spent his vacation with his people in Subiaco. Prior to leaving for Canberra Roy was a councillor at Subiaco. For years he was president of the Federal Capital Territorial Branch of the League and continues to take a keen interest in the League and its work.

Captain Hubert G. D. Acland, who will take over the command of H.M.A.S. Australia at the beginning of April, is a gunnery specialist who served with the Grand Fleet during the Great War. Since the war he has been senior officer of the first mine-sweeping flotilla and has been attached to the Committee of Imperial Defence. More recently, he commanded...
the wireless control target ship Centurion.

The retirement has been announced of Colonel T. Murdoch, Director of Works of the Department of Defence. During the war, Colonel Murdoch commanded the 1st Pioneer Battalion and was mentioned in despatches.

A recent announcement that will be the cause of much joy in this State, is that Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood will visit Western Australia after the Coronation. The visit will be a short one, but next year, after he retires from his present office of Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge, Sir William hopes to make an extended tour of all the States.

Countess Haig, widow of the distinguished Commander-in-Chief, is now in Australia. Countess Haig’s story of her husband’s life has just been published under the title “The Man I Knew.” She intends that all the proceeds of the book’s sales shall be devoted to the relief of unemployment among ex-service men.

The Kalgoorlie sub-branch loses a strong supporter through the transfer of Mr. R. R. Gibbs, a former president of the sub-branch who was, until his transfer, manager of the Kalgoorlie branch of the Bank of New South Wales. Mr. Gibbs goes to London to manage the Berkeley Square branch of the bank. He served with the A.I.F. from 1914 to 1915, with the British Expeditionary Force from 1915 to 1917, and with the West African Frontier Force in the Western Sudan until 1918. Mr. Gibbs had been stationed in Kalgoorlie for five years, and the esteem in which he was held was amply shown by the large gathering at his public farewell in the Kalgoorlie Town Hall.

During his crowded hours as Royal Commissioner, in Perth, Mr. P. L. Hart of Brisbane found time to attend a meeting of the State Executive and he put up as a honorary member of the Anzac Club. Mr. Hart was a subaltern in the 25th Battalion during that little unpleasantness we had with the Kaiser, and he is a barrister in civil life. Notwithstanding the distinction he has achieved in his profession, Mr. Hart is a dinkum Digger, tall and upstanding physically, and with that genial personality which makes for popularity among all ranks.

George Mellor, the popular R.S.L. bandmaster and secretary of Perth sub-branch, has just given very practical expression to the ideals of service. Perth sub-branch is at present setting its financial house in order, and George is doing his bit by carrying on as secretary in an honorary, instead of a salaried, capacity.

Up to last Anzac Day, Mr. Johnson had marched every year with the South African and Imperial Veterans, and one year he proudly carried the Union Jack at the head of this section of the parade. The Last Post was sounded at the grave side by Mr. T. Hewins, of Nedlands.

One of those whom the King delighted to honour at the beginning of the year was Colonel S. R. Roberts, Deputy Post-Master General. He was created a Member of the Order of the British Empire, but the distinction is even greater when one pauses to remember that Colonel Roberts is the first, and so far, the only resident of Western Australia to be decorated by King George VI. Colonel Roberts served with the 11th Battalion. He was warden of the State War Memorial last year and is still a very active member of the Legacy Club and the Subiaco sub-branch.
Farewell

Colonel L. E. Tilney

When Colonel Leslie E. Tilney, D.S.O., passed away last month, there were many sorrowing hearts. The Colonel did not have an enemy and was loved most by those who knew him best. Many years before the war he was a commissioned officer in the 2nd Australian Infantry Regiment preparing to serve his country to the best advantage in times of National stress. And what a splendid soldier Colonel Tilney was! He

spent in India. During the Egyptian war experience, she served in Egypt, France and England. She has been matron at Lemnos since that institution was established.

A welcome visitor to a recent meeting of the State Executive was J. Valentine, the president of the Morawa sub-branch. He fought the good fight with the 28th Battalion (Colonel Collett's Own) and was formerly secretary of the Morawa sub-branch while his father, Mr. S. Valentine, whose war service was with the 10th Light Horse, was president.

The State Executive recently had the privilege of extending the collective hand of greeting to Captain Wright, who was awarded the D.S.O. and the M.C. during his war service with the Second Battalion of the City of London Regiment. Captain Wright is now employed in Perth.

Condemnations are extended to Mrs. D. Benson, wife of our own Dave, on the recent loss of her father, Mr. Richard Johnson. The deceased was a staff-sergeant of the Royal Field Artillery with 23 years of service, seven of which were spent in India. During the Egyptian War of 1882, he helped to plant the shrapnel around Tel-el-Kebir, which Diggers afterwards picked up as souvenirs.

The Barrow-in-Furness branch of the British Legion seeks information as to the whereabouts of two brothers of a member, Mr. Robert Bell. Both brothers served with Dominion forces and, if still alive, are believed to be somewhere in Australia. Park (or Harry) Bell served with the 25th Battalion, A.I.F. John Richard Bell was probably in a mounted unit, and served in Egypt. Will anyone

able to convey the desired information please communicate with the State secretary.

Western Australia and community concert goers will feel a sense of personal loss at the departure of Paul Daley and his wife, dainty May Webster, for Melbourne. Consolation in this bereavement is derived from the knowledge that they go to a bigger job in connection with a national station in Melbourne. Paul, who was formerly at the Perth National Station, has been associated with 6IX since that station opened, and has been a tower of strength to the R.S.L. in running the Anzac House community concerts. Paul can tell a good story, and one of his best is in connection with his early days as a soldier in the Great War. He had joined a mounted unit and, after his first appearance in riding school, the Rough-Riding Sergeant asked him what he was in civil life. "A comedian," Paul replied. "Well," said the Sergeant, "I don't know what you were like on the stage, but you ain't half funny on a horse." The whole Oxford Dictionary does not contain enough words to express our admiration for our vivacious wee friend, May. If we attempted to do so in precipitately, we'd probably make Paul jealous, and The Listening Post buys enough fights as it is. We will therefore content ourselves with wishing two good comrades every success, and all happiness in their new sphere of activity.

L. S. Barnett, vice-president of the Albany sub-branch, has recently attended the celebration of his father's eightieth birthday. The old gentleman is still going strong. W. C. Quicke of the same sub-branch, who served with the Royal Engineers during the War, has been dangerously ill in hospital. We hope our next bulletin from Albany will contain better news about him, and that he will soon be on the road to recovery. Albany seems to have a run of bad luck of late. Recently the stork called on Mrs. S. T. Coles, the wife of our valued Albany correspondent but, unfortunately, the little son was stillborn.

Thirteen new members of the Anzac Club were elected at the meeting of the committee on February 3. During the first fortnight of February the following new members were proposed: Messrs. S. A. Horton, E. B. Mainstone, R. A. Keesing, H. E. Folkard, E. E. Lee, B. T. Shield and H. J. Henley.

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CASUALTIES

BY A. T. S.

Mention of the Portuguese as Britain's oldest allies, in last month's Listening Post, recalls a yarn which I heard put over in England during the war years.

The talk had turned to casualties. Almost all present had put forward the claim of their own particular unit, brigade or division. The figures varied from platoons to whole battalions.

Then the Digger who had been sitting back enjoying his pot and the discussion chimed in:—

"Casualties, did you say? Well, you might have had your cut, but I'll bet none of you ever heard of the minimum number sustained. No? Well I'll tell you."

A bend of the elbow and the throat was well lubricated, for tale-telling is dry work.

"It was that mob known to the heads as our Gallant Allies, and to the rank and file as the 'Pork and Beans' or 'Pork and Cheese.' One night by some accident, or because they were full of vin blanc, a party of twenty found their way into and through the front line in a very quiet sector. Before they quite realised what had happened, a Fritz patrol had grabbed them.

"Being a peace at any price mob, and reckoning they would be just as safe in a Fritz internment camp, as back in the labour camp, with the risk of a bomb or a shell from Big Bertha, they were prepared to go quiet, but the Fritz sergeant had other ideas.

"He eyed his collection of misfits up and down and thought: 'why inflict such a mangy looking crew on the Fatherland to waste good rations on'; but so that the Higher Command might be convinced that the Portuguese Army was actually taking an interest in the scrap, and that he personally might receive recognition, perhaps even an Iron Cross, he decided to retain one.

"Selecting the brightest looking of the crew he bade the others 'about turn,' at which there was a united howl of pro-
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VARIA

We have been asked to express the appreciation of a member of the League for a service rendered during the festive season. It appears that the Gosnells sub-branch had a Christmas meeting, but a few members were unable to attend owing to ill-health. After the meeting and during the festive season, the president (Mr. A. Lee) and the secretary (Mr. W. Hockin), with one or two other members, made it their business to visit these members and carry the festive spirit to their homes, where the wives also were able to participate and enjoy the refreshment that was provided. The spirit of comradeship which exists in our organisation is wonderfully displayed by the action of the Gosnells sub-branch.

Colonel Margolin forwards us a letter which he received from Mr. A. E. Murray, who served on Gallipoli with the New Zealand Field Ambulance. Mr. Murray writes:

I trust you will excuse this liberty, which I am taking in writing you these few lines. I came across your photo. in the October issue of the Reveille.

I do not know if you will remember the corporal and four members of the N.Z. Field Ambulance who were attached to the 16th Battalion of the 4th Australian Brigade for the evacuation. If I remember rightly, we left the line late on the night of the 19th December, 1915. I was the corporal in charge, two of the other boys who were with me on that occasion were, I regret so say, afterwards killed in France.

I want to tell you, Sir, that I was very proud to be attached to the 16th Battalion on that occasion and always after that, when I met a member of the battalion I always liked to think of myself as one of them, and said as much.

Trust you are in good health and wishing you and the members of the old 16th Battalion who took part in the evacuation long life and happiness.

Colonel Margolin adds:—I wish to add to this letter my great appreciation of the expression of fraternal feeling by Mr. A. E. Murray. This is a wonderful illustration of the spirit of comradeship that the late war has established between the participants in it.

When the late Colonel Tilney retired from the Repatriation Commission it was his intention to spend, with his wife, about a year touring Australia by caravan attached to his car. He had only travelled about 50 miles when the illness which proved fatal overtook him. When the Colonel came to Western Australia he had his caravan sent over by boat. Mrs. Tilney now desires to dispose of the outfit and our interested readers can obtain further information from Mrs. Tilney, c/o. The Listening Post. The "Myer" caravan is 15ft. 6 in. long and is very light, but strongly built. It has sleeping accommodation for four people. It has practically all home conveniences, including a battery wireless set, electric light and all cooking utensils, and a lot of extra equipment.

Before sailing on the return voyage to Perth, Archdeacon C. L. Riley attended the celebration of Australia Day, and he was present at the presentation of a casket made of Australian woods to the Tenth Royal Hussars. The casket is the gift of the 10th Light Horse which is affiliated with the Tenth Royal Hussars. It was accepted by the commander of the Regiment, Lord Hampden, who recalled the formation of the Australian Light Horse, thirty or forty years ago. The Duke of Gloucester was present, attended by his equerry, Captain Howard Kerr. Others present included Major-General Blakiston-Houston, the Australian High Commissioner (Mr. S. M. Bruce) and the Agent-General for Western Australia (Sir Hal Colebatch).

The general secretary, Mr. E. V. Raymond, forwards a communication from the Department of Defence in respect of the issue of a distinguishing badge to widows of ex-members of the A.I.F. The communication states, "Provision already exists for the issue of the 'In Memoriam' badge to widows and mothers of ex-members of the A.I.F., whose deaths have been accepted by the Repatriation Commission as due to war service. In each case, application should be made to the officer-in-charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. It is desired to point out that the issue, in the case of widows, is restricted to those whose marriage took place before the ex-member's discharge from the A.I.F."

Up to February 12, the following donations for the Returned Soldiers' Ward of the Old Men's Home had been received from sub-branches:—Greenbushes (£2/2/-), Bayswater (£2/2/-), Gabbini (£1), Woorooloo (10/6), Waroona (5/1/-), Subiaco (5/-1/6/-), and Carlisle auxiliary (£1) making a total of £8/16/6.

During the month of January, positions were found for 21 ex-service men by the employment officer of the R.S.L. During the month, 383 men were reported as unemployed, and there were 277 registered at the end of January. During January, 64 persons were assisted from the R.S.L. Relief Fund. Of these, only five were members of the R.S.L.; 42 were ex-A.I.F. men and 15 were Imperial ex-service men.

The central administration of the War Service Homes was transferred to Canberra on February 22. The Commissioner (Mr. H. H. Richardson) stated that the transfer would be made with a minimum of staff changes and disturbance to the activities of the department.
January 13, 1937

At the meeting of the State Executive on January 13, there were present Messrs Yeates, Olden, Philp, Panton, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Warner, Watt, Nye, Thorn, Fairley, Margolin, James, Mitchell, Nicholas, Wilkins, Lamb, Cornell, Anderson, Collins and Newman. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Ridley, Brown, Collett, Denton, Noakes and Roche.

Greetings.—The State president announced that many letters and cards had been received at Christmas time. These, including a message of good wishes from Field-Marshall Sir William Birdwood, were laid on the table.

Welcome.—The State president then welcomed Messrs. Sheridan (Boulder) and Otto (C.T.A.) to the meeting.

Imperial Grant.—The State president, Major R. Graham and Mr. Fairweather were appointed trustees for the grant received from the Federal executive for the assistance of Imperial ex-service men.

New South Wales Year Book.—It was agreed that twenty copies of the New South Wales Year Book be ordered, and that sub-branches be circularised accordingly. This publication contains much information that will be of interest to members of the R.S.L.

Sister Jones Memorial.—Information was received that Messrs. C. H. Smith and Sons had presented a trophy, to be called the Sister Jones Memorial Trophy, and it was recommended that it be awarded annually to the sub-branch doing the best work among the hospitals and institutions. It was resolved to thank the donors. A committee, consisting of the State president and Messrs. Freedman, Panton and Collett, was appointed to draw up the necessary conditions.

Relief Fund.—Mr. Philp presented a report covering the operations of the Relief Fund for December and over the Christmas period. There was an expenditure of £327/12/4. Of the 923 cases assisted, 70 were A.I.F. members and 283 A.I.F. non-members, and 16 A.I.F. widows. There were seven Imperial members assisted, 93 Imperial non-members and 14 Imperial widows. The trustees received £175 from the Federal Government for Christmas cheer, and expended £50.

The report was adopted on the motion of Messrs. Philp and Panton, and, at the instance of the State president, the trustees were thanked for their work.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:

—R.A.C.A. (Colonel sub-branch S.S.L.), Mr. Nicholas (Maylands and South Perth sub-branches and No. XI Ward). Certain matters mentioned in Mr. Nicholas’ report were referred to the S.S.L. and Poppy Day committee.

Notice of Motion.—In accordance with notice given at the previous meeting, Colonel Fairley moved that “The county sub-branches be permitted to return unsold Poppies, not exceeding ten per cent. of the quota ordered, provided that the Poppies returned are in good order and condition.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Watt and carried.

An amendment, moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Thorn, “That the matter be referred to the next annual congress,” was lost.

Colonel Fairley then withdrew his notice of motion, on the recommendation (No. 2) of the Poppy Day committee’s report that was presented to the executive meeting on December 16. That portion of the report recommended suspension of the payment of the debt for North Perth’s unsold stocks, and that these be held in trust for re-issue to the sub-branch next November.

Sub-Branches.—The appointment of sub-branch officials as advised by Morawa, Moora, Kalgoorlie and Balladu sub-branches was confirmed.

War Service Homes.—Advice was received from the Federal secretary that the War Service Homes Commission had discontinued the acceptance of applications for the construction or acquisition of homes. Applications on hand at the end of May, 1936, will be dealt with in order of priority. The communication was referred to the War Service Homes committee.

Old Men’s Home.—Hedlands sub-branch reported on certain work necessary to renovate the Soldiers’ Ward at the Old Men’s Home, and estimated the cost at £100. The matter was referred to the special committee with authority to convey this information by circular to sub-branches.

S.S.L. Sports.—Perth sub-branch recommended a donation for an S.S.L. sports. It was decided to refer the suggestion to the S.S.L. committee.

Colonel Tinley.—On the motion of Mr. Watt, it was decided that the State president send a letter of congratulation to Colonel Tinley, who was then in No. XI Ward.

Norsman.—A suggestion was made by Mr. Cornwell, and the Management committee was asked to consider the possibility of a visit by a member of the executive being made to coincide with the opening of the water scheme at Norsman.

January 27, 1937

At the meeting on January 27, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Philp, Panton, Denton, Aberle, Freedman, Warner, Watt, Nye, Thorn, Fairley, James, Mitchell, Wilkins, Lamb, Cornell, Anderson, Collins and Newman. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Ridley, Brown, Collett, Hunt, Margolin, Noakes and Roche.

Laudation.—On the motion of Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Colonel Denton, it was resolved that sympathy be extended to the widow and family of the late Colonel Tinley in their recent bereavement, and that this executive record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the deceased gentleman in the cause of the returned soldier.

B.E.S.L.—Advice was received that the Federal president (Sir Gilbert Dyett) would attend the B.E.S.L. conference in London this year.

Coronation.—The Federal president had been requested to give an estimate as to what seats would be required by Western Australian ex-service men to view the Coronation procession. An estimate of thirty had been given. This action was endorsed.

Resignation.—Mr. R. A. Nicholas tendered his resignation as a member of the executive, for private and personal reasons. The resignation was accepted with great regret, and appreciation of his services was recorded.

Mr. Nicholas was asked if he would carry on with his hospital work.

Invitations.—Murray sub-branch (February 22): Mr. Collins was appointed to attend this function. If he is unable to attend, Messrs. Aberle and Philp will represent the executive.

Norsman.—Messrs. Panton, Gibbs and Cornwell will represent the executive at the opening of the Norsman Water Scheme.

Other invitations accepted were Claremont (Colonel Olden), R.S.L. Cricket Association (The State president, Rabbi Freedman and Messrs. Newman, Anderson and Cornwell), Baywater (Rabbi Freedman), Manjimup (Colonel Olden), Maylands (State president and Rabbi Freedman). An invitation from Yaallah sub-branch for a function on March 2 was referred to the Management committee.

Membership Committee.—Aising out of the report of the Membership committee on a meeting held on January 18, it was decided that a combined meeting of sub-branches be held on March 17, in connection with the membership drive, with the object of giving that opportunity to then taken of saying farewell to the State president, who will be leaving to attend the State president, who will be leaving to attend the B.E.S.L. conference in London, and the Rev. E. H. O. Nye, who is leaving shortly for Victoria. At the same function a welcome...
Visits.—Rabbi Freedman reported having visited Ward XI on January 26. Mr. Watt reported having attended a meeting in the office of the Commissioner for Railways, in connection with local products on the goldfields.

Visits to sub-branches were reported as follows: The State president (Claremont and Collie), Mr. James (Mount Hawthorn).

Aged Ex-Service Men.—The Aged ex-Service Men’s Home committee reported that a circular had been issued to all sub-branches and women’s auxiliaries in connection with the proposed renovations to the ex-service men’s ward of the Old Men’s Home. It was also recommended that the Nedlands sub-branch be given authority to carry out the necessary work as specified, at an estimated cost of £70. The report was received and adopted.

Visitors.—During the evening, the following visitors were welcomed: Mr. P. L. Hart (Royal Commissioner), Captain Wright and Mr. Valentine (president Morawa sub-branch).

Federal Executive.—A communication from the Federal office, in connection with the meeting of the Federal executive on March 3, was received. It contained a request for nomination of the League’s representative on the War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal. Colonel Dibdin was nominated.

Empire Council, B.E.S.L.—Approval was given to the suggestion from the Federal office that Brigadier M. W. J. Bourchier, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., the Agent-General for Victoria, be appointed deputy representative of the R.S.S.I.A. on the Empire Council of the B.E.S.L.

Armistice Day.—Correspondence from the R.S.L. Memorial Band, dealing with Armistice Day buglers was left to the committee.

Public Holiday, April 26.—Wickepin sub-branch asked that the executive approach the Premier’s Department to have Monday, April 26, declared a public holiday. A reply was left to the State Secretary.

Scholarship Trust.—The Soldiers’ Children’s Scholarship Trust advised, in response to a request that the women’s auxiliary be represented on the Trust, that the matter had been considered, but the Trust had no power to add to the committee.

Military Officers of the Unattached, Reserve and Retired Lists

Officers as above are reminded of the necessity of reporting their addresses in writing to Military Headquarters, Swan Barracks, Francis Street, Perth, during the months of either January or February. Those who fail to do so are liable to have their names removed from the list which may be detrimental in the event of mobilisation, etc.

Sons of Soldiers’ League

ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held on January 12. It was resolved that the weekly games should re-commence on the first Friday in March. The secretary’s report for the year ended December 31, 1936, disclosed a healthy financial position. The year’s work was a round of valuable activities which included cricket and football matches against the Albany High School, monthly dances which enabled contributions to be made to the local hospital, the donation of flowers to Perth institutions, and visits to the sick.

At the annual State congress it was resolved to approach the Government in the hope of securing an increase in the bonus on foxes to 7½ with no discrimination between full-grown foxes and cubs. The Minister has now advised that this matter is one actually for determination by the Vermin Advisory Board. Mr. Wise adds that there is little likely food, however, in view of present rural and financial conditions of any variations being made in the present rates.
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SUB-BRANCH

A successful year is indicated by the attendance at the first business night held on January 28, when about 50 members signed the attendance book and several new members were enrolled. Meetings are now held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the lesser hall, Bassendean, instead of every pension Thursday as in the past. The president thanked Mr. Les. Gray for representing the sub-branch at the funeral of the late Colonel Tilney. Messrs. Perkins and Clau groth were welcomed back after being inmates of the Perth Hospital, especially Mr. Perkins, who was twice on the danger list in the past two months. The secretary (Mr. F. Leng) was given an honorary as a mark of appreciation for his services during the past year. The sum of £2 has been earmarked to provide refreshments and travelling expenses to enable the committee to cover this large district. The following were duly declared elected as officers for the ensuing twelve months: President, Padre H. Vine; secretary, Mr. F. Leng; treasurer, Mr. Blatherwick; vice-presidents, Mr. J. E. Clau groth and Mr. R. A. MacDonald; trustees, Messrs. Billings, Clau groth and L. Hardy; auditors, Messrs. Harrow and Brandon visiting committee, Messrs. Clau groth, Fenwick, A. Main and J. Shields; publicity officer, J. E. Clau groth; social committee, Messrs. Lovelock, Nielson, Summerton, Saunders and Vickery. An interesting proposal before the social committee is the formation of an orchestra. There are a number of musicians in the sub-branch at present and members are looking forward to something good during the winter months. Arrangements are being made for the picnic.

SUBLIACO

The annual general meeting was held on January 14, Colonel J. B. Mitchel l presiding. In his speech the president referred to the progress made during the year. We have graduated from last to fourth position in our zone of the A.R.M.S. competition and the increasing membership exceeds 10 per cent. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. P. J. Clegg; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. E. Skinner and G. Frazer; secretary, Mr. E. Condon; treasurer and publicity officer, Mr. J. Newman; auditors, Messrs. W. A. Wilkins and I. H. Lester; committee, Messrs. J. Burgess, J. Smith, L. Ware, B. Condon and A. Underwood. Subsequent to the finish of the 1936 A.R.M.S. clashes, Subiaco held a games championship of its own, the events being spread over several weeks and being contested each Thursday evening. The results were: Cartwright, 1; Nicholas, 2; Kelly, 3. Colonel Mitchell presented the prizes at a games night on December 17 and referred to the consistent service rendered during the season to the A.R.M.S. team by the winners of the 1st and 3rd prizes. Bridge evenings have been held during the past 12 months at the Council rooms, Roekey Road, every 2nd Saturday evening. These evenings will be continued on February 27, March 13 and 27. Supper provided for all and prizes for the prize-winners. Charge, 1/6 per player, surplus to alimony fund. At a monthly general meeting on February 4, congratulations were voted to a member of our sub-branch, Colonel Roberts, whose M.B.E. was included in the New Year’s Honours List. Colonel Roberts has not enjoyed the best of health recently, and we wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. H. Turpin, a member of the S.S.I., presented to the sub-branch, at this meeting, a scale model (1/8th inch to 1 foot) of the State War Memorial. The president (Mr. P. J. Clegg) moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Turpin, which was seconded by Mr. W. A. Wilkins. The model is an accurate and well-executed piece of work, the accuracy being rendered possible by the courtesy of Messrs. Hobbs, Forbes and Partners, who made the plans of the Memorial available to the young architect. It is a pleasant duty to repeat our expressions of appreciation of the gift and of the spirit which lay behind the making and presentation. A picnic will be held on Sunday, March 21. Those who remember the success of our last picnic will be looking forward to this event. Family tickets 2s., single tickets, 1s., including bus and hot water.

DOWERO

A good roll call was recorded at the February meeting, but through the warmth of the weather (the hottest yet) the troops seemed to entertain the idea that Geo. Keeley’s was the meeting place. However, quite an appreciable amount of business was transacted. The case of the late Frank Evans was away, and the resolution urging the continuance of the enquiry as to his removal from Claremont to Fremantle was tabled to be sent to the Executive. The flooding of the Memorial was also discussed. The formation of a new zone with Goomalling and Karratha was also debated and a meeting will be called to finalise the matter. It is proposed to hold a Coronation Ball on the night of Coronation Day. The president, P.H.B., was absent when it was decided to commence the meeting, so E. Freemantle was elected to the chair and he continued with the job unto the (Eau) bitter end.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The officers for 1937 are as follows:—President, Paddy Maddaford, 43 North Beach Road, North Perth; secretary, Albert Wilkins; assistant secretary, C. Lamb; vice-presidents, J. Duncan and V. Fowler; and the committee is composed of a team of energetic workers. Some very enjoyable evenings have been spent since last edition of “The Listening Post” went to press. The meetings and sports nights have been well attended and great interest has been shown in the games, which are now about to start in earnest. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, which will be a sports night when candidates will enter for the Archibald Riley Shield games. The shooting has attracted almost the whole of the sub-branch and the last practice shoot resulted in some very fine performances by the boys. Members intending to attend in full force on February 18, as we wish to get down to business, which last. The sub-branch was represented at the annual dinner of the Maylands sub-branch by the president, secretary, vice-president, the Scribe, and a member of the sub-branch. All had a jolly good time. The sub-branch was represented at the Claremont smoke social by Maurice Woods and James Leedam, two very old and popular members, who voted Claremont’s social A1.

FREMANTLE

Meetings continue to be very well attended. On February 28 the sub-branch invited the auxiliary to a games evening and, believe it or not, the ladies carried off all the honours. On Foundation Day there was a combined picnic to Coogee. Races were held, the winners being: Men’s race, Mr. J. Brown; auxiliary race, Mrs. C. Grieves; thread-the-needle, Mrs. R. Hutchison and Mr. J. Kellsall. The ladies’ walking race was won by Mrs. Grieves, and Mrs. Jones who is on a visit from Geraldton. Children’s races were won by Connie Wilson, M. Barford, M. Brown, G. Mc Klintock, H. Grieves, W. M. Whiting, M. Brown, Bob Smith, Stewart Thompson and
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The annual meeting and election of officers was held on February 4, the following officials being elected for the ensuing year:

- President (unopposed), Mr. O. J. Williams
- Senior vice-president, A. R. Wood
- Junior vice-president, J. E. Aylett
- Secretary, J. K. Craze
- Treasurer (unopposed), W. J. Yend
- Assistant secretary, J. S. Wyatt
- Games secretary, A. G. McKenna
- Social secretary, W. Newick
- Auditor, A. Chapman
- Committee, Messrs. Allwood, Annear, Thomas, Burnham, Lewis, Chambers, Elliott, McIntosh

**The Literary**

Those who have written in the past have been put on light duties. The annual dinner was held on January 12. Both addresses were greeted with great applause, testifying to members' appreciation of the work done in the interests of the sub-branch by these two gentlemen, during the past year. Mr. Mellor was especially pleased to be able to report that the membership for the year showed an increase of 60. He also expressed satisfaction with the amendment to the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, which now provides for a greater measure of compensation to those whose services were found not to be unreplacable. In conclusion, Mr. Mellor thanked the management and general committee for their friendliness and co-operation throughout the year, which had been a particularly strenuous one from their point of view. Mr. J. O'Farrell expressed the belief that, with good management, the sub-branch will regain its former financial standing during 1937. He appreciated very much the suggestions made for the purpose of acting in an honorary capacity for the sub-branch. He regretted the necessity for such a lenishment, but was convinced that, under present conditions, it was unavoidable. Reporting on the Perth sub-branch S.S.L., Mr. O'Farrell stated that it was in a flourishing condition, and he wished especially to thank Mr. Bateson and Mr. Della-Rocca for the practical interest they had displayed in the movement.

**MANJIMUP**

Manjimup sub-branch finished the year 1936 with a financial membership of over 80, and with the following comfortable credit balances:

- Building fund, £127/19/4
- Band fund, £5/17/11
- Funeral levy, £6/3/6
- Amelioration fund, £7/11/3
- General account, £19/4/5

Making a total credit balance of £60, Mr. O'Farrell recommended the weekly community singing and dance evenings in the Town Hall some weeks ago for the benefit of his R.S.L. cricket club. On February 16 the sub-branch will take them off for the building and amelioration fund—and then the year's work begins. All the same, the event that looms largest is the reunion to be held on February 27. Some of the troops are writing speeches, practising songs or putting out yarns in readiness for the night. Nobody is cultivating a thirst, because there is no need to cultivate one this weather. Unhappily, there are some dairy farming Diggers and "chooms" who may have to save up to get the requisite 4s, while dozens have put in for the Bob Newton's foot, which was crushed some time ago, is mending slowly. Charlie Babb has been a cot-case in Warren Hospital, pretty bad for a while, but he is back on M. and D. again.

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**VICTORIA PARK**

The annual general meeting was held on January 12 when the following officers were elected:

- President, H. Taylor
- Vice-presidents, B. Hewson and J. Matthews
- Hon. auditor, C. McIntosh
- Hon. secretary, J. Jennings
- Treasurer, T. Chandler
- Assistant secretary and publicity officer, C. P. Jennings
- Committee, Messrs. Gibson, Colley, Hockey, Raston, Coppin, Lloyd, McBride, Mann, Dunn and F. Barnett

The annual report which included congratulations to the sub-branch on winning the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield for the third year in succession, and increasing its membership from 130 financial members. He announced he would not nominate for the chair, as he had done three years as president of the sub-branch. The secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. F. Charles), in his report, disclosed that the sub-branch was in a healthy condition, both as regards membership and finance. He thanked the women's auxiliary for the great help which body had been to the sub-branch in social, amelioration and Poppy Day activities. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

- President, W. E. Kay
- Vice-presidents, Messrs. Tom Campbell and Jim Morton
- Past president, Mr. T. Damon
- Secretary and treasurer (hon.), Mr. G. F. Charles
- Auditor, Mr. J. F. Pendergast
- Publicity officer, Mr. A. W. Johnson
- Building fund committee, Messrs. Campbell, Damon, Richardson, Rowe and Morton
- Social committee, Messrs. Stockman, G. Williams, Moore, Stanton, Hatcher, Mayes, Ryder, Damon and Cheeseman

The annual dinner for the sub-branch. New members enrolled for January were
Messrs. H. A. Williams, Angus McLean, G. L. Higginson, J. H. Bane, J. Woodhead and A. Mitchell. The social committee deserve special mention as, during the year they conducted thirty-nine weekly dances, besides looking after our personal comfort on meeting nights and running smoke socials, etc. The building of the Memorial Hall has been justified by the efforts of the executive committee, the general fund is well in credit and with new members steadily being enrolled, everything points to a good year in 1937. The first ordinary meeting of 1937 was held on February 4. 1937, members being present, the chair was occupied by Mr. W. E. Kay.

New members enrolled being Messrs. Loughbridge, Barrie, C. Richardson, Murphy and McNamara. The circular regarding burnt-out ex-service men was referred to a joint committee of the men and the women’s auxiliary. The Poppy sellers’ social was set down for Tuesday, March 2, and an invitation to attend the birthday anniversary of the women’s auxiliary on March 12 was accepted. Weekly bridge evenings are to commence on Wednesday, February 17. The annual picnic to Mosman’s Bay is due to take place on Sunday, March 14. Family tickets: 3s., single: 1/6. Transport to be by bus from the Memorial Hall, Oxford Street and the Coogee Street tram terminus.

And it came to pass at the eighth hour of the fourth day of the second moon called February, that the Carlisle warriors did meet again at their appointed Memorial Hall, and the tribes were well and strongly represented (even unto Victoria Park chieftains Jack Matthews and his boomerangato, mates and soldiers) for great were the expectations of those assembled to witness the anger of their chosen and tried leaders who ruled from afar. Verily, and yeal for the comet had been lessen ing its tail to some purpose, and the old shellbacks hard put to avoid getting dust in their ogles therefrom, but all rejoiced when it became apparent that a figure-of-eight knot in the tail of the comet, which, when the Oracle, indicated meditation and grave uncertainties, had been observed and correctly interpreted by the Chosen, whose wisdom is based upon ye old shibboleth “coming events cast their shadows before them”. And the Carlisle Diggers said: “it is good.” And it was good! Whereupon they forgathered to do divers business, which caused their wives and children to journey on the waters to Mosman’s Bay on the seventh day of the same moon, accompanied by the women’s auxiliary. And great was the joy and mirth, and strange was the ancient habit of those veterans who ventured to try their skill in the waters! And they raced, and ate, and partook of ices and other delicacies until the sun was low in the West, and their boat was come, whereupon voices were amused to melodies of piano and whistlepipe. And at the jetty, the multitude were loud in their praise and thankfulness to Taiff of the tribe Powell, and to Lilian of the Crofts clan, upon whose shoulders fell the burden—cheerfully borne —of organising for the successful entertaining of the Carlisle warriors, their ladies, and their progeny. And the multitude said: “it was indeed good,” and Echo answered: “by cripes! I’ll say it was!” Whereupon a hush overcame them as they measured the time until the next journey upon the waters, betimes a darkness had descended upon the land.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

The annual picnic was held at Mosmans on Anniversary Day, an affair of wonderful success, no fewer than 260 people being present. It was necessary to charter an extra bus to accommodate the overflow. The catering was a complete success, despite some of our friends laxity in not advising the committee of their intention to be in attendance.

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CLAREMONT

The nineteenth annual general meeting took place on January 14, president C. Briggs occupying the chair. A letter was received from Captain Ball, whose deep interest in the welfare of the sub-branch is equalled only by the lasting influence he left behind when he departed for Queensland. Mr. Blythe warmly thanked members for Christmas, and, in recalling our sick comrades in Lucknow Hospital. The meeting was attended by the State president (Mr. A. Yeates), whose address on R.S.L. affairs was greatly appreciated. The amelioration fund now shows £46/11/10, and the general fund £46/11/10. A bus trip to the Naval Base has been arranged for February 28 (adults 2/6 return, children, not occupying seats, free). On March 21 a boat trip to Point Walter will take place. This is an outing for the children, full particulars of which can be had from the secretary. Election of office-bearers for 1937 resulted as follows:—President, Mr. C. H. Briggs; vice-president, G. O. Marshall and A. Tomlinson; treasurer, J. L. Storey; honorary secretary, Captain Ball, R.A. (Aust.), unopposed; secretary, W. Ford (unopposed); committee, A. Baxter, W. F. Bealing, F. Davies, F. W. Greene, W. T. Lidbury, T. B. Powell, E. Woodlands, R. W. Whitehead; social committee, A. Baxter, E. B. Powell, W. W. Pembroke; committee, W. F. Bealing—amelioration committee, W. F. Bealing, F. Davies, J. L. Storey, R. W. Whitehead, S. Smith; sports director, G. S. Marshall. The annual smoke social was held at the Town Hall on February 4, and quite a distinguished gathering was present. President C. Briggs welcomed the visitors. Then followed a demonstration of vocal mimicry from the stage, the bagpipes putting
one over the originals. Bob Dewar then took the floor, and confounded his critics. Colonel Olden, who spoke with a terse precision, was highly appreciated by his audience. Three artists then entertained the "Plutocracy" with saxophone and piano accordian. State secretary (Mr. Benson) detailed account of R.S.L. work. Mr. Sam Smith proposed the toast of "The Armed Forces of the Crown," to which Colonel Mitchell responded, Captain Morgan adding forcible weight to the response. Mr. George Marshall called for the toast. Due to his absence, in well-chosen words, then welcomed Mr. Crocker, acting Mayor of Claremont, Mr. Crocker making suitable response. Bob Abbercrombie proposed the toast of "The Artists," which was voiced in no uncertain manner, the artists being none other than the one and only Billy Edwards and Co. Bill, in person, acknowledged the honour in typical style.

**COLLIE**

The great sporting carnival is over, and it was some carnival, too. Being a huge success financially and from an organisational point of view, the events of the week were truly称赞的. Competitors came from far and near. The result reflects the greatest of credit on the organisers (Mr. J. Giblett). As every event right through without a hitch the organising work was obvious well and truly done. The sub-branch is now richer financially and with enhanced prestige. It is decided to run another carnival next year, the experience gained will be a great advantage. Already schemes are on foot whereby the sub-branch can benefit. Wonderful support in the display by the members who rallied round the organisers and the secretary, thus enabling them to carry the project to a successful finish. The annual reunion and meeting were also great successes. Among the visitors were the State president (Mr. Yates) and State secretary (the one and only Dave Benson). They were welcomed by Mr. Newman, the representative of the Collie sub-branch on the State executive. It was his first visit to Coalopolis and we sincerely hope that it will not be his last. He was impressed with what he saw there. The sub-branch is starting the new year with greater enthusiasm than ever. An intensive membership campaign is being launched, as, with deaths and transfers, we are losing members. At the annual meeting a new president was elected (Mr. J. Giblett), the past president, Mr. J. Huling, who has done some sterling work for the sub-branch deserves a spell after three and a half years in the chair. Harry May and Jack Marshall were elected to the vice-president, Mr. Convoy (Mr. G. Beever) and the secretary (Bert Stuchbury) remain in office. Harry May is in another fixture as pension officer. One shudder to think what is going to happen if ever Harry gives up his pension work for the sub-branch. He has made a wonderful job of it as is well known.

**KUKERIN**

The quarterly meeting was held on January 30. Mr. C. A. Pike was again elected president, Mr. W. Broadworth, vice-president, and R. V. C. Davidson, secretary, and with a strong committee, he made his golden wedding on February 17, 1937. His service was with the Nile Expedition, 1884-1885. Congratulations from the sub-branch.

**BAANDEE**

The monthly meeting was held on February 6. Various matters of amelioration were dealt with, and it was decided to hold an annual ball on May 13. The proceeds will be donated to aged soldiers' fund. All members are working hard to see the crowd in the hall that night. A very nice function took place after business was dealt with. Mr. Barr presenting Certificates of Service to both the president and secretary, who suitably responded.

**WEST SWAN**

On January 21 members had the pleasure of entertaining the ladies Poppy sellers to an enjoyable evening to which about 50 persons partook, including the State president women's auxiliary (Mrs. McKinnay), the State secretary (Mrs. Hopperton) and a past president of the auxiliary (Mrs. T. Wilson). Dancing, interspersed with musical items and games, were the order of the evening, Mr. R. Ryder's paper hat making competition and Mrs. Hopperton carried off the prize for sketch guessing competition. President Alf. Guy proposed the toast of "Our Guests," to which Mrs. Knapp suitably responded. Members paid a visit to the Melville hospital on January 14. The hospitality of Melville was much appreciated. A visit by Melville members to our sub-branch will be the result.

**ALBANY**

The monthly meeting was held on January 19. Greetings were received from a former member, Mr. T. E. Peake, who is now a resident of Maylands. The entertainment committee met on the 11th of the month, the picnic which was held on January 17. The Goose Club proved a greater success than in the preceding year. Cards evenings are to be held every Thursday, and a smoke social is being arranged for Easter Saturday. The annual reunion will be celebrated later. Mr. L. S. Barnett reported upon the visit of Mr. J. Ellis, Commissioner for Railways, who expressed great pleasure at the result of the renovations, and gave further consideration to the matter of providing seats for the garden. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. S. Livesey for his donation of two cases of fruit for the picnic, and to all who provided transport for the occasion. The secretary was instructed to write, congratulating past president Roy Potts upon his recent promotion and appointment to Perth Boys' School.

**NAREMBOON**

The first general meeting was held on January 13. There was a fair attendance, notwithstanding the fact that several members had left for their annual holidays. After general business, which included the election of a strong social committee, had been disposed of, the meeting resolved itself into a social gathering. Quarterly reunions are to be a feature of sub-branch activities. Members are asked to bear this in mind, and bring along non-members to these functions.

**MOUNT BARKER**

Soldiers and their wives and children were the guests of the sub-branch at an enjoyable picnic at the Denman Park on Christmas Day. Over 140 of all ranks and ages were present, which necessitated the re-arrangement of three buses and numerous cars. Frank Goundrey and Tommy Doney fixed up the business of serving the happy monty Gorman was kept on his toes issuing cool drinks. Meanwhile, Sid Reeves kept Scotty Fleming, Frank Goble and Bill Ironside sweating over the ice-cream churn. Frank Fels, Billy Millions and Jack Adams attended to the preparation of the food. After this good team work, there were no complaints when the "Cook House" call was sounded. President Herbert Jenkins supervised the sports programme. The task of conveying the picnic party across the paddock was a great and successful feat of transportation. In this effort, Admiral Donee, Field-Marshal Goble and Brigadier Ironside covered themselves with glory and salt water. Sports director Herbert Jenkins was ably assisted by the official starter, Jack Adams, and the judges: Bill Cooper, Bernard Hickling, and the clerks of the course, Alex farming and Bill Millions. The events resulted as following: Ladies' walking race, Mrs. George Smith, 1; Mrs. W. Scott, 2; and Mrs. F. Goundrey, 3. Men's walking race, Tim Fels, 1; P. F. Egel, 2; and Mrs. F. Goundrey (tie), 3. Ladies' sack race, Miss Laura Jenkins, 1; Miss Jackson, 2; Mrs. G. Young, 3; Mrs. F. Pugh, 4. Diggers' sack race, S. Reeves, 1; P. Fels, 2; W. Ironside, 3; P. Glover, 4. Single ladies' race, Miss Tupp Smith, 1; Miss Evelyn Walker, 2; Miss Laura Jenkins, 3. Married ladies' race, Mrs. C. Sandilands, 1; Mrs. J. Gorman, 2; Mrs. S. Reeves, 3. Sons of soldiers' race, Norman Windsus, 1; Roger Sounness, 2; Ian Sounness, 3. Diggers' race, Frank Fels, 1; Ken Sounness, 2; T. Glover, 3; T. Gourley, 4. Before the day ended, the president, supported by Frank Pugh, addressed the gathering, and the organisers of the event, (Messrs. S. Fels and Reeves) were the recipients of congratulations on the success of the function.

**MOORA**

At a meeting of the committee Mr. A. B. Gloster tendered his resignation as hon. secretary before his intended trip abroad. There was a full attendance of the members and all present gave a well-deserved round of applause to Mr. Gloster for the efficient and friendly way he had performed, increasing the membership to close on 100. He was requested to consider a leave of absence till his return from his trip, as the members were very loth to part with him and his services. But he preferred to let some other man carry on. His resignation was then accepted with sincere regret, which was to be included in the minutes. Mr. R. A. Lindsay, the postmaster of Moora, who holds a wonderful record of service with the R.S.L., was unananimously elected to the vacancy. Mr. Lindsay is a great and popular man to the sub-branch. Wherever he has been he has furthered the interests of the R.S.L. and increased the membership and put the various sub-branches on a sound footing. Some time ago the local rifle club gave us their annual challenge at a rifle match. A good roll up of both sides resulted and, although the rifle club won the day, a most enjoyable day was spent. The sub-branch then challenged the rifle club to a contest at cricket. This has been accepted and the date was fixed for Sunday, February 14. This annual fixture is now acknowledged one of Moora's important events. Both the victors and the vanquished spend a happy outing.

**MURRAY**

The monthly meeting was held on January
11. There was a fair attendance of members. It was suggested to hold an extraordinary meeting of the sub-branch at Mandurah on February 22, with a view to making contact with our Digger comrades from town and country who might be having a holiday by the sea. The matter was left in the hands of Diggers McMahon and Scott, who are in close touch with events at this popular resort.

YEALERING

Secretary Roy Kerr welcomed visitors from Ardath-Babakin who had come to try conclusions with the local lads in a Sunday cricket match. Ardath-Babakin won the toss and put up a score of 120, C. Martin, with 49, being the top-scorer. Yealering, for whom T. Nelson made the top score of 38, responded with 112. W. Bristow's bowling had a disastrous effect on the Yealering batsmen. He bowled six of them and caught another. He was evidently getting even with the home side for being stumped by C. Kerr who carried off the bowling honours for Yealering. After the match, the visitors were entertained at the Commercial Hotel.

NANNUP

For over twelve months, alternate meetings have been held at Jarrahwod, where approximately twelve members of the sub-branch reside. The sixteen miles trip from Nannup is always enjoyed, and the troops making the hop-over represent every phase of army activity. The driver, son of a soldier, stood for the Q.M. (grocer), George A.S.C. (butcher), Bill, Q.M. (clothing); Frank does the haircutting. Bert is a builder, and Charlie issues the liquid refreshments. Two of the troops are experts on settling—Jack and Ernie who tried on Cambrai, a distance of about 12 miles—so members should be good for a ride on the light railways. Battalion Orderly Room is represented by the secretary, Jim, the vice-president, is in charge, as the president has been away on long leave. Dick, as usual, is quietly doing a good job.

GERALDTON

The annual general meeting was held at Birdwood House on January 11. In the absence of the president (Mr. Roy Skinner) Mr. A. E. Anderson occupied the chair. There were a fair number of members present. Mr. Skinner thanked the committee, secretary and the women's auxiliary for their very great assistance during the year. He asked to be relieved of the position as president, as most of his spare time was taken up with the Militia. The election of officers was as follows:—President, Mr. Arthur Green; vice-presidents, M. Gerishen and F. Ruek; treasurer, T. G. Gibson; sub-branch trustees, G. Brown and M. Gerishen; pensions officer, A. E. Anderson; secretary, Bob Webb; assistant secretary, C. Martin; warden, George Lester; sub-wardsen, Boy Scouts; general committee, T. B. Carter, H. Kendrick, R. C. Anderson, P. N. Briers, J. Robertson and W. E. Mill. The matter of the R.S.L. Band which was in recess was brought up, and it was resolved to try and get it going again. The question of the local Militia becoming an auxiliary of this sub-branch was thoroughly gone into, particularly their position in using Birdwood House. After much discussion it was left in the hands of the committee to finalise.

VICTORIA PARK

On January 17 the annual combined river trip took place to Point Walter, and despite the fact that it was an exceptionally cool day, those who attended spent a very pleasant time. Mrs. McIntosh kindly oblied on the piano. A ten shilling note, which was raffled to help augment expenses, was won by Mrs. Thiel.

Prem. The first 1937 quarterly social was held in the Memorial Hall, Salford Street, on Saturday, January 22, when we had visitors from Bassendean, Carlisle, Fremantle, South Perth, Subiaco, Mt. Hawthorn, Maylands, Nedlands, West Leederville, North Perth and 44th Battalion auxiliaries. A programme of dancing was intermingled with items by Mesdames Burkitt, Keillor and Newman (songs), Miss Page and Dot Nolan (novelty dances), recitations by Miss Stahl, and acrobatics by Thelma Barry. Prizes were won by Mesdames Rigby and Delfy (North Perth), Bone, Treasure, Stockpin and McDermott, of Mt. Hawthorn (lucky spots), Mrs. Thiel (lucky number). Mrs. Burkitt won the raffle, and Mrs. Stockpin the balloon race. The president (Mrs. Tonnie, after welcoming the guests, thanked the artists, and presented Mrs. Stockpin with a shoulder spray, it being the occasion of her birthday. Mrs. Stockpin suitably responded, and thanked the "Park" for an enjoyable evening's entertainment on behalf of the visitors. On Sunday, February 22, the auxiliary are giving the children their annual picnic to the Zoo. Children of both members of the auxiliary and sub-branch are eligible. The next general meeting will be held on Friday, February 26, at 7.30 p.m.

WEST LEEDERVILLE

On a recent Sunday the patients from Lennox Hospital and Edward Millen Home were motored to Mosman's Bay, where cool drinks

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and ice cream were dispensed by the West Leederville auxiliary. After a stay at the Bay the party motored to West Leederville Town Hall where other members of the auxiliary with the secretary (Mrs. Haines) had prepared high tea. Mrs. Crowley (president of the auxiliary) and Mr. G. E. Timmel (president of West Leederville sub-branch) welcomed the guests. Mesdames Hopperston and Stockman thanked the hostesses for their hospitality. Matron Rushton and "Tich" Leggett spoke on behalf of the patients.

Musical items were given by Miss Roma Griffths (violin solos), Mrs. L. McDermott (songs), Hope Hopperston (songs and dances). Mesdames Griffths and Timmel and Mr. Bates were the pianists. The following are thanked for lending their cars:--Mrs. E. MacDoulag, Messrs. E. W. Mead, L. O. Schultz, Bill Bates, W. MacAskill, L. McDermott, G. W. Randall, Bennett and (by courtesy of Sidney Atkinson), Messrs. C. G. Rossiter, M. Purser and V. Logan.

**MAYLANDS**

The auxiliary has been in recess since the strenuous work during the festive season in providing Christmas cheer for the various hospitals and institutions. A number of members enjoyed a short holiday at the various beaches, and so will take up their tasks with renewed vigour. They took their usual monthly concert party to Lennoo on February 5, and, though it was a warm night, indulged in some old-time dancing, a form of entertainment the inmates entered into with zest. A tasty supper was provided. The Maylands ladies were pleased to hear that Matron McDonald had been selected to represent W.A. Nursing Sisters at the Coronation ceremony. And now I hear there is a scheme on foot to provide her with a gross of strawberry baskets for the voyage. She will undoubtedly worthy represent the service.

**MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE**

The first meeting of the year was held on January 28. Thanks were received from the soldier patients at Wooroloo for Christmas gift parcels. A letter was read from the retiring president of the sub-branch (Mr. Ted Damon) and was gratefully received by the ladies who regret the retirement of so good a president. Mr. Kay was introduced as the new president, and was received with much acclamation. In an address, Mr. Kay urged the ladies to augment their numbers. The women's auxiliary are assured of a good co-worker in Mr. Kay. A good report on the weekly dance was given and a handsome cheque was forthcoming for the year's work. After a dainty supper was served the evening closed. On February 8 a welcome home was given to a member, Mrs. Reader, who has been on a long holiday to England. Items were given by Messrs. McDermott and Hayes, and Mrs. Lee was much applauded for a pianoforte solo entitled "Hellsfire Jack." Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Fleming gave an exhibition of waltzes. Mrs. Kay welcomed Mrs. Reader and Mrs. Reader thankfully responded, relating many interest items concerning her visit to the Old Country. Competitions during the afternoon were won by Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Moore.

**CARLISLE**

A happy time was spent by members of the sub-branch and the auxiliary in December, when good wishes were exchanged and the Christmas cheese raffle was drawn. The auxiliary presented the sub-branch with a portrait of King George V, which was procured through the instrumentality of Mesdames Pickering and Nicol. The annual sub-branch and auxiliary picnic was held on Sunday, February 7. The auxiliary resumed operations on February 8.

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