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THE DAY WE CELEBRATE

While he was in Perth, Mr. G. W. Holland (the State president of the Victorian Branch of the R.S.I.L.A.) issued the warning that the proper commemoration of Anzac Day must be safeguarded, otherwise the day might disappear from the calendar altogether. The best safeguard that can be provided for Anzac Day is a strong league, and the strength of a league of any sort is determined by its membership.

The fact that Anzac Day falls on a Sunday this year led to the decision that the main commemoration on the Esplanade be held in the afternoon, instead of the morning, as in other years. In adopting this recommendation of the Anzac Day committee, the State Executive was guided by the procedure adopted on the only previous occasion that Anzac Day coincided with Sunday, and the desire to interfere as little as possible with ordinary church services. The sub-branches were circularised, but, unfortunately, the decision was reported in the Press before some sub-branches received their circulars. This would not have mattered very much had not the altered procedure called for alterations to suburban programmes to which sub-branches have devoted much time and attention in the past. In one or two quarters there were feelings of resentment, and a certain amount of talk about what was somewhat unreasonably considered a high-handed action on the part of the Executive. The point that neither the Executive, nor anyone else, ever suggested that the sub-branches should forego their local ceremonies was overlooked for the time being, but it is gratifying to be able to report that most of the metropolitan sub-branches, including the one that was at first most resentful, have now decided to hold their local commemorations at times which will not clash with either the main function on the Esplanade, or the ordinary church services. Only Fremantle, and one or two sub-branches in the outlying suburbs, have decided to hold their local ceremonies in the afternoon as in previous years.

It would be more than a pity if the League were to be seriously divided on the subject of Anzac Day celebration at this particular stage. Individual differences of opinion exist and, onesupposes always will exist, but the Digger, like the League of which he is a member, stands for the principle of the greatest good for the greatest number. Last year there was much debate as to whether Anzac Day should be observed as a fifty-third Sunday, a close holiday, or a medieval holy-day with ritual in the morning and merrymaking in the afternoon. In other States, these questions became the subject of a referendum; in our own, the several opinions were embodied in items on the annual Congress agenda; and in all instances the decision was in favour of the present method of observance, which has been the result of years of experience, and which has met with the approval of the general public. Nevertheless, circumstances like the present point to the need for unrelaxing vigilance. There are sections of the public that would hail with delight any suggestion that the Diggers themselves did not know their own mind concerning Anzac Day observances.

At the Civic Reception to the Federal president (Mr. G. W. Holland) the Victorian State president mentioned certain interests in his own State that were definitely opposed to the annual commemoration of Anzac Day. We have seen the same sort of thing here. Only last year, a business men's association blithely suggested that money was more important that memory, and that Anzac Day should be celebrated on the nearest Sunday, instead of on the actual day. That suggestion was just as blithely turned down by the League, but the amazing part of the affair is that it was supported by a few League members. More serious, perhaps, the emotional crisis which the annual celebration aroused the hypersensitive souls of people like John K. Ewers. These people had the effrontery to assert that the League, in celebrating Anzac Day, was fostering the war spirit; and that people who were killed in street accidents were just as worthy of commemoration as those who fell on Gallipoli. The answer to that hysterical wail, of course, is that Anzac Day is concerned only with those who died as a result of their war service, for the freedom that permits people to make these-periodical wails. The pen-thrashing that was administered to Mr. Ewers on this occasion, and the record crowds that assembled at both the Dawn and the other celebrations were sufficient answer to hostile critics, but readers may be assured that these people, though discreetly silent now, are only awaiting their opportunity.

That being so, the League cannot afford, even if it so desired, to alienate such a respectable body of public opinion as the congregations of the several churches. It has not involved any very intricate staff-work to make arrangements for avoiding a clash of services and, here, the League has observed a good precedent. Only a few days ago, His Majesty the King altered the hour for the changing of the Palace Guard, so that people might witness this ceremony and go to church as well.

Anzac Day is one of the few occasions on which ex-service men are able to come before the public in the mass. The arrangements are made by the League, but unfortunately all ex-service men are not members of the organisation which does so much for them. As individuals with suggestions to bring forward, or grievances to redress, non-members, if not articulate, are merely voices crying in the wilderness, unless they act in and through the League. The League in the years of peace has preserved the respect and honour that was accorded to the men of Anzac. Only the maintenance and increase of membership will enable this position to continue. Just as a strong Empire is the best present guarantee of peace in a distracted world, so a strong...
League is the best means of assuring the continued respectful observance of Anzac Day, and the maintenance of those ideals of service for which the men of Anzac gave their lives. At the beginning of the year men make good resolutions. May we suggest that on Anzac Day resolutions should also be made, those of continuing in the League, or of joining it if not already a member.

"THE LEAGUE'S IDEALS"

Interesting Speech at Yealering

Proposing the toast of “Kindred Sub-branches” at the annual reunion of the Yealering sub-branch on Friday, March 5, Mr. E. D. Lindsey (11th Battalion) gave a vigorous exposition of the ideals of the League.

Mr. Lindsey said: I am not going to apologise for my feeble attempt at a speech, because what I am going to say is sincere, and sincerity needs no apology.

I wonder if we realise what we are, and who we are, and our responsibilities—that you and I are vitally important links in a mighty chain, part of a glorious mechanism, each one dependent on another. Are we all pulling our weight? Are we all doing our bit? Is one part being strained and another rusting?

A nation is built up of individuals. If these individuals are slack, so is the nation. If you leave it to the other chap it won’t be long before the other chap has our heritage, and our torch goes out.

What are the real, the fundamental, the primary aims of this vast organisation of British ex-service men?—branches and sub-branches “all over the globe”—men who have unique experiences, a vast knowledge, a deep understanding and a bitter memory. The aim is to hand that torch which has been handed to us, to build up the strength and unity of the most wonderful, sparkling constellation the world has ever seen—the British Empire.

Do we realise that time is short, our race is nearly run? In less than 20 years the R.S.L. will be but a memory, but, in spite of that, our work must go on and on, growing bigger and bigger. This grave responsibility rests on the individual—you and me; our sub-branch and yours.

We must widen our vision. We must do things—thoughts are things—give, not get. There must be nothing bitter in our thoughts or actions. We must be an influence in the land—a power for good. Always the one aim and thought: “Our Empire”—for we have the torch.

We can all do better, each in our own sphere. Make our meetings brighter, better, more useful. Hear what other sub-branches and kindred organisations are doing. Swap ideas. Foster the Sons of Soldiers’ League and the Legacy Club. Look after our poor and needy. Take a greater interest in local affairs. We must look ahead, not backward, and think of the future. The past is the experience to guide us. It is the future that counts.

I would like to see The Listening Post have a large circulation, eagerly sought after by the thinking public. I would like to see in it a better connecting file between the sub-branches. In my opinion it is too narrow in vision, too parochial.

We, as members of the League, are to-day a voice that is heard. We can be a tremendous power for good and unity, not only in our own districts, but also in the State, in the Empire, in the world.

We have no party, no creeds, no “isms” to stop or split us. We have a single track. You can wear dungarees, plus fours, snats, or shorts. It makes no difference. There is one thing, however, that can hinder us, can break us, and that is lack of individual effort. But this can be overcome by enthusiasm, by bright ideas, by exchange of views between sub-branches and between members.

Do we sufficiently realise what we owe, and to whom we owe our security to-day? What of the future? Are we losing the grip on things? Do we realise the dangers that surround us? We British, the best hated nation in the world, are surrounded by hyenas drunk with jealous hatred, who would rend us limb from limb if it were not for our unity, our strength and our love of the flag. God help us and our children if that weakens.

It is just you and I that count, our sub-branch and yours, and it is with these thoughts in mind that I ask you to rise and honour the toast of “Kindred Sub-branches.”

(Note.—In his speech, Mr. Lindsey says that he would like to see The Listening Post a better connecting file between the sub-branches, and that in his opinion the paper is too narrow in vision, too parochial. As more than half of our space is devoted to sub-branch news and the business of the League, we should be glad to hear more from Mr. Lindsey on this matter; and also as to why in his opinion we are narrow and parochial. We have always endeavoured to adopt an Imperial and national standpoint, and to induce others to think imperially, and to take an interest in public questions. We certainly have a policy, as every other paper has, and part of that policy is to preserve a critical detachment with respect to the various panaceas that have been suggested for the creation of the new Utopias.—Ed., L.P.)

ANZAC CLUB

The Anzac Club will hold a Plain and Fancy Coronation Festival at Anzac House on Wednesday, May 12, 1937, at 8.30 p.m. Each member will receive his invitation card by letter. Prizes for the best fancy costumes, sets, &c., will be awarded. The committee trusts that members and their ladies will enter into the festive spirit and make a grand display in fancy costumes. Admittance will be only on presentation of card. A member may obtain one extra lady’s ticket, and the lady’s name should be forwarded with the application. Those intending to be present should notify the secretary on the form supplied with the ticket, not later than May 8.
MEMBERS OF THE FAMOUS ORIGINAL MACHINE GUN SECTION OF THE 16th BATTALION AT BLACKBOY HILL IN 1914

Top Row, left to right: Private Thorne, (--), Corporal Peter Grievson, Staff Sergeant-Major Syd. Longmore, Sergeant Demel, Private Carse, Private Harry Murray, Private Harold George.


Absent from the photo were Lieutenant Carse, Lance-Corporal Percy Black and Private Paddy O’Brien.

It is doubtful if there were a similar group who became more distinguished in the war than the men comprising this famous machine gun section. It will interest our readers if we endeavour to trace the history of the individuals comprising the group.

Thorne, Grievson and Carse returned as lieutenants. Syd. Longmore had a distinguished record and gained his captaincy with the 44th Battalion. He is now widely known as “Non Com” of the “Western Mail.” Demel was killed on Pope’s Hill. Harry Murray returned as a colonel, and we believe the most decorated Australian of the war. He gained the V.C., C.M.G., D.S.O. and bar, D.C.M. and Croix de Guerre. Harold George was killed at Gallipoli. Reg. Stokes was badly wounded at Gallipoli and invalided home and is now at Kondinin. Bert Sykes became a captain and is also at Kondinin. Rowley and Burton were both killed early at Gallipoli. “Fat” McLeod became a captain, was wounded at Mouquet Farm and was accidentally killed in Scotland. “Tiny” Hatcher became a captain and is now living in Perth. Lieutenant Carse was killed early at Gallipoli. Paddy O’Brien later became R.S.M. of the 4th Machine Gun Battalion, under the command of Harry Murray. Percy Black’s name is famous for his outstanding bravery and leadership. Murray has stated that in his opinion Black was the bravest man in the A.I.F. He was killed at Bullecourt in 1917 when leading a charge. He was then a major, and had won the D.S.O., D.C.M., and Croix de Guerre.

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until June 30 next. Mention was made of the fact that great uncertainty prevailed amongst settlers and all were apprehensive of the Bank’s policy.

In reply to the League’s representations, the Senior Assistant to the Southwest (Mr. W. H. McCay) drew attention to paragraph seven of the agreement, which specified that subject to strict adherence to the agreement a client should be assured of security of tenure. Furthermore, paragraph three of the agreement specified that improvements are to be effected in addition to maintenance. Where dispossession proceedings had been started the provisions of the agreement had not been fulfilled. In one case, twenty acres were overgrown, only one ton of fertiliser had been used; there was no hay or ensilage and the timber lying over the paddock gave to the appearance of neglect. In another case there was no cropping and no conservation of food.

ANZAC DAY

Twenty-one years will have passed since the first landing on Gallipoli Peninsula on April 25 next. The commemoration of the day, which brought Australia on the scene of the world and which gave the A.I.F. its real birth, will follow the lines of previous years. This year April 25 falls on a Saturday, and on that day there will foregather in the early hours of the morning the survivors of famous units mobilised in Western Australia, together with their comrades of the Imperial armies, the Royal Navy and the Royal Australian Navy. Not by any means the least amongst those who will pay tribute in the early dawn round the State War Memorial in King’s Park will be the members of the Nursing Services.

Later in the day the bugles will sound “fall-in” outside of Anzac House in St. George’s Terrace. The parade ground will extend from Pier Street down as far as the Christian Brothers College. Many sons and daughters of men who fell in battle, or who have since died as the result of war service, will head the column under directions of officials of the Legacy Club. Metropolitan bands will play the different sections of the column through the city streets to a combined Remembrance Service on the Perth Esplanade. The State President (Mr. A. Yeates) will conduct the service and deliver the address. He will be assisted by Rabbi D. Freedman and Rev. Eric Nye, an ex-vice-president of the League. For the first time this year machine gunners will march as one unit, and another addition to the column will be the members of the St. John’s Ambulance Overseas Brigade. The State Executive of the League appeals for a full muster of all ex-service men to the nearest Anzac Commemoration Service, as those who survived the conflict have a sacred duty in honouring the memory of old comrades on this one day of the year.

SOLDIER SETTLERS

There was a full attendance of the Land Committee at Anzac House on March 24 when Mr. W. J. Hunt, chairman, welcomed Messrs. Arnold Potts, Pat Roche, Charles Henning, Fred Warne, Jock Brown, H. E. Wells and Col. Olston. A number of individual matters were first dealt with.

The State secretary intimated that as a result of the League’s intervention, at least two dispossessed soldier settlers were again given ownership under conditions satisfactory to the Bank and to the settlers themselves. Other matters discussed included re-valuation and the progress made with debt composition; the amending Commonwealth legislation; and wires received from Senator Collett, which indicated that the suspension clauses of the Debt Relief Act were not imperilled; Torbay sub-branch and its desire for a conference with other organisations; Pingrup sub-branch and the operations of Section 51; Kununoppin sub-branch and the inadequacy of funds for drought relief; and the question of the League’s policy in respect to migration.

Two sub-committees were appointed to wait on the Director and Trustees of the Rural Relief Scheme and also to interview Agricultural Bank officials.

Reporting on behalf of the sub-committees to a subsequent meeting of the State Executive, Mr. Roche stated that they had interviewed the Director (Mr. White), the chairman of the Trustees, Mr. Angwin, and later in the day the General Manager of the Bank (Mr. Grogan) and Inspector Wardell. Figures presented by the Relief Trustees indicated that already about fifty-six cases of debt relief had been finalised, with an outlay of approximately £50,000. The sub-committee considered that, so far as it was possible to estimate, the process of debt adjustment was proceeding on reasonably satisfactory lines, but it was not yet in a position to say that for every case a fair basis for the debt composition had been observed. This information could not be authentic until the League was advised by individual settlers who had had their propositions finalised. The report continued that neither Mr. Grogan nor Mr. Wardell, the latter being the officer entrusted with the preparation of cases for the Commissioner’s...
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many Australian homes. But in numerous cases the parents had already received the official notice that their sons were among the missing. And with what joy did they receive the padres' news that they were still alive and progressing as well as could be expected.

I remember the Rev. MacKinnon saying to me in Valetta Hospital in May, 1915: "I am very busy, working almost night and day. I have two hundred and fifty letters to write to Australia and New Zealand."

When we arrived first at Malta there were only two large hospitals, Valetta Hospital and the Naval Hospital. The first two ship loads of patients to arrive took almost all the accommodation available; then the large barracks on the island were utilised. Almost immediately a committee was formed with the Governor Lord Methuen at the lead, to organise the resources of the island. The need of beds was urgent. The Maltese people responded admirably. A factory was set up to manufacture beds and bedding, and all sorts of other necessaries. Charitable organisations were brought into being, to provide added comforts for the troops. In six weeks there were seven thousand wounded in Maltese hospitals and camps. These were from all A.I.F. and New Zealand units, Indians and numerous British regiments were represented.

A most depressing sight was that of the funerals. Night and mornings sometimes up to twenty at each burial. If it's any consolation to bereaved relatives, I should like to say that the main cemetery "Pieta," where our dead lie, is one of the most picturesque spots imaginable, as well as being the neatest I have ever seen, as I revisited Malta in 1929. This cemetery is still kept in a most creditable manner.

It was my good fortune to be only slightly wounded. So a month on Malta did wonders for me. The time soon came when I was passed as fit again for service, and sailed for Gallipoli to help my comrades who had withstood the heat of the day in this glorious campaign.

Malta accommodated ninety thousand wounded from Gallipoli, and might therefore be called the nurse of the Mediterranean. There were twenty thousand there at one time, and in three months the number of camps and hospitals on Malta rose from three to twenty-nine, surely a creditable achievement for an island 17½ miles by 8½ miles in extent. In conclusion, I think it is due to those workers in Malta that their efforts should be remembered, particularly at this time of the year, when we commemorate the gallant feats of arms which commenced with the landing of Gallipoli.

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"I got my brandy flask and tipped some between his bloody lips; but it only made him sick.
"He knew he was a goner all right. In the course of the next few minutes I discovered his name was John Lynton, and that he had a very devoted mother in Devonshire. I promised to write her and try to soften the blow. Then he gave me his cigarette case... insisted on my taking it.
"His breathing got worse. It was as hot as hell and the flies... God Almighty!
"Tell the mater I was quite comfortable," he whispered.
"Soon after he died in my arms..."
Rutherford paused to roll a cigarette and sat staring into the fire for a while. Then he went on:
"Well, I wrote to Mrs. Lynton, making the best of a bad job, and received a very nice letter in reply. I was to be sure and make their home my headquarters whenever I was in Blighty. Unfortunately, however, I never had that pleasure. A few months later I got a newspaper containing a notice of her death.
"But I stuck to that cigarette case. A man got hardened to all sorts of things in the war, but I could never get that youngster right out of my mind. Something clean and fine about him, you know... a damned good type."
"That's the big tragedy of war," I put in. "The wanton destruction of the flower of the land. The old buffers, especially the flag-flappers, ought to bear the brunt next time."
"Anyhow, to get on with the story," said Rutherford, "for I'm sure you must be weary, eventually I went to France. Two months later, after a pretty hectic dog-fight over the German lines, I found myself heading in a blurred, drunken sort of way, for home. The funny part was that, though I remember nothing about it, I made a perfect landing between a Tommy hospital and an ammunition dump.
"When I came to, feeling as though a mob of bullocks had stampeded over me, I was lying on a bed behind a screen. And a sister and an orderly were cleaning me up. I suggested a drink.
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THE LAGGARD
(By "McTootle")

He stood at my elbow, watching with belligerent mien, the Anzac Day procession as it swung along Barrack Street towards the Town Hall. Unknown in appearance and defiant of manner, he muttered to the crowd in general—but to me in particular: "Wot these blokes want ter parade 'emselves around the town for, I'm blows if I knows. Ennobody 'ud think they loved the blinkin' war by the looks of 'em!"

"Evidently you are not a returned man," I ventured.

"No," he queried, "ain't I? Too eyes right I am! But I've bin up in the bush ever since I wuz demobbed—doin' me best ter forgit the flamin' army."

"Then why didn't you 'fall in' and march with your old unit?" I felt constrained to ask.

"Huh!" he expectorated, "You couldn't get me ter march in front uv this mob," and he waved a depreciating hand from north to south. "In fact," he volunteered, "I don't even know wot's becum-merme medals."

A well-known battalion came abreast of us marching proudly.

"Skite!" said my strange friend, "Skite, that's all it is! Take a dekko at them blokes'! He lapsed into momentary silence and watched the gallant efforts of the returned men to 'march in smart and soldier-like manner."

Just then a band struck up a well-known tune and I imagined his ears pricked in unwilling response. As the next battalion drew near, I gazed into his tired looking eyes and saw a light come into them. There was no imagination this time. He was staring hard at the old soldiers and softly exclaining, "Cripes! If it ain't ole Charlie! An' that's Curly the Dag—or I'm a Dutchman! Spare me days! They ain't changed much. "Hey!" he yelled, "Goo-day, Buck"—and, louder—"Howya doin', Les?"

"Strewth!" he turned to me with pathetic excitement, "them's me old cobber's!"

"Hallo, Darkie," they answered, "why aren't you marching?"

"Huh!" he vouchsafed, obviously chagrined, "I didn't get ter town till late this mornin'."

"Never mind," said another, "hop into the 'blank file', Darkie."

"Good-oh!" he cried.

Entirely oblivious of his previous attitude—or pose—he dashed across the street and joined his comrades. As I watched his attempts to get into step, his hand went to the inside pocket of his coat, and, to my amazement, brought forth five shining medals which he shamefacedly began to pin on to his breast.

And the Military Medal (for bravery) was amongst them!

"Yes," said my friend the Colonel, and to whom I had mentioned the episode, "that is 'Darkie' to a T. He was a good soldier on the field, but always late on parade. The only time he wasn't late was meal-time! The Platoon Sergeant always kept the 'blank file' for Darkie. Twenty years, eh? No, he hasn't changed much."

A Summer Residence at Anzac

"JIM"
(By A.J.S.)

Jim joined the company late in '17. A tall wiry chap, approaching, if not past, the half century mark, very dogmatic and quick tempered, he was always into verbal holds with our somewhat youthful section. Whether it was just pure cussedness on our part I do not know, but we seemed always to rile Jim. Yet paradoxically enough he was popular with us, and on many occasions when he had taken a little more than he could carry, it was the members of the Sig. Section who guided his unsteady steps to his hut and, if in the morning he was still not too bright, got him ship-shape for inspection.

He elected to join the stretcher-bearers and from the point of view of most members of the "Eggs-a-Cook" it was a great choice.

He seemed to sleep with one ear open for the call, and in the hectic days of rush and bustle during the German thrust at Amiens, when the casualties, though not numerous, could not be evacuated with the same safety as in the better fortified areas, Jim was a host in himself.

But it was during the many advances in August that he was at his best. Rations were not always certain. Hot meals still more uncertain, and along with the rest Jim groused about the transport, the cooks and the Q.M. staff; but he stuck to his job, and one one occasion, after being kept busy for 12 or 14 hours, he heard that casualties from a neighbouring unit had not been evacuated and went to Doc. Kenihan, the M.O., with the request, Give us some dope to keep going till we get the lot in."

The last days of August saw the end of Jim's active career. We had advanced well forward to the old 1914 trenches, but Fritz still had us under accurate, though intermittent, shell fire; and until a sortie by a section of the 37th relieved the position our lot was not a happy one.

Some of the company, thinking to improve their position, went forward of the trench, some 30 or 40 yards, and occu-
pied shell holes. It looked a good move till suddenly Fritz dropped one short and immediately the cry of stretcher-bearers went up.

Jim went forward to see what damage was done, and if the casualties could be evacuated. Of the seven or eight in one posse, two had been killed, another shell-shocked, and the remainder wounded more or less seriously.

Seeing that nothing could be done at the moment, Jim set about relieving the wounded and endeavouring to make their position more secure. Soon another shell burst near and when we were able to move forward to render aid, it was found that Jim had both legs shattered.

His prospects of living, let alone ever walking, again looked very remote; but a strong will and an iron constitution are great assets.

Early in the following year, I was in Warminster and walking along the street heard a well-remembered voice, "How are you?" There was Jim being wheeled in an invalid chair by a V.A.D., whom I had met in Harefield some months previously.

Followed the usual queries in Jim's usual forceful language, as to the health, etc., of the rest of the Sigs.

I kept in touch with him during the few months I remained in Blighty, and then lost trace.

Waiting on the central station late one night in early 1920, I was watching a train unload its human freight, when again I heard Jim's voice as irascible as ever and even more forceful. Someone had hindered his exit from the carriage and Jim was annoyed. I waited to see him and presently he appeared getting along with the aid of a stick.

A benevolent Government, through its Repatriation Department, had set Jim up in a wine saloon. Not a very wise proceeding; but then the officials did not know Jim's weakness as we did.

The venture did not last long, and again I lost trace, but heard that eventually he migrated to Melbourne and was doing well as a dealer in all sorts of goods, till the depression hit him as it did others.

Jim with his quick temper, his harsh manner and his weakness for drink, was still a man, and despite his injuries, which would have been more than enough for most, could still battle his way through and no matter where he went he would always be a dominant personality.

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**WESTRALIAN CAVALRY IN THE WAR**

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

**CHAPTER X**

**GALLIPOLI.—RHODODENDRON SPUR**

The victory of Hill 60, great achievement though it was, had been dearly bought, and the 10th Regiment was now reduced to a pitiable condition. It had gone into action only 180 bayonets strong, now it could barely muster 70 efficient, and those, weak and exhausted, had almost reached the limit of human endurance.

But for ten days and nights they held the newly-won positions, the whole time being occupied in digging, sniping, bombing and continual vigilance.

On September 8 the exhausted remnant of the Regiment was relieved from Hill 60 by the Northampton Battalion, and moving out by night marched to Rhododendron Spur. A much-needed night's rest at the foot of the Spur was greatly appreciated. The remaining units of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade were also brought to the Spur, and on the following day a move was made further up the slope—called Canterbury Slope—toward a position slightly below the Apex, the nearest point of attrition to our own and the enemy lines.

A bivouac area was allotted on the slope, and here the Regiment immediately set to and made dugouts. The fire trenches and supports in this sector were sited to follow the contour of the Spur, the shallow Turkish trenches—which had been captured by the New Zealanders in the battle of early August—being utilised for purposes of communication.

They were all under the fire and observation of the Turks, both on Battleship Hill and Chunuk Bair, and the immediate task of the 10th Regiment, along with other units, was to improve these trenches and render them reasonably safe. To this work the energies of the Regimental personnel were now devoted.

The Regiment was formed into two working parties, and, as the digging could not proceed during daylight without incurring heavy casualties, the working hours were from seven o'clock each night until four o'clock the following morning, when a general "stand-to-arms" would take place along the whole line. In addition, day observation work and sniping were carried on continually.

This procedure marked the regular routine of many long weeks on Rhododendron Spur—the position destined to be our last Gallipoli home.

Our casualties, while holding this portion of the Anzac line were slight, whilst the arrival on October 3 of fifty-eight fresh reinforcements, under Lieut. C. G. Dunckley, materially swelled our ranks.

The enemy, however, while not essaying a straight-out attack on our positions, did not by any means allow this trench development to proceed unmolested. The new works and bivouac areas were almost daily subjected to heavy shelling and sniping, whilst at night an

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intermittent machine gun and rifle fire would be maintained against our parapets and emplacements.

On October 8 another sad blow befell the Regiment. The Commanding Officer (Major J. B. Scott) was caught in one of those heavy bursts of enemy shelling and killed outright. He was a very gallant officer, and had won considerable renown as a fighter by his handling of the Regiment at Hill 60. Major C. L. Nicholas, back again after recovering from his wound in May, now assumed command.

As the days passed, the enemy shelling of our bivouac area became more accurate. Either the Turks were ranging better or had brought new guns to bear on our position. Whatever the reason, it was decided to move the bivouacs closer to the firing line, where, by the construction of terraces, they would be more immune from the enemy artillery. This was done, and the result proved the wisdom of the move.

Winter was approaching, and a heavy rain storm converted the chalky compound of the trenches into a quagmire. As they conformed—for the most part—with the steep gradient of the Spur, movement along them became extremely difficult owing to the greasy, slippery nature of the floor. But when the blizzard came with its fury in November, we were brought to realise how fortunate a circumstance was our occupation of the high sloping ground.

Our trenches were now safe enough for permanent occupation, and sapping and general improvement work were carried on by day as well as by night. Parties left the trench line each night and patrolled the precipitous ravines of the Sazli Beit Dere which constituted the "No Man's Land" between our position and the enemy's. Turkish patrols were often encountered in the darkness, but an occasional sniping shot or bomb would disperse them and force them to cover.

The next period was one of extreme quiet in our sector. The enemy appeared equally as energetic as our people in the improvement of his own position. Each day witnessed some over-night addition or alteration to his defences. Our warships would frequently bombard a portion of the Turkish line, and from our positions we could see earth and material being smashed about, only to find, the following morning, that the damage had been repaired, and probably new work commenced near by.

But in the other portions of the Anzac and Suvla line, heavy bombing and firing and numerous demonstrations would occur. On our right, Pope's Hill and Russell's Top were seldom free from strife, whilst on our left, Hill 60 was ever a bone of contention. Night after night and at varying hours when all was quiet along the whole line—save for a few sniping shots or an occasional ripple of a machine gun—a fierce outburst of bombing would occur in one or other of these posts, lasting sometimes a few minutes, sometimes for hours.

The closing days of October brought a further draft of reinforcements under Lieut. Timperley, and also a number of old hands returned from the various hospital bases.

A Turkish prisoner captured about this time volunteered the information that many of his comrades had had enough of the campaign, and were ready to surrender themselves if they could by some means be assured that they could enter our lines with safety. Accordingly, our patrols in the Dere left written messages at night in the "No Man's Land" where they were certain that the Turks would find them, with instructions as to the method of surrender to be
employed by the enemy. But nothing came of it, though the messages were regularly removed by the enemy patrols. Probably the Turks were highly amused at our propaganda in the circumstances.

On October 27 the whole of our beach positions from Anzac to Suvla were heavily bombarded by enemy artillery, and it was noticed that a much greater proportion of heavy shells than hitherto was being used. Evidently the heavy guns expected from Bulgaria—now an ally of the enemy—had arrived.

The weather became rough and boisterous in the Gulf of Saros at this time, and it was noticeable that the landing of stores and munitions was becoming correspondingly a more difficult matter. A small steamer, the Marsden, was blown ashore near the mouth of Sazli Beet Dere and orders were promptly promulgated for the following day the Turkish artillery on this point to salve her; but it blew harder than ever that night, and salvage operations had perforce to be postponed. The weather continued intermittently rough, and from our bivouac we witnessed a 1,000-ton steamer being intentionally beached between Hell Spit and William's Pier, for the purpose of providing a break-water of sorts to protect the landing stage.

The "First Tuesday in November," deeply significant to all good Australians—not to mention Light Horsemen—was out due deference to the occasion. A sweep on the Melbourne Cup, collected in ten-shilling "Bradbury's"—with the Turkish superscription, designed, as previously shown to facilitate circulation, in Constantinople—realised the sum of £82 to the lucky winners.

Other incidents which marked the first week of November included the explosion of a mine at Courtney's Post, a demonstration at Walker's Ridge, and the shooting down of one of our airmen by Turkish "Archies."

On November 13, Earl Kitchener arrived at Anzac, but did not visit our portion of the line. The 10th Regimental ration parties on the beach, however, were fortunate enough to be close handy when he stepped from the landing-stage, and greeted him with a rousing cheer. Kitchener surveyed the tattered and bedraggled men with a smile, not unmixed with an expression approaching pity, and called out, "Well, boys, I'm glad to see you!"

"And we're glad to see you, sir!" they chorused, so emphatically, that Kitchener laughed heartily, and, turning to a member of his staff, said: "There's fight in those fellows yet!"

(To be continued)

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION

We thank readers and contributors for the interest taken in the prize competition we announced last month. We purposely made the conditions very elastic, because we wanted contributors to give us the story as they saw it. The human interest value of the tale was taken into consideration, when awarding the prizes, which was no easy task. The first prize of £15 has been awarded to Mr. Gilbert Monks, of Moora. His story, "A Scotman's Surprise" introduces the themes of comradeship, love and hospitality even under trying circumstances which have played such a leading role in the life of the Digger. We found it difficult to decide between the merits of "The Laggard," by McTuttle and "Jim," by A.J.S., for second place. The scales were finally weighed in favour of the topical interest and the propaganda value of "The Tragedy of It," by W.A.S. All these contributions are being published in The Listening Post.

CORONATION BALL

An outstanding social function of the year will be the Coronation Ball, in the Government House ballroom on Coronation night, May 12. The ball is being arranged by a committee from the Press sub-branch, a unit of the League which has had much experience in arranging similar functions. Numerous spectacular and appropriate pageants are being prepared, and Ron Moyles' popular dance band has been engaged for the occasion.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

A.D. and F.J.L.: Many thanks for letters about war songs, which unfortunately we could not publish for lack of space. Could you, by any chance, send us more words of the songs you mention?

T.G.R. (Arthad): Contributions all interesting. One has been in type for some time, but has been crowded out of preceding issues by official matter. The sub-branch notes appeared just as we had gone to Press, and we were faced with the alternatives of shortening them or holding them up until next issue. Can you please make contributions shorter?

W.J.M. (North Perth): Sub-branch notes arrived too late to be printed in full.
NAVAL SIDELIGHTS ON THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN

(By "McTootle")

The part played by the Royal Navy in the Gallipoli venture embraces both the grave and the gay in no small degree, yet we hear very little of it. Day after day our ships entered the Straits and exchanged compliments with the Turks. There was plenty to do all day, for the Turks were unable to do until the Turks were busy. More than a thousand sailors and marines on board, as they realised that they could not be expected to have the same effect as the guns of life owing to smart work of our navigators. During rescue operations, a Chinese servant ran out to the end of a boom and hung on like grim death, ignoring all orders to jump into the sea and be picked up. When the ship went right over, it was difficult to say whether he was thrown clear or not, and his master quietly remarked: "There goes my damn fool of a servant!"

On April 20, 1915, Sir Ian Hamilton and his staff went on board H.M.S. Swiftsure, and were taken along the Aegean coast of the Peninsula. Transports laden with troops assembled at Mudros, and on Sunday morning, April 25, left for Cape Helles, where the naval ships formed in a half circle round the point and opened fire. The transports lay behind them, their crews lowering the boats filled with troops. Although a severe bombardment was carried out at short range, not a shot was fired in return by the Turks. The whole place appeared to have been abandoned. When the bombardment ceased, naval pinnaces moved forward, each one towing a string of four or five boats full of soldiers and their equipment, a very fine sight with the sun shining all around them and glittering on the clear blue water. The s.s. River Clyde had gone round the cliff at Sedd el Bahr, and the boats closed in on the beach. When they were very close, the pinnaces let go their tows and began to turn round, the boats full of troops moving on with decreasing speed.

Then the hell-storm broke loose! From the decks of the warships it could be seen that the boats had run into some obstruction hidden under the water, barbed wire entanglements, and a sound as of three hundred machine guns in rapid fire came from the water's edge. The men were caught like rats in a trap. Tears streamed down the faces of the sailors and marines on board, as they realised that they could do nothing to save their countrymen. All the navy could do was to keep up a rapid fire on the cliff, and on a field of barbed wire visible on the plateau on the right. Through the telescopic gun-sights, men could be seen falling in the water and on the shore, and those that survived were soon half way up the cliff, anxious to come to close quarters with the Turks. When they reached the cliff tops there were just enough of them to form a thin scattered line across the plateau, and then they charged the Turks, in spite of the rough ground, all together, as though they were on parade. Ammunition and food supplies were landed on the beach, and also fresh water. Inch by inch the great obstacles were overcome.

Naval guns with their flat trajectory could not be expected to have the same effect as howitzers on trenches; but, in spite of this fact, naval guns alone were used by the Navy throughout the operations. Fortunately for our battleships the Turks also lacked howitzer-sense; if they had foreseen the effect their howitzer shells would have had on our ships, they would not have allowed them to lie at anchor for days together under the cliffs of the Peninsula bombarding their forts. All ships had torpedo nets out, but even so, a submarine managed to torpedo H.M.S. Triumph. She went down very slowly just round the point, heeling over until her booms and nets rose vertically into the air. The Turks shelled her as she sank, but there was very little loss of life owing to smart work of boats' crews in picking up ratings. During rescue operations, a Chinese servant ran out to the end of a boom and hung on like grim death, ignoring all orders to jump into the sea and be picked up. When the ship went right over, it was difficult to say whether he was thrown clear or not, and his master quietly remarked: "There goes my damn fool of a servant!"

About an hour later, John Chinaman presented himself to his master on board a mine¬
sweeper loaded with survivors. "Hullo, John," said the officer, "How did you get here? Me thought you make die!" "No, sir," he replied, "Me no make die, me make fly!"

Occasionally some of the senior military officers would board the ships at night, and over dinner they would discuss plans of attack and other arrangements. Perfect harmony existed between the naval and military officers, and each did everything possible to assist the other; which reminds me of the story told me by my old friend, Paddy Mee, a Royal Marine serving on board H.M.S. Swiftsure. Owing to the conspicuous uniform worn by officers making them an easy mark for the Turkish snipers, most of them donned privates' rig. One night, as Paddy was on deck for a breather, a soldier strolled up to him and remarked that things were very quiet on the Peninsula that night, and asked him if he thought the Peninsula would ever be taken. "Not the way we are going on," said Paddy. Whereupon the other wished to know what was wrong with the way they were going on. "Well," said Paddy, "there are men here with more brains than I have, and they get more pay than I do, and they are supposed to answer that question."

"But supposing you got more money and were put in command, what would you do?" Thereupon, Paddy unfolded a plan to rake the Peninsula with gun fire in such a way that our troops could follow up without meeting much opposition from the enemy.

"You have got splendid ideas," said the soldier, "but you could not do that, as you would not have enough shells." "Then," replied Paddy, "I would refuse to move until I got them."

"I believe you are right," he said. "Do you know who I am?" He was wearing the uniform of a private, Paddy told him that he thought he was one of the military officers' servants who had come aboard for dinner. The soldier smiled as he held out a hand and said, "Well, I am General Birdwood."

Paddy smiled, too, as he shook hands and said, "I am pleased to meet you, sir, but I withdraw nothing of what I have said."

"I admire you ideas," he repeated, "and I hope that we shall meet again if we come safely through this."

The crew of a mine-sweeper picked up a barrel of navy rum and got very drunk, after which they decided to go ashore. They were stopped by the military police and a fight ensued. Later they were taken aboard a battleship for trial, escorted by about eight of the M.P.'s, each of whom stood six feet high. The captain of the ship gave each offender ninety days imprisonment, until he came to the last man, a diminutive fellow of about five feet four inches, sixty years of age, and a native of Ireland, said by the police to be the worst of the prisoners as he had nearly killed them all. As a matter of formal procedure the captain asked him what he had to say.

"Sure, sir," he said, "if what all these big fellows say is true, that a little man like meself nearly killed them all, they should feel ashamed of 'emselves to tell you about it. So I say it's no wonder the British can't take the Gallipoli Peninsula."

The captain smiled and asked if he was married. "Sure, sir, I am well married," he said, "and got sixteen children."

"Then you should have more sense," said the captain.

"Sense, it is, sir?" said he. "Sure, I knew a man that lived to be over a hundred, and, by God, he died widout any sense!"

"You will do fourteen days' 'detention A' and stay on board this ship till you've done it," said the captain understandingly.

Another amusing naval sidelong occurred during an interval of desultory firing when a ship's barber was at work clipping hair. He had just clipped a seaman's hair on the left side of his head when a light calibre shell hit the deck killing the barber. As the clipper went overboard in the confusion, and there was no other barber on the ship, the seaman wore his hair in a kind of 50-50 style for weeks afterwards, but not in memory of his departed shipmate.

It has been stated in a history of the war that our ships had to leave the Dardanelles owing to the menace of the submarines, and that monitors were sent to take their place. That statement is quite wrong. Certainly there were two monitors with the naval force, but no ship ever left on account of the submarines. They were relieved in turns to renew their supplies of coal, ammunition and provison at Mudros, but otherwise, from the day the troops landed until the day the last man was taken off the Peninsula, the battleships remained to support the land forces. It was also said, in the House of Commons, that the ships were of no military value, but if you ask any soldier who was on the Peninsula he will tell you a very different tale.

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It is really marvellous how retrospective a soldier becomes whilst lying on a sick-bed. See the little events of the past, right through from the time when, with chest blown out and feeling as large as General Foch we strutted into the recruiting office. Ages seem to have elapsed since that date, yet at most, it is now a matter of years. It is in one's mind wandering that the subject suggests itself. One of those nights of sleeplessness that most of us have experienced that causes one to remember the days of years ago, when, with dungaree pants and a military hat and boots we mounted guard at a camp somewhere in Ossey. How important we felt, how dubious as to being able to distinguish whether the approaching figure was an officer or staff sergeant-major, how careful not to turn to the left about, and yet how certain within ourselves that we would accomplish the task. Those feelings of self assurance when the much envied and desired uniform was issued were the first seeds sown towards which the Australian Army owes its present name as fighters. It was the babyhood of a future that was to command respect from both friend and foe. It was Faith.

Later we find that same man whose military career has become a real thing, but his surroundings and environment are altered. This time it is real war, and the raw recruit has a somewhat different and more strenuous task. He is on guard in the front line of mud and slush of Flanders. His keen, earnest gaze is concentrated on to No Man's Land, and, as in the hours of the night, when imaginery movements seem almost a certainty, when the whole battalion are relying on that vigilance that tryst is faithfully kept. Everything still as death, the one man holding the lives of his comrades in his hand; yet they are perfectly satisfied to sleep while he keeps his weary watch. Time drags heavily during the darkness, and, as the first rays of the daylight are faintly discernible over the adjacent hill tops, the feeling of the sentry is one of relief. "Tis the dawn he has been longing for, 'tis the power to see clearly, that no surprise shall be effected. That has been his most earnest wish. His Hope.

Next we find the same man lying in a hospital bed suffering from the ravages of battle. An operation has been successfully performed and the patient skilfully bandaged. "Tis night again, but the surroundings are more congenial. A cool, firm, reassuring hand on the forehead produces immediate relief and kind, sympathetic word eases the aching. Behind a screen in the ward a light faintly burns and he who has suffered knows that his least movement will attract the attention of the night sister. He who was able to play the role of Faith and Hope knows that behind that screen is she who is ready to fulfil the remaining part: Charity.

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The Digger's Toast
THE TRAGEDY OF IT
(By W.A.S., Royal Fusiliers)

In 1917-18, when recruits were not up to pre-war or 1914-15 standard, men were recruited sufficiently able to displace A1 men, who were doing various jobs at depots in England and around the various bases overseas.

Although these men were placed discriminatorily, there were many who reached line regiments absolutely unfit for the job before them.

One such unfortunate arrived with reinforcements to a battalion in the 18th Division, and he was such a complete worry to the platoon officer and N.C.O.'s that they welcomed the fact very much when details were required for a platoon for detachment to a field company of Royal Engineers.

I was O.C. the various platoons from the different battalions, who made up the company of P.B.I., that did the work for the R.E.'s, and our first job as detachments was in the Ypres sector—the canal on the two rivers, and the maintenance of the "Duck Board Glide."

The biggest job was carrying the darned things—generally a two-man job—and almost on every occasion that this individual (we'll call him "Brown") was on a night party (which was not too often if a job at all could be found at the dump) his long suit was slipping off the grids, and this was no joke for the man on the other end.

One particularly trying night, when the "duckboard glide" was like glass, every shell-hole being ice-covered, Fritz in a nasty mood, and a relief in the offing, my job was to keep the track trackable, and Fritz knew that damn thing to a hayseed. On numerous occasions shells were close enough to plaster us with mud, but owing to the softness of the ground at Ypres, the "iron" must go too deep—anyhow quite effective enough to blow up another dozen grids.

"Brown" appeared to have a charmed life, because never mind how many came down, he came up with his usual grin—a weird, silly sort of a grin—you know it?

Returning this night pretty weary, feet sandbagged and very heavy, we had negotiated the rivers successfully and were topping the rise for the down-grade to the canal. I passed word back: "smoke, chaps!" and possibly began a better pace. Anyhow, some of the diehards were humming a tune when—a shout and a splash. I halted and passed word back for information. Up came the sergeant's voice: "It's all right, sir, it's only 'Brown coming up for the last time!"

This caused a huge laugh. So much for the R.E.'s. Back with the battalion "Brown" rejoined company, and my sector was overlooking the town which was my company. From Ypres we went in on the St. Quentin front, which would be about two miles away.

We were "standing to" (a habit), all ready to move at 4 a.m. on March 21, 1918, when Fritz began his big offensive. At every available point where our troops were concentrated he box-baraged them. I heard later from a remnant or so, that in the first fifteen minutes he practically silenced all forward batteries.

Obeying orders, I started my men back in batches, under their officers and N.C.O.'s; I, with my servant, was the last to leave, and to come through such artillery fire is really marvellous. I got back to "Jusey" canal just ahead of Fritz, with about 22 remnant out of a total of about 138, of which "Brown" was certainly a part, but was not amongst the 22.

Those who were in it can verify the tedious, hazardous jobs, rear-guard activities, harrassing the attackers here and there, with a mixture of units, very few officers, very little ammunition, and even less in the Tucker bag.

This state of affairs lasted some days, and we had fallen back towards Noyon. We called a halt by the roadside and Luckily near a ration dump. Naturally, after short fare, we made up ground somewhat in this direction, when a shout went up from a man on look-out. I came up to the road and looked, and I can see that picture yet: a somewhat diminuitive khaki-clad figure—tin-hatless, equipment-less and respirator-less, with arms waving, staggering ever towards us. Yes! it was "Brown." Later, after a rest and food I tried to extract his story from him (and what a story it could be), but all he knew or knows: 'bout it was this:

Evidently the batch he left with "collected," because "Brown" ran to cover in the cemetery where he was found by the Germans, and, I think, through his undoubtedly mental deficiency, they allowed him to jog along with them.

Anyhow, positive proof is not necessary to assure anyone that there were other troops between the 18th Division and the "Jerrys," but the fact remained he turned up after about five days.

Strange though it may seem, I have often thought of the terrible worry and anxiety that must have been borne by his mother (a lady I have met) who was in comfortable circumstances. Writing to me in France after the March retreat she asked if her son was all right, as no word had come from him for some time. I sent for "Brown," asking him if he had heard from his mother lately. With a vacant look at me he said: "Yes, I think so. I believe I've got some letters here." He fished from his top pocket some five or six un-opened ones.

The tragedy of it.

EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK

The organisation of Empire Shopping Week for this Coronation year is well-advanced, and it is hoped that every sub-branch has appointed a strong sub-committee to co-operate with other nationally minded bodies to get the best organisation for this important League activity. The week will commence on Empire Day (24th May) and will officially be declared open at 8 p.m. that evening by the Lieut.-Governor. This ceremony will also synchronise with the opening of the biggest exhibition of local products arranged in this State. For this purpose the empty warehouse previously used by Messrs. D. & W. Murray, Ltd., on the corner of Barak and Murray Streets, has been booked, and the display will cover the whole of the three floors.

Posters will be available early in May. The League is again fortunate to have the services of Mr. Hastings C. Reid as honorary organiser.
THE OLD AND THE NEW
(Par R.G.M.)

Sunday, March 14, was a Light Horse Gala Day at the Claremont Showground, a day full of re-awakened memories for the twenty odd old "gentlemen" who attended to witness the young-old 10th Regiment at play.

A few days over twenty-two years ago, the 10th Light Horse had held similar sports before that adventure from which so many failed to return, or returned crippled and sick.

Under the command of a man who had left with the rank of Sergeant, and is now popularly known as Lieut-Colonel Arthur Sweetapple, assisted by a very few other members of the old regiment, the "young-old" regiment has shown that it is capable of upholding the glorious traditions placed in its care.

A finer body of men and horses it would be hard to find, and in the words of Brigadier McFarlane, himself an 8th Light Horseman, there is not a better Light Horse Regiment in the Commonwealth, with the exception of that in one of the Eastern States.

Debonair as usual, Arthur Sweetapple looked to be a very proud Commander of an exceptionally fine "young-old" Regiment. There is no fear of the war record of the 10th Light Horse being in jeopardy, if ever the occasion should again become necessary to "saddle and ride."

Basil Craig, Lieut. commanding the York troop, was also a proud man, and it will be strange if his troop do not develop into the scouts that Basil proved himself to be in Sinai.

The Rescue Race caused the "Brig." to reckon that none of the old hands could do it now. We believe the answer was that the "Brig." could not do it himself 22 years ago.

"Brig." McFarlane admitted with some pride that the "souveniring" methods of the old 8th Regiment in gathering the pick of the horses from other regiments caused it to be the best mounted unit in Palestine. The remark brought to mind the night before the second Battle of Gaza, on April 19, 1917, when men of the 10th "souvenired" a section of horses from the Tommy Regiment carried along side and "doctored" them so that their own mothers would not know them, rather than be left out of the "stunt."

The 10th Association president (Art. Lee) was at the sports and looked very well. He tried to keep his hat on for the photo, as he didn't want to be mistaken for a heliograph mirror, but the camera man said that the hat spoiled the other faces.

Secretary Roy Perry, and Major Lawrence Timperley were both "smacked" at Magh-daba on December 24, 1916. They both acquired avoidilypoise, and look to be good for 50 years yet.

Regimental Sergeant-Major Jim Eyerington struttet about getting an eyeeful of equipment, and various events. It was noticed that each time a rider made a thrust with a sword at a target, Jim did likewise in unconscious action.

Another "fire-eater" in Tom Kidd was present still looking wiry and tough, and very keen on the various events as they were carried out.

Our old Colonel, Arthur Olden, also had a good look round, and an old friend of the old Regiment in Leonard Darlot was keenly interested in the horses, as he helped to purchase the requirements of the Regiment twenty-two years ago.

Two machine gunners in "Griff" Griffiths and Dick Hummerston were sadly disappointed that there were no machine gun events. They consider this phase of Light Horse work to be more exciting in "team work" than perhaps any other item. Perhaps Colonel Sweetapple will put on a "stunt" or two next time.

Looking very hale and hearty, Reg. MacCallum also joined in the hearty chorus of approaval as each event was decided.

MEMBERSHIP REUNION

The Membership Reunion on March 17 was the most successful function run by the League to date. Metropolitan sub-branches and unit associations were well represented, and the numbers who have enrolled since are ample evidence that the main purpose of the evening was achieved. Short speeches of a high order, and humorous interludes were the order of the evening. It was a fortunate coincidence that Mr. Normal Mighell, the chairman of the Repatriation Commission, was able to be present. His address on repatriation issues, though necessarily brief, was wonderfully informative, and must have proved helpful to his audience and to those who heard him over the air. The evening served the double function of bidding farewell to the State president, now on his way to the B.E.S.L. Conference, and to the Rev. Eric Nye, whose transfer to Victoria has been regretted by all who knew him, and of welcoming home Archdeacon C.L. Ridley, the senior vice-president, who will keep the State Executive in order while Mr. Yeates is away.
R.S.L. CRICKET ASSN.

(By W.L.M.)

Approximately 1,000 spectators attended the semi-finals of the major pennant series which were played on Wellington Street Reserve on March 21. It was most pleasing to see amongst the attendance Rabbi Freedman and Mr. J. M. Anderson, of the State Executive. Players would be very glad to see more Executive members at the grand finals on April 11 and 18.

Maylands defeated Fremantle, and Nedlands No. 1 were beaten by Midland Junction. The best all-round performance of the day was that of Bill Witte (Maylands), who scored a brilliant 42, including seven fours in 42 minutes.

At a critical stage of the match he took 4 wickets for 24. Witte has shown splendid form this season and seems a certainty to go on the South Australian tour. Sheldrake (Freemantle) scored an excellent 50, which included one six and five fours. Jennings (Freemantle) secured 6 for 41, bowling with perfect length. All Halliday (Freemantle) and Phil Carter (Freemantle) both fielded like young men.

In the Midland Junction v. Nedlands No. 1 match Byrne (Midland Junction), who had to retire through illness, made 41 in excellent style. Included in his score were one six and three fours. Green, with 39 (including six fours), was Nedlands' No. 1 chief scorer. Higgins was the most successful bowler, securing five wickets for 18 for Midland Junction. Wally Crain was Nedlands' most successful bowler, securing 3 for 41.

Details for the matches were as follows:

Maylands v. Fremantle: won by Maylands by four wickets.


Nedlands No. 1 v. Midland Junction.


Maylands will therefore meet Midland Junction in the grand final of the major pennant on April 11 and 18. The final of the minor pennant will be played on the same day.

The semi-finals for the minor pennant were played at Wellington Street Reserve on April 4 before another record crowd. The results were wins for North Perth No. 1 and Cottesloe. From Mt. Hawthorn and Nedlands No. 2. The following are the details:

North Perth No. 1 v. Mt. Hawthorn.


North Perth won by 92 runs.


Results of grand finals of both the major and minor pennants, played on April 11 and 18, will appear in the May issue of The Listening Post.

CRICKET PERSONALITIES

Jack Rankin, who succeeds Bert King as secretary of the R.S.L. Cricket Association, is a prominent member of the North Perth sub-branch, who served abroad for three years with the 8th Field Engineers. He has been assistant secretary of the North Perth sub-branch for three years, one of his main jobs being the organisation of Poppy Day sales. This season, he has played with North Perth No. 2. Like all good Digger cricketers, he is now saving up his pennies for the South Australian tour next Christmas. In fact, his job is a money-making one, as he is employed at the Royal Mint.

W. (Bill) Witte has been an outstanding player for Maylands this season. In his school days, Bill was one of the best players at Christian Brothers. He plays in Wednesday matches for the Incognito, of which club he is secretary. Bill is a good all-rounder, and his form on March 21 entitles him to consideration when the team for South Australia is being elected. Bill had three years of war service with the 13th Machine-gun Company and returned to Australia a full-blown Lieutenant. Now he is with the Burns, Philip Company, and a regular attendant at Maylands sub-branch meetings.

One of the best all-round R.S.L. cricketers in the competition this season was Gerald O'Grady, of North Perth. He has put up some very fine performances, usually when his side needs runs. In the semi-final he made a brisk 33 and captured two wickets at small cost. He served abroad with the 28th Battalion, in which he rose from private to captain. After the war he played with success with West Perth and Claremont clubs in the W.A.C.A., now he is skipper of the Commercial Travellers' Cricket Club, with whom he has also shown fine form this season. He should not be overlooked for the trip to Adelaide.

Both Bill Graham (Maylands) and Jack Berlinsky (Fremantle) met with very severe injuries in the match on March 21. Bill was detained and is in Ward X, Perth Hospital, where he would be pleased to see any Digger pals. He is doing as well as can be expected. Jack Berlinsky was allowed to go home with several stitches in his head. All Diggers will wish both these fine cricketers a speedy return to health.

The Perth City Council two years ago promised to repair the wicket on the Wellington Street Reserve. Accidents have previously occurred. Councillors Beadle and Tandy please see into the matter.

At a recent meeting, the R.S.L. Cricket Association received with the deepest regret the resignation of that hard-working stalwart, W. (Bill) Eddy. Like Bert King, Bill will be greatly missed as their experience and advice would be valuable in connection with the forthcoming South Australian tour. Digger cricketers wish them both the best of luck and hope that after a well-earned spell they will again take an active part in association affairs.

The president (Mr. H. Hopperton) will present the Pennant cups at the annual smoke social, which will take place in Anzac House on April 30. Tickets for this function may be obtained from the secretary (Jack Rankin) or from club secretaries. An energetic committee, comprising Messrs. Jack Rankin, C. Wat-
kings, H. King, W. Menkens and Kanga Brooke have spared no effort to make the social a wonderful success.

Mr. C. W. Batten, who recently became a vice-president of the Maylands sub-branch, fought the good fight with the 11th Battalion. He is a strenuous worker who should fill the new office with dignity and credit.

Jack Allen, who is a full brother to the redoubtable Phil, is official scorer for Maylands in the R.S.L. Cricket Association matches. Rumour has it that Jack becomes so excited when Maylands is piling up the score that he forgets to record the runs, but joking aside, Maylands is very fortunate in having two such battlers as Jack and Phil. Jack served with the 11th Battalion for four years, and he is now in partnership with Phil on the home front.

Harry (Bluey) Foster, who is now on the committee of the Maylands sub-branch, is one of those lads who can never be idle. He served with the 44th Battalion in the war, and now he is one of the live-wires of the sub-branch. In addition to any other service that may be asked of him, he is the main-spring of the social committee.
We join the members of the Boulder sub-branch in extending the deepest sympathy to Bill Heys and his good wife, on the recent death of their son, under such sad and sudden circumstances. Bill is an old and highly respected member of the Boulder sub-branch, and a large number of his friends and comrades attended the funeral, which was a very impressive one.

Information is being sought from any ex-members of the 2nd Battalion, Essex Regiment, of any incidents in connection with the late Captain W. M. C. Vandeleur, who was in command of "A" Coy. of the Regiment and killed in action on August 26, 1914, when the Regiment was in action at Longsaart Farm, near Esnes, south of Cambrai. Information is sought by his brother, John F. B. Vandeleur, in a letter to the British Sub-branch in extending the deepest farewell dinner to Mr. R. P. Orr's son left Australia with reinforcements to the 28th Battalion while still only nineteen years of age. He had only seven months in the field, being wounded at Warlencourt, and killed in the attack on the Hindenburg line on October 4. Mr. John Orr is a consistent supporter of the League and its ideals, and makes a point of attending all sub-branch reunions that are held in his area.

Some years ago, Archdeacon Riley and the Rev. E. H. O. Nye provided a farewell midnight supper to the Rev. J. R. Blanchard, of West Perth. The Archdeacon arrived back hale and hearty from his trip to England, in time to bid farewell to his old colleague on the State Executive, Padre Nye, who has received a call from a Melbourne parish, where, we understand, there is a very strong sub-branch of the R.S.L. During his many years in Western Australian Padre Nye endeared himself to Diggers of all nominations. Personally, he has always reminded us of Chaucer's poor parson who, to sinful man was not disputious, and who followed what he taught himself. He will be greatly missed by thousands of West Australians who will wish him all the best in his new sphere of service.

Colonel Collett has recovered sufficiently from his severe illness to attend Executive meetings, though the M.O's advice that he must be very careful of himself for some time. It is good to see "The Old Man"—he is not so very old—in the saddle again, and we hope he will be spared to us for very many years to come.

Bill Beck, who was a sergeant of the 11th Battalion and a Q.C.M. winner, died on April 1 at the Dowerin Hospital (aged 69). No better tribute could be paid to Bill than the great gathering of returned men and other citizens who attended to bid farewell to a great soldier and a man. Although he had no relatives in this State, Bill had resided in these parts for a number of years, and was responsible for the present water supplies on many holdings. Until recently, even at his advanced age, he was reputed to be able to do the work of two ordinary men. Bill hated red tape in any shape or form, but old members of the 11th will remember him only as a great front line soldier. He was buried with military honours, the Rev. Bindeman, military chaplain, officiating.

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An old soldier in the person of Richard Lloyd, father of Chris, who is a member of the Manjimup sub-branch, passed out very suddenly on March 6, at the age of 78. The veteran served in the Royal Engineers under Kitchener (then a lieutenant) on Cyprus when the island was annexed by the British. Later, he served many years as a highly-placed officer in the Egyptian Police. The sub-branch was well represented at the funeral.

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Field Company, Australian Engineers, has published verses dealing with his war experiences in a slim but highly creditable volume, entitled "Shrapnel Green." While he was in Perth, other members of the Press Gang aided and abetted him in turning poetry into pottery.

Claremont sub-branch reports that Phil Allen will soon be well enough to return to his home from Ward XI, where he has been undergoing treatment. We wish him all the best, and a speedy return to normal health.

Members of the Subiaco auxiliary met in the lounge of the Centaur on Tuesday, March 23, to bid bon voyage to their president (Mrs. H. L. Downe), former Mayoress of Subiaco, who is accompanying her husband on a health trip to Japan. Mrs. G. Shand (vice-president), on behalf of auxiliary members, presented Mrs. Downe with a basket of artistically arranged dahlias and gladioli. Mrs. W. A. Thomas then presented two beautiful shoulder sprays, the handiwork of Mesdames Cribb and Feldt. The good wishes expressed were rounded off with musical honours conducted by Mrs. Thomas. Those present were Mesdames Cribb (vice-president), Pope (secretary), Sefton, Wilson, Williams, Cousens, Feldt, Thomas and Shand.

Ern. Congden, the secretary of the Subiaco sub-branch, has recently taken over the Onslow Garage in Onslow Road, Subiaco. We wish him every success in this new venture.

Jack McCormack, of the Bassendean sub-branch, who recently underwent an operation, is home and well again. We join his many friends in wishing him continued good health. Alex. Main, of the same sub-branch, has been admitted to Ward XI, on account of injuries to the spine. Alex. has been a good worker for the League, both at Bassendean and at Caversham, and all who know him wish him a speedy recovery.

Harry Grieve, immediate past president of the Bassendean sub-branch, has returned from the goldfields. Bassendean Diggers are pleased to see his cheery face in the district once more, and look forward to seeing him again at meetings.

Bassendean sub-branch is, at present, basking in the reflected glory of an outstanding fishing exploit. Recently, General Bassell-Browne, who is a member of the sub-branch, and his stalwart sons, were successful in catching tuntry beyond Rottnest. Members, we understand, have forwarded their congratulations, and expect to hear some good fish yarns at the next smoko.

S. T. Coles, our Albany correspondent, is to be congratulated on his recent election of country vice-president of the Old Contemptibles' Association. Syd. represented the Association at the unveiling of the memorial tablet to the nurses who served in the Great War. This well-attended function was held in the Albany Memorial Gardens on March 28.

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Jim Giblett, the new president of the Collie sub-branch, is a 10th Light Horseman, who is an officer of the Forestry Department, chairman of the Collie Road Board, vice-president of the Parents and Citizens' Association, and a member of the local school board. He organised the monster sports carnival at the beginning of the year, and was largely responsible for the success of the recent Fruit and Flower Show. He succeeds another Jim as president of the sub-branch, Jim Stirling, who did his little bit abroad with the Navy.

LEAGUE PERSONALITIES

Harry May, of Collie

Few country Diggers are better or as favourably known as Harry May, of Collie, who has represented that sub-branch at so many annual congresses. Harry was a foundation member of the R.S.I., or the R.S.A., as it was called at its inception. He soldiered with the 28th Collett's Own, and since his return from the war he has been an indefatigable worker for less fortunate comrades. His first League service was in the South Fremantle sub-branch, which is now Fremantle and Districts sub-branch. He was a member of the State Executive when he was transferred to Collie, where he immediately became a tower of strength to that sub-branch. In Collie, he has been secretary, president, vice-president, amelioration trustee, and pensions officer. He still holds the last three offices, in addition to which he has been a Country Vice-President of outstanding merit. Perhaps he is best known in his capacity as pensions officer and advocate. Harry is one of those tenacious men who fights a case through, generally to a successful conclusion. No trouble is too great, and no journey too long for this hard-working and unassuming official, and many a country Digger owes his present pension to Harry's untiring efforts. Latterly, as a delegate to No. 1 District Committee, he has been able to widen the sphere of a very beneficial influence.

VARIA

Mr. Harry L. Watts writes from Strathfield, N.S.W.—Quite recently I had a letter from Captain Leo C. Murphy, the historian of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, asking me if I could again contact with Diggers who knew them on Gallipoli. To quote his own words, he says: "The First Battalion, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, was at Gallipoli with the 88th Brigade, 29th Division. I wonder if you could put me in touch with any Australians who remember the Newfoundlanders at Suvla Bay or Cape Helles, and who could relate any reminiscences which I might incorporate in my history?" His address is: Great War Veterans' Office, St. John's Newfoundland. As it would be extremely interesting to incorporate an Aussie flavour in the history of Britain's oldest colony, I am passing this request on to you. My copy of The Listening Post arrives regularly, and is very much appreciated. I note with interest your advance in members in W.A.

The illustration on the cover of the current issue of The Listening Post is from a block that was used in the publication of The W.A. Digger Book, which was published by the Imperial Printing Co., Ltd., for the Press sub-branch in 1929 to commemorate the Centenary of the State.

Mr. S. H. Hearne, secretary of the W.A. Service Station Association, has advised that at a meeting on March 18, this organisation unanimously carried a resolution in favour of recognising Anzac Day by the closing of all garages and service stations. Last year, similar action was taken by this association in the metropolitan area and the Eastern Goldfields, which met with a very fair measure of success. The gratitude of the R.S.I. is due to any organisation which yields such a practical tribute to the sanctity of Anzac Day.

Former members of the 16th Battalion are invited to attend an informal social in Anzac House on April 21. The affair is a complimentary one, arranged by a burly Digger who prefers to do good by stealth.

All 11th Field Ambulance men residing in the State are requested to send their names and addresses to L. Skinner, 10 Woodroyd Street, Mt. Lawley, as there is a reunion in the offing. At the same time, they might forward names and addresses of other members who may have missed seeing this notice.

In his presidential address at the Mt. Lawley reunion, O. J. Williams mentioned that the sub-branch had 107 members last December, and that the present strength was 135. "One hundred and thirty-four," someone corrected him. Then another man paid his sub., making the total, 135. "Here," O.I. reminded, "I'm not conducting a bally auction."

There was consternation in Kalgoorlie when it was learned that the new and very efficient militia company would be unable to form a guard of honour for His Excellency the Governor-General. The indent for uniforms had gone in, but when the "clobber" arrived, the only pants were the pants of exasperation that filled the Q.M.'s store. Something had gone wrong with the voucher. The episode suggests that future correspondence between the Unit and the Ordnance Wallahs might receive a Knock Knock file heading: voucher trousers.

12th AND 52nd BATTALION ASSN.

At a well attended meeting of the above association, held on March 31, arrangements were made for the forthcoming Anzac Day commemoration. It was decided that the president (Mr. H. Hopperton) attend the Dawn Service and place a wreath on the State War Memorial on behalf of the Association. As the parade this year is to take place in the afternoon, the president hopes that as many members as possible will be on parade. The president will lead the unit parade; Messrs. Tout and Hall will be flag-bearer and marker. At the conclusion of the service a short meeting will be held at a place which will be notified to those on parade. The president extends an invitation to any former 3rd Brigade members that may be visiting the State. Members are requested to wear their decorations and medals.

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PERTH ENTERTAINS

Within recent weeks, Western Australians have had the opportunity of meeting and entertaining distinguished visitors. Lord Gowrie's visit was a brief one, but he found time to visit the Diggers in Ward XI. Sir Harry Chauvel, on his way to the Coronation, inspected the Young Tenth Light Horse, of which he is honorary colonel, and met officers of the old Regiment at Anzac House. The Federal President (Sir Gilbert Dyett) was treated to morning tea at Parliament House and to a civic reception in the Council Chambers, after which he was the guest of honour at a complimentary luncheon arranged by the State Executive, to which the acting Lord Mayor (Councillor Langley) and the presidents and secretaries of metropolitan sub-branches and unit associations were invited. The civic reception and luncheon speeches were broadcast from the Perth National Station. In the afternoon, Sir Gilbert was entertained by the W.A. Trotting Association at Gloucester Park. The Federal President looked well and spoke well. It is no mean feat to deliver three separate speeches, without notes, in almost as many hours, but Sir Gilbert accomplished this feat cheerfully and vigorously to the delight and admiration of his audiences, though, one fears, the Press man on duty must have suffered a little from writer's cramp, for there are no wide open spaces in Sir Gilbert's delivery. With the Federal President were Mr. G. W. Holland (State president, Victoria) and Colonel Bruxner and Major Shand. Colonel Bruxner is a Light Horseman, and Major Shand was with the Tunnellers in the Big Stoush. Both are now legislators in New South Wales, whence they go to represent the Parliament of the Ma State at the Coronation.

The vicar was called in to talk straightforwardly to one of his parishioners, a young man who, having won a packet on the turf, had gone on a prolonged jamboree. "And so," said the parson, sitting at the bedside of the wan victim, "as a result of your folly you have a splitting headache, your mouth is parched and you wonder if life is worth living?"

"Ah, parson," said the young man, "I can see you've been through it, too."

Coming into the city in a tram, Brown tried to start a conversation with a taciturn-looking man on the seat opposite.

"Excuse me," he said in his affable manner, "your name is familiar to me, Mr.—er—"

"My name is Michael Koroztowsky," said the taciturn-looking one; "I am a Pole."

"Oh, yes," said Brown. "It's not your name so much as your face."

"Probably," the other replied, "I was released from gaol this morning after serving 14 years hard labour."

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY WORK IN HOSPITAL

By M. S. McK.

Like every live organisation the activities of the women's auxiliaries develop with the needs of their sub-branches and the League in general. For several years amelioration was their big job. Now that this has been lightened more attention can be given to the ex-servicemen and their dependents in hospitals and institutions.

Many a country hospital has been indebted to the R.S.L. for the furnishing of wards, maintenance of beds and radio equipment, but the women's work does not end there. Every auxiliary whose district has a hospital in it is expected to visit all returned soldier patients, their wives and families. Sometimes only a friendly greeting is needful, but the visiting members always prepare themselves to dispense material comforts if required.

In the hospitals and institutions of Perth the inmates come from all over the State. The obligation therefore falls upon country and metropolitan auxiliaries alike, to show a kindly interest in some practical way. This interest takes many forms.

First of all there are the regular visits paid by the members in town to Perth Hospital, repatriation and civilian wards, Edward Millen Home, Lemnos and the Old Men's Home. Such may consist of several ladies taking it in turn to pay afternoon or evening visits, carrying with them papers, tobacco and sweets. Other auxiliaries prefer to organise a concert party, the evening's entertainment concluding with supper. In the case of the Old Men's Home a nearby auxiliary gives a concert one afternoon a month and presents each man of the R.S.L. ward with a box of home-made cakes. The cigarettes donated by the R.S.L. trustees are distributed weekly to the ex-servicemen in the civilian wards of Perth Hospital by members of the Women's State Executive. In addition to the tobacco, they always carry magazines, matches and cakes. These cakes are sent regularly by several country auxiliaries, members taking it in turn to bake and despatch them to the Perth. The kindly

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thought which prompts these women so busy on their farms to provide a welcome addition to the hospital fare is greatly appreciated by the patients.

The motor outings organised by the Women’s State Executive, in co-operation with the auxiliaries, are another great source of pleasure to those in Edward Millen, Lemnos and the Old Men’s Home. During this season, excursions have been made as far afield as Chittering, Yanchep, Araluen and all the beaches. The outings always conclude with a high tea and an entertainment provided by an auxiliary. Transport is found either by the auxiliary or by the motor outing committee. Auxiliaries unable to undertake a full outing can assist in sending donations to the motor outing funds, as there are slight expenses to be defrayed on each trip.

This year’s Hospital Christmas Cheer exceeded all previous years, both in money and in kind. The auxiliaries carried the spirit of good will and remembrance through the hospitals with special concerts, parties and gifts. Iced Christmas cakes and other dainties arrived from the country, and extra Christmas fare was made possible through donations of money. When the Women’s State Executive organised a bus trip to Wooroloo Sanatorium, so popular was that proposition that each ex-service man received besides a gift of money, about nine other packages from metropolitan auxiliaries.

It would be difficult to give an exhaustive account of auxiliary hospital work, as much of it only comes to light in annual reports, but fresh eggs, wheat, special comforts, old linen (for Edward Millen Home) and such like are continually being solicited for by auxiliary members.

On Anzac Day, all the wards will be bright with flowers sent by the children from schools where women’s auxiliaries have organised for several years impressive Anzac Flower Services.

In England there is a “Not Forgotten” Association whose sole work is to see to the welfare of ex-servicemen still in hospital. The R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliaries in W.A.—making it a practical interpretation of the familiar words: “We will remember them.”

ON AND OFF GALLIPOLI
(By E.J.P.)

Nineteen years of age, and heavy casualty lists, including the names of several of my best pals, decided me to offer myself to the authorities to do with as they thought fit. This decision was not for long; just over two months since I had left my happy home, until now I found myself at the mercy of “Beachy Bill” and numerous other fiendish weapons. However, to keep pace with the time, I resolved to show my speed by exchanging my dirty mess tin for a spotlessly clean one that I spied outside an old hand’s dug-out at the side of a trench. I believed no one witnessed this act, but I had not proceeded 20 yards when I heard a clatter behind and the next I knew was the tin being snatched from my grasp and a very undeserved “telling off” with reflections on the reputations of all reinforcements in general.

This was the start of hostilities for me, for the next few days were most hectic ones. Leane’s trench, Quinn’s Post and Lone Pine were all centres of great interest during this time. Early on the second morning a counter-attack by Jacko proved that he had a great surplus of bombs. Our front trench that had been fitted up so strongly soon reeked with the smell of explosives and sand-bags, timber and dirt were soon tumbling in on us. Why we were not all casualties is still a mystery to me. Of course, Jacko did not have it all his own way, and a few that had the audacity to leap into our trench were soon despatched to the Prophet’s Paradise. After daylight we did some repairs to loop-holes and commenced spotting Turks. I had my eyes temporarily filled with dirt, flicked up by an enemy bullet, and my place was filled by a popular young officer. It was not for long, for he soon fell mortally wounded by a bullet that found its way through the small opening of the steel plate.

This first week of August was a desperate one, and proved that the gallantry of the old hand in retrieving his mess tin from a burly young reinforcement was no exception, for the remnants of old hands still remaining were certainly an inspiration to the new chums during this initiation ceremony.

Soon we all found ourselves resting on the slopes of Shrapnel Gully, and one incident that occurred here is worth mentioning. Two members of a Scottish battery, that was located quite near us, became involved in a heated argument, to settle which they stripped to the waist and fought it out with “Beachy Bill” as third man in the ring. I often think those two chaps got just as much satisfaction from their little scrap as we did from our big one.

During the next few weeks we had a comparatively quite time so far as Jacko was concerned, but, oh! the vermin and flies! How could it be called a quiet time? Eventually I found myself on my first sick parade, a fever case, and leaving Gallipoli as quietly as I had entered it.
March 10, 1937

At the meeting of the State Executive on March 10, there were present Colonel Olden (who occupied the chair in the absence of the State president), and Messrs. Collett, Philp, Panton, Denton, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Warner, Watt, Thorn, Fairley, Margolin, James, Wilkins, Cornell, Anderson, Collins, Newman and Wells. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Brown, Nye, Mitchell, Noakes and Roche.

Visitors.—During the evening the following visitors were welcomed:—Mr. Lewis, secretary of Norseman sub-branch; Mr. J. Day, of Wubin sub-branch; Mr. H. May, of Collie sub-branch; Mr. George Seager, of Waroona sub-branch.

P.M.O., Repatriation Commission.—Dr. Ken Smith, who was accompanied by Dr. C. W. Courtney and Mr. Chas. Taylor, was welcomed by the chairman. He addressed delegates, who took the opportunity to ask questions on repatriation matters. Dr. Smith was tendered a vote of thanks at the instance of Mr. Panton and Mr. Watt, and it was afterwards entertained in the Anzac Club.

House Committee.—Mr. Aberle reported on behalf of the House Committee in connection with community concerts. He advised that all arrangements had now been made to conduct these concerts in conjunction with 6 a.m. for the ensuing year. The report was adopted.

Visits.—Reports on visits were submitted as follows:—Colonel Olden (Bridgetown, Manjimup, Kirup, Yealering, Wickepin, Narrogin, Nurses’ Buckland Hill sub-branches, Old Contemptibles’ Association (handing over Colours) and Civic Reception (Chamber of Commerce delegate), State secretary (East Leederville sub-branch), assistant State secretary (Guildford), Mr. Anderson (Waroona sub-branch), Rabbi Freedman (Freemantle sub-branch, Mt. Hawthorn S.S.L., West Leederville S.S.L.), Mr. Cornell (Norseman sub-branch).

Arising out of Mr. Cornell’s report on his visit to Norseman sub-branch it was decided that the assistant State secretary pay a visit to Norseman at the first available opportunity.

Countess Haig.—The Federal office advised that Countess Haig would arrive in Perth on March 22 and depart on March 23. It was agreed that the matter of entertaining her be referred to the Management Committee for immediate attention. Mr. Cornell submitted several suggestions and was asked to attend the meeting of the Management Committee to be held at 4 p.m. on March 11.

Sub-Branches.—Approval was given for the formation of a sub-branch at Guildford.

Appointment of officials as advised by Kojonup, Yalgoo and Wickepin sub-branches was confirmed.

The Kojonup sub-branch requested information regarding control over financial and commercial resources of the nation. The reply was left-in the hands of the State secretary.

A communication from the Kojonup sub-branch regarding the Honour Avenue in King’s Park was referred to the State War Memorial Committee for comment.

Sir Harry Chauvel.—The chairman advised that Sir Harry Chauvel would be passing through on Monday, March 15, and would be meeting officers of the 10th Light Horse Association in the board room of Anzac House at 4 p.m. Representatives of the Executive were asked to attend.

It was agreed that the State president be informed of the invitation.

Free Freight: Soldiers’ Ward Old Men’s Home and Lembnos.—The secretary reported on behalf of the deputation which waited upon the Commissioner of Railways. The Commissioner had promised that further consideration would be given to the matter.

Women’s Auxiliary: Mount Lawley Sub-branch.—Mount Lawley sub-branch advised that they had, by resolution, of which notice had been duly given, disbanded the women’s auxiliary. It was resolved that the action of the sub-branch be endorsed.

Anzac Day.—Reference was made to the apparent feeling of resentment indicated by sub-branches because of the change of the

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time of the big parade and service on Anzac Day this year.

It was therefore agreed that Executive meetings be called to place in Anzac House at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 13.

A letter was received from the Dean of Perth thanking the Executive for the courteous manner in which they had considered churches' point of view in regard to Anzac Day.

It was agreed that a combined meeting of sub-branch representatives and Unit Associations be held to take place in Anzac House at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 13.

Buggers: Funerals—The Nedlands sub-branch asked that the State Executive approach the State Commandant asking if they could make available a bugler to sound the Last Post at ex-service men's gravesides on occasions when the Executive was unable to do so.

It was resolved that the suggestion be agreed to.

Tenth Light Horse Ceremonial March—Advice was received that this Regiment would march through the city of Perth on March 17, instant, and the commanding officer would lay a wreath on the War Memorial at 3.15 p.m.

Imperial Ex-Service Men: Service Pensions. A resolution, carried by the Nedman sub-branch, urging representations to the British Ministry of Pensions for Service Pension provisions for Imperial ex-service men, was referred to the State president.

State War Memorial.—At the instance of Colonel Margolin the question of providing some means of preserving wreaths from blowing from the State War Memorial after they had been laid was referred to the State War Memorial Committee.

Soldier's Ward, Old Men's Home.—Mr. Anderson reported that this work had been completed and was entirely satisfactory.

March 24, 1937

At the meeting on March 24, there were present Messrs. R. Olden, Collett, Panton, Denton, Hunt, Aberle, Freeman, Warner, Watt, Thorn, Fairley, Margolin, James, Mitchell, Wilkins, Lamb, Anderson, Collins, Newman and Wells. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Brown, Philip, Cornell, Noakes and Roche.

Chairman.—Archdeacon C. L. Riley was welcomed by delegates and occupied the chair.

Leave of Absence.—The State president (Mr. A. Yeates) was granted leave of absence until his return from England.

Arrival Federal President.—Advice was received that Sir Gilbert Dyett, Mr. Holland (State president of Victoria) and Mr. S. R. Gibbs (ex-president of Kalgoorlie) will be passing through Perth on April 5. A suitable programme of entertainment had been arranged, including a civic reception at 12 noon to Sir Gilbert Dyett and a luncheon by the Executive at 1 p.m., and that the president and one committee member of the W.A.T.C. and Territorial Association be invited to the luncheon, as well as president, or representative, of each metropolitan sub-branch.

Anzac Day.—A circular had been forwarded to all metropolitan sub-branches in connection with this year's arrangements.

Coronation Medals.—It was decided that in the absence of any authoritative statement concerning the issue of Coronation medals, the compilation of a list as requested by Federal office was premature.

Visits.—Colonel Olden reported on Lady Haig's visit, stating that all arrangements made had been carried out satisfactorily.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Sydney Atkinson, Ltd., for making available a motor car for Lady Haig's use.

Anzac Day Committee.—Report of the Anzac Day Committee meeting held on March 23 was received. Representatives were appointed to various church services and certain details concerning Anzac Day were dealt with.

Land Committee.—Report of Land Committee, held on March 18, was received. This report dealt with action taken to arrange for a deputation to the Prime Minister on the question of grasshoppers and debt adjustment. Representations were made through Colonel Collett, who had been advised that the question of the grashopper plague was a State responsibility, but that Sir Archdale Parkhill would meet the League on the matter of further advances for debt relief.

At the latter question was not considered of sufficient importance or urgency, the request for a deputation was not further proceeded with.

State War Memorial Committee.—The report of the State War Memorial Committee meeting, held on March 16, was received.

The question of weights for wreaths laid on the Memorial was dealt with, and also the request by the Navy that the Navy emblem be affixed to the Memorial. In this regard the State War Memorial Committee recommended—

1. That the State War Memorial be erected to the memory of all men and women of this State who sacrificed their lives as the result of the Great War.

2. That, as inscriptions on the Memorial and the tablets indicated this fact, it is considered unnecessary to add further emblems.

The recommendations were adopted.

The question of the Honour Avenue, King's Park, which had been referred to the State War Memorial Committee, was the subject of a report as follows:

That, as the West Perth sub-branch, at its own request has undertaken this excellent work for a number of years with the approval of State Congress, and, as a liberal response has always been received from sub-branches to their occasional appeals, this committee considers that the existing arrangements should be allowed to continue.

This recommendation was also adopted.

The State War Memorial Committee was asked to give attention to the matter of the care of the Memorial.

Constitution Committee.—Colonel Fairley submitted the final report of this committee on the Congress resolution which altered the method of the election of the committee members on the State Executive.

It was agreed that copies of the report be circulated to members of the Executive so that it be made an item for discussion at the next meeting; a copy of the Congress resolution concerned to be circulated as well.

Visits.—Rabbi Freedman reported on behalf of the visiting committee on a visit paid to the ex-Service Men's Ward of the Old Men's Home.

Mr. Wells reported having visited the Health and Nursing Home.

Mr. Nicholas submitted a report on his regular visits to Ward XI.

Relief Fund Trustees.—The report of the Relief Fund trustees for the month of February was received. A total of 102 applicants had been assisted at an expenditure of £102/17/7.

Empire Shopping Week.—Mr. Watt reported that this committee had held its first meeting for 1937, and that the usual circular had been sent to sub-branches. At this instigation, the usual donation of £5 to this movement was approved.

Reports on visits to sub-branch were received as follows:—Colonel Olden (Marradong-Boddington), Mr. Wells (Brunswick Junction), Colonel Lamb (Belmont), Mr. Collins (Mt. Lawley-Inglewood), Mr. Wilkinson ("Western" sub-branch).

Pensions.—Advice was received that the Executive had received from the Prime Minister commencing its next session in Western Australia on April 12.

Governor-General.—Advice received that His Excellency the Governor-General would arrive in Perth on April 3, and depart on April 12. The senior visitor was asked to give attention to the matter of the Governor-General and that, in view of his comparatively recent visit to Western Australia, no function be held.

Sub-Branch Officials.—The appointment of sub-branch officials as advised by Maylands, Coolup and Yandanoona sub-branches was confirmed.

Resignation.—The Rev. E. H. O. Nye tendered his resignation as a member of the State Executive owing to the fact that he was leaving the State.

It was resolved that the resignation be accepted with very deep regret, and that we record our appreciation of the very excellent services rendered by the Rev. Nye in the cause of the ex-service man over an extended period of years.

Free Freight.—Advice was received from the Secretary for Railways that Lemnos and the old Men's Home's Ward Home could not be put on the free list. The Commissioner would, however, give sympathetic consideration to any application by the League for the issue of a free freight order for individual cases.

Coronation Day.—The Rocks sub-branch requested information as to any programme that had been arranged to celebrate Coronation Day. The matter was referred to the Management Committee.

April 7, 1937

At the meeting on April 7 there were present Messrs. R. Olden, Collett, Panton, Denton, Hunt, Aberle, Freeman, Warner, Watt, Thorn, Fairley, Margolin, James, Mitchell, Wilkins, Lamb, Anderson, Collins, Newman and Wells. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Brown, Philip, Cornell, Noakes and Roche.

Chairman.—Archdeacon C. L. Riley occupied the chair.

Relief Fund Trustees.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees for the month of March was received. Seventy-four cases had been assisted during the month, the total expenditure being £69/6/9.

Visits to sub-branches were received as follows:—Archdeacon Riley (Maylands and Toodyay), Mr. Panton, (Quairading and York), Mr. Warner (Southern Cross), Mr. Cornell (Gnowangerup).
Appointment.-Advice was received that the period of appointment of Mr. H. H. Howard, chairman of No. 2 Tribunal, would expire on May 31. It was required that the Secretary be informed of the Minister, in order of preference, for a further selection. One name was requested from this State branch. It was agreed that Mr. H. H. Howard be re-nominated.

Constitution Committee.-The report of this committee, which was deferred from last meeting, and which had been circulated to members, was considered and a motion for its adoption was lost.

During discussion certain suggestions were made, and the following amendment was carried: “That the report be referred back to the committee to be amended in accordance with the suggestions made, and that Colonel Collett and Mr. Panton be added to the personnel of the committee.”

The arrangement of sub-branches into various districts, as recommended by the report, was approved.

Anzac Day.-Report of committee on Anzac Day was received.

General Sir Talbot Hobbs wrote consenting to march at the head of the sons and daughters of deceased sailors and soldiers at the head of the column at the Anzac Day parade.

Mr. Perry, resident manager of the Westralian Cinemas, offered the free use of the Capitol Theatre for a concert on Anzac Day. It was agreed that Mr. Perry be thanked for his offer, but it was regretted that the proposition was not practicable.

The District Commandant thanked the League for inviting the Militia Forces to participate in the Anzac Day parade, and offered co-operation in every way.

The Old Contemporaries’ Association requested permission to carry their standard at the head of their company on Anzac Day. Permission was granted.

Calingiri sub-branch requested a speaker for Anzac Day. It was decided to advise the Executive regretting that it would be unable to supply one.

General Sir William Birdwood had already agreed to visit Katanning on Anzac Day, but now advised that unforeseen circumstances prevented him doing so. It was agreed to ask Brigadier-General E. F. Martin if he would consent to attend.

Invitations. The following invitations were accepted:—Northam, April 26 (Messrs. Fairley and Wells); Kellerberrin, May 3 (Rabbi Freedman); Wickepin, April 30 (Col. Caroli).

R.S.L. Band.—The secretary of the R.S.L. Band requested permission to circulate all sub-branches in the metropolitan area to ascertain whether there were any members or sons of members who were interested in brass bands, and who would be prepared to join the R.S.L. Band. Permission was granted.

War Memorial, Capel.—The Capel sub-branch advised that the Road Board had taken over their War Memorial, and it was in a bad state of repair. They asked advice on the matter.

The communication was referred to the State War Memorial committee.

Frank Evans (deceased).—The sister of the deceased soldier was thanking the League for interest taken in his case.

Relief.—No. 1 District committee wrote concerning expenditure of funds on underseveng cases passing through, and suggesting that lists of these men be prepared and circulated for the protection of sub-branches.

The matter was left to the State secretary, and he was asked to draw No. 1 District committee’s attention to a resolution from Congress on this matter.

School Children: Coronation.—The Mukinbudin Parents and Citizens’ Association appealed for a donation towards the school children’s celebration of the Coronation.

The matter was left to the State secretary.

Committee for Delinquency.—A request was received for a representative to attend a meeting of this committee on April 12 at 8 p.m. It was agreed that Dr. Fowler be asked to represent the League.

Appointment Sub-Branch Officials.—The appointment of officials as advised by the following sub-branches was confirmed:—Forest Grove, Kentdale and Calingiri.

Ex-Service Men’s Ward: Old Men’s Home.—The Sub-branch was granted approval to provide linoleum and artificial lighting for this ward; the cost not to exceed £30.

RECEPTION TO COUNTESS HAIG

During her brief visit to Perth en route to South Africa, the women’s auxiliaries had an opportunity of meeting Countess Haig in the Anzac House ballroom on the afternoon of March 22. A musical programme for the occasion was arranged by Mrs. H. Hoppetron, the artists being Mesdames Clear, Lewis and McLeod, and Messrs. A. Barry and McLeod (violinist).

Mr. A. Yeates, on behalf of the R.S.L. State Executive, welcomed Lady Haig on her arrival at Anzac House. She was then escorted by Mrs. J. McKinnlay to the ballroom where there was a large attendance of members and representatives also from the F.U.S.W., the Soldiers’ Welcome Committee, the Red Cross and the Maimed and Limbed. Several gifts of flowers were presented to Lady Haig, including a spray of our Armistice Day poppies.

After several musical items, Mrs. J. McKinnlay introduced Countess Haig and briefly outlined to her the activities of the auxiliaries, which were on similar lines to those of the British Legion (women’s section). In a long and interesting talk, Lady Haig spoke of her Australian visit and how some things had impressed her, such as the Dr. Truby King Method, a special self-propelling invalid bed, used by soldiers in the East, the Legacy Clubs and the Dawn Service. She spoke of Poppy Day at home and its origin, and commended the auxiliaries for their work and interest. The memory of her beautiful voice, her graceful manner and her inspiring message will linger long in the memory of those who were present. Scottish airs on the violin, the chorus of Loch Lomond, Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem concluded a happy gathering.

Later in the board room, Lady Haig was entertained to afternoon tea by the State president and members of the women’s auxiliary State Executive, where she chatted informally with everyone. A beautiful memento of our distinguished and charming visitor now stands in the auxiliary room in the form of a signed portrait which Lady Haig thoughtfully sent to us before her departure to South Africa.

F.U.S.W.

After opening the April meeting, Mrs. Dean (president) asked members to stand a moment in silence to the memory of the late Mrs. Francis, for many years a respected member of the F.U.S.W. Owing to indisposition, Lady Hobbs was unable to be present. A letter thanking the Lady Hobbs for the gift received from Colonial Sweetapple, C.O., 10th Light Horse Regiment, for the work of several members of the Union who had taken charge of the canteen at the Claremont Show Grounds. The officially worded thanks were regretted to a member of the regiment. Assistance of clothing and surgical appliances to necessitous cases had been provided by this committee. Many expressions of regret were heard when Mrs. Dean announced that on through indisposition Dr. Stag, the speaker for that afternoon, would be unable to be present. Mrs. Dean very gravely consented to give an impromptu speech on the devastation caused by the bush fires in Denmark and surrounding districts. A vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Mrs. T. C. Wilson. As this meeting coincided with the birthday of the popular secretary (Mrs. E. Clear) the opportunity was taken of expressing birthday greetings, and musical honours were accorded with the singing of “Why was she born,” etc. During the afternoon ten new members were welcomed. The Union intends holding a card party (bridge, euchre, etc.) on April 27 at the Stirling Institute, 8 p.m. Table 6a. The artists who contributed to a programme of outstanding merit were Misses F. Brennan, Flora Nowotney, May Hart (elocutionist) and Alice Heyens (accompliate). Mrs. Rigg (president) spoke of the artists, which was confirmed by hearty acclamation. Afternoon tea was then served.
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At the March meeting it was decided that in future meetings would be held on the fourth Thursday in the month, instead of Friday. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, on Thursday, April 22. The raffle was won by Mrs. Cauldwell with ticket 69. On Sunday afternoon, last, on behalf of the auxiliary, a band concert was arranged by Mesdames Cauldwell and White, the R.S.L. Band rendering a very enjoyable program, under the baton of Mr. George Mellor, at the Edward Millen Repatriation Sanatorium. Band items were intermingled with community singing, for which Miss Langridge kindly played. Piano forte solos were played by Maisie Cauldwell. At the conclusion of the programme, Mr. H. Taylor thanked Mr. Mellor and his bandmen on behalf of the auxiliary, and his remarks were seconded by Mr. Plumb on behalf of the patients. Sister McCallan thanked all responsible for the afternoon's entertainment on behalf of the Matron, who was unavoidably absent. Members are advised to tell their friends that a social will be held at the conclusion of the meeting on Thursday, April 22, admission sixpence.

AUXILIARY PICNIC

The annual auxiliary picnic took place on Wednesday, March 17, when seven buses conveyed the members to Araluen. The winners of the sports were: skipping contest, Miss I. Hawkins (North-East Fremantle) 1st, Mrs. M. Brown (North Perth) 2nd; gum nut contest: Miss I. Hawkins 1st, Mrs. Hills (Cottesloe) 2nd, jumbled shoe race: Mrs. Harris (Carlisle) 1st, Miss Burgess (Subiaco) 2nd, needle and thread race: Mrs. Morris (South Perth) 1st, Miss Burgess 2nd, spoon and ball race: Mrs. Hetherington (North Perth) 1st, Mrs. Kennedy (Claremont) 2nd. Members from the following auxiliaries attended: Fremantle, North-East Fremantle, Spearwood, Cottesloe, Claremont, Carlisle, South Perth, Subiaco, North Perth, Nedlands, Mr. Hawthorn, Norwood, West Leederville, 44th Battalion, Bussendean, Maylands, Midland Junction and Bayswater.

FREMANTLE

On Sunday, March 14, the patients from Lemnos Hospital, Edward Millen Home and the ex-service men from the Old Men's Home were entertained by the auxiliary. A bus conveyed the "boys" from the O.M.H. and the patients were conveyed by cars to South Beach where the auxiliary had arranged a musical programme and high tea at the hydrodrome tea rooms. Items were given by Misses Joyce, Wylie, Brick, P. Lockstone, Mesdames Trueman, Stringfield and Mr. B. Stringfield, Mrs. Humphreys acting as accompanist. Mrs. Kirby (president of the auxiliary) and Mr. Lynch (president of the sub-branch) welcomed the guests. Mr. Brick thanked the hostesses on behalf of the O.H.M.; Mr. Tich Leggott for Edward Millen Home and Mr. McKeevor for Lemnos. Mrs. H. Hopkerton (for the motor outing committee) in handing Mr. Cornes a large box of cakes and biscuits which had been made by the members of the auxiliary, commented on the fact that the country auxiliaries as well as the city did not forget the old soldiers. Mrs. Stubberfield seconded Mrs. Hopkerton's remarks and thanked the car drivers. The guests were handed packets of sweets as they left the hydrodrome. The following kindly lent their cars: Mrs. Begent, Miss Irma Watson, Messrs. Fred Smith, A. McIntosh, L. Schultze, Crofts, L. Adams, G. L. Randall, J. R. Johnston and (by courtesy of Sydney Auxiliary) Messrs. Greeland, B. Newman and F. Donovan. Members joined with the sub-branch on March 18 in tendering the Rev. E. H. O. Nye a farewell social. The departing partir was presented with a framed picture of the Fremantle War Memorial.

DARLING RANGE

On Sunday, March 21, the Darling Range auxiliary entertained the patients from Lemnos Hospital and Edward Millen Home. They were motored to Wellinton, where the auxiliary had prepared high tea in the spacious shade house. Mrs. F. R. Wallace (president of the auxiliary) and Mr. D. North (president of the sub-branch) welcomed the guests. Mesdames V. Stockinm and H. Hopperton thanked the hostesses and the car drivers. Messrs. Plumb and McKeevor spoke on behalf of Edward Millen and Lemnos patients. Cakes and fruit were sent back to the hospital and the party returned by bus with music arranged by Mesdames Cauldwell and Begent. The following are thanked for kindly lending the cars: Mesdames Macdougal and Begent, Messrs. Fred Smith, A. Mackintosh, Thompson, H. Rockett, Williams and Bill Bates.

CARLISLE

The weekly dances are drawing good houses, but still better attendances are desired. The waiting competition received good deal of interest. Thanks are due to the R.C.A.F., judges and competitors. The waltzes was won by Mr. and Mrs. Brennan. Last week a presentation was made by the auxiliary to Mr. Gillies, who has been M.C. for many years, after which Mr. Gillies introduced his successor, Mr. Brennan. Mrs. Harris, one of our members, won the jumble shoe race at the recent united auxiliaries picnic. A jumble sale is now being arranged, and all members and friends are asked to keep aside anything which they are not wanting. The date will be announced later. The next meeting will be held in the Carlisle Hall on May 10 at 1:30 p.m.

NORWOOD

The monthly meeting was held on April 6, when the president (Mrs. W. A. Doran) presided over an attendance of 32 members. It is gratifying to report that membership has been increased by eight, making a total of 56, and six further nominations were reported. Several cases of amelioration were reported by the sub-branch, and action was taken to afford them the assistance required. It was decided to hold a jumble sale in aid of the funds and a local and dance characterised by head-dresses to advertise local production during Local Products Week. A children's plain and fancy dress ball is also forecast for the month of June.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

The eighth birthday of the auxiliary was celebrated in the Memorial Hall on March 20. Among the guests were the State president (Mrs. McKinlay), State secretary (Mrs. H. Hopkerton) and representatives of the S.P., F.U.S.W., and other auxiliaries. The high light of the evening was the staging "Around the Campfire, Gipsy Melodies," by the Mt. Hawthorn ladies, who were all attired as Gipsies should be on these occasions. A three-tiered birthday cake was surmounted by a miniature Gipsy. Mrs. Hayes, who made and decorated the cake, was the recipient of much well-deserved praise. Mrs. Hayes capably manipulated the drums for the dancing, and vocal items were rendered by Mrs. Cleat.

BAYSWATER

The auxiliary has decided to enter for the McKinley Shield Competition. A jumble sale to defray the cost of entertaining soldier patients was held on April 15. The matter of a united social was discussed.

SUBIACO

The first monthly meeting of the new year was held on February 17. There was a large attendance of members. The president (Mrs. H. L. Downe) welcomed some former members back, and a few new members. The guest of the afternoon was the country vice-president (Mrs. H. Smith). Letters of thanks were read from the soldier patients at Woorooloo, Lemnos and Old Men's Home. During afternoon tea, items were given by Mesdames Williams and Langdon. Two months' leave of absence was granted to the president. We all join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Downe a very happy holiday. Monthly visits are still being conducted to the Old Men's Home, these being much enjoyed by the Diggers. A very happy day was spent at Coogee, on March 21, when the sub-branch gave their annual picnic.

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April 7, the Hon. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C.,

addressed a re-union of the Gnowangerup sub-branch. The

meeting was attended by Mr. Austin, who is also a member of the Gnowangerup sub-branch, and the chairman (T. Meikin) proposed the toast of the League. The secretary, in his report, mentioned the

excessive salinity alone both

and the very high cost of salt, which has already been re-valued.

In some cases more than

100 acres of very

suitable land have been rendered permanently useless through the introduction of salt and damage done in this regard is increasing.

Mr. Rex Hall, the newly-elected president, presided over an attendance of about sixty, which included three representatives from the Kojonup sub-branch, and the newly-elected president of No. 4 District Committee (Mr. Austin), who is also a member of the Gnowangerup sub-branch. An inquiry revealed that the membership roll of the sub-branch is 62. The women's auxiliary, which is held in high regard by the sub-branch, has a membership of 42. Finance at the sub-branch disposal is: analomeration fund £59, and general fund £25. As befits a progressive sub-branch,

the president, Mr. Austin, visited the Rest

and publicly

asked for returned soldier fund £120, and publicly

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two of its members hold seats on the local Road Board, and two other members represent the sub-branch on the local hospital board.

The headquarters of the sub-branch, where the reunion was held, is in the Memorial Hall, which was erected jointly by local Road Board funds and funds publicly sub-

scribed for returned soldier purposes and voted to this object by the sub-branch. In every regard the reunion was a success, aided and abetted towards this end by the excellent catering of Mr. Bill Moloney, of Gnowangerup, and the good fellowship that prevailed. During my visit, and under the guidance of Mr. Sam Stewart, the Hons. A. Thomson and H. V. Plews, for hospitality extended during my visit.

Matters of considerable interest were dealt with, including finance, and damage done in this regard is increasing.

The social committee is arranging to provide a series of entertainments that will be above the average. At the March meeting members had the privilege of listening to an interesting address by the Resident Magistrate at Broome (Mr. E. S. Reynolds) who spoke of conditions and experiences on the North-West coast. Members are requested to parade at the North Perth Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on Anzac Day. A special service has also been arranged for the evening. Old time dances are now conducted in the North Perth Town Hall on Friday evenings.

ARDATH-BABAKIN

Messrs. Abele and Ferguson represented the State Executive at a very enjoyable re-

union dinner on April 10. There were also

visitors from Quairading, Yelinging, Bruce Rock and Narembeen. The official visitors replied to the toast of the League. Jim Wylie made Parliament the excuse for another round of drinks, and Jimmie Mann, M.L.A., replied for the legislators.

Roy McMeiken proposed the Services, to which Jack Cant replied. Dave Bowler handled the toast of sister sub-branches, and the chairman (T. G. Retalick) that of local governing bodies. The reply to this last was made by the chairman of the Bruce Rock Road Board (Mr. J. Lethland).

GNOWANGERUP

At the meeting of the State Executive on April 7, the Hon. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C., reported on his recent attendance at the annual

re-union of the Gnowangerup sub-branch. The following are extracts from Mr. Cornell's report:

For Easter Gifts that please

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Mr. Rex Hall, the newly-elected president, presided over an attendance of about sixty, which included three representatives from the Kojonup sub-branch, and the newly-elected president of No. 4 District Committee (Mr. Austin), who is also a member of the Gnowangerup sub-branch, and the chairman (T. Meikin) proposed the toast of the League. An inquiry revealed that the membership roll of the sub-branch is 62. The women's auxiliary, which is held in high regard by the sub-branch, has a membership of 42. Finance at the sub-branch disposal is: amelioration fund £59, and general fund £25. As befits a progressive sub-branch.

The president (Mr. J. Sheridan) presided over a good attendance of members at the general meeting on Wednesday, March 10. The secretary, in his report, mentioned the number of ex-soldiers placed in employment, pension cases dealt with, sick members visited, and various other matters. The president deplored the very poor attendance of members at the last meeting of the Local Products Committee, and hoped that the people of the goldfields would take a keener interest in this campaign in the future. Mr. Tom Smith was appointed as the delegate to future meetings of the Boulder Boy Scouts Association. The sub-branch is

endeavouring to secure an invalid chair for the wife of a member, and the secretary would be pleased to know of anyone having a mechanical invalid chair for sale. It is the intention of this sub-branch, in conjunction with the Goldfields Pipe Band, to conduct a grand carnival in the Burt

reserve on May 22, and a working committee has already been formed. A large number of ex-soldiers from various parts of the State are at present seeking employment, which is very hard to find here at present. Sir John Kieran and Jimmy Cornell visited the Rest Rooms on Tuesday, March 16, and were welcomed by the president, secretary and members. Sir John and Jim are keen supporters of the sub-branch, and we are always pleased to see them.

NORSEMAN

Mr. Norman Dodd presided at the monthly meeting. There was a large attendance of members, visitors and proposed members. The correspondence covered an unusually large number of subjects, including finance, physical culture, hall hire, club rules, smoke,
socials, State Executive business, dances, Imperial ex-servicemen, Anzac Day and music. The statement prepared and distributed showed that the finances of the sub-branch are in a healthy condition, and the chairman was commended for the way the statement had been prepared, to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Alan Morton gave a full account of the Athletic Club activities and the rules and regulations laid down by the combined committee were accepted by the management committee. It is hoped that with such a hearty kick-off that the club will grow each week and prove a boon to many more.

POULTRY AND DAIRY FARMERS

At the meeting on March 24 a letter was received from Mr. G. D. Shaw, Government Poultry Adviser, thanking the sub-branch for the donation of cups for competition amongst returned soldier participants in the Muresk Laying Competition, held under Government supervision. Mr. Shaw reported that the winners were: white leghorns, Mr. A. Hampton, of Collie; Australorps, Mr. M. H. Hadley, of Spearwood. Mr. Shaw also mentioned the successes in the general competition achieved by returned soldiers, they winning 13 out of the 20 prizes up for competition. This shows that ex-service men can be as successful in at least one civilian occupation as they were during the Big Scrap, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the successful ex-service growers. The policy of this sub-branch is to study the interest of all R.S.L. poultry farmers in the State, but not to take poultry farmer members away from other sub-branches, and consequently our roll of full members is not as large as some other sub-branches; we do, however, welcome as associate members (at 5s. per annum) any poultry man who is already associated in full membership with his local sub-branch. It would surprise many poultry farmers (not only ex-service men) if they knew of the many instances in which suggestions of benefit to the industry, emanated from the informal talks at our meetings after the formal business has been disposed of. All ex-service poultry men are welcomed if they care to visit us on the last Friday of each month, and, as we can generally count on the presence of Mr. Shaw, the Government Poultry Adviser, or his assistant (Mr. E. Lovegrove), as well as other practical poultry men, our discussions are both interesting and beneficial to those in the industry.

GUILDFORD

At a most appropriate time, when the League is sending out a Coronation year appeal, the returned men of Guildford have decided to form their own sub-branch. The first meeting was held on March 9, and about 40 men responded to the call. Colonel C. H. Manning acted as chairman, and was duly elected the first president. Other office-bearers were Mr. L. C. Morley (late of Queensland) and Mr. W. Chambers (vice-presidents), Mr. Les. Longson (treasurer), Mr. A. E. Sanders (secretary), Mr. J. H. Kidson (assistant secretary), and Messrs. Kemp and Donegan (auditors). Mr. Frank Leng (secretary of Bassendean), representing the Bassendean sub-branch, addressed the meeting. The State Executive was represented by Mr. C. Ferguson, who was accompanied by Mr. Harry May (president of the Collie sub-branch). Both addressed the meeting. The meeting closed at about 9.30, and the sub-branch had the largest meeting of any sub-branch every success and hoped that both units would work well together in their social activities. He promised the new secretary any assistance that he may require. The meeting closed at about 9.30, and the sub-branch had the largest meeting of any sub-branch every success. Robert Bourke, who was visiting a member of the Frood branch, was presented with a wreath on behalf of the Frood branch. Mr. R. J. Marshall (vice-president of Collie), who was visiting relatives in the district, also attended, and hoped the new sub-branch would before long be the same as Collie, with sufficient members to furnish entertainments. Mr. Sanders notified the president that he had sent a wreath on behalf of the sub-branch for the late Miss Klemm, and his action was strongly endorsed. Mr. Clough said the sub-branch would meet on alternate Wednesdays, and the total of members was 52. Mr. Norman Mighell, Commissioner of Repatriation, was present, and gave an address which was heartily appreciated.

OSBORNE PARK

On Wednesday, March 24, a visit was paid by the members and ladies of North Perth sub-branch. A very pleasant evening was spent with darts, tennis, games and the usual refreshments. A very amusing horse derby was won by Mrs. Meyers after a close finish. The North Perthites went home quite pleased with their visit. Members of the sub-branch are asked to roll up on alternate Wednesdays, starting from April 8, for games and sport practice for the A.R.M.S. competitions. The Anzac service this year is to be held in the Agricultural Hall, Main Street, at 7.30 p.m. on April 20. The Strathalbyn unit will commemorate on Saturday, April 17. The proceed will be used to augment the sub-branch funds.

DOWERIN

The February meeting at Minnivale and March meeting at Dowerin were attended by about 20 members, who are proof
of the growing interest being taken in sub-branch activities. The members have offered aid to the women's work in running a Coronation Ball on May 12, and have also decided to work in with the Road Board in anything they may decide to do. Fred Warner, M.L.A, who is very popular in these parts, has promised to give the liquid refreshment, an important function is listed for the evening of April 24, when the sub-branch will present to each member of the late Sister Jones family with a framed portrait and printed tribute similar to that which appeared in "The Listening Post" some months ago. The presentation will take place in the Road Board hall, which has been generously lent for the occasion. Goomalling sub-branch intends holding a smoke social on the anniversary of April 23, and several of our members have promised to attend. Very little rain has fallen in these parts since Christmas, and supplies of water are getting low. Probably to conserve remaining supplies for stock members may often be seen trying other liquid refreshments which has to be imported and kept in cool storage.

**Harvey**

The necessary preparations for Anzac Day are well in hand. The Dawn Service will be at 5.55 a.m., when wreaths will be placed on Honour Roll. The big public service will be held in the afternoon at 2.30 p.m. in Harvey Hall. All local clergy have been invited to take part, and the address will be delivered by Dr. A. N. Jacobs. An ambitious programme of sports and a monster ball are being arranged for Coronation Day. The arrangements for the latter are in the hands of the women's auxiliary and the Country Women's Association conjointly.

**Manjimup**

Whether the news it out of date or not, the reunion on February 27 is worth a mention, as it was the biggest yet. Ninety assorted ex-warriors sat down under the stern eye of president Bob Newton, and in the company of Colonel Olden, Dave Benson and Ike Doust, M.L.A. Among the guests were Messrs. Kean, Lord, Evans and Inch, while an excellent orchestra stirred things up and helped with the community singing. A record of 72 members turned up, and a hearty vote of thanks was given by Senator Allan McDonald, who passed on greetings from our cobbers in the s.s. "Westralia" sub-branch. The lads in this floating sub-branch evidently have a wonderfully good time, and it is to be hoped we shall be able to give them a "magnificent" with them sometime. For the May meeting a quoit tournament is listed; and it will be interesting to see if Capt. Charlie Lyons can rake up some newies to put a kybosh on the Mt. Hawthorn mob. That observed this year will take the form of painting the customary wreath on the local memorial, after which it is intended to march to the service in Forrest Park, Methodist Church. Members are asked to parade at the hall in Grosevoir Road at 10 a.m.

**Claremont**

At the meeting on April 1, the president performed a pleasing duty in welcoming Mr. Griffiths as a new member. It has been decided to conduct a garden competition, open...
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to all residents of the Municipality of Claremont, for which the entrance fee will be one shilling. A full and comprehensive prize list is being arranged. As the result of two additional elections, Mr. MacKenzie replaced Mr. Tomlison as the sub-branch, and Mr. Southwell succeeds Mr. F. W. Greene on the committee. The children's picnic at Point Walter on March 21 was a huge success, it reflecting great credit on those responsible for making the necessary arrangement. Represented were Moorine Branch and Toc H will lay wreaths on the local Memorial at 7 a.m. on Anzac Day. In the evening, as in previous years, a special Anzac service will be conducted in Christ Church. At a joint meeting of the committee and the women's auxiliary on April 6, the ladies decided to adopt a programme of games similar to that of the A.R.M.S. competitions. The secretary of the auxiliary (Miss F. Bryant) tabled a scheme for the erection of a building, which will be discussed at the next meeting of the sub-branch. Members regret the departure of Mr. Blythe, for his home section, and hope he will remain an associate-member of the sub-branch.

SOUTHERN CROSS

At the meeting of the State Executive on April 7, Mr. Fred Warner, M.L.A., reported that he had attended the reunion at Southern Cross on March 27. There were 40 persons present, and the president (Mr. Brockway) was in the chair. Among the sub-branches represented were Mooree Rock, Marvel Loch and Bullfanch. "Having had a talk with the late president and secretary," said Mr. Warner, "I had the pleasure of seeing the meeting opened by the new ritual master, Mr. Tranter. The new sub-branch had adopted the logo with approval and I am advised that future meetings of the sub-branch will be opened in that order." The president proposed the toast of "The League and Executive," being well supported by the past president (Mr. Stan Hammer). The secretary (Mr. J. M. Beckwith) reported having, after revising the membership list and striking off those who have left the district, about 63 financial members to commence the year with. The sub-branch fund has been depleted by assistance given to a member who had recently lost his home and belongings by fire. The calls on this sub-branch, like many others, for aid from strangers passing through, are very heavy, and it is expected that in the near future they must be greatly curtailed. From information that I received in the town it will be advisable.

QUAIRADING

At the meeting of the State Executive on April 7, Mr. A. H. Panton, M.L.A., reported that with the State secretary he attended the annual reunion dinner of the Quairading sub-branch on March 31. On the way, he said, we met several members of the York sub-branch, who later also joined the Quairading. Soon after arrival at Quairading, we were accorded an informal reception by the chairman of the Road Board (Mr. H. J. Murphy, 16th Battalion) and Mr. H. M. Growden (a former chairman), a number of Board members and Mr. J. I. Mann, M.L.A., were also present. At the dinner, presided over by Mr. J. Keast (president) there were present, amongst them being representatives from Bruce Rock, York, Beverley, Ardath and Kellerberrin sub-branches. The financial membership now exceeds 60, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. J. Murphy, 16th Battalion) is recognised as a most efficient and consistent recruiter for the League. The president (Mr. J. R. T. Keast) served with the 16th Battalion's staff and toasts were well received and the catering arrangements by Mr. Bert Dolan and staff were excellent. On the way home next day we again met Mr. Sid Hardwick, of York, who has been the local secretary. The sub-branch is represented in Quairading sub-branch maintains a very high standard. Its annual reunion dinner is regarded as a social fixture for the district, and attracts visitors from all parts of this prosperous locality.

QUAIRADING

Mr. C. Garner presided over a well-attended meeting on March 24, when a considerable amount of business, including the arrangements for Anzac Day, was disposed of. The social committee is arranging functions for the winter months. The membership appeal has achieved results beyond the most optimistic expectations.

SISTERS

Miss H. Holman presided over the meeting on April 1, when the secretary read an interesting report on the Albany Sisters' sub-branch, which had been written by Sister Mary Smith, who is present on a visit to Western Australia. Greetings and thanks were tendered to the Albany sub-branch for the thought that prompted the erection of the tablet in the Albany Memorial Gardens, and to Mrs. A. W. White, a returned sister who unveiled the tablet. Matron Janet MacDonald, and the other nurses of the Corona Contingent, were entertained in the club room on March 24, and what memories were stirred by the sight of the grey A.A.N.S. uniform, after so many years. Letters of thanks have been received from the guests, and the special thanks of all concerned are due to Miss Mary Meares. Cans will be provided for members of the sub-branch on Anzac Day. Members are advised to communicate with the secretary as soon as possible, and to watch for Press notices for the meeting place before the service, afternoon tea will be served in the club room at Anzac House.

COLLIE

Early April activities of the sub-branch were the two days flower show on April 8 and 9, and the eisteddfod on April 14 and 15. This year's Anzac Day commemoration will take place in the afternoon. The membership drive is still proceeding. The sub-branch has received the valued assistance of the auxiliary in connection with the flower show and eisteddfod, in addition to which the ladies are running rummy parties on Wednesday nights, and dances on Saturday nights. The Coronation Ball in aid proceeds will be the biggest event of the year. The new president (Mr. Giblet) is already proving himself an able leader. The annual visit to the Cardiff sub-branch was made on April 3, when a royal time was spent by everybody. Seven new members were enrolled last month, and it is hoped that the objective of 200 will soon be reached. The sub-branch has forwarded a donation to the local ambulance team, which will represent Australia in the Empire Competitions this year. The captain (Mr. E. E. Stout) is a member of the sub-branch.

ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, March 2. During March four new members have been enrolled, but losses by transfer of three good stalwarts have somewhat lowered the strength. A splendid new sub-branch tablet was held on March 27, and a real good evening was enjoyed by all. Among the guests were the O.C. and two members of the 24th Field Battery, R.A.A. (M), the Municipal Health Committee (Dr. J. C. Hanrahan, J.P.) and Major A. R. Hackett, of the Army Medical Corps. Vic. King and Jock Lussen would have won the prize for yawns if one had been given. Don Dewar as pianist was his same old self. A large concourse of people attended the ceremonies at the Memorial Gardens on March 28 to witness the unveiling of a Memorial Plaque to the nurses who served during the Great War. The actual unveiling was performed by Mrs. A. E. White, whose father was captain of the sub-branch of the League. The whole of the proceedings were broadcast by the national stations 6WF, 6WA, and 6GF. The president of the sub-branch introduced Mrs. White, whose services he recounted. He also pointed out how dilapidated the whole of the place had been before renovations had been taken in hand, and expressed appreciation to Mr. Jack Page, O.C. gardens, for his splendid work. Mrs. White said: "Speaking on behalf of the Auxiliary I feel that more could be done for the beautiful memorial of a lovely garden which you have made in memory of what we tried to do for you. We used to tuck you up in beds, and now you have made beds of flowers to remind you of us. It is with the greatest of pleasure that I unveil this tablet which records the purpose of this garden." Mrs. White then unveiled the tablet, which is set in the base of the fountain erected in the centre of the gardens. Moving a vote of thanks to Mrs. White, the mayor (Dr. Hanrahan, J.P.) compared the difference in the casualty notes through sickness in the South African War and the Great War. The improvement, he said, was due in a large measure to the efficient and careful nursing. The Mayor paid a tribute to the sub-branch for their thought in establishing a memorial to the nurses. Almost every village had some memorial to the dead, he stated, but he believed Albany to be the only town in Australia which had established a separate memorial to the forces of mercy. Sub-branches represented included Freemantle, Gnowangerup, Katanining, Kojonup, Mount Barker, Perth, Woodanilling, and the Auxiliary Old Contemptibles' Association.

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were also represented. Several ex-army nurses were present. Major A. R. Home represented the Medical Services, and Mr. J. C. Anderson, the No. 4 District Committee. P.S. Parlett, Parliamentary Secretary; L. H. Hill, M.L.A., and Hon. C. H. Wittenoom and H. V. Piesse, M.L.C. Our own Alex. Craigie was represented by his dog. Music was furnished by Mr. J. Melvin’s orchestra. The sub-branch desires to thank all those who attended, especially the director of national station 6WF, for arranging a broadcast of the ceremony, and Mr. Lucas, of Lucas Ltd., Perth, for loud speakers.

BASSENEAN

Members who attended the games night on March 11 were agreeably surprised to hear the newly-formed orchestra, so pleasant old and new favourites during the course of the evening. So successful was this effort that members decided to hold a ladies’ night during April to enable the ladies to enjoy the music, and are confident of a fine attendance. At the general meeting on March 25, it was decided to support the Road Board service for Anzac Day, which has been attended for twenty years by returned men in the district. This is held at the Town Hall and Memorial at 3 p.m. on Anzac Day.

GLOUCESTER PARK

Gloucester Park held its annual picnic to Rockingham on Easter Sunday in conjunction with the Tramway Rifle Club. The Waroona sub-branch and the Waroona Rifle Club. Eight ‘buses had been chartered, but it was impossible to fit all the people in, so an extra ‘bus had to be engaged. The arrangements were carried out in a very efficient manner, good credit being due to the controlling officials, especially President Paddy Maddaford and Secretary Bert Wilkins. Secretary Bert Wilkins deserves special mention on account of his very successful efforts in securing prizes and refreshments from the various business people of the city, who generously donated goods, fruit, drinks, etc., to assist us.

Suburban Sunday was the best day of the year, and all are taking a keen interest in the doings of the sub-branch.

GUILDFORD HOTEL

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MAYLANDS

The meeting on March 18, which took the form of a social evening in honour of the Rev. J. A. Sanders, was the largest for many years, the attendance being over the century mark. Among the official guests were Rabbi Freedman (representing the State Executive), Mr. H. V. Shearn, M.L.A., and Mr. John Orr (chairman Perth Road Board). During the evening the Rev. J. A. Sanders, during his connection with the sub-branch, was called upon by Mr. W. L. Menkens, who had known the Padre a long time, to say a few kind words, and present the departing member with a small token of the sub-branch’s esteem. He took the form of a suitably inscribed travelling rug. Mr. Menkens was supported by the Rabbi, and Messrs. Shearn and John Orr. Mr. Sanders, in reply, said that he did not think he deserved all the nice things that had been said about him—but the troops have their own idea on that subject—and the loss of Maylands will be the gain of Victoria Park. During the evening, the retiring secretary (Mr. J. H. Adamson) was presented with a small honourarium and a smoker’s outfit. The president’s remarks were supported by Messrs. D. Tobin, H. V. Shearn and John Orr. Rabbi Freedman then explained the Anzac Day position, as it appeared to the State Executive.

GUILDFORD

Around the War Memorial in Stirling Square, Guildford, a Dawn Service has been held every Anzac morning since 1927. The first service was held in the presence of Toc H, about 30 Guildford residents, and the R.S.L. and Toc H being present. Since then, the local sub-branch has always been well represented at this Dawn Service, which is followed by a communion service in St. Matthew’s Church adjoining the Memorial.
THE SPIRIT THAT WON THE WAR
(By "Serg.")

This incident occurred during the advance of the 5th Divisional Guns on July 31, 1917.

Our 5th Divisional Artillery were operating with the 15th (British) Division in the opening attack of the 5th Army towards the Passchendaele Ridge, and our battery had contributed its portion to the usual bombardment, which preceded such attacks, from a position we occupied in the ruins of Ypres.

Having received the order to advance to a position to the left of the Ypres-Poules railway line, I was leading my gun (No. 3) down a road crowded with wounded and prisoners, all making for the rear, when we met a party of three, comprising two slightly wounded Scotsmen supporting a third.

The third man was a magnificent specimen of a fellow, very badly wounded in the body, with a bandage round his head as well.

The three endeavoured to move to one side to let us pass, but seeing the state the big fellow was in, I ordered the gun team to pull to one side of the road and halt; and then riding forward I said: "Come on, Jock, you go past old chap."

"No!" he said, in broad Scotch, straightening himself up and throwing off his companions. "No! let the guns go by, it's the — guns we want up there; let the guns go by!"

I again endeavoured to get him to move past, but he would not; and again he repeated "No! let the guns go by."

He made a wonderful picture standing there in his kilted uniform with a blood-stained bandage round his head, refusing to move till our guns went by, knowing full well that delay in getting to a "dressing station" would probably be fatal.

I should like Mr. Longstaff (the artist) to have seen this incident, and then he would have had the material for a splendid painting.

Introducing Mademoiselle

"Old Sweat" writes: — Contributors like M.H.M. and C.N.L., who are both musicians as well as writers, have rendered the League a pleasing and timely service in reviving memories of the songs men sang during the war years. The war songs should be collected and published in book form before they are all forgotten. A few years ago, the management of The Listening Post contemplated publishing such a collection, but they were forestalled by the appearance of an English publication, "Soldier Songs and Slang." That was compiled by two well-known writers, Eric Partridge, who served with a Queensland battalion in the War, and John Brophy. Unfortunately, neither editor seems to have had a very profound knowledge of music, and the historical accuracy of the work suffered, in some places, from a tendency to jump at conclusions. My own opinion is that there is still room for a more comprehensive collection of war songs.

At the beginning of the Great War, just as at the beginning of the Boer War, the army was rather stumped for songs. In 1899 there were in existence certain soldier songs, like "The British Grenadiers," which was written and composed in honour of William III's capture of Namur, towards the end of the seventeenth century, and "The Girl I Left Behind Me," an echo of the war against Napoleon, just over one hundred years later; but these were played as band marches, and rarely sung except in the case of unprintable versions. It may be mentioned in passing, that many Irish and Scottish rebel songs had, by that time, become the time-honoured regimental marches of British regiments. "John Brown's Body," the marching song of the Northern armies during the American Civil War, was eagerly adopted by the British Army and parodied to suit the lawful and unlawful occasions of the service. And there was one other song, which has stood the test of time, to which I shall allude later.

The first song of the war to find universal acceptance was "Tipperary." Its story is another example of the strange repetitions of history. It was neither a war song nor a soldiers' song. According to a statement published in the daily Press at the beginning of the month, it was written and composed in a pub for a bet, and sung in public, all within the period of a single day. The fact that it was sung by the first British troops to land in France rescued it from oblivion. Similarly, "Soldiers of the Queen," and "Sons of the Sea," would have died of their own inanition but for the outbreak of the Boer War in 1899. The music of these songs is neither better nor worse than that of the average band march, but the words are awful—or offal, if you like. Where they are not ridiculously vainglorious they are banal, and even ungrammatical. Consider this gem, from "Soldiers of the Queen":—

"And when we say that England's master, Remember who has made HER so."

The uncertainty about the Mother Country's sex is as strange as the mentality that could produce the line,

"And when we say we've always won,"

less than twenty years after the Maiwand and Majuba. "Soldiers of the Queen" and "Sons of the Sea" were again rescued from the limbo of half-forgotten things in 1914, after other songs of the Boer War, like "Tommy Atkins" and "Dolly Gray" had died a natural death; but, like the soldier songs of other centuries, they were played more often than they were sung.

One song, and perhaps the best-known song of the Great War, "Mademoiselle from Armentieres," is what the mathe-

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maticians would call a constant. Three of four years ago, a Canadian gentleman with the intriguing name of Gitz Rice claimed to be the composer and sued certain gramophone companies for royalties in connection with the song’s reproduction. I do not remember the result of the action, but Mr. Gitz Rice was certainly not the composer of the song we knew in France. Some time ago, it was reported that the real Mademoiselle had died, but, as a Dickens character would have said, “there weren’t no such person.” Like Barmfather’s “Old Bill,” she was a type and not an individual. Armentières must have been an unimportant town during the middle of the nineteenth century. Dumas mentioned it in his “Three Musketeers,” with the explanation that it is a small town on the Lys. It was the Great War that introduced the town and the lady to the men of the Dumas. Mentioned it in his song. I do not remember the claim to be the composer and sued as a Dickens man poet. Uhland. In Uhland’s ballad, they are German students who cross the Rhine and order wine from the landlord and meet his daughter fine. As nearly as I can remember, the daughter pined away through love of one of them.

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This is caused by the slicing cutting action of the discs, and the twin wheel control at the rear of the implement, making it a useful tool where the ground has become hard. The third reason is that when cultivating stubble land there is frequently an accumulation of straw, weeds, etc., which causes trouble with a tyred implement. Wearing quality, cost of replacements and general utility of an implement are of major importance to farmers, and influence their preference for the disc. One user of the sundercut compiled a careful record showing his replacement cost of wearing parts while cultivating 3,000 acres at 0.921 of a penny per acre cultivated. Another shows a record for a similar area at 1.181 pence per acre cultivated.

Replacement costs on tyne and mouldboard implements are unavoidably higher; hence the popularity of the sundercut for summer following, cultivation almost up to seeding time, discing in oats on stubble or pasture land, ploughing fire-breaks and working throughout the year among stumps, stones, tangled weed growth, etc., without vexatious delays from stoppages and choking. Its adaptability, when fitted with seed and manure box, to sow oats on stubble (burnt or unburnt) irrespective of whether the soil be wet or dry, finds favour with many users who find it advisable to disc in oats in one operation, in rotation with wheat, or to provide a green picking.

Whether disc, tyne or mouldboard is preferred, following is essential for the best results.

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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES’ ASSN.</td>
<td>Wentworth Hotel, Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday each month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. J. Garner, 59 Boulevard, Mt. Hawthorn</td>
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<td>Dr. C. K. Ledman (chairman: Nell Sinclair, 270 Walcott St., Mt. Lawley)</td>
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<td><strong>ALBANY</strong></td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. Y. Butler, R.M., “The Residency,” Albany</td>
<td>T. P. Bennett, 97 Perth Road, Albany</td>
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<td><strong>BALLIDU DISTRICTS</strong></td>
<td>C.T.A. Rest Room</td>
<td>When called, Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Henry Vine, The Rectory, James St., Guildford</td>
<td>F. J. H. Leng, 83 Parker Street, Bassendean</td>
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<td>Town Hall Basement</td>
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<td>H. E. Gibson, Bankia Street, Bunbury</td>
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<td><strong>BUNBURY</strong></td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>G. Bradford, 32 Murray Street, Bayswater</td>
<td>A. Spencer, 10 Francis Street, Bayswater</td>
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<td><strong>BAYSWATER</strong></td>
<td>Town Hall, Bayswater</td>
<td>Alt. Wednesdays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>L. N. Weston, Busselton</td>
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<td>R. V. A. Bush, Cawaramup</td>
<td>W. Ford, 13 Shenton Rd., Claremont</td>
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<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 p.m.; Executive adj. Fridays</td>
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<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alt. Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. (pension week)</td>
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<td>T. N. Stewart, Schoolmaster, Narrogin</td>
<td>T. Hogg, Soldiers' Institute, Egerston Street</td>
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<td>J. M. W. Anderson, 33</td>
<td>T. F. W. Kendall, 32 Monash Avenue, North Nirdlands</td>
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<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Fremanst</td>
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<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
<td>J. H. Kane, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>P. T. Prince, Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
<td>L. F. Ash, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>Avon Bridge Hotel, Northam</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Dival, 453 Fitzgerald St., North Perth, Tel. 6838</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewis, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam Tel. 174</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Tuesdays</td>
<td>J. O'Farrell, 223 Fitzgerald St., Perth</td>
<td>A. Glance, Northampton</td>
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<td>E. T. Roberts, Pittara</td>
<td>L. G. W. Browning, East Pits</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Pittara</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yornaning</td>
<td>E. J. Gregan, P. Hedland John J. Murphy, Quairading</td>
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<td>POPANYINING</td>
<td>Yornaning and Popanyining</td>
<td>1st Saturday in month, alt.</td>
<td>L. E. Taplin, P. Hedland</td>
<td>Gordon Day, 151 Angelo Street, South Perth</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>J. R. T. Keast, Quairading</td>
<td>Ern Congdon, 65 Henman Road, Subico</td>
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<td>Quairading Hall and Dangin Hostel, alternately Wardens' Court</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>E. P. Newton, Ravensthorpe</td>
<td>J. E. Trathan, P.O. Box 1, Tambellup, Tel. 45</td>
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<td>Gordon Day, 151 Angelo Street, South Perth</td>
<td>C. F. Hart, 15 Henryman Street, South Perth</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Public Hall, Swan Street</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>P. J. Clegg, 190 Nicholson Road, Subico</td>
<td>G. W. Thathan, Tam-bellup</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Roekey Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. W. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
<td>S. Snook, Traying</td>
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<td>TAMBELLUP</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Taylor, State Street</td>
<td>J. Jennings, 57 Leonard Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. Earnshaw, Taxation Department</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers' Homes Board, Perth</td>
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<td>Training (3) Yelbeni (1)</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>J. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
<td>P. J. Carr, Yealering</td>
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<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Kellrorocking</td>
<td>P. G. Rieger, Traying</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>G. E. Timmel, 34 Harbourne St., Wembley</td>
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<td>1st Sunday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Hardwicke, Avon Terr.</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Kellrorocking</td>
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<td>YARLOOP AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Crocken, Hamel</td>
<td>P. G. Rieger, Traying</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Yealering Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88</td>
<td>Roy J. Kerr, Yealering</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>Comm'n Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
<td>Mrs. E. Prue, 64 Bakinghall Street, Victoria Pk.</td>
<td>W. F. P. Andrews, Post Office, York</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, quarterly</td>
<td>T. Crocken, Hamel</td>
<td>Hugh A. Leslie, Wyalkatchem</td>
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