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In round figures, the fund has amounted to £5,000, through the unremitting efforts of seven years. As Colonel Collett said, in his report to the State Executive, the results of these efforts are hopelessly inadequate for the purposes in view. Even if the present rate of increase is maintained, the sum in 1940 will be only £9,000. As it is, the League has already spent £1,000 a year on relief work during the past eleven years. Obviously the fund must be augmented, and the rate of increase must be accelerated at once.

In his report, Colonel Collett alluded to the valuable assistance given by Governments and the general public in the past, and to the vast sums that had been raised by public subscription on behalf of the Digger. It is neither advisable nor practicable to call on the Government for further aid, in this instance, nor should we encroach further on public generosity. The present state of the fund is a matter which concerns ourselves, and its future is a challenge to all our boasted traditions of mateship. That challenge must be accepted by each and every one of us. The State Executive has appointed a central committee to consider and implement suggestions for augmenting the fund. That committee will be glad to receive suggestions from sub-branches, auxiliaries and even individuals, for it is upon sub-branches and auxiliaries that the success or failure of the scheme will ultimately depend. Last year’s congress resolved “That each sub-branch be asked to hold annually a function to augment the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund.” Only seven sub-branches acted in this direction, raising a total of £165 4/2, of which £100 was contributed by the Press sub-branch, and £46 by the Wyalkatchem sub-branch. Admitting that sub-branches do not enjoy equal facilities for holding functions, and that many of them have urgent and local calls on their amelioration funds, this was a very poor response to an instruction from congress.

But there are ways and means of raising funds, other than by holding functions. Much could be accomplished by the practical display of personal effort and self-sacrifice on behalf of less fortunate comrades. Figures published last month showed that the financial membership of the Western Australian Branch of the League, on June 30 last, was 7,689. If only 7,000 members would agree to make a minimum monthly contribution of one shilling the fund could be increased at the rate of £,200 a year. One shilling a month is very little to ask from an ex-service man, and its collection would involve very little organisation, or expense, on the part of the sub-branches. Every man who served his country on active service should help whether a member of the R.S.L. or not.

There is no reason why this minimum should be made the maximum, nor need a voluntary contribution on the part of the individual which, after all, means the exercise of only a very little self-denial, be to the exclusion of larger and more corporate efforts on behalf of the fund. The point is that every Digger should regard the matter in the light of a personal obligation, as well as a general obligation that is expressed in the constitution of the League. The task in hand is an urgent one, and one we must attend to ourselves, for the care of those of our comrades who are rapidly growing too old to look after themselves will be the key stone of the imposing arch of public service that we have already reared. Probably, it will be the last great effort that many of us will be called upon to make, for Anno Domini is a relentless and exacting taskmaster; but by all that we hold sacred, let us make it, and make it effectively before it becomes too late. It would be a severe blow to the prestige of our organisation if we were to fail in the one effort which exemplifies above all others those good Australian traditions of mateship, which made the A.I.F. one of the greatest fighting organisms of history.
CONGRESS

There are fewer items on the agenda paper for this year's congress, but no doubt they will be debated just as keenly as ever. Thirty-two of the one hundred and seventy-eight items deal with land matters. The general congress will open with the debate on the item under the name of Perth, which has to do with a proposed change in the method of electing the State executive. Seventeen other items are concerned with administration and general policy, and twenty-four with the constitution. Much time will be devoted to the discussion of pensions and repatriation matters, which form the subject of twenty-seven items. Anzac House comes under fire from four quarters.

The thirteen items which deal with defence should give scope for some very interesting debates, though one or two seem to approach party political issues very nearly. The Press sub-branch advocates the formation of cadet corps in State schools. In the one item dealing with Sons of Soldiers' Perth asks that consideration be given to the formation of a Sons of Soldiers' Cadet Corps. Kojonup urges congress to press for the registration of all wealth, industry and man-power in the interests of defence. Merredin asks congress to approve of the conscription of all national resources in time of national emergency, while Yealering advocates the institution of a scheme of compulsory national training. Press sub-branch has motions commending the British rearmament as the best guarantee of general peace, in all the present world circumstances, the effective occupation of Northern Australia, the proposal for a Pacific Pact and recruiting for the Militia. Torbay urges the addition of machine gun sections to rifle clubs, and Fremantle the organisation and training of motor cyclist scouts. Kojonup has an item in favour of giving aero clubs facilities for training pilots for the Air Force, and Carlisle asks that preference should be given to unemployed ex-service men as markers, at week-end shoots on the Swanbourne Rifle Range.

Six items are concerned with the affairs of Imperial ex-service men, and four with the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. A full dress debate on the observance of Anzac Day is promised; there are eleven recommendations on this subject. Other items for discussion are four on the subject of alien immigration, six on that of youth and education, seven on health hospitals, two on mining, three on war service homes and one on Poppay Day. There are twelve items classified as general. Last, but not least, from our point of view, we ourselves have not been forgotten. Gnowangerup's annual attack on The Listening Post is responsible for one item and Albany has also helped to save us from oblivion.

The social side of congress has not been forgotten, as the House Committee is arranging the usual round of festivities to relieve the strenuous work of debates. May we join with the House Committee in welcoming country delegates to this year's congress and wishing them an enjoyable and profitable time during their crowded hours in Perth.

SOLDIER SETTLERS

At the request of the No. 4 District Committee, a meeting of the Land Committee was called for 11 a.m. on Monday, August 17, and, with discussions and interviews, proceedings lasted until 1 p.m. on the following day. Those attending the meeting were Messrs. Olden, Warner, Hunt, Cornell, Wells and Steward, of the executive Land Committee, and Messrs. R. C. Austin (Gnowangerup), A. Crossman (Dumbleyung), A. W. Potts (Kojonup), and D. C. East (Marradong-Boddington) and W. Armstrong (Crabtree) country representative. Apologies were received from Messrs. Collinson and Ainsworth. As Mr. Hunt's attendances were interrupted by his business appointments, the chair was taken by Colonel Olden.

The country representatives took exception to some of the clauses in the new Agricultural Bank Deed, which must be executed by a settler whose debt has been written down. It was also stated that the Agricultural Bank was administering some of the provisions of the Act in a manner which seriously restricted a settler's operations. The uncertainty of meeting principal repayments in 1939 was referred to, and objection was taken to the action of the Bank in requiring a new deed from a settler whose arrears of interest had been capitalised. The position of soldier settlers on repurchased estates was also discussed, the country representatives particularly mentioning the inability of a settler to secure a writing down of a compounding of debts under the Rural Relief Act, owing, it was stated, to the refusal of the Lands Department to make any reduction in the purchaser's account. The representatives from country sub-branches also complained of the lack of publicity and their ignorance of what the Land Committee was doing on behalf of country members.

Members of the Land Committee, in reply to the points raised, traversed the work done by the Land Committee since last congress, which instructed the executive to secure the repeal of Section 16 of the Discharged Soldier Settlement Act and Section 51 of the Agricultural Bank Act. To secure the elimination of these two offending clauses, all members of Parliament had been circulated and amending legislation had been submitted to Parliament. Such legislation, however, had been ruled out of order in October last. The Land Committee then approached the
the Agricultural Bank in an effort to secure the modification of some of the provisions of the Act and also to protest against the seeming harshness of some of the clauses of the new deed. The Bank declared that the conditions of the new mortgage or deed had been framed to meet the situation as the Commissioners found it. Considerable financial relief had been afforded to many settlers by the writing down of their indebtedness to the Bank. The Bank in turn transferred the amounts written off the settlers' indebtedness to the tax payer of the State, and the Commissioners were required to see that complete security was obtained for the balance of the debts carried by the settlers. The Commissioners also stated that where a settler had been relieved of much of his indebtedness by the adjustment of his debts, they were determined that the accounts of such settler should not be permitted to go in the same condition which warranted the action taken in the writing down of the indebtedness.

The Land Committee was of the opinion that, provided a settler paid his interest and his dealings had been straightforward, every consideration would be extended to him by the head office of the Bank, and a number of cases were quoted to confirm this opinion. The State secretary also read some recent letters of appreciation where action for foreclosure had been suspended or cancelled following the League's intervention on behalf of the settlers.

Much of the work of the Land Committee is on behalf of individual settlers, and therefore publicity was not possible as most matters are of a confidential nature.

The Land Committee had no fears about the head office administration of the Bank, as all cases and all business transacted with head office officials had been characterised by mutual confidence and frankness and always with a sympathetic leaning towards the settler.

To convey some of this understanding to the country representatives, it was considered that an interview should be arranged with Mr. Abey (the General Manager of the Bank). This meeting took place at 2.45 p.m. on Monday afternoon and the various view-points were submitted to the General Manager by members of the deputation. In reply to statements by one delegate, that his farming operations were interfered with owing to the fact that he had to submit proposals for sales or purchases to the district office, although his indebtedness was only about £400 on a security valued at nearly £2,000, the General Manager stated that in all such cases an exemption could be applied for and granted, thus allowing the settler freedom of action to carry on the farm in his own way.

Several clauses of the new deed were discussed and their apparent harshness emphasised. The General Manager declared that such rigid clauses were inserted to provide for the absolute power of the Bank as mortgagee, should action be taken against a defaulting or dishonest settler. The honest, straightforward type, however, need not be concerned, and if dissatisfaction occurred and adjustment could not be arranged with the district office, his advice to soldier settlers was to put their affairs in the hands of the local sub-branch of the R.S.L. which, in turn, would submit the matters to the League's head office, and if the settlers had any cause for complaint, such complaint would be immediately rectified.

The new mortgage deed was merely a matter of interpretation, he declared, and the queried clauses affecting the branding of stock had to be read in conjunction with the Brands Act, together with a common sense interpretation. In cases like those quoted where a settler had paid his way and preserved the security of the Bank, no official irritating tactics would occur and such men could get freedom of action. Also sympathetic consideration to the deletion of particular names from the list of Bank clients circulated amongst merchants would be extended.

The opinions and views of the General Manager were appreciated and should go a long way towards removing the concern amongst settlers which was previously reported by the District Committee.

On Tuesday, at 11 a.m., the country representatives, accompanied by the chairman of the Land Committee (Mr. Hunt) and the State secretary, were granted an interview with the Minister for Lands (Mr. Troy). The discussion centred on the unfortunate position of soldier settlers on repurchased estates, whose debt composition had been held up owing to the action of the Lands Department in refusing to make any easement in the purchase price of the land. The compounding of unsecured creditors' accounts and the writing down by the Agricultural Bank could not take place if the third creditor (the Lands Department) refused to act. Mr. Troy, in a long reply, stated that a number of repurchased estates had not been reviewed, because some of the settlers had paid the Lands Department nothing over a long period, whilst others on the same estate, presumably in similar circumstances, had made some payment. He related the progress made by the Repurchase Board, created by the Minister last year, and in respect to one estate in the Dumbleyung district promised to pay a visit himself. To secure co-ordination in departments controlled by the Government he would arrange for a Board of Review, consisting of a representative of the Lands Department, an official of the Agricultural Bank and an official of the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Depart-

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A League Activity

BY R. A. NICHOLAS

QUITE AN IMPORTANT part in League activities is that of hospital visiting. Numbers of our comrades find themselves confined to institutions—some permanently, others, perhaps, just for treatment or operations. These men, who through the misfortune of the war, are paying for their devotion to their country and their fellowmen in pain and suffering. To keep in touch with and do all that is possible to make these men comfortable in body and mind is one of the aims and objects of the League. When I say the League, I mean the individual sub-branches, the women’s auxiliaries and the State executive.

In cases where these unfortunate come under the provisions of the Repatriation Act, they are to be found at the following places: 1. Repatriation wards No. XI and portion of No. X, Perth General Hospital. These are general, medical, surgical and observation cases. 2. Lemnos Hospital at West Subiaco, where mental cases are dealt with; and 3. Edward Millen Home, Victoria Park, and the Wooroloo Sanatorium, taking T.B. cases.

As you have all probably read in the Press the men from the latter will shortly be transferred to the new quarters being built for them at the Edward Millen Home.

Sub-branches and their women’s auxiliaries do excellent work in sick visiting within their districts, and I am referring not only to metropolitan but country sub-branches.

Wooroloo sub-branch has done splendid service at the Sanatorium. Nedlands and Claremont are to be commended on their efforts at the Old Men’s Home; Subiaco for their visits to Lemnos and the Home of Peace, where, at the latter, one or two ex-service men are generally to be found. Victoria Park and Carlisle sub-branches are able to attend the Edward Millen Home and there will soon be scope for bigger activity in the near future. Fremantle sub-branch attends to the requirements of the Fremantle Public Hospital.

In such manner are sub-branches doing their share in this good work. Now for the work of the State executive. After the annual State congress the elected delegates to the State executive are placed in various committees, one of which is the Hospital Visiting Committee, the present members of which are Rabbi D. I. Freedman, Mr. A. H. Panton and myself. Together, with the State secretary (Mr. Dave Benson) this committee visits the following institutions at least once each quarter: the repatriation wards, General Perth Hospital, Edward Millen Home, Lemnos Hospital and the Old Men’s Home.

Every patient who is well enough is visited and a packet of cigarettes is given to each. Men are encouraged to mention or report any cases of hardship, suggestions for improvement, or any means of making the men more comfortable are discussed. Grievances—if any—are aired. Sometimes it is possible to finalise many matters on the spot; others may have to be taken up with the hospital authorities or the Repatriation Department, and others are dealt with by the State executive, to whom a full report is made of the visits by the chairman of the visiting committee.

No distinctions are made between members or non-members of the League. If a man has seen service it matters not whether in A.I.F., Imperial or other Dominion forces, all are treated alike.

At the Perth Hospital, where men are passing in and out so frequently, the question of keeping in touch is quite a problem and for the past eighteen months I have endeavoured to visit them at least twice a week.

Men from the country, prospectors from out-back, find themselves in a strange place amongst strangers, having no friends or relatives to visit them to cheer them up, or attend to matters of business. They are very grateful for a look-up from a League visitor. They feel they are not forgotten, and after the attention to little items of business puts their minds at rest, a very necessary contribution towards their physical recovery.

In this work very happy co-operation and relations are maintained with the officers of the Repatriation Department, who always welcome suggestions from the League for alleviating the sufferings or extending any benefits to those in need, if it is possible to do so within the scope of the Repatriation Act. There are many who have thus benefitted.

To the Red Cross Society, the Perth Hospital Board and the staffs of the various institutions we are all very grateful. They always meet us in any reasonable requests and are very sympathetic to our comrades.

Just recently a young doctor who has done a considerable amount of work in civilian wards, found himself in charge of soldier patients. We were discussing a man who, for a very long time, had...
CHAPTER XII
THE MOVE TO SINAI

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

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

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

The weekly race meeting at Ghezireh were well attended by those on leave, and great interest was manifested in the regular event on each programme arranged for British and Overseas officers. The 10th Regiment took a prominent part in these races, and had its share of wins. Indeed, one horse, Lieut.-Colonel Todd's "Babanooka," by "Sheer Harossa," trained by Farrier-Sergeant W. Dutton, proved himself easily the best handicap horse in Egypt at that time. Starting low down in the weights—about 9 stone, which was nearly the minimum—"Babanooka" won four races in succession, eventually carrying 12 stone 10 lbs. to victory. Other horses in the Regiment that did well at these race meetings were Lieut. Norrish's "Kojonup," Lieut. MacDonald's "Old Nick," Captain Olden's "Yaboo," and "Orchado."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Revetting and fire steps were of filled sand-bags, and on the whole a very useful form of trench system was construct-
Suez, followed up elders complimented Colonel Todd on the appearance of the camp. This pointments. Colonel Todd’s guidance, ably assisted by the Regimental Medical Australian training and routine work and daily asked that his battery be issued with towards Light Horsemen, these whilst on their side reciprocal feeling many and sincere friendships.

This is the life alright, alright! That recruiting sergeant was right about having the world before me. After evacuating refugees at Barcelona, we called at Malaga and Tangier, then dashed back to Gibraltar to refuel and light out for Palestine. At the last minute, we were ordered to embark 200 of the 2nd Gordon Highlanders for passage to Haifa, and believe me, old man, it was a very close fit. “Happy is the sardine that knows its own tin!” The old waggon streaked along at twenty-eight knots and cut clean through the waves that were too big to plunge over, throwing a fair amount of the Mediterranean inboard. The majority of the “Jocks” were stricken with mal-de-mer, and as sailors they were jolly good bricklayers!

The ward-room was also crowded. We were carrying a First Lord of the Admiralty and several officers of high rank. To my mind, Mac, it spells business. I understand that the newly appointed supreme Commander in Palestine has selected a senior officer of the Royal Air Force as his chief-of-staff, and many officers of the personnel are from the same service. This may be the beginning of real co-ordination in the inevitable mixture of inter-service units in any one base.

We reached Haifa about half past one in the morning and the soldiers were promptly disembarked. Evidently my comrades in the Royal Marine detachment became very attached to the Highlanders and desired keepsakes to remind them of a short but close friendship, for several Scotties were heard to remark that their safety pins, sporrans, skene-dhu’s, etc., were missing! During the 10th Light Horse lines and see, as it was put, “What a camp should be like.”

Gradually the tents of our Infantry and Artillery comrades melted away as the units embarked for France. It reminded us of another Gallipoli. Perchance, as erstwhile to Gallipoli, we should soon follow. But the Turk had still to be reckoned with, and this time it looked—as, indeed, it later turned out to be—like a parting of the ways. (To be continued)
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paltry. Our principal task was the searching of Arabs and their belongings, which was carried out in a manner that earned for us a reputation for thoroughness. Feeling around Arabs' baggy trousers and finding nothing, not even the future prophet, made the policeman's life a not very exciting one. The Arab did his best and provided us with several fires. The local fire brigade's only equipment was a perilously small fire extinguisher in the shape of a converted water cart which only held a hundred gallons. It would pump itself dry in fifteen minutes and then return to the station to replenish. The Palestine police are a pretty good lot. Since April they have been on the job, sleeping but rarely. Many of them were untrained recruits, as most of the older men had been sent to the Jewish settlements. Like us, they soon learnt to distinguish between a rifle shot and the back-fire of a motor car.

One day a large armed force crossed the Syrian frontier and was supposed to be lying up north of the road between Acre and Safed. The police intelligence officer had been promised information as to their exact locality and, as he was paying for it according to results, we were hopeful of surprising them. We jammed into two army lorries and hid beneath tarpaulins until we reached Acre. The Assistant Superintendent of Police—an Arab—expected the informer to arrive about 2 o'clock. Two o'clock came but no informer; four o'clock and still no news, and so our C.O. went to the house of the A.S.P. to make enquiries. He rattled on the doors and windows without succeeding in arousing anybody and concluded that the informer must have arrived and been as unsuccessful in waking anyone as he himself had been. He then decided to light out for a village named Yirka, where the bandits were supposed to be, and by Heck, old lad, we paddled the hoof, and no mistake! Over scrub, rock and boulder we went until daylight came, and the "element of surprise" went. We were soon on our way back to Acre with no bandits, but plenty of water melons and sixteen young fowls. A couple of days later the mukhtar, or village head-man, came in and kicked up a stink, but the Palestine police said that it was an old Arab custom, and our C.O. said his knowledge of Arabic was very poor, whereupon the mukhtar scowled fiercely and went.

We have placed guards on the oil storage tanks belonging to the Iraq Petroleum Company, and with the exception of routine reconnaissance from the heights of the Carmel ridge, the time passed uneventfully until last Friday night, when a big fire broke out—as usual—in a timber yard. We were soon at work—and what a fire! It was hopeless trying to extinguish it so we concentrated on removing all the inflammable stuff from the burning area. Then came our first casualty. Young Dave Jones, a popular member of the detachment, was pulling out some matting in a cemetery adjacent to the fire when, to his great surprise, he saw bombs lying underneath it. With great presence of mind he picked up the nearest one and tried to throw it clear. Unfortunately, it exploded and he collected it in the legs. He managed to get to the street and warn the mob that there were bombs in the cemetery before he collapsed. The order was given to scatter, and at a safe distance we mustered and sent out pickets to all approach roads. Shortly after, a second bomb went off, but no one was near enough to get hurt. The fire burnt itself out in thirteen hours after destroying two large buildings, partially burning a mosque, and considerably damaging a Mohammedan cemetery. Young Jones is in hospital and making fair progress. Many of the Gordons who took passage in our ship are his constant visitors. In fact, they have been so kind to Dave that all the missing sporrans, skene dhus, safety pins, etc., have miraculously "discovered," mixed up with baggage, Royal Marines!

The authorities now appear to have the local situation well in hand, and we have been ordered back onboard ship. Furthermore, a persistent "buzz" is circulating to the effect that we are to relieve a ship on the China station. I sure am going places, Mac, but with a splendid ship, excellent cuisine and good comrades, who cares? After all, "to see much is to learn much". Let's hope the Chinese are better judges of beer than the Palestinians. I shall make it a point to let you know in my next letter. In the meantime, cheerio!

Yours, as always,

"Joey the Marine."

**ANZAC CLUB**

The Anzac Club's financial year ends on September 30, and before closing the year, the committee have decided to hold another ladies' night on Wednesday, September 22. During the evening, an opportunity will be taken of extending a welcome home to the State president, Mr. Alf Yeates, who has just returned from his visit to the coronation.

The date for the annual general meeting has been fixed for Friday, November 12, and nomination of officers for the ensuing year close with the secretary on Tuesday, October 12.

Mr. P. E. McMahon, hon. secretary of the Port Pirie sub-branch, has been holidaying in the West and paid several visits to the club. As Port Pirie is now the head of the, Trans. line, Mr. McMahon is in constant touch with Diggers travelling between the Eastern States and Western Australia, and was very happy to make contact with many of his friends here.
A SUBIACO MEETING

We publish the following letter from Mrs. F. Cardell-Oliver, M.L.A., in reply to our comments on statements attributed to her in the newspaper report of a recent public meeting at Subiaco. The letter reads:

"It is not a habit of mine to reply through the Press to attacks upon my character, trusting as I do that my public work will speak for me but, through the columns of your August issue you have not only attacked me but cast a slur upon dead soldiers who were dear to me. I therefore feel constrained to answer your bitter and unwarranted statements which I feel sure have been made in ignorance.

Regarding the S.P. meeting at Subiaco. At that meeting I read a letter taken from The Advertiser in which a returned soldier protested against the betting board's statement—that betting shops had helped returned soldiers by giving them employment. The writer objected to this kind of exploitation, an objection with which I heartily agreed. Your informant twisted the meaning to suit his ends.

Your informant has a vivid imagination if he read into my activities during and touring Victoria (at my own expense) the object of helping soldiers. Now it is redressed with one object: that of using the soldier as propaganda for the next election, and I am sorry that your paper is blind to the obvious.

However, the object of this letter is to answer your question: "At the risk of seeming inquisitive, we ask, on what grounds does Mrs. Cardell-Oliver constitute herself a champion of returned soldiers? We know that she opposed two returned soldiers and the father of a returned soldier, so perhaps this gives her a kindly interest in ex-service men—and their votes."

You are evidently unaware that Dr. Cardell-Oliver (my husband) served for two years as a very young man at the Boer War. He was invalided "Home" and remained a semi-invalid throughout his life owing to illnesses contracted at that war.

In W.A. during the first few weeks of the Great War he volunteered for service, but he was rejected because he had lost the entire vision of one eye. When doctors became scarce he again volunteered. Through his persistence he was accepted notwithstanding his disabilities; and he sailed with a contingent of Western Australians. Although he lived for some years after the war he died as the result of wars, and his is one of the thousands of graves upon which the British Legion places a tribute every few months. My brother served throughout the entire war; he was at Gallipoli and afterwards in France; his death was directly attributable to the war.

All my male relatives who were fit served; all Dr. Oliver's male relatives served (amongst them General Blamey, from Australia, and many others in England).

My contribution, I admit, was small, but I found time to help in organising and touring Victoria (at my own expense) and lecturing on the conscription campaign and, wherever possible, linking up with war workers.

Mr. Cardell-Oliver's letter is published in fairness to herself, but we would remind her that our comments were based on a report which appeared in The West Australian. In Mrs. Cardell-Oliver's letter, she states, "Your informant has a vivid imagination if he read into my speech an attack on Brigadier-General Leane, etc." The West Australian's report of the meeting contained the following question and answer:

"Do you know that the Premier and Commissioner of Police in South Australia expressed the opinion that Adelaide had become respectable since the introduction of legalised off-the-course betting shops?"

"That is natural," returned Mrs. Cardell-Oliver. "The Police Commissioner is on the Betting Board, and is paid for it."

We leave it to our readers to judge whether or not Brigadier-General Leane's honesty in judgment has been impugned.

Beyond the statement that, at a private conference with the military authorities, it was decided (by someone unspecified) that Mrs. Cardell-Oliver had been misrepresented in Melbourne; she offers no real reply to the protest made by Western Australian returned soldiers on that occasion. The plea of misrepresentation, and being misrepresented, is an old political device which has long lost whatever controversial value it may have possessed.

In conclusion, neither the writer of the article, nor The Listening Post, has any direct interest in the representation of Subiaco in the Legislative Assembly. If we had, the article in question would have been kept in cold storage until the eve of the next general election.—Ed., L.P.)

12th-52nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

At a recent meeting, it was decided to make an endeavour to increase the membership of the Association, and to find ways and means of making meetings more interesting. The annual meeting and smoke social will take place on Saturday, October 9, at the Milligan Street dining rooms. It is earnestly hoped that every member of the Association will make an effort to be present.

44th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The committee has decided to hold the annual dinner on Monday, October 4, at Mrs. O'Connell's rooms, corner Hay and Milligan Street. Please advise Mr. Lewis, R.S.L. Trading Co., or Mr. Eddy - Customs, Fremantle, if attending. It is hoped to present a trophy to the young 44th at the reunion and subscriptions are invited from members of the old battalion.
SIR WILLIAM BIRDWOOD AT GERALDTON

Sir William Birdwood, accompanied by Mr. Colin Craig and his son, arrived at Geraldton on August 27. They were met by a party consisting of the country vice-president (Mr. J. A. Brown), the president and secretary of the sub-branch (Messrs. George Brown and Bob Webb), and the Mayor of Geraldton (Mr. R. Carson). The Diggers’ guard of honour at the railway station numbered 250, and was commanded by Mr. J. (Tiny) Brownrigg. Before inspecting the guard of honour, Sir William inspected about 50 Christian Brothers’ College students, who were leaving by train for their holidays, in charge of Brother Downe. This kindly act was greatly appreciated. Escorted by the guard of honour, the visitors went to Birdwood House. After the inspection of another guard of honour, furnished by the local Boy Scouts, Sir William was handed a wreath by Digger P. N. Briers, which he placed on the memorial. The calls of remembrance were sounded by Bugler J. Shoard, while Warden Geo. Lester attended to the raising and lowering of the sub-branch flag. Sir William was then shown over Birdwood House, and introduced to sub-branch officials and the president of

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the women's auxiliary (Mrs. A. Butt-field) and other members of that organisation. Morning tea was served in the main hall by the women's auxiliary, and the party which now included Diggers and their wives was entertained by the Lyric Orchestra, under Miss Linda Marsh.

Sir William then left for the combined civic and R.S.L. reception in the Town Hall. The guard of honour for the reception was furnished by "B" Company of the 11th Battalion (Militia) under the command of Lieutenant A. Robinson. In addition to councillors and members of the sub-branch, there were present the Premier (the Hon. J. C. Willcock, M.L.A.), Col. Mansbridge and Messrs. F. Bennetts, E. Christie, J. A. Brown, G. Matheson, E. H. Hall, M.L.C., Robinson, A. E. Anderson and Labour representatives. The Mayor proposed the health of the guest of honour. His remarks were supported by Mr. G. Brown and the Premier (the Hon. J. C. Willcock, M.L.A.). Mr. Willcock said that he thought it remarkable for one not born in Geraldton to capture the admiration and respect of the Australian public as Sir William Birdwood has done.

Sir William, in responding, thanked all present for the magnificent reception and mentioned that he did not know whether he brought the rain or whether the rain brought him, but he felt that the rain was badly needed and that the district would benefit greatly by it. Proceeding, he had been touched not only in Geraldton but on the way up the previous night by the numbers of returned men who came to see him at the stations. He did feel it a tribute that some had come 350 miles to welcome him that day. He appreciated the fact that this reception was a combined civic and R.S.L. welcome, that he thought was what it should always be, they wanted to feel that they were one body—returned soldiers and civic members of the community. To Mr. Willcock the Geraldton sub-branch was largely indebted for the Act which secured for them the site for Birdwood House. In connection with the League, he would suggest that they should give consideration to the future; members could not live for ever, but it was hoped that the League would, and he would ask sub-branches, to consider the advisability of the addition to the League's powers to enable the men of the Militia to be associated with them. In conclusion, Sir William referred to his visit to Gallipoli, which was very interesting. He was glad to see the Soldiers' Memorial and was very proud that the building was called after him.

Later on, the party and other guests were entertained to a luncheon at the Freemason's Hotel, the jovial host being Percy Kerr, late 10th Light Horse and Flying Corps. After a short rest Sir William and party were taken for a motor drive around the town and a short run in the country. On the way back a visit was made to the hospital. Only two Diggers were there—Dug. Hammersley and Hemmle, and after a chat with them the party proceeded on to Birdwood House, where the Diggers were packed everywhere.

Practically every sub-branch in the northern zone was represented. On arrival, Digger W. P. Edwards led the boys in the old war-time song "The more we are together," and many other old favourites. Seated at the table with Sir William were Geo. Brown (president), the Premier (J. C. Willcock), J. A. Brown (State executive representative), the Mayor (R. Carson), A. E. Anderson, J. Colin Craig, Craig, jnr., G. Matherson, G. Lester, Colonol Mansbridge, Gostellow and J. T. B. Clarke. It was estimated that there were at least 200 present.

Mr. G. Brown, on welcoming Sir William, said that he would say very little. Ever since Sir William had consented to have his name associated with the dedication of Birdwood House, ex-service men had looked forward to the day when he would visit them. They owed a debt of gratitude to the Sailors and Soldiers' Memorial Trust and to the sympathy and interest of the women's R.S.L. auxiliary and the townspeople by their whole-hearted support and patronage.

Mr. A. E. Anderson (past president) said that should Sir William ever find himself released from his onerous duties and find time hanging lightly on his hands, he would find many friends if he ever returned to Australia, and more particularly Western Australia. Producing a gold key he said it was his privilege to make a presentation of it to Sir William as a memento of his visit to Geraldton and as a reminder of the House that bears his name.

Sir William, in responding to the toast of his health, feelingly remarked it was very nice to have a latch key of the House. He would always treasure it. It made him feel that he could look on the House as his home and his only wish was that he have further opportunities of letting himself into the House with his latch key. (Laughter.)

Speaking of the war years, he said that they learnt the real advantage of comradeship there. That was the spirit which existed in the R.S.L., and he hoped it would last forever.

Mr. R. C. Anderson proposed the toast of the State executive, stating that members of that body were very capable men and that their representative (Mr. J. A. Brown), as well as being the country vice-president, was one of them, and while the administration of the affairs of the League ex-service men generally felt very optimistic concerning its future prospects.

Mr. J. A. Brown (State executive representative) said that he wished to join in welcoming Sir William Birdwood and to extend him a very cordial greeting from ex-service men generally throughout the State. He mentioned that an outstanding characteristic of Sir William

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when on service overseas was the keen personal interest he evinced in the welfare of his men. Referring to the League he said they had set out in this State to secure a membership of 10,000. They had reached the 8,000 mark, but there were still too many men outside the fold. He appealed to the Diggers to join up with the League. Before sitting down he would like, on behalf of Mr. P. T. Bridge, Mingeneg, to present to this sub-branch a framed photograph of a fascimile of what was referred to in the war years as “A Scrap of Paper.”

Mr. G. Brown accepted this on behalf of the sub-branch, with many thanks.

During the afternoon musical items were given by J. Downie, T. E. Scott and E. Hancock (all Diggers), with J. B. Jones officiating at the piano, with Mr. Edwards as conductor.

After Sir William had a short rest, a move was made to the railway station where, with typical Diggers’ enthusiasm, Bill Edwards had a piano placed on a trolley on the platform. While the crowd of Diggers assembled to farewell their old leader and grasp him by the hand, others sang their old war-time ditties, which brought back many memories, and to the accompaniment of “Auld Lang Syne” and “cock-a-doodle-doo” of the train whistle, there ended a day which will be long remembered by those present.

Great credit is due to the women’s auxiliary for the way in which they worked to make the day the success it was. The organisation was left entirely in the hands of our capable secretary, Bob Webb, and his assistant, Claude Martin, who deserve every praise.

SOLDIERS’ CHILDREN’S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The annual meeting of the Soldiers’ Children’s Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department on August 20. The annual report showed that during the year 304 applications for assistance were received on behalf of children of deceased and incapacitated ex-soldiers.

During the year 31 scholarships were awarded, as follows: Modern School, 6; Narrogin School of Agriculture, 2; Albany High School, 3; Stott’s Business College, 3; Ladies’ College, Victoria Square, 2; St. Mary’s Church of England Girls’ School, 1; Underwood’s Business College, 2; Geraldton High School, 1; Bunbury High School, 1; Northam High School, 7; Wesley College, 2; W.A. University, 1.

Assistance was also provided for the purchase of schoolbooks to the extent of £209, providing books for 292 children.

A considerable measure of support from the public and the League to the appeal for funds for the tour was gratefully acknowledged, and the hon. organ-
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Metropolitan members, and others who have met him, will regret the transfer of Lieut.-Colonel G. P. W. Meredith from this Military District. During the period of his command of the coastal defences of Western Australia, he rendered valuable service to the League as president of the North-East Fremantle sub-branch. His successor, Lieut.-Colonel Bundock, D.S.O., was formerly Director of Artillery at Army Headquarters, and more recently commander of the coastal defences of New South Wales, in which appointment he will be relieved by Col. Meredith. Like Brigadier Martyn, Col. Bundock came into the service from the University of Sydney. He was gazetted to the Royal Australian Artillery, and served through the war with the Siege Brigade. Mrs. Bundock is a sister of Lady Chauvel.

Darling Range reports that Ted Maloney has been discharged from the Edward Millen Home. When last seen, Ted was bawling loudly at an inter-State football match. Harold Penrose, another sub-branch stalwart, still has another three months’ treatment to undergo at Edward Millen. As most of Harold’s leisure is now spent at the billiard table, he considers that he’s getting a fair break. Unfortunately, Bob Baker has had to return to the same institution. Bob reckons that he is now the most returned soldier in Edward Millen. We wish both these good comrades a speedy recovery.

We do not know what the Morawa lads have been up to, but from information received it appears that the powers that be have established a police station in that town. The new station is in the charge of P.C. Wally Simons, a former member of the sub-branch, who has been away from the district for four years. He was previously stationed at Perenjori. The gallant gendarme is a keen rifle shot and he has already succeeded in getting a rifle club into action at Morawa.

Congratulations to Mr. Jack Valentine, president of the Morawa sub-branch, on winning the Morawa Golf Club championship for the second time in succession.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. R. Judge, a member of the Morawa sub-branch, who has been in hospital, is making satisfactory progress and will soon be able to attend meetings again.

Amongst the visitors to Geraldton to meet Sir William Birdwood were the following sub-branch representatives:—Carnarvon, Gostellow, W. S. Appleyard, R. Cornish and Dr. J. Piccle; Cae, Col. Mansbridge and G. Matherson; Mt. Magnet, W. Bryons and J. Neville; Mullewa, C. Wright; Northampton, A. Glance, A. Barlow; Upper Chapman, T. Simpson, T. G. Lippel; Wonga Hills, Tyler; Dongarra, J. C. Burgess; Meekatharra, J. Brownrigg; Three Springs, J. A. Brown (country vice-president).

When president Gostellow, secretary Appleyard, R. Cornish, Dr. Piccle and L. Craig, of the Carnarvon sub-branch, left for Sir William Birdwood’s reception in Geraldton, they little thought of the fund they would have en route. It rained practically the whole way down, numerous skids and being bogged were the order of the day, but when leaving for home again they considered it was well worth all their troubles to have the good time they had while in Geraldton.

Colonel Mansbridge, G. Matherson and wife had a remarkable escape from serious injury when their sedan car overturned eleven miles from Findar en route for Geraldton to Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood’s reception. Luckily...
nobody was hurt and they managed to arrive in time for the civic reception and, of course, the Diggers' welcome.

Harry Blake, of the old 16th Battalion, passed away in the Geraldton Public Hospital on August 20. Harry, as he was known to all, suffered greatly with his war injuries and for the last six or eight months was bedridden. It is a happy release from pain for him. He was an old Murchison identity and a fine athlete in his younger days. Up to the last twelve months he maintained an active interest in the Geraldton Swimming Club. To his sorrowing widow and family we offer our sincere condolences.

Ossie Davis made a welcome appearance at the last monthly meeting of the Carlisle sub-branch. Ossie has always been a staunch supporter of the League, and worked hard years ago to form the Carlisle Diggers' organisation, but failing health has kept him away from recent meetings.

Another good Carlisle Digger is Ernie Bowkett. Wherever there is work to be done Ernie is to be found, despite a health handicap that would put the wind up even the best of returned men. His daughter, Rene, is a candidate in the Carlisle R.S.L. popular girl competition and will give the pace to other candidates.

Theo. Brennan, who generally sounds like Mr. E. A. Bass, the newly-elected secretary of the North Perth sub-branch, is another who puts in a lot of hard work in connection with his sub-branch. Apart from holding the above position, he is the live wire in connection with the S.S.L. Advisory Committee. For many years he did great work for the Boy Scouts in this State. During the war he served with the C.L. Yeomanry Regiment. In working days he can be found somewhere in the Government service.

Hugh Blackburn is another new committeeman of the North Perth sub-branch. He served overseas with the 11th Battalion. In these days he conducts a carrying business. Many will remember the depression days when Hugh spent most of his time carrying the unfortunates (gratis) from their homes when they were forced to quit. It is very pleasing to see him still doing what he can for the Diggers in the North Perth area.

Mr. J. E. Casson, of the North Perth sub-branch, is a 28th Battalion man whose chief interests now are on the general committee of the S.S.L. Advisory Committee. He is one of the keenest young men in the sub-branch and it is hoped he will see many years' service for the Digger generally.

Messmates M. F. Cliff and E. E. Rendle, president and secretary of the North Perth women's auxiliary, are doing splendid work for their auxiliary as well as ex-service men generally. North Perth has always been very fortunate in the choice of officers in the auxiliary. Mrs. Cliff has been on a well-earned holiday and all hope she will soon feel the benefit of it.

Mr. G. (Georgie) Wilson, a member of the general committee of the Maylands sub-branch, is one of that body's hardest toilers. He does his job well and very quietly and everyone appreciates his services. On social evenings he is always on duty as one of the leading mess orderlies.

Bill Blight, a well-known member of North Perth sub-branch and a former contributor to The Listening Post, has just had three weeks in hospital. Bill's health has not been of the best for some time now, and we join with North Perth Diggers in wishing him all the best, with the hope that the spell in hospital will have been of permanent benefit.

Mrs. G. Warren, widow of the late George Warren (16th Battalion), is still carrying on with the tobacconist's business, in which she assisted her husband for several years, at the corner of St. George's Terrace and Sherwood Court.
A monument to Allied soldiers who fell in the Great War has been erected on the Cointe Plateau, overlooking Liege. The unveiling ceremony took place during July in the presence of the King of the Belgians and the Count of Flanders.

The Communist International, London, has published a full report of a recent speech by Jose Diaz the general secretary of the Communist Party of Spain. Describing the creation of "the People's Army" as a tremendous achievement, he said: "Our rear must be a fighting rear." These valiant Communists might inflict more damage on General Franco if their front was also a fighting front.

A recent pronouncement by Professor Berriedale Keith on the subject of Australian nationality caused one Edgar K. Crampton, of Burekup, Western Australia, to write a letter to the editor of The Morning Post, in which he declares that he is under no obligation to defend any other Dominion than Australia. No doubt the British Government will be suitably impressed by this statement of fact, and amend its foreign policy accordingly. This paper has a certain sympathy for Mr. Crampton in his resentment at English criticism of the "mannersms of we Australians," but what about the grammar "of we" letter writers from Burekup.

In his latest outburst of Teutonic fury, von Ludendorff declared that he would always abide by the old Teutonic ideals and customs. What about the old Teutonic custom that insisted on a general beaten in war falling on the point of his own sword?

An unkind cut has been administered by the general manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission to those politicians who think that their speeches should be broadcast on each and every occasion. The general manager said, and most listeners will agree with him, that the average political speech is uninteresting and has no entertainment value. Apart from this aspect of the matter, if political speakers are to be allowed to overcrowd the air, what will happen to the university professors? Must they be forced back into university work?

Sir William Birdwood was reminded of a Gallipoli episode by one of the patients he met when he visited the repatriation ward. The Digger, who had gone in for a dip was ordered to the other side of the jetty, the side he had entered being reserved for officers. To clinch the argument, the guard on the jetty warned him that General Birdwood was in the water. This has been overheard by Sir William, who called out, "You stay where you are; I don't own the ocean!"

Many stories have been told about Sir William Birdwood, but our revered war leader can tell a good one himself. Describing a recent visit to Gallipoli, he mentioned that the Turkish officer who acted as guide had fought against us on the Peninsula. The Turk pointed out the spot where he had had several sniping shots at Sir William. "But I missed," he added somewhat sadly, "because I was never a first-class shot." "You should have been reduced to the ranks," was Sir William's good-humoured retort.

In Ancient Greece, athletic prowess was an essential qualification for political honours, but how many of our modern athletes enter politics? Mr. Bruce was a Cambridge rowing blue, and Jupp Gardner, who had the sad distinction of being the only Labour Senator in one Parliament, was a rugby international. To-day, the only rugby international who is a Prime Minister is M. Camille Chautemps, the Prime Minister of France.

A Welsh newspaper says that soldiers serving in cavalry regiments that are now mechanised are still issued with spurs, riding breeches and gadgets for removing stones from horses' hooves.

A recent Press radiogram states that the record sum of £544,301 was raised by the sale of poppies on behalf of Earl Haig's Fund, on Armistice Day, last November.

On September 6, the recapture of Mont Saint Quentin by the 9th Brigade of the Second Division was commemorated by the British residents of Peronne, in the customary manner. The Mayor of Saint Quentin laid two wreaths on the memorial to the Australian dead. The Australian Government was represented by Mr. S. Burkey, a member of the Imperial War Graves Commission.

All members of the 16th Battalion ex-Officers Association are notified that a dinner will be held at the C.T.A. rooms on the evening of Tuesday, October 5. Those intending to be present should notify the hon. secretary (Mr. T. S. Halpin, City Commercial College, Perth), before October 4.

The problem of obtaining better attendances at meetings has been occupying
the minds of sub-branch officials in the metropolitan area. One metropolitan sub-branch, with a financial membership of over one hundred, complains of not being able to secure attendances of more than thirty at general meetings.

There was something unusual about the guard of honour which Sir William Birdwood inspected during his visit to Geraldton. In the ranks was a soldier of the German Army.

The report of the R.S.L. Relief Fund trustees for August shows that out of 83 applications for assistance 73 were approved, involving an expenditure of £70/19/3. Of the 73 assisted, only seven were members of the League. In addition to the amount expended on relief, £6/14/6 was advanced to the Kalgoorlie sub-branch and the sum of £11/10/1 was spent in providing comforts at hospitals and the Old Men’s Home, making the total expenditure for the month £89/3/10. Refunds to the extent of £3/2/- were received. The balance of the fund on August 31 was £291/6/10.

A Frenchman was boasting that he had thoroughly mastered the English language when he was asked to write from dictation the following specimen of our choice eccentric speech: “As Hugh Hughes was hewing a yule log from a yew tree, a man dressed in garments of a dark hue came up to Hugh and said: ‘Have you seen my ewes?’ to which he replied: ‘If you will wait until I hew this yew, I will go with you to look for your ewes.’” After an attempt the Frenchman admitted his mistake. He said he used to imagine he was used to English speaking, but he would be more careful how he used the language in the future.

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PENSION INCREASES

The following information has been supplied to the Returned Soldiers’ League by the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation (Mr. C. Taylor):

As outlined in the Commonwealth Budget, the Government recently amended that portion of the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act relating to Service Pensions, to provide for an increase of 2s. 6d. a fortnight to each adult service pensioner; thus increasing the maximum allowed income from £81/18/- to £84/10/- per annum.

The following are the old and new maximum rates: Service pension payable under the old-age class, 38/- to 40/- p.f.; service pension payable under the permanently unemployable class, ex-soldier: 32/- to 34/- p.f.; service pension payable to those suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, ex-soldier: 32/- to 34/- p.f.; wife: 32/- to 34/- p.f.;

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Service pensioners (except those suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis) who are inmates of institutions, will have their pensions increased from 12/- to 14/- p.f. or, if receiving a lesser rate, an increase of 2/- p.f. will be made available.

The above refers solely to adult service pensioners and the rates payable to children are not affected.

Where a service pension is payable at a lower rate than the maximum in each class due to the pensioner having other income or property, the 2/- p.f. increase is added to the old rate.

The increased pensions will be payable as from September 16, 1937, and in each case the pensioner and postmaster have been advised of the new rate payable on that date.

It is stressed that only service pensions have been increased by the amendment of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act. War pensions are not affected.

11th BATTALION A.I.F.

Captain "Jock" Belford is nearing the completion of his big task of writing battalion history and arrangements for financing its publication will soon have to be faced. The proposition is too big a one to be undertaken by the battalion association without the backing of members generally. In order to build up a fund to publish the book, members are asked to subscribe for a copy in advance. The estimated cost is 10/- per copy and the committee hope as many as possible will remit that amount (or more), or at least 5/- on account, balance to be paid on delivery. List of subscribers will be published each month in The Listening Post and receipts issued. All money subscribed will be reserved for the history account, and in the event of the book not being published (and it is sincerely hoped this will not be the case) refunds will be made.

"Jock" has done his part, and done it well, so what about you doing yours and thus ensuring a permanent record of your old battalion?

Subscriptions received: H. A. Allen, 10/-; Jim Kirkwood (Dangin), 10/-; J. Salter, 10/-; E. Harvey Rae, 10/-; R. Sinclair (Meekatharra), 5/-; Cuthbert Porter, 10/-; W. W. Scott, 10/-; A. W. Neane, 10/-; A. Gosling, 5/-; W. Hesketh, 10/-; R. Middleton, 5/-; D. Burton, 10/-; R. Beattie, 5/-; J. Lang, 5/-; P. Reeves, 10/-; W. A. Clowes, £5; W. Kruger, £1; E. Allwood, £1; G. Maloney, £1.

ANZAC HOUSE COMMUNITY CONCERTS

The community concerts conducted by Will Talbot continue to draw big houses. On Monday, September 6, the juvenile amateur trials created a wonderful amount of interest. The members of the s.s. Kangaroo were present at this concert and presented a silver cup to the winner of Charlie Carter's Amateur Trials, and have donated two more cups to be presented to the winners of the next two juvenile amateur trials, the next of which is to be held on September 27. Contributions for fireside seats are coming forward regularly. Donations for last Monday night's concert amounted to 20/-, and these gifts are acknowledged over the air at each concert.

Diggers' Night

The next Diggers' Night will be held on Monday, October 4, during Show Week. A feature of this concert will be a male ballet which is being provided by the Subiaco sub-branch, led by the genial secretary, Ern Congdon. If you want to be sure of a seat at these concerts, you are advised to book early at Wyper Howard's, Hay Street, Perth.

EX-MACHINE GUNNERS' ASSN.

The ex-Machine Gunners' Association gathered together for their quarterly meeting and social at Gregson's Market, 32 King Street, Perth, on Friday, August 27. Mr. W. Gregson, the president, occupied the chair, and a good attendance of members were present. The guests during the evening were Brigadier John Martin, Commander Vinden, R.N., and Major Graham. After formal business was concluded, Mr. H. L. Downe, J.P., ex-Mayor of Subiaco, who served with the 4th Light Horse, gave a very entertaining lecture on his recent travels through Japan. Community singing and musical items were indulged in, and then supper was partaken, and a very (h)ale and hearty evening concluded with the National Anthem. All ex-Gunners are reminded of the annual meeting to be held at Gregson's Market during Show Week, October 8.

D. W. PATON

Mr. David Wilkie Paton, who came on to the State executive this year, is a native of Dundee, Scotland, who arrived in Western Australia early in 1909. He was working on a railway construction job at Mullewa when the bugles sounded in 1914 and, after four unsuccessful attempts to enlist in Mullewa, Kalgoorlie and Perth, he signed articles on the troopship A.36 (Boonah), on June 13, 1915. When he arrived at Liverpool, he re-enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry, and went to France early in 1916. In July, 1917, he was transferred to the R.O.D.R., and was repatriated to Western Australia in June, 1919. Since his return from the war, "Scottie" Paton, as he is known to the troops, has been an active member of the League. He has been vice-president of the North-East Fremantle sub-branch and was on the State executive in 1921. He was a delegate to the past three congresses.

Those politicians who have shed crocodile's tears at the alleged prospect of Australians going overseas to fight in the event of another war, have made no protest against Australians infringing the non-intervention agreement by fighting for the Spanish Government. Apparently, with these gentry, it does not matter where and when Australians fight, so long as they do not fight for the British Empire.
Scabbards Off!
By "Pip Tok"

Even the sacred proletariat cannot do without distinctions, and the perquisites that go with them. According to the Soviet Year Book, holders of the Order of Lenin receive a pension of twenty-five roubles a month. So do those who have been awarded the Order of the Star and the Order of the Red Flag.

Calingiri is to be congratulated on introducing a new and interesting topic for discussion at congress. This is a case, however, in which one is entitled to hope that the mover of Item 147 is entitled to speak from hearsay.

Mr. Arthur G. Henderson, M.P., who has arrived in Australia to attend a national peace conference in Melbourne, told a Press interviewer that war was neither imminent nor inevitable. That will be comforting news for people in Spain and China.

Italian newspapers are syndicating a series of articles on British military disasters. Among the "disasters" are Gallipoli and Sir John Moore's fight at Corunna. It would be very unkind, if the British Press were to retaliate in kind.

The New Zealand military authorities have adopted the Parkhill principle of fewer soldiers and prettier uniforms. In some future war we may expect to hear a dialogue in this strain:

Scout: There are enemy troops on that ridge, sir.
Advance Guard Commander: Are they in force?
Scout: Oh no, sir. There can't be many of them. They're wearing such posh uniforms.

At a recent conference of Gaelspeaking peoples, Ireland, Scotland and Wales were represented, but there was no delegate from Cornwall. It was stated that the Cornish language has been resuscitated after having been out of action for two hundred years. These revived languages must find it difficult to adapt themselves to modern social and technical needs. Either they must use the same technical terms as other languages, which they seek to displace, or they must adopt the German expedient of inventing cumbersome portmanteau words. Sometimes the attempt to adapt a seemingly dead language to modern needs has surprising results. A species of Latin is still the official language of the Rumanians, who claim descent from the members of an old Roman-colony. In Latin, courage, which the Romans regarded as the chief virtue, manhood and virtue were all expressed by the single word "virtus." During the war, a Rumanian order was given to an Australian nurse. The Staff-Officer who gazetted the award knew just enough Latin to be dangerous, and this was how he rendered: Matron — — of the Australian Army Nursing Service has been awarded the Rumanian Order of Virtue, Third-Class."

Sons of Soldiers' League
NORTHAM
Northam acted as hosts to visitors from the Perth sub-branch S.S.L., during September. The guests arrived on September 11. During the evening, the indoor games were closely contested. Perth showed a slight superiority, and won a gruelling football match on the following day, by a very narrow margin. The visitors left Northam with kindly recollections of a visit that was enjoyable to all concerned.
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A COMPETITION NIGHT

BY E. KEEGAN

Let us take a peep into Mrs. W. L’s home. Why this continual glancing at the clock as the hands seem to fly to 7 o’clock? Mrs. W. L. has evidently a date! Yes, she must leave her work to others and away to the sports competition at F—the Dad receiving final instructions as to the care of the children as she departs on her mission.

Mrs. W. L. is a woman with a purpose to-night and as “champ.” of the draughts team, she knows a certain amount of anxiety. Although her auxiliary to date is much nearer the bottom of the list than the top, that does not daunt her, and as each competition comes around, she dreams of a glorious win and hopes to see the score 10-0, but most times, sad to relate, the final verdict reads 0-10 or 4-6. But the monthly record of her miserable score is no true record. No! The pleasant and jolly evenings, the friendliness and sportsmanship of her sister auxiliaries could never be expressed by a mere figure.

Arriving at the hall she is introduced to her opponent and they retire like two conspirators to wrestle with draughts, on and under the table. How, after having lost the first game, Mrs. W. L. wishes she had taken on bowls, quoits, anything—but draughts—and with a new respect for her adversary—prepares to do battle once more. After half an hour she arises the victor and emerges from her den to answer the question, “How did you fare?” with a smile and two fingers raised! All is well.

Tracking down the sports director, she gives the password “How are we doing?” and learns her auxiliary have scored a victory in bowls. Very cheering, and after hasty peep at the bridge-ites, waging a grim battle if looks count for anything, she takes up her stand at the tennis table. Luck favours her opponent in the toss and the little white ball starts on its journey, the umpire standing guard—missing nothing—relentlessly counting.

Mrs. W. L. takes a knock-out in the first round with a smile. But the smile is replaced with a look that her children know only too well and when interpreted means “look out.” Her competitor, poor thing, sees nothing different and so the game continues. Mrs. W. L. becomes aggressive and before her partner wakes up is well in the lead. She plays as if inspired and carries off the honour of the remaining matches with the dogged determination that 20 years ago made her the terror of the hockey field.

She is free now for the evening, a load off her mind, and can wander where she will. The W. L. bridge-ites concentration has not been in vain and a win is reported in this section. Meeting members of the quoit team, she hears of disaster: of how Mrs. M. had forgotten her glasses and couldn’t see the peg, and of the unnatural opponent who put 28 quoits on the peg with uncanny ease. So the evening progresses—a win here—a loss there and at the final tally W. L. wins! Can it be true? Numbers are again checked in haste. Yes, W. L. wins!

Although this is W. L.’s first good win and success has gone to their heads a little, their opponents take W. L.’s joy in a really sporting way, naturally feeling sorry they are not the victors, yet at the same time taking pleasure in another’s good fortune. Thus is demonstrated that feeling of good comradeship and sportsmanship for which the sports were inaugurated.

So homewards at last Mrs. W. L. wends her way, to relate to her keenest critics how we won the match.

SOLDIERS’ GOLF CUP

That now famous annual feature, the Soldiers’ Golf Cup, will this year be played on the links of the Cottesloe Golf Club, Swanbourne, on Sunday, October 3. These links are adjacent to the Swanbourne Rifle Range, and the rattle of machine guns and the “plonk” of dummy trench mortar bombs will provide a familiar accompaniment to the courses of the golfing Diggers.

The lay-out of the Cottesloe links does not bring to the player after nine holes back to the club-house, and therefore the practice of the last three or four years of playing nine holes before lunch and again after lunch cannot be followed. Instead, the competitor will go right through the 18 holes without a break, except for those inevitably caused by loiterers at various estaminets, crown and anchor and two-up schools. A strong committee of the ex-soldiers and other enthusiastic Cottesloe club men has been formed with Mayor T. C. Milne in the chair. They promise many amusing novelties, not usually encountered in the everyday game of golf. For the enthusiast who really wants more golf, a nine-hole post entry match will be played in the afternoon for which the club will provide a trophy.

A charmingly characteristic letter has been received by the chairman from Sir William Birdwood, regretting his departure from Australia before this event. General Hobbs has been ordered to present the trophy and the winner will be played in by the R.S.L. Band. Each competitor will receive a brochure containing the history of the fixture, much interesting and amusing matter and a list of the contestants with their starting times. The closing date for nominations is Friday, September 24. Send in promptly to Mr. Hastings Reid, 20 Howard Street, Perth.

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At the meeting of the State Executive on August 11, there were present Messrs. Riley, Olden, Collett, Denton, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Warner, Watt, Thorn, Fairley, Margo- lin, James, Mitchell, Anderson, Newman, Wells and Panton. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Brown, Philip, Panton, Wilkins, Lamb, Cornell, Collins, Noakes and Austin.

Condolence.—The executive carried a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Colonel Lyon-Johnston.

The acting president reported that he had sent a telegram to the Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, expressing the League's sympathy with him in the loss of his daughter.

Management Committee.—The Management Committee reported that executive delegates had attended the luncheon which was arranged for the Air Force Section of the Coronation Contingent in Anzac House on August 10.

Land Transfer.—A recommendation concerning the transfer of a block of land at Bridgetown was accepted, and it was decided that the League's solicitor be asked to prepare the necessary documents.

Donation.—On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was resolved that the £70 donation received from Sir Charles M Ness be allocated to the Anzac House Redemption Fund.

Proposed Constitutional Alteration.—No. 4 District Committee requested that the report of the Constitution sub-committee, recommending certain alterations in the method of electing the State Executive, be circulated to all sub-branches. After discussion, it was agreed that no action be taken.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers Fund.—Colonel Collett reported that the trustees of this fund, as appointed by the Lieut.-Governor, had held their first meeting. The trustees had decided to invest £6,000 of the fund in Commonwealth bonds. The trustees requested that the League place the services of Mr. C. G. Ferguson at their disposal for such time as was necessary to perform the duties of secretary. The report was adopted.

Visiting Committee.—Rabbi Freedman reported on a visit to the Old Men's Home.

Aising out of the report, authority was granted for the purchase of dinner forks and other articles to the value of £14. Mr. Wells reported having visited the Heathcote Reception Home.

Visits.—The following visits to sub-branches and unit associations were reported:
—Archdeacon Riley (Beacon, Nungarin and Traying). Colonel Collett (Nedlands), Mr. Thorn, M.A. (Bullsbrook and Beverley), Mr. Wells (North), Colonel Olden (Mosman Park), Mr. Newman (32nd Battalion Association), Mr. Wilkins (Yarloop).

Alien Question.—A report of the deputation which waited on the Prime Minister in regard to the influx of aliens was received.

Visitors.—Messrs. T. G. Retalic, H. L. Roche and T. Simpson were welcomed to the meeting.

Community Concerts.—Mr. Aberle re...
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also been served, and their dependents, and of the present unsatisfactory position in regard to the
Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund, this State Executive approves the appointment of a special sub-committee, charged to make investigations and report upon ways and means of augmenting the fund. The motion was carried, and a sub-committee was appointed, consisting of Rabbi Freedman, Colonel Fairley, Messrs. J. M. W. Anderson, W. J. Hunt, A. H. Panton, M.L.A., G. H. Philp, E. S. Watt and Colonel Collett, with power to add to their number. The committee was authorised to publish the comprehensive report which had been submitted to delegates by Colonel Collett.

Coronation Scholarship.—Archdeacon Riley submitted a report in connection with a Coronation Scholarship. It was agreed that the executive, at its next meeting, give consideration by the Management Committee.

Land Committee.—The report of the meeting of the Land Committee on August 17, which appears on another page of this issue, was adopted for publication.

A.R.M.S. Competition.—It was reported that the first semi-final of the A.R.M.S. competition would be played between Mt. Hawthorn and West Leederville sub-branches at Monash House on Tuesday, August 31, and that the second semi-final would be played in the same place, between Gloucester Park and Nedlands sub-branches on September 3. It was recommended that a tour of the Gold- fields sub-branches be arranged. After discussion, this matter was deferred for further consideration by the Management Committee.

Next Meeting.—As the concert in aid of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund takes place on September 8, it was agreed that the executive meet at 7 p.m. instead of 7.30 p.m. on that date.

Federal Congress.—It was announced that the 22nd Annual Federal Congress would take place in Hobart on November 17. The question of the appointment of delegates was deferred until the next meeting.

Invitations.—It was agreed that the Nannup sub-branch be asked to choose a date, late in November, for the function to which it had invited a representative of the State executive.

Victoria Park auxiliary has invited executive and congress delegates to a social on Thursday, September 30. The invitation was referred to the House Committee.

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Sub-Branches.—The appointment of officials as advised by West Perth and Belmont sub-branches was confirmed.

Poppies.—A letter was received from the Rossman Park sub-branch, suggesting that a special appeal be made for sale to school children at a reduced price. After discussion, it was agreed that “This executive, after due consideration of the suggestion of the Rossman Park sub-branch to promote a cheap appeal for poppies, regrets that so many difficulties present themselves as to render the adoption of the suggestion unwise, but refers to the Poppies Day Committee a scheme of combined subscription by pupils of schools for the purchase of wreaths, for the purpose of placing on school honour boards or local memorials where these exist.”

R.S.L. Band.—Approval was given for the R.S.L. Band to hold its annual pilgrimage to the State War Memorial on Sunday, October 3.

Congress.—Mount Lawley sub-branch again brought forward the suggestion that identification badges should be provided for congress delegates. It was agreed that cardboard discs be obtained and made available, and that delegates be asked to print their names thereon.

Memorial.—The Citizen’s Committee which was recently appointed in connection with a memorial to the late Mr. A. McCullum, requested a donation. The secretary was instructed to reply, expressing the regret of the executive that it was unable to comply with the request, as the matter was outside the scope of the League funds.

League of Nations.—The Harvey sub-branch asked if it were constitutional for the sub-branch to become an incorporated member of the local League of Nations unit. The action of the State secretary, who replied, advising against this course, was approved.

Empire Shopping.—Mr. Hastings C. Reid advised that the Empire Board of Trade, in its annual report, expressed deep appreciation of the League’s action in connection with Empire Shopping Week.

Australian Flying Corps.—The Australian Flying Corps Association confirmed that it had not received an invitation to the reception to the coronation contingent. A reply was left to the State secretary, who would inform the association that the arrangements were made by the Commonwealth Government, and not the League.

Manjimup.—A letter of appreciation was received from the Manjimup sub-branch.

Pithara.—At the meeting of the State executive on August 25, Colonel A. C. N. Olden reported having visited the Pithara sub-branch on August 20, and would be in touch with the secretary. Calling at Wongan Hills on the way, Colonel Olden said, we met several members of the Wongan Hills sub-branch, including the president (Mr. Kemp), Mr. Jackson, Mr. Pike, Mr. L. J. Markey and Mr. Stone-street and others. (A car raid from Wongan went to Pithara and were present at the reception that night.) We reached Pithara during late afternoon and were met by the president of the Pithara sub-branch (Mr. E. T. Roberts, original 10th L.H.) and the secretary (Mr. L. G. Browning). After an excellent dinner at the hotel, which is under the management of Mr. Harrington (8th L.H.), we proceeded to the sub-branch smoke social, which took place in the Pithara Hall. There was a good attendance of about 50, including visitors from Wubin, Wongan Hills, Ballidu and Dalwallinu. Mr. Roberts presented a comprehensive list of toasts and entertainment items which was carried out, and a very enjoyable evening spent. Pithara has 52 financial members out of a possible 36.

Merredin.—At the meeting of the State executive on August 25, Colonel A. C. N. Olden reported on his visit to the Merredin sub-branch. Leaving Pithara on August 21, he said, we proceeded via Mercking and Kellerberrin to Merredin, arriving there about 4 p.m. We were met by the president of the Merredin sub-branch, our old stalwart Mr. F. A. Law, and were welcomed by the Merredin Road Board, at the reception which was tendered chiefly to the Lieut.-Governor Sir James Mitch- cke (Mr. Donald), who was visiting the district in response to an invitation from the sub-branch. The reception was followed by a dinner at the Commercial Hotel, at which we were guests of the Road Board. The Road Board chairman (Mr. Lockhart) presided at both these functions. Later in the evening we attended the annual reunion of the sub-branch, which was held in the Town Hall. Mr. Law presided and a representative gathering of about 100, including His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, the member for the district (Mr. Boyle, M.L.A.), representatives from Bannande, Mundayang, Nungarin, Goonmar and Kellerberrin. Mr. William and Mr. Andrew represented the Anzac Club. The presence of Sir James Mitchell was very much appreciated. His sympathetic and encouraging speech created a marked impression. We left Merredin on August 22, and came through about 100 miles of heavy storm on our return journey. At Northam we met the welcome rain and were glad to know that the Goldfields line, including the Merredin district, had received its share.

DARLING RANGE

President Walters took the chair at a well-attended meeting on August 21. Ex-service men visiting the Kalamunda district are cordially invited to the sub-branch meetings, which are held on the third Saturday of each month. The R.S.L. Ball was held in the Agricultural Hall, Kalamunda, on Saturday, August 28. The function was both a social and financial success. Novelty items were given as prizes, but the most highly prized was that caused by the stormy weather—the lights cut out at 11 p.m., so that it became a case of on with the dance by torchlight. The ladies of the auxiliary, as usual, provided an excellent supper. Members were entertained by Mount Lawley, who won the A.R.M.S. games. The vanished, however, were loud in their praises of the good sportsmanship and hospitality of their hosts.

NEDLANDS

One hundred and thirty members were present at the July meeting, which was presided over by Reg. Wood, senior vice-president, in the absence of Jim Anderson, who was away in the East. Frank Kendall, secretary, was welcomed back after a sojourn in hospital. Various sub-branch activities were reported by Roy Perry (choral society), Mr. Jeffreys (bridge), Reg. Wood (garden), Doug Napier (library), George Sharp (A.R.M.S. competition), George Gale (rifle club), and Frank Kendall (membership and sick visitors). The president asked Geo. Sharp to present to Padre Jaquet the trophy won in the rifle competition. After the Padre had suitably acknowledged, Jack Smith was handed the bridge trophy. Beryl Adams and Trevor Gibson were announced as being the successful competitors in the essay competitions (Empire Shopping Week), conducted at the Nedlands school. Roy Perry, representing the balance of the cricket club awards, Jack Mayhew and Fred Winbridge being the recipients. Wally Crain and Kanga Brook, as captains of No. 1 and No. 2 teams, presented their awards to Cyril Green and Cyril Wright. At the call of general business, Colonel Margolin submitted several resolutions for the consideration of congress. The election of officers

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for the ensuing year was then conducted. Retiring officer Charlie Hutchinson and his assistant, Bob Menzies, were duly thanked. Refreshments were then partaken of and the usual games were played.

MAYLANDS

Messrs. L. King and Dave Tobin will represent the sub-branch at this year's congress. Recently the sub-branch entertained members and supporters at a social. President H. Workman congratulated the sub-branch on having such ardent supporters. Messrs. S. Horton, "Blues" and T. Tobin had a very busy time arranging the evening. About 20 members were the guests of the Maylands sub-branch and a very enjoyable evening. At the meeting on September 2, Harry Prince, who is leaving on an extended trip to New Zealand, was given a send-off. Messrs. S. Horton and A. Cook spoke of his services to the sub-branch. Mr. A. Cook, who has been editor of "All Quiet" for some years, and has held various offices in the sub-branch, has been presented with a Certificate of Service. The president spoke of the excellent service that Mr. Cook has rendered. A strong committee is now making preparations for a family picnic at Jarrahdale. It was decided to accept an invitation for a week-end visit to the York sub-branch. Congratulations to Ernie Reilly, a sub-branch member, on his election as president of the R.S.L. Cricket Association. With Bill Memmens as manager of the Adelaide tour and Phil Allen as treasurer the sub-branch is now well represented on the association. The next meeting will take place in the Maylands Lesser Town Hall on September 30.

NORTH PERTH

New members are enrolled at each meeting. It was decided to play two teams in the R.S.L. Cricket Association competition, and to donate $2/12/ towards the Adelaide tour. The sub-branch's old-time dances, held every Friday evening in the North Perth Town Hall, are now being splendidly attended. A feature is the music supplied by Griffin and Black's orchestra. Mr. H. Joy, the well-known M.C., is in charge. The entertainers after such a wonderful opening have decided to put another show in the North Perth Town Hall in October next, when the box plan is opened. An early booking is advised. Members of the committee are reminded that the monthly committee meeting takes place in the Lesser Town Hall on the second Tuesday in each month. "The Green Envelope" has not lived in vain. In our April issue attention was drawn to the dilapidated appearance of the palm on our river-shore. Workman have the last few weeks manicured and barbering the palms and they now look as clean and fresh as a baby just out of a bath. We are pleased to state that Messrs. C. Searle and R. E. Turnbull who had been patients in Ward XI here have been discharged from hospital feeling a lot better for their sojourn in dock. It has now been decided not to hold the annual flower show this year. Messrs. W. J. James and H. W. Rigg, with W. Memmens as foreman, have been appointed to represent the sub-branch at the annual State congress. Congratulations to Jack Rankin on his election of hon. secretary to the R.S.L. Cricket Association for the second year. Two new members of the sports committee (Messrs. R. Rapley and A. W. Tout) should make a very active pair.

FREMANTLE

The sub-branch recently received a deputation from the women's auxiliary in connection with a proposal to reform a sub-branch of the Sons of Soldiers' League. The proposal has been referred to the general committee. After the balance sheet was adopted, the president (Mr. J. Lynch) impressed on the meeting the necessity for keeping down administrative expenses during the current year. A vote of thanks was extended to the two auditors (Messrs. Alf Pady and F. Hardouin). On August 30, at the Fremantle Town Hall, a civic reception was recorded Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood by the City Council, and the local sub-branch of the R.S.L. combined to bid him "bon voyage." He had previously attended at Monument Hill and planted a tree and on arrival at the Town Hall inspected a fine gathering of returned men, who acted as a guard of honour. Sir William was accompanied by Sir Talbot Hobbs and Colonel A. T. White. His Worship the Mayor introduced him with a very fitting address of welcome and affection. In response, Sir William noted with the greatest pleasure that the reception was a combined civic and soldiers' function, which showed a spirit of co-operation, which should not be allowed to weaken. Ex-service men should remember that they were citizens of the Empire, having fought for the freedom that the community enjoyed. He recalled previous visits to Fremantle, particularly the first, when he was greeted on landing by a huge poster of a Digger extending a large hand with the following advice: "Put it right there, Birdie." He concluded by urging the young men of the district to join up with the Militia, so that if it was necessary in the future to defend their homes, they would be prepared. He also urged all returned men to join the League. Great applause greeted the announcement that Sir William had agreed to be a patron of the Fremantle City sub-branch.

GUILDFORD

There was a good attendance of members at the September meeting, and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Appreciation was extended to the social committee for the good work done since the sub-branch had been formed. Most indoor games have been procured and a rifle has been purchased. We hope to have a full-size bagatelle available in the near future. The new piano has arrived and so all members are well catered for. It was decided to give two trophies to those who brought along most new members by June 30, 1938. It is hoped that the competition will be keen. A meeting was called by the sub-branch of ladies interested in the formation of a Voluntary Aid Detachment. Dr. Berman agreed to give a weekly instruction in first-aid and home nursing. Classes will be formed shortly.

KALGOORLIE

Three members, who are conductors on the Trans. train, recently dug up the officials of the Port Pirie sub-branch and were initated into that very active sub-branch. On August 29, another golf match was held, this time for League and endowment members. The weather was not all that could be desired, but 35 enthusiasts turned out, and some very tall scores were made. Frank Handley led at lunch time, but he was eclipsed in the afternoon by Ned Inman and Cecil Heal, who finished up with 138 each for 27 the hole. Ned Inman won the play-off by one stroke. The first prize for this match (a silver cup) was won by the Kalgoorlie Brewery, through the courtesy of Mr. Percy Johnstone, and it will be presented to the golf committee that the sub-branch extends gratitude and thanks. The sub-branch has received a visit from Pat McMahon, the genial secretary of the Port Pirie sub-branch. Pat is a man of weight in League affairs, who bears a striking resemblance to our own State secretary. The successful community concert season has ended amid a chorus of congratulations and regrets. Apart from the pleasure they have given, the concerts have been financial successes. In this activity, Gilbert Richards has been a tower of strength with his slides. The sub-branch has said "Au Revoi", and made a small presentation in recognition of outstanding services to Jack EWings, who has decided to "hang up" an itching heel and decided to go for a trip round the world." The Stirling 6KG runs Digger sessions on Wednesday evenings. Two recent speakers over the ether were Billy Martin and Stan Jago. The employment committee is still very active and doing a good job of work. When one sees what the organisation is achieving, it is hard to understand why any Dinkum Digger should remain a non-member.

BASSENEANDE

At the meeting on August 25 it was decided to invite the Maylands sub-branch to a social and games evening. The president (Padre Vine) again represent the sub-branch at congress. The secretary of the
social committee (Mr. Lovelock) has been very busy lately, and asks to be forgiven for overlooking a number of the ladies, in connection with the social on September 1. Those who did attend had a very enjoyable evening. The committee was made up by Messrs. Harold Smith, Blatherwick and Leng. Special mention must be made of Mr. Prosser, who carried out his duties in the kitchen in fine style. It was decided that the president and secretary should confer with the ladies of the auxiliary regarding future social activities.

GERALDTON

This month will long be remembered by the Diggers in this northern zone on account of Sir William Birdwood's visit to Geraldton and the meeting of so many Diggers from the different sub-branches who travelled so far to be present. The usual community, euchre and bridge parties were held with fair attendances. We notice in “Smith’s Weekly,” of August 21, a report concerning this sub-branch’s activities, especially commenting on the sub-branch’s secretaries and the sub-branch’s auxiliary. It is noteworthy that Sir William Birdwood suggested something similar as a means of keeping the League going in the distant future. A start has been made on putting down a bowling green at the rear of the headquarters (Mr. A. H. Long), while the auxiliary made with the formation of a Sons of Soldiers’ branch. The secretary (Mr. Bob Webb) has accepted the job as representative at the annual State congress.

ARDATH-BABAKIN

The monthly meeting was well attended, members showing keen interest in the agenda of the forthcoming congress. It was unanimously decided to send a delegate to congress again this year. The sub-branch co-operated with Ardath and Babakin Parents and Citizens’ Associations in placing a portrait of His Majesty the King in Ardath and Babakin schools, and in this year’s Arbor Day celebrations. Other activities have been the organising and carrying out of a firework display, and the auxiliary (Mr. A. H. Long) was most decided to send a delegate to congress for the first time. It was stated that they were in doubt about entering the competition a few years ago. We congratulate them and wish them all the best in the final match with Gloucester Park. The Shield competition was well attended, with the sub-branch fore-front. We have reason to believe that the competition will be all the keener next year as it has changed hands. Mr. Tom Campbell, our sports director, in his report, stressed the fact that we had endeavoured to keep the League side of the competition well in the front and that we were indeed gratified with the result. The Shield competition will all the keener next year as it has changed hands. Mr. Tom Campbell, our sports director, in his report, stressed the fact that we had endeavoured to keep the League side of the competition well in the front and that we were indeed gratified with the result. The Shield competition will all the keener next year as it has changed hands. Mr. Tom Campbell, our sports director, in his report, stressed the fact that we had endeavoured to keep the League side of the competition well in the front and that we were indeed gratified with the result. The Shield competition will all the keener next year as it has changed hands.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

Fine attendance was again registered at the last general meeting, two new members being introduced to the gathering. The continued increase in membership is very gratifying. With 7 to 3 point win over Darling Range we have completed our effort in the A.R.M.S. games for this season. The Rangers rolled up in full force, much to our surprise, considering the unhealthy night it was, and so thoroughly enjoyed themselves that they did not care for the result. A grand ball was held for the benefit of the League. Everybody voted it one of the best nights ever. The next event claiming members’ attention is the mixed games night to be held in the hall on September 24. As the ladies are now getting more conversant with the game, we hope to make this event a success.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEDERVILLE

This month we have to record our exit from the A.R.M.S. competition, being defeated by our near neighbours, the West Leederville sub-branch in the semi-final. We made our departure gracefully and the sting is taken from the beating by the fact that West Leederville owe a little bit to us for their efforts when they were in doubt about entering the competition a few years ago. We congratulate them and wish them all the best in the final match with Gloucester Park. The Shield competition was well attended, with the sub-branch fore-front. We have reason to believe that the competition will be all the keener next year as it has changed hands. Mr. Tom Campbell, our sports director, in his report, stressed the fact that we had endeavoured to keep the League side of the competition well in the front and that we were indeed gratified with the result. The Shield competition will all the keener next year as it has changed hands. Mr. Tom Campbell, our sports director, in his report, stressed the fact that we had endeavoured to keep the League side of the competition well in the front and that we were indeed gratified with the result. The Shield competition will all the keener next year as it has changed hands.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE REMOVAL OF SUB-BRANCHES TO THE northern part of the State. The Honour Board, two of Longstaff’s pictures and a wreath “From a Comrade in the Old Country,” from the Town Hall to the C.W.A. Rest Room, where meetings are now held. Sixteen members attended the August meeting, when matters of the committee were discussed. The sub-branch was represented at Geraldton, during the visit of Sir William Birdwood, by Mr. J. Tyler (1st Canadians). Arrangements are in hand for the annual congress, which will be held by the Gutha sub-branch in October.

COTTESLOE

The annual meeting was held on September 7, the president (Mr. C. L. Harvey) presiding over 50 members. The president and secretary’s reports revealed marked progress in all the sub-branch’s activities, including an increased membership of 24, which brings the total number of members up to 124. The sub-branch has been very fortunate in having a team of keen and active members, as the president (Mr. Harvey) and the secretary (Mr. Cook), have held their respective offices for the last three and a half years. This month in the A.R.M.S. meetings three of our members expressed their appreciation and thanks for services rendered by Mr. D. M. Benson and other officials of the League at Anzac House. The circumstances are these: that those members needing a friendly ear and a sympathetic understanding had found in Mr. Benson and his colleagues a help that they will long be remembered by. Mr. Benson, in his reply, said of the bridge opponents, “We are not a very strong bunch, but we enjoy ourselves.” The Shield competition was well attended, with the sub-branch fore-front. We have reason to believe that the competition will be all the keener next year as it has changed hands. Mr. Tom Campbell, our sports director, in his report, stressed the fact that we had endeavoured to keep the League side of the competition well in the front and that we were indeed gratified with the result. The Shield competition will all the keener next year as it has changed hands.

MANJIMUP

The attendance at the meeting of the Manjimup sub-branch of the R.S. and S.L. on Thursday, the 12th inst., numbered 28, with the president (Mr. J. L. Mackenzie) in the chair. A letter was received from the district engineer, railway, opposing the sub-branch’s request for a piece of ground for the purpose of a miniature rifle range, and stating that the department was prepared to grant a strip of land adjoining and parallel to the road board’s parking area opposite the Post Office. Mr. Crooks was appointed delegate to annual congress. Several relief and pension cases were dealt with. With regard to the recent inquiry by the League and Agricultural Bank officials into the settlers’ valuation, it was recommended that the matter was in abeyance and that nothing further would be done until the next meeting, which would be held by the Hotel Manjimup, had informed him (Mr. Smith) that the billiard room would not be opened, and that he would give the billiard table to the sub-branch. The new members received with great satisfaction, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Keitmeier for his generous gift. A humble, purchased on the suggestion of Mr. W. Collett, was handed to that member, who...
repeated his offer to teach the use of the instrument to any boys who cared to learn. A notable feature of the evening was the presentation of the League's Certificate of Service to Mr. R. H. Newton, who had held office as secretary and president from 1926 to 1936. The president (Mr. Mackenzie) expressed pleasure in making the presentation and was supported by Mr. S. G. Duffield, who referred to Mr. Newton's interest in the League's affairs and his tenacity in keeping the sub-branch alive in 1927 and through several other difficult periods. That buoyant optimist, president Jock Mackenzie, was a true prophet when he told the women of his early days the sub-branch would make room for children not occupying seats. The fares for the trip will be: adults 2/6 return, children 1/3 return. The s.s. "Gone" sailed from Fremantle on August 23, when it was decided to close our hall sponsored by the Collie Municipal Council, Collie Road Board and R.S.I. Diggers from all over the South-West lined up and many sub-branches sent their quotas of the ball was to augment the sub-branch funds to buy a bed and its furnishings for W. H. Maddern. The handsome profite was rather more than had been expected.

**CLAREMONT**

The sub-branch was beaten by West Leederville in the competition for the A.R.M.S. competition, but gained a ten-points victory over Cottesloe in the fourth round of the competition. The social committee met at the residence of Mr. P. Davies on August 23, when it decided to close the garden competition on September 12. The general committee met on August 25, when final arrangements were made for a trip to Garden Island on November 21. The fares for the trip will be: adults 2/6 return, children 1/3 return. The s.s. "Emerald" leaves for the trip, calling at Claremont and Fremantle, commencing the homeward journey from Garden Island about 5.30 p.m. Colonel Mitchell, the sub-branch's representative on the State executive, was a guest of honour at the general meeting on September 2. A bus outing to Araluen will take place on Sunday, September 26. The bus will leave the Claremont Council Chambers at 9.30 a.m. The fares will be: adults 3/6, including parking fee. No charge will be made for children not occupying seats. Mr. Corness, speaking on behalf of ex-service men in the Old Men's Home, warmly thanked the sub-branch for its donation towards renovations at that institution. As members did not show much enthusiasm at the proposal to form a cricket club, it was decided to make all cricketing gear available to the S.S.L. Parking facilities for Show Day have been entrusted to the sub-branch, as in previous years. The arrangements are in the capable hands of Mr. E. J. Corness, also patrons of the Diggers' Parking Areas are assured that their cars will be in safe hands.

**NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE**

What a night! Did it rain on August 25? It did! But that did not prevent 20 stals-wants from attending the regular meeting. Though fairly dry within the room, we are privileged to use at the Artillery Barracks, we had a wet blanket thrown over us when the chairman (vice-president H. Welchman) announced that we were soon to lose our popular president, Mr. J. J. Wilson. The meeting was held immediately after the meeting on Thursday, September 1. If you have not yet received an invitation to attend this send-off, don't worry; we'll find room for you. Messrs. D. W. Paton and G. F. Cahill were appointed as delegates to the State congress. As the program for the evening, the writer heard the Last Post sounded in the cemetery almost a mile away. A reference to the day's "West" informed him that yet another member has passed on. H. Maddern, who was a member of the Repatriation Ward on September 3.

**YOKINE**

All meetings of the sub-branch are being well attended. There has been an increase of members during the past month. The annual smoke-o took place in the Tuart Hill Hall on September 1. There was a large attendance of members and supporters. Mr. Gillett, president of the sub-branch, carried out his duties as chairman in his usual efficient manner. After the usual toasts had been honoured, community singing was indulged in, bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close.

**COLLIE**

On August 14, Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood visited Collie. Arriving in Collie at 12 noon he was entertained at a dinner in our own hall sponsored by the Collie Municipal Council, Collie Road Board and R.S.I. Diggers from all over the South-West lined up and many sub-branches sent their quotas along, whilst Colonel Margolin represented the State executive. The State Parliament was represented by Mr. L. Craig, M.L.C., a member of the sub-branch, Mr. J. Mann, M.L.C., also a member of parliament and sub-branch, Mr. A. A. Wilson, M.L.A. At the dinner a presentation of a walking-stick of curly jarrah and gold-mounted was made to Sir William on behalf of the sub-branch by the president (Mr. J. Wilson). After dinner a number of the party visited the Collie Hall, where they were met by the matron and conducted over the ward in which were four of our comrades. Sir William had a chat with every man in the ward, soldier and civilian. After leaving the hospital, he was motored to the Theatre Royal, where he was tendered a welcome on behalf of the citizens of Collie by the Mayor and chairman of the Road Board. On the platform were Mr. L. Craig, M.L.C., Mr. J. Mann, M.L.C., Mr. A. A. Wilson, M.L.A., Colonel Margolin, Mr. Colin Craig, Mr. A. Rounders (Mayor of Collie), Mr. J. Gillett (chairman of the Collie Road Board and president Collie sub-branch), Mr. A. Watkins (president Cardiff sub-branch), and Mr. W. Stuchbury (secretary Collie sub-branch), all of whom spoke and extended a welcome to the Field Marshal. The Collie Municipal Band was also in attendance, and dispensed music throughout the afternoon. After the meeting was given in the hall, Sir William visited the Soldiers' Park to lay a wreath on the Memorial. He was here given a welcome by the school children who were lined up by the headmaster of the Collie High School (Mr. J. A.) who introduced the Field Marshal to the children. The Field Marshal found time immediately after the dinner to name and open the "Birdwood" Girl's Club. This club is the one started by members of the women's auxiliary and has as members 30 girls of all ages. Our dearest the genius this year will be as has been the case for some years, Messrs. May and Stuchbury. Members who are sick in the Collie Hospital are Messrs. E. Jackson (original 16th Battalion), H. Marley, C. Cleg (32nd Battalion), who would like to see some of their old Digger comrades. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

**MUNDIJONG-JARRAHDALE**

At the meeting on July 10, Messrs. W. Witniss and E. M. Rose were elected to the committee. The sub-branch received a welcome visit from members of the Maylands sub-branch, who staged a community concert that was greatly enjoyed. After the meeting on August 14, there was a social evening at which members of the local A.N.A. and their ladies were guests. A ladies' committee, organised by Messames R. A. Geddes, W. Smart and A. Craig, helped out with the social preparations.

Miss Hopkins ably performed on the piano. Seventy persons sat down to an excellent supper. One feature of the evening was a rifle match, in which the A.N.A. defeated the sub-branch. Possibilities were scored by Mr. N. McGee and Mr. A. Geddes and Messrs. W. Witniss and F. Duckrell. The shoot-off was won by F. Duckrell with another possible. On August 14, there was a very successful community concert and dance in the Mundijong Hall. Versatile Jock McAllister proved an able conductor. Assisting performers were Messames Kierath and Tait and Don McAllister. Amateur trials were won by Wm. Brennan (1st) and Alf Melville (2nd). The thanks of the sub-branch are due to the sub-committee and the ladies who helped to make the evening such a success. President Tom Tait will be absent from the next meeting, having granted himself seven days' leave. He and his good lady are keen workers for the sub-branch, and
VICTORIA PARK
The general meeting held on August 26 was very well attended and new members joined. The raffle was won by Mrs. Horwood with ticket No. 31. Instead of the usual raffle at the next general meeting, members are asked to bring gifts, which will be used to help the various stall-holders for the bazaar which will be held and in November. On September 1 we were the guests of Bas- sendean auxiliary and had a wonderful time. A special meeting was held on September 6 to discuss the Women’s Auxiliaries Annual Exhibition and Show of Work, and our own bazaar. Extra meetings are also being held in connection with the sub-branch’s annual carnival week, to be held from September 15 to September 18, inclusive. A mock wedding, children’s plain and fancy dress ball and members wish them both a very pleasant holiday.

SUBLACO
During August, the sub-branch met South Perth and Osborne Park in the A.R.M.S. competitions at the Subiaco rooms. On August 19, the sub-branch entertained members of the women’s auxiliary at a complimentary social, in appreciation of their previous hospitality and the good work they are doing. At this function, Mr. and Mrs. Downe were welcomed home from their trip to Japan. It was on this evening also that the sub-branch male ballet first exhibited their beauty, grace and, more particularly, their courage. The turn was greatly enjoyed by the audience. At the monthly meeting, the sportsmaster (Mr. Cecil Fraser) was thanked for his good work during the competition season.

OSBORNE PARK
At a meeting held on August 18, with presi- dent M. Ashdown in the chair, a fair muster was in attendance. Arrangements were made for the meeting of Subiaco in the final A.R.M.S. games. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Foreman, for the use of their home on this occasion, as the hall was being used to advantage for the sub-branch. At the meeting held on September 1 some interesting business was transacted. We have to thank our comrade Mr. Joe Rodin for again supplying the conveyance to take us to the matches away from home. A vote of thanks was given very heartily to the organiser of the games (Mr. Jim Nicoll) for his very able manner in which he carried out his duties. Though the sub-branch had little success in the games members are very well satisfied with the old friends we have met and the new friends we have made this season. We are pleased to say that the library belonging to the sub-branch contains over 1,000 books. The librarian will be pleased to see any Digger of the district who wishes to use them. The dances are very popular just now and we are having some very good evenings. The meet- ings for September will be held on the 6th and 26th, so roll up and join the games competition for the summer months. A trophy has been donated by past president Doug. Foreman for the best all-rounder in the A.R.M.S. games.

CARLISLE
The September meeting was well attended and a large volume of business disposed of by president Harold Crofts. Final arrangements were made for running a “Popular Girl” competition, and for the Children’s Ball on September 24. A League Certificate of Service will be presented to Mr. R. A. McLean Roberts at a social at the Carlisle Memorial Hall on September 18. Music, stories and songs followed the meeting, and were greatly enjoyed by the Carlisle Diggers and a few visitors. The next meeting will be held on the first Thursday in October, and a cordial welcome awaits all ex-service men.

MONTE CARLO
Monte Carlo night has been arranged, and a grand carnival dance on the Saturday night will conclude the programme. Conference delegates and their husbands will be entertain- ed at a social in our R.S.L. Memorial Hall on Thursday, September 30.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE
The fortnightly visits to the Repatriation Ward of the Perth Hospital are very much appreciated and it is whispered that a troupe of gipsies will be paying the “boys” a visit soon. During the last month two community concerts have been held, thus enabling the women’s auxiliary to make a donation towards the building fund and to the Mt. Hawthorn S.S.L. More community concerts are in demand and with Mr. Caddy as conductor, they should prove more popular than ever. Many thanks are due to Mr. Caddy for his assist-

SOUTH PERTH
The committee has provided musical entertainments and afternoon teas for the patients at Heathcote. The sub-branch combined with the auxiliary in arranging a social evening at Heathcote on September 9. The concert party gave the boys in Ward XI a musical evening. The monthly dances have finished for the year. The auxiliary held a birthday party on September 10. Members were sorry to hear of the illness of the mother of Mrs. Orgill, who has been seriously ill in hospital, and hope that she will soon recover.

NEDLANDS
Nedlands auxiliary entertained the ex-ser- vice men from the Old Men’s Home, and the patients from Edward Millen Home and Levenoos Hospital. The “boys” were conveyed by cars to the Broadway Theatre, Nedlands, where, by courtesy of Mr. Bob Hatfield, Mr. Brewer and United Artists, a picture programme was arranged. After the pictures the party adjourned to the lesser hall, where the Nedlands auxiliary members had prepared high tea. Mrs. Randall (president) welcomed the guests. Mr. Wood (president of Nedlands sub-branch) supported Mrs. Randall’s welcome and thankedMessrs. Hatfield, Brewer and United Artists. Mrs. V. Stock- min spoke on behalf of the motor outing committee, Mr. Brick for the Old Men’s Home, Mr. McKeever for Levenoos and Mr. G. H. Kenny for Edward Millen Home. Mrs. H. Hopperon thanked the car drivers. A musical programme took place after tea, to

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MAYLANDS
The China evening, for which the entrance fee was a cup and saucer, and to which members of the sub-branch and their wives were invited, was an enjoyable function. Maylands has not been very successful in the games competitions, but the standard of play has greatly improved as the result of participating in them. A concert party visited Lemnos on September 3. The auxiliary greatly appreciates the work of the performers who give their services on these occasions, and those who lend their cars. The secretary (Mrs. Ernie Adamson) has done yeoman service in bringing the auxiliary to its present standard of efficiency. It has been decided that the president (Mrs. Lewis) and the secretary (Mrs. Adamson) will represent the auxiliary at this year's congress.

CARLISLE
The monthly meeting was well attended. Two new members were welcomed. Much business was discussed and social events were arranged. Mrs. Gilsen (president) and Mrs. Crofts (secretary) were elected to attend congress. A popular girl competition is in full swing and great things are expected. After the meeting afternoon tea was served, during which Mrs. Pendergast, our representative on the executive, presented to Mrs. Monkhouse, on behalf of Carlisle auxiliary, with a beaten metal fire screen. Mrs. Monkhouse, who was taken entirely by surprise, responded. The next meeting will be held in the Carlisle Hall on October 11 at 1:30 p.m.

F.U.S.W.
Mrs. H. Dean presided over the September meeting and asked members to stand for a minute's silence to the memory of the late Mrs. Coomb, a respected member of long standing. Several parcels for the After-care box had been received and the president thanked donors for their consideration. Gifts of toys and clothing had also been received as prizes for the Children's Ball on September 27. Further prizes and supper contributions would be welcomed. Mesdames Wilson and Hiddlestone (F.U.S.W. representatives to the Free Milk Council) attended meetings during the month. Mrs. Kerr Pearse (London) a former president and now vice-president of the Union, sent love and greetings to all members. During the afternoon 21 new members were enrolled. A message from His Majesty the King, expressing sincere thanks to the F.U.S.W. for loyal message on the occasion of Their Majesties coronation had been framed and would be placed on the table at subsequent meetings. Mr. Glauert, an ever welcome visitor, was speaker for the afternoon, and took for his address "Mother Love in Nature." A programme of excellence, arranged by Mrs. Goyne Miller, included the following: Miss D. Brown, Miss Irene Stancliffe (songs), Miss W. Marshall (pianoforte solos), Miss D. Monkhouse and Mrs. Goyne Miller (accompanists) and Mr. David Lyle (songs). A vote of thanks to the artists was moved by Mrs. Mansbridge, seconded by Mrs. Matthews. The meeting then closed with afternoon tea.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY
Members of the auxiliary are working hard to make their Children's Ball on September 25 a success. Good prizes, supper and music are promised. The McKinlay Shield competitions are proving popular, and although our wins have been few and far between, members keenly anticipate each competition. They audaciously contemplate issuing a challenge to their sub-branches for the series. Membership is still on the increase and meetings are well attended.

ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

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<td>S. Dival, 453 Fitzgerald Street, North Perth. Tel. B 8448</td>
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