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ARMISTICE and AFTERMATH

On November 11, 1918, there was tumultuous rejoicing because a long and bitter war had ended in the defeat of a Power that had made aggression the instrument of foreign policy. On November 11, 1938, we face another Armistice Day with somewhat shamefaced demeanour concerning the more recent past, and no uncertain misgivings regarding the future.

Twenty years ago the Empire breathed freely in the knowledge that autocratic militarism had been beaten to its knees, that democracy had been vindicated by the sternest of all tests, and that the machinery would be devised for settling international disputes by the law of reason instead of the unreasoning rule of force. Whatever one may believe or read about the causes of that war, however one may repeat the American-spawned shibboleths about making the world safe for democracy and the war to end war, the fact remains that we entered that to prevent the bullying of weaker nations by bigger ones, and Australia mainly because the Empire of which she is a part was involved. At the expense of much blood and treasure we won that war. By the expenditure of much false rhetoric and loose thinking we have lost the peace, since barely twenty years after the end of the war that was said to end war, we have avoided the war that didn’t begin by yielding meekly to force and making sacrifices for peace at the expense of others. Not all the spate of Press publicity on behalf of Mr. Chamberlain can wash away these unpleasant facts. Not all the relief that one cannot help feeling because war was avoided can still the voice of reason which, perhaps, is only the voice of conscience singing in another key, when we observe the two minutes’ silence this year and wonder whether the much-vaunted Munich agreement was the harbinger of peace or merely the postponement of a bigger and bloodier war.

Some such doubts must afflict the mind, or perhaps the collective conscience of Mr. Chamberlain and his Ministerial colleagues, for the only point of agreement between the Government and its critics during the House of Commons debate last month was the urgent necessity for Britain to continue her rearmament programme as a greatly accelerated rate. One, of course, may be unkind enough to ask: “Why spend millions on armaments if political poltroonery prevents us from using them when a gangster in authority shakes his fist at us”?

But, in fairness to the British Government, it must be admitted that a rearmament programme takes time to complete and, according to schedule, Britain’s programme was not supposed to be completed until 1941. By that time, one hopes, assuming that Mr. Chamberlain is no longer in office and that he has not given away the whole of the British Empire in the meantime, we shall have recovered our prestige and be able to do something less abject than surrender in the interests of peace.

It is a far cry from Britain to Australia, but not such an enormous distance in these days of travel by air. In the past twenty years, there has been a new orientation of international forces, both political and economic, which brings Australia unpleasantly nearer to international danger spots. Political pacifists to the contrary notwithstanding, Australia cannot pursue a policy of isolation in 1938 any more than the United States could in 1917. However much individuals, or even parties, may decide to remain neutral, no Power at war with Britain would respect such neutrality. That is why so much of this talk about a separate foreign policy for Australia is just so much claptrap. Nevertheless, the reactions of the Chamberlain Government to the recent crisis have made it crystal clear that, in the event of future trouble, Australia must rely mainly on her own efforts for her own defence. For instance, if Mr. Chamberlain can pride himself on saving the world from war by permitting the dismemberment of a country that looked to us for moral—if not military—support, can we in Australia logically expect any Government of which he is the head to support us should Japan demand the abrogation of the White Australia policy in her favour, or should Germany demand the return of New Guinea with the intention of handing that territory over to Japan? These are certainly hypothetical cases; but in these days of outrageous demands and excessive yielding less likely things have been translated from the status of hypothesis to accomplished fact. Therefore, we must carry as large a share as possible of the burden of our own defence preparations.

This year’s State congress, then, is to be congratulated on reaffirming so decisively its previous declarations in favour of the restoration of universal naval and military training, with the organisation of all our human and material resources for defence purposes. Much of that organisation has been mapped out, and the recent war precautions provided valuable experience in this direction; but even increasing the Militia establishment by another 7,000 does not provide us with an adequate defence force. The persistence of the Government in the worn voluntary system is proof that the lessons in 1914 were soon forgotten, if they were ever properly assimilated. We would be the very last to ignore the self-sacrifice and devotion of those officers and other ranks who are the personnel of our voluntary army. In saying that this army is altogether inadequate to Australia’s needs, we offer them no slight; rather do we demand that they should receive more recognition and more assistance in providing them with trained
reserves. Those who oppose the reintroduction of the universal system of training would send these men into action without reinforcements, without reserves and more than likely without even a cheer.

It has often been argued that Australia raised a voluntary army quickly enough in 1914; but it is conveniently forgotten that, in 1914, a system of universal training had been in operation for over three years. There was then an adequate machinery for rapid recruiting and intensive training. There were also thousands of partially-trained men in the country whom the more intensive training soon turned into first-class front-line soldiers. To-day, we have neither the machinery nor the reserves; but both could soon be built up if we had a Government courageous enough to set national needs above party considerations.

One hopes that the sacrifices wrung from Czechoslovakia—cruel sacrifices, Dr. Beneš called them—will preserve a peace which can hardly be described as peace with honour, whatever Mr. Chamberlain’s admirers may say about it. But one would be a dangerous optimist if he supposed that such a man as Hitler would experience a change of heart in the flush of a bloodless victory. Mr. Chamberlain came back from Munich flourishing an Anglo-German declaration that is fondly supposed to be a guarantee against future war. Almost in the same breath he tacitly admits that the only reliable guarantee of peace is an adequate defence force; and what is true in regard to Britain is also true for Australia. Hitler himself summed up the position, after the sacrifice of Czechoslovakia, when he declared “It is cheaper to rearm before the events than after them.” That is the utterance of the man who jointly signed a declaration of peaceful intention. Let it be a lesson to Australia, who should also understand that the cheap defence of nations is no defence; and that the defence of this Commonwealth is an obligation which all should share.

**RESTORATION OF PENSIONS**

Resolution 25, passed by the 22nd annual congress, read:

“That the Federal Government be urged to immediately restore war pensions to the basis operating prior to the Financial Emergency Act.”

In this connection, the Minister for Repatriation has advised that the subject of the resolution has been carefully and sympathetically considered; but in view of the present financial commitments, it is impracticable for the Government to accede to the request.

It is felt that the Government has been generous in its provisions for ex-soldiers and their dependents and, whilst slight disadvantages may still exist in some cases, it is the opinion of the Government that legislation passed since 1931 more than offsets any existing limitation in pension cases. Since the present Government assumed office, the following important financial concessions have been granted to returned soldiers and their dependents:

(a) Financial Relief Act, 1933.—Assisted 70,342 cases to the extent of £233,331 per annum.

(b) Financial Relief Act, 1934.—Assisted 57,294 cases to the extent of £108,772 per annum.

(c) Financial Relief Act, 1936.—Assisted 91,706 cases to the extent of £145,710 per annum.

(d) Restoration Commuted Pensions.—Assisted 3,195 cases to the extent of £33,818 per annum.

(e) Removal of 20 per cent. reduction in allowances paid to soldiers suffering loss of vision in one eye.—Assisted 1,550 cases to the extent of £6,000 per annum.

(f) Grant of Service Pensions.—Assisted 11,000 cases to the extent of £365,976 per annum. It is considered that this figure will greatly increase in the next year or two.

(g) Acceptance of death from any cause whatever, as due to war service in Second and certain Fifth Schedule cases.—Assisted 46 cases to the extent of £2,197 per annum.

(h) Transportation Allowance of £5 per month for double amputation cases, one at, or above, and one below the knee.—Assisted 28 cases to the extent of £1,680 per annum.

(i) First increase in maximum rate of Service Pensions.—Assisted 8,200 cases to the extent of £21,000 per annum.

(j) Second increase in maximum rate of Service Pensions.—Assisted 8,200 cases to the extent of £21,000 per annum.

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On the 11th of next month, we will again remember comrades who left for active service with us and who did not return to their homeland. Australia, with other dominions of the Empire, will stand with bowed heads in memory of the youthful legion who died.

Again poppies will be worn on coats and dresses in remembrance. The imitation flower of the battlefield has been chosen as the Remembrance Flower; for strange to say, the blood-red flower grew in the greatest profusion on ground where some of the biggest battles occurred in past histories of Europe. Parts of Gallipoli also were overrun with poppies, particularly where the renowned 29th Division made its onslaught on the enemy coast-line at Cape Helles, and where Australia's 2nd Brigade suffered so much on May 8, 1915.

In Perth, on Armistice Day, bugles will sound from principal intersections of the city streets, and also the soldier's requiem will go to all parts of the State by radio. Therefore, the wireless brings almost all the population within the remembrance circle of November 11. Again members of the women's auxiliaries will undertake their labour of love, and the League's objective this year is to place 60,000 poppies on the coats and dresses of West Australians. Last year, 50,000 poppies were disposed of, and this year 55,000 imitation flowers have been manufactured by disabled soldiers and it is anticipated that the carry-over from last year will total another 5,000.

All sub-branches are urged to immediately initiate the organisation for Poppy Day. Country sub-branches should see that the Poppies are introduced into outlying districts, and following the example of one sub-branch last year, the good offices of the mailmen should be solicited to place poppies with isolated farms and stations.

It should be remembered that one-third of the total Poppy Day proceeds will go to increase the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, the balance being used to meet current amelioration needs. Other than the cost of manufacture, the gross proceeds are applied for distress purposes amongst ex-service men and women. The slogan for November 11 should be "60,000 Poppies in Remembrance."
The 22nd State Congress

Congress opened on September 28 and finished at noon on October 1. The agenda consisted of 170 resolutions and there were 27 notices of motion. Discussion, as usual, was particularly keen, and delegates wasted no time in disposing of items which were considered extravagant or unworthy. One time it was easy to get motions through congress, which had only a sentimenatal basis; but with the passing of the years has brought the realisation that as leading citizens of the Commonwealth we must also temper our desires to fit in with the capacity of the country to meet such claims. Congress was well led by President Alf. Yeates, and although flashes of wit were not as prevalent as formerly, good humour and fellowship prevailed, making the president's task a very pleasant one.

Some of the debates were of a very high standard and more time was spent in the discussion of items of national importance. We have not attended a congress at which so much information was given to delegates. Many items were framed without a complete understanding of the existing state of affairs, particularly on pension matters, and the explanations given should be of value to delegates. It was thought that the most contentious items would be those dealing with the method of celebration of Anzac Day; but the vote for the retention of the present system was carried almost unanimously.

It was the first congress many delegates had attended, and new friendships were made and old ones cemented.

Confidence in the old State executive was such that all who stood for re-election were elected. The new vice-president, vic Bishop Riley, is Mr. Fred Aberle, who has served the League well for a number of years. New executive representatives are the country vice-presidents, Messrs. Butler, Lawton, Cornish and Austin, and Mr. Ross Keening, who served last year as country vice-president, and Mr. Bill Logie, who has had previous executive experience.

No doubt delegates will report to sub-branches the fate of their resolutions. We have space only to publish the resolutions which met with the approval of congress:

Motions Carried

Harvey.—Congress agrees that where a motion emanating from a State congress is rejected at a Federal congress or Federal executive meeting; a precis of the debate on the matter without alteration or amendment be furnished to the State executive of origin and furnished in turn to the sub-branch of origin.

Cranbrook.—That it is the opinion of congress that the financial crowns supplied are of poor quality and the fasteners not of suitable material, and that more suitable crowns be obtained for future use.

Press.—That congress recommends to the Repatriation Department the complete taking over of Ward X of the Perth Hospital as an additional repatriation ward, so that the same privileges and fares may be afforded to men in that ward as are enjoyed by those in Ward XI, as it is the opinion of this congress that, owing to the increase in the number of ex-service men needing treatment, the time is now opportune for this action.

Mr. Lawley-Ingewood.—Congress is of the opinion that the establishment of a repatriation hospital in lieu of Wards X and XI of the Perth Hospital is most desirable in the interests of ex-service men, and suggests that such an institution could be conveniently erected in the grounds that surround the Edward Millen Home, Victoria Park.

Nedlands.—Congress urges that all ex-soldiers who are receiving pensions for a war disability of 70 per cent or over be eligible for admittance to the repatriation wards when such ex-soldiers are ill, irrespective of the nature of the illness.

Manjimup.—Congress agrees that the Repatriation Department be requested to make provision for the better comfort of men awaiting a medical board at the Repatriation Department buildings by installing comfortable accommodation such as chairs, lounges, reading matter, etc.

Kalgoorlie.—That this congress urges that all South Australian veterans who enlisted in Australia for service in Australian units be placed on an equal footing with returned soldiers of the Great War with respect to pension rights.

Wickepin.—That it be reaffirmed that the provisions of Division 5 of Part 3 of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act shall be further amended so as to apply to members of other Empire forces who have resided for 20 years within the Commonwealth and who fulfil the necessary qualifications contained in the Act as amended and assented to on December 6, 1935.

Congress requests the War Service Homes Commissioner to fall into line with the Act passed by the Western Australian Parliament for exemption from payment of municipal rates by service pensioners.

Penberton.—Congress agrees that where the recipient of a service pension cannot earn any extra money towards the upkeep of a large family, the limit of four children should be amended to make it all children irrespective of date of birth.

Nedlands.—In view of the fact that ex-soldiers who have no medical history whilst on active service, and are suffering disadvantages in obtaining affirmative decisions as to whether their disability is war caused, congress urges the Government to adopt a more liberal interpretation of the benefit of doubt clauses, where soldiers have good war service and have subsequently broken down in health.

Kalgoorlie.—Congress is of the opinion that in the case of a war pensioner who dis appears for an illegal reason and who cannot be traced by the C.I.B. or any other authorities, and whose pension is not drawn upon, that his wife be specially considered by the Repatriation Department for a continuation of a wife's and children's pension or some allowance in all cases.

Perth.—Congress agrees that a homestead colony be built for the housing of returned sailors and soldiers who are living on a small pension. (Referred to the incoming executive for investigation.)

War on the Auxiliary Resolution.—That this conference urge the Government to establish a home for aged soldiers and soldiers. (Referred to State executive to be considered in conjunction with above resolution.)

Manjimup.—Congress resolves that congress is opposed to any amendment of Anzac Day observance.

Armadale.—That congress approach the Government to have Anzac Day gazetted a paid public holiday.

Northam.—Congress agrees that ex-Imperial returned soldiers employed in Government services be granted the same privileges as ex-A.I.F. men in regard to leave on Anzac Day.

Calingiri.—Congress directs incoming executive to consider the organising of country sub-branches towards a monster rally for Anzac Day in Perth, to be held on the 25th anniversary in 1940.

Northam.—Congress is of the opinion that the matter of wages staff returned soldiers being granted Anzac Day as a holiday with pay at their home stations be represnted to the Commissioner of Railways. As an alternative, should any wages staff returned soldier be called on to work on Anzac Day or be away on duty from his home station on Anzac Day, he be paid penalty rates for the day in the same manner as for Christmas Day, Good Friday and Labour Day; or that a day in lieu thereof be added to his annual leave.

Manjimup.—Congress agrees that the State Government be asked to provide free railway passes for all ex-service men who desire to attend Anzac Day parade in Perth at the 25th anniversary.

Congress resolves that the Constitution Rule 2 (i) be amended by adding the following words: "provided that in the case of a man aged 60 years the amount shall be 45/5/-."

CONGRESS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
ON DEFENCE

Congress is of the opinion that the present system and strength of the Commonwealth forces is totally inadequate for the future defence of Australia and strongly presses for the reintroduction of universal training.

Congress is strongly of the opinion that a system of registration and organisation of the whole of Australia's resources of wealth, man-power, material and industry should be immediately introduced so that in the event
of a national crisis arising the whole of these should be available.

Press.—Congress agrees that portion of the Royal Australian Navy should be based at Fremantle, consisting of sloops which could be used for surveying and training purposes.

Press.—That congress strongly urge the Minister for Defence to organise into the defence forces expert technicians holding positions which would be of great value in the event of mobilisation, and that an immediate commencement be the engagement of the services of trained foresters and surveyors who have detailed knowledge of country areas and the capabilities and equipment possessed by the people residing therein.

Congress requests the State Gas Defence Committee to take immediate steps to educate the people of this State in the matter of gas defence and suggests that every possible means to this end be utilised.

Albany.—That congress press for a service pension being granted by the Imperial Government on the same lines as that granted to ex-A.I.F. men by the Commonwealth Government.

Albany.—That congress press for a discussion at the next Imperial conference upon the disabilities of ex-Imperials in the Dominions and Colonies.

Margaret River.—Congress agrees that all ex-Imperial men be put on the same footing as ex-A.I.F. men re jobs in any Government works and to receive the same consideration.

Kalgoorlie.—That congress continue to press for the appointment of a resident commissioner for Imperial pensions in Australia, to facilitate the hearing and adjustment of pension appeals by ex-Imperial men.

Manjimup.—That congress recommends to the Federal executive to bring before the Minister for Repatriation the plight of war-disabled British ex-service men in Australia, and that the Minister be asked to take up the matter with the British Minister for Pensions. Failure of settlement being obtained, that any man so desiring be repatriated to his former home by the British Government.

Wiluna.—Congress agrees that similar financial support be granted for the burial of indigent Imperial soldiers as is available for Australian soldiers, and that renewed efforts be made through the B.E.S.L. to have funds made available for this purpose by the British Government.

Press.—Congress is of the opinion that concerted action be taken by metropolitan sub-branches of the League to promote an annual sports meeting worthy of the occasion as a source of revenue for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers Fund, and that a sub-committee representative of all metropolitan sub-branches be appointed to proceed with the scheme.

Pingo—That to enable greater funds being collected for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers Fund, congress requests country sub-branches to establish a stack at each siding for receipt of donations of wheat, and that the necessary permission be sought from the Agricultural Bank Commissioners to enable the results to be marketed and proceeds paid direct through the postal channels.

Kalgoorlie.—That congress views with alarm the influx of foreigners and that the matter be brought before Federal congress.

Aradath-Babakin.—Congress agrees that special attention be directed to the vigorous renewal of the League policy of preference to the returned soldiers.

Press.—Congress urges the Commonwealth Government to include a scheme of national physical training in its National Health plans; and, in doing so, to revive the former collaboration between the military authorities and the educational systems of the several States, realising that these institutions alone have the knowledge and experience needed for the training of large numbers in a limited time.

Mr. Lawley-Inglewood.—This congress is of the opinion that the "open cheque" contract form to be signed by occupiers of War Service Homes before a sewerage contract is accepted should be abolished and a definite contract price form be adopted.

(Referred to executive, War Service Homes Committee.)

Murray.—Congress is of the opinion that the building of workers' homes should be accelerated in country districts and that more money be made available for workers' homes generally.

Manjimup.—Congress agrees that the State executive be asked to approach the Minister for Works in order to obtain, if possible, one day's extra work per week for single ex-service men on sustenance.

Harvey.—Congress instructs the State executive to do all in its power to have the Agricultural Science Course restored into the curriculum of the Junior examination at the University.

Kalgoorlie.—Congress is of the opinion that the Minister for Education should be approached to install cooling tanks in lieu of water bags to schools within the Goldfields areas.

Kununoppin: School Children's Travelling Expenses.—Congress is of the opinion that travelling expenses for country school children should be uniform, thus calling for an overhaul of present conditions and the correction of existing anomalies.

Kununoppin.—Congress is of the opinion that the practice of sending city cast-off school furniture to country schools should be discontinued.

Wyalkatchem.—Congress is of the opinion that it is time that country schools are equipped with modern school desks instead of being supplied with the cast-outs from city schools.

Executive.—Resolved that Mr. A. W. Jacoby be warden State War Memorial and the members of the Boy Scouts Association sub-wardens for ensuing year.

Press.—Congress agrees that the Commonwealth Government be asked to arrange for the provision of a seaplane base on the Swan River, together with the necessary equipment.

Press.—Congress is of the opinion that the League should adopt as part of its national work the encouragement of the planting and care of suitable trees to beautify the State and counteract soil erosion caused by wind and rain, and to provide necessary shelter for stock; and that sub-branches be requested to put this objective into practice by personal effort; and that the League cooperate to the fullest extent with the Departments of Agricultural and Forestry together with the Tree Planters' Association.

Press.—Congress is of the opinion that, having in mind the people's natural love of ceremonial and pageantry, such organisations as the University, schools, youth clubs, sporting bodies and the military authorities be urged to present public spectacles whenever possible; not only as an inspiration to the participants, but also as an indication to observers as to what may be done by enthusiasts, practice and the will to learn; that this matter be brought more particularly to the attention of the Commonwealth Government.

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through the medium of the Federal congress so that an example may be set by the military authorities; and, further, that the State executive be urged to initiate action by the other organisations.

Kalgoorlie.—That Federal congress be urged to have Pension Act amended so that under the service pension allowance income be augmented by the difference in the basic wage, as between the metropolitan as a mean and country or Goldfields where such difference exceeds 5/-.

Executive.—That the Service Pensions Act be amended to permit the granting of a pension and privileges to the widow and dependents of a returned sailor or soldier who died from T.B. prior to the commencement of the Act on January 1, 1936.

Cue-Big Bell.—That when male patients are admitted to any hospital in this State, provision should be made when his particulars are taken whether the patient is a returned soldier and that the sub-branch of which he is a member of, or the nearest sub-branch be informed of his being in hospital. This information will materially help sub-branches in the matter of visiting sick members and taking them comforts, etc.

Kalgoorlie.—That notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 27 of the W.A. Branch Constitution a certificate be awarded to Mr. Sidney Gerald Smithin, ex-hon. secretary of the Yarri sub-branch, in recognition of his services to the League.

Fremantle.—That congress earnestly request the Commonwealth Government to grant occupants of War Service Homes a lower rate of interest to ease the burden of repayments now that many are getting up in years, and to amend the Act to give effect to same.

Victoria Park.—That where an ex-service man has to go into the repatriation hospital for any war-caused ailment, that the Repatriation Department arrange to safeguard his position with the employer. (Referred to incoming executive.)

Nedlands.—Congress agrees that where an ex-soldiers' death is accepted as due or attributable to war service, war pension shall be payable to the widow under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act at the minimum rate of 64/- per fortnight irrespective of her financial circumstances.

Manjimup.—That when a sub-branch assists a Child Welfare case, steps be taken to get the Child Welfare Department to recoup the sub-branch for amount allowed to the full extent of their commitments.

Katanning.—In the opinion of congress the rail concession for country students be extended to Section B.

Executive.—Congress regrets the apparent lack of co-ordination between the R.S.L. of Australia and the Empire Service League headquarters on questions of policy and the absence of replies to correspondence on matters affecting the welfare of individual ex-service men.

Fremantle.—Moved that all returned sailors and soldiers who are not eligible to come under the National Insurance through age limit, and who are in receipt of a small war or disability pension, have this pension increased to at least one pound (£1) per week upon attaining the age of sixty-five years of age, and to receive medical benefits similar to those under the National Insurance scheme. (Referred to the incoming executive.)

Albany.—That the Education Department be requested to grant the reinstatement of continuation classes at country schools when applied for.

LAND SETTLEMENT SECTION

In accordance with established procedure, representatives of soldier settlers discussed matters connected with the land at a preliminary conference, which met at Anzac House on September 26. Mr. W. J. Hunt (chairman of the Land Committee of the State executive) presided on the first day, and Mr. J. Cornell, M.L.C., on the second. The State president (Mr. Yeates) attended throughout the deliberations. When opening the conference, Mr. Yeates mentioned the need of rain and marketing difficulties. Intense nationalism and the unrest in the world had restricted overseas markets, and the problem of orderly marketing was increasing in difficulty year by year. Demands were being made in some branches of primary production for a home price. He hoped this principle would be extended. Mr. Yeates concluded his remarks by referring to the good feeling that existed between the Land Committee of the League and the Agricultural Bank. Individual cases taken to the Agricultural Bank authorities had received prompt attention and, wherever possible, favourable attention. He hoped, in the interests of the man on the land, that these conditions would continue.

During the morning session, delegates were addressed by the Minister for Lands (Mr. M. F. Troy), who described what the State Government had done in the matter of writing off settlers' debts and the revaluation of repurchased estates by the Agricultural Bank. "I set my hand to the plough some years ago to do this work," Mr. Troy declared, "and I think I can say, while I have been in office, I have done pretty well for the man on the land." The applause which greeted this claim showed that it was approved by the Minister's audience. Continuing, Mr. Troy mentioned the improved conditions in the South-West and advised settlers to dig-in while times were good.

The South-West was referred to again when Mr. Hunt presented the annual report of the Land Committee. He considered that the outstanding feature of

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this year had been the quietness of affairs in the South-West, where the dairying industry provided the one bright spot in the soldier settlers' outlook. "The South-West settlers have some troubles, of course," Mr. Hunt admitted, "but their position is considerably improved. Any visitor to the South-West must be struck by the extraordinary progress made. Development of a permanent nature is evident everywhere; stock has not only improved in price, but the quality is a pronounced grade higher. Complaints and discontent have been succeeded by reports of a very encouraging nature." Mr. Hunt considered it was not too much to expect that the South-West would carry a big population in years to come. He then referred to the marketing of perishable goods, suggesting that a great improvement in marketing methods would occur. Mr. Donovan agreed. With the producer. Mr. Donovan, who represented the Koorda, Kunnunoppin and Mt. Marshall sub-branches, asked if the Bank would assist settlers in the marginal areas to carry on, as was done last year. Mr. Donovan replied that, provided those settlers worked to a programme on the advances by the Bank, there was no question about their being carried on. Before the arrival of the Commissioners, the conference had passed a resolution asking that ex-service men or their sons be allowed to take up abandoned holdings without payment of any deposit. When the resolution was referred to the visiting Commissioners, Mr. Clarke pointed out that no interest had been paid for many years in dozens of cases, up to a few years ago; but that no settler had been forced off his block for not paying interest. In answer to Mr. Noonan, of Katanning, who asked if the Bank was prepared to reverse its attitude towards the tractor, Mr. Donovan said: "I think a man can have what he can afford to pay for." The Commissioners were then thanked for their visit and withdrew.

The following resolutions were carried:

**Rosa Brook-Rosa Glen.** —That the burden of back rates on vacant Agricultural Bank holdings newly taken up by existing settlers should be lightened.

**Narembeen**. —That the Agricultural Bank should legislate that when a returned soldier, other than a returned soldier, and other than the trustee, as was held by deceased, and without the consent of Agricultural Bank being necessary.

**Manjimup.** —Congress considers the time now opportune for a general investigation into conditions and standards of living of clients with a view to an adjustment of statutory demands by the Agricultural Bank, if it is found that the living allowance be inadequate.

**Kununoppin.** —Congress recommends that full support be given to representations made by primary producers' organisations for a guaranteed price of 4/- per bushel of wheat at port of shipment.

**Pingrup.** —That congress urges that the Railway Department should install water troughs at all railway trucking yards.

**Calingiri.** —Congress resolves that cheap superphosphate railway freights be available throughout the year.

**Pingrup.** —Congress urges that amendment to Transport Act be made to delete the words Clause 3 "oats and barley" and insert the words "all cereals," and that members for the State Parliament be interviewed with a view to their co-operation.

**Pingrup.** —Congress is unanimous that a compulsory pool under growers' control is essential to obtain a fair price for wheat. (Referred to Land Committee to confer with P.P.A. and W.G.U. executive.)

**Darling Range.** —That congress request the Hon. Minister to appoint a growers' representative on the Metropolitan Market Trust, such representative to be a bona fide grower of such produce sold within the precints of the Metropolitan Markets. The appointment to be selected from nominees organisations and balloted for by all using the markets for the sale of the primary products.

**Darling Range.** —That congress again stress the necessity for a Primary Products Marketing Act for the purpose of ensuring the growth at least of a fair standard of living.

These two resolutions were conveyed by deputation to the Minister for Agriculture who stated that the Marketing Trust appointments could not be reviewed until August, 1939, and that the question of a Marketing Act was receiving the serious attention of the Government.

**Narembeen.** —That the R.S.L. oppose any...
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At the first meeting of the new executive held on October 12, the following standing committees were appointed:

- Move by the superphosphate companies to supply super in paper bags.
- Harvey: That the Department of Agriculture be urged to take a more serious view of contagious and transmissible bovine diseases.
- Pingrup: That a greater amount of monies be granted for the formation of roads in the outback and newer settlements.
- Busselton: That the Collie scheme for the electrification of the settled areas of the South-West of this State receive the support of the Government, and that the Government be urged to have the scheme put into operation at earliest opportunity.
- Manjimup: That ex-service men or their sons be allowed to take up abandoned holdings without payment of any deposit.
- Yandanooka: That new leases be granted on application to all settlers on repurchased estates on the same terms and conditions as the new leases already issued to those settlers who have received adjustments under Rural Relief scheme.

These two resolutions were to be taken up with the Minister for Lands by deputation during congress. Deputation: Messrs. Newton, MacKenzie, Dolley and Tucker appointed.

- Muntadgin: That co-operative bulk handling authorities be asked to employ more responsible persons as weigh-bridge attendants.
- Deputation: Messrs. Keesing and Budd to wait upon the Manager, Bulk Handling Ltd.
- Gnawangerup: That the Government be asked to direct the Government that it puts through a policy for the utilisation of light lands for this State.
- Waroona: That the Government be asked to appoint at the staff of the Agricultural Department an economist, particularly versed in marketing of agricultural produce. (Referred to Land Committee.)
- Mooroona: That this congress enters a protest to the Commissioners of the Agricultural Bank against the cultivation of only parts of the grasshopper-infested blocks. It is pointed out that unless the remainder is held up each year the grasshopper menace will be as bad as ever.
- Upper Chapman: Congress considers that as most soldier settlers have paid an equal amount to the original cost of the property in interest, all future payments made be in reduction of the principal and interest cease, thus giving soldier settlers a chance of better security in their declining years.
- Resolved that Messrs. R. Keesing (wheat), D. East (wool) and D. Johnstone (dairy) be the three country representatives on the Land Committee.

ROYAL REVIEW

Ex-Soldiers to Participate on November 14

Ready acquiescence has been given by the District Commandant (Brigadier P. M. McFarlane) to the request of the Returned Soldiers' League that representatives of the A.I.F. and Imperial ex-service men take part in the King's Birthday Royal Review on November 14. The pleasure of the naval, military and air forces is expressed by the Brigadier as the prospect of co-operation from the ex-service men on the same lines as on Coronation Day. He is now “taking it as fixed and organising accordingly.”

The Commandant has informed the League that, as about 20,000 people could not get a proper view of the Royal Review last year, he has obtained the consent of the Lord Mayor and Perth City Council to the Perth Oval being used. This ground,” he writes, “is smaller than the Esplanade for parade purposes, but the mounds surrounding it will admit 50,000 spectators witnessing the activity. It will entail the parade being held in three lines instead of two as at the Esplanade. My proposal is for the first line to consist of the Royal Naval Reserve, the Royal Australian Artillery and the 13th Infantry Brigade (this bridge will fire the feu de joie), and the Royal Australian Air Force. The second line will contain the technical units, the A.A.M.C. and V.A.D.'s, and on the left the ex-A.I.F. and Imperial party organised as a battalion as previously. The third line will contain the mounted troops and guns. I hope the members of the League parading will appreciate the situation, and not be disappointed at not being in the front line as obtained on the last occasion. This, of course, is entirely due to the formation and extent of the Perth Oval.

“The same procedure as obtained last year will be followed, which will consist of the arrival of His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, inspection of the lines by His Excellency, march past of all in parade, re-form, and the ceremony of saluting the Royal Standard with the customary gun fire salute and feu de joie. The time fixed for the arrival of His Excellency is 10.30 a.m., but troops should be in position at 10.15 a.m.”

11th BATTALION (A.I.F) HISTORY

The 11th Battalion history, now running as a serial in The Western Mail, will soon reach its conclusion. It is intended to publish the story in book form as a permanent record of this famous battalion. In order to build up a fund for this purpose, advance subscriptions are asked for and all 11th men and others interested should forward subscriptions—or at least 5/- deposit to R. W. Blair, 79 William Street, Perth. In the event of the book not being published, money will be returned in full.

Subscriptions previously acknowledged, £70/2/-; D. Seymour, 10/-; F. Allwood, 10/-; A. Burgess (Lake Brown), 41; E. C. Francis, 10/-; W. G. Crofts (India), 10/-; W. Waters (Burekup), 10/-; F. Goundry (Mt. Barker), 10/-; H. Dambrill (Margaret River), 10/-; receipt 534, 5/-; Major S. Hubbard (11th C.M.F.), 10/-; Joe Walsh, 10/-; C. H. Godfrey, 10/-; R. Arundel (Frankland River), 10/-; Total: £77/7/-.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE S.S.L. MOVEMENT

BY R. A. NICHOLAS (ASSISTANT STATE WARDEN)

To Colonel Collett is given the honour of founding the S.S.L. movement. He, in his wisdom, saw that the time would come in the not far distant future when, as we used to sing in one of our marching songs, we would “simply fade away,” and this organisation which we have built up so strongly and which is recognised as part of the life of our community, would require other leaders and other minds to carry it on. This, then, was the prime object of the formation of such a body as the S.S.L. In whose hands could we better place the privilege of handing on to posterity the traditions that ex-service men and women have created than those of our Sons?

The first sub-branches were formed in this State with such success that the idea was referred to all the States, and at the 16th Annual Federal Congress in 1931, the S.S.L. Constitution was drawn up and adopted. Less than two years later, the first committee meeting was held in this State and on February 12, 1934, the first combined meeting was held in the Old Soldiers’ Institute at which representatives from the following sub-branches were present: Press, Perth, South Perth, North Perth, Midland Junction, Claremont, Carlisle, Nedlands and Osborne Park. At that time the total membership in this State had increased to about 500.

On Anzac Day of that year, the Sons made their first public appearance, being led by the State Warden (Rabbi D. I. Freedman). In May of the following year, the S.S.L. took part in celebrating King George V’s jubilee at the Youth Rally at Lenton Park. Three days later the first conference was held in Anzac House, lasting all day, those present including the State president (Mr. A. Yeates), the founder of the movement (Colonel Collett), Colonel Olden, Rabbi Freedman and delegates from country and metropolitan sub-branches.

Agenda items included central organisation, Anzac Day participation and the appointment of Mr. A. Tomlin (himself a Son) and Mr. Reg. A. Nicholas as assistant State wardens. Membership strength had now reached 900.

When the Jubilee Appeal for Youth and Motherhood was held in 1935, the S.S.L. did its duty in taking part in the Treasure Chest Drive, when the streets of Perth were lined with pennies. Each Anzac Day a wreath is laid at the dawn service by the State warden, escorted by two Sons; and now headed by their flag they occupy a prominent position in the march and service.

We have been challenged with the statement that we are trying to inculcate into our boys a militaristic spirit. I emphatically deny it and the aims and objects set forth in the S.S.L. Constitution are a complete answer to such a charge. We certainly encourage the older Sons to join the Citizen Forces, for it is the duty of every citizen to fit himself to defend his country and his home should the need ever arise.

How do the sub-branches operate? An S.S.L. branch is formed by the parent R.S.L. sub-branch for the first year; the president and secretary are elected by the parent sub-branch. In succeeding years the Sons appoint their own officers, conduct their own meetings and control their own finances. Two wardens are appointed annually by the R.S.L. sub-branch and their duty is to attend and assist at all meetings in conducting and organising, but in an advisory capacity only.

The Constitution provides for boys over 12 years of age; but in this State we have been granted permission to legislate for our own requirements and we have reduced the age to 10 years for membership; younger boys participating if sub-branches can cater for them.

There are Sons up to 34 years of age and this disparity of ages necessitates a system of age-grouping. Junior, 10-16; intermediate, 16-21; senior, 21 and over; the junior group being again sub-divided. As a general rule, the active members are those under 16. After that age we find they have other attractions—night school and other studies, military drills and parades. A number, however, continue as section leaders in the work of training and helping the younger ones.

For several years the Colonel Collett Shield has been annually competed for, sub-branches competing with each other in rifle shooting, quoits, table tennis, parlour bowls and draughts. This shield was first won by South Perth, but last year and again this year won by Mt. Hawthorn, one of the most enthusiastic and best organised sub-branches.

Some of the other activities are cycle clubs, cricket, handicrafts, trade classes, lectures (educational and general), gymnasium. One enthusiastic helper taught boys the Malay language. So you can see that the S.S.L. movement aims at service to the community in a like manner as the R.S.L., by encouraging and training in physical, educational, recreational and moral development.

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"Old Ninth" writes: It's a pity congress ended before the full text of the Munich Agreement (so-called) was signed at Herr Hitler's dictation. Had there been time, I should have liked to see the delegates carry a resolution in favour of scrapping our White Australia policy. That policy, I consider, is neither logical nor necessary now that Mr. Chamberlain's abject surrender, and its meek approval by the Federal Government, have definitely placed us among the yellow races. The Munich surrender, might or might not be justifiable on grounds of expediency, that will be for the historian of the future to decide; but to talk of peace with honour, and to describe Mr. Chamberlain as the greatest Prime Minister that ever lived, because he made sacrifices for peace at the expense of the unfortunate Czechs, is sheer hypocrisy of a very muddle-headed and callous order. It is almost as stupid as the parrot-cry to the effect that everyone who disapproved of the betrayal of Czechoslovakia wanted war. It will never be proved now that Hitler would have caved in if Britain had spoken plainly instead of vaguely all through the piece; but the odds pointed that way.

On the other hand, what is this peaceful settlement that Mr. Chamberlain is supposed to have arranged. We've sheltered behind the fact that we had no treaty obligations to Czechoslovakia to throw that country to the wolves. The result is that the Czechs have now made the best terms they can with Germany. British influence and prestige is a dead letter throughout all the little countries whose co-operation we needed against war, for the simple reason that no one can ever trust us again. We've given Germany an open go in south-eastern Europe, abandoned Rumania and Russia as well as Czechoslovakia, and now it looks as if we are being prepared for the surrender of parts of the British Empire as well as the mandated territories to Germany. What is wanted now is a clearly-expressed statement from Mr. Chamberlain of how much more he wants to give Hitler, and a little less kite-flying about the colonial question being part of a general plan of appeasement, whatever that may mean. It is quite obvious he has little faith in the much vaunted Anglo-German declaration of peaceful intentions, which was featured so prominently as a justification for the betrayal of the Czechs. Mr. Chamberlain appears to trust Hitler so little that he is pressing on with the business of armaments, which he obviously lacks the entrails to use. It is equally obvious from Hitler's more recent speeches that the only form of appeasement that will satisfy him is the granting of every demand he makes. Germany will use the peace blackmail more that ever now, and when the time comes that we must decide between further yielding and national suicide the war that results will be bigger and worse than ever. Either the British Empire or Chamberlain must go. In the meantime, thank God for men like Lord Lloyd who could stand up and say: "Once we had a navy and honour. Thank God we still have a navy." Incidentally, there has been talk of giving Mr. Chamberlain the Nobel Peace Prize. What actually is the prize—thirty pieces of silver?

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A.R.M.S. COMPETITIONS

Mr. E. S. Watt, the chairman of the controlling committee, reported as follows to congress:

When the late Gordon Thompson, of Nedlands, conceived the idea of these sports competitions eight years ago, he "built better than he knew."

In addition to honouring the memory of the beloved Archbishop Riley, it has brought much pleasure to hundreds of ex-service men in the metropolitan area, and in addition to the great advantages gained by intersub-branch visits, it is an undoubted fact that the games have been a major influence in the retaining of interest of members in their sub-branch activities.

We have just completed our seventh year of competition. Eighteen teams participated and 135 matches were played. The semi-finalists were Mt. Hawthorn, West Leederville-Wembley, Nedlands and Gloucester Park and the grand finalists were Nedlands and Mt. Hawthorn, this match being won by Nedlands by seven points to three. Nedlands, therefore, are this year's winners of the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield.

Through the generosity of the firm of Shimenson and Co., we are possessed of a trophy which has been donated for annual competition for the highest team aggregate for shooting. This has been won this year by Gloucester Park with splendid aggregate average of 144½ out of 150 points possible, closely followed by Mt. Hawthorn with 144 4/10 and Nedlands with 143 3/10.

Individual championship competitions are now being arranged by the controlling committee for those who participated in the competitions.

Your controlling committee has had much to do, and I desire to express my personal thanks to the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Holder) and the members (Messrs. Sharpe, Kirtton, Charles, Wilkins and Powell) for their splendid help.

The Grand Final

The grand final between Nedlands and Mt. Hawthorn was most interesting and at one time it looked as if the odd table of bridge would decide the winners. There was a large attendance of spectators and the games were umpired by the West Leederville sub-branch.

At bridge, Nedlands won by two tables to one, the individual scores being Benjie and Hawley (Nedlands) 717 lost to Devine and Fisher (Mt. Hawthorn) 777, Arnott and Dent (Nedlands) 1808 beat Rowles and Pendlebury (Mt. Hawthorn) 433, Lapthorne and Smith (Nedlands) 974 beat Woodward and Blunt (Mt. Hawthorn) 792.


In the draughts, Jones (Nedlands) lost to Williams (Mt. Hawthorn) 1; Randle (Nedlands) beat Barrett (Mt. Hawthorn) 2 1/2; Oders (Nedlands) beat Wells (Mt. Hawthorn) 2; and Hamilton (Nedlands) beat Woodhead (Mt. Hawthorn) 2-1. Nedlands winning by 7 1/2 games to 4.

We suggest that some of our mathematicians work out the odds against there being a draw at table tennis. The writer would be prepared to give 3000 to 1, and yet this did happen, both sides scoring 2 rubbers, 6 sets, 210 points. Langstord (Nedlands) beat Ericson (Mt. Hawthorn) 21-14, 13-21, 22-20; Hewitt (Nedlands) beat Pendlebury (Mt. Hawthorn) 21-18, 21-15, 21-8; Halliday (Nedlands) lost to Jones (Mt. Hawthorn) 14-21, 15-21, 21-19; Pendlebury (Nedlands) lost to Young (Mt. Hawthorn) 14-21, 13-21, 14-21.

To date, the winners of the shield have been South Perth (1932), Nedlands (1933), Mt. Hawthorn (1934, 1935 and 1936), Gloucester Park (1937) and Nedlands (1938).

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If some time and is vonleigh Hospital, is now out and about fortunately again, though he left his appendix even if he has shied at the double harness reconvalescence. We are pleased to record that engagement is announced. The good eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McAlinden, of McAlinden, of tells us that Bill is quite house-broken, recently gave XI. He hopes to be out shortly. Though young couple all good wishes for the future.

Cottesloe stalwart, one of the sub-branch’s staunchest members, Billy Waterman, has decided that two can live quite as expensively as one, so his engagement is announced. The good lady is Miss Olga Doreen McAlinden, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McAlinden, of Busselton. We offer the happy couple all good wishes for the future. Our Cottesloe correspondent tells us that Bill is quite house-broken, even if he has shied at the double harness hitherto.

Cottesloe’s sick state for the month is fortunately a short one. Harry Myatt (ex-Camelier) has had a rough spin for some time and is still confined to Ward XI. He hopes to be out shortly. Though a sick man, he is quite cheery and one of the best. We wish him a speedy recovery. We are pleased to record that Jack Garrett, who was recently in Devonleigh Hospital, is now out and about again, though he left his appendix behind him. The Cottesloafers are looking forward to seeing him at meetings again.

For the benefit of Mr. H. E. Hills, of Jinarnin, Kukerin, and others who may have noticed the extra ten years we inadvertently gave Mr. Murphy, of Yalgoro, may we state that the sentence was concurrent and not cumulative. Mr. Hills forwards his entry for the weight-for-age, or oldest member stakes. He was born in 1860, and is therefore 78 years of age. He served with the 2nd Dragoon Guards section of the Heavy Camel Corps in Egypt, during the Nile Expedition of 1884-85, which was just too late to save General Gordon from his untimely fate in Khartum. Although Mr. Ellis never asked for it, he received notification from District Headquarters that his name has been placed on the Imperial Veterans’ list. “Good luck to all the old hands,” he writes. “May they live to be 100 and remain able to blow the froth off. I hope to be in Perth for Christmas and when I see you, we will open a bottle of the best.”

We regret to record the death of Mr. R. A. Campbell, who passed away on September 24. Bob was a member of the Subiaco sub-branch and served during the war with the 51st Battalion. Although not taking an active part in sub-branch work, his genial and pleasant personality was an asset at meetings and it seems hard to believe that he will no more take his retiring place at the back of the room and listen to debates and reports with his tolerant and appreciative smile. A good attendance of members, together with a very large number of his workmates, paid their last respects at the funeral. At the monthly general meeting, members stood in silence to his memory. To his widow and family we offer our sincere sympathy.

J. W. Murphy, of Jingemarra Station, via Yalgoro, corrects us once more—I notice in the September Listening Post that you have added ten years to my life. Now what crime have I committed to have the added burden placed on my shoulders? From 1862 until 1938 is 76 years, and as they have been pretty full I refuse to accept the other ten. In regards to blowing the froth off a few pots, I think I could muster up enough wind, that is if the bartender did not put too much froth on top; but if I ever arrive in Perth I will certainly assist you all I can in the worthy object. In regards to the oldest member of the League I heard some time ago that Colonel Mansbridge (magistrate and warden at Cue) was one of the founders of the League. If so, I imagine that he must be. I cannot say for certain; but you as a news-getter should have no difficulty in finding out.

It is with deep regret we learn of the passing of Clarrie McMahon, of the Murray sub-branch, on October 4. His loss will be felt by his comrades of the sub-branch and amongst a wide circle of friends. Clarrie always had a cheerful outlook on life, notwithstanding that he has been in failing health for some time. He always enjoyed meetings and was enthusiastic in furthering the ideals of League comradeship.

We have received a copy of the Bendigo Advertiser (September 19) containing a report of the monster welcome Bendigo Diggers gave to the new Bishop of Bendigo, better known to our readers as Archdeacon Tom Riley. During his speech, our old comrade made a stirring appeal for membership, and described the way ANZAC Day is celebrated in this State. While on this subject, he told his audience how the celebration of the Dawn service originated in this State and the surprising response of the public.

Mr. Chamberlain’s apologists were at their feeblest in attacking Mr. Duff Cooper, who resigned from the Cabinet because he did not approve of his leader’s astounding sacrifice for peace at the expense of a small country which trusted us, and looked to us for some measure of protection against the turbulent bully next door. Duff Cooper served in the Grenadier Guards and won the D.S.O. during the Great War. In 1919, he gained an even more valuable distinction, for in that year he married Lady Diana Manners who was then, by common consent, the most beautiful woman in England. The best that local newspaper critics could do was cynically to suggest that we should have started a war to keep Duff Cooper in the Cabinet. Such a gibe is a fair average sample of the attempts to justify the way we saved our hides by sacrificing the Czechs. More people, one thinks, will agree with Duff Cooper that there would have been no war, and a very different result, had Mr. Chamberlain spoken plainly to Herr Hitler and mobilised the navy on September 14, when the British Prime Minister knew that Hitler would march, if he were not deterred. Whether Duff Cooper was right or wrong in his appreciation of the situation, the inescapable fact remains that, as a young and ambitious man, he is to be commended rather than condemned for resigning an important portfolio like that of First Lord of the Admiralty, because he put conscience before party.

Members of the Tambellup sub-branch are glad to see Stuart Temby home again. He is a hand short, but looks well and is still smiling.

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A very pleasant function took place in Tambellup recently when ladies of the auxiliary aided and abetted the sub-branch in a welcome home to Mick Collins and his bride. So many nice things were said that Michael’s inherited Hibernain eloquence was taxed when replying. The happy couple were presented with crystal goblets. Michael’s promotion to the ranks of Benedicts leaves Bill Giles the only lonely bachelor on the local hospital board.

Albany’s president (Mr. W. H. Carson) has had a bad run of misfortune. Being severely run-down, he went to the Porongorups to recuperate. While there, he seemed to be improving, but a sudden relapse caused him to be hurried to the Albany Hospital. For more than a week he was seriously ill and was not permitted to have visitors. He is now on the mend, and we join with Albany comrades in wishing him a speedy recovery.

The State War Memorial Warden elected by congress to take over from Colonel Chas. Lamb on Armistice Day is Mr. A. W. Jacoby, the manager of the Swan Brewery Co. It is a happy choice, as Mr. Jacoby has at all times been a good friend to the Digger, at all times working quietly but surely. The sub-wardens will be the Boy Scouts’ Association, who were also sub-wardens some five or six years ago, when the boys did a splendid job. They cared for the monument with loving care and they are delighted to once again have the honour. This association is keenly anxious to have the backing and assistance of Diggers throughout the State and we recommend this as a job of work well worth while.

Cecil Harvey has made way for his successor as president of the Cottesloe sub-branch after many years of splendid service. Cecil had lead the Cotteslofers since the formation of the sub-branch about eight years ago. He also served for a few years on the State executive.

Fred Aberle, the new vice-president of the League in this State, has justly deserved the honour. In addition to serving on the State executive for a number of years, he has also done yeoman service in his sub-branch at South Perth, serving for a period as president. He has been chairman of the House Committee and is president of the Anzac Club—two very exacting duties. We note that Fred has secured the Nationalist nomination for the South Perth seat, and if intelligence, capacity, honesty of purpose and unfailing good humour count for anything in politics, Fred will be a difficult man to beat. His unit was the 16th.

A worthy appointment was that of Mr. E. Y. Butler, the resident magistrate of Albany, as senior country vice-president. E. Y. served on Gallipoli with the 12th Battalion and later commanded with distinction a company of the Imperial Camel Corps. Since his return, he has been a good worker in the League and has just completed a term as president of the Albany sub-branch.

The dear old Rabbi was much missed at congress this year. His sound common sense, his unfailing good humour, his undoubted friendship and keenness for the movement have always been appreciated by delegates, and many were the inquiries regarding his health. We are pleased to report that the Rabbi’s health is steadily improving, but he is not yet fit to resume his former activities.

A GARLAND OF VERSES

[“Down Among the Red Gums,” by Ellen M. Harbord (“Ellakin”), Perth, the Imperial Printing Coy. Ltd; Price 2/6. Our copy from the publisher.]

Mrs. Ellen Harbord, who has written and illustrated “Down Among the Red Gums,” is the wife of one of our South-Western pioneers, and still lives in that wonderland of bush and blossoms, about which she writes so charmingly. In her collection of short poems, Mrs. Harbord is ever the kindly interpreter of Nature in its many and varying moods. Her pen has the art to wheedle secrets from tree and flower. She has the eye for colour, the ear for sound and the mind that can blend them both in her dainty lyrics. She is not of those who make poetry a pretext for preaching. She does not, one thinks, set out consciously to drive home any preconceived truths which are only too often half-truths. The brave drum of her rhythm beats all the more bravely because it is not thumped, and the lesson of optimism is all the more effective because it does not blare upon one in shrieking periods; but rather steals into the focus of consciousness like a shy ray of sunshine penetrating a mist.

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Our esteemed contemporary, "Reveille," suggests that we warn readers against nefarious gentry who impersonate Victoria Cross winners in order to defraud the unwary. We know our own V.C.'s, so it would be no use for some hulking six-foot to tell Bill Clowes, or some other Digger publican, that he was Jimmie Woods and borrow a note on the strength of it. But we do not know the Eastern States V.C.'s or those who come from overseas. Therefore, gentle reader, button up when some unknown warrior tells you where he won the Cross and follows it with a query as to how you are holding. Some of the gentry who have been prosecuted in Eastern States police courts have developed quite a useful technique in victimising sub-branches and trustees of funds; so remember, Vigilance is the price of Safety.

The sacred forest, dedicated to writers who served with the Allied Armies and gave their lives during the Great War, was dedicated near Lamalou, in the south of France, on July 13. This forest is composed of 150,000 trees, covering 700 acres, and is divided into sections, thanks to streets and avenues which have been traced within it. On July 13, each of these streets was given the name of a fallen writer. Appropriately enough, one bears the name of Joyce Kilmer, the American poet, who was only thirty-one years of age when he was killed in action in France on July 30, 1918. Kilmer's best-known poem, "Only God Can Make a Tree," has been set to music. The whole of his work is informed with a deep and abiding love of nature. Another street will bear the name of Lieut.-Colonel John McCrae, whose "In Flanders Fields" is now the universally accepted poem of Armistice Day. Still another is called after Alan Seeger, the American volunteer whose prophetic insight impelled him to write "I Have a Rendezvous with Death." Rupert Brooke, who wrote of "the little corner of a foreign land that is forever England," is similarly honoured. Among the French writers commemorated are Pierre Rey, Paul Moreau Vauthier, Paul Lintier, Charles Trouffleau, Sylvain Roye, Lionel des Rueux, Charles Bourcier, Charles Muller and Raymond Guasco. Fidac, the Inter-Allied Federation of Ex-Service Men, has launched an appeal to the 11 national sections, asking them to give the names of the best-known soldiers who were also writers. The forest was planted in June, 1931, and was inaugurated by M. Andre Tardieu, himself a writer and a veteran of the war. At the time M. Tardieu was France's Minister for Agriculture. The French Association of Ex-Service Writers is sponsoring the sacred forest.

Congratulations to the acting Prime Minister (Sir Earle Page) on his assurance that Mr. Hughes' outspoken declaration against the suggestion that New Guinea be returned to Germany. In answer to a question in the House of Representatives, Sir Earle Page said that the views expressed by Mr. Hughes were in accord with the opinions and the policy of the Commonwealth Government. On previous occasions, when Mr. Hughes has made remarks to which the dictators might take exception, the Cabinet has hastened to reassure the gangster Powers that the views expressed were the personal opinions of the Minister for External Affairs and not necessarily those of the Government. It will be noticed, however, that Sir Earle Page mentioned the policy of the Government, but said nothing about its intentions. When it is remembered how tamely Canberra acquiesced in the betrayal of Czechoslovakia, one cannot escape the suspicion that Mr. Chamberlain's thumb has been pressing somewhat heavily. We know it is the Federal Ministry's policy to object to the transfer of New Guinea, but we should feel more reassured if it were stated from Canberra that the Government has no intention of giving up the mandate, whatever Mr. Chamberlain may think about it.

During the crisis in Czechoslovakia, people in the Sudeten areas had to be careful how they greeted one another. Consequently, when the arm was stretched in salutation, men uttered the letters "H.H." which could signify "Heil Hitler," "Heil Henlein" or "Heil Hodza." But a general salute like that would not meet with Mr. Chamberlain's approval. It gave nothing away.

In his Memoirs (1934), Lloyd George, who was a much better judge of his political contemporaries than he was of generals, had this to say of Mr. Chamberlain: "Mr. Neville Chamberlain is a man of rigid competency. Such men have their uses in conventional times, and are indispensable for filling subordinate posts at all times. But they are lost in an emergency, or in creative tasks at any time."

Mons celebrated the battle that was fought there in 1914 during the last week of August. The old fortress city was decorated with Belgian and British flags. The Burgomaster (M. Maistriau) received a party of 200 Old Contemptibles, including Colonel Elliot, who was in command of troops near Mons during the battle. The Burgomaster was presented with a flag for the War Museum. M. Maistriau expressed the hope that the British War Memorial would

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be unveiled next year. In the afternoon, the visitors went to the British cemetery and inspected the battlefield.

Our Albany correspondent informs us that Mr. W. A. Donnes, who is a newcomer to Albany, attended a meeting of the sub-branch and noticed the absence of a reading lamp at the president’s table. Thereupon he remedied this omission by presenting a very handsome table lamp to the Institute. The design is a replica of the State War Memorial made in polished oak. When the lamp is lighted, the floodlit effect of the original is apparent. A parchment shade, ornamented with designs of the A.I.F. hat badge, surmounts the whole.

Dumb Dora’s young brother thinks Herr Funk is a German name for Mr. Chamberlain.

Lieut.-General Sir Hugh Elles, who took the rank of general on his retirement in August, first became known to fame through a phrase which he never uttered. This was in November, 1917, before the attack on Cambrai, when he was reported to have parodied Nelson’s famous signal with an order, “England expects every tank this day to do its damnedest.” Actually, Sir Hugh did nothing of the kind, and he was much annoyed by the report. His actual message ran: “To-morrow, the Tank Corps will have the chance, for which it has been waiting for many months, to operate on good going in the van of the battle...” In the light of past experiences I leave the good name of the corps with great confidence in your hands. I propose leading the centre division.” This he did in his tank “flagship” Hilda. His lonely flag, flapping on his tank was, in the words of a subsequent historian, “easily worth another hundred tanks to the enheartened Tank Corps.”

During the war, there were many arguments about the correct pronunciation of the name of the place the British soldier called “Wipers.” Diggers who served in the Salient will recall that the names in those places were displayed in both French and Flemish, but the language question has become so acute and has caused such bitter political controversy in recent years that the French names have been removed. On the station at Ypres, for example, the familiar Ypres and Yper have given place to the Flemish Ieper, and the long tortuous street, the Rue Au Buerre, which winds its way to the Menin Gate, is now the Boterstraat.

Contrary to the general opinion, the letters S.R.D. on the container of a very popular article of diet in the trenches does not stand for “Soldiers’ Rum Diluted,” “Seldom Reaches Destination,” or even “Soon Runs Dry.” The actual interpretation of the mystic letters is “Service Ration Department.”

The National Broadcasting Commission celebrated the opening of the new national station by introducing a new feature which promises to be both instructive and popular. From 7 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. every night, except Sunday, a session entitled “Digger Doings” appears on the programme. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are devoted to a serial which ran well in the Eastern States, where it eclipsed the popularity of “Dad and Dave.” On Tuesday evenings, Digger artists will be featured, and with men like Roy Glenister, Bill Wilkins, Ted Scott, George Mellor and a host of others still on the parade state, there should be no difficulty in arranging...
programmes for that evening. The remaining night, Thursday, is set aside for Dug-Out Anecdotes. This session is conducted by a well-known local writer and broadcaster who hides his identity under the name of “The Skipper”; but the effort is intended to be a co-operative show, to which all Diggers who know good yarns that can be told over the air are invited to contribute.

The British Government’s foreign policy can be summed up in a parody of the old bush phrase, “— you Czech, I’m all right.”

John M. Haines, of 618E Sunbury Street, Shamokin, Pa., U.S.A., who was a sergeant in the medical department of the American Army, has written to The Sun, Sydney, seeking to locate an Australian soldier whom Haines assisted at St. Souplet, near the La Selle River, in France, about October 15, 1918. The evidence of this Australian soldier, says Haines, is vital to enable him to establish his claim to a war pension. The American dressing-station nearby. A shell tore off a corner of the roof of the dressing-station while the Australian was inside and Haines had the Australian across his shoulder, taking him to a dug-out, when Haines slipped and fell, injuring his back and abdomen. From these injuries, Haines adds, he had developed cancer. The American Pensions Department has given him until November 1 to complete his claim.

NEWDEGATE CUP COMPETITION

Won by Norseman

The committee reported as follows to congress:

The sub-branches who submitted nominations for the Newdegate Cup competition this year were not as numerous as might have been expected, with the League in this State in such a buoyant virile conditions as it is at the present time.

But though the number was not large your committee do not recollect an occasion since this competition was inaugurated where such evenness of effort has been displayed, and where final adjudication has been more difficult.

Sub-branches such as Manjimup, Mt. Lawley-Inglewood and Norseman have shown marked increase in membership, while other sub-branches such as Ned-lands, South Perth and Northam, though not having advanced in membership to any very appreciable extent, have maintained a firm hold on their hitherto existing high percentage and have employed their personnel to the full in advancing the League’s prestige and usefulness in other directions. The young sub-branch of Wyndham and East Kimberley has, under extraordinary conditions, been responsible for a most creditable performance.

Some fine work in the direction of amelioration has been done by many of the sub-branches, like Northam, while the raising of contributions to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund has been the outstanding effort of others such as South Perth. The all-round activities of Mt. Lawley-Inglewood and Norseman must receive worthy recognition, likewise the social activities and fine enthusiasm of Nedlands.

The Newdegate Cup for the year 1938-1939 is awarded to Norseman.

FEDERAL CONGRESS

The Federal congress will be held in Perth this year and will be opened at Anzac House by His Excellency Sir James Mitchell at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 12. It is not known at time of going to press who the other States’ delegates will be, but Sir Gilbert Dyett will preside and our delegates will be Mr. Alf. Yeates and Mr. Reg. Nicholas. There will be a full round of business and entertainment and delegates will depart for the Eastern States on Thursday, November 17.

Tenth Light Horse Association “Smoko”

Nearly two hundred attended the annual smoko of the 10th Regiment held in Anzac House on October 5. The tables were decorated with huge colour patches in black and gold, and flying pennons on miniature lances denoted head quarters, squadron and machine gun messes. Trumpeter Bob Cook, of the Young 10th, sounded every cavalry call in succession before proceedings commenced, then Last Post and Reveille in the appropriate time. A feature of the ceremony for fallen comrades was the unveiling of an empty saddle, fully equipped. The room was thrown into darkness, whilst the saddle showed up under a single light suspended overhead. Padre Moore gave a short address after which Last Post and Reveille were sounded. By the fine gesture of Will Talbot, the community concert held on the floor above was suspended during the ceremony. President Roy Perry gave a brief address and Secretary Dick Hummerton gave a resume of the Association’s operations for the year, appealing to those present for donations towards the Tom Todd Memorial Plaque in the Guildford Church, and inviting members to join the Association financially. Amelioration matters were also mentioned. During

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the evening, a considerable toast list was got through, Mr. F. W. Wilkinson, a member of the N.Z.M.R. transport section in Sinai, suggested that the 10th Association collaborate with the N.Z. associations in New Zealand to make one big body, representatives of which might be able to gather for the 1940 Anzac Day parade in New Zealand. Members are reminded to watch the papers regarding arrangements for the Royal Review which will be held on the Perth Oval on November 14. The District Commandant (Brigadier McFarlane) has kindly invited A.I.F. men to participate. As twenty men and a leader are required from each unit, will those interested please advise Dick Hummerton at his address in back of "The Listening Post."

Special Message from Brigadier-General Royston

The following telegram was delivered on the morning following the 10th Light Horse smoko. Had any initiative been shown by the company who received it on the Wednesday afternoon in ample time, it could have been read to members. Here it is: "Greetings and congratulations to comrades. Best wishes to loyal Australia. (Signed) "Galloping Jack." Other interesting telegrams which were read to members came from old Bob Knowles, transmitted by pedal set from Ashburton, conveying greetings to old cobbers, and from our old cobbers in Sydney, of whom there are forty odd running a 10th Association.

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CHAPTER XXI
PREPARING FOR THE SECOND GAZA BATTLE

The period following the First Battle of Gaza was a strenuous one for the 10th Regiment, as indeed for the whole Force. The Regiment, in common with other units of the Imperial Mounted Division, was based on Belah, but its sphere of operations included chiefly the outpost line—along the Goz-el-Taire ridge—and the Wadi Ghuze in the vicinity of Tel-el-Jemmi. The abundance of water at Belah and the scarcity elsewhere rendered this disposition a necessity.

No secret was made of the fact that preparations for a second effort to reduce Gaza were being pushed rapidly on, and with a great deal more elaborateness. More infantry was moving up from the Canal, guns of heavier calibre than hitherto had been used, were being dragged along towards the front line by caterpillar tractors, our air force was increasing in strength, better armoured cars were now available and, finally, the crowning joy of the Army, the hope of its side, the mysterious, much-advertised, irresistible, war-winning tanks, crept stealthily up in the night and were carefully deposited in their camouflaged home amongst the cactus hedges and palm trees of Belah, there—jealously guarded and spoken of only in whispers—to await the day when they should at length be turned loose on an astonished foe and complete his ruin.

True, the enemy numbers on this front were increasing rapidly; but his strength was known to our agents—so it was said—and it could not compare with the force to be used against him “next time.” The more Turks brought into the Gaza-Beersheba line, the more complete would be their crushing. Indeed, it was suggested in some quarters that the First Battle of Gaza was merely a ruse-de-guerre, of almost devilish ingenuity, on the part of our High Command to induce the enemy to employ a much greater number of troops on this line, in order that his downfall might be the more easily and more quickly compassed.

In these quarters the keynote prevailing was one of the breeziest optimism. Every move made by the Turks was construed to be to our advantage. They were increasing numerically. Hooray! They were digging furiously and extending and elaborating their network of defences from Gaza to Abu Hareira. So much the better! They’ll get all the digging they want soon! Ali Munfar, with its famous Labyrinth, was becoming more honeycombed with works than ever. Splendid! Wait till our “heavies” and tanks get at it! And so on.

There were some, however, who were not quite certain whether this extraordinary optimism—coupled with commiseration for the pitiable plight—that the enemy was so soon to be in—was altogether healthy. They were not at all convinced that the tactics employed in the First Gaza Battle constituted a brilliant strategy to draw the enemy on. They knew the Turks well enough by this time to understand that they at least would not recognise our army’s effort as such, and they also knew that the tail of the enemy must be well up. In the air, despite the splendid courage and boldness of our flying personnel, the Hun machine was still supreme, and there were those who realised the vital importance of that factor.*

Early in April an incident occurred which served to illustrate the various trains of thought here referred to. The Regiment was ordered out from Belah to take up a semi-circular position east of the Waddi Ghuze—running from Mendur on the right, through Sharta, and terminating at Sheikh Nebhan—and act as a covering force to an artillery Staff reconnaissance to be carried out in that sector. Moving out at dawn the Regiment occupied this line without serious opposition. Enemy cavalry, mounted on Arabian ponies, were observed in the distance actively patrolling in the vicinity of Sheikh Abbas and Tel-el-Ahmar, whilst back on the ridges the Turks were heaving up the earth in steady shovelfuls, working at their defences.

In due course the artillery experts arrived at the Sharta post and began to question the officer in charge. “What is that high point?” was the first query of the General in charge of the party. “Ali Munfar, sir,” came the reply. “Splendid! K— my boy,” turning to a certain C.R.A., “you can put a few cannon there”—indicating an arm of the Wadi Sheria—and blow that place into the sea. What?”


Noticing a somewhat dubious expression on the face of the Light Horse officer, the General asked: “Don’t you think so?”

“I’m not sure that it will be such an easy matter, sir,” answered the officer.

“Oh, indeed! And why?”

“Well, sir, since you have asked me, that hill reminds me very much of Achi

*It may be mentioned as a striking circumstance that the commencement of the successful period of our Army in Palestine synchronised with our obtaining the mastery of the air in that theatre of war.
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This latter work was carried out assiduously, as it was recognised that no time must be lost if the guns were to be efficiently handled in the impending battle.

Exercises with gas helmets of a newer pattern were also indulged in during this fortnight. April 13 was Good Friday, a quiet day, disturbed only by frequent visitations of enemy aeroplanes. In fact, since the First Battle of Gaza, the Turks had evinced no desire to assume the aggressive otherwise than in the air. They appeared quite content to dig and wait. On April 14, however, shortly after daylight, they sprang rather an unpleasant surprise on our people. Our railhead was now at Beilha, and the usual huge supply depot had been established. It was well out of range of enemy field guns, and our "Archies" rendered it more or less immoveable from aerial bombing. On this particular morning we were startled in our bivouac by the loud report of a gun coming from the direction of Gaza followed by the bursting of a high explosive shell right in the heart of the heaped up stores at the railhead. Shell succeeded shell with steady persistency and accurate aim, whilst high in the air above the railhead a German aeroplane hovered, evidently spotting for the gunners.

It was the first intimation that our people had that the enemy was in possession of weapons of such great range, and for half an hour the supply dump and surrounding camps were subjected to a disconcerting bombardment, although fortunately a surprisingly small amount of actual damage was done. Examination of a "dud" shell proved the weapon to be a five-inch naval gun, and it was considered to have been portion of the armament of the German cruiser Goeben, adapted for land service on somewhat similar lines to those of the British naval guns in the South African War.

Although no definite orders were yet to hand regarding the impending operations, it was generally conceded that the time must be fast approaching. The railway could be pushed no further, and the invasion of Palestine would come to a standstill unless the Turks were dislodged from their present line. That they were going to be thoroughly whipped this time was, of course, a foregone conclusion. Everyone who ought to know said so, and it must be so.

The guns, the infantry, the armoured cars, the whisper—the Tanks! Ali Mun-tar blazed into the sea, the tanks breaking loose from their concealment at last and crushing the affrighted Turks in their trenches or out of them—like a new species of Juggernaut; the infantry revenging themselves for their previous set-back! Poor old Turk! What a time he was in for!

"Yes, we knew all that, but in the meantime might we be told the role the mounted troops in general, and our own unit in particular, were expected to play?"

"All in good time, boys; all in good time! Secrecy must be observed till the last possible moment."

Secrecy! Why, the Egyptian camel drivers and construction gangs had a very good idea of the exact time and nature of the operations long before they were officially vouchsafed to our mounted formations!

But it has already been pointed out that a written record of the doings of one small regiment is not the proper place in which to offer criticism or attempt to apportion blame if an Army scheme miscarried. It is permissible to say, however, that even the rank and file observed, later on, under General Allenby's regime, a most noticeable and welcome change from the conditions hitherto existing with regard to impending operations.

(To be continued)

"Eggs-a-Cook" Reunion

The Diggers' congress having concluded, the serious business of reunions has come into its own and the 44th started the week with a good muster of about 130 in the Stirling Room on Monday, October 3. President Major Rockcliffe, supported by Patron Charlie Lamb, Alf. Yeates (State president), Dr. Fowler and other well-known "Eggs-a-Cook" identities, saw the above-mentioned crowd make steady progress with a first-class dinner before they commenced the toasts and speeches. All the speeches were brief and witty, especially that of our State president, who came to light with some rare yarns for which he blamed his association with the members of the State executive. Messrs. Kidd and Harry Hopperton entertained with vocal items while Jimmy Purling and his party of musicians led the community efforts. The mess orders, a gallant band consisting of Bill Eddy, Sid Mountain, Joe Burgess, Andy Boland and Alec Hart, had a busy evening keeping the glasses full, while Secretary Joe Rogers carded almost everyone into taking one or two books of art union tickets. Representatives of the 11th, 16th, 28th Artillery and 10th Light Horse attended, also a detachment of the Young, 44th headed by Major McKinlay. Reminiscences and community singing helped to revive again the old unit spirit and a happy crowd dispersed about 11 o'clock.
THE DEBT REPAYED

(By M.H.M.)

Stopping the tractor engine, Jim Melbourne half turned in the seat, crossed his legs, and gazed moodily at the surrounding country. Everything in sight reminded him of the years of hard muscular toil, spent in the development of Passchendaele Farm. All his own small savings were thrown in, like leaven, as it were, with the physical energy and he took pride in the fact that it was he who had shaped the farm from a virgin block.

Then came the slump. Bad seasons played havoc with the crops and stock and interest payments fell behind. For a long time he had been getting reminders about this from Perth. Jim battled hard; but now it seemed he would have to face up to eviction. It was a hard word and the significance of it made him realise just how much his family, the homestead, the sheep and cattle, crops and the open life itself, all meant to him.

There was something, however, he did not altogether realise, and that was the slow but sure mental and physical reaction to his strenuous war experiences. Interest payments had started the worry and he could not meet his problems now with his old time clear minded confidence.

He was losing grip, and small troubles were magnified until they appeared insolvable. All his thoughts centred round the threatening eviction and he felt he could do anything to square up that back interest: Anything? The thought came to him like a flash. The wireless had only just told him of Jack Blake's good fortune. Jack was his best friend—in France and after—and farmed a block not ten miles away. At the last minute he had bought a ticket for Jack in the lottery and one for himself as well—unwittingly both in his own name—and Jack's ticket won! He groaned when he thought of what the £2,500 would have meant to him—a half—a quarter would have solved his problem.

It was surely his distraught state that made him entertain the thought, even for a moment. He had forgotten to send Jack his ticket—and neither was marked, only in his own conscience—therefore he alone knew which ticket had won. How easy to change! The thought was a shock, and he involuntarily shivered. He who had always played the straight game; was he going mad? or was he a coward? He thought of his decoration for bravery at Messines, for saving Jack's life, and wondered why his first real problem in peace should bring him to this state of mind. Were the "pill boxes" of peace harder to capture than those in war?

He was trembling badly, and he visualised, as he had often done before a khaki-clad officer standing alone on the muddy, shell-torn Broodseinde Ridge. He also was trembling, he remembered, trembling so badly that his open map almost fell from his hands. Five times Jack answered his stuttering question and showed him where to go—each time he returned. It was first with disdain, then wonderment, and pity, that he watched the nerve-racked figure refuse the temptation to give up; finally plunging desperately forward to appease his duty-trained conscience. What followed—Blithy or Eternity? Jim never knew; but he realised now that the officer was no coward, that in the centre of his war-torn mind was the one thought of the duty which lay ahead.

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As Jim slipped from the tractor he saw Jack striding across the field, pleasure written all over his sunny, open face, hand outstretched to offer congratulations. Even as they met Jim had decided.

"Congratulations, Jack? Thanks, old man, but they're yours."

"Mine? Why? Your name came over the air as the winner!"

"I know, Jack; but I bought your ticket with mine—without thinking, both in my own name—and the one I picked for you proved the winner—and good luck, old boy, you deserve it."

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A smile played round Jack's mouth as he saw Jim running towards him, waving an envelope threateningly in his hand. Jack did not need to be told what it meant. He knew that Jim's interest troubles were over.

Their hands met in a grip.

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Scholarships—The following applications for scholarships were received and recommended: Perth Modern School, 63; District High Schools, 11; Narrogin School of Agriculture, 4.

Regret was expressed by the committee at the continued illness of the president (Rabbi Freedman).

WEST PERTH

At the last meeting, it was decided to hold a bridge evening in the sub-branch rooms at Padbury House on Tuesday, November 15, 1938. The charge will be 1/6. Refreshments will be provided and tables may be booked with the departmental secretaries, or ring hon. secretary (Mr. P. L. Ross), tel. 19621. For the purpose of helping the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, the departmental secretaries will approach all members of the sub-branch for a contribution of a fixed amount fortnightly over one year.
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(Are you in need of heartsease or love balm? If so, tell Auntie Mac all about it. She knows all the answers and this page is at your service.—Ed.)

THE GENEALOGY OF "AUNTIE MAC"

So many of my readers have written in to ask me "who is 'Auntie Mac'" that I am disclosing a few genealogical (farmers' lingo for "family tree") particulars for their information—and future guidance.—Ed.

One of a family of seventeen girls born at Oop-cum-Woop-Woop, her father was the G.F.H. on Colonel Gertcha's broad acres; her mother was the dairymaid. As a result of gossip in the district, she quit the colonel and later married the G.F.H. While all her sisters were dark-haired, Mac was ginger, and her father always declared that he couldn't account for it.

As she couldn't find any other work when she grew up, she came to Perth, and her father always declared that he had twenty volumes of sub-branch notes and finally society wrote beauty cream notes, sob-sisters stuff, qualified to advise others.

I will skip the details of her life, but will say that I am satisfied she is now fully qualified to advise others. "Auntie Mac" knows all the answers to anything you want to know. Send your love queries to her; write and tell her the facts in the strictest confidence. No matter what you want to know, she'll tell you.—Ed.

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Well, boys and girls, here we are again with a big mail to dispose of. All this war scare business has naturally revived memories of some of our gallant Diggers, and one in particular who was befriended by a little French piece, now wishes to pay her... but read the letter for yourselves:

Dear Auntie Mac:

Twenty-two years back, when I was in the 51st Battalion, I met a charming girl named Madam-must-sell-Something. She resided at Armentieres. One evening, just before I was due to meet her, I had been playing "two-up" with some lads of the 11th Battalion and, needless to say, when they had finished with me, I found myself financially embarrassed. Consequently, I had to ask her to lend me a few hundred francs.

Having recently won £12,000 in a sweep, I am contemplating a trip to Armentieres for the purpose of repaying the francs, which has been on my mind for years. Do you think through the agency of your wonderfull column you could ascertain what shift her husband will be working when I arrive in France the Tuesday after next?—Danny (Dalkeith).

What a praiseworthy gesture, Danny (O.M.H.), and to think you have remembered it all the time! If, to save yourself the worry and trouble you would care for me to take the money over, I will readily do so.

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Dear Auntie Mac:

I see him nearly every day; he smiles pleasantly, but does not stop. He has done several things which make me feel that he is interested in me.—Alicia (Albany.)

Be very wary, Alicia (Albany). It's all groundwork. He'll be selling you an insurance policy before you know where you are. I once had an adventure like yours. Before I could say "E.S.W." I had twenty volumes of "Things Debutantes" Ought to Know" delivered at my digs, and it took me two years to pay the instalments.

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Dear Auntie Mac:

I have bought a car specially for open-air week-ends, because I work in a crowded office. My girl friend also toils in an office and is passionately fond of hiking. She claims it is the best way to get fresh air. She won't come in my car and I won't hike with her. What's a-man to do?—Fred (Fremantle.)

Sooner than quarrel, Fred (Fremantle), why don't you go out in your car at week-ends and let your girl hike behind, then everybody would be happy. You could always throw her some kisses on the way and meet at meals.

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Dear Auntie Mac:

There's a hardened bachelor in our gang who says a man has everything to lose and nothing to gain by marriage. We are preparing a "debate campaign" against him. Could you help by giving us a good quotation on the subject?—Greta (Gingin.)

He's right, Greta (Gingin). You can take that on the authority of my old friend Walter (Wannington), who has lost money, his job and all interest since he married Maudie Moondyne. I can give you a good quotation of Walter's; but not in this column. Send me a stamped and addressed envelope lined with asbestos.

MAYLANDS WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The auxiliary held a mock wedding on Sept. 29, which was a great success, about 250 sitting down to supper. The principle ones taking part were Mr. Harry Woods (president of the sub-branch), the bride, who looked very girlish in shimmering white satin and net veil and carried a bouquet of lilics. The bridegroom, Mrs. Mack, of the auxiliary, took the part very well. Bridesmaids, Davies and Choyce; groomsman, Snith and Rogers; bride's mother, A. Cook; bride's father, Mrs. Cook; groom's mother, F. Lingard; groom's father, Mrs. Addicott; maiden aunt, Mrs. Beamen; train-bearers, Sloss and Lewis; telegram boy, L. Lewis; preacher, Mr. Telekist and M.C., J. Frankish. During the evening, items were given by Mrs. Henderson and the Humorous Four and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. The music was supplied by Browse Band. Mesdames Ford and Firman were ushers.

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STATE WAR MEMORIAL

Colonel Chas. Lamb (State warden) reported as follows to congress:-

I desire to place on record my appreciation of the excellent services rendered by the sub-wardens, the West-Leederville-Wembley sub-branch of the League. Their duties in caring for and keeping in order the Memorial and the surrounding gardens and lawns have been carried out in a manner which reflects on them the greatest credit.

Visits.—During the year official visits and the laying of wreaths have been carried out by the undermentioned:-

Don Cossack Choir, Country Children’s Association, commanding officer and officers of the Italian cruiser Rainondo Montecuccoli, Lodge of Remembrance, Osborne Park sub-branch, Westralia sub-branch, 32nd Battalion (A.I.F.) Association, Boy Scouts’ Association, Old Contemptibles’ Association, State president and delegates to 32nd annual State congress.

Improvements.—Acting on a recommendation made by the sub-wardens, the State War Memorial Committee during the year under review constructed a fence on the eastern side of the War Memorial facing the river. The fence is constructed with cement concrete posts at 8ft. centres with 14in. iron railing and is similar in design to the fence erected by the King’s Park board on the King’s Park Road frontage. This fence replaces an unsightly post and wire fence which has been removed.

Maintenance.—In an endeavour to remove the water stains resulting from the seepage of water through the floor of the War Memorial, the ceiling of the crypt was painted with a waterproof cement paint in April last. It is hoped that this treatment will prove effective. Earlier in the year the iron railing and gates in front of the Memorial were painted.

The maintenance and care of the gardens surrounding the Memorial has caused me some concern. Whilst the work of the sub-wardens in this connection has been excellent, it is pointed out that week-end work and an odd day during the week is not sufficient to maintain the gardens and to keep them up to a standard which the importance of the State War Memorial requires.

I have discussed this matter with the superintendent of the King’s Park board and a proposal is being submitted by him to the State War Memorial Committee that the King’s Park board should take over the control of the flower beds and supply any plants and manures required. This responsibility of the King’s Park board should not relieve the sub-wardens of any additional weeding or cleaning up that they consider necessary and which can be carried out by them as is being done at the present time-on-weekend.

I strongly recommend this proposal.

Geraldton

Members visited the Upper Chapman sub-branch on the occasion of their annual dinner and had a most enjoyable time. Two friendly matches at billiards were played with the Railways. Although the scores were beaten, everybody had a good time. A new departure which is sponsored by the president (Mr. Ray Anderson) is the forthcoming Armistice Ball, on November 10, a special feature being the midnight ceremony announcing the approach of the Armistice Day and all assembles. A live-wire committee (including the women’s auxiliary) has the arrangements well in hand, and all are kindly asked to help by putting in an appearance that night. At Birdwood House, a shed is being erected for storage purposes; this was badly needed.

Keppel

There was a discussion at the October meeting about the establishment of a permanent cricket ground. The committee and the sub-wardens have decided to purchase the land at the corner of Wembley Road and King’s Park Road for this purpose. The committee also discussed the possibilities of erecting a club house on the site.

Kulin

Because of the war scare, the September meeting was held in a kind of a gloomy atmosphere. The boys were restless, but at the same time each and all were striving on the bit and ready to rally around the old flag once again. We would be pleased if you would correct an error in the last “Listening Post,” i.e., that the Kulin sub-branch is not newly formed, but one of very old standing. Our comrades, Kaywood, is improving slightly and once again we wish him the best. We wish for the welfare of our women and bairns that this war cloud was satisfactorily cleared away.

Mt. Lawley-Inglewood

Inclement weather did not deter a real good roll-up to the October general meeting. The notice of motion regarding making the financial year fall in June instead of December as at present, thus allowing members of a hard worked committee to enjoy the Christmas vacations free from sub-branch worries, was carried without dissent. The matter of general elections was left over to a later date. President Williams reported on congress matters and three of the four motions were carried, which were submitted to congress. A sub-committee was formed for the purpose of dealing with War Service Homes matters in general. The president announced that there were only 15 double tickets left for the Armistice dinner, owing to such a phenomenal demand. Members of the Cafe des Pyramides gang were transported to Shell House on October 8 to show the Shell Diggers what beautiful “bits” and waffles there are in our sub-branch. Bill Clarke and two of his coppers arrived on time to drive us down to Shell House. In the words of Colonel Oiden (senior vice-president of the League), everybody thoroughly enjoyed himself.

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self. The gang arrived home in time to have a refreshing bath and get rid of some of the face cream put on by Olly Williams, as chief dresser. If anybody is depressed at all, they would advise them to see our specially imported “Bint”—“Fatima” of the lustrous eyes and carmine lips, of the voluminous busts and slender hips. Wow! she is residing in Fifth Avenue and is known to Harry Street and Woody.

CLAREMONT

The monthly meeting was held on October 6, the president (Mr. C. H. Briggs) presiding. Claremont thanks the many sub-branches who have sent in donations for the tobacco fund, for sick comrades at the C.M.H., a full list of which will be in next months “L.P.” Members are reminded of the boat trip to Garden Island on Sunday, November 20. The s.s. “Emerald” has been chartered and the fare is reasonable. Claremont is conducting a raffle (by permission of the Lott. Commission), for substantial prizes, and to help with the Xmas tree for the children.

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BUNBURY

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting on September 21. Notice was given of a motion to alter the meeting night from Wednesday to Saturday, in view of Saturday now being each closing day. A cribbage pairs championship was held after the meeting closed, Tom Shaw and Johnny Donovan carrying off the spoils. The euchre on Friday and bridge on Saturday still receive excellent patrons, and those responsible would like to see more members putting in an appearance. Christmas is coming and Amusement Park demands serious consideration from the committee. A special effort is being made this year and something “out of the bag” is promised in the way of entertainment. Hammers and saws, plus hands to wield them, will be in request for working bees in the near future. Our ambition also included a pukka monthly journal to take the place of “Cheerio,” which has been dormant for a while. The first issue will be published in December. Arrangements have been finalised for the annual reunion on Saturday, October 29, which will be one of the best ever. Quite a contingent is expected from Perth. The catering is in capable hands of the women’s auxiliary and, needless to say, the flowing bowl has not been neglected. The damage will be 3/6. Hats off to the badmintonites! They duly secured the pennant, their perennial youth proving too much for the comparative bales they defeated in the final. Like G.B.S., they grow young with years. Whether the cricket team could have emulated these deeds will not be known, as the willow-wielders decided against entering the local Saturday afternoon association which has been formed. It was felt that serious cricket was not suitable in the R.S.L. for the present.

BOULDER

The past month has been very busy one indeed for members who have been working very hard in support of the R.S.L. candidate in the Miss Goldfields competition. The final result of the voting was 11,800 for the candidate running third; the prize being a trip to Adelaide, which she richly deserves after three months of very hard work. The members of the Boulder sub-branch wish Miss Dossie Donaldson bon voyage and we hope that she has a very pleasant holiday in Adelaide. Both Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson have also worked extremely hard, and I feel sure that they must have given a sigh of relief at the conclusion of the carnival. The sub-branch tendered a social to the workers on Saturday night last, and the credit goes to the members of the committee (Mrs. R. Slater). Both Mr. and Mrs. Crompton, who are very popular, suitably responded, and stated that it was their intention to continue to give their services to the Boulder sub-branch, which is deeply appreciated by the members planning this third; the carnival conducted by the sub-branch recently in support of the R.S.L. candidate was a great success, and sincere thanks are due to all those good ladies and gentlemen who worked so hard for the carnival and for the activities in the past three months. Miss Clare Bourke, the L.V.A. candidate in the Miss Goldfields competition, who ran second, is to be commended for her very generous and sporting gesture towards the committee and the candidates who are well known to Goldfields people. The annual cash consultation in aid of our distress fund has just been drawn, and although not quite fully subscribed was, nevertheless, a success, the prizes being paid in full. The sub-branch has another good friend and supporter in Mrs. E. Boyes, who is ever willing to assist on the piano at all functions. Sincere thanks are also due to Miss Sharp, Mrs. E. and J. McMahon and Mr. and Mrs. Sherwell, but especially to Vic Whiteley, all of whom worked very hard in their duties.

CARLISLE

Because of inclement weather, the monthly meeting was not so well attended. Several activities are in progress. First of these is the annual goose club, for which permission has been given by the Lott. Commission. Second, the expenditure of threepence on a ticket gives the spender a chance to win a wide variety of prizes. Another coming event is the grand New Year’s Eve carnival. The committee is arranging for a big social evening during December. Messrs. J. Durken and Suckling have been chosen to the committee and Mr. Price, jr., vice-president. The sub-branch congratulates Mrs. Crofts, secretary of the women’s auxiliary, on her election to the executive of the auxiliary. The following meetings the hall committee are effecting to the hall and the tennis court are noted with approval. The next meeting will be held on November 3.

BOYUP BROOK

There was a good attendance at the half-yearly meeting on September 30. On the motion of Messrs. Denton and Chidzey, it was decided that the sub-branch endeavour to sell one gross of poppies on the Upper Blackwood. After much discussion, Mr. A. R. Brown moved and Mr. Cumming seconded a motion for the appointment of a sub-committee to go into the question of building a R.S.L. hall. The following were appointed to the committee: Messrs. Chidzey, Cumming, Moore, Denton and Dr. Steenling.

MOSMAN PARK

The general meeting on September 26 was well attended and several new members were enrolled. After much discussion, it was decided to adopt the joint suggestion of a friend of the sub-branch, Mr. A. R. Brown, for the purpose of a motion for the appointment of a sub-committee to go into the question of building a R.S.L. hall. The following were appointed to the committee: Messrs. Chidzey, Cumming, Moore, Denton and Dr. Steenling.

A. R. POTTER

Late South Perth and Wembley, announces that he has taken over the business lately conducted by Mrs. Geo. Warren as——

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and the matter of appointing her preference to the most costly method of outside contract. At the conclusion of the meeting, four teams competed for the Aniversary Cup. The rifle shooting and quoits were disposed of, the results being Gibson 2, McDavitt 2, Hickey 2, and Ashworth 0. The fixtures for the general meeting night are: Table tennis, McDavitt v. Hickey, and Gibson v. Ashworth; quoits, Gibson v. Ashworth. It is proposed to complete the schedule of the A.R.M.S. competitions, as far as time will permit. On a recent Sunday, a pick- and shovel-brigade made a pleasing alteration to the landscape of Johnston Street. (Our Mosman Park correspondent breaks off here to announce that the president has been made a grandpop, and suggests that he should turn it on for the boys, for the child's sake.) The general meeting will be held on October 25.

SUBIACO
We met our old friends, Cottesloe sub-branch, in a friendly A.R.M.S. evening on Thursday, September 22. The killing of the pig was perhaps the most keenly contested event in an enjoyable evening; but, to our stunned surprise, the shooting team registered a win. It may have been more of our opponents' courtesy than our deserving; but it will give our rifle experts something to gloat over round the ingle-nook in the long summer evenings. The children's fancy dress ball on the following night was a success socially. The hall was comfortably filled and the costumes good. The children, obviously, had a

“whale” of a time and the grown-ups, including the aged and infirm (i.e., ourselves) seemed to enjoy it nearly as much. The dense throngs of people anxious to hand over their “deeners,” anticipated by our sanguine secretary, did not materialise; so unfortunately the donation to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers Fund will not be as large as we hoped. Good and steady contributions still come in from bridge evenings, October 22 and November 5 and 19 being the forthcoming dates for these evenings. November 26 was fixed provisionally as the date of the annual smoke social.

MURRAY
The monthly meeting was held at the Brighton Hotel, Mandurah, on Saturday, September 10. The sub-branch recently decided to hold every third meeting at Mandurah in deference to the wishes of the ex-servicemen. The month's guests were the representatives of the Harvey, Coolup and Waroona sub-branches and their auxiliaries. The sub-branch held the second annual ladies' night on Saturday, September 24, in the Mechanics' Hall, Pinjarra, with President W. Marsh in the chair. The function was again very successful, about 80 being present. This number included representatives of the Harvey, Coolup and Waroona sub-branches and their auxiliaries. The Murray Road Board was represented by Mr. H. Tuckey, M.L.C. An excellent programme was provided under the guidance of Ted McCormack, while George Capps very ably supervised the refreshments. All present thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Rose McLarty, M.L.A., proposed the toast of the State executive and auxiliary, which was responded to by Dave Johnston, Harvey.

KATANNING
At the September monthly meeting of the management committee, the observance of Anzac Day was fully discussed, and it was decided to instruct the sub-branch delegate to congress (Mr. Frank Noonan) to vote in favour of the present method of observance. It was felt that whatever method is adopted, some will be displeased with it, and the present system seems to have the support of the majority of the people in this State. A letter was received from Mrs. S. Smart regretting her inability to continue distributing comforts to soldiers in hospital on behalf of the R.S.L. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Smart for her valuable work over many years, and the matter of appointing her successor was left over until next meeting. It was decided to send a donation to the Madame Bennett-Wilkinson fund. Eulogistic references were made to this dear old lady's work on behalf of returned men. Mr. P. G. Thomas was congratulated on raising funds for the assistance of an ex-Imperial soldier, who has been ill for a considerable period.

PERTH
The monthly social and dance was held on October 4, in the rooms at Monash House. About 60 couples were present, who thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Musical items, rendered by Mrs. Templeman and Bill Evans, were much appreciated. Mr. Evans acted as M.C. and performed his duties in a very
capable manner. These social evenings have become a great success and it is the intention to have them fortnightly for the remainder of the season. Don't forget next social evening: Tuesday, November 1, at Monash House at 8 p.m.

COTTESLOE

Over 30 attended the meeting at which President Arthur White took the chair on October 4. It was decided that the annual stroke should be held on Tuesday, November 15. Members are requested to make a note of this date. A special programme is arranged, and the Federal president (Sir Gilbert Dyett) has accepted an invitation to be present. The monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month are becoming quite a social feature. Members enjoyed a visit with Subiaco, whose president (Ern Congden) and Joe Newman and their merry men certainly know how to entertain. The side-light of the evening was the shooting of Subiaco—the sub-branch's first victory this season, we are told. The sub-branch met and defeated the Commercial Travellers by a small margin at cricket at Lennons on a recent Sunday. Constantine Eddy, with Cliff William·son, led the Cottesloe side. Billy Waterman went in late and defended a difficult wicket in a failing light in a manner worthy of the great O'Reilly, of test match fame. Armstrong and Jerry O'Grady were the stalwarts for the Travellers.

DONAGRA

A full attendance and two visitors were the feature of the monthly meeting. After business was despatched, an adjournment was made to the dining room, where Mr. and Mrs. Cooper had arranged an excellent supper. The spread was in honour of the former secretary (Mr. G. W. Burgess), who has recently returned from a trip to Europe, during which he toured the battlefields and cemeteries of France. The guest of honour gave a very interesting report on his travels and this included his impressions of the German people, whom he also saw on their native heath.

Pemberton

President Birks took the chair, with 14 members present, at the monthly meeting on October 4. A picture night in aid of the amelioration fund has been arranged. The financial statement showed a credit balance. The news of the re-election of Mr. Yeates as State president was received with acclamation. It was decided to purchase three dozen poppies this year, and to hold a dance on the evening of Armistice Day, if it could be arranged.

WAGIN

Jock White presided over a good attendance at the recent sub-branch meeting. Warden Butler, the resident magistrate and a former president of Albany sub-branch, was welcomed. The secretary (Mr. E. Daniels) reported having made arrangements with No. 4 District Committee for Mr. S. H. G. Dol· ley to represent them at sub-branch council this year's congress. It was further decided to recommend to Mr. M. Noonan for a Certificate of Service. Mr. Clive Shenton reported having represented the sub-branch at Kojonup. He was full of praise for the hospitality accorded him. After business had been despatched, the meeting was addressed by Warden Butler, whose account of R.S.L. activities hold the remembrance, service and loyalty embodied in the ideals of the League.

Remembrance means so much to us, and in these dark days of uncertainty it is more than ever with us. Engraved on our hearts is the memory of what war did for those we hold so dear, and also the realisation of what the aftermath still means for the sick, the disabled and the burnt-out. Auxiliary work, I think, is a perpetual prayer for peace, because by our service we try to compensate for the cruelties of the last war.

At dawn, each Anzac Day, a wreath is laid on the State Memorial on your behalf. The impressiveness of this service lies in its simplicity. This morning we gathered there once more, and in our tribute of silence remembered him who designed the Memorial and who was so happy to be with us last conference—General Sir Talbot Hobbs. He was, in the words of Chaucer, “A very parfit gentil knight.” His devotion and service to the League will remain an example to us all and “we will remember him.”

Since last conference, Subiaco auxiliary organised a social evening: Tuesday, November 1, at Monash House at 8 p.m.

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have presented the State executive with a beautiful model of the Memorial. We deeply appreciate it. Its presence always reminds us of the purpose of our formation.

There was almost a full attendance of State executive members at the Esplanade service on Anzac Day—two being on duty with V.A.D. detachments. The R.S.L. of Western Australia have made Anzac Day what it is and the attendances at the services this year gave ample evidence that the public appreciate the present mode of observance. To change even the latter half would infringe upon the rights of this day of sacred memories; memories that go deeper into the heart than many care to show. With the present day pursuit after pleasure on holy days, as well as on holidays, it is indeed an achievement of the League that it has been able to preserve Anzac Day as one of reverent remembrance of those who did so much for the rising generation. One quiet day. Is it too much to ask in their memory?

The service of the League and its auxiliaries have kept pace with the passing years. Amelioration is still necessary in many districts. The arrangement that the women and children are cared for by the auxiliary is most successful. Besides material help, the sisterly interest shown to widows or wives and mothers in need has often brightened their outlook on life and given them fresh courage to carry on.

Several country auxiliaries have been working enthusiastically in helping their sub-branches to complete their own halls and rooms; both by raising funds and by adding those feminine touches which transform a building into a home.

Valuable service has also been given to the League in hospital work. Regular visits are paid to Lemnos, Edward Mil len, Heathcote, Lucknow, Perth Hospital and the R.S.L. wards of the Old Men's Home, and the motor outings are a great source of pleasure. Country sub-branches care for the ex-service men in their local hospitals; but in addition, often send money, goods and comforts to Perth, realising that all invalid and homeless soldiers eventually converge on Perth for treatment and shelter.

May I suggest in passing that auxiliaries recognise such times as Easter, Anzac Day, Empire and Armistice Day or the King's Birthday in their remembrance of those in hospital and in the Old Men's Home, so as to avoid a surfeit of gifts at Christmas time.

Since the urgent appeal for the speeding up of contributions to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund, auxiliaries have set themselves the task of doing so. Over £150 has been donated by them since last conference. This total does not include what was raised by combined efforts with the sub-branches.

In the annual report of the Soldiers' Scholarship Trust Fund, the auxiliaries were thanked for their continued support, fifteen auxiliaries having contributed £31 during the year.

Added to the general service given to the sub-branches and to the League in general is that of our own State executive. From sub-committee reports submitted, you will realise that there is much more done by them than merely attending an executive meeting once a month. Their service takes up many hours and brings each one into direct touch with the soldier inmates of the hospitals and homes and with every phase of auxiliary work. Whatever additional tasks have come their way this year, these have been done most willingly.

We are proud to think that all the work of our State executive is voluntary. Since our first conference, the auxiliaries have increased from 9 to 80, so that the additional correspondence alone is enormous. What has been accomplished reflects great credit on our honour secretary (Mrs. Hopperton), who gives so unselfishly of her time and energy to R.S.L. work.

Our loyalty to our King and country is shown on our badge and we will maintain it though it may mean self-sacrifice for us. "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance." Knowing how dearly we paid for that liberty, we believe that vigilance means "being prepared." For this reason, and because we understand the principles of defence, we seek to encourage militia training and V.A.D. work.

Practical loyalty to our Empire and State is shown in the enthusiasm the auxiliaries put in to Empire Shopping Week and by their consistent buying of local and Empire goods.

The bonds of friendship and goodwill grow stronger each year between the auxiliary branches. We welcome reunion dinners, birthday parties and united socials so that we can meet together. The McKinlay Shield games have been greatly enjoyed among the metropolitan auxiliaries, and we congratulate the winners, South Perth. The exhibition is always a popular event in our year's programme and our sixth annual one was no exception—the cups being retained by Mt. Hawthorn and Gnowangerup for another year. The monthly social afternoons held by the I.U.S.W. are regularly attended by many of our metropolitan members. We appreciate sincerely the assistance given to us by the executive of this organisation at our united auxiliary socials, and we congratulate its worthy president (Mrs. Dean) on her well-deserved honour of M.B.E.

Some of us have been able to visit country sub-branches during the year. We thank them all for their kindly hospitality. We have the greatest admiration for our country auxiliaries, their R.S.L. work being performed very often under most difficult conditions.

Our special task is to care for those who have already felt the burden and heat of the day; but we must not forget that our young boys and girls also need assistance. Our experience and knowledge should be used to train them in loyalty, service and good citizenship. We are indebted to the Legacy Club for its care and solicitude for so many widows' children. The motherly interest of an auxiliary is always helpful to the Sons of Soldiers' League. Girls may join auxiliaries at the age of eighteen, but clubs, sports teams and V.A.D. classes can be organised successfully for the younger ones.

The opening of conference finds our nation face to face with problems which we hoped the armistice of 20 years ago had ended for ever. It may be that we, the R.S.L. auxiliaries, will be called upon to do even a harder task than heretofore. With a constant prayer in our hearts for peace, let us remain calm and ready for further service if it be needed. But God grant that the war clouds may disperse and leave us to continue our ministry to those who hoped that their service to their country would bring a lasting peace.

**VICTORIA PARK**

Members were notified at the monthly monthly on September 22 that future meetings would be on the 4th Friday of each month at 8 p.m., instead of Thursday, commencing from October 28. Among the business discussed was a children's ball, to be held on Friday, October 21, if the hall is free; the annual bazaar and sale of work which has been fixed for November 4. A number of prizes were promised for the children's ball by members present, and stall holders for the various stalls will welcome articles from individual members. Lady Mitchell has promised a trophy for the best stall. On September 15 we celebrated our
CARLISLE

The recent children's plain and fancy dress ball proved a very successful function. Miss Mae Webster and Mr. Paul Daly (of 6WF) and Mr. and Mrs. Hegney of Belmont, kindly acted as judges. They were met by the president (Mrs. Gilsenen) and the secretary (Mrs. Crofts). The music was supplied by the Novelty Band. Mr. Brennan was a capable M.C. After the presentation of prizes and supper, each child received a bundle of comics donated by Messrs. Gordon and Gotch. Mesdames Crofts and Nicoll represented the auxiliary at congress. The visiting and sick committee (Mesdames Percy and Marshall) reported on visits to Edward Millen Home, during which comforts and papers were distributed to 40 patients.

SOUTH PERTH

Our birthday party was held at the Swan Street Hall on September 9 and, as usual, was a great success. The concert party arranged and presented a short programme which was enjoyed, then followed various games and dancing. The supper arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. Prendergast. We had the pleasure of meeting Mesdames McKinlay and Hooper, representing the State executive, together with 21 other ladies, representing the various women's auxiliaries. The State president spoke on behalf of her committee and outlined the work done by the State executive during the past year, and wished our sub-branch every success for the coming year; also congratulated us upon winning the McKinlay shield. Mrs. Shan spoke on behalf of the visiting auxiliaries. Special mention is necessary to give credit to Mrs. Davenport for her effort in making the birthday cake. It was a great cake, the top tier representing the Beautiful Lady in Blue. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a Certificate of Service to Mrs. Bader by the State president. Mrs. Bader has been secretary for the last three years. All the members of various games, together with all other members, congratulated Mrs. Beere, the captain of the successful team, and are proud to have the shield and proud of their captain. The auxiliary bridge evenings continue to be popular. They are held on the first Thursday of each month.

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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSN.</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
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