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"We regard the agreement signed last night and the Anglo-German Naval Agreement as symbolic of the desire of our two peoples never to go to war with one another again."—Extract from the joint declaration by Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler on September 30, 1938.

At Saarbrucken, nine days later, Herr Hitler described all opponents of his policy as Jewish war-mongers and referred to Signor Mussolini as the "one single, truthful and sincere friend Germany possesses today."

PEACE AND GOODWILL

As we approach the season dedicated to peace and goodwill, Australia is preparing to increase her enormous defence expenditure from £43,000,000 to about £60,000,000; but this is a mere drop in the ocean compared with what other peace-loving nations like Britain and the United States are spending. Economists may groan under the increasing burden of armaments, but only the crank or the enemy agent, witting or unwitting in our midst, would attempt to deny that, in shouldering the burden of armaments, the democracies are the victims of an unfortunate necessity, a grim necessity that is the very negation of the so-called policy of appeasement which began at Munich and will end God knows where. This acceleration of rearmament programmes is going on, two short months after the fatuous declaration, "I believe it is peace for our time," with which Mr. Chamberlain garnished the carve of Czechoslovakia. Fortified by the Anglo-German declaration which followed the Munich agreement, Mr. Chamberlain faced the House of Commons. During the ensuing debate, with its fog of false rhetoric and special pleading, one thing stood out crystal clear: Mr. Chamberlain and his most vitriolic critics were agreed on at least one point—the need for more vigorous rearmament than ever.

There can be on abiding peace that is not based upon mutual trust and mutual goodwill. Trust, if it be carried to unjustifyable extremes, invites victimisation; and a goodwill that is one-sided is every whit as dangerous as the clamant hatred that persistently brandsishes the mailed fist at the extended hand of conciliation. The fact that, even while Mr. Chamberlain was flourishing a joint declaration against war in the face of the nation, he could advocate further and speedier rearmament is sufficient evidence that neither he nor his opponents fully trusted Herr Hitler. The justification for this mistrust soon became evident. Only nine days after that joint declaration was signed, Herr Hitler made one of his sabre-rattling speeches, branding everyone who would deny his right to everything he demanded as a Jewish war-monger. Since then, German newspapers and German public men have assailed the principle of free speech, which is one of the most cherished privileges of the British House of Commons. They have carried on a campaign of hysterical vilification of British politicians, and of puerile libels on British troops in Palestine that was equalled, in intensity and stupidity, only by the similar defamation of British troops in South Africa in 1902. It is daily becoming more patent than ever that German goodwill can be won only by a display of that determination which always commands the respect of force, or by a continuance of the policy of yielding which whets the appetite for further and more outrageous demands.

Much as we disapprove of the Munich agreements, we believe that Mr. Chamberlain was sincere in his hope that he had secured peace for our time. Policies of conciliation have succeeded admirably in the past. In 1898, Britain and France were on the verge of war over the Fashoda incident. About six years later, jovial but astute Edward VII and Joseph Chamberlain, the father of the present British Prime Minister, had a series of conversations with the French diplomat, Paul Cambon, and the French Foreign Minister, Theophile Delcasse, which resulted in the Entente Cordiale, that unwritten understanding which has been the keystone of Britain's European policy ever since. By an honest and conciliatory approach, an estranged neighbour was converted into a cordial friend and loyal ally. Mr. Nevil I Chamberlain obviously had hopes of making a similar entente with Germany; but, as one of the best informed French writers on foreign affairs has put it, Mr. Chamberlain thought he could meet Herr Hitler as one business man meets a business competitor, in an atmosphere of frankness that would substitute collaboration for ruinous competition. As the French writer sees it, Mr. Chamberlain has made the mistake of crediting opponents with his own honesty of purpose. Perhaps he was right in crediting the German Government with a desire for peace with Britain. The foreign policy of the Nazi leaders has been trenchantly summed up by another member of an illustrious family of French diplomats, M. Jules Cambon. "The Germans do not want a war," he wrote, "all they want are the rewards of victory." An invertebrate foreign policy has allowed them to secure those rewards without war.

At the same time, it would be dangerous to forget, even for a fleeting second, that, since the days of Bismarck, Germany has been the consistent exponent of what the newspapers call power politics. Since the Great War, a generation of Germans has grown up in the belief that war is not inherently wicked, but the
legitimate and commendable instrument of Deutschland ubr Alles. It is notorious that the German people were quite unaware of the seriousness of the September crisis; the reason being that they know nothing of happenings in foreign countries beyond the garbled accounts published by a controlled Press. Dr. Goebbels, the cleverest and most malignant Nazi of them all, is Minister for Propaganda. As such, he is the supreme censor of news, the official who decides what the people shall be told, and what is not good for them to know. This is his expressed opinion of war: "War," he says, "is the most simple affirmation of life. Suppress war, and it would be like trying to suppress the processes of nature."

How can it be expected that a nation nurtured in this pagan creed outworn should be amenable to a pacific approach from the democracies they have been taught to despise as nervous and effete? Where is the rhyme or reason in the South African Minister for Defence, Mr. Pirow, pirouetting around dictators apparently offering further concessions for peace again at the expense of somebody else? Britain and France have just reaffirmed their identity of policy regarding defence and the consolidation and maintenance of peace. As these lines are being written, the Anglo-French attitude is still as vague as Mr. Chamberlain's much-quoted speech in the House of Commons last March. One hopes it is not the prelude to further yielding. Mr. Chamberlain's speech did more harm than good, because it encouraged Germany in the belief that Britain would yield if the opposing pressure were made strong enough. What was intended as a warning to Germany was interpreted, not only in Germany but in other countries, as a strong hint to Czechoslovakia. Fortunately, the belief is growing among all political parties in Britain that it would be futile to proceed further with a policy of appeasement until the dictator Powers present some shred of evidence that they are prepared to make concessions for peace also, or at least to give some slight manifestation of goodwill. It is on this note that the wonderful year 1938 is ending, the keynote of a cadence in the minor mode; but it has often been said that the darkest hour precedes the dawn. There is hope for the future in the heroic efforts and the great sacrifices that democratic countries are making to complete their rearmament programmes. It is rearmament for peace, the theme of the only lesson that force can assimilate, a re-statement of the age-old thesis that those who would use force as the instrument of national policy will respect a superior display of force by others. That the lesson will be imbibed by those for whom it is intended is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

THE ANZAC CLUB
Now Open to All Members of the R.S.L.

The annual report for the year ended September 30, which was adopted by the annual general meeting of the Anzac Club on November 23, showed that there had been a profit of £358. The president (Mr. F. J. Aberle), who was in the chair, mentioned a number of minor improvements that had been added during the year. These included the installation of a radio set. Mr. Aberle paid a high tribute to the former secretary, Mr. J. J. Andrew, who resigned earlier in the year. Mr. Andrew had given excellent service, and his resignation had been accepted with deep regret. His successor, Mr. P. Carter, had given great satisfaction. The report disclosed that eight members had died during the year.

The main business of the evening was a discussion of the position of the club, as the result of the Bill recently passed by Parliament, giving the League control of the institution, and permitting financial members of the League to become members of the club without the payment of an additional guinea a year. The new arrangement was the answer to complaints that the original intention of making Anzac House a home for all members of the League had not been fulfilled. The Bill that had been passed would vest the club in the League, which would appoint a committee to administer the affairs of the club. That committee would have power to co-opt one or two members. Spontaneous applause greeted the announcement that the secretary, Mr. Carter, would continue in his present position. Until the Bill received assent, the existing club committee would continue to function, after which the management would be one of the activities of the State executive. Mr. Aberle expressed the hope and belief that the value of the club as an institution would not be lost sight of, either by the members of the State executive or the League. In answer to a number of questions, Mr. Aberle explained that Parliament had been asked to change the status of the club on the authority of this year's annual State congress. The club by-laws provided that when the club ceased to exist the assets would be realised and handed to the League. A member asked if the executive intended to hold an annual meeting on a basis comparable with the present. Mr. Aberle replied "No. The annual State congress of the League will also be the annual meeting of this club, which will be part of the League, and all financial members of the League are represented at congress."

The following motion was then passed: The members of the Anzac Club congratulate the Western Australian Branch of the League on its efforts to provide accommodation in Anzac House for the social intercourse and enjoyment of its members.
The League and Defence

At the end of last month, the State president received a letter from the District Commandant, Brigadier McFarlane, appreciating the support the League intends to give to the Commonwealth Government's recruiting campaign. Brigadier McFarlane wrote:

I observe by the Press that you have expressed the willingness of your association to help the Commonwealth Government and Defence Department in connection with the new recruiting campaign but that to date you had received no information as to what help the League would be required to give.

You will have observed by the Press that a Cabinet sub-committee, under the Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, has been formed to lead a campaign to obtain volunteers. I understand Mr. Hughes is in process of forming a committee for Western Australia, but in the meantime, as Commandant, I have received orders to double the strength of the units in Western Australia. As a result, I am taking the liberty of approaching your League to ask for its full co-operation which, I am sure, will be freely given as was the case during the recruiting campaign conducted last year.

I cannot speak too highly of the immense help given by members of the League to myself and staff and the commanding officers of the various units during last year's campaign, and if they will do the same with this new campaign, I feel sure success will be achieved.

In order to obtain recruits, it is necessary to have a strong public interest behind the militia movement, an interest which wherever practicable expresses itself in personal relations. This is where the individual member of the League can help so materially. If the young men of Australia meet with encouragement and sympathetic co-operation, and feel a strong public opinion behind them, they cannot but respond. Your members may think that, as individual members of the public, there is little they can do in this way; but such is far from the case, as it is the interest and support of the many individuals (particularly the powerful support of the League as a whole) which makes a strong public opinion. This interest and support will cause the young

Australian to realise that service in the militia is an honourable duty and a privilege to be sought after. If your members will see that the young men they know are cognisant of their duty and of the honour entailed in serving their country, they will be giving the movement the best possible assistance.

I also plead for full public interest in the young man who is asked to join up. His time is full. His hours of work may be long. He may take a great interest in sport and outdoor life and he realises that he cannot join without some sacrifice. He may be the best type of recruit but his decision will be largely based upon the regard in which the militia man and his work is held by his friends and elders. If he can feel that all returned soldiers are solidly behind him, he will make the right decision. Tribute should be paid to our defenders of the future, the young men who voluntarily sacrifice much of their leisure and recreation to qualify to defend their country; and it is in this direction that the assistance of the returned soldiers will be of such great value. I need hardly mention that the Militia Force is a Citizen Army—our own Army—composed of our own sons, brothers and friends. It is trained to protect our liberty, our country, our commerce and our families, and in its strength or weakness may lie the destiny of our country.

May I urge that your executive will address your sub-branches in the areas

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If each member can make it his business to produce at least one recruit (say to join the unit he served with in the Great War) the object will quickly be achieved. I personally attach so very much importance to the individual assistance of the members of the League, which causes me to address you at such length on the matter.

The commanding officers and the staffs of the various units are ready to receive recruits at all drill halls and centres and the recruiting campaign is already taking shape and progressing as satisfactorily as can be expected.

When the full weight of your powerful League is exerted, I confidently expect a rush to the colours.

Again I wish to express my thanks and appreciation of the wonderful assistance given me by the League in the past, which I feel certain will continue.

THE LEAGUE’S SUPPORT

The League’s advocacy of an adequate defence force for Australia is embodied in the Federal and State Constitutions of our organisation, and has been expressed in resolutions passed by successive Federal and State congresses over a period of several years. We ourselves would feel happier if the proposals for increasing the strength of the Militia Forces contained more definite plans for the establishment of a reserve that would provide the uninterrupted flow of trained reinforcements that would be needed if Australia were involved in war. We recognise, however, that the organisation of first-line troops is a matter of immediate necessity and trust that the establishment of adequate reserves at a future date will not be overlooked. It is gratifying to note that the new defence programme foreshadows the opening up of country training centres. This is a feature which will be particularly pleasing to those country sub-branches who have advocated this course in the past, and who continued this advocacy at the recent meeting of No. 4 District Council. It is in the encouragement of recruiting and the maintenance of full public interest in the young men undergoing training that the sub-branches of the League can give most help for the present. We are pleased to report that members of our organisation are included in the executive of the newly-formed State branch of the Australian Defence League.

Nevertheless, and notwithstanding the Government’s expensive commitments, we feel that not sufficient use is being made of the bush, who could, with little training, and little expense, be turned into a very useful auxiliary force.

This is not the first time the attention of the Minister for Defence has been directed to the possibility of the establishment of an organisation on the lines of the Boer commando system. Men enrolled and organised under the commando system could be equipped at little expense, and would require a minimum of training. The small expenditure entailed would be amply repaid by the creation of the nucleus of a mobile force that should prove a useful auxiliary arm and a potential reserve.

NO. 4 DISTRICT COUNCIL
DISCUSS DEFENCE

The keen interest taken by ex-service men in the defence forces was amply exhibited in the discussion during the meeting of No. 4 District Council in the Katanning R.S.L. clubrooms on December 4. Fifty-two delegates attended for the purpose of discussing defence and the recruiting campaign. Mr. R. C. Austin, of Gnowangerup, presided, and the District Commandant (Brigadier McFarlane) was represented by Major Thomas. Major Thomas described the changed outlook which had necessitated raising the peace establishment of the Militia Forces from 35,000 to 70,000. The new programme, he said, provided for the establishment of a unit of the 11th Battalion at Katanning, and of the 44th at Collie. These towns had been selected, Major Thomas continued, because it was believed that costs in ratio to numbers would be less there than elsewhere. A point had been raised that little use was being made of the war-time experience of ex-service men. He could assure mem-
bers of the R.S.L. that plans were in existence for the full use of the League should war occur. Major Thomas added that the minimum enlistment required at Katanning would be 40. If the unit were established, a warrant officer of the Instructional Corps would be appointed to the district.

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Mr. Arnold Potts (Kojonup) said that war as waged at present did not allow for non-combatants. Everyone was in it, and everyone should be prepared to do his bit. There should be a system of categories, he said, the first group as fighting units, and the remainder for national service. Everyone who enlisted left a blank to be filled. Under a proper system of registration, this should be attended to automatically.

Colonel Birt (Tambellup) said the first line of defence was the provision of capital ships.

This Council reaffirms the resolutions passed at the last State congress that the Federal Government be urged to register and organise all available wealth and industry and man-power immediately, as being the best means of defence for Australia.

This meeting urges the executive publicly to deprecate the tendency of national defence being introduced into party controversies and that all avenues of publicity be explored and utilised in this direction.

That militia units established in various country centres be reinforced by inaugurating transport facilities for volunteers willing to enlist from smaller towns nearby.

That the Government be urged to place before the Returned Soldiers’ League such details of a defence scheme as would enable the League and its members to appreciate and assist in all efforts.

That a special conference of R.S.L. sub-branches be called in Perth, at the earliest possible date, in order to assist in developing and implementing the motions on defence carried at the recent State and Federal congress.

That the State executive urge the Government to appoint a propaganda officer to give full publicity to the defence plan.

MOSMAN PARK HALL

The hall, which was acquired and renovated by the enterprise of the Mosman Park sub-branch, was officially opened on Sunday, December 11, in the presence of about 250 people, representing many metropolitan sub-branches, their auxiliaries and the surrounding local authorities. The building had originally belonged to a friendly society and had fallen into disrepair. When the sub-branch experienced financial difficulty in erecting a building on land procured for members by the Mosman Park Road Board, this building was secured. During the past few months, every weekend was devoted to working bees to renovate and repair the building, and to provide it with suitable appointments. Among the special guests were Colonel Olden, now senior vice-president of the League, who performed the opening ceremony, Colonel Athol Hobbs, who unveiled a tablet to the memory of his late father (Lieut.-General Sir J. Tablot Hobbs), the State president of the women’s auxiliaries (Mrs. J. McKinlay), Messrs. Hubert Parker, M.L.C., J. T. Tonkin, M.L.A., the chairman of the Mosman Park Road Board (Mr. J. S. Bryant) and the chairman of the Peppermint Grove Road Board (Mr. J. Manners Hill). Appropriate music for the occasion was played by the Cottesloe Municipal Band. The president of the sub-branch (Mr. G. Ashworth) was in the chair. He introduced Colonel Olden who related the history of the sub-branch’s enterprise. He then formally opened the front door, after which brief speeches were made by Messrs. Hill, Bryant, Parker and Tonkin.

A GERALDTON REUNION

The third reunion of members of the 16th Battalion, A.I.F., was held in Birdwood House on November 23. Members of the sister battalion (the 48th) were invited. Among the guests were Messrs. R. C. Anderson and R. C. Webb (president and secretary, Geraldton sub-branch), Captain R. Skinner and Lieut. A. Robinson (representing “B” Coy., 11th Battalion), the R.S.L. warden (Mr. George Lester) and two artists, Messrs. T. E. Scott and C. Bluck and members of Nutter’s Orchestra (Messrs. J. Nutter, H. Secker and V. O’Neill). Mr. A. E. Anderson presided over a happy gathering. Mr. Bluck, who was a gunner.
during the war, had the satisfaction of beating the foot-sloggers in an O'Grady drill competition. Mr. L. A. Pomeroy told the life story of Mamemoiselle from Armentieres. The toast of the Old Sixteenth and the 48th Battalion was proposed by Mr. G. Lester and acknowledged by Messrs. G. Mooney (16th) and W. Holley (48th). The toast of the R.S.L., given by Mr. T. Clunas, was responded to by the president of the sub-branch (Mr. R. C. Anderson). Other units of the A.I.F. and Imperial Forces were toasted at the invitation of Mr. Frank Dunn, and Mr. R. C. Webb had the honour of responding on behalf of the whole Army. Mr. M. Gershon's toast of the Geraldton Militia Unit was acknowledged by Captain R. Skinner, M.C. Mr. T. B. Carter proposed and Mr. A. Robinson replied to the toast of the visitors, while that of the artists was proposed by Mr. T. G. Gibson and acknowledged by Mr. H. Secker. Instrumental music was provided by Nutter's Orchestra and Mr. C. Bluck, whose performances on the piano-accordeon were well appreciated, while vocal items were rendered in pleasing manner by Messrs. Tom Scott and Alf Robinson. The competent ladies who looked after the commissariat arrangements were Mesdames T. G. Gibson, T. B. Carter and M. Gershon. The tables were decorated with blue and white, the colours of the two battalions.

### WHEAT PRICES

At a conference which took place in the P.P.A. rooms on December 1, there were present Messrs. Powell and Berry (Wheat Growers' Union), Thorn, Logie and Benson (Returned Soldiers' League), Diver, Jones and Carthew (Primary Producers' Association).

On the motion of Messrs. Powell and Diver, Mr. Benson was appointed chairman.

It was explained that the meeting was called following certain resolutions of the annual State congress of the League. These urged that there should be a guaranteed price for wheat, a minimum price for wool and a compulsory wheat pool under growers' control.

The meeting first dealt with resolution No. 20, which reads:—

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.

There was a pronounced unanimity amongst all delegates in respect to a guaranteed price for wheat in order that farmers could arrange a long range policy for cultivation and development. There was a difference of opinion, however, as to what price should be paid and whether the price should be based at port of shipment or at the siding. As all the organisations represented had, at their annual conference, decided upon what in their opinion was a payable price, and as no delegate had authority to depart from the decisions of his organisation, a long discussion terminated without a definite decision being arrived at by the conference.

Further resolutions endorsed were as follows:—

Conference is of the opinion that organisations should solidly support the fixation of the minimum price for wool, and the purpose of this meeting or conference was endorsed with a view to reaching a common policy in an attempt to stabilise prices; and

That a compulsory pool under growers' control is essential to implement a stabilised wheat price.
SOUTH AFRICAN MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 37th annual service was held on November 20 at the South African Soldiers' Memorial in King's Park by the South African and Imperial Veterans' Association, 92 of whose members attended. Other units participating were the Old Contemporaries' Association, militia units and the Voluntary Aid Detachment. Marching music was provided by the Coastal Scottish Pipe Band, and the service was conducted by Canon E. M. Collick, the Rev. H. Vine and the Rev. C. A. Jenkins. The singing of hymns was led by the band of the 11th Battalion. While the Dead March was being played, wreaths were laid at the base of the memorial. Two pipers played "Flowers of the Forest" and a trumpeter sounded the Last Post and the Reveille. During the service the Metropolitan Glee men, under the baton of Mr. Claude Langsford, sang "Every Rustling Tree" and Sullivan's "The Long Day Closes." During his address, Canon Collick said that the ranks were growing thinner. Since the last service, the deaths of the following South African veterans had been recorded by the association: Messrs. J. Mottasho, J. Carlisle, J. G. Hay, A. J. Ryan, A. H. Glen, H. Johnston, J. P. Johnson and J. F. Messor (who died in South Africa). Canon Collick recalled the stirring days when Kimberley and Mafeking were relieved. The duty and self-sacrifice of Australians who fought in the South African War, he said, had been emulated in the Great War. One thousand West Australians had served in South Africa, and their number could have been increased tenfold. Their spirit was not dead, and if the call came again it would be answered. He ventured to say that if the Treaty of Versailles had been as magnanimous as the treaty which ended the South African War the world would have been much happier. Some people said that war was futile, but if the Great War had not occurred, how many more wars would there have been in the past twenty years? The Great War did more than anything to do away with war. After the service, those on parade marched past Brigadier-General Bessel-Browne. Among those present were Commissioned Instructor J. C. Elley, R.A.N., the District Commandant (Brigadier P. M. McFarlane), Lieut-Colonel Wiack, the State president of the League (Mr. A. Yeates), the residence of the State War Memorial (Mr. A. W. Jacoby), Lieut.-Colonel A. C. N. Olden and the Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association (Mr. A. V. Hunt).

R.S.L. CRICKET ASSN.

At Wellington Square on December 4, some exciting cricket was provided by the R.S.L. Cricket Association teams. North Perth No. 1 made 107 and Nedlands replied with 108. When only five runs were needed for a win, S. Dival, of North Perth, was brought on and he took three wickets for two runs. However, before the last wicket fell, Nedlands made the one run required.

Cottesloe made 171 and Midland replied with 121. Hard hitting was a feature of the game, Mundy making 61 in fine style.

Details:

North Perth No. 1 v. Nedlands No. 2.—North Perth No. 1, 107 (Wallace 25 not out; Dival 24, Allsop 22, Davey 11); Armstrong 6 for 27, Trimmer 2 for 25, Hamley 1 for 16), lost to Nedlands No. 2, 108 (Tolchard 33, Hamley 32, Trimmer 11, Rignby 10; Dival 3 for 2, Allsop 6 for 54, Stone 1 for 43).

Midland v. Cottesloe.—Cottesloe, 171 (Mundy 61, Thomas 30, Currie 17, Morrow 17, Williamson 10; Johnston 3 for 24, Bishop 3 for 35, Byrne 1 for nil, Wilkinson 1 for 42, Lilley 1 for 14), beat Midland, 121 (Higgins 49, Johnston 19, Fraser 13, Byrne 13; Williamson 1 for 9, Ansell 2 for 24, Thomas 2 for 33, Wrighton 1 for 17, Eddy 1 for 29).

On December 11, Maylands won by an innings from North Perth No. 2, and Nedlands No. 1 and North Perth No. 1 drew. V. Sparrow and L. McComish, by hard hitting and perfect understanding in running between the wickets, laid the foundation of a big score by Maylands. Off 17 overs 177 runs were scored. North Perth No. 2 scored poorly. Uncertainty in the field marred the Nedlands No. 1 team's play against North Perth No. 1, and it had to improve to avert defeat, Winimbridge and Thompson batting well together. Green (Nedlands) took four wickets in one over, and Allsop (North Perth) made the ball swing disconcertingly.

Details:

Maylands v. North Perth No. 2.—Maylands 3 for 177, declared (Sparrow 66, McComish 74 retired, Hackett 19, Jones 13 not out; Reison 1 for 50), beat North Perth No. 2, 25 and 34 (Sampson 11 and 19, Lanton 11; Patterson 5 for 4, Vincent 1 for 22 and 3 for 7, Graham 1 for 7, McComish 4 for 20), by an innings.

W.A. CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES

The W.A. Corps of Commissionaires was founded by the Perth sub-branch in 1929 with the object of finding employment for ex-service men. Its members are paid the union rate of wages, are all insured under the Workers' Compensation Act and are, with one exception, married men with families. They perform many tasks, when these are available, acting as night watchmen, escorts, attendants at football matches, dances and similar gatherings. Their integrity is guaranteed, and they are all under a fidelity bond. This being so, it is hard to understand the apathetic attitude of various firms in Perth and Fremantle. It is hard to understand why, for instance, firms seeking night watchmen should employ Afghans in preference to returned soldiers. Perhaps the 'Ghans are cheaper, but a paltry consideration like this should not weigh with any business man who enjoys the liberties for which these men, now commissionaires, fought overseas. What makes the positions particularly galling is the fact that some of the worst offenders are returned soldiers themselves.

Writing to the executive recently, Major Colpitts, the adjutant of the corps, cited instances where commissionaires were turned down in favour of Afghans. In his letter he said: "It would astound your executive if the names of many of the largest and most prominent business firms employing Afghans in preference to returned soldiers were supplied to them. The position appears to call for publicity and some action, even if the latter be in reverse gear constituting a boycott of offending firms by Diggers.

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Mrs. Thomas Ballinger, of 61 Murray Street, Rockingham, Queensland, is seeking the whereabouts of Mr. J. J. O'Dwyer, a returned soldier who resided some years ago at Kalamunda. Would anyone knowing Mr. J. J. O'Dwyer's address please communicate with the State secretary.

Barry Cowden, of the 28th Battalion, living in Victoria, desires to get in touch with Signaller George Schiltz (28th and 27th Battalions) and Arthur Coleman (28th and 16th Battalions) in order to obtain assistance in connection with a claim for pension. Would anyone knowing the address of these two Diggers please communicate with the State secretary.

J. Milloy, of Manly, N.S.W., desires to get in touch with Major Bleachmore, of the 9th Light Horse. Mr. Milloy requires some assistance in connection with his application for pension. Anyone knowing the present whereabouts of Major Bleachmore please communicate with the State secretary.

We have been endeavouring to find out who is the oldest ex-service man at present a member of the League. Mr. Whiting, who is a member of the North-East Fremantle sub-branch, is so far an easy winner. A correspondent advises us that Mr. Whiting is now in his 93rd year and is keeping fit. He was the oldest veteran present this year at the annual Empire Day dinner at Perth given by the Commonwealth Government to those who served in the Empire's wars prior to 1890. Particulars of his service are as follows: Regt. No. 2018 Pte. Whiting. Enlisted 1870, Served in "A" Company, 1st Battalion, the Buffs. Service abroad 1871 to 1887. Transferred to 13th Regiment of Foot when the Buffs left India. Discharged 1885 with 15 years' service. Active service: Malay States, 1875-76 with the Buffs; Afghanistan, 1878-80 with 13th Regiment. Mr. Whiting's prime joke is that his first crime was for having a dirty bow and arrow.

Mr. J. W. Murphy, of Jingemarra Station, via Yalgoo, nominates another entry for the oldest active member stakes. He writes: "I am now able to state correctly that Colonel Mansbridge is the oldest member of the R.S.L. He came back wounded from Gallipoli, and before returning for another issue, he donated £50 cash out of his own pocket to help the good cause along. He was the first president of the West Australian Branch, and was re-elected to the office while away on a second spell of active service. I verified these facts during a conversation with him when he was in Yalgoo on official business this month."

(The original argument, as we see it, was not about the oldest active member in point of League seniority, but in accordance with that devastating tyrant, Anno Domini.—Ed., L.P.)

At the November meeting of the Dow-erin sub-branch, members spoke in appreciation of the work of Mr. P. Bower, a past president and secretary of the sub-branch. Mr. Bower has been transferred to the city and he will be greatly missed by Dowerin Diggers, as he has been a tower of strength to the sub-branch ever since its foundation. There were many valedictory speeches, and Mr. Bower will carry with him the good wishes of all, and hopes for his happiness in his new surroundings. Mr. Bower responded, thanking all for the expressions of friendship and appreciation.

Diggers who go to Mandurah during the holidays will be able to renew acquaintance with Sam Scott. Sam is a very active League member and has been a vice-president of the Murray sub-branch for a number of years. During the war, he served with the 114th Howitzer Battery.

Mundijong-Jarrahdale reports the following casualties: Cyril Woodland (16th Battalion) is in the local hospital. Bill Whiting (11th Battalion) is in Ward XI, Perth General Hospital. H. Blyth (4th Field Ambulance) is in the Jarrahdale Hospital. All members wish these sufferers a speedy recovery and hope that they will soon be marked fit for sub-branch duty.

We continue to hear of the doings of My Lord, the Bishop of Bendigo, popularly known to us as Tom Riley. As we anticipated, he has won the hearts, not only of the Diggers, but of the whole population of Bendigo. We suggest to the Bendigonians that they make the most of their Bishop, as it is our intention to get him back with us at the earliest opportunity.

Lieut.-Colonel John Newman, formerly of the 11th Battalion, died at the Caulfield Military Hospital in Victoria last month and was buried on Armistice Day. Just before the cortège left the mortuary chapel, a woman presented a wreath. She said that she had not known Lieut.-Colonel Newman but wished to add her floral tribute in memory of a gallant soldier, because it was Armistice Day. Colonel Newman served on Gallipoli and France. After a long spell in the Repat. Ward, Perth Hospital, he recently left for Melbourne.

We have just heard, with great regret, that Mick Brady, the man of fiery energy and fervent Irish eloquence, who looks after the finances of the Darling Range sub-branch, is now a patient in Edward Millen. Mick offered to resign the office of treasurer of the sub-branch, but the members would not hear of it. They detailed a locum to carry on until Mick is out of dock. We join with his many friends in wishing this colourful personality all the Season's Greetings and a quick recovery.

We learn with deep regret the passing of a good soldier and good citizen, the late Mr. Bartholomew Cornelius O'Brien, better known to Diggers as Con O'Brien of the Court Hotel. The late Mr. O'Brien was one of the first Labour members of the Legislative Council of this State, and was at one time Mayor of Cue. Although well over military age at the time, he managed to enlist in the 11th Battalion, with whom he saw active service abroad. He was a warm-hearted and extremely public-spirited man, whose genial manner and kindly ways endeared him to a host of friends. Fate has dealt unkindly with the O'Briens this year, as the passing of our late comrade was the third death in the family within three months. To his sons, Councillor Stan O'Brien and Mr. C. O'Brien, our heartfelt sympathy is extended.
One of the busiest of our State Ministers these days is Mr. Alex. Panton, who has just been detailed to represent the State Government on the committee that will direct the recruiting campaign in Western Australia. As a veteran of two wars, and the father of a fine hefty young artilleryman, Alex. should know something about recruiting. Before this extra duty was announced, our genial friend, who is Minister for Mines and Health, had an addition to his Ministerial duties as the result of a recent Royal Commission. He is the man who has been set the task of keeping the Heathcote in order.

Our old contributor, Bill Menkens, has been laid up at home for about two months and his doctor has ordered him to "ease off" on his public activities. Bill has an urge to do things and he is not taking this edict too kindly. He has resigned as publicity officer of the R.S.L. Cricket Association and may also have to resign as president of the North Perth sub-branch. We wish Bill a speedy recovery.

Bert Rigg, the hon. secretary of the North Perth sub-branch, is also on the sick list and has been forced to forego his sub-branch work for the time being. What an example chaps like Bert are to Diggers in good health who won't assist even with their membership. Bert's continuous suffering does not prevent him from giving a big proportion of his time in helping others.

The dear old Rabbi was given a sincere welcome by all delegates when he attended the last meeting of the State executive, after being absent for many months owing to his serious illness. His health is still far below normal and he will need to go slow for a long time yet. The League owes a lot to this grand little gentleman and all members wish him well.

Albany sub-branch made history on November 3 when the president (Mr. W. H. Carson) and members entertained Captain de la Ripelle and the officers of the visiting French sloop Bougainville. Captain de la Ripelle laid a wreath, on behalf of the French Navy, on the local war memorial, and he was made a member of the Albany sub-branch of the League. He served as a lieutenant on the French destroyer, Pantonie, until June, 1916, when the vessel was torpedoed. After that, he served on other vessels, mostly in the Mediterranean and the Adriatic. In August, 1917, he was placed in command of the Leger and was engaged in patrol work in the Channel and the North Sea, with intervals of conveying merchantmen across the Atlantic. For his war service, Captain de la Ripelle was created a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. He signalled his membership of the Albany sub-branch by presenting that body with a medallion commemorating the launching of the Bougainville. It is a bronze medallion, on the obverse is a representation of the vessel and the record of her launching on April 21, 1931. On the reverse is a representation of the French navigator, Bougainville, after whom the slop is named. Count Bougainville was the first Frenchman to sail round the world. The largest of the Solomon Islands, a strait in the New Hebrides, and the flowering shrub, bougainvillea, are named after him.

Collie sub-branch reports the death of a very old friend and supporter, the late Mr. S. Cookson, J.P. Though his service afloat with the Mercantile Marine during the war did not render him eligible for League membership, Mr. Cookson was always a very ardent supporter of the Collie sub-branch.

Secretary George Tanner, of the Upper Swan sub-branch, has been a target for the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune lately. His mother had to be admitted to hospital recently, after which his wife had to undergo an operation. We join with the sub-branch in wishing George a speedy relief from his present anxieties and the two patients a rapid recovery.

Albany presents the monthly sick and parade states: Vice-president Rex Hall has been in dock, but is all the better for the enforced rest. Don McLeod has been transferred to Collie, and Ivar Bell to Carnarvon, taking the best wishes of their Albany cobs with them. Messrs. Jim Bateman (Northumberland Fusiliers) and A. Brown (16th A.A.S.C.) have joined the sub-branch. Harold Verran and Davie McNaughton, having got over recent indisposition, are now marked fit for general service.

Returned soldiers have lost a good friend, his sons a good father and the State a splendid citizen with the passing of Mr. W. W. Garner, the managing director of F. H. Faulding & Co. Ltd. Mr. Garner was honorary chairman of the first Repatriation State Board appointed in this State, which comprised also such good citizens as Colonel Pope, Messrs. R. S. Black, C. B. Cox, A. G. Wright, A. McCallum, A. J. McNeill and Alec Monger. It is sad to recall that, with the exception of Messrs. McNeill, Monger and Wright, all the other gentlemen have passed away.

CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 3, Harvey—

That the Department of Agriculture be urged to take a more serious view of contagious and transmissible bovine diseases.

The following letter has been received from the Department of Agriculture:

I wish to inform you that a serious view has always been taken regarding the introduction and control of contagious and infectious diseases amongst stock this State, particularly those in the nature of plagues, with the result that none of these exist in the southern areas and, as far as the Kimberley division is concerned, control measures have been adopted.

It is, however, known that certain diseases exist in the southern areas which are of a minor kind. These can be more or less controlled by the individual on advice from our veterinary officers which is always freely given.

It might also be stated that there is no State in the Commonwealth which is freer from infectious diseases than is this State, but it is unfortunate that we have some non-infectious diseases which are troublesome, but these are being investigated by the officers of the veterinary branch.
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Sound common sense and good advice were expressed by the Rev. Canon E. M. Collick at the South African Memorial service last month. He referred to the national recruiting campaign which has set itself the objective of raising the strength of the militia forces to 75,000. He hoped the effort would be successful. "It is not wrong to suffer and die for your country," he continued, "but it is wrong to permit cruelty, lust and oppression to triumph; and that is what would happen if the pacifists had their way. God made us men," he declared, "fighting men if you like, to hate war and love peace—but not peace at any price."

On November 22, the Federal Treasurer (Mr. Casey) announced in the House of Representatives that, in view of existing circumstances, it would not be possible for the Government to approve of the restoration to the dependents of deceased returned soldiers the same pension rates that prevailed before the application of the Financial Emergency Act.

French ex-service men celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the Armistice with a torchlight ceremony at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris. Torches were brought to the tomb from all the departments of France, French colonies and the former Allied and Associated nations grouped in Fidac. On November 11, the torch-bearers, thousands of French ex-service men and serving soldiers, air and naval units, paraded along the Champs Elysees, from the Place de la Concorde to the Arc de Triomphe.

The Whyalla (South Australia) sub-branch of the League has made a concrete contribution to the defence of the country by establishing an aviation scholarship. The sub-branch has set aside a sum for the training of a pilot, who will be selected by the Spencer's Gulf Aero Club from those entering for the flying scholarship competition. The scholarship is open to residents of Whyalla between the ages of 18 and 22 years. Each entrant will receive a course of instruction, for which only a nominal fee is charged.

With the December issue, Splinters, the bright little organ of the Nedlands sub-branch, will attain its century, a score which we understand has not been equalled by any other sub-branch publication. The paper was founded over eight years ago by the late C. Gordon Thomson, a former president of the sub-branch. Gordon made the monthly production a labour of love and set a high standard which his successors have made it a point of honour to maintain, and very capably they have done so. The present editors, R. A. Wood, W. A. Duffield and D. Napier, are endeavouring to make the hundredth issue something special. While we congratulate Splinters on a long and honourable career of publication, we also welcome to the ranks of sub-branch publications the Bunbury Cheerio, the official organ of the Bunbury sub-branch. If the standard of the first number is sustained, it will prove a valuable addition to the growing list of sub-branch organs.

Mr. G. North, M.L.A., writes: My remarks at the Loretto Convent on a recent Sunday, some of which The West Australian quoted in Tuesday, December 6, should not be taken as opposing rearmament. Far from it. Nobody would expect to make any impression on people who reason with bombs by replying with syllogisms. The point was that, when through superiority of resources the three great surviving democracies have surpassed the despotisms in strength of arms, it will become apparent that the real conflict is one between different ideas. We will have to be sure that we are spreading a culture making for a society which is worthy of and capable of survival. Such a culture is available in our midst to-day. Who can deny that in these strange times we are facing one of the turning points of history?

The following letter is a sample of the many letters which Eastern States delegates to the recent Federal congress have written to the State secretary. This is from Joe Honeysett, of Canberra: Many thanks for the congress photograph which in a few days will grace the walls of the Returned Soldiers' Club at Canberra. I should like to take this opportunity of reiterating my gratitude to you and the members of your Branch for the very wonderful hospitality extended to me during my recent visit to your fair city. The whole arrangements were a tribute to your Branch organisation. I can only hope that when you, or any of your members, are in the vicinity of the National Capital, you will give us an opportunity of extending the glad hand. I made so many good friends during my comparatively brief stay at Perth that it would be impossible to convey a personal message to all, but I shall be glad if you will kindly remember me to your worthy president, Alf Yeates, "Fergie," "Nick," "Andy," Fred, Bob Graham (some transport officer!), Colonel Olden and, in fact, all the boys who so ably contributed towards a memorable occasion.

Colonel Collett's address to the Senate on November 30, which is just to hand, is the most concise summation of the Commonwealth Defence position that we have read, and could with advantage be circulated through this continent of ours. The Colonel is a proved patriot, a keen student, and approached his subject with the background of a lifetime of practical experience. It is hoped that the "powers that be" have assimilated his advice and will profit thereby.

Sco Rifs writes: Another Armistice Day has come and gone, and we are left with our memories. Yesterday, I was thinking about the first armistice of the Great War, i.e., on December 24, 1914.

We had just finished dinner ("bully" biscuits and water) and were cleaning up our trench as we were expecting our relief at nightfall. A report came from our right that the enemy was waving a white flag on our right front. Excitement became great when a German doctor came over with flag and escort, and we halted about half-way on No Man's Land where a British officer met the party and conferred. Quickly, stretcher-bearers got to work collecting the wounded who had lain there for some days. Whilst this was being done, unarmed Germans walked over to our trench. Before they arrived, my bay commander moved all the men in the bay, except one sentry, to the right, so that when the Germans came they saw us packed like sardines, though actually we were less than one rifle to a yard of trench. We exchanged cigarettes and gave away bully beef and English newspapers. Many of the Germans spoke English and had lived in London. The wounded having been removed to their respective sides, the white flag party retired and once more the crack of rifles sound and the war was on again. My regiment was
relieved as darkness fell and we spent Christmas at Shrapnel Villa. I am writing this letter, hoping that some of your readers will write to you and continue the story and say what happened next day—Christmas, 1914.

Mr. E. S. Everett writes: The generous response by so many of Madame Bennett Wilkinson’s admirers, particularly the R.S.L. sub-branches throughout the country, has been very gratifying indeed, and the magnificent total of £121 has been received. Messrs. Rankin, Morrison & Co., chartered accounts, have kindly consented to audit the receipts and are doing that work now. Naturally Madame is delighted and very, very grateful and desires me to convey to all her soldier friends and others who have contributed to the appeal, and she desires me to convey to all her very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. She has had a short holiday up at Mahogany Creek, is keeping wonderfully well and is carrying on her good work in cheering the soldiers in hospitals, homes, etc.

When the Bougainville was in Albany, a member of the sub-branch named Stewart told a good story against himself. He said to the commander of the French sloop: “Do you know how the name Stewart originated? Well, it was like this: Years ago, the pig was called the sty-ward, and from this he became the steward, or steward. And hence I’m here.”

Yealering sub-branch has initiated a new departure which is well worthy of adoption by other sub-branches. In an effort to encourage members to interest themselves in public affairs, a series of talks, on the subject “What I would like to see,” have been arranged. We have read two, one by Mr. A. Kelly, the other by Mr. E. D. Lindsey, with great interest and enjoyment. We sincerely regret that the demands of space prevent us from publishing these talks in full.

Speaking at the opening of the Mosman Park R.S.L. Hall on December 11, Major H. S. W. Parker, M.I.C., stressed the value of military training. “Every young man should be in a unit to be trained,” he said, “not merely for war, but particularly for citizenship.” He added that even for war purposes, training had value. “Those who have served in the citizen force units,” he declared, “have a fifty times better chance of returning safely to their homes from a war than those who never trained. Many of those who, unfortunately, gave their lives in the war might have been returned soldiers to-day if they had had the benefit of training before the war. Let us do all we can to encourage youth to join,” he urged. “We shall be helping them to become good citizens.”

According to a report released by the Government Statistician, there was a slight decrease in the cost of food during November. Boneless food, however, is still retained at sixpence a pot.

Albany sub-branch has successfully faced the task of furnishing a two-bed ward in the local hospital. When hospital extensions are made at a later date, further ward space will be allotted the sub-branch to furnish, so that the hospital will contain at least four beds endowed by Albany Diggers. The ward, when opened, will consist of two beds, two lockers, two bedside reading lamps, a dressing table wardrobe, a wireless set, the nucleus of a library, and such extras as vases for flowers. Mr. A. F. Berryman is supplying books and Mr. W. A. Donnes is providing reading lamps.

When the King goes to Canada next year, he will perform the official unveiling of the Canadian National War Memorial, erected on Confederation Square, Ottawa. The memorial is a huge archway, topped by two heroic figures, symbolising Peace and Liberty. Through the granite arch passes a group of bronze figures, representing every Canadian unit that saw active service. Nearly fifteen years ago the Canadian Government invited artists to submit designs for the memorial. The award went to an Englishman, Vernon March, of Farnborough. Aided by his five brothers and a sister he laboured several years to translate his ideas into bronze and stone. Finally, the statue was completed and, while waiting the preparation of a suitable site in Ottawa, it was set up in Hyde Park, London. Early this year, it was transported in pieces across the Atlantic and on October 19 the last figure was placed on its permanent site. The only inscription on the memorial is, simply and significantly, "1914-1918."

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WHEN K MEETS K

A Katanning correspondent asks us to chance the editorial arm by publishing his account of truly homeric contest. He writes:

No one seems to know who actually arranged the match—it just had to be, but from the tales of woe heard from various members of Katanning and Kojonup sub-branches I am of the opinion that when some of the players feel fit enough to say a few nasty remarks, the promoter of the show is going to wish he had not been so rash.

The venue of the match was Kojonup, so promptly at 1.15 the cars set out for the capital of the blue-wool country. Kojonup won the toss and elected to field. Kojonup's bowling was full of devil—the first ball to Archie Spowart nearly skittled the umpire; the second hit the wicket-keeper where he usually keeps his beer, and the third hit Archie on a place where it was impossible for him to see the extent of the damage. When the bowler did not hit Archie, Archie hit the bowler, so they broke even. Alf Taylor at the other end made some lovely strokes, just missing the ball by a bare foot or so; but he showed that he must have played cricket during the last century.

The score steadily mounted as the procession returned to the pavilion, but it wasn't growing quickly enough for Captain Horrie Tylor, so he sent in Jimmy Old with instructions to knock the cover off the bowling. Jim is a versatile chap alright: he can play any game and in his young days was a footballer of renown; but of late he has tried his hand at golf, so he decided to mix it a bit. His putting and slicing was the work of a master, but his drop kicking was a little astray with the result that he collected more than his fair share on the place where they get the best cut from a bullock. Every now and then Jim opened out and dazzling late cuts went to the square leg boundary like an express train. One of his drives nearly took a piece out of the wicket-keeper's ear, but try as they did Kojonup could not capture his wicket, so he was requested to retire unconquered with the top score of 28 for Katanning.

Bert Potter, our Power Chief representative, played out a whole over without attempting to score. He just stood "on guard" and watched the 'keeper take every ball within a few inches of his stump. He explained later that he was watching the ball most carefully and if it had attempted to move a fraction of an inch closer, he would have been forced to glance it to the boundary. The second over was disastrous for "Pot." He was down on his knees half way up the pitch praying for a decent ball to hit when the wicket-keeper played the dirty on him. Bert still swears that there is not a bowler in this district that could pass him like the Kojonup Digger did.

When Katanning's last wicket had fallen with the score at 135, the Kojonup ladies took a hand in the proceedings and a most enjoyable afternoon tea was served in the pavilion.

Refreshed once more, it was Kataninn's turn in the field. Wickets went down like ninepins under the devastating attack of one Bert Smith—at one stage he had the fair average of four for none. When Bert was spelling, Kojonup belted the cover off the rest of us and it looked like a defeat for Katanning if Levi Treasure kept the strike. Levi eventually went for a big hit, but picked out safe old Archie Spowart for a catch and paid the penalty, not before, however, that he had placed the score of 55 against his name.

Further support came from Ron Moss and Jack Hain who, incidently, bowled Jimmy Old for a duck in the second innings and thereby won numerous promises of sundry pots, and Kojonup finally packed up with a respectable 115 on the board.

After the match all voted for an all-day affair at Katanning in the near future; but methinks that wiser counsels will prevail and the fixture will be confined to an endurance test of half a day with sundry intervals for refreshment, particularly as the weather round January will be slightly more in keeping with the slacking of parched throats than chasing the leather pill.

Jack Finlay, who acted as manager, scorer, barman, etc., kindly furnished me with a few impressions of the match which I give without any attempt at censorship:

Jimmy Old: Throws the best over he has ever seen.
Bill Dail: Starboard play excellent, but should discard sea anchor when fielding.
Horace Taylor: Who expects a skipper to make runs or obtain wickets? That's the other ten men's job.
Baker Ron Moss: Floucy display but kneads better practice.
Archie Spowart: Too darned young to be playing with the old men.
Les Hall: War baby; see Archie Spowart.
Bert Potter: Stick to oil; spectacle trade too tough.
Bert Fildes: Very graceful 12th man; never split a drop.
Robby: Game as Ned Kelly, but suggest a wool pack on the belt to ease the blow occasionally.
Levi Treasure: With the assistance of Bert Smith and Archie Spowart could play the whole darned lot of you.
Ted Barrett: Torpedoed when he had the glass to his blind eye.
Max Hubbe: Sweet leg glance; uses it sometimes in cricket also.

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In the appointment of commanding officers the 28th Battalion A.I.F. was exceedingly fortunate. Unfortunately, of the four C.O.'s only two survive, Lieut.-Colonel Lean, being killed on the Somme, and Lieut.-Colonel G. Read, dying in Sydney shortly after the war, having been severely wounded during the Passchendaele operations.

Of the remaining two, Colonel H. B. Collett, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., is too well known throughout W.A. for the writer to attempt to extol him further, except, perhaps, to praise his efforts to curb the propensity for bad language on the part of one of his quartermasters.

The other surviving C.O., Lieut.-Col. P. Currie, C.M.G., D.S.O., Croix de Guerre, the subject of the above photograph, although not so widely known in this State, is affectionately remembered by members of the 28th who served under him during his command of the unit from March, 1918, to the cessation of hostilities.

Originally a member of the 26th Battalion which, with the 25th, 27th and 28th, formed the 7th Infantry Brigade, Major Currie, as he then was, commanded one of the two companies of the 26th which with 17th A.A.S. Company and a Field Ambulance unit were aboard the Ascanius, the transport which embarked the 28th Battalion from W.A.

After serving with his unit at Gallipoli and also France, he was for a period in charge of the 7th Training Brigade in England.

WESTRALIAN CAVALRY IN THE WAR

By Lieut.-Colonel A. C. N. OLDEN, D.S.O.

CHAPTER XXII

THE SECOND BATTLE OF GAZA

Through a bare three weeks had elapsed since the initial failure of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force to reduce Gaza, a very considerable alteration in the nature and dispositions of the Turkish defences had taken place during that time, particularly in the northern portion of the line between Abu Hareira and Gaza itself.

Working with great energy, the Turks had constructed a chain of redoubts along the route of the main Beersheba-Gaza road, the largest and most formidable looking being at Resm Atawineh—about seven miles south-east from Gaza. They had, in addition, developed two strong posts forward of their main line; one at Sheikh Abbas—over which our troops had passed un molested on March 26—the other at Khirbet Erk, the junction of the Wadi Sheira and Wadi Imleih.

These, of course, were only subsidiary works to the Gaza stronghold where, in the interim, immense extensions in the way of trenches, rifle pits, gun emplacements and wire entanglements had been made.

During the Passchendaele operations, the then C.O. (Lieut.-Colonel Read) and his second-in-command (Major Darling) were both severely wounded and Colonel Collett again took command with Major Currie as second.

Shortly after the commencement of the German offensive in 1918, Colonel Currie was appointed to command the unit and under his able leadership the battalion played a distinguished part in the operations which culminated in the capitulation of the enemy on November 11, 1918.

A very big man, weighing about sixteen stone and possessed of snow-white hair and moustache, the Colonel, although only 38 at that time, looked much older. Possessing a very genial nature and a faculty for looking on the bright side of life, he greatly endeared himself to those who had the privilege of serving under him.

Colonel Currie's service with the 28th earned for him the C.M.G. and the Croix de Guerre. The D.S.O. had been awarded whilst he was serving with the 26th Battalion.

Before the war, Colonel Currie, who is a Queenslander, was an officer of the Education Department of that State and resuming that position upon his return to Australia is now headmaster of one of the principal schools.

He will be visiting this State shortly on a round trip by boat, arriving on January 10 and leaving again on the 12th. To mark the occasion, and to enable old comrades personally to convey to him their regards, it has been decided to hold two functions on the evening of the 11th, viz., a cocktail party at the 28th Battalion Headquarters, Wright Street, by the ex-officers of the 28th to be followed by a reunion smoke social at a place to be finally decided upon; but in all probability at Anzac House commencing at 8 p.m.

At the function at Headquarters of the 28th Battalion, Colonel Currie will present to the C.M.F. unit a handsome cup presented by Brigadier-General Wisdom, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who commanded the 7th Infantry Brigade, for the most efficient platoon in the Brigade and won by a platoon of "C" Company under Lieutenant A. J. Flanagan. The company commander at the time was Captain I. E. Dunkley (now Brigadier) commanding 13th Infantry Brigade (C.M.F.).

All ex members of 28th A.I.F. are requested to keep January 11 free of other engagements in order to show their regard for old "Pat."
In the southern portion of the enemy line—that is, between Abu Hareira and Beersheba—the enemy defences were developed to a lesser degree, but it was against the northern sector that the main effort of our Army was directed in April of 1917.

The British troops engaged in this Second Battle, under the Commander-in-Chief (General Sir A. Murray) numbered something like 70,000, made up as follows:

1. **East Force** (Lieut.-General Dobell), consisting of the 52nd, 53rd and 54th Infantry Divisions.
2. **Desert Column** (Lieut.-General Chetwode) consisting of the Anzac Mounted Division (Major-General Chauvel), the Imperial Mounted Division (Major-General Hodgson), the Imperial Camel Brigade (Brigadier-General Smith, V.C.).
3. **Detachments** from the Royal Flying Corps, Armoured Car Corps, Tank Corps, etc.

The enemy numbers in the Gaza-Beersheba zone at this time were uncertain, but were probably about 23,000, so that on the figures, with the additions to our armament—mentioned in the previous chapter—our success may not unreasonably have been expected.

The scheme of operations appears to have been divided into two distinct phases:

(a) The seizure of Sheikh Abbas by the Infantry and Khirobet Erk by the mounted troops.
(b) The capture of the Gaza fortress by East Force in combination with a holding attack by Desert Column on the Gaza-Beersheba defences as far south as Abu Hareira.

To the Imperial Mounted Division—consisting at the time of the 3rd and 4th (Australian) Light Horse Brigades and the 5th and 6th (Yeomanry) Mounted Brigades, with the Imperial Camel Brigade attached—was allotted the lion’s share of the work in hand, that is, as far as the mounted troops were concerned.

In the first phase of the battle this Division was to despatch a Brigade to capture Khirobet Erk, and in the second, to carry out the holding attack on the main enemy line, whilst the Anzac Mounted Division, based on El-Shelal, was to be prepared either to support our Division or protect the right flank of the British advance. So much for the general scheme.

Now as to the role of the 10th Regiment. On April 16, orders were received that the Regiment would move from the Goz-el-Taie ridge at dusk and, under cover of darkness, take up portion of an outpost line east of the Wadi Ghuzze, with its right resting on the Wadi, near Abu Bakra, and its left on Hill 280—a little over a mile east by north. The 9th Regiment would simultaneously occupy the portion between Hill 280 and Mendur whilst the 8th Regiment would remain at Tel-el-Jemni, the Battle Headquarters of our Division.

The 10th Regiment, leaving the Goz-el-Taie at 7.30 p.m., crossed the Wadi Ghuzze an hour later and moved through the growing barley crop to its appointed position. “A” Squadron took up its post on the Wadi bank, “B” Squadron was in the centre and “C” Squadron on Hill 280. Whilst crossing the Wadi Ghuzze a report reached the Brigade Column

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that a large force of enemy cavalry was observed approaching Hill 280 at dusk, but a few hurried shots in the darkness showed that the hill was occupied only by a small party of Turks, who evacuated the position on our approach.

The Regiment remained on outpost in this position through the night, and in the meantime, orders arrived showing that, in the first phase of the battle, our part, though important, was not to be of a very spectacular character. The 3rd Light Horse Brigade was merely to hold its present outpost line and dig gun crossings in the Wadi Sheria.

At ten minutes past five on the morning of April 17, the bombardment of Sheikh Abbas by our artillery commenced as a prelude to the infantry attack on that position.

From our observation posts the progress of this initial move was watched with interest. Away to the north, over the beautiful fields of waving green corn and red anemones, could be seen the steady advance of our infantry under cover of the gunfire. Spasmodic salvos of enemy shrapnel were directed against them, but gradually died down as they neared their objective.

Two hours later the information reached us that Sheikh Abbas had fallen to our troops. So far, everything seemed to be going well. Rumours of the enemy's evacuation of their whole line already began to circulate; even the question of pursuit was discussed. Indeed, little or no surprise would have been occasioned had immediate orders to "mount and move" arrived.

But at this juncture the first hitch occurred. The Yeomanry Mounted Brigade detailed to seize Khirbet Erk had passed through our outpost line in early morning. Riding across the open fields towards their objective, they came under Turkish fire sufficiently heavy to hold up their advance, and their commander deemed it wise not to push the attack on the post.

Apparantly the capture of this position was not considered of vital importance in the battle scheme, and the Yeomanry Brigade was recalled—in readiness for the next phase. Meanwhile, the 9th and 10th Regiments, leaving small observation posts in the outpost line had dug energetically at the steep banks of the Wadi Sheria and, during the day, had completed quite a respectable number of ramps to allow of the prospective passage of field guns and wheeled transport across the Wadi. In the afternoon, the 3rd Light Horse Brigade concentrated at Mendur for water, our movements being conducted under the close observation of three German aeroplanes, which hovered unmolested above us the whole afternoon, but, curiously enough, made no attempt to bomb, machine gun or otherwise disturb our tranquility. Evidently the curiosity of the Germans in watching our extraordinary movements had temporarily overcome their desire to injure, otherwise they could have surely inflicted heavy casualties upon horses and men that afternoon had they so desired.

Now followed what to many seemed an amazing period of inactivity—that is, as far as our Army scheme was concerned. Whether or not this could have been prevented, the records of the higher formations will, perhaps, some day disclose.

But the fact remains that for nearly two whole days—from the capture of Sheikh Abbas on April 17 to well after daylight on April 19, the enemy were allowed a respite during which hardly a shot was fired. Troops moved about the green fields in broad daylight under full observation of the waiting Turks, high up in the minaret of the Great Mosque of Gaza, on the crest of Ali Muntar, and along the ridge which marked their line of resistance.

Enemy aeroplanes came and went at will. "Where was the secrecy?" "Why the delay?" The questions framed themselves but remain unasked—and unanswered. "Wait till the guns open on Gaza in earnest!" "Wait till the tanks ——!

The 3rd Light Horse Brigade spent the remainder of April 17 and April 18 "oscillating" between Tel-el-Jemmi and the Mendur-Hill 280 outpost line, with intervals occupied in the watering of horses and the drawing of rations and forage. The horses, at all events, benefited greatly during the pause, grazing contentedly on the growing barley till they were full fed.

At eight o'clock on the night of April 18, whilst the 10th Regiment, with the other units of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade, waited formed up in mass near Tel-el-Jemmi, orders arrived for the battle of the morrow.

As far as our Brigade was concerned, our role—as the staff officer who conveyed the instruction put it—appeared to be "the Maghada-Rafa touch once again, only a bit more so!"

At zero on the morning of April 19, 1917, the attack on the Gaza-Beersheba line would commence. At dawn the artillery would open a bombardment on the whole Turkish defence system extending from Gaza on the left as far south as Atawineh on the right. The bombardment would last one hour. The attacking troops were to move in the night to their respective positions of deployment and, on the cessation of the artillery preparation, would assault the specified portions of the enemy line.

Troops of East Force would assault and capture Ali Muntar, the Labyrinth and the Gaza defences generally, whilst, simultaneously, troops of the Imperial Mounted Division would attack the Atawineh system of redoubts with a view of preventing enemy reinforcement of the main works at Gaza, where the coup-de-grace was to be administered.

(To be continued.)
ing like a chook, so I rang up a beauty salon where I get buckshee treatment when I want it (see below), and asked the advice of Madame Cassie Cascara. Madame was very helpful, and told me to tell my reader to singe her face like you do the tough feathers that won't come out of the parson's nose of your Christmas turkey, and all should be well. I grant it should have been, but Miss Pullitt, singeing off the feathers, set her hair alight, so that while I am delighted to say she no longer has a face covered with feathers, she is completely bald-headed.

For details or address of the beauty salon referred to above, write to Auntie Stan, The Listening Post, 379 Hay Street (East), Perth.

LOVE BALM ANSWERS

My wife, I notice, cuts the lodger all
the nice outside bits off the joint, and
the crackly pieces of brown fat, and gives me anything. Should I complain?—Carl
(Carlisle.)

You can growl if you like, Carl (Carlisle), but you run the risk of a sock on
the nose from the lodger, and probably your wife would be distasteful as well.
After all, what do you suppose she has
got a lodger for? You are apparently a
really exasperating fellow.

I am very deeply in love with a girl
whom I have been taking out for some
time. She is also very much in love with
me, but I am afraid that when I tell her
I was engaged to another girl two years
ago she will ask awkward questions.—George (Gosnells.)

Pish, tush, George, (Gosnells), pish,
tush! All she will want to know is what
the other girl was wearing.

My missus wants to take our dog with
us when we go on our holiday. I'm dead
nuts against it, believing that it will spoil
our holiday. What should I do about it?
—Bert (Bunbury.)

Simple, Bert (Bunbury). Suggest to
your wife that she has her holiday with
the dog, and you go off to Rottnest, Scarboroor wherever it is you are hankering
after—by yourself. It might come off!

And now, girls and boys, comes what
we may call the personal touch. Evi-
dently greatly impressed with my care-
fully nurtured updragging (as set out in
last month's issue), I have received
(what I take to be) an offer of marriage!

Read on, lads and lassies:

Dear Auntie Mac:

I ain't much uv a scoller, but I do
know a good thing when I reads it and
last munce listening post sattisfysd me
that you ar me "sole-mate." 'Sfummy
thing, you bein' one of seventeeneen, be-
cos I am also the same, only that werr
nineteen in my family. Hennyway, I've
got a fair sized bit ov ground up here,
a cuppla 'osses, two or three pigs, sum
fowels and odds an ends, and betwean
em I mamnige ter git along fairly dink-
sum. Then I got me billy-goat what my
father lef me in 'is will, and he keeps me
konpany; but it needs a wumman
around the joynst an' I noo at oncet when
I red it that YOU ar the wumman for
me. Mynd you, I ain't yung and I ain't
old—I shel be 64 nex birthday—but I
have a tuvin' disp XXX disappa .
dyss (yoi, yoi!) WAY, with wimmen,
and I don't mynd takin' a chance with
you, so if you are reely a wumman, and
not Stan Watt or that there Dick Collins
pullin' our legs, I'm willin' to give you
a trial. But no larks, mynd. I don't
want no infernell tryangles up here.
Yores fatelyfully, Will Barrer (Wyalcat-
chem.)

P.S.—'Tain't so farr from Perth.
Don't you be so fresh, William. You
don't get your Auntie Mac slipping that
way. What I don't know you never
will, so try an' catch somebody else in
Wyalchheim. I mix with debutantes
and gossip writers, and I know it all.

Are you having trouble with your old
man? Does your Listening Post arrive
late? Write to Auntie Mac about it.

Next month: How to change baby's
nappies.

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Tenth Light Horse Assn.

Fourteen members turned up to the usual
Christmas meeting and the main source of
discussion was the proposed Cavalry Ball, to
be held early in the new year. The following
were elected as a ball committee: Messrs
Grimwood, Timperley and Perry (in absentia),
Redshaw, Arundel, Johnston, Dixon, Hum-
erston, Driver and Durack, Colonel Sweet-
apple and five members from C.M.F. to be
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The first meeting of the ball committee will
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BY FIP TDK

An American exchange advises that the Governor of the State of New York has appointed Mr. John Harlan Amen, described as one of the Federal Government's most successful "racket busters," to sweep out official corruption from Brooklyn. Mr. Amen should be the last word in this type of reform.

At the beginning of the month, Mr. Lyons answered the complaints of the German Consul-General, who had been attacked in the Sydney Labour Daily, with a letter of apology and a reference to the paper's alleged deviation from the high standards of Australian journalism. The day this was reported in the Press, Australian newspapers also published reports of the German Press campaign of vilification against British members of Parliament and stupid libels on the British troops in Palestine. All of which serves to show that the German objects of Mr. Chamberlain's appeasement policy can give it, but they can't take it.

One cannot condone personal attacks on the representatives of foreign Governments unless there is evidence to support the charges made. Nevertheless, this idea that dictators and their representatives must not be criticised is a dangerous one that might easily become an infringement of our cherished liberty of speech. If Dr. Asmis feels that he has been libelled, he has his legal redress, and any action he might bring would get a fairer hearing than would a similar action brought by Mr. Churchill or Mr. Atlee against their Nazi traducers in Germany.

Only a few short months ago, the same Dr. Asmis tried to secure the censorship of a March of Time film, which was not altogether complimentary to the Nazi regime. Fortunately, the State Government of New South Wales did not see eye to eye with him on this issue. Earlier still, while German and Italian wireless stations were spreading anti-British broadcasts where they would do least good, British and Dominion stations scrupulously observed an international agreement to broadcast nothing likely to give offence to the Governments of other countries.

The immediate effects of the so-called appeasement policy were the growth of the idea in dictator countries that every demand must be conceded, and that every criticism of totalitarian methods, even in the Mother of Parliaments, was merely a form of war-mongering. Mr. Chamberlain's supporters were just as bad, until even they jabbed at the implication that only Ministers acceptable to Herr Hitler or Signor Mussolini should be included in Cabinets. We have sacrificed much to avoid war. We have dimmed our prestige and even besmirched our honour if we are not careful we shall wake up one morning and find that we have even frittered away our democratic liberties.

The Asmis incident led to questions in the House of Representatives, which drew from Mr. McEwan, the Minister for the Interior, a denial of rumours that the Commonwealth Government had detailed men to watch reputed German Nazi agents. It is not likely that any Minister of the Crown would publicly warn persons who are under observation; but it would be interesting to know what the Federal authorities are doing about espionage in Australia beyond denying current, and sometimes mischievous, rumours. Admittedly, spy mania can be carried to extremes that are vexatious and silly, but at the other end of the see-saw is the ostrich-like policy of ignoring the possibility of enemy propagandists exploiting a country's yearning for peace. That attitude is also silly, and extremely dangerous into the bargain.

An esteemed contemporary states that an English professor had tried to make golf easier by the invention of a putter which shows a red light when it is off the line. The addition of the red light should also make the game faster.

The new Commonwealth scheme for the expansion of the defence forces was greeted with cheap sneers by the Nazi Press in Germany. When the Australian Army was mentioned in Germany twenty years ago, there was more4 whining than sneering.

At a recent meeting of the Blinded Soldiers' Association in Anzac House, it was announced that a consignment of over 500 of talking book material for the association had arrived in Perth. The shipment contained 321 records, each side of which takes 25 minutes to play, and a talking book machine valued at £6/10/- was purchased by a grant of £100 by the Lotteries Commission and donations from Mr. Fred White and Mr. Donald Chipper. The Blinded Soldiers' Association has enlisted the collaboration of the president of the Brasile Society and the manager of the Blind School at Maylands to arrange for the care of these valuable records, and for the maximum number of blind people, including ex-service men, to enjoy the books.

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OTHER INTERESTING AND EXCITING RACES

R. N. Percival, Secretary
VERSAILLES AND ITS SEQUEL

(The Truth About the Peace Treaties, by Lloyd George. Victor Gollancz, London. Price: 18/- Our copy from the publishers.)

The confused thinking of the sloppier type of pacifist and the virulent vapourings of goose-stepping Nazis have little in common; but, through a weird and unholy wedlock, they have begun the assumption that the treaty which ended the war between Germany and the Entente Powers was something inherently wicked and unjust. They have been the parents of the assumption that the Treaty of Versailles was conceived in vindictiveness and administered with a malignity that has inflicted shameful injustice on a people who were conquered, in spite of their use for the first time in history of poison gas, the aerial bombardment of non-combatants in thickly populated centres, and submarine warfare that defied international law and the dictates of common humanity. Nearly twenty years after that treaty was signed, a generation has been allowed to grow up in the belief that the seeds of all present discontent were sown by the Treaty of Versailles. The first of Mr. Lloyd George's two volumes, giving as he sees it "The Truth About the Treaties," was issued in London almost immediately after the Munich agreement. Its appearance was both timely and welcome, and critics of the Versailles settlement would do well to read that volume and compare the terms dictated to Germany after four years of bitter war, with the terms Germany exacted from Czechoslovakia after one of the most successful examples of blackmail in the world's history.

Mr. Lloyd George, who played a leading role in those moving events and brave employments of twenty years ago, is eminently qualified to write of the conference which preceded the signing of the treaty, and of those with whom he was so intimately associated during that conference. Having had much to do with drawing up the terms of the treaty, it is not that he should defend it, and he makes out a strong case, an almost unanswerable case for the defence. Quite logically, he asserts that the peace settlement should not be judged by the abuse of its provisions. "The fault," he says, "lies with those who repudiated their own solemn contracts and pledges, or by taking advantage of a temporary superiority denied justice to those who, for the time being, were helpless to exact it."

The reference here is to the rettributive nature of the treatment meted out to a disarmed Germany. Apologists for Germany's subsequent breaches of the treaty have argued that Germany signed the treaty under duress. That may be said of any beaten country in reference to any peace treaty of the past, but Germany's subsequent conduct contrasts very unfavourably with Czechoslovakia's acceptance, both in spirit and letter, of a dictated settlement, which was just as unpalatable and considerably harsher. Mr. Lloyd George, however, makes one very interesting point. He dispels the popular fallacy that President Wilson was the author and only begetter of everything that is good in the treaty, while the statesmen of Britain and France were responsible for its harsher and more retributive features. The widespread belief to-day is that, having overthrown Germany, the Entente Powers would have put in the boot, so to speak, had President Wilson not dissuaded them. Actually, as Mr. Lloyd George proves by documentary evidence, the peace terms the Entente Powers were prepared to grant were not prepared in the flush of victory, but when they were faced with the prospect of defeat. Those terms, as he shows, were embodied in the treaty and they compare more than favourably with those Germany would have exacted, according to the utterances of the Kaiser, had the tide of victory flowed in the opposite direction. Mr. Lloyd George produces equally convincing evidence to prove that President Wilson was not the author of the famous Fourteen Points. These, with the exception of the point relating to the freedom of the seas, had been affirmed in London and Paris before Wilson came into the picture. The real authors of the Fourteen Points were Viscount Cecil and General Smuts. The proposals the British and the South African statesmen advanced eventually took shape in the League of Nations, and its Covenant which was embodied in the peace treaty. To the foresight and humanity of these statesmen, and the others who agreed with them, is due the plain fact that the treaty became the instrument of a wider as distinguished from a mere retributive justice. After all, a nation that provoked the biggest war of modern times and conducted it in a spirit of cynical inhumanity was entitled to justice rather than mercy.

Mr. Lloyd George attributes the failure of the League of Nations to fulfil its ideals to two causes: the repudiation of the treaty by the United States Senate and the failure of Britain and France to disarm after they had forced Germany to do so. In the latter instance, the author seems to be on ground less sure. Perhaps the initial mistake was the insertion of the disarmament clause in the treaty. As it was, Britain and France had to remain armed to ensure Germany's compliance with the peace terms. Germany took advantage of a distrust that was invited by everything that is known of the German character to rearm, surreptitiously at first, and more openly when more favourable circumstances presented themselves. And so the vicious circle described itself in spite of the best intentions in the world.

Australian readers will find most interesting the chapters relating to the disposal of Germany's former colonies. Territories conquered in previous wars were almost invariably retained by the victors, though the peculiar circumstances of the Napoleonic Wars impelled Britain to return captured colonies to the French, and to the Dutch, who were their reluctant allies. Apart from this, Britain paid Holland outright for Ceylon and the Cape Colony, which were captured by force of arms, and might have been retained without further argument. At Versailles, there were no two opinions about the future of the former German colonies. Even President Wilson, whom Mr. Lloyd George quotes, said that all were agreed to oppose the restoration of the German colonies. For this attitude, the Germans had only themselves to blame. The issue was more than economic. Mr. Lloyd George says, "German Ministers and publicists advertised their colonial aspirations with great frankness during the progress of the war. Their ambition was to be found a black empire in Africa, extending across the continent from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean." He quotes Emil Zimmerman, a former German civil servant who "looked forward to a German African Empire containing a population of 50 million blacks and 500,000 Germans, out of which it will be possible at any moment to mobilise an army of 1,000,000 men." These aspirations which are contained in a memorandum prepared for the Imperial German Cabinet in July, 1918, should not be forgotten in these days, when there is so much loose talk about the way poor innocent Germany
November 30, 1938

At the meeting of the State executive on November 30, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Aberle, Hunt, Lamb, Freedman, Nicholas, Anderson, James, Watt, Margolin, Paton, Potts, Sten, Keessing, Faireley, Mitchell, Logie and Johnstone. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Butler, Collett, Philp, Panton, Denton, Thorn, Warner, Cornell, Cornish, Lawton and Austin.

Anzac Club.—It was reported that the Anzac Club Control Act had received assent and became law as from November 30. Mr. Aberle reported that a meeting of club members had taken place on November 25, and it had been agreed that all assets be handed over to the League. It was unanimously agreed that the executive place on record its appreciation of the members of the club and that the club committee comprise the present executive members now serving on the club committee, with power to co-opt two members of the League. The club will carry on as before with its own secretary and be responsible to the State executive. It was also agreed that the club should carry out its banking in accordance with the club rules, which provide that two members of the committee and the secretary sign all cheques; that there be a separate bank account. Banking operations will be covered by a report submitted to the executive.

Club Rules.—The hon. solicitor advised that the old club rules would be sufficient for all administrative and control purposes with the exception that there should be one or two minor alterations and deletions. The

hon. solicitor was asked to bring the club rules up to date for reprinting.

Appreciation.—It was resolved that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Hon. C. G. Latham for his keen personal interest in presenting the Anzac Club Control Act to Parliament, and that he be asked to thank all soldier members and others who had assisted in the matter.

Invitation.—Albany sub-branch requested the State president to open a soldiers' ward of the hospital at Albany. Mr. Yeates was unable to attend, and it was decided to ask the country vice-president (Mr. Butler) to go.

Pensions Committee.—A report of the Pensions Committee on November 28 dealt with suggestions concerning employment, which were submitted by the Perth sub-branch. These included the following:

That the executive circularise all sub-branches to appoint an honorary employment officer or committee to work in conjunction with Head Office.

That a committee of three be appointed from the Employment Committee to approach the chamber of manufacturers, employers' federation and chamber of commerce in order to make an appeal to them for employment of ex-service men.

That the Government be approached by letter and informed of the number of ex-service men available and suitable for positions such as watchmen, caretakers, etc., on public works. These suggestions were adopted.

Corps of Commissioners.—The position regarding this corps was detailed by a communication from the Perth sub-branch and a further letter from Mr. J. W. Colpitts, adjutant of the Corps of Commissioners. It was agreed that the matters contained in these memos concerning the Corps be brought to the notice of the Chamber of Manufacturers and Employers' Federation by the committee appointed to interview these bodies. It was also agreed to thank the Perth sub-branch and Mr. Colpitts for the information submitted.

Employment Officer's Report.—The Employment Officer's report for the month of October indicated that 20 positions had been found. Reference was made to the reenlistment of twelve returned soldiers at Maylands Aerodrome, two non-soldiers having been kept on in supposed key positions, which could have been filled by at least two of those retrenched. On the recommendation of the committee, it was agreed that the State president or vice-president, together with two members of the Pensions Committee, interview the Commonwealth Works Director in regard to this matter. The report was then adopted.

Armistice and Poppy Day.—A report from this committee concerning the observance of Armistice Day and the sale of poppies showed that $1,727 had been issued this year as against $1,600 last year. Stickers totalled 3,605 as against 2,523 and 190 Remembrance Wreaths were disposed of, compared with 173 last year.

School Broadcast.—Reference was made to the school broadcast, and it was agreed to convey the appreciation of the executive to the Education Department.

Land Committee.—Report of Land Committee meeting held on November 29 was received and adopted. This report referred to a meeting between the P.F.A., W.G.U. and members of the Land Committee concerning an attempt to stabilise the prices of wheat and wool.

Funds.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees for the month of October showed that 47 applicants had been assisted at a cost of £60/7/10. The report for November showed that 41 applicants had been assisted at a cost of £39/6/10.

The report of the United Services Fund for September indicated that 26 applications had been approved at a cost of £27/0/9.
The report for October showed that 21 applications had been approved at a cost of £21,812.

Visits.—Visits were reported as follows:—
The State president, Guildford, Beverley, State War Memorial Handing-over ceremony, Mr. Lawley, Former District, Nedlands, Cottesloe, Perth, South African and Imperial Veterans' Memorial Service, Flying Corps Association, A.R.M.S. championship games, No. 2 District reunion, Boan’s ex-service men’s reunion; Col. Watt, West Leederville sub-branch with Federal congress delegates, Bassendean and Armadale; Mr. winning, Bridgetown; Messrs. Keesing and Lawton, Merredin; Mr. Keesing, Gosnells; Mr. Logie, Yarloop; Mr. Nicholas, No. XI ward; Mr. Johnstone, Coolup; Mr. Anderson, Ex-Naval Men’s Association; Mr. Cornell, Kellerberrin and Moortine Rock; Mr. Aberle, Chamber of Manufacturers dinner and Mosman Park.

Broadcasts.—The following roster was arranged for broadcast: December 6, Colonel Fairley; December 13, Colonel Olden; December 20, Mr. Sten; December 27, Mr. Yeates; January 3, Mr. Nicholass.

Acting Secretary.—The appointment of Mr. Ferguson as acting secretary from November 21 was confirmed.

Condolence.—Delegates were advised of the death of Colonel Leslie Brown, of South Africa, who visited this State as a delegate to the B.E.S.L. conference held in Australia a few years ago.

It was agreed to forward a letter of sympathy through the Federal Office.

Defence.—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Commonwealth government in any way was received.

A telegram received from the Prime Minister requested the League to nominate one member of the State executive as a member of the Defence League Executive in Western Australia. Mr. Yeates was appointed.

A communication from the District Commander requesting the co-operation of this League in the present recruiting campaign was received. The secretary was asked to advise that every support would be given.

Armadale sub-branch referred to the exemption of certain foreigners from military services. It was agreed to advise Armadale that their complaint was covered by a recent Federal congress resolution.

Press Censorship.—Correspondence between the State executive office and Maylands sub-branch concerning Press censorship was received. It was agreed that Colonel Fairley should attend the next meeting of the sub-branch in order to explain the position.

Twenty-third Annual Congress.—Letters of appreciation were received from Federal officers and Mr. Stan Walker for hospitality extended.

Anti-Gas Measures.—The chairman of the Air Raids Precaution Committee thanked the League for preferred support and advised that he was endeavouring to have an early meeting of the committee.

Riflemen’s Session, National Broadcasting Stations.—Kalgoorlie sub-branch expressed indignation at the proposed cancellation of this

SISTERS

The annual meeting of Returned Sisters was held at Anzac House on Thursday, December 1. Eighteen members were present.

Miss T. G. Dunn recently returned from England was also present. The following officers were elected: President, Miss R. Clifton; vice-president, Mrs. Tressider; secretary, Miss M. Ashton; committee, Miss Ashton; committee, Miss Fylde, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Longley. The resignation of the secretary (S. Smith) was received with regret. There will be no meeting in January.

The latest advice from Miss Bowick is that she leaves England on February 15 on the “Dominion Monarch,” but will probably go straight through to Melbourne.

DARLING RANGE

Home on the Range, the sub-branch has inaugurated a very successful series of monthly lectures which, besides being intensely interesting, have already had a beneficial effect on attendances at meetings. The series commenced with a lecture of “Q” ships, by session. The matter was left in the hands of the State secretary.

Education Board.—Advice received from the Repatriation Commission that the appointment of Mr. R. E. Potts and Mr. T. Sten as members of the Education Board had been approved. A communication was also received from the Education Department stating that leave had been granted to these two gentlemen to attend necessary meetings.

Drought Conditions.—A communication received from the Minister for Railways regarding the drought conditions in the eastern wheat belt was received and referred to the Land Committee. It was agreed that communication received already from the Minister should be sent on to the Minister for Railways.

Insurance: State Executive Members.—The matter of the insurance of State executive members travelling on League business was referred to the Management Committee.

Leave.—Leave of absence was granted from next meeting to the State president, Messrs. Fairley and Sten.

Lieutenant Hutchison, R.N.R. That was followed by an interesting and well-received talk on the early goldfields by Captain C. L. Longmore (“Non GoM,” of “The Western Mail”). The third lecture on controlled marketing, by Mr. Goodee, of the State Statistician’s Office, gave opportunity for much interesting discussion. There will be a break during the holidays, after which the series will be resumed, commencing with a talk by Mr. Henry Moseley. A unit of the Sons of Soldiers’ League has been successfully launched. Recently the Sons were given an address by Mr. Ted Corbey.

MT. MARSHALL

At the annual meeting on October 15, the following officers were elected: President, W. H. Wright; vice-president, R. Walters, A. C. Forrest; secretary, V. M. Creigh; treasurer, W. G. Appleby; auditor, H. V. Hicks; steward for Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund, V. J. Hamman. The meeting was followed by a smoke social. Among the guests were representatives of the Mount Marshall Road Board (Messrs. Fletchand Hopwood) and the member for the district (Mr. F. L. Warner, M.L.A.), who also represented the State executive.

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both financially and by public patronage. A nett profit of £25 was shown. Many thanks are due to Mr. Tom Scott, the organiser and the originator of the tableaux depicting Peace and Remembrance; to the women's auxiliary for their splendid effort on providing the supper for which the tableaux proved so popular; and to other helpers too numerous to mention. It is to be hoped that in future this ball will be an annual event. The sale of poppies this year disposed of about 660. This was slightly less than last year but considering the bad times was very good. Needless to say, the ladies worked like Trojans. Armistice Day passed off very quietly. At 11 a.m. the usual respects were paid, wreaths were laid on the Memorial by the sub-branch, the women's auxiliary, the Town Council and the militia. On Saturday, December 17, the Christmas Tea will be held for the children of members and the women's auxiliary.

WOOROOLOO

The annual reunion was held on Saturday, November 26, in the local hall. Among those present were Mr. L. Thorn, M.L.A. (representing Drayton), Mr. Wood, M.L.C., Mr. H. Q. Robinson (representing the Murrumburag Road Board) and members from Midland, Guildford, West Swan, Mundaring, Darlington, Parkerville and Mt. Helena. President Ted Westley is heartily congratulated on his manner in which he conducted proceedings, which went with a splendid swing from beginning to end. After the ceremony in honour of Fallen Comrades, the president outlined the work of the sub-branch during the half-year. Toasts were then proposed by members of the sub-branch and ably responded to by the visitors. At intervals during proceedings, musical items were rendered. Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Davis, old friends, sang solos and combined in a very well sung duet. Don Rist's rendition of "Gungah Din" was one of the highlights of the evening, as was also a short "smoke social" gem by Jack Burton. Bill Jones' orchestra was there in full force, and a few bands of Girl Guides from the local hall, who very helpfully at a little towards making the evening the success it undoubtedly was.

NEDLANDS

The November meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on November 15. After the business was disposed of, the president (Mr. R. A. Wood) introduced the Federal president (Sir Gilbert Dyett) and delegates. Sir Gilbert addressed the members. During the course of his remarks he complimented the Western Australian Branch on their splendid efforts and loyal support to him since the inception of his term of office. He also enolaged Mr. Morris, who, as sub-branch commander, had been splendidly followed by Mr. Wood in a splendid manner. He congratulated the members for the splendid efforts and loyal effort in the work during the time when they attended the British Legion on behalf of Australia last year in England. Mr. Yeates briefly replied and assured Sir Gilbert that the W.A. Branch on no account will subordinate the League primarily and returned soldiers and their dependants at all times. Our immediate past president (Mr. J. Anderson) moved a vote of thanks to Sir Gilbert. After the Federal president and delegates retired, the members were entertained by Mrs. Saunders, who gave a brief lecture on fencing, and with her team gave a half-hour display, which was enjoyed by all. After refreshments had been partaken, quite a number of members indulged in bridge and other Army games. Reports on the various activities of the sub-branch, gardening, games and sick visits were given during the business portion of the meeting and many congratulations were extended to the sub-branch on winning the A.R.M.S. shield this year. President pointed out that the next issue of "Splinters" would be our 100th issue and stated that outside of "The Listening Post," it was the only soldiers' magazine which had attained this splendid milestone.

BRUNSWICK JUNCTION

On the evening of Armistice Day, the sub-branch conducted a community concert in the local hall. The assistance of the women's auxiliary contributed largely to the success of this function. A noteworthy performance was given by a company of Diggerettes, trained by Mrs. J. Morgan. There were also competitions for which prizes were awarded by the conductor, Mr. F. A. McCormack. Two hundred and fifty dollars was disposed of during the day, and this combined with the proceeds for the sub-branch. The proceeds of the concert will augment the amelioration fund. A further concert was given by the auxiliary on November 19. After months of negotiations, with the sub-branch, the sub-branch has been given the old State Farm Hall. The building has been demolished and will be re-erected on a block owned by the sub-branch in the town. The reconstructed building will provide accommodation for the local troop of Light Horse and a boys' club under the control of the sub-branch. It is also proposed to form a troop of Boy Scouts. DOWERIN

The sub-branch and auxiliary held a social evening on November 4. Before joining the ladies, the sub-branch held a short meeting, with the president (Mr. R. A. Richards) in the chair. New members were welcomed and Mr. Richards presented a report on the annual State congress. A vote of thanks to the president was moved by Mr. Hughes. A programme of competitions, games and vocal items was then presented by the ladies. During the course of the supper, upper was served by the auxiliary, which was received with approval by the ladies. It was resolved to give the sub-branch at a social evening on November 19. After months of negotiations, with the sub-branch, the sub-branch has been given the old State Farm Hall. The building has been demolished and will be re-erected on a block owned by the sub-branch in the town. The reconstructed building will provide accommodation for the local troop of Light Horse and a boys' club under the control of the sub-branch. It is also proposed to form a troop of Boy Scouts.

PEMBERTON

At the monthly meeting, twelve members were present. The chief item of consequence was the report of the successful dance held on Poppy Day. A modest three dozen poppies were sold, but it was decided next year to multiply this by four. In the course of the president's monthly address, the secretary was accorded a word of praise. As this is so short a notice, no recording. It was decided to postpone the annual meeting to February 7, so there will not be a meeting in January of next year. As this was a souvenier night, an enjoyable hour or so was spent in inspection of the numer-ous photographs which were given to two guineas respectively, for which the thank of the sub-branch are gratefully extended. A dance has been arranged for New Year's Eve, and members for the effort received hearty acclamation from members. Eight new members were introduced. The organiser of the river picnic and sports for children of members gave members a brief outline of arrangements, and it looked as if tickets would be out of circulation long before the party itself. It was also decided, and such was the case. As the destination was kept secret, there was a lot of conjecture as to whether it would be at Billy Goat Farm or Dalkeith or Mr. Henry, but the spot will be found in due time. The sub-branch also established another record and the helpers were heartily congratulated on their effort.

WEST SWAN

Regular meetings are well attended. The Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund is progressing favourably. Members were the guests of the Melville sub-branch at a social evening on November 15, when all present had the honour of meeting delegates from other States to the Federal congress. The Melville militia are to be thanked for their hospitality, and members of the Melville sub-branch were also the guests of the Woorooroo sub-branch. At this function, Mr. L. Thorn, M.L.A., represented the State executive and Mr. Wood, M.L.C., the local road board. Diggers from the neighbouring sub-branches were also present.

ALBANY

At the monthly meeting on December 7, Mr. D. R. Stewart raised the question of forming an infantry unit of the militia, in addition to the existing detachment of the R.A.A. (Militia) in Albany. On the motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. S. Roots, it was resolved that the Defence Department be urged to sanction the formation of an infantry unit in Albany. Messrs. Stewart, Carrington and the secretary were appointed to draw up a scheme for submission to District Headquarters. Mr. W. F. Hall's resignation of the secretarieship of the sub-branch was received with deep regret. It was resolved to give the plan a trial, subject to the following proviso, which friends of the institute, presented by a financial member of the sub-branch. The following arrangements were approved for the official opening of the Returned Men's Ward in the local hospital: The opening will be carried out by Mr. M. W. H. Curran, supported by Mr. B. E. Butler on behalf of the State president. The ceremony was arranged for Sunday, December 18, at 3 p.m. It was decided to send the Commander of the French slope "Bougainville" a copy of the photographs, which were extended, and the suitable photographs and the ribbon and medallion be framed and hung in the lounge.

WONGAN HILLS

Much business was finalised at the monthly meeting on December 3. Among the fixtures for the month are the children's Christmas tree, at which entertainment is to be provided for 220 youngsters. This function will be financed by a raffle and donations from members and friends. The Younger Set and Country Women's Association have contributed three guineas and two guineas respectively, for which the thanks of the sub-branch are gratefully extended. A dance has been arranged for New Year's Eve, and members.
and their wives are asked to render personal service to make the occasion a success, especially as this is the New Year function the sub-branch has sponsored.

CLAREMONT
At the last monthly meeting the president (Mr. C. H. Briggs) welcomed Mr. North, M.L.A., and His Worship the Mayor of Claremont (Mr. G. Mengler). Mr. North and Mr. Mengler thanked the members for their hearty welcome. Mr. Scorer and Mr. Hanson paid a visit to the sub-branch and were heartily welcomed. Mr. Shakespeare, on behalf of the members, thanked the president and Mrs. Briggs for the interest they have displayed in regard to the sub-branch. The trip to Garden Island turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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VICTORIA PARK
A very pleasant evening was spent on November 16, the occasion being the unveiling of a beautiful oil painting (a portrait of the late Sir Talbot Hobbs). Those present were Brigadier-General Bessell-Browne, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Raphael, M.L.A., Dr. Meagher and Mr. Read. There was a wonderful roll-up of members and their wives and members of the auxiliary and their husbands, a total of about 200 being present. The Brigadier unveiled the portrait and after giving an account of his 41 years of association with the late General, he presented the portrait to President Eric Lloyd on behalf of Mr. R. Hadley who painted, framed and presented this fine example of his wonderful work, although 65 years of age. Our president thanked the donor, Brigadier Bessell-Browne and all those present for their wonderful co-operation in making the night a success, including C. Clear, who sang "Land of Hope and Glory." Other speakers were the Lord Mayor for the City of Perth, Cr. Raphael, for the Government, and Mesdames McKinlay and Hopperton for the women's auxiliary. The R.S.I. and women's auxiliary dances are still enjoying a huge amount of success each Saturday night, and anyone desirous of having a good night out come along to the R.S.I. Hall in Salford Street. There will be a Monster Carnival on December 31, New Year's Eve. The usual admission of 1/2 will be charged.

BASSENDEAN
Social activities have been swinging well lately. On November 17, a very successful ladies' night was held in the lesser hall. This was given as a little return to all those ladies who responded so well in the sale of poppies on Armistice Day. On November 25, the sub-branch held its annual smoke social. About 200 sat down to the well-filled and beautifully-decorated tables, which were a great credit to that little band of lady helpers that Bassendean is so fortunate in having. President Jim Claufton was, as usual, at his best as chairman. In the supports were Mr. Watt (State executive), Mr. Ireland (local road board). A number of very good musical items were given by a band of local artists. Around the tables could be seen well-known Diggers from Guildford, Maylands, Bayswater, Midland Junction and the Swan. Certificates of Service were presented to two very old and respected members, the past president (the Rev. H. Vine) and the past secretary (Frank Leng). Their work and wonderful organising abilities are so well known and much appreciated by the sub-branch. Appropriate toasts and responses were delivered by the president, Padre H. Vine, Mr. Watt, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Ron Love-lock, Mr. Minchin and Mr. P. Leng. The evening was most enjoyable and the manner in which the proceedings were conducted was a great credit to President Claufton.

COLLIE
December is proving a busy month. Members who visited Fremantle for the first weekend of December thoroughly enjoyed themselves and speak highly of the hospitality extended. The Collie Repertory Club staged a play on December 12, the proceeds of which were donated to the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund. Then there was the picnic arranged for December 17. The annual sport's meeting will be held on January 2. The women's auxiliary had a successful turn-out on Poppy Day. The women's auxiliary...
garden party, for which the sub-branch provided the fatigue party, was also a successful function.

BUNBURY

Preparations are being made in the neighbourhood of the Amusement Park, which opens on Christmas Eve. Much enjoyment and a bumper crowd are expected.

The new amplifiers are making their presence heard, if not felt, and, with extra flood lights the correct atmosphere of a fun fair should be furnished. Thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of the ladies, a new record was established for Poppy Day sales.

The sub-branch is proud of the fact that His Worship the Mayor of Bunbury is an active member. A congratulatory social was accorded him on December 3. Other distinguished members of the sub-branch are the Bishop of Bunbury, the chairman of the Bunbury Road Board (Mr. F. Guthrie), several members of the Municipal Council and Road Board, the Town Clerk, the Road Board secretary and the foremen of both local authorities.

With so many pillars of Church and State pulling their weight in the sub-branch, one predicts a great future for the cause in Bunbury.

FREMANTLE CITY AND DISTRICT

The visit of the members from Collie was an outstanding success owing to the cooperation of the women's auxiliary. The itinerary as arranged was carried out without a hitch. It consisted of high tea at the Institute on Saturday, December 3, a social in the evening in the Town Hall, the investment of Capt. E. M. Davies as the new warden of the Fallen Sailors and Soldiers' Memorial on Sunday morning and the afternoon, a drive to King's Park and the State War Memorial, on which the president of the Collie sub-branch (Mr. J. Giblett) placed a wreath. The social on Saturday evening was a great success, and our thanks are due to the artists who gave of their best. The Mayor of Fremantle (Mr. F. Gibson) welcomed the visitors on behalf of the City, and Col. A. C. N. Olden represented the State executive and did the honours for them.

The sub-branch feels deeply grateful to the Mayor for his generosity in making the Town Hall available for Saturday night and providing the supper. The president of Collie sub-branch, in his reply, thanked the sub-branch for the royal time they had given them, and said their visit had created a precedent, for this was the first time a country sub-branch had visited a metropolitan area.

OSBORNE PARK

The usual fortnightly meetings were held on Wednesday, November 23, and December 7. President W. Ashdown and Vice-president D. Foreman, respectively, in the chair, and both meetings were well attended. The members entertained their wives and lady helpers of the sub-branch on September 15, tea being served at 6.00 p.m. Fifty ladies attended the function and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The sub-branch was well supported and the hall was cleaned out for a good night's dancing and the doors were thrown open for a good time. While the evening progressed, our ardant worker and member, Jim Nicoll, made two presentations of the best and the sub-branch to Messrs. G. Grant and T. H. French, piano-accordium and violin, respectively, who have been coming along voluntarily to our fortnightly dances and accompanying our pianist (Mrs. A. Cole) and giving us some wonderful dance music. The sub-branch has now gone in recess until January 18, 1939, and wish all its members, old and new, and near and far, the compliments of the season. Our formal dinner dance will be close down on Saturday, December 10, until further notice, but many will be at the Scotty's night on Saturday, December 31.

PERTH

On December 18, the sub-branch will be holding their annual river trip and picnic for all financial members and their children. The trip is entirely free and the tickets can be obtained on application to the office at Monash House. A good time is assured to all participating in the event.

The sub-branch is fortunate in not having many of their members in hospital, and to those who are there we hope they have a speedy recovery. The usual bridge and tea afternoon was a great success, and the ladies had an enjoyable afternoon. These little functions are becoming more widely known and successful each week.

The annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 1939, at which time the election of officials for the coming year will be held.

MOSMAN PARK

The general meeting held on November 28 was well attended. It was, in fact, a record for some time, and three new members were enrolled. We were pleased to see Messrs. Hope and Bartlett with us again after a long absence. Fred Aberle paid a surprise visit to the meeting and was suitably welcomed. Evidence of the interest that the ladies of the auxiliary were taking in sub-branch affairs was indicated by the attendance of Mesdames Burge and Weeks (president and secretary respectively), who, on behalf of that body, presented us with two beautiful framed portraits, one of the King and the other the Queen, and informed the meeting that they were presenting the sub-branch with a flag at a later date. Our best thanks and appreciation are due to the ladies for their effort. The Anniversary Cup competitions were continued and during the evening Ashworth's broke the ice with a convincing win from McDavid's at table tennis. Hickey's comfortably disposed of Gibson's with the gun.

Points scored to date are:
- Gibson's, 4;
- Hickey's, 4;
- McDavid's, 2;
- Ashworth's, 2.

The competition will continue during January, the fixtures being:
- Gibson's v. Hickey's at table tennis,
- Ashworth's v. McDavid's at quoits.

The December meeting takes place on December 17 instead of the last Tuesday in the month. Members are reminded that the Xmas Tree for children takes place on the 22nd. On behalf of the members of this sub-branch, may I take this opportunity of thanking you for the publicity rendered us through your columns during the year, and also wishing you and the staff of "The Listening Post" the Season's Compliments.

YOUMAN

During the past year the sub-branch has endeavoured to become an active unit in the community. A number of other bodies have been helped directly and indirectly, but the main interest has been in the welfare of the local school children, and the sub-branch has provided with seasonal sporting material. During the annual meeting, the president made an appeal for increased membership. He drew attention to the fact that the Federation was then sitting in Perth and asked the League could carry on without the fullest possible membership. During the installation of the incoming president (Mr. Harry Packer), it was unanimously decided that his predecessor (Mr. D. C. Johnson) should be recommended for a Past President's Certificate. A most convivial smoke social followed the business meeting.

CARLISLE

There was a record attendance at the last monthly meeting, presided over by Mr. H. Crofts, 45 members being present. The committee has arranged many functions and social evenings to end up a very successful year, both socially and financially. Members are requested to reserve the following dates:
- December 10, the women's auxiliary are giving an afternoon to all children of Carlisle and on the 14th at 8 p.m. a Xmas Tree for all members' children.
- December 16 is the draw of the goose club, and on December 17, the men's and women's auxiliary are giving an afternoon to all children of Carlisle.

On December 31, there will be a Grand Dance Carnival to see the New Year in. The weekly dancing during Christmas week will be held on Wednesday instead of Friday night. All members are asked to attend the first meeting in the new year on January 5. Our correspondent of the sub-branch extends the compliments of the season to all readers of "The
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Listening "Post" and to comrades in hospital he extends sympathy and the best of luck. After the meeting closed, members of the sub-branch were entertained by the Warralily Dance Club, which was much appreciated by all, also refreshments and harmony before closing down.

MURRAY

Murray sub-branch have recently secured a room at the Road Board office for their meetings. The first meeting in the new quarters was held on Saturday, November 12, and was well attended. Reports were read concerning the school sports for the Murray District, which are sponsored by the branch. This event, which took place on Armistice Day, was again very successful. Poppies sold in the district this year reached a total of 256. George Capps has donated a photo of the N.C.O.'s of the 1st Battalion to the sub-branch.

SUBIACO

The annual reunion and smoke social on November 26 fulfilled all expectations and proved to be a most enjoyable function of the year. With President Emer. Congdon in the chair, Bill Wilkins as musical director and the secretary outside, harmony prevailed. The principal guest of honour was Colonel Olden, whose stirring exhortation is probably endorsed by the majority of our members. The monthly general meeting on December 1 was held in the open air and was followed by a talk by Mr. J. E. Hales, giving his experiences on a trip to England during the "scare raid." At this same function, the president announced that, in honour of his birthday, he would, on the next games evening, "whizz it on," whereupon the sub-branch gave a highly-creditable rendering of the musical revue "Stand up and cheer." Bridge evenings, during the holiday period, will be announced by notice board. Will members please note that Thursday evening games will be held as usual, but the monthly general meeting of officers will be on January 26, the last Thursday in the month. The president extends to all members the compliments of the season and the same greetings on behalf of the sub-branch to other sub-branches, in particular those good neighbours we meet in the A.R.M.S. games.

BULLSBROOK AND DISTRICT

November was a busy month for the sub-branch and its auxiliary. The annual Poppy Day dance was held at Bullsbrook Hall on November 5 and was highly successful. A record number of poppies were sold this year. A festive hall was held on November 12. About 100 were present, and a most enjoyable time was spent. A party of artists, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Austin of R.S.P.C.A., generously provided many items. Dancing was also indulged in. This sub-branch is holding its end up and owes much to its popular president (W. Bilye Newton), who runs the local estaminet. The sub-branch also returns thanks to its energetic auxiliary.

MUNDIJONG-JARRAHDALE

The Poppy Day appeal was a marked success, 120 poppies and 20 car stickers being disposed of. Membership strength has been retained, notwithstanding the fact that several former members have left the district during the year. The president (Tom Tait) appeals to all members to do their best to increase membership during the coming year. As we went to press, the final arrangements were being made for the annual smoke social on December 17. The sub-branch thanks the Editor and staff of "The Listening Post" for past favours and extends all good wishes for the festive season.

CORRIGIN

We are advised that the Corrigin sub-branch will hold its annual reunion at Corrigin on January 18 at 8 p.m. As members of the State executive will be present, a good roll will be turned and interested by the good attendance are asked to notify the secretary (Mr. A. C. Bailey) as soon as possible.

KALGOORLIE

The auxiliary's first year of service is drawing to a close and we look back with a certain amount of satisfaction on what we have achieved during that time. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the president (Mrs. C. Butter) and the secretary (Mrs. Preston Williams) the auxiliary is now well established, membership having risen to over 50. In September, we were asked to look after the supper arrangements for the Flying Doctor Ball and, with the help of the ladies of the Home Nursing Division, we served supper to over 900 people without any hitch. During the winter months we held a series of bridge and dance evenings every fortnight and, as a result of these, we were able to make several donations to the sub-branch distress fund. In a special night, we raised the sum of £9/12/6 for the Girl Guides and Brownies, who are in urgent need of support. During the race carnival in September, we had the honour of entertaining Lady Mitchell at a social afternoon and found much inspiration in her response to our president's speech of welcome. With her usual graciousness, Lady Mitchell moved about among the members and chatted with them all and we were very sorry to part with her. For the Armistice service, the secretary made a beautiful cross of real flowers and this was laid on the memorial by Mrs. Wilson, an old lady of nearly 80, who lost her only son in the Great War. Our president, assisted by several members, has been visiting the hospitals regularly and has been able to bring a little help and happiness to a number of wives of ex-service men. This part of our work will be carried on by Mrs. Preston Williams and Mrs. Colbourne during December and January while we are in recess. Our last general meeting of the year was on November 18. The auxiliary 'will be in recess until the end of February. In the meantime, we wish all our members and the members of other auxiliaries the compliments of the season and a successful new year of service.

MAYLANDS

During the past month the auxiliary entertained the boys at Edward Millen Home with a very enjoyable programme, to which the following artists contributed: Mestdames Yend and Henderson (vocal duets), Mssrs. Val Smith (cornet), Ron Firth (piano), Walter Frankish and Tom Pratt (vocal duets), Adjutant Hocking and Mr. J. Frankish (baritone solos), and Mr. Colin Arthur (pianoforte solos). Mr. Tom Pratt also contributed musical monologues, and Mrs. Pearce and Mr. Colin Arthur were the accompanists. The patients at Lennox were entertained with the monthly social and dance. The following artists assisted: Mrs. Jacobs (solas), Mrs. Samuels (recitatives) and Mrs. Henderson (solas). The auxiliary's financial position is good; the roll up of local Diggers is requested. Those good neighbours we meet in the various buildings, explaining many details of the three bombers now touring Australia and the City of Perth Squadron, instruction planes and transport service. From the aerodrome the party went to Bullsbrook Hall, where the members of the auxiliary had prepared high tea. Mrs. Cunningham (president of the Bullsbrook auxiliary) and Mr. Newton (president of the sub-branch) welcomed the guests. Mrs. Stockman thanked the hostesses and Mrs. Haines thanked the car drivers. Mr. McKeever spoke on behalf of Lennox and Mrs. Foster presented the president of the auxiliary with a tray on behalf of Edward Millen Home. Mrs. Hopkinson, on behalf of Edward Millen, presented trays to Mestdames Rutland and Devonshire. Mrs. P. C. Maples also contributed musical items. The following are thanked for lending their cars: Mrs. Newton, Messrs. Creech, J. N. Williams, Ingle, N. Smith, Bed, Truscott, A. Stone, Purdy, Bill Bates and R. (Lynas Motors), Russell, Bennett and (by courtesy of Sydney Atkinson) Messrs. Merrett and Tate.

BROOKTON

On November 23, the State president of the ladies auxiliary (Mrs. McKinnley), the State secretary (Mrs. Hopkinson) and the district representative (Mrs. Stone) visited the newly-formed auxiliary at Brookton. Visitors were entertained to afternoon tea at the Bedford Hotel by the president (Mrs. R. Alcom) and members.

KELMSCOTT

Patients from Lennox and Edward Millen Hospitals were recently motored to Mr. Parkinson's residence at Robyestone, where a cricket match was played between the Parkes-Young and the Commonwealth. The party was then entertained in the Kelmscott Hall, where the
auxiliary had prepared high tea. The vice-president of the auxiliary (Miss Buckingham) and the president of the sub-branch (Mr. Cockram) and the sub-branch secretary (Mr. Rosewarne) welcomed the guests. Mrs. Hopperton thanked the hostesses and Mrs. Randall the car drivers. Responses were made by Mr. McKeever (Lemnos) and Mr. Foster, on behalf of the Edward Millen contingent, presented a tray to the Kelmscott auxiliary and one to Mrs. Bill Bates. Mr. and Mrs. Bates have been consistent in helping the car outings for the past seven years. A musical programme was presented by Mrs. Faulkner, Miss L. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bates and Mr. F. Wallace. The following are thanked for lending cars: Messrs. Bates, G. Purdy, Arthur Purslowe, Crossley, Randall, Bennett, Newton, Ingle, N. Smith, J. N. Williams and (by courtesy of Sydney Atkinson) Missers. Merrett and Steffoni.

VICTORIA PARK

This auxiliary conveys to sister auxiliaries also the Editor and staff of "The Listening Post" their best wishes for a Happy Xmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year. They held their Xmas social on December 12. On December 20, they are taking afternoon tea and the usual Xmas gifts to the men in the Edward Millen Home; also a concert party, which is being organized by the secretary (Mrs. Prue). At the next meeting, which will take place on Friday, January 27, Mrs. Fred Matthews will take over the duties of treasurer, owing to the resignation of Mrs. Coleman. Mrs. Tolmie (president), who also wished to retire, has been persuaded to carry on for another few months as it was awkward to replace both officers at the same time—so the members thought.

SOUTH PERTH

On Sunday, October 23, our auxiliary entertained the Diggers from the Old Men's Home. Buses and cars met the "old lady" at the Home and a run was taken around the river, then to City Beach, returning to South Perth, where high tea was served. Our concert party turned out in full array and presented a very good programme which our guests enjoyed, and when community singing was the order of the day, the boys showed that the years have made little difference to their memory and voices and heartily joined in all the old war-time songs. Mr. Aberle welcomed the guests on behalf of the sub-branch and Mrs. Day (president) warmly welcomed all on behalf of the auxiliary. Mrs. McKinlay (State president) and Mrs. Hopperton (State secretary) were present. Mr. Corness thanked all for what they had done for them, for the past four months as it was children's plain fancy dress ball on November 26, which was enjoyed by all the little ones, every child receiving a prize. The concert party visited the Aged Blind Home at Victoria Park and gave them a musical programme. The R.S.L. gave us a sports night in return, which was most enjoyable.

CARLISLE

The Oriental Ball was a successful function.

Much business was disposed of at the December meeting, when the final arrangements were made for the children's party and the Christmas Tree. Coming events which cast their shadows before the New Year are the S.S.L. picnic on January 30, to which the auxiliary has made a donation, and the annual picnic on February 17. Mesdames Percy and Hutchinson and their families went to Edward Millen Home and the supply of smokes, reading mat. and other con. to 35 patients. The season's greetings are extended to sister auxiliaries.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

The two November meetings, presided over by Mrs. Kay, were well attended. Poppy Day sales exceeded those of last year. Mrs. Kay thanks all who helped to achieve this desirable result. The Bayswater Cheerio Club were the guests of the auxiliary at a games evening. Hospital visitors for the month were Mesdames George and Chappell (Edward Millen) and Mesdames Lee, Reader, James and the secretary (Ward XI). The auxiliary combined with the sub-branch in entertaining the S.S.L. at a social on November 28. The Collet Shield was officially presented to the Sons by Mr. Fred Bateson. About 70 of the Sons were present. The West Leederville Sons, who were runners-up this year, were honoured guests. Incidentally, the S.S.L. picnic will take place on January 26. Mrs. W. Rowsell has been appointed sports director to prepare teams for the McKinnay Shield competitions.

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<td>BLINDS SOLDIERS' ASSOC.</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES' ASSN.</td>
<td>Wentworth Hotel, Perth</td>
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<td>Annual reunion, Monday, 4th October</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOC.</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>Dr. G. H. Leedman, chairman: E. Aberle</td>
<td>H. W. Riggs, 26 Elizabeth Street, North Perth. Phone: BB 394</td>
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