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"I most devotedly hope that the sacrifices of this war will lead to a truer appreciation of Christian values."—Lord Halifax.

ONE DOES NOT NEED to be deeply orthodox to realise that the deliberate discarding of Christian values, which have so much in common with the ethics of the other great religions, have brought the world to the pass it is in to-day. As we approach the season, which is associated by men of goodwill with the birth of the Prince of Peace, we in common with other parts of the Empire, and with France, are engaged in what has already proved the most stupendous war effort in all history. Since the end of the war we are ceasing to call the Great War, and beginning to call the last war, there has been a tremendous output of propaganda for peace in all countries. Writers of all races and creeds have done their best to stimulate into active endeavour that yearning for peace which germinated in the hearts of men and women the world over, after the German was beaten in 1918. Unfortunately for the cause they served, the bonafides of so many propagandists were suspect, and men could not help remembering the sorry part so many of them played when Britannia was fighting with her back to the wall.

Unfortunately, too, peace propaganda was tolerated only in those countries which were least likely to engage in a war of aggression. It was rigorously suppressed in Nazi Germany, where a whole generation has grown to manhood in the belief that war is glorious, and that it is only through war that Germany can achieve her self-imposed mission to dominate the universe. Peace propaganda, to be effective at all, must reach the youth of all nations. It has failed utterly, in the past twenty years, because it was stifled in Germany and Russia, the two trouble-makers who have deliberately fostered it, and even subsidised it in the democratic countries. Governments which rely on force for the suppression of political dissent at home, and the furtherance of political aims abroad, can hardly be said to have an appreciation of the higher Christian values, or even of the more practical virtues such as adherence to the plighted word and the maintenance of international faith. That is why these estimable people who hold public meetings to discuss the possibilities of peace by conference, or who make such suggestions in private conversation, strike us as being so utterly futile. These and the others who are so concerned about a definition of Britain's war aims would seem to entertain vague fears that the Allies will be too hard on Germany, when the final peace terms are arranged. Such an attitude should certainly commend itself to Herr Hitler, since it is a manifestation of that defeatism on which Germany relies to escape the consequences of aggression.

All Allies spokesmen who have outlined the war aims of the democracies have stressed the need for unity of purpose between Governments and the people who are governed. They have emphasised the intention of the Allies to free Europe, once and for all, from the fear of aggression; and they have realised that a permanent peace must rest on the basis of a new order in which the nations, including Germany, may co-operate in the work of political and economic reconstruction. Such a consummation cannot be achieved by a patch-work peace which is merely a breathing space between wars. Negotiations at present could be made only on the basis of a compromise that would leave Germany in possession of at least some of her ill-gotten gains, and with the hope that aggression on some more suitable occasion might result in further gains.

The chief obstacle to any peace by negotiation, at present, was stated by the French Prime Minister (M. Daladier) in a speech which Lord Halifax quoted in the House of Lords at the beginning of the month. M. Daladier said that France and, as Lord Halifax remarked, he might have added the United Kingdom, would lay down her arms, only when she could negotiate with a Government whose signature could be trusted. She would treat when the wrongs caused to weaker nations could be righted, and lasting security could be established. In his speech in the House of Lords, the Foreign Secretary referred to the Munich conference, in answer to suggestions that peace might be arranged by an international conference. At Munich, "the most solemn assurances were given," he said, "and only six months afterwards Hitler changed his mind." Lord Halifax then went on to say that there were two pre-requisites for conferences; one, that the German Government is willing to accept terms, corresponding to the purposes for which we took up arms; and two, that there should be security that any settlement reached will be respected. Neither requisite is in evidence at present.

The task before us, then, is to direct every effort to the defeat of the enemy, for it is not likely that the decent elements of German society will have a chance to assert themselves before Nazism is conquered. When we make our New Year resolutions let this be the first: that we, as individuals, devote every effort towards this one increasing purpose, the defeat of an overbearing enemy that has denied God, debauched philosophy and made science the bondmaid of the most brutal system of aggression yet devised. It may not be given to all of us the privilege of bearing arms in this return match against German aggression, but each can find a niche to fill somewhere. In unity there is strength, but in division disaster. Even if we do little more than refute much of the idle talk one hears in streets and bars, we shall be doing much. It is only by the united and unselfish efforts of a free people that we can dissipate the clouds that darken the death-bed of the old year, and make the new one that glad New Year which we wish all readers.
R.S.L. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Large entries were received by the A.R.M.S. Controlling Committee for the individual championship series of games conducted at Anzac House on December 4 and 8, and competition was keener than ever, there being many exciting finishes. The shooting consisted of seven shots and five scored the possible, and the shoot-off of five shots without a sighter resulted in a win for Ted Fitzgerald, who again scored the possible, followed by P. Brown (2nd) and Geo. Gilmore (3rd).

It was thought that Bill Stone would again win the quoits, but he threw poorly and a surprise winner turned up in Roy Maddeford, with an average of 25.3 for the ten throws, the runner-up being Jack O'Brien, with an average of 17.3. The biggest improvement was at table tennis, which was won by Bruce Allen after a close and exciting final match with Stan Watt.

Stan Kerby defeated Bert Randall in the final of the draughts. Bert was also runner-up for this event last year.

The bridge was won by Jack Smith and Alf Hewitt after a close contest with Bill Rowles and Buff Devine. In fact, the latter were leading when the last hand was dealt.

The prizes were distributed by Vice-President Fred Aberle, who made appropriate remarks.

The committee are grateful to the following for kindly donating prizes: Yellow Cab Co., Boans Ltd., Imperial Chemical Industries, E. S. Watt, Ben Vanderveldt, Louis Silverston and Anzac Club.

10th GARRISON BATT. WELFARE FUND

As in other States, the R.S.L. in W.A. has decided to accept the responsibility of augmenting the welfare fund of “The Evergreens” and already sub-branches and auxiliaries, assisted by the Friendly Union of Soldiers’ Wives, have donated money or goods. There is much misunderstanding regarding the disposal of this fund. It is not intended to purchase clothing, etc., which is the responsibility of the Defence Department, but to provide the few extras which were so much appreciated by us in the Great War, and perhaps give a little assistance in special cases. They are a wonderful body of men, these old Diggers and Tommies, and those who have been fortunate enough to see them at their job speak in the highest praise of their general bearing, their smartness and their discipline. It must not be thought that these soldiers were recruited only from those out of employment, but it cannot be denied that many of them had been experiencing difficult times. Every sub-branch should send a donation to this worthy fund.

SOLDIER SETTLERS AND THE AGRICULTURAL BANK

Replies to Congress Resolutions

The General Manager of the Agricultural Bank (Mr. C. Abey) has advised the League regarding a number of this year’s congress resolutions:

N.M. 4, Karlgarin.—This resolution urged that repayments of capital to the Agricultural Bank on all lands held under C.P. conditions in the Lake area should be deferred for a period of five years to enable reconstruction and a change-over to farming other than wheat.

The Bank’s reply is that the Commissioners have no objection to deferring repayment of capital by settlers in the area stated in approved cases, conditionally on all other dues to the Bank being met and the security improved by amounts corresponding to the capital repayments which are deferred.

Resolutions 13 and 7, Kondinin and Calingiri, urged that preferential crop liens should embrace superphosphate, cornsacks and stores, and that sustenance and medical fees be the first charge on proceeds.

The Bank pointed out that these two resolutions clashed, and the Land Committee at its last meeting recorded the opinion that medical expenses should rank after superphosphate, cornsacks and stores, as first charges on proceeds.

Resolution 12, North Perth, recommended that every precaution be taken by the Bank to discourage aliens from settling on the land during the war period, and that all settlement be reserved for British subjects, preferably those who are now serving with the forces.

The General Manager advised that the Commissioners had agreed, during the war period, to sell only to British subjects, or naturalised British subjects.

Resolution 10, York, recommended that when a returned soldier client paid two-thirds of the capital cost of the property in interest, the interest charges should cease from that date, and the client continue annual payments which should be credited to his account. Should the client default for one year, the interest should be charged whilst in default. In the event of the death of the settler these terms should apply where the property is bequeathed to the wife or children.

The Bank advised that this request could not be granted.

Resolution 28, Calingiri, urged the League’s support to the Primary Producers’ Association in its efforts to secure a reduction in the tare on chaff bags when sold with wool. The general secretary, P.P.A. (Mr. H. J. Prater), has advised the League that unfortunately the association had been unable so far to secure the reduction sought for, in spite of the fact that the agents agree with the contention, buyers have not been at all sympathetic. However, he states they have not given up the fight, but hope under the new conditions that a more equitable basis of tare will be arrived at.

In Resolution 16, Wyalkatchem sub-branch secured congress endorsement to the opinion that the Farmers’ Debts Adjustment Act needs amending to bring it into line with similar acts in other States; and that assistance given to applicants shall not be repayable in view of the fact that the money made available to the State by the Commonwealth Government was a gift and not a loan.

The resolution was submitted to the Minister for Lands, who has secured the opinion of the chairman of the Relief Trustees (Mr. W. C. Angwin), who advised the Minister as follows:-

“I have to state that the members of the congress must have been under a misapprehension regarding the matter.

“In South Australia, the first £/- in the £ is a gift to the farmer, but the balance of the advance from the fund is repayable. No other State makes any free gift from the fund.

“In Western Australia every endeavour has been made to finalise the accounts between the farmer and the creditor, and in some cases this has meant a payment up to £/- in the £. No interest is charged and for the first three years there are no repayments at all.

“The security held for advances from the Rural Relief Fund under the Act has not, as far as the trustees are aware,
restricted a farmer's operations so that he is unable to arrange for additional funds. This has been taken into consideration by the trustees to enable the farmer to have little difficulty under this head.

N.M. 2, Cranbrook.—At the annual congress of the League, Cranbrook sub-branch successfully moved, That congress urge upon the Government the necessity for bringing secured creditors in line with unsecured creditors in all cases where debts are adjusted under the Rural Relief Fund Act.

The Minister for Lands has advised:—This motion has reference to first mortgage securities on properties in connection which the general desire of farmers to-day seems to be that these should be written down according to the debt on the property. Such a provision was recently embodied in a Bill presented to Parliament by Mr. Watts, M.L.A.

It is the view of the Government that such action will certainly enable the writing down of first mortgages, but will react very detrimentally against the farmer because no seasonal credit will be available if we are to destroy the confidence which is placed in first mortgage securities. It would doubtless react seriously against the Government in that there would be thousands of claims for assistance under the Industries Assistance Board if these were given effect to.

This Bill, if it becomes law, would not confer any more security on storekeepers but would render less secure the position of first mortgage holders.

**RED CROSS SOCIETY**

Mr. F. P. Frost, the general secretary W.A. Division Red Cross, writes:—Since the outbreak of the present war we have been informed that a certain amount of apprehension has been voiced by some of the ex-service men and women of the Great War 1914-1918 that the Red Cross Society may cease the good work carried out by this society in providing certain comforts for returned men and women in hospitals, etc., because of the pressing emergencies of the present war, and I have been requested by the Western Australian Division of the Australian Red Cross Society to assure those men and women that, so long as the generosity of the public continues, then the work of this society in the interests and welfare of returned sailors, soldiers and nurses in hospitals and institutions will, so long as means are available, continue to receive the same attention as at present.

**SIDE-LIGHTS ON CHRISTMAS**

Christmas Day in England is dry three times out of five.

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Youth Answers the Call

BY R. A. NICHOLAS
(State Warden Sons of Soldiers' League)

In recent years we have heard a lot about the equality of the sexes and the rights of women, mostly the younger ones to rank with men on an equal footing, and matters have progressed in that direction to such an extent that in many avenues of employment we find that our young men have been displaced by the other sex. The problem of youth employment has been a task that the community has had to consider very seriously. To a certain extent, our young men—the future backbone of the nation—have not been wanted: many avenues of employment have been shut against them, and discouraged, feeling that they have not been given their chance to prove the metal that is in them, drift into idle and lazy habits.

Then came the crisis with its call for service, and immediately the picture is changed. The whole nation is being organised to enable our young men to take up arms and to take up the burden of defending our country and our homes. To them is given the stupendous task of opposing the fighting machine of Germany. The latter is composed mainly of youths, but how they have been trained and organised for years for nothing else but war. We ask ourselves the question: "How will our young men stand up to them? Will the handicap be too great? How will they overcome the disadvantages of the last few years?" I have been very interested in watching their reaction. Those who before were not wanted are realising that we now depend upon them. Many who could not hold up their heads in the community can now proudly take their rightful place. There is no talk now of the equality of the sexes, in time of crisis the law of nature is evident and men, especially our young men, come to the fore. Youth throughout the Empire has answered the call. As in 1914, Western Australia is again showing its extreme loyalty to the Crown. There has been no trouble in making up the required strength of our Citizen Forces—in fact, many hundreds of volunteers have been disappointed.

Recently I visited one of the military camps, partly to see my own lad, but mainly to see just how our young men are standing up to the training. It was 1914 over again—under active service conditions, guards, pickets, fatigue, discipline stricter than in peacetime camps, troops keen as mustard. Evidence of good comradeship everywhere, men speaking very highly of their officers, and officers saying what a fine lot of men they had. If this camp is a fair example of our youth in training in Australia, then we need have no fears. They will again show the world, if the need arises, that Australia can produce some of the finest soldiers to compare with any. As a member of the old A.I.F., I am proud of our young troops of to-day. I met an old comrade in the camp, Major James, who had brought a company down from the goldfields. "They are a fine lot of fellows," he told me. "Some hard cases among them, but a typical lot of Diggers." And this is the highest praise he could have given them.

Our army of to-day has a tradition, that of the A.I.F., and that tradition has been established and fostered by the R.S.S.I.L.A. I would like briefly to mention a few of the endeavours of the League in the youth movement. Our policy has always been for an adequate defence force in Australia. We have wholeheartedly supported the Commonwealth Government in its endeavours to establish a thoroughly trained voluntary force. We have stimulated recruiting. The League has always maintained close co-operation with the military command in each State. Each year we provide trophies for competition by the various Citizen Force units. Youth plays a big part in our Anzac Day celebrations. Physical fitness is encouraged—also in our schools and colleges. Battalion units in various towns are included in our sub-branch activities. Then we have established our Sons of Soldiers' League, and as its State Warden I am proud to say that hundreds of our members and former members are now serving in the Navy and Army and several are with the new Expeditionary Force. Our young Sons are now actively linked with the Y.M.C.A. in administering the social needs of military camps. Our women's auxiliaries are performing similar service. But our work must go further, we must legislate for the future.

These youths at the end of the war will be men. There will be a gap in their lives and their civil careers, which will have to be bridged. They will again have to be absorbed into the community, and this is a task in which our League will take a leading part. When that time comes, we will rely on all good citizens to give their unstinted support. In the meantime, youth has answered the call and we are proud and thankful.
"CARRY ON!"

"CARRY ON!" will be published by the time this paper is distributed. As mentioned last month, it is a collection of articles written by "Non-Com" during the last ten years and a selection of items by various contributors to the "Red Page" of "The Western Mail" during the first two years of its existence. We feel sure it will please the ex-service men and if it does, then other books will follow, comprising selections from the various pages "Non-Com" has conducted in "The Western Mail." The price of "CARRY ON" will be 3/6, plus postage (about 4d.). Only 4,000 copies will be printed and orders can be placed with the Imperial Printing Company, Hay Street (East), Perth. The profits will go to a fund for the benefit of soldiers on service. As a Christmas gift we feel sure that "CARRY ON" will be appreciated, especially by ex-service men and the Young Brigade who are in camp at the present time, because the pages will convey to them something of the spirit that enabled the Old Brigade, in good times and bad, to Carry On.

HOW THE R.A.F. DEAL WITH U-BOATS

Marauding U-boats are faced with a new menace that they did not have to reckon with in the last war. They are now hunted by the Royal Air Force, as well as the Royal Navy. Passengers in the United States steamer American Farmer, which crossed the Atlantic towards the end of September, had the opportunity of watching a combined machine gun and bomb attack by an R.A.F. 'plane on a German undersea pirate. The American Farmer had answered an S.O.S. from the British steamer Kafiristan, and raced to the spot in time to see the submarine still circling round the cargo boat and her crammed lifeboats. "Then," one of the passengers related, "a British bomber appeared from nowhere, as if by magic. It swooped down on the submarine. There were nine men on the deck of the U-boat, but no one appeared to see the bomber coming. It sprayed the deck with machine-gun fire and the crew rushed to the conning-tower hatch. The submarine submerged so fast that some of those who were watching aboard the American Farmer thought that the hatch was not even fastened down. The 'plane circled and dropped a bomb. Then it circled again, and dived within 15 feet of the water and dropped another bomb. We saw the submarine's bow lift. Then it slid backwards into the water.

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Finland — An Outpost of Democracy

The dramatic series of pacts between the Soviet Union and the three Baltic States, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, in October, substituted Russian for German influence, as the dominant factor in that part of the Baltic. When, immediately after the conclusion of these pacts, negotiations were initiated between Russia and Finland, it was inevitable that the eyes of the world should be focussed on that little known country, the Finnish republic.

Finland, or Suomi, as it is called by its inhabitants, covers an area of 134,557 square miles, stretching from the Baltic Sea to the Arctic Ocean. In point of area, it ranks seventh among the countries of Europe. This vast land of forest and lakes is, however, only sparsely populated, and the Finns number barely four millions. Though few in number, the people have made a substantial contribution to European culture. The composer Sibelius, the architect Saarinen, and the athlete Nurmi, have all established reputations which are world-wide. One of the most tragic, yet sublime incidents of the Russian attack on Finland has been the heroism of the 74-years-old Sibelius, the composer of Valse Triste and the Finlandia symphony, listening to the devil’s orchestration of Russian planes bombing Helsinki, refusing to leave his suburban residence, and expressing faith in his countrymen in their resistance to Russian aggression. The Finnish capital, before it became the target for Russian aircraft, was one of the most important cities of the world. Socially, this northern city is in the van of progress with its highly organised co-operative movement, its even distribution of wealth and property, and its advanced educational system.

Racially, the Finns are unrelated to any other European people, except their neighbours, the Estonians, and the Hungarians. Little is known of their origin, but they appear to have migrated into Europe from the area between the Urals and the Volga. One branch of the people turned southward and settled in the Hungarian plain. The others migrated northwards to Estonia, and thence to Finland, in the first century of the Christian era. They were a race of hunters and trappers, with a tribal organisation, and in this desolate region of lakes, forests and marshes, with its severe climate and thin soil, it was centuries before settlements were established.

Successive Swedish “crusades” in the 13th century brought both the benefits of Christianity and Swedish rule to Finland. In 1523, a treaty was signed between Sweden and Russia, represented then by the Kingdom of Novgorod, which fixed the boundaries between Sweden and Russian territory. For the next five centuries, Finland remained a dominion of the Swedish kings. The Finns made an enviable reputation for themselves as soldiers during the Thirty Years’ War. They were among the picked troops of Gustavus Adolphus, the Swedish warrior king, who overran Germany. Swedish rule was beneficial, for it saved Finland from conquest and enslavement by either the Teutonic Knights or the Tartars. It also saved the Finns from the feudalism
of Western Europe. There was no attempt by Sweden to colonise the country, though the Swedish-speaking elements acquired a dominant position in its administration, commerce, and the professions; but these dominant classes were not Swedes by race. They were Finns who spoke Swedish and acquired the veneer of Swedish culture. When a ruling caste began to assert itself, it immediately became a source of annoyance to the Swedish gentry. When the Constitutional Law came into force in 1772, Sweden was elected by universal suffrage of the people. The despotic ruler of Russia, the Tsar Alexander, a well-known statesman, had early come under Russian influence. He was Finn by descent, but these dominant elements were created. The Finns were exalted from service in the Russian army, and for nearly 90 years, Finland enjoyed peace under a relatively liberal constitution.

With the accession of Nicholas II in 1894, the enlightened liberalism of his predecessors was put aside. Finnish independence was abrogated on February 15, 1899. The nation went into mourning. A policy of Russification was then pursued, Finnish police and provincial governors being replaced by Russians, and the Finnish army was disbanded. In January, 1904, the oppressive Russian Governor, General Bobrikov, was assassinated, but, in the following year, his repressive measures were withdrawn. A new constitution was drawn up, and Finland received a uni-cameral legislature, elected by universal suffrage of citizens over 23 years of age. A few years later, another attempt was made to incorporate Finland with Russia. This second period of Russification lasted from July, 1910, until 1917.

Finland declared her independence on December 6, 1917. In January, 1918, civil war broke out in Finland between radical and reactionary elements, following an attempt to establish a Socialist Workers' Republic. The Reds received assistance from the Soviet Union, but the Whites received more substantial assistance in the form of 12,000 German troops, whose intervention proved decisive. General Mannerheim, the White military leader, and present Commander-in-Chief of the Finnish forces, entered Helsinki in triumph on May 16, 1918. The Germans tried to create a Kingdom of Finland, but on the fall of the German Empire in November, 1918, Mannerheim replaced the German nominee as Regent.

Elections for a National Constituent Assembly were held in April, 1919, and a republican constitution was drawn up and ratified by the Diet on July 17, 1919, since when, Finland has been a republic.

The most important problem for the new republic to face in the sphere of foreign policy was that of her relations with Russia. The Soviet Union gave early recognition to Finland's independence. The chief issue between the two countries was that of sovereignty over Eastern Karelia, a Finnish-speaking province which had early come under Russian, instead of Swedish rule. The Treaty of Dorpat, in October, 1920, recognised Eastern Karelia as part of Soviet Russia. In return, the Soviet gave the far northern town Petsamo, and a corridor to the Arctic Ocean, to Finland.

51st BATTALION ASSN.

The 51st Battalion Association held an annual dinner and smoke social on December 1. Roy Brown, the retiring president, opened the proceedings and was obviously regretful at vacating the chair, after nineteen years, but thankful to be able to hand over the presidency of the association to such a capable successor as Fred Albrecht, who was the battalion's adjutant in France. Charlie Jago continues in office as secretary, and the vice-presidents and general committee are to be chosen at a meeting which will be held early in the new year. The evening was a most enjoyable one. Genial Ted Arundel, the new president of the 10th Light Horse Association, was among the honoured guests, and the uniforms of officers and other ranks of "The Evergreens" lent a dash of colour and incidentally a good many decorations to the proceedings. Among these were Captain Harbourne, Adjutant of "The Evergreens," Jack Salter, M.C., and many other well-known identities. The toast of the 51st Battalion was proposed by Captain C. R. Collins (47th Battalion), who mentioned, among other things, that the similarity of the colour patch of the two battalions often provided an unbreakable alibi for the boys of both units, and hopelessly bewildered the Redsaps.

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At the November meeting of the Maylands sub-branch, the president (Sep. Horton) mentioned that Joe Fisher and his good wife would shortly be leaving for a holiday. On behalf of the sub-branch, he wished them both bon voyage and a pleasant vacation. It is to be hoped that Joe loses none of his skill at nap while he is away.

Mount Hawthorn's sick state is fortunately shorter this month. Messrs. May and Bill Skates are still plugging along as cheerfully as ever. Jack Moffit is again in hospital, but we hope for a speedy recovery. We wish them all a Merry Christmas and a much brighter New Year.

Mr. W. W. Lever, architect, of 1 Mayfair Street, West Perth, and who served with the 2nd Engineers, called during the month and showed us samples of the art of his daughter, Mignonette. The work is particularly good and consists of hand-painted calendars, Christmas cards and wall plaques.

In recognition of his splendid services as president of the Moora sub-branch, Mr. W. H. Boyce, who recently retired after holding office for five years, was presented with a case of pipes at the annual reunion. "Bill" saw a great deal of front-line service with the 12th Battalion on Gallipoli and the Western Front. He has a soft spot for the under-dog, and is greatly esteemed in the Moora district.

Stationmaster Joe Nelmé has cleaned the Wickepin hayseeds from his uniform and has jumped the rattler to Northam, much to the regret of the Wickepin sub-branch, where he has been treasurer for seven years. Prior to leaving, the local lads gave Joe a send-off and presented him with a case of pipes. We suggest to "Curly," of Northam, that he has another keen Leaguite in his town and that he nab Joe without delay.

Following in Dad's footsteps is Alex. Panton's eldest son who joined up with the Second A.I.F. and is at present in the Eastern States prior to going overseas. Alex has left for the East where he hopes to spend a little time with his son prior to embarkation.

Congratulations to Major Syd. Cook, who has been Commonwealth Works Director for this State on his appointment to a similar position in New South Wales. The Major is a son of former Prime Minister Sir Joseph Cook and was a good friend to Diggers in this State. In his official capacity he always insisted on the giving of preference to returned soldiers.

Des. Gee, late of the Carlton, Gwalia, Oxford and other estaminets, has left to take over the management of the Wiluna Hotel. Des. served with the 11th Battalion and members of his old sub-branch at Mt. Hawthorn say that their loss is Wiluna's gain, and they wish him all of the best.

Bert Rigg, of North Perth, is still in hospital, but we are pleased to hear that this grand little Digger is on the improve.

Captain C. Farquhar-Smith, R.A.N., arrived at Fremantle early in the month to take up duty at District Naval Officer. Since June, 1938, Captain Farquhar-Smith has been Director of Naval Reserves and Mobilisation at the Navy Office, Melbourne. Before that he was in command of H.M.S. Dehli, with the Mediterranean Fleet. In that capacity, he gained considerable knowledge of Palestine, Spain and Bulgaria. In 1915, he took H.M.A.S. Brisbane to England and, for a few months afterwards was in charge of the boys' gunnery firing ship Iron Duke at Portsmouth.

At least three members of the North Perth sub-branch have joined the 10th Garrison Battalion ("The Evergreens"). They are Bully Milroy, Stan Wright and H. Ewins. While wishing the good old Diggers the best of luck for the coming year, we must condole with them on the loss of a comrade, for we regret to report that "The Evergreens" have sustained their first casualty. This was the death of Corporal A. T. Bloom, of Subiaco, who was an original member and a sergeant in the 16th Battalion in the last war. He was only 44 when he was called to higher service, leaving a widow and two children. To Mrs. Bloom and her family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Jack Faulkner, former treasurer of the North Perth sub-branch and treasurer of the sub-branch's entertainers, will be 47 on Boxing Day. We wish him many happy returns. Jack soldiered in the original 11th Battalion, and he has taken a very active interest in R.S.L. affairs since our League was formed. North Perth should be a very lively spot as the last month of the year fades out. Jim Lang, another old 11th man, will celebrate his 42nd birthday on December 21. Jim is a very busy man these days, as secretary of the sub-branch and editor of The Green Envelope. Incidentally, Jim's younger brother, Jack, is now in khaki with the new A.I.F.

Jack Allan, chairman of the Nedlands Road Board, has said farewell to his son, who has joined the Second A.I.F. The boy is following in Jack's footsteps. Jack is an old British regular, who was in Australia when that little unpleasantness with the Kaiser started in 1914.

One of the recent recipients of the League's Certificate of Service was Jim Cloughton, who has been president of the

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Bassendean sub-branch for over 15 months, besides holding other offices in the sub-branch. The presentation was made at the monthly meeting on November 25. He represented Bassendean at this year's State congress. We are glad to learn that Jim is in harness again, because he has not had the best of health in the past few years. Ill-health, however, did not prevent him from continuing to render valuable service to the League. As an example of his devotion to duty, once, while he was a cot-case, he sent the monthly sub-branch notes from hospital. We hope Jim will excuse this breach of editorial confidence, but we do so in order to let our friends at Bassendean, and others, know what a consistent worker they have among them.

Among the members of the 23rd Light Horse, who were entertained by the Moora sub-branch at a recent function, was a young soldier named Glasfurd. A correspondent informs us that he is the son of Brigadier-General Duncan Glasfurd, who was killed, while gallantly taking the 12th Brigade of the A.I.F. into action, on the Somme, on the afternoon of November 11, 1916. General Glasfurd was an officer of the Argyll and Sutherlands, who served with Kitchener through the Omdurman campaign, and in the South African War. He came to Australia as an exchange officer, shortly before the Great War broke out, and went away with the A.I.F. A dour Scot and a keen soldier, he was still a very gallant and kindly gentleman and one of whom the 12th Brigade were inordinately proud. Not the least honour he has conferred on Australia is the gift of a son to the young Australian Army. If that boy is half the man his father was, he is going to be a very valuable acquisition.

A visitor to Norseman has advised us that a birth-control clinic evidently is not a burning question in the Norseman district (or is it?), as the wives of two prominent Diggers have recently presented their respective husbands with additions to the family. The witty Alan Morton, so well known in League circles, is now a proud grandfather. How these things are done is beyond us as Alan looks barely old enough to be even a father. Our informant told us that if one desires evidence of a public-spirited sub-branch they should go to Norseman and see Norman Dodds and his merry men in action.

A hefty good scout from Broome, A. W. Apted, has been spending long service leave in Perth, meeting old friends and making many new ones. He is an old British regular, though not so very old, who served with the Royal Regiment in France in the days when the last war was still the new war. He has also had much service in India.

Madame Bennett Wilkinson has written sending seasonal greetings to her numerous Digger friends. During the year Madame has regularly visited the Repatriation institutions and is grateful to many good friends for assistance in her work for the suffering ex-service man. As in previous years, Madame will spend Christmas Day amongst the patients and staff at Lemnos.

Local papers recently reported the death of Lieut.-General Sir Tom Bridges, a former and very popular Governor of South Australia. He was associated with the West Australian Mounted Infantry in the South African War, in which campaign he was severely wounded. He was again wounded in action in the campaign in Somaliland, two years later. He went to France with the cavalry in 1914, and was the central figure of a very striking incident, during the retreat from Mons. Seeing some British stragglers on the point of collapse, through sheer exhaustion, Colonel Bridges, as he then was, procured a toy drum and a tin whistle from a shop in the French village. The pipe-major of a Highland regiment played the tin whistle while the Colonel did a rat-a-tap on the toy drum—and the troops fell-in and followed them. History is silent as to the tune they played. Probably they did not know themselves, but according to one report, which we have never been able to verify, it was "Colonel Bogey," the march that was just beginning to become popular in the Army. But whatever the tune was, the incident showed that the late Governor of South Australia had a wonderful understanding of human psychology, and the incident saved dozens of exhausted men from being made prisoners of war. General Bridges was three times wounded and lost a leg during the Great War. He came to South Australia as Governor in 1922, and that State has never had a more popular Governor. Like the French General, Gamelin, and the Polish war leader, Marshal Smigly-Rysz, General Bridges made a hobby of painting. Before he left South Australia he gave a collection of his paintings for sale on behalf of the Limbless Soldiers' Association. In bidding farewell to the late General, the Premier of South Australia said that the State would always look upon him as an elder brother, and that, one thinks, is the greatest tribute that could be paid.

A good scout visited Perth during the month, Mr. R. Bronner, the Director of Schools Broadcasts for the Australian Broadcasting Commission. Like most of those who hold executive jobs in the Australian Broadcasting Commission, he is an ex-service man. He fought the good fight with the London Rifle Brigade. While in Perth, he found time to meet Harry Shirley, a towering giant with more breadth than height, who served overseas with the Rifle Brigade, and who has recently been writing short stories for the Commission's story sessions.

There was a very pleasing reunion the day before we went to press between Captain Dick Collins, whose last appointment in the permanent forces was that of Supervisor of Physical Training, and Captain Bobbie Blythe, a 16th Battalion Gallipoli veteran, who was simultaneously in charge of the physical training in the West Australian Education Department. The two old colleagues lunched together—on boneless food—and, although they have both been out of the game for about ten years, they agreed that the rising generation is of even better physique than the generation immediately before the last war.

Neither the war nor the summer weather bluffs the Stork. That ubiquitous bird refused to be buffed by any Empire air scheme, so it landed its parcel at the residence of Ted Davidson, the longest-serving and very popular member of Bill Clowes' supply department at the United Service. The Stork's Christmas gift to Ted was a wee Wallad, and Ted is now a real family sergeant-major in command of a complete section of four. As the sporting writers say, "Keep it up, Ted."

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After the Lord Mayoral election last month, a well-known member of the R.S.L. introduced the victorious candidate to a pal in this manner: "By the way," he said, "have you met the new Lord Meagher?"

The spelling of Dr. Meagher’s name may present difficulties to the uninitiated, but that of a gentleman well-known in the public life of Victoria, a generation ago, was an even greater problem. This was Mr. Sam Mauger, who pronounced his name as if it were spelt Major. On one occasion, he was the principal speaker at a public meeting. The chairman, introducing him, kept referring to him as Mr. Mowger. Someone jogged the chairman’s elbow and whispered, "Major! Major!" Whereupon the chairman said, "I beg your pardon, I should have said Major Mowger."

One wonders what is behind all this sniping at Colonel Collett in the vernacular Press of Perth. Recently, the writer of a column in one of our extraordinary weeklies displayed more hysteria than historical knowledge, in insinuating that because a man has a distinguished war record he should not try to be a statesman. The Iron Duke was cited as an example of what the writer thought he meant. Contrary to the general opinion, Wellington was not a failure as a Statesman. His defects were as a party politician, for he was too much of a soldier to play the party game, which had just begun to develop on the lines with which we are now so familiar. Wellington showed his statesmanship at the Vienna Congresses, both before and after Waterloo. When Britain’s allies were calling for vengeance, and desiring to dismember France, it was Wellington who reminded them, "We were not at war with the French people, but with Bonaparte." His humanity on that occasion was the foundation of those improved Anglo-French relations, which eventually blossomed into the Entente Cordiale. Colonel Collett’s self-appointed critic is obviously paving the way for an opposition candidate, but he might as well cease wasting ink and paper. The last time that paper ran a team for the Senate the results were disastrous to the paper’s candidates, most of whom forfeited their deposits. As regards the naive suggestion that there is something about a soldier which prevents him from becoming a statesman, we would remind readers that ex-service men are guiding the destinies of most Empire countries to-day. At least half the present Federal Cabinet saw service in the Great War, while Colonel Collett’s local critic stayed safely at home.

We have been pestered during the month by correspondents who want to know when this war is going to start. Frankly, and unlike most news commentators, we are not omniscient. Nevertheless, we have a sneaking suspicion that two very potent causes are contributing to the delay in the commencement of the fighting. Our own Government is too busy telling the public how much we are ahead of where we were at this time in 1914 to g.t along with the war, and the Allied leaders on the Western Front are waiting for Professor Murdoch to tell them what to do before they commit themselves to any definite line of action. And in the meantime, any civilian

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Music! Listen! A honey eater with his queer gutteral call darting and seeking nectar from honey laden blossom. A little river bird calls softly from the roseate sunset; hear it in a song; in the call of a pallid cuckoo when spring is come. It is all so grand in this sanctuary so close to the city's roar and grind, yet hearing not of it.

There is an exultation of beauty that possesses the spirit, lifting one to some peak of spiritual life which we touch for a second and then loose. We catch it in the quiet of a dying twilight; see it in a roseate sunset; hear it in some moment of ecstasy listening to the music of a great master interpreted by an artist; we hear in a song; in the call of a pallid cuckoo when spring is come. It is all so grand in this sanctuary so close to the city's clash and grind, yet hearing not of it.

There stands the Monument of Remembrance, flower-strewn with the emblems laid before the shrine which marks the resting-place of father, son and husband. The tears of a nation of mothers keep fresh the memory of sons whose names are written on the enduring stone, a symbol of the sacrifice man is ready and ever willing to offer for the fulfilling of some noble ideal.

There is his name. He was only a lad, nineteen years—there are others still younger than he.

It is Remembrance Day and in a minute the pulsing, vibrating life of the city's veins will cease to flow, the rush will be still and the old wrinkled face of the Town Hall clock in the far distance will close one eye while he watches with the other.

Wise old man; so much he has seen, so much he has heard. He watched long since an army of willowy youth passing along these streets swinging to the martial, impressive music of a band as the battalions marched, the 11th, 12th, 16th, 28th, 32nd, 44th, 10th Light Horse, Nurses, Sisters, the Navy and others. He remembers, too, Mouquet Farm, Armentières, Hill 60, Messines, St. Quentin, Gallipoli. All these young things were filled with glory before them; the call
of the spiritual to face danger as men; an ideal of service.

Life is so monotonous, so lacking in opportunity for service in any great cause except war; so thwarted by "payment for services rendered" that sacrifice as we mean the word is meaningless to us.

The highest call in man is for sacrifice for some great and noble ideal, it is the spiritual urge in everyone of us. Sadly enough, war by killing, for some great and noble ideal, it is what we accept the issue and answers the call.

"What great ideal are we fighting for?" He accepts the issue and answers the call. The very same call rings throughout other nations and so we have youth against youth, not fighting in hatred of each other, but obeying a call to arms, leaving their leaders to answer the cry wrung from mothers, "Why must youth fight and die?"

Every soldier believed that "the war to end war" was his mission and crown of victory—unfortunately when he dropped the torch handing over the issue of peace to other hands, greed and covetousness took possession. Treaties and pacts—the sanctity of the promised word—the mead of sympathy to the vanquished—the help of arms, the sending of the hand of help to build up devastated nations withheld, and so the ideals of service to mankind which men fought for through mud, slush, through long-tearing gas; through nerve-shattering bater of guns; with broken bodies and blinded eyes, were lost in the hasty apportioning of the spoils of victory.

Down there the wizened, wile old clock peers from his one eye surreptitiously. Time—told by his moving arm—has opened the eyes of our new army. The wastage of war, its utter futility and beastliness, have educated men and women to think more sanely, and the eating up of man-power in fodder for guns has exacted a steadier influence on youth. He asks to-day, for what ideal he is fighting, and afterwards—where? Christianity stands as the outcome of hurling bodies against bodies in a war devoid of hatred.

The great iron tongue rings out his appeal from the tower for silence, and in answer the city is stilled.

In this mute head-bent mass there is deep thinking; and a fine appreciation of values. The peoples of the world are moving, not nation against nation, but in three great ideologies. The ideals of the three are sometimes very closely related. They strive for a fraternity of ideas, when men will have an equal share in the products of labour; when youth will be handed the opportunity of a trained craft, trade, or profession, instead of a gun; when man and maid can marry and procreate without fear of hunger and unemployment dogging them; when the need to spend every penny in heavy insurance for the future will be lessened; when sport, entertainment, music, will be within the reach of the many instead of the few; when the new class caste of "un touchables" which has sprung up since the last war in every country—the men on the dole will be lifted from despondency.

Democracy must hasten to confer with these ideologies of other nations and find a point of coalescence. The old cry of the last war yelled from recruiting platforms that "This is a war to make the world safe for democracy" leaves youth cold to-day. He courageously flings back the reply, "But will democracy make the world safe for youth who carries democracy along on his back?"

Unemployment; the scrapping of youth after he is turned out of our schools, an unfinished product of our system; the crimes committed by the enmity of idleness; the frustration of doing; the caring of our sick and poor by the beastliness of gambling, whose driving power is the hope of getting rich at the expense of the other fellow's half crown; the integrity of Parliament administering the will of the people of every creed and thought, not solely for his own party, but for the justice and equity of all people.

Can we truthfully say that our present system meets these needs? Have we the moral courage to speak without fear, and face these weaknesses of democracy giving way to many old conservative customs and facing new ones? Are we not afraid of being dubbed a Communist, a Fascist; a Bolshevik or a Nazi? Are we afraid of the consequences of outspoken ideas?

Unfortunately, while men prepare to bayonet the bodies of youth in other countries, with ideals as high as our own, whose culture and spiritual standards arc as high as ours, while boys in mighty battleships scour the seas keeping the way open for the carrying of arms and food for war and commerce, we, too, have our hard part to play in facing and voicing what we see as truth and justice, devoid of the cunning of party and the narrowness and insularity of race. We must seek a national way embracing the peoples of the world who are sons and daughters of the One Father.
Have we the courage to do this? The engraved names on the Stone of Remembrance are our inspiration—the evidence forever before us of the surrendering of man's greatest gift he has to offer—his life.

Australians, with the exception of the men in Ward XI, the silent men of the Edward Millen, the tragic men of Lemnos and the grey heads limping to work, know nothing of war or the economical conditions under war's regime. We suffered no food shortage; we knew not darkness and black-outs; we saw not the hospital trains creeping in to stations unheralded, and the hasty but efficient service volunteered by the women of England as they were called from afternoon entertainments for soldiers or household duties to leave at once for the station and transport these poor shambles of men to the military hospitals.

Meatless days; food rationing; the disappearance of butter and sugar. Small things you say? Try them. The wastage of food on our interstate boats after stepping from a returning transport turned one's stomach sick thinking of the shortage in England. We made no sacrifice except that so freely offered by our sons and daughters in Flanders, Gallipoli and Palestine.

When we watch a beautiful thing of the air winging its way above, piloted by some glorious, pioneering lad, a sense of exultation possesses us at this cleaving of the air, and answering to the touch of a man's hand this thing of beauty; but we do not fear that death will be hurled at us or gas destroy us; all this has been kept from us, and the real horrors are not revealed by the old soldiers.

Listen! The Reveille comes across the air, tte awakening. Life springs into motion again, but the peace of this sanctuary of contemplation so close to the heart of the city; this glorious inspiration of departed men of vision is undisturbed.

I look again and see his name, and know that no hatred sent him overseas and that in this war there is also no hatred. It is the greatest comfort in the whole sordid thing. Air force men carrying the body of a captive officer to his resting-place; naval men saving the lives of Germans whose ship they have sunk; Germans helping our men. This is not the policy of enemies, it is the mark of a greater Christianity which must come in the making of Peace. The way of Peace will not be left to the man behind the lines—the man waging the horrors of war will watch to see that greed and covetousness do not draw up the next Pact of Peace.

I hear you scoff! Sentimentalism! Emotionalism! Perhaps so! You see I am a woman, but all men are born of woman—her body was the earth in which he was nurtured, and brought to birth, consequently she fights that all the sons of woman might be protected from destruction in senseless war; let men's bodies be sacrificed in a great crusade against sickness, poverty, unemployment, which could be wiped out of the world forever with the money and thought spent in fashioning instruments of death and torture.

And so I leave this sanctuary of peace which surrounds the symbol of sacrifice and think of the words of "Woodbine Willie" written during the last decade:


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The Anzac Club was a scene of gaiety on the night of Friday, December 8, when the reconstructed premises were thrown open officially to members. The new long bar seemed hardly long enough to accommodate patrons, who had apparently brought man-sized thirsts with them. But it proved more convenient than its predecessor for those over-worked lads in white coats who had to attend to the quenching of those thirsts.

It was a gay, carefree and informal evening, which aroused recollections of estaminets in France, where everyone was happy and inclined to burst into song without becoming unduly noisy. The official artists of the evening were Ted Scott, whose inimitable recitations kept the troops rocking with laughter, and Alan Roydhouse, who showed them that harmony can be even more interesting than hops, when it is dispensed by an expert.

MINE'S A RASPBERRY

BY ERIC FIELD

These magnetic mines seem to be about the last word in frightfulness—well, p’haps not the last word, but—. What I mean is, I suppose the really and truly very last word in frightfulness is that agitation to establish wet canteens.

It almost makes me sob to think of a young Australian soldier, six feet of tenderness, weighing 13 stone, and with that sweet and gentle nature which caused him to offer, of his own free will, to stick ten inches of bayonet into gentlemen in field-grey uniforms, being lured into that darkest recess of the underworld, the wet canteen.

B-r-r-r! The thought of it makes me shudder. What is beer? The devil’s concoction. Down with it! Yes, thanks, I’ll have another. Down with that one, too! That’s the kind of fellow I am!

Not only the young soldier, but what of the Digger of the last war, who has joined up again? Ah-ha, my friend! What of him?

Ever since he came back here he has been tenderly nurtured in the holy precincts of the milk-bar at Anzac Club, and now they want to thrust him back into the temptations of the iniquitous wet canteen and its villainous barmen.

They do call them “barmen” in the wet canteen, don’t they? I know it is bar—something.
As I said to a fragile young A.I.F. chappie, bless his dear little sole—size 13, extra broad fitting—“Don’t drink that horrible stuff; it will rot your socks.” And I gently wagged a reproofing forefinger at the pot of lager by his side. “Fruit juice and milk,” I said, “will revitalise you. It’s full of vitamins. A, B, E flat and X Y Z. They’re going to make it in tabloid form shortly, so you can have it for breakfast instead of steak and eggs.”

I bought him a lime juice. “Here, take this,” I said, “take it to please me.” He looked at me bewildered. “Bu-b-but what am I going to do with this?” he stammered, pointing to his beer.

I had done nothing for my country till then, so, “I’ll look after it,” I volunteered.

He had been to a Christmas Eve celebration, and arriving home in the early hours of the morning he wondered how he could get upstairs without waking his wife. Finally he had a brilliant idea. Tying the fire-irons round his neck he began his ascent, chuckling to himself, “She’ll never hear me with all this bloomin’ noise going on.”

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The provisions of the Commonwealth Public Service Act granting preference to returned soldiers in employment in the Commonwealth Service have been closely observed. The total number of appointments of returned soldiers made to the permanent staff during the financial year 1938-39 was 662, the appointments being to Fourth Division positions of postman, assistant, lineman, mechanic, &c., as well as to professional and clerical positions. In addition, 4,342 returned soldiers were employed temporarily or under exemption on June 30, 1939.

The total number of appointments of returned soldiers made to the permanent staff of the Commonwealth Service up to June 30, 1939, was 7,099.
OVER THE WATER

Since the outbreak of war, English papers have been reaching Perth very irregularly and very late. However, they are so crammed with interesting matter that they have been worth waiting for. One weekly contains the official “Eye-witness” report of the landing of the British Army in France. As in 1914, everything was carried out with secrecy and efficiency, but the official account had to be vetted by the Ministry of Information, before it was allowed to appear in print.

Officers and men amused themselves by gambling and singing during the convoyed crossing. Arrived on French soil, the soldiers of the British Expeditionary Force were speedily installed in a transit camp, outside an important town. They dug A.R.P. trenches and hung out washing on neighbouring blackberry bushes. At intervals, crammed troop trains departed for unknown destinations. Chalked on carriage doors were such inscriptions as “En Route to Berlin,” and “I’ve got a date with Uncle Adolph.”

“Eye-witness” became quite lyrical at the reception given to the British Army. “A British officer’s uniform,” he wrote, “calls forth very touching marks of respect and affection.” There were plentiful comments on the evolution of British uniforms since the last war. The new battle-dress made it difficult for the French soldiers who wanted to salute the right people, for their was little difference between officers and men. One thinks, however, that this problem of the new war is one that the new A.I.F. will solve for themselves.

DIET AND HEALTH

BY ALICE M. CAPORN, PH.D.

Every disease to which the human family is heir is the result of violation of the biological laws. The same laws which govern all other animals, also govern man. Here are the five essentials of all animal life including the life of man:—1. Natural food; 2. natural drink; 3. natural sunshine; 4. natural exercise; 5. natural sleep.

Every one of these five essentials is important so that it would be impossible to say which was the most important. However, the food link seems to be the point upon which the whole chain revolves, for it is at the food link that man has furthest departed from natural law. The present-day civilized man eats only about 3 per cent. of natural food. Three per cent. of natural vital food must carry off the ill effect of 97 per cent. of pure “junk.”

If these five links in the golden chain of life are functioning naturally, as they do with all other animals in their wild natural state, we get a body which is immune to disease. But if one of these five links is interfered with or missing, then disease results. In the final analysis this is all there is to either radiant, robust, rude health, on the one hand or disease on the other. The utmost importance attaches to the question of food—natural food.

What do we mean by natural food? Food which comes from the hand of Mother Nature untempered by the hand of man is the only natural food for man. You may say: “Oh! but food must be stewed and roasted and fried and what not, to make it more digestable—we simply cannot eat raw food!” Practically everybody over 30 years of age in this country suffer from one of the 100 varieties of digestive disturbance, which proves, does it not? that cooked food contributes to digestive disorders.

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The newer knowledge of nutritional science stresses one point which the older school of medicine never even heard of—vitamins and mineral elements. The root word for vitamins is vita—meaning life. Unfried foods are live, vital. Cooked food is devitalized, dead. “Old age” is not so much due to the passing of the years, as to eating too much devitalized, cooked, preserved, degemned, artificially coloured, artificially flavoured food. The thing primarily wrong with the world is that we have too many people between the ages of 30 and 50 years old and too few between the ages of 60 and 160 years young.

Youth is not a matter of years, it is a matter of arteries. We are as old as our arteries, and the condition of our arteries is determined by our living habits, and particularly by our eating habits. The dietary habits of civilised man is frighteningly faulty. Therefore, diet reform is the most fundamental of all reforms. It goes to the marrow of all social evils.

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Seventy "Gentlemen of the Light Horse, the "has-beens," journeyed to the Naval Base on Sunday, December 3, to have a look-at present-day horses and men of the Young 10th Regiment and came away at peace with everybody and everything.

Arthur Sweetapple was distinctly a very proud man when he received the visitors and welcomed them to the camp. The "has-beens" are also very proud of Arthur and his 900-odd hard-doers, too, not omitting the "walters."

Adjutant McArthur is now rapidly growing in popularity with the boys and looks to be the dinkum cavalryman.

Captain "Two-bobs" Shillings, of Nor- tham, though putting on weight, still throws him. If about like a colt.

Major Tweedie, of Bunbury, is developing into a camera fiend, but was delighted to escort "Hummy" round the well-kept horse-lines without once posing him for future reference.

Basil Craig, the "Loot" from York- shire, had two "sniffer" blacks in his strings. We wonder if Bas intends to emulate old "Galloping Jack" Royston, the famous 3rd Brigade Commander, by having seven on the lines.

"Bracky" Bradford, the handsome and hefty Signals O.C., was caught getting stripped. The barber was just finishing his job on Braddy's hair, so he missed the first round of welcomes.

W. O. "Jimmy" O'Meara reckons there is no need to teach any of the lads anything—they already know more gags than the old mob and can dodge trouble with M.P.'s or morning orderly room without turning a hair.

"Loot" Reg. Curtis, of Redcastle Brew- ary, looks as if life in camp is all one bed of roses—sometimes.

As there were very few sergeants-major or plain sarges seen about, they must have been on leave.

Among the "has-beens" George Roese- varr appeared to be thoroughly enjoying himself.

"Loot" Art Lee and old "Jock" West did enjoy themselves—too eyes right!

Gerald Parker, Eric Davies, Tom Brown, Tom Soutar, Ted Jones, Larry Ferris, all spent hours looking over the camp.

Roy Perry and "Hummy" (Dick Hum- merston, the Association secretary) could not get over the new method of two men

and a wheelbarrow in place of two men and a split cornsack for stable cleaning.

Too modern, but in this mechanical age something has to give way, and so the modern trooper cannot pinch chaffbags to make softer beds with.

Association President Ted Arundel ran out of wind and cut the parade very short and was soon posted as missing. Later found with Sam Grimwood, Jack Colpitts, Jim Philip and Jack Durack, being entertained in the mess.

Association vice-president Sid Johnston of the Inglewood Hotel, did the honours when refreshments were issued to the troopers, and not long afterwards was seen with Ted Jones looking for the old familiar black beetles in the horse-lines.

Charlie Knight, Clay Timperley, Rolly Redshaw, Bill Pescud and Wix Wood- row took things very quietly and got more pleasure in watching the boys "lead off" the horses to water than perhaps many of the others.

Old Harry Clark, Fred Davies, Sid Moore, Charlie Hepstingon, Brownie (you all known Brownie of "A" Squadron), Murray Elliott, Harry Street (of 1st M.G. Squadron) wandered round watching the feed being mixed.

Arthur Olden enjoyed himself seeing the sights from the top of a horse on two occasions. He still looks as if he could mount in full equipment.

Trooper Frank Boan ("Lascar") cuts a grand figure on spud-peeling fatigue, especially when on with Stans O'Keefe and O'Brien. But theirs is an example which many others might well follow—after all, what's wrong with peeling spuds or sanitary fatigue?

It is proposed to repeat the visit at some later date, of which more will be heard. Everybody was made so thoroughly at home by the boys that time passed before it was realised.

SOME REFLECTIONS ON CHRISTMAS
BY CHARLES DICKENS

Happy, happy Christmas that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days, that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the sailor and the travellers, thousands of miles away, back to his own fireside and his quiet home!—Pickwick Papers.

There are people will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it use to be ... Never heed such dismal

reminiscences ... but draw your chair near the blazing fire, fill the glass, and send round the song—Sketches by Boz.

Christmas comes but once a year—which is unhappily too true, for when it begins to stay with us the whole year round we shall make this earth a very different place.—Christmas Stories.

"Pile up the fire here, Britain! Let it shine upon the holly till it winks again."

The bright fire crackled and sparkled, rose and fell ... leaped and bounded, like a mad thing, up the broad old chim- ney.—The Battle of Life.

"Good morning, Sir! A Merry Christ- mas to you!" And Scrooge said often afterwards that of all the bithe sounds he had ever heard, those were the blithest in his ears.—A Christmas Carol.

Christmas is a time in which, of all times in the year, the memory of every remediable sorrow, wrong and trouble in the world around us should be active with us ... for all good.—The Haunted Man.

Christmas was close at hand ... the old year was preparing, like an ancient philosopher, to call his friends around him, and midst the sound of feasting and revelry to pass gently and calmly away.—Pickwick Papers.

"Why did you get married?" said Scrooge.

"Because I fell in love."

"Because you fell in love!" growled Scrooge, as if that were the only thing in the world more ridiculous than a merry Christmas.—A Christmas Carol.

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CHRISTMAS HUMOUR

A crowd of Christmas shoppers were boarding a tram in Hay Street and one old lady carrying a huge baking tin was gamely fighting her way to the front rank. As she climbed aboard, the conductor, who had been watching her antics with the tin, said, "What's that for, Ma—the turkey?"

"No," the old lady replied, "it's me blinking armour!"

The new vicar was making his Christmas calls on the residents of his parish, and in one house he found a woman listening to the radio. Pointing to the set, he said kindly: "Don't you think it would look much better if in the place of that radio you had a baby in a cot?"

"Well, if you say so, I suppose it's right," she said, "only I'm a spinster."

"I've been putting on weight and this dress suit is rather too tight for me. Could you let it out a bit?" said a man to his friend, who did a little tailoring in his spare time.

"I've never done such a thing," was the reply, "but there's a rush on this Christmas week, though I'll see what I can do."

A week later the owner of the suit telephoned to see how his friend was getting on with it.

"Better than I expected," said the friend. "I've let it out to four men already, and I've got four other lettings before New Year!"

An Aberdonian, wishing to purchase Christmas presents, entered a shop in which antlers were sold. Seeing a very fine pair, he said: "How much are they?"

"Twelve guineas," replied the salesman.

"But, mon, they're awfu' dear!"

"Well, what do you think they're off—a hedgehog?"

While the manager of a local chemist's shop was at lunch on Christmas Eve his new assistant was left in charge.

"There has been a customer while you were away, sir," said the assistant, when the manager returned.

"Oh? What did he want?"

"He was a bit groggy so I mixed him a tonic."

"You did? Goodness me! What did you give him?"

"Oh, a bit o' this and a bit o' that."

"B-but you don't know what harm it might do him?"
"You needn't worry—everything is O.K.!” said the assistant. 
"O.K.?" raged the manager. 
"Yes—I got him to sign the poison book!"

The open-air speaker on Christmas morning on the Esplanade was dealing with statistics.
"Do you realise," he cried, "that every time I breathe someone dies?"
"You should try cloves, mister," came a voice from the audience.

A negress of mammoth proportions and inky complexion was brought unconscious into a hospital after a Christmas Eve collision. When she recovered her senses, the surgeon, thinking her, remarked: "You will undoubtedly be able to obtain a considerable amount of damages, Mrs. Johnson."
"Dammage!" cried Mrs. Johnson. "What do Ah want with damages? Ah got damages enough now. What Ah needs is repairs."

"Delighted to have met you, Mrs. Higgins," gushed the new resident. "Do come over and see us one night over the Christmas season."

November 15, 1939
At the meeting of the State Executive on November 15, there were present Messrs. Olden, Philip, W. J. James, Hunt, Anderson, Margolin, Potts, Sten, Keesing, Lamb, Watt, Paton, Williams, Colebatch, Johnstone and Dinan. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, H. James, Collett, Pantson, Denton, Nicholas, Fairle O'M. Mitchell, Cornell, Thorn, Zeffert, Patterson, Curlewies and MacKenzie. In the absence of the State President, Colonel Olden occupied the chair.

"So sorry dear," replied Mrs. Higgins, "but we never go anywhere. You see, my husband is partially paralysed."
"Oh, don't let that worry you. My husband is that way more than half his time."

BRITISH EX-SERVICE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
The Christmas social and dance was held at Anzac House on Monday, November 27. Over 200 guests attended. Among those present were the State President (Mr. A. Yeates), Mr. Philip (of the State Executive), Mr. Minchin (President, Old Contemporaries Association), Mrs. McKinnell (State President, Women's Auxiliaries), Mrs. Hopperton, Mrs. E. Clear (F.P.S.W.) and the presidents and secretaries of various other women's organisations. During the evening items were given by the following artists: Mesdames Gargett, Trethowan, Hamilton, Wallis, Jeffrey and Mr. Trethowan. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bates' orchestra supplied the dance music. During the supper interval, presentations were made by the president (Mrs. H. Lewis) to all members of the orchestra and Mrs. Logan (accom­ paniste) as a token of the association's appreciation of their services, given so willingly in the cause of amelioration during the past season.

Pensions and Employment.—A report of the meeting of the Pensions and Employment Committee on November 7 was received and adopted. The report contained a recommendation that the State secretary should, in his next circular, draw attention to instructions regarding the "B" class reserve, particularly that portion dealing with the formation of Garrison Battalions.

Poppy Day.—The Poppy Day Committee's report on the success of this year's appeal was received and adopted. It was estimated that approximately 60,000 poppies were sold, which constituted a record.

S.S.L.—A report of the Sons of Soldiers' League Committee, held on November 2, was received and adopted. The committee requested the executive to give consideration to the appointment of a representative of the S.S.L. in all branches of the State. It was agreed that the State secretary, in his next circular, would refer to this resolution, with the object of inducing sub-branches to form sub-branches of the S.S.L.

Visits.—The following visits were reported: Colonel Olden, Ex-Naval Men's Association, Changing-over Ceremony, State War Memorial, and the Nedland's Remembrance Dinner; Mr. Watt, North Perth Methodist Church.

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Colonel Margolin, South African Veterans' Memorial Service and Red Cross Society; Mr. Potts, Carlisle sub-branch; Mr. Philp and assistant State secretary, Morawa sub-branch; Mr. Johnston, BusSELton sub-branch; Mr. Keesing, Merrivale sub-branch; Mr. Dinan, No. 2 District Committee reunion; Mr. Aberle, Darlington Range sub-branch; the State secretary, Co.tealoe sub-branch.

10th Garrison Battalion.—After a long discourse on various proposals concerning the formation of a Welfare Fund for the 10th Garrison Battalion, it was resolved that, pending the report of the meeting between the State President and Colonel Robinson, C.O. 10th Garrison Battalion, and the decision of the W.A. Sportsman's Organising Council for Patriotic Funds, that the trustees of the League be empowered to make a donation of £23, if necessary. The State secretary was instructed to make inquiries regarding a statement that certain articles of clothing were not available for issue by the Defence Department to the Garrison Battalion.

War Pensions on Enlistment.—A communication was received from the Federal Executive, advising that information conveyed in a previous circular by the Repatriation Commission was incorrect. The circular contained statements that pensions would be continued at existing rates, in cases where pensioners had enlisted for service. It was pointed out that special rate pensions could not continue at that rate, if enlisted, and that cases listed for review before enlistment would be paid pensions in accordance with the latest assessment.

Re-employment, Members Second A.I.F.—The Collee sub-branch suggested that all sub-branches should keep a record of all men enlisting from their district in the second A.I.F., with the object of approaching their former employers to secure an undertaking that they would be re-engaged upon the termination of their services.

It was agreed to advise Collee that the executive was in accord with the principle outlined, and that the letter would be referred to the Management Committee for inquiry and the preparation of a public statement.

The Late Captain J. Morgan.—The secretary of the White Gum Valley Parents and Citizens' Association sought the approval of the State Executive, who were donors to a memorial fund to the late Captain Morgan, to apply the money towards the provision of a double tennis court in the school grounds which would be dedicated to the memory of Captain Morgan.

The executive agreed to the suggestion and thought that a suitable tablet should be erected as well.

Income Tax League.—A communication was received from Colonel Collett advising that it had now been decided that the League was a charitable institution and that the income derived by it is exempt under section 23(e) of the Income Tax Assessment Act. It was agreed that appreciation of efforts made by the Leagues to be conveyed to Colonel Collett.

It was also agreed that an application be made to the Taxation Department for the refund of tax already paid, and that the correspondence be referred to the trustees.

Patriotic Funds.—Consideration of a communication from the State President of New South Wales regarding the establishment and control of patriotic funds was deferred until the return of the State President.

Late Peter Ross.—The West Perth sub-branch had communicated with the King's Park Board requesting permission to dedicate a tree to the memory of the late Mr. Ross in recognition of his services on behalf of Honour Avenue.

It was agreed to advise King's Park Board that the matter was one for arrangement between the board and the West Perth sub-branch, and that this executive had no objection to the selection of a tree in the proximity of Honour Avenue.

Employment Aliens Defence Works.—Advice was received from the Albany sub-branch that this matter had now been adjusted and that ex-service men had been employed. The thanks of the Albany sub-branch were extended for the action taken.

League Publicity.—It was agreed that the Management Committee consider the advantages to be gained by the formation of a committee of three to report and advise from time to time upon the League's publicity campaign, particularly broadcast sessions including the selection and preparation of subject matter for various speakers.

November 29, 1939

At the meeting of the Executive on November 29, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Aberle, H. James, Denton, W. J. James, Nicholas, Potts, Stennert, Watt, Paton, Williams, Colebatch, Zeffert and Dinan. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Collett, Philp, Fanton, Hunt, Anderson, Keesing, Fairley, Lamb, Mitchell, Cornish, Freckleton, Curlewis, Mackenzie and Johnstone.

Department of Information.—The State President reported having attended a meeting in Anzac House convened under the auspices of the Department of Information. The meeting comprised representatives of almost every public and private non-political activity in the State, and it carried a resolution supporting the action of the Commonwealth Government in establishing Ministry for Information, and assured the Government of the cordial support of those present. It was agreed that the resolution be endorsed by the Executive.

Visits.—Reports on visits were received from the State President (unveiling Kalamunda Memorial and North-East Fremantle sub-branch), Colonel Olden (Moora sub-branch, with Stt: Secretary, and A.F.C. Association), Mr. Zeffert (Subiaco sub-branch), Mr. J. L. Mackenzie (Bridgetown sub-branch), Colonel Margolin (Red Cross Memorial) and Messrs. Colebatch and Curlewis (Beverley sub-branch). Mr. Nicholas reported on hospital visiting. In connection with hospital visiting, the State Secretary was instructed to circularise country sub-branches, requesting them to advise League headquarters of any ex-service man they may know who comes to Perth for hospital treatment. That will enable necessary arrangements to be made for League members to call on him.

Sub-Branches.—The appointment of officials as advised by the Yealering and Bridge-town sub-branches was confirmed.

Second A.I.F.: Honorary Membership.—Kalgoorlie sub-branch forwarded a suggestion that the names and addresses of all men enlisting from Western Australia in the Second Division be obtained, and that they be sent abroad to make honorary members of the League during the absence from Australia. The State President reported that, at the last Federal conference, it had been agreed along these lines and that the benefits of the League be extended to their dependents.

Rail Passes.—The State Secretary detailed action by the League to secure rail passes for members of the Second A.I.F. who had proceeded on leave. Representations had been made through the Federal office to the Minister concerned and concessions as follows had been granted:

Six days' leave together with free rail warrants to the member's home town and pay in advance to termination of leave. Refund of fares to be made where they had been paid privately.

Medical Examinations.—The Kalgoorlie sub-branch suggested that the medical examination of soldiers enlisting with the Second A.I.F. should be made at the centre of enlistment and that a military doctor should make the examination in Western Australia. The suggestion had been pointed out to Kalgoorlie that such procedure would be impracticable, and that there could be no final examination as the rigorous of service may produce evidence of a latent disability which would not be disclosed at a clinical examination. The action was endorsed.

Enlistment Apprentices.—A communication from the Railway Workshops sub-branch regarding the enlistment of apprentices was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee for inquiry and report.

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10th Garrison Battalion.—The State President reported having interviewed the Commanding Officer of the 10th Garrison Battalion in regard to the welfare of the troops. He stated that from inquiries there appeared to be a general need for articles of light wearing apparel, particularly light underclothing for summer months. Certain utensils were also required in addition to or in replacement of the usual army issue. The President thought that the League trustees had been authorised to spend up to £25 that this amount could be made available as a nucleus for an R.S.L. Welfare Fund. It was agreed that this executive open a welfare fund for the men in the 10th Garrison Battalion, which is composed of ex-service men, and that sub-branches of the League, their auxiliaries and kindred organisations be circularised and requested to contribute to such fund. Further, that the executive appoint a committee to administer the fund in conjunction with representatives of the 10th Garrison Battalion. The appointment of the committee was left to the State President.

28th Battalion Association.—This association wrote regarding the welfare of the battalion, and it was decided to advise them of the executive’s decision.

The North Perth sub-branch wrote in similar strain, and a similar reply was sent.

Community Concerts.—The Women’s Auxiliary State Executive advised that they were conducting a community concert for the 10th Garrison Battalion on Monday, December 4. They requested the attendance of executive delegates.

F.U.S.W.—This organisation advised concerning their activities on behalf of the 10th Garrison Battalion. The information was received and a letter of thanks was forwarded.

Patriotic Funds.—A letter from the President of the New South Wales Branch deferred from the last meeting was considered, and in view of the decisions in regard to the 10th Garrison Battalion, the reply was left to the State Secretary.

Musical Instruments, Camp Organisations.—The North Perth sub-branch inquired as to what would eventually become of musical instruments, etc., donated to the Y.M.C.A. and other camp organisations. The State President advised that this matter was under the control of the Y.M.C.A. Military Committee, and after allowing for fair wear and tear such articles as were available would be used for similar welfare work amongst the armed forces which would remain in existence after the war. It was agreed to advise the sub-branch accordingly.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund.—Advice was received that the Press sub-branch auxiliary had donated £10/10/- to this fund. A vote of thanks for this splendid effort was recorded.

Congratulations.—It was agreed to write Major Cook, Commonwealth Works Director, congratulating him on his recent promotion and thanking him for his courtesy and assistance to the League in the past.

Welcome.—It was agreed to write Colonel W. W. White, who succeeds Colonel Bundock at the Royal Australian Artillery Barracks, Fremantle, welcoming him to Western Australia and inviting him to the next executive meeting.

Fremantle

A busy and pleasant evening was spent at our general meeting on December 7, prior to going into recess. Business included the reception of new members. The report on the organisation of the proposed musical festival to be held in Fremantle next April, and which we hope is going to be a big thing. More complaints were lodged by members that returned men were not getting the work under the preference provisions of the Commonwealth Government in the new defence contracts, and the matter is being taken up by the sub-branch. The President then introduced Mr. Millington (the Director of Teachers’ Training College) who gave us a very instructive talk on his travels in Europe and what is happening to-day. He gave us his impressions of Czechoslovakia, Germany, Austria and Italy prior to the present war, and suggested that the efficient progress that was everywhere apparent was worthy of a better fate than to facilitate war and its awful consequences.

GloUCESTER PARK

The last meeting held on December 7 before the last before Christmas, there was a good attendance. Mr. O. Strang (President) was in the chair. The secretary’s report showed that the Poppy Day workers had disposed of 785 poppies and 111 stickers. It was decided to make a Christmas donation to the widows and children of deceased members, and also to recognise the good work of our lady helpers on Poppy Day. The secretary of Mandurah sub-branch invited members down there for Boxing Day, and enclosed a photograph of some very big fish, and promised each one a good haul of similar size, so we can look forward to some good fish wars at our next meeting. Members are still keen on chasing new members, and four new members were introduced. Mr. Tom Gorman, Mr. C. Greenwood, Mr. Fred White and Mr. Geo. Brown, of Wiluna. The Subicabo sub-branch sent along congratulations on our winning the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield. After several members had referred to the good work done by Mr. George Owens for the benefit of Diggers, it was decided to recommend him to the State Executive for the Certificate of Service. A member in Mr. Dick Davis has just been elected secretary of the Tramway Union. Our secretary reported that the smoke social to celebrate the shield victory would be held in Anzac House in January. Although we had several finalists for the individual championship games, Mr. Stan Kirby was the only one to win, he being successful at draughts. All members of this sub-branch unite in extending Christmas greetings to the staff of "The Listening Post" and all brother Diggers. The president of Gloucester Park sub-branch (Mr. Oliver) offering himself as a candidate in the City of Perth municipal elections.
CLAREMON

The monthly meeting was held on December 23. New members, Messrs. Denbig and Red were elected. At the last meeting on Tuesday, December 5, members paid a visit to the women’s auxiliary and were heartily welcomed by Mrs. Fuller. The annual meeting will be held early in January. The sub-branch extends thanks to the ladies who gave their services on Poppy Day.

MAYLANDS

The president (C9p. Horton) presided over a good attendance at the meeting on November 22. In connection with the recent Poppy Day appeal, Len Smith reported that this year’s sales were the best for some time. The secretary was instructed to thank the lady helpers for their excellent work. In moving the adoption of the report, the treasurer (Dave Tunbridge) complimented Mr. Smith on the success of his efforts, and successfully moved that a record to this effect be placed in the minutes. The treasurer reported that the Mad Hatter’s Ball, held by the sub-branch, was a most successful function. The profit is estimated at £18. Members of the auxiliary are actively connected with the Red Cross, and are working on the general roll-up of the country. Members are reminded that the annual meeting will be held early in January, at which the sub-branch entertained the ladies by a programme of songs and music. The meeting was closed with the customary roll-call.

NARROGIN

The monthly meeting took place on November 22. The committee would like to see some town members at the meetings, and again extend a cordial invitation for any of them to be present on the fourth Thursday of each month. It was decided to hold the sales in April, May, and June, with the proviso that if the committee can arrange a return picnic shoot in May, the sales will be held in May. The committee would like to thank all of the party for special catering and a record sale of £18. The committee would like to extend their thanks to Mr. W. Kerridge, who has been very cooperative in securing the services of Mrs. Brian and Messrs. Gammery, who are helpful in providing the music for the monthly meeting.

ARMADEAL

The monthly meeting was held on November 22. There were 29 members present. Mr. W. Kerridge, the president, and Mr. C. Gummery were elected and presented with a list of all members and one new enrolment was made. Mr. Hammonds supplied with a list of all members by the end of the month. It was decided to hold a return picnic shoot in January, which will be arranged with the rifle club. The committee would like to extend their thanks to Mr. W. Kerridge, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. W. Kerridge, who contributed the music for the annual meeting.

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STATE EXECUTIVE

The State executive motor outing committee arranged an outing for some of the soldiers from Leenano and Edward Millen on Sunday, December 10, to Bullsbrook, where the local R.S.L. auxiliary provided high tea at the hall. Mrs. Cunningham (president of the auxiliary) and Mr. Burrows (vice-president of Bullsbrook R.S.L.) welcomed the guests. Mrs. H. Hopperton thanked the hostesses on behalf of the executive, Mr. McCrœor for Leenano and Mr. Blackmore for Edward Millen, and Mrs. Scott thanked the car drivers. A musical programme was given by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bates, Mrs. Pickett, Miss Doris Burrows, Mrs. Cunningham and Mr. Burnett. The following are thanked for loaning their cars to convey the patients: Mesdames A. Purslowe, Lowe, Ganaway and Newton; Messrs. Bill Bates, Fred Mathews, Ingle, J. N. Williams, W. Drabble, G. Randall, A. Bennett and (by courtesy of Sydney Aitkens) Messrs. Roy Truran, D. Heyhoe and Gordon.

Mrs. H. Hopperton presented the Boomrang Concert Party at Melville military camp on Friday, December 1. Contributing artists were Mesdames N. M. Kershaw, V. Fowler and D. Lea, Misses Hope and Constance Hopperton, Messrs. Fred Mathews, Reg. Fisher, E. Fields and H. Hopperton. Mrs. H. Dew was the accompanist. Cars to convey the artists were loaned by Mesdames Bramels and Newton and Messrs. F. Mathews and Vic. Fowler.

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The State Executive arranged a community concert at Anzac House on Monday, December 4. (Mr. Hugh Hay was in excellent form as conductor, assisted by Miss Letty Hoskins at the piano. Guest-artists were Mrs. De-Latzer, Miss Flora Nowotny, Misses Allan, Roydbouse, Reg. Fisher, Fred Barry and Frank Peterson. Competitors in the amateur trials were all members of various auxiliaries. Mrs. Jones, of Mt. Hawthorn (1st), won Cecil Bros prize with her accordion solo, Mrs. Strue, of Subiaco, gained second place with a comedy number, and Mrs. Viner, of Nedlands (third), won the order on Samp's for her mezzo solo. Proceeds will augment the military camp comforts in W.A.

Mrs. Hopperton thanks auxiliaries who contributed to the purchase of an invalid chair for an inmate of the Old Men's Home, appealed for by Mrs. Mellard, and notifies them that no further donations are required for this purpose. A chair has been purchased by the executive and a second chair donated by Nedlands R.S.L.

COTTESLOE
The monthly meeting was held on Thursday, December 7, and was presided over by the president (Mrs. Scott). A special hospital committee has been formed, with a view to visiting and helping returned men who are patients in Lemnos Hospital. A gift of a sewing machine has been made by the auxiliary to the 44th Battalion. Christmas parcels are being made up for distribution amongst distressed cases. A concert is being arranged, to be given at the Swanbourne Camp, on an early date, and articles of clothing are being made and presented. Arrangements are complete for various Christmas functions. The auxiliary extends seasonal greetings to all other auxiliaries.

F.U.S.W.
His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor (Sir James Mitchell) and Lady Mitchell, with Colonel C. H. R. Manning in attendance, were present at the Christmas party of the F.U.S.W. at Anzac House this month. The president (Mrs. H. Dean) welcomed the guests. During the afternoon speeches were made by Sir James and Lady Mitchell, the Lord Mayor (Dr. T. W. Meagher), Lieut.-Colonel W. R. Robinson (C.O. 10th Garrison Battalion), Professor H. D. Ross (representing the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust). Mr. D. Benson (State Secretary, R.S.L.), Mrs. Mary Foster Matte (first secretary of F.U.S.W.), Mrs. H. Lewis (representing the British Ex-Service Women's Association) and the senior vice-president of the Union (Mrs. T. C. Wilson). Mrs. Dean reported that a further supply of 18 additional food covers had been sent to the 10th Garrison Battalion, making 68 covers to date. Oil cloth to cover 30 tables, six, pyjamas and other gifts had also been made. Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Clear (the secretary) visited the camp and those in charge spoke with appreciation of the gifts of "their fairy godmothers," as they called the F.U.S.W.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY
The monthly meeting was held on November 22. There were 23 members present. The president (Mrs. Haines) was in the chair. Mrs. Hobart tendered her resignation as secretary, as her time is fully occupied with business and war work. The resignation was accepted with regret, and Mrs. Thomson (treasurer) kindly consented to take on the combined offices of secretary and treasurer till the annual election of officers in June, 1940. A letter of acknowledgment and thanks was received from Mr. D. M. Benson for a cheque of £10 for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. The amount represented the proceeds of the combined work of the auxiliary and the sub-branch at the fête held on September 16. A number of thanks was also received from the sub-branch on the successful efforts of the auxiliary on Poppy Day. It was decided to donate a caine chair with the name of our auxiliary on it to the Y.M.C.A.

BOULDER
The Boulder auxiliary, which began in August with 11 members, now has 28 members, and the workers were early on the job and had sold out of poppies by noon. At the service in the evening, the president (Mrs. Bosustow) placed a wreath on the war memorial. After the service the Scouts and Girls Guide were treated to a spread in the Scout hall. This was prepared by the auxiliary in appreciation of the good work done by these boys and girls with Remembrance and Anzac Day. The dances held each week are being a great success, and we have been able to start the good work of relieving distress cases near us. The following donations have been made: R.S.L. Distress Fund, £10; Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, £2/2/6; and Y.M.C.A. Hut at Northam, £1/2/-. The proceeds of a recent dance in the hall were presented to Mrs. Crompton as a mark of appreciation for the good work she does through the year in providing the music for dances. We are sorry to report that Mrs. York and Mrs. Walker had to go to Perth for medical treatment.

SWAN VIEW GREENMOUNT
The final social of the year have been held, and the auxiliary now goes into recess until after the New Year. During November, members visited the soldiers' ward of the Old Men's Home. It was a first visit which proved a very enjoyable one. Many members have linked up with the Red Cross. Several went to a recent meeting at Midland Junction, at which an interesting address was given by the auxiliary's State President (Mrs. J. McKinlay). At the final members' social a presentation was made to Mr. Moore, for his valuable work on all social and dance nights since the auxiliary was formed nearly two years ago. The auxiliary wishes all kindred associations a Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year.

SOUTH PERTH
There was a well-attended meeting on November 17, when final arrangements were made for the Christmas party on December 15. The hospital committee have done excellent work in visiting Heathcote and Perth General Hospital, where books and smoking requisites were presented. The concert party has had a busy time visiting the ex-service men in the Old Men's Home. The Aged Blind at Victoria Park were also entertained on these occasions, the entertainers were accompanied by the auxiliary State Secretary (Mrs. Hopperton). A successful children's box and a euchre party and dance, which yielded a good profit for the amelioration fund, have been held.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE
The fortnightly meetings have been well attended. The bazaar arranged for November 25 in aid of amelioration funds was held and went off with a swing. The various stalls were erected with artistic results. Mrs. Melvin declared the bazaar open. The hard work of past months was well rewarded, and the fund will gain a good round sum.
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<td>Last Saturday, quarterly</td>
<td>J. C. A. Pike, &quot;Falconar-</td>
<td>W. A. Tumber</td>
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<td>KULIN</td>
<td>R.S.L. Institute</td>
<td>(Jan., April, July, Oct.) When called</td>
<td>Dale,&quot; Kukerin</td>
<td>E. Wood, Lake Grace</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>G. Markey, Kulin</td>
<td>M. G. Johnston, Lake King</td>
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<td>LAKE KING</td>
<td>Lake King Hall</td>
<td>2nd Sunday in month</td>
<td>H. H. Pelham, L Grace</td>
<td>B. Beer, Manjimup</td>
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<td>MANJIMUP</td>
<td>Town Hall, Manjimup; Jardoe No. 1 State Mill (alternate month)</td>
<td>2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. D. Allen, Lake King</td>
<td>B. Hickling, Mt. Barker</td>
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<td>MOUNT BARKER</td>
<td>Mt. Barker</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>J. L. Mackenzie, Manji-</td>
<td>L. T. King, 10 Carrington Street, Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alt. Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. (pension week)</td>
<td>H. V. Jenkinson, Mt. Barker</td>
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<td>MENZIES</td>
<td>Menzies Road Board Hall</td>
<td>1st Sunday in month</td>
<td>R. Pugh, Menzies</td>
<td>C. H. Jacobsen, Menzies</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>R.S.L. Branch Rooms, Railway Parade</td>
<td>1st Thursday</td>
<td>J. Sheppard, Brookman Road, Midland Junction</td>
<td>H. B. Stephens, 91 Ampurer Rd., M. Junction</td>
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<td>MOSMAN PARK</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, Johnston St., Cottesloe</td>
<td>Last Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>G. A. Ashworth, Bond Street, Mosman Park</td>
<td>C. E. James, 16 Glynne St., Mosman Park</td>
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<td>MOORA</td>
<td>Road Board Room, Moora</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>W. H. Boyce, Moora</td>
<td>C. Ryan, Moora</td>
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<td>MT. MAGNET</td>
<td>Lesser Hall, Mt. Magnet</td>
<td>2nd Sunday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. V. Edwards, Mt. Magnet</td>
<td>H. A. Morpeth, Mt. Magnet</td>
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<td>MT. MARSHALL</td>
<td>Rd. Bd. Hall, Bencubbin</td>
<td>1st Wednesday, monthly</td>
<td>W. A. Wright, Mand ga</td>
<td>V. M. Creagh, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>M. LAWLEY - INGLEWOOD</td>
<td>Wallish Hall, Grovenor Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 21 Grovenor Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>K. J. Craze, 118 Central Avenue, Maylands</td>
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<td>MUKINBUDIN</td>
<td>Commercial Room, Mukinbudin</td>
<td>Every fourth Saturday</td>
<td>T. B. Conway, Mukinbudin</td>
<td>W. J. Roberts, Mukinbudin</td>
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<td>MUNDARING &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Alternately, Mundaring, Darlington, Parkerville</td>
<td>Every alternate Friday</td>
<td>R. H. Rutherford, Mundaring</td>
<td>Wm. J. Lochhead, Darlington</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
<td>Mornington Mills</td>
<td>Last Thursday in each month</td>
<td>J. M. Loudon, Morninton Mills</td>
<td>W. J. Fulton, Morninton Mills</td>
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<td>NARROGIN</td>
<td>R.S.L. Institute, Narrogin</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>H. Smith, Forestry Department, Narrogin</td>
<td>T. Hogg, R.S.L. Institute, Narrogin</td>
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<td>NAREMBEEN</td>
<td>Narembeen</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. S. Graham, Narembeen</td>
<td>J. H. Wylie, Emu Hill</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>J. M. Anderson, 33 Tyrell Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>J. K. Jeffreison, 8 Thomas Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
<td>Quarterly, 3rd Friday</td>
<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
<td>W. MDM1917</td>
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<td>NORTH - EAST FRE·</td>
<td>Artillery barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>March, June, Sep., Dec.</td>
<td>Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Bun·</td>
<td>J. H. Kane, Newdegate</td>
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<td>MARTLE</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>4th Thursday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>donock, Artillery Barracks</td>
<td>S. Cupby, 42 Holland St., Fremantle (East)</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>R.S.L. Clubrooms, Gordon Street, Northham</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>C. McEwen, Northampton</td>
<td>A. Barlow, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
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<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. C. S. Colebatch, Fitzgerald</td>
<td>G. C. Curlew, 154 Fitzgerald</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe Street, (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. L. Menkens, 30 Redfern Street, North Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Monash House, 23 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday</td>
<td>J. O'Farrell, 223 Fitzgerald</td>
<td>W. Holder, &quot;Monash House,&quot; 23 King Street, Perth</td>
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<td>PINGELLY</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
<td>P. Archer, East Pingelly</td>
<td>M. Sargent, Pingelly</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Y.M.C.A., Murray Street</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>E. S. Watt, c/o. Imperial Print, Hay St, Perth</td>
<td>R. Biggs, c/o. &quot;West Australian&quot;</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Pithara</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Roberts, Pithara</td>
<td>L. G. W. Browning, East Pithara</td>
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<td>POPANYINNING</td>
<td>Yornaning and Popanyinning</td>
<td>1st Saturday in month, alt.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yornaning</td>
<td>C. J. McGarrell, Popanyinning</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>R. W. Graham, Port Hed·</td>
<td>L. D. R. Hadlow, Quairading</td>
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<td>QUAIRADING - DAN GIN</td>
<td>Quairading Hall &amp; Dangin Hotel, alternatively Warden's Court</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. C. Johnston, Quairading</td>
<td>T. F. Smith, Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>RAVENSTHORPE</td>
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<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>E. T. Newton, Ravensthorpe</td>
<td>J. M. Beckwith, Box 7, Southern Cross</td>
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<td>SOUTHERN CROSS</td>
<td>R.A.O.B. Clubrooms</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 10 a.m.</td>
<td>W. E. Sanders, National Bank, Southern Cross</td>
<td>J. Neweman, &quot;Marsden,&quot; 17 Ord St., West Perth</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. A. McFarlane, D. E. Condong, 65 Hensman Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>C. R. Hearne, Station House, Tolland</td>
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<td>TAMBESELLUP</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. Steele, Tambevell</td>
<td>1st Tuesday in each</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>E. J. Wrotth, Toodyay</td>
<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
<td>P. E. Dyson, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAYNING - YELBENI</td>
<td>Traying</td>
<td>Every 4th Sunday</td>
<td>F. Smeeton, Trayning</td>
<td>C. Straw, 1 Manchester Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Eric F. Lloyd, 29 Esperance</td>
<td>T. Bailey, Wubin</td>
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<td>WUWIN</td>
<td>Wubin Hall</td>
<td>3rd Fridays, 8 a.m., bi-monthly</td>
<td>A. B. Dinnie, Buntine</td>
<td>T. Bailey, Wubin</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. J. Lingle, 223 Cambridge Street, Wembley</td>
<td>P. J. Stout, 43 Cleaver Street, West Perth</td>
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<td>WEMBLEY</td>
<td>Comm'l Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Wednesday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
<td>Roy J. Kerr, Yealering</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
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<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m., alt. weeks</td>
<td>Colin Thorn, York</td>
<td>S. Hardwick, York</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
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<td>1st Saturday, after 18th month</td>
<td>D. C. Johnston, Youanmi</td>
<td>G. A. Maley, c/o.</td>
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<td>YOUANMI</td>
<td>Youanmi Hotel</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, bi-monthly, April, June, Aug., etc.</td>
<td>Hugh A. Leslie, Wyalkathem, 'Phone 33.</td>
<td>G. A. Maley, Telephone</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. Wyatt, Waroona</td>
<td>E. H. Rice, Wyalkathem</td>
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<td>WARGOONA-HAMEL</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday</td>
<td>R. E. Tyler, Rivervale</td>
<td>'Phone 31</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House</td>
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<td>J. Brearley, Waroona</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
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<td>2nd Saturday in each month</td>
<td>Dr. Johnston, Wiluna</td>
<td>W. L. Boyd, c/o. Agricultural Bank, Perth</td>
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