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WHAT OF THE MEN?

JUST TWENTY-THREE years after the new armies of the South Lands inscribed their names on the scroll of fame in letters of blood and fire, the Australian Government has initiated a defence programme of greater magnitude, and far more costly, than the war-time efforts of countries in former centuries. In all the country will spend approximately £45,000,000 over a period of five years. Much of the expenditure can be attributed to the cost of modern armaments and the need for providing new services such as mechanised units and aircraft. Some, on the other hand, has been occasioned by the folly which imagined that we would be safer if we pruned our defences almost to the vanishing point.

Australia shared with the Mother Country the pipe-dream that disarmament means peace. Fortunately, both mother and daughter have awakened in time from that dream with no worse result than an unpleasant reaction and a colossal bill for recuperation and recovery. Once more Dame Fortune has allowed the British family to muddle through, and the rearming of the Empire is already causing potential aggressors many sleepless nights.

Much of the fools' paradise, from which we have been so rudely ejected by recent international rumblings, has been a tapestry woven from the notion that the Australian is a soldier once he has donned a uniform and picked up a rifle, and that, in these days of surprise attack and rapid communication, aggressor nations who plan their dirty work long in advance, will give these natural-born soldiers time to acquire the minimum amount of training that may be necessary. It has often been said that the Army trains for the last war, instead of the next one, and certainly the experience of the Boer War, for which little technical training was required so long as men could ride and shoot and had a bushman's eye for country, gave rise to the fallacious notion of the natural-born soldier. Consequently, at the outbreak of the Great War, Australia was not so much a non-military country as a decidedly unmilitary one.

On the other hand, by 1914 there had been sufficient unfavourable portents in the international sky to make Australia take steps to guard her shores. The compulsory training scheme, which was instituted on July 1, 1911, had been in operation for three full years when war broke out. It took boys who had had several years of drill at school and were declared to make soldiers of them; but its chief value during the war years was that the system provided the machinery for rapid recruiting and intensive training. Australia was better off than most Empire countries in this respect, at the outbreak of the war, but she did not really begin to capitalise on the compulsory system until the Third Division was formed in 1916. Only a negligible number of the men who made the historic landing on Gallipoli were products of the compulsory training scheme, but the general belief, that they had had no military training before they enlisted for service overseas, is another of those popular fallacies that take such an unconscionable time in dying. The first troops that left Australia contained many British regulars and Australians with years of military service to their credit. They were men who survived a very severe process of elimination, because at that time, everybody thought the war would be over in six months, and for every man wanted at least twenty volunteered. The troops were trained in Australia before they embarked, but their real training began in Egypt. When they landed on the Peninsula, they had undergone a longer and harder period of continuous training than many of the regular battalions that went out to South Africa in 1899, and they were far better trained that the depot battalions that Wellington commanded at Waterloo. Unfortunately, the Australian public did not see that training; only the result that vindicated it in such dazzling manner was impinging on public consciousness, and so, to-day, Australian politicians who should know better still subscribe to the fetish of the natural soldier and to the theory that the gun is more important than the man behind it.

In proceeding with coastal fortifications and the provision of up-to-date armament and equipment, the Government is moving logically. In the present defence scheme, there is provision for the full utilisation of the country's resources and the co-operation of the public, to a degree that was undreamt of even ten years ago. This is all to the good. It makes for economy, and will facilitate the conscription of wealth as well as manpower, should ever the country be called upon to defend itself again. It is both right and sensible that these efforts should precede the enlistment of large numbers of troops, but, unfortunately, Federal Ministers have been telling us this ever since a Federal congress carried a resolution in favour of compulsory training five years ago. We consider that the compulsory system is more efficient and less costly in the long run than the present voluntary system, and it is refreshing to note that organisations altogether unconnected with the League are beginning to think likewise. If the Federal Government will not reinstitute the compulsory system, it should at least make provision for the expansion of the Militia Forces and the creation of a reserve of trained
Chronology of the War

1914

June
28 Assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand at Sarajevo.

July
28 Austria declares War on Serbia.
29 British Fleets order to War bases.

Aug.
1 Germany declares War on Russia.
3 Germany declares War on France.
4 Germany declares War on Belgium.
5 First round fired in naval operations.
6 Austria declares War on Russia.
7 First Units of B.E.F. land in France.
8 Occupation of Lome (Togoland). First British military action.
12 Britain declares War on Austria.
13 R.F.C. Squadron fly to France.
21 British Government orders raising of New Army.
22 First British troops engaged ("E" Battery, R.H.A.) in France.
23 Battle of Mons (retreat August 24-September 5).
26 Battle of Le Cateau.
Togoland capitulates to Allies.
28 Naval action off Heligoland.

Sept.
1 "L" Battery, R.H.A., holds up German advance at Nery.
2 Japanese forces attack Tsingtau (capitulates November 7).
5 British, French and Russian Governments sign the "Pact of London": Decision not to make separate peace.
H.M.S. Pathfinder sunk by submarine in the North Sea (first British warship so destroyed).
6 Battle of the Marne; ends September 10.
12 Battle of the Aisne (1914); ends September 15.
14 British Armed Merchant Cruiser "Germania" sinks German Armed Merchant Cruiser Cap Trafalgar.

17 German New Guinea and surrounding colonies capitulate to A.E. Force.
22 H.M.S. Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy sunk by German Submarine U-9.
27 Siege of Antwerp; ends October 10.

Oct.
10 Battle of La Bassac; ends November 2.
12 Battle of Messines (1914); ends November 2.
13 Battle of Armentieres; ends November 2.
19 Battle of Ypres (1914); ends November 22.
29 Battle of Gheluvelt; ends October 31.
30 Allies present ultimatum to Turkey.

Nov.
1 Great Britain and Turkey commence hostilities.
2 Naval action off Coronel.
3 First German naval raid on England.
9 German Cruiser Emden destroyed by Australian Cruiser Sydney.
29 The King’s first visit to Army in France.

Dec.
8 Battle of the Falklands.
21 First German air raid on England.
1915

Jan.
19 First airship raid on England.

Feb.
5 British, French and Russian Governments agree to pool their financial resources.
9 First Canadian Division enters France.
18 German submarine blockade of Great Britain begins.
19 Allied Naval attack on the Dardanelles.

24 The first British Territorial Division (North Midland), leaves for France.
26 Liquid fire first used by the Germans.

Mar.
10 Battle of Neuve Chapelle; ends March 13.

that the Government must answer sooner or later. Let us devoutly hope that they will be answered before it is too late.
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14 Dresden, the last German cruiser at sea, sunk by British Warships.

April
12 Battle of Shaiba (Mesopotamia); ends April 14.
17 Capture of Hill 60 (Ypres).
22 First German gas attack. Battles of Ypres (1915); end May 25.
25 Allied Forces land at the Dardanelles.

May
7 S.S. Lusitania sunk by German Submarine U-20, off Queens-town.
9 Battle of Aubers Ridge.
15 Battle of Festubert; ends May 25.
31 First German air raid on London area.

June
7 German airship L.Z.-37 destroyed in mid-air. (First occasion of airship successfully attacked by aeroplane.)

July
7 The King's first visit to Grand Fleet.
9 German South-West Africa capitulates to General Botha.
11 German light cruiser Konigsberg destroyed by British monitors.

Aug.
6 Operations at Suvla; end August 15.
19 British Q-Ship Baralong destroys German submarine U-27.

Sept.
25 Battle of Loos begins; ends October 8.

Oct.
3 Allied troops arrive at Salonika
12 Nurse Cavell shot in Brussels by order of German court-martial.

Nov.
22 Battle of Ctesiphon (Mesopotamia); ends November 25.

Dec.
7 Siege of Kut; capitulates April 29, 1916.

1916
Jan.
8 Evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula.
24 First Military Service Bill passed by the House of Commons.

Feb.
10 Conscription comes into operation in Great Britain.
18 Conquest of the Cameroons completed.
21 Battle of Verdun; ends August 31.

April
24 Outbreak of Rebellion in Ireland.

May
31 Battle of Jutland; ends June 1.

June
5 F.-M. Earl Kitchener drowned in H.M.S. Hampshire (sunk by mine of Scottish coast).

July
1 Battles of Somme (1916); end November 18.
27 Captain Fryatt of s.s. Brussels shot by order of German court-martial.

Sept.
4 Dar-es-Salaam surrenders to British.
15 Tanks in action for the first time.
1917
Jan.
9 Battle of Kut (1917); ends February 24.
Feb.
1 German "unrestricted submarine war-fare" begins.

Mar.
11 Baghdad occupied by British forces.
12 Russian Revolution begins.
15 Imperial War Museum instituted.
26 First Battle of Gaza; ends March 27.

April
9 Battles of Arras (1917); (Vimy Ridge); end May 4.
17 2nd Battle of Gaza; ends April 19.

May
5 Battle of the Vardar (Macedonia); ends May 22.

June
7 Battle of Messines (1917); ends June 14.
25 First U.S. troops arrive in France.

July
31 Battles of Ypres (1917); end November 10.

Oct.
27 Third Battle of Gaza; ends November 7.

Nov.
8 Bolshevik coup de'etat in Petrograd.
20 Battle of Cambria (1917); ends December 3.

Dec.
9 Jerusalem surrenders to British forces.

1918
Mar.
21 First Battles of the Somme (1918); end April 5.

April
9 Battles of the Lys; end April 29.

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The trumpets brayed; the thirsty sand
Drank deep the crimson tide;
And for a fickle lady’s sake
The Spartan spearman died.

For Helen, blue-eyed Helen,
Fair symbol of a wrong;
For Helen, golden Helen,
The kilted footmen throng.
For Helen? Nay, for Hellas,
The brazen tumult plied,
To wipe away a deadly slur
Upon a nation’s pride.

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And men of iron
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The bronze brigades of yore.
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His challenge at the skies,
Against the iron flail of Mars,
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Australia, Australia,
The golden sun-kissed maid;
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early days of the war, remembered what all his colleagues in the Cabinet, except Kitchener, forgot, that is, the old amphibious strategy which Britain had employed so successfully in previous wars. He thought that Britain's superior sea-power should be used for something more than bottling the German High Sea Fleet in Kiel, or escorting convoys. The Antwerp expedition was a bold attempt to create a diversion on the German flank, as well as an attempt to prevent them from gaining possession of a very important sea port. So keen was he on this diversion, that he suggested that Runciman should take over the Admiralty while he took the field with a force for the defence of Antwerp. Mr. Asquith forwarded Churchill's written suggestion to Lord Kitchener. The latter wrote the laconic minute, "I will make him a Lieut.-General if you will give him the command." The Prime Minister thought otherwise. A totally inadequate and untrained force was sent to co-operate with the Belgians in the defence of Antwerp. The city fell, but the defence detained German divisions that might have been used with crushing effect against the British and French further south.

Similarly, he and Kitchener were in accord over the Gallipoli campaign. The descent on Gallipoli was strategically sound in concept as an effort to turn the long flank of the Central Powers. The project brought to a head Mr. Churchill's quarrel with Sir John Fisher, who wished to send a similar expedition into the Baltic. There was little wrong with the Gallipoli idea. The Germans themselves recognised the strategic importance of the Straits. "If the straits between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea were not permanently closed to Entente traffic, all hopes of a successful course of the war would be very seriously diminished. Russia would have been freed from her significant isolation...which offered greater guarantee than military successes." It was to end that isolation that the Gallipoli campaign was undertaken. That it did not succeed was not the fault of Mr. Churchill, any more than it was of the men who fought and died, and endured so nobly in that area.

Churchill resigned office in November, 1915, and went across the Channel to take command of a battalion in the trenches. His short experience of trench warfare was turned to good account. At the time, Swinton was busily engaged in contriving the tank. Churchill remembered that officers of the Royal Naval Division had been experimenting with a super-armoured car. Through his instrumentally Swinton and the naval investigators pooled their experience and the tank was the result. Then Churchill succeeded in interesting Mr. Lloyd George in the matter, with results that are now part of history. In July 1917, Lloyd George made him Minister for Munitions, and he was Secretary for War in 1919. In this last capacity he was responsible for demobilisation and for equipping a force for Russia. In more recent years, he has been conspicuous as an opponent of too much Indian reform and an advocate of a stronger Air Force. Now he seems likely to become the focus of opposition to the policy of pandering to dictators.

As a speaker, Mr. Churchill is forceful and dramatic. As a writer he has made lasting contributions to literary history and biography. Years ago, Winston's literary star was almost eclipsed by another Winston Churchill, a distant American kinsman who wrote novels dealing with earlier episodes of America's romantic past. Before the Great War, the English Winston had written a novel, now out of print, and "The River War," a narrative of the Omdurman Campaign. His long work on the Great War, "The World Crisis," is important, both as history and as literature, and will long have a permanent place in the history of those eventful days. He has also written a biography of his father, but rivaling "The World Crisis" in magnitude and importance is his life of his great ancestor, the Duke of Marlborough, the first volume of which appeared in 1933.

PERSONALITIES AT THE MEMBERSHIP RALLY

As Noted by R. H.

Old soldiers never die. Some dozen were standing in a ring chatting away in front of Anzac House, when out of the sky dropped two pennies, fair in the middle of the ring—both heads up. A dozen men instinctively bobbed down to see if their luck was in. There were no "Military Jacks" in sight.

Wing-Commander Brownell late on parade. One would never believe that a Commander of a squadron (including seven or eight ex-Diggers) could be so shy of standing to address a "mob" of Diggers as the popular R. J. B. appeared to be. He received a hearty welcome, together with his boys who were present.

Senator R. A. Cameron, 27th Battalion, A.I.F., now acting Minister for Trade and Commerce, also received a good, hearty welcome and his speech was one of the gems of the evening. The Major, as he still is, helps to boss the 27th Battalion, C.M.F., is a good speaker and all for the Diggers.

Garnett Philip, Stan Watt and Jim Anderson put in some telling words in justification of the League in their remarks concerning relief, pensions and membership. After listening to them, one cannot understand why there are still men outside the League.

Colonel Collett gave his hobby a good airing. The Fund for Aged Sailors and Soldiers should benefit greatly thereby. His remarks concerning branch activities in this direction should be an object lesson to metropolitan sub-branches.

Senior vice-president Padre Riley also opened our eyes at his disclosures of branch activities numerous activities. Some of their unconventional methods might be worth trying out in the metropolitan area.

Frank Kendall, Nedlands' energetic "go-getter," was the centre of a real good argument as to why more men are not in the League, and in common with others, thinks that it is some of the successful business men ex-Diggers who are not in the League, being quite content to let others do the job in which they should share.

Mr. Lawley-Inglewood topped the attendance roll for the night with 25 members. West Leederville had 22 members. Mt. Lawley's contingent included Olly

Bill Hunt, of the Land Committee of the League, also put in some good work on behalf of the men on the land side of the League and, as Bill says, the work is slow but sure, and in course of time the results of the committee will be apparent to any interested observers.

Consensus of opinion was that the speeches on relief, pensions and the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund could have been three minutes longer with advantage. Dave Benson and Carl Ferguson appeared to be busy men, flitting hither and yon. Work would seem to agree with them, as their shadows do not appear to grow less.

Bert Rigg was full of the forthcoming pilgrimage of stretcher-bearers to the East for Anzac Day. If they all follow Bert they'll have a good time.

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THE SILENCE

By Gerald Barry

"In the sudden Silence I hear them singing again.
Four deep, four deep, their faces come once more,
Marching together the dusty ways of the slain,
Singing the same old songs they sang before.
Queer songs about 'Madam from America,'
'Pack up your Troubles,' and the one that began 'O my!'
They sang without heeding the sense—but they surely were seers
When they shouted in chorus that old soldiers shall never die.
Never shall die! They are gone, but I cannot forget
The laughter, and letters from home, and the games that we knew,
And the way that they went, with a smile, at the end of the set.
Undying companions! I'm keeping your place in the queue."

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Presented to Mr. H. C. Reid

At the State executive meeting held on March 23, the State president presented the League Certificate of Merit to Mr. Hastings C. Reid. The certificate is very attractive and reads:

R.S.L. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.
CERTIFICATE of appreciation from the Federal executive of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia, presented to Hastings C. Reid, Esq., of Perth, W.A., on the 17th day of November, 1937, for honorary, unselfish service and assistance rendered to members of the League and the dependents of soldiers and soldiers who have fallen in the Great War. With this Certificate is given the assurance that the holder has the confidence and gratitude of the League, and is hereby extended our fraternal greetings.
Signed by the President and Federal Secretary.
Seal of the League.

In response, Mr. Reid made a splendid speech, which should interest all League members. In the course of his remarks he said:

The magnitude and significance of the high honour which you gentlemen have been instrumental in having conferred upon me by the Federal congress is worthy of a better cause. But in your wisdom and out of the kindness of your hearts you have evidently thought otherwise, and in all humility I must accept this emblem of your goodwill however reluctant I may be to see the true justification for it.
Let me take your minds back some 10 or 11 years ago when I first called a meeting in the mayoral chambers of the representatives of some 26 organisations, by means of which was formed a State-wide Empire Shopping Week. The R.S.L. was represented at that meeting and its delegates played a big part in the successes which attended the ensuing annual functions.
Then in 1934, before this very State executive, I had the temerity to ask you to stand as the major body behind the movement. In you generously acquiesced, and since that time the League has shouldered practically the whole of the burden.
Since 1934 the League has played an increasingly important part in furthering the interests of Empire Shopping Week, and for many weeks before it, and by the very force of its example has not only pricked the conscience of the public, but made the movement one of the utmost importance in the eyes of the community.
It is another indication of the all-embracing activities of the League. Without its backing I venture to say that Empire Shopping Week would by this time have been no more—lost to sight, to memory dear. And so it is that I may aptly quote Sidney Carton, and say for myself, when I braved these lions in their den: 'Tis a better thing that I have done than ever I have done before.
May I now deal with another aspect of the position. It is, I feel, an honour to be permitted to be associated with the R.S.L., to work under its guidance, and in the sunlight that it is the means of bringing into the homes of so many people.
I look upon the League in general, and the State executive in particular, as an inspiration and an example for the rest of the community. Who best in peace

Issuing the Last Meal on Gallipoli.
can serve the State, but those who served it best in war?

The League stands as a monument of endeavour to those who have so skilfully guided its destinies. This wonderful building in which you are housed itself provides irrefutable testimony of the big-heartedness of the League, and the doggedness of its determination to overcome all obstacles in the attainment of its most worthy ambition.

It is carrying on a momentous work throughout the length and breadth of the State, a work that is of a kind that could never successfully be carried out by governmental activities. Not only has it assumed the guardianship of its own especial charges, but has taken under its beneficent wing the dependents of countless numbers of those whose war injuries and afflictions have unhappily rendered them incapable of discharging their own obligations.

It would be impossible for me to-night to sketch in terms that would be adequate the far-reaching effects of all that the League does and stands for in the economic, social and industrial structure upon which our lives are staged.

I can only say briefly in that respect that it is impossible to imagine what things in Western Australia would be like but for the R.S.L.; impossible to imagine the creation of any other organisation that could in so distinguished and effective a manner fill the niches it does fill, or could so gallantly and efficiently have rendered order out of a particular kind of chaos.

May I sum up in the following way:
To serve one's fellows, raise them from their knees,
And place their feet once more upon the road
To brighter things, enabling them to seize
Some better chance in life and ease the load
That turns man's heart to lead, and drowns his soul;
There lies the League's ambition and its goal!

Empire Shopping Week owes its prominence in this State to the example and work of the League and its sub-branches. In no part of Australia is the function
kept up over so wide an area as it is in this State, nor anywhere are there so many committees of the governing body in active operation. For this happy situation the League is almost entirely responsible.

It has occurred to me, therefore, knowing as I do the influence there is behind the movement here, that if the League in other parts of Australia could be given the opportunity to throw themselves with the same fervour into the arena the success of the movement as an Australian-wide function would be assured.

Perhaps—and it is with the utmost deference that I advance the suggestion—the State executive might consider the question of framing a resolution along these lines for submission to the next R.S.L. congress, in which case I would suggest that it invite the Australian Association of British Manufacturers, a powerful organisation specialising in furthering the interests of United Kingdom manufacturers in Australia, which has a branch in each State, with head offices in Melbourne, to co-operate as I think I can state authoritatively it would be only too ready to do. If this could be brought about the League in this State would then have been instrumental in the spread of a movement whose purpose, after all, is no more sinister than to strengthen the natural bonds of kinship that exist between Australia and the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire, and bind the countries more closely together than ever. To me it seems, gentlemen, that the future holds for the Empire those things which suggest the need for those bonds being rendered just as indissoluble as it is possible to make them.

Also with feelings of deep gratitude I again thank you for the high honour you have bestowed upon me, one that will ever be preserved by me and my descendants in turn, and for making this the most memorable night in a life that has endured for 58 years.

The Army Signal which Notified all Branches of the Armistice

Hostilities will cease at 11.00 to-day noon 11th a.a.a. Troops will stand fast on the line reached at that hour which will be reported by wire to Adv. G.H.Q. a.a.a. Defensive precautions will be maintained a.a.a. There will be no inter-course of any description with the enemy until the receipt of instructions follow a.a.a. Acknowledge a.a.a. Advised all Armies Cavalry Corps and Advance operations R.A.F. Reported all concerned. Adv. G.H.Q. 0650.

ANZAC DAY

BY WALLACE SPENCER

Lips that breathed a sad good-bye,
Hands that waved to me;
Eyes I vainly longed to dry,
Gazing o'er the sea.

Heart that throbbed for me in pain,
As I went away,
Listen, loved one, once again,
It is Anzac Day.

From your sorrow now desist,
Lift, oh! lift your eyes.
See, beyond the morning mist,
Spectral forms arise.
Not in flesh, as face to face,
But as dreams are made,
See me take a hero's place
In the Grand Parade.

Guns may devastation spread,
Deadly gases roll;
Streets and trenches, swords be red,
None can kill the soul.
None can quench the living flame,
Lit in mortal clay,
None can take away the fame
That is mine to-day.

Think it not that endless sleep
Over me has spread,
I, the vigil still will keep,
Though men call me dead.
So, when on that brink divine
You at last shall stand,
I will step out from the line,
Take your trembling hand.

Everything for the motorist at . . .

THE LISTENING POST, 15th April, 1938

THE EX-GERMAN COLONIES

The following is a list of the former German Colonies and Mandatory Countries:
Colony, Tanganyika; Area (square miles), 360,000; population, 5,146,533;
Mandate held by Britain; Togoland, 33,505, 1,088,607, Britain and France;
Cameroons, 187,596, 3,500,000, Britain and France; S.W. Africa, 317,725,
359,516, South Africa; Ruanda-Urundi, 20,535, 3,035, 130, Belgium; New
Guinea, 70,000, 507,492, Australia; W. Samoa, 1,133, 54,733, New Zealand;
Nauru, 5,396 (acres), 2,696, Britain.

In addition several small islands in the Pacific north of the Equator were allotted to Japan.

“BACKS TO THE WALL”

The complete text of this famous message was:
To all ranks of the British Forces in France.

Three weeks ago to-day the enemy began his terrific attacks against us on a 50-mile front. His objects are to separate us from the French, to take the Channel ports and destroy the British Army.

In spite of throwing already 106 Divisions into the battle and enduring the most reckless sacrifice of human life, he has as yet made little progress towards his goal.

We owe this to the determined fighting and self-sacrifice of our troops. Words fail me to express the admiration which I feel for the splendid resistance offered by all ranks of our Army under the most trying circumstances.

Many amongst us now are tired. To those I would say that Victory will belong to the side which holds out the longest. The French Army is moving rapidly and in great force to our support.

There is no other course open to us but to fight it out! Every position must be held to the last man: there must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall, and believing in the justice of our cause, each one of us must fight on to the end. The safety of our Homes and the Freedom of Mankind alike depend upon the conduct of each one of us at this critical moment.

D. HAIG, F.M.

Thursday, 11 April, 1918.
OUR DEBT TO YOUTH

BY MAX ARTHUR

Again we travel in the quiet of dawn to keep tryst with the mighty army of the dead; the army which recedes each year, farther and farther, into the mists of memory. Those who carried arms have grown grey; their bearing is not so erect; their scars are deeper set; they have grown used to the unweildy limb; their ranks are depleted and soon they will be no more.

Our thoughts are back with the youth they once possessed, and with the young growing army in our midst.

History will never recount fully the loss of our glorious men who died ere they had reached full manhood. Boys from our schools, many of them—some with the souls of poets, hating the thought of killing—left their homes to follow the gleam of duty. To-day we look upon a new army; every day sees the horrible proximity of war hovering over them. The blood of youth is a rich vintage.

Are we looking after this growing army? Are we paying back to their fathers the debt we owe for their scars, their lost limbs, their darkened vision, their toll of sacrifice? We are certainly not.

What opportunities face youth to-day when he leaves the schoolroom? He goes out into a world where there is no organisation watching over him, the avenues of employment ever becoming less, leaving only the outlook of unskilled labour.

Our male youth are perishing; they are coming before the courts for breaking the law; and many are so disheartened that they would gladly sacrifice their lives for something to do; seeking oblivion.

The child of the well-to-do parent goes on to secondary education and specialises, but what do we offer the great army of boys who cannot afford to specialise?

There is no real apprenticeship system; all the laws of the union are enacted to protect the adult; he may make laws pertaining to youth, but behind these laws is ever the protection of the adult and the frustration of youth.

Women have done great work in stopping child slavery, but they have not followed up the good work and watched, that the way from school life leads straight on to the path of skilled labour, thus enabling the youth at maturity to marry and build a home.

Before our race of men become degenerated, and lose all the ambition and initiative of their school years, we must pull down some of the barriers piled in the way of progress. If we find ourselves attacked and in the midst of another war, we shall sing the praise of their gallantry; we shall laud them to the sky, but it is now, before the war again claims them, that we must place them in the way of earning a livelihood so that they might enjoy the sun.

No homage to the memory of the great army of the dead can be sincere without the realisation of the debt we have not paid in looking after the growing army who will be expected to sacrifice themselves in the next war.

The last war recedes faster and faster into history, but history has not found any other means of combating war except the offering of men’s bodies; it is up to us, especially the mothers of men, to see to it that in times of peace our men have the opportunity of living gloriously as well as dying gloriously. So many beautiful young lives are flung away in battle, the toll is never counted. How many lads offered their services before manhood was theirs; boys of rare vision, closing the schoolroom door behind them to fight because they saw their duty lying ahead.

They visualised some of the horrors of
war, but not the utter beastliness of it. The only way we can, in the smallest way show our sincere gratitude, is to make the path an onward trail for our own youth.

Many of those who have gone would be here speaking and moving for youth; scholars, poets, statesmen in the making; young men of deep-rooted ideals, these were the first to offer their lives for England.

Their loss is felt now, when chaos reigns amongst all the nations of the world, when no one sees the light, and right and honour are clouded. What we think to-day is wrong to-morrow; propaganda and subterfuge everywhere.

The vision of our departed youth, slain in battle twenty-four years ago, is needed to steer the nations through the morass of idealism which is in such conflict, but their voices are mute, only their spirit, and their memory are left to inspire us to do our little to carry on where they left off.

The Great War was to most lads a sacred crusade, they were guided by no other thought but the call of a sacred duty as they saw it at that time.

Beside me as I write is the picture of a boy, still at his college, a prefect, a scholar of distinction, a boy enthused and inspired with the deepest sense of honour to his God and his country, who looked back at his school where, for five years, he had held a high place in sport and academic honours. He was the elder son of the Rev. H. M. Burns, of Lilydale, Victoria. A gifted lad; a scholar and a rare poet. He gained the Shakespeare prize for literature at Scotch College, Melbourne, an exhibition in English, first-class honours in history and Latin and an Ormond College Scholarship. He was a prefect, rowed in the college eight and was vice-captain of his school. Ten days after landing at Gallipoli he was shot through the head.

What rare material! a fine sense of honour and a deep religious sincerity! The ideals which inspired him to offer his life and all his gifts to his country are poignantly embodied in one of the most inspiring verses written during the Great War period, and which was widely published in England and Australia.

The spirit of this youth is still with us, even though his body lies on a foreign soil and in the telling of this verse some enthusiasm and spiritual urge might be passed on to us who are left to carry on where this boy lay down to rest. The youth which he possessed, and the full manhood to which he never reached; rich though his days were with beauty and learning, is the same youth growing up in this generation and which is being stifled by inactivity and lack of opportunity? May the inspiration of the Silent Army give us the vision to lead the way to employment and the building up of a skilled army of youth with a road to walk upon, unfettered by barriers; a road to useful maturity, citizenship and glorious fulfilment.

**For England.**

The bugles of England were blowing o'er the sea,
As they had called a thousand years, calling now to me;
They woke me from dreaming in the dawning of the day,
The bugles of England—and how could I stay?

The banners of England, unfurled across the sea,
Floating out upon the wind, were beckoning to me;
Storm-rent and battle-torn, smoke-tainted and grey,
The banners of England—and how could I stay?

O, England, I heard the cry of those that died for thee,
Sounding like an organ voice across the winter sea;
They lived and died for England, and gladly went their way,
England, O England—how could I stay?

[Written by Corporal J. D. Burns, 21st Battalion, 6th Brigade, A.I.F.]

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**R.S.L. CRICKET ASSN.**

By W. L. M.

The grand finals of both the major and minor pennants were played on Wellington Street Reserve on March 23, and April 3, and great interest was shown. The attendances were the highest on record. In the major pennant final, Nedlands No. 1 won from Midland Junction, after a great contest by three wickets. In the minor pennant, Cottesloe defeated North Perth No. 1 by 83 runs. This year the bowlers were on top. The highest scorer of both matches was B. King (Nedlands No. 1), who scored 49. A. Allsopp (North Perth No. 1) was the best all-round performer, scoring 33 and 42 and taking 8 wickets for 110 and taking two excellent catches. Other good bowling performances were those of L. Wilkinson (Midland Junction) 9 for 62, S. Dival (North Perth No. 1) 4 for 11, W. Eddy (Cottesloe) 6 for 78. A. Watts (Midland Junction) 4 for 24, A. Cook (Nedlands No. 1) 7 for 64 and Annear (Cottesloe) 3 for 44. The feature of all sides was the excellent fielding, particularly that of A. Green and W. Thompson (Nedlands No. 1), D. Byrne and F. Watts (Midland Junction), W. Eddy and J. Gillam (Cottesloe), and R. Rayley and A. Stoke (North Perth No. 1).

At the conclusion of both matches, Messrs. W. L. Menkens (patron) and H. H. Hopperton (president of the R.S.L. Cricket Association) congratulated the winners on their success, the losers on taking their loss in such a fine Digger spirit. Messrs. W. Crain (Nedlands No. 1), T. Le Cheeminant (Midland Junction), W. Eddy (Cottesloe) and S. Dival (North Perth No. 1) all briefly replied. This season stands out as the most successful, this year's finals being an outstanding success. The State team's visit to Adelaide was also a great success.

This year's smoke social takes place in Anzac House, Perth, on Friday, April 29, at 8 p.m. A very fine committee, comprising Messrs. B. Sturcke (convener), T. Scott, J. Shanahan, H. Davy, F. Wimbridge and J. G. Rankin are working hard for its success. All pennants and cups won during the season will be presented. An excellent musical programme will be submitted. Tickets, which are 2/-, can now be procured.

The following are the detailed scores of both the major and minor pennants grand finals:

**MAJOR PENNANT**


Bowling: Mayhew 2 for 8, Hewitt 1 for 6, Green 2 for 21, Crain 2 for 44, Cook 1 for 49.

Midland Junction (2nd innings): A. Watts (not out) 31, Byrne et Green b Cook 0, Johnson et Green b Cook 12, F. Watts et Green b Cook 0, Clayton et Crain b Cook 3, Le Cheeminant et Crain 1, Wilkinson et Cook 2, Troy c and b Green 0, Fraser (run out) 2, Bishop b Green 9, Gale et Mayhew b Crain 4. Sundries 8. Total: 73.

Bowling: Cook 5 for 20, Green 2 for 19, Crain 2 for 26.


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Byrnes b Wilkinson 0, Guhl (not out) 0. Sundries 5. Total for 7 wickets 42.

Nedlands No. 1 won by three wickets.

MINOR PENNANT


Bowling: Allsopp 2 for 44, Divall 4 for 11, Haynes 1 for 10, O’Grady 1 for 14, Stone 1 for 35, Wallace nil for 5, Western nil for 8.


Bowling: Wrighton 3 for 2, Dunn 4 for 42, Eddy 2 for 34, Thomas 1 for 13, Annear nil for 19, Jarman nil for 23.


Bowling: Annear 3 for 26, Eddy 1 for 44, Jarman nil for 9.
Cottesloe won by 83 runs.
IS THE LIGHT HORSE OBSOLETE?

BY "HUMMY"

According to an officer of the 44th Battalion, A.I.F., it is decidedly so. I say it is emphatically not.

Mechanised units are almost useless in a country like ours. Say, for argument's sake, an enemy force attacked our shores. While the Navy blew up the oil depots so conveniently situated on our beaches and so destroyed the lifeblood of a motorised unit, they would simultaneously land a strong force, say, in the vicinity of the Moore River, and endeavour to take us in the rear. Send a mechanised unit up Red Hill or Greenmount. Half way up they discover the roads blown up and a well-hidden battery of pom-pom quick hrrrs with just a hit on the engine or petrol tank would put finis to the whole issue.

A regiment of Light Horse or even a division could operate well off any road, and by guerilla tactics make it decidedly unattractive to any enemy force. Take the Sinai Campaign: What good would mechanised units have been on that sand? What happened to the six tanks which it took the best part of six weeks to smugle to the front line from the Canal to Gaza? They were sent out in the darkness, advertised their coming to "Jacko," who sat tight and waited for daylight to show them up; then exit tanks in a few shot.

But the whole show had been given away by then. Imagine a mechanised unit in the sandhills of Cottesloe. Light Horse units can live on the country they fight over if necessary. Roads are not necessary. They can manouvre over truly country in which motorised units would be at a standstill.

If it came to a pinch, every man in the Militia Forces could be hosed on short notice. Infantry know their drill as far as tactics go; the horses would provide their mobility to take them where tactics were needed. Light Horsemen know their own drill and can be used, dismounted, as infantry, and have been seen man an abandoned eighteen-pounder enemy gun and use it within five minutes of capture.

It would be a catastrophe indeed if Light Horse were sacrificed to the petrol wagon, which, after all, is still dependant on imported petrol for its mobility and the horse to pull it out of bogs or other trouble.

10th Light Horse Assn., A.I.F.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

There was a fair attendance at the special general meeting held in Anzac House on March 21, and eight apologies for non-attendance. Quite a large amount of business was transacted, and as a result the long, idle matter of subscriptions to the Association were resurrected. Every member present stressed the necessity of recuperating the funds owing to the heavy call, which is being experienced in amelioration of ex-members of the Regiment. It was decided that the original subscription of five shillings per annum be asked of those desirous of joining the Association, the financial year to take effect from the next smoke in October. Six members joined at the close of the meeting.

A visitor from Queensland, Mr. Medley, who had served with the 4th Light Horse, expressed his appreciation at meeting so many of the 10th men. It was agreed that they have quarterly meetings in future, the next to be held on July 4, to test the feelings of members and intending members. A project is on foot to conduct a combined sports meeting of "Old" and "Young" 10th Regiments, on the occasion of the next annual camp of the "Young" Regiment. A comprehensive programme will be placed before the members at a later date. Members expressed their intention of giving all the support possible to create a greater interest in the "Young" Tenth, as they felt that the progress made to date has reflected the greatest credit on the boys under Colonel Sweetapple. It is hoped that the attendance at the Dawn service and afterwards at the main parade this year will break all previous records. Members are asked to "fall in" in front of Queen Victoria Statue in King's Park at 5.30 a.m. and in front of Anzac House at 9.45 a.m. prompt for the parade. Enquiries regarding Association matters may be made from President Roy Perry or Secretary Dick Hummerston on both parades or after.

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ANZAC DAY

Arrangements are well advanced for the observance of Anzac Day, and there is every indication that all units will show increases when the fall-in is blown outside Anzac House on Monday, April 25. As usual, Colonel E. L. Margolin, D.S.O., will be the chief Marshal with several assistants. Last year the 16th Battalion created a record in its number on parade, and it is understood that this year units mobilised in Western Australia will challenge the 16th figures of last year. For the first time, airmen from the permanent R.A.A.F., who are stationed at Pearce Aerodrome, Bullsbrook, will parade and Commander R. J. Brownell, M.C., M.M., will place a formation flight in the air and fly past His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor when all units have left the parade grounds. The number of bands playing for the parade last year established a record, but unfortunately this year it is likely that through amalgamations the record will not be maintained. The two Scottish pipe bands will be playing in front of the Cameron Highlanders, a unit of the Militia Forces, whilst the Subiaco Municipal Band cannot play this year.

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STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

March 23, 1938

At the meeting of the State executive on March 23, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Collett, Panton, Philip, Anderson, Yule, Lamb, Margolin, Thorn, Watson, Cornell, James, Freedman, Newman, Watt, Sten, Mitchell, Faton, Nicholas and Potts. The presence of W. D. Evans was granted by Messrs. Riley, Keeling, Denton, Huxley, Fairley, Noakes and Austin.

Congratulations.—The president, in welcoming Mr. A. H. Panton back from the Eastern States, also extended very hearty congratulations on behalf of the League and all ex-service men and women on the appointment that day of Mr. Panton as a Minister of the Crown in Western Australia. Mr. Panton briefly acknowledged the congratulations and stated that he intended to carry on his various executive duties.

Welcome.—The president welcomed Mr. J. Day, of Wubin, Mr. A. D’Arcy, of Wiluna, and Mr. W. L. Thomas, of Greenbushes.

Membership Committee.—The report of the membership committee was presented by Rabbi Freedman and adopted. The programme for the rally on March 30 was agreed to, and it was also decided to extend an invitation to Hon. A. Cameron, acting Minister for Commerce.

Empire Shopping Week Council.—The report of the Empire Shopping Week Council was presented by Mr. Watt, and it was resolved that, as in previous years, the sum of £5 be donated to the Empire Shopping Council.

Certificate of Merit.—The State president then introduced Mr. Hastings C. Reid, who was awarded the League’s Certificate of Merit at the last Federal congress. The certificate was presented and an appreciative reply made by Mr. Reid.

R.S.L. Relief Fund Trustees.—Mr. Philip presented a report recommending that, with the intimation of the War Relief Funds Council and the Social Service Department, an invalid chair be provided for a disabled soldier at a cost of £35, the League’s proportion being £10/10/—. The report was adopted.

Another report presented by Mr. Philip referred to special diet for ex-service men in the Old Men’s Home. It was resolved that, failing the provision of special diet by the superintendent of the Home, the League should provide it from a special fund.

Employment Report.—The secretary submitted a report showing categories of trades covered by 92 of the 650 men registered at the League’s Employment Bureau. It was recommended that periodical advertisements and Press paragraph be arranged for the purpose of approaching employers generally. The report was adopted.

Visits.—Reports on visits were received as follows: Marvel Loch and Southern Cross sub-branches, Mr. Corbett; Vasse sub-branch, Mr. Olden; Wagin, Mr. Potts; Lake Grace sub-branches, Mr. Potts; and State secretary; Bullbrook sub-branch, Mr. Thompson; Repatriation Ward and South African Veterans, Mr. Nicholas; Mokau sub-branch, Colonel Collett and Mr. Warner; West Leederville sub-branch, Mr. J. Day; Diamond Range sub-branch, Mr. Keeling; Mount Hawthorn and Osborne Park sub-branches, Mr. James; R.S.L. Trading Co., Mr. Watt; Belmont sub-branch, Colonel Mitchell.

W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund: Donation.—The president introduced Major Grabham, president, and Mr. H. S. Thompson, hon. secretary, of the South Perth sub-branch, who handed to the president a donation of £150/10/- for the benefit of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund. This amount was accepted.

A suitable acknowledgement was made by Rabbi Freedman on behalf of the Central Committee, and it was resolved that hearty appreciation be extended to the South Perth sub-branch for the magnificent donation.

A request from the Norseman sub-branch concerning the W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund was presented and a reply sent in the hands of the secretary.

Armadale sub-branch asked for certain detailed information. This letter was referred to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund Committee.

Invitation to Pearce Aerodrome.—An invitation from Wing Commander Brownell for the State executive to attend the Pearce Aerodrome on Saturday, April 2, at 3.30 p.m. was accepted with pleasure, and the secretary asked to arrange for assembly at Anzac House.

Nomination League Representative for Villiers Bectemmes.—The federal president asked for a nomination from the State branch, as the Commonwealth Government had agreed to meet the expenses of one League representative. It was unanimously agreed that Colonel Lamb, M.C., be nominated by this State branch and the Federal president so advised.

Anzac Day.—The report of the committee in response to the desire of the Education Department for the co-operation of League officials, particularly in the country, on Friday, April 22, when a State-wide broadcast would be made through the national station. The report also dealt with other details of the parade and Esplanade service.

Commonwealth Railways, advised that free travelling facilities to Kalgoorlie and Boulder for Anzac Day had been approved by the Commonwealth and the sub-branches concerned advised accordingly. It was resolved that appreciation be extended to Rabbi Freedman for this concession.

The Commissioner of Railways was advised that the usual co-operation of his department would be forthcoming, but that he could not agree to close the city streets to prevent—the
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parking of motor cars alongside the footpaths.

The 10th Light Horse Association made recommendations in respect to women and children joining in the parade at the Dawn ceremony and the carrying of flags on Anzac Day. These were referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

Mr. Paton submitted a proposal to improve the march on Anzac Day, which was referred to the committee.

Yarrin Sub-Branch.—Advice was received from this sub-branch that it had been wound up and certain action had been taken in respect to the funds. The matter was referred to the Management Committee for immediate action.

Boyup Brook Sub-Branch.—Mr. F. T. Knapp, the hon. secretary of the Boyup Brook sub-branch, advised that through illness he had been compelled to relinquish the duties of secretary. It was resolved that a letter of appreciation be forwarded for the past services of Mr. Knapp.

Appointment Sub-Branch Officials.—The appointment of officials, as advised by the following sub-branches, was confirmed: North-East Fremantle, Musson Jarradale, Waroona, Cowaramup.

No. 1 District Committee: Executive Representative.—Advice received that Mr. D. D. Johnstone, of Harvey, had been appointed the executive representative for No. 1 District Committee.

Preference, Swanbourne Rife Range.—Advice received from Colonel Wiegk emphasizing the difficulty of securing returned soldiers as markers. It was agreed that information be conveyed to sub-branches concerned.

Defence.—A recent Press statement in connection with defence was received, and reference made to provisions already made and proposed in respect to the defence policy of Australia.

Change of Names.—The Town Clerk advised that the City Council had decided not to depart from the previous decision. It was resolved that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Councillor Beadle, with a request that he also convey the thanks of the committee.

Junior Farmers' Club.—Mr. Thorn reported on a visit paid to the Junior Farmers' Club.

Answers to Correspondents

H. A. L., Wyalkatchem: The article contributed by Colonel Collett was a criticism of statements made and was quite impersonal. On the other hand, your reply thereto, which we have received, contains matter that must be personally offensive. If you will therefore confine your remarks to a helpful review of the action that has been taken or is being taken we will be glad to publish it.

T. S. H., Boyup Brook.—Quite right. It is like looking for a needle in a haystack to find an original joke in these mass-production times. Re Anzac Club: Country members of the League can be made honorary members for a period of one month. A letter from a sub-branch secretary or a member of the Club or, perhaps, an interview with Dave Benson or Club manager would do the trick.

communications by means of numerous tracks from the east leading to it, rendered it of extreme value as a jumping-off place for a flank movement against a force moving easterly along the coast route.

Held resolutely by the enemy in conjunction with El Arish, a most serious obstacle would have been placed in the way of our forward move, and even with El Arish in our hands it was of vital necessity to clear up the Maghdaba situation before the advance could proceed. Consequently the High Command had decided to send the Anzac Mounted Division—to which was attached the Imperial Camel Corps—to raid the enemy stronghold at Maghdaba and, if possible, capture the garrison.

The force, having completed rationing, commenced the approach march on Maghdaba, leaving the rendezvous shortly after midnight on December 21, 1916. The 3rd Light Horse Brigade, in the centre, marched along the Wadi bed, with the New Zealanders on the right and the Camel Corps on the left. The 1st Light Horse Brigade followed in reserve.

On the flanks the country was ordinary desert of the sand-dune type, but the Wadi bed was of a chalky nature, and the 3rd Brigade became enveloped in clouds of fine white dust which settled on men and horses, giving them a phantom-like appearance in the morning. Soon after daylight our columns halted before Maghdaba, the approach march having been carried out with great rapidity in the circumstances.

The Turkish defences were revealed, and consisted chiefly of two strong redoubts on the left bank of the Wadi, with ideal natural communication trenches along the deep washaways in the Wadi banks, skilfully improved by their engineers, so that they had effective communication not only between the redoubts, but also with the main Wadi bed and with the buildings on the right, or east, bank, where an excellent supply of water had been conserved in tanks.
Almost completely surrounding the northern redoubt, and about 400 yards from it, was an arm of the main Wadi, about 25 feet in depth, which afforded excellent cover, and was held by enemy posts. To the south-west of the Turkish position were high, rough hills from which the Camel Corps eventually attacked.

Reconnaissance reports from scouts showed that the positions covering Magh dab entered to push eastward round the enemy's right flank, the Camel Corps advanced frontally from the south-west, whilst the New Zealanders occupied a chain of high sandhills.

The Inverness and Leicester Batteries (K.H.A.), in a saddle, filled the intervening gap.

Our artillery immediately opened fire on the redoubts, and the troops moving towards their objectives gradually gained ground. The Turks, however, soon indicated that they were not to be easily dislodged, and as our advance proceeded they commenced in earnest to offer stout opposition with rifle and machine gun fire at a range of about 1,200 yards. Casualties began to occur, amongst the first to be wounded being T./Major Timperley.

Our aeroplane now became active and rendered valuable assistance by reconnoitring the enemy positions, bombarding and machine gunning them at a very low altitude.

The 3rd Light Horse Brigade with the 3rd Light Horse Brigade with the 8th Regiment on the right, and the 10th Regiment on the left—the extreme left of the Division—having previously moved easterly until nearly north of the enemy defences, now advanced dismounted in a south-easterly direction, supported by machine and Lewis guns, and successively occupied the ridges approaching the redoubts. At 11.30 a.m. the 8th Regiment in the adjoining valley was seen to be advancing from east-south-east with the evident intention of enfilading our advance. Two troops of the 10th Regiment, with a Lewis gun and machine gun section, were sent forward to deal with this body. They drove back the enemy, who were seen to retire completely out of the fight.

This movement cleared the whole left flank of our attack. By 12.30 the last body overlooking the wide plain through which the Wadi ran was in our hands, and all available troops were crowded on to it.

Meanwhile, the Camel Corps and New Zealanders, despite stout opposition, had closed on the positions further south, and at 1.30 p.m. the 1st Light Horse Brigade, which had been left in reserve, attacked dismounted from the north-east, on our immediate right. Aerial contact patrols at this stage reported that the enemy had commenced to retreat. General Royston (commanding the 3rd Light Horse Brigade), a man of quick decision, decided that there was no time to be lost and ordered the 10th Regiment to take the occupied position of the Wadi arm on a mounted charge with fixed bayonets, whilst the 8th and 9th Regiments simultaneously attacked the northern redoubt dismounted.

Issuing from behind the ridge, the regiment galloped across the open plain in extended order under enemy rifle and machine gun fire. "A" Squadron (Captain Dunckley) on the right, "B" Squadron (Lieut. Rodsted) in the centre, and "C" Squadron (Captain Hamlin) on the left. The squadrons raced for the Wadi, holding their bayonet-tipped rifles like lances and cheering lustily. The Turks, paralysed by this novel form of attack, offered but a feeble resistance, and as the horsemen reached the outer edges of the Wadi, they threw up their hands in token of surrender—but, however, before several of their number had been bayoneted. This first onslaught yielded 90 prisoners (including six officers), 50 camels, 40 horses and much ammunition and other war material.

The squadrons dropped into the Wadi, and a party having been left to collect the prisoners, rapidly extended along its bed until "C" squadron on the left, having swung right round to the south-eastern side of the redoubt. Flinging themselves from their horses, "A" and "B," with two troopers of "C" Squadron, emerged from the west side of the Wadi, and pushed on dismounted towards the redoubt proper, whilst troops of the 1st Light Horse Brigade were seen attacking it from almost the opposite direction. Two troops under Lieut. W. Cox and Lieut. E. Ruse had in the meantime ridden further round and had almost reached the Camel Corps when suddenly they observed an opening leading straight to...
the redoubt. With great gallantry these two troops charged right through the enemy outer line and reached the very heart of the redoubt. The balance of the regiment rushed in support towards the objective, but the Turks, finding themselves attacked on all sides, and having suffered heavy losses, surrendered at a quarter-past four by hoisting numerous white flags.

The raid had been completely successful, and the 10th Regiment had played a particularly brilliant part. Besides inflicting many casualties upon the Turks, the Regiment captured in all 722 prisoners, 37 camels and 11 horses. In the final mounted charge on the redoubt, Lieut. Cox, in addition to leading his troop with consummate dash, performed a most gallant individual act in bringing up, under heavy fire, a spare horse for Lieut. A. W. Martin (whose mount had been shot under him) and assisting Lieut. Martin to remount. Lieut. Cox received the immediate reward of the Military Cross for his heroism on this occasion.

The prisoners were collected and concentrated, and now came the most difficult undertaking of watering so large a number of thirsty horses and men. Fortunately the report as to the wells being mined proved incorrect, and the water supply and conveniences at Maghdaba were found intact. But even then the watering was no easy matter. The horses had not drunk for thirty hours, and the long, dusty march with the excitement of the final charge had greatly intensified their thirst, and the water itself, though plentiful, was only accessible by a small number of animals at one time.

However, it was completed soon after dark, and the Regiment, taking its prisoners along with it, joined the rest of the Brigade at the position of deployment, about three miles north-west of Maghdaba. At 11 o'clock that night the march back to El Arish commenced.

The march continued throughout the night—a halt being made at 4.30 a.m. (December 24) to draw rations from a camel convoy sent out to meet the column—and at 8.30 that morning Hod Masaid, a large oasis a few miles from El Arish, was reached. This splendid hod was to be our “home” for some weeks.

Maghdaba, as far as the 10th Regiment was concerned, was a troop leader’s triumph. Once the Wadi was captured the broken nature of the terrain rendered concerted action on any large scale prac-
Service Pension Allowance of Increased Income for Wife of Mental In-Patient

With reference to the resolution which reads:—

That the attention of the Commission be drawn to the fact that the maximum income for service pension purposes of a wife of a mental in-patient drawing a service pension is £3/2s. per week, whereas she may have such family responsibilities as to make the sum completely inadequate.

That in the opinion of this congress, the husband and wife should be treated as a family unit and the wife, as the wage earner, should be permitted to earn to bring the joint income up to £65 per week.

The Minister for Repatriation states:—

The Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act provides that a service pension shall not be granted at such rate as will make the income of the service pensioner, together with service pension exceed £84/10/- per annum, and that in the case of husband and wife the income of each shall be deemed to be half the total income of both. The Commission, however, may use its discretion and deal with each pensioner separately so far as income and property is concerned.

The position is that a wife of a patient in a public institution, if assessed as living together, could earn (assuming there was no other income and not sufficient property to affect the rate) up to £11/11/- per week, as is shown hereunder:—

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It will be noted that in this case the wife could earn up to £3/2s. per fortnight without affecting the rate of her service pension, and her actual income would be: earnings, £3/2s. per fortnight; service pension, £1/14/- per fortnight; total, £4/16/- per fortnight, apart from the service pension of £14/- per fortnight to her husband and additional pensions of £5/- per fortnight to eligible children.

This method of assessment is in accordance with the terms of the Act, and in practice the Repatriation Commission assures me that the method of assessment which it follows is invariably that which results in the greatest benefit to the family as a whole, and I am not prepared to recommend any change.

At a recent meeting of the R.S.L. Cricket Association, it was decided that five guineas be donated to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund.
THE JUDGMENT OF MARS

A bit ago I started readin' hist'ry of a kind
That people say is classical and elevates your mind.
I read of Cyrus, Pompey and 'Annibal the Great,
Of Antony, called Marcus, and his long-haired Gyppo mate.

I read of Alexander, the daddy of 'em all,
And good old Julius Cæsar, who slipped it over Gaul;
But, though these blokes were leaders, and game as Kelly, too,
They never 'ad a war to fight the same as me and you.

They brag about the legions that fought for ancient Rome,
The valour of old Carthage is told in many a tome.
They skite about the Spartans that held Thermopylae,
But none of 'em had ever dreamed what a real war could be.

The blokes that went with Cæsar when he pushed along the Rhine,
Didn't know the smell of cordite, nor saw a decent mine;
They knew no flammenwerfer or the stink of poison gas
That could sweep along an earthwork and mop it up "ong mass."

They fought with spears and javelins, and slings for 'eavin' bricks.
Their war was like election night or games of singlesticks;
They never saw a "minnie," they never 'eard a "crump."
They never saw a muck-up like the bombin' of a dump.

They wore a shield-and breastplate and a tin 'at, all of brass,
They faced no 'Un machine gun that could mow 'em down like grass,
And only once (when 'Annibal let bulls loose all alight)
Did they ever get the wind up when they'd turned in for the night.

They could spot an arrow comin' in time to duck their nuts,
But a .303's first warnin' is your name in "Comic Cuts."
And though defeat was vengeance from old Jove who sat on high,
They never 'eard the whizzin' of a bomber in the sky.

Of course they 'ad fatigues to do and stacks of pad-the-hoof,
But they never 'ad a duckboard or a G.S. waterproof.
And when they struck centurions of the spit-and-polish kind
They could always get a batman from the mob of slaves behind.

And now I've summed the question up, it seems to me a joke
To boost the coves with Cæsar or the Macedonian bloke;
Why, I reckon if our comrades 'ad been fightin' under these,
They'd 'ave to melt their statues down to give 'em all V.C.'s.

The new Digger London Diploma cutter of the R.S.L. TRADING COMPANY, LTD., is now making splendid suits to measure.
Diggers generally, of all political belief, were delighted with Alex. Fanton’s elevation to the State Ministry. Some thought that Alex would perhaps resign from the State executive of the League, but when this was suggested to him, he said, “Am I any worse a Digger by being a Cabinet Minister? I certainly do not intend to slacken off my League activities as long as I am wanted.” That’s the spirit. The Health portfolio should not intend to slacken off my League activities as long as I am wanted.

They were four in number and handed them over the mantle. We suggest to Jack Lynch and Theo. Brennan that they take him along as pat- ron and stable H.M. Geddes, who celebrated their silver wedding on April 4. Dick was a splendid soldier (ask any Australian soldier who had seen service. Memories of the days on the Continent returning via Panama Canal to New Zealand.

Wally Blair holds medals for 5088, Corporal T. M. Nicholls, and 2615, Private J. Hickey, both of 11th Battalion. They were found and handed to him and are available on application.

Mrs. Harold Pendergrast, of whom we wrote in our last issue, who has taken over the Crystal Court Tea Rooms, at the corner of William Street and Mount’s Bay Road, will be catering for an early breakfast for those attending the Dawn service on Anzac Day.

Congratulations to Major Dick Geddes and Mrs. Geddes, who celebrated their silver wedding on April 4. Dick was a splendid soldier (ask any 32nd Digger) and has been a great League worker ever since his discharge, in which work he has been ably assisted by his good wife. At present Dick is vice-president of the Mundijong-Jarrahdale sub-branch, and is also steward of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund. We join with the boys of his sub-branch in wishing Dick and Mrs. Geddes a happy future.

Another 32nd-ite is also to be congratulated. Bob Alexander, late constable H.M. Police Force, now carries three stripes of a fully-qualified sergeant. This is a well deserved promotion. Bob was one of the 32nd Battalion Association for a number of years and is also a past president of the Victoria Park sub-branch. He is now stationed at Fremantle. We suggest to Jack Lynch and Theo. Brennan that they take him along under armed escort to their next meeting.

A pleasing ceremony took place during the luncheon adjournment of the Cottesloe v. North Perth match on April 3. For the past two years, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas have entertained the Cottesloe team and supporters at luncheon and afternoon tea, and Mrs. Thomas has ably performed the onerous duties of hostess. Cottesloe’s captain (Mr. W. Eddy) asked Mr. W. L. Mckenzie, as patron of the association, to present Mrs. Thomas with a beautiful black handbag from the players. Mrs. Thomas suitably responded, and her better one-eight also said a few words of thanks.

Congratulations to Wally Crain (captain of Nedlands No. 1 cricket club) on winning this year’s major pennant. No player has tried harder than Nedlands’ skipper. Wally has played a lot of cricket in this State and has been a bowler of note in both turf and matting cricket. Rumours are afloat that Wally has now retired, but we refuse to believe that.

During the winter months he plays hockey and he is among the top players in that sport also.

Reg. Rapley, North Perth’s No. 1 wicket-keeper, has done great service to the model suburb’s team for the past two years. His performance in the minor pennant has been considered, the best seen in competition matches. During war he served with the 10th Battalion, having enlisted in South Australia.

Everyone will also be pleased that Bill Eddy’s team (Cottesloe) was able to win this year’s minor pennant. One of the most enthusiastic of R.S.L. cricketers, Bill has played a big part in pulling off the distinction. Quite recently he secured 10 wickets in one innings, making the bowling record for the association. He is also one of the best club men in the association and has proved a grand skipper, backed up by a splendid team. During the war he served with the 44th Battalion. For the good of the cricket association we all hope Bill will long be spared to be captain of the Cottesloe R.S.L. club.

School Inspector Tom Edmondson (51st), writing from Bombay, tells of meeting an officer in the Bengal Lancers who fought in the Great War. Together they visited all the sights, his host expressing his pleasure at meeting an Australian soldier who had seen service. Memories of the days on the Canal were recalled as the giant liner Stratheden moved peacefully along between its banks. Tom is en route to England and Continent returning via Panama Canal to New Zealand.

Old comrades of the 12th and 52nd Battalion Association are requested to attend the smoke social to be held in the Milligan Dining Rooms, Milligan Street, on Wednesday, April 20, at 8 o’clock, when the drawing of the lottery will take place. Arrangements will also be made for the Anzac parade. A good night is assured.

Sons of Soldiers’ League

ALBANY

Captain R. Hall, of the parent sub-branch, brought along ten visitors to the monthly meeting on March 8. A new member, J. Paul, was presented and formally initiated. It was unanimously resolved that the Saturday games nights be resumed, commencing on March 12. Those desiring further information about the new first-aid class, which is now being enrolled, should communicate with Mr. Jacka or Mr. Barrow.
Proposals under consideration by the executive of the Auckland Returned Soldiers' Association for the launching of a housing scheme for ex-service men were announced by the president (Mr. J. W. Kendall) recently. The tentative plans prepared by the committee were unanimously approved.

Mr Kendall said it had been suggested by the executive that the Association should purchase a block of land as a site for a community settlement and then approach the Canteen Trust Board for a grant of £10,000 or £15,000 and the National War Funds Council for a contribution towards the cost of the building programme. The Government would be asked to provide a three-to-one subsidy, on the basis that when returned soldiers and their families no longer used the settlement it would revert to the State.

"The idea is to build two- and three-roomed houses, the rent being based on a graduated scale," Mr. Kendall continued. "On this basis a man with a weekly income of £2/10/- would possibly pay a rent of 2/6, while others earning more would pay a higher rental. As yet, a site has not been decided upon, but it will have to be within an hour's motor run of Auckland.

"The settlement would be available for all ex-soldiers, irrespective of their age or of any pensions they were receiving."

An American dictaphone was presented on Thursday, February 17, 1938, to General Henri Bouraud, former Military Governor of Paris, by a group of ex-service men of the United States, under the leadership of the American Legion.

It was General Gouraud himself who chose this gift, and he will use it for dictating his memoirs upon which he now is engaged.

The presentation took place at Pershing Hall, Paris, in the presence of American Legionnaires, their wives and their children. Mr. Bernhard Ragner, chairman of the publicity committee of FIDAC and vice-commander of the Department of France, American Legion, made the speech of presentation, and asked General Gouraud to accept the gift as an expression of respect, of admiration, of friendship.

General Gouraud replied briefly to this speech and promised that since the gift was American he would give ample space in his memoirs to his contacts with Americans, and particularly with the "Rainbow Division," which was under his command in July, 1918, during the final German attack which was repulsed so vigorously.

"Bumble" writes: I was interested in a paragraph appearing in your February issue regarding preference to returned soldiers in the Commonwealth Public Service. It was stated in this paragraph that a reply from the Prime Minister's Department stated "that all applicants must demonstrate that they are educated to the reasonable standard required of a clerk." Having qualified as a trained teacher in the Western Australian Education Department, I applied for appointment to the Commonwealth Public Service, but was informed that my teacher's certificate did not qualify me for the position of clerk in the Service. In addition to this reply, a list was forwarded containing the names of examinations, the passing of any one of which would entitle one to appointment. Imagine my amazement to find on the list the Junior Examination of W.A. Rather Gilbertian when one considers that part of my work as a teacher is to coach pupils for the Junior Examination. What is your opinion? [Unprintable, Ed.]

German visitors to Australia never miss a chance of returning a spot of Australian hospitality by blowing out their bags concerning Germany's alleged right to the return of the colonies, the stake she lost after her mad war gamble in 1914. The lastest propagandist of this type is a gentleman who had formerly been German Ambassador in Brazil. Among other things, he said, on his arrival in Sydney, that there was no reason why the former German colonies should not be returned. No one took the trouble to tell him that there were many reasons. If the former Ambassador remains in Sydney a little longer, he will see approximately 50,000 of these reasons marching on Anzac Day.

Australia has not a monopoly of the academic civilian who cannot refrain from posing as an authority on defence.

A report from Saskatoon, Canada, mentions the righteous indignation of the Saskatchewan branch of the Canadian Legion. Saskatchewan is the Canadian province in which the Canadians in 1885, fought a successful war of their own against the rebel Louis Riel. Now, a new war has been started by a Professor Lyle King, who informed the Young Communist League that the British Empire was not worth fighting for. So far, Professor Lyle King has not made the usual complaint about having been misrepresented, but the Canadian Legion is now demanding his dismissal from the Saskatchewan University.

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Scabbards Off!

(By Pip Tok)

Some things might be expressed more tactfully. Describing the recent motor accident in which the State president and the Hon. Jimmie Cornill were involved, a local paper declared that the car overturned because the party had had a blow-out.

While the democratic Powers can no longer depend on the principle of collective security, Italy has annexed Abyssinia, Germany has grabbed Austria and is preparing for a similar assimilation of Czecho-Slovakia and Japan is cutting off slices of China; and the optimistic Mr. Chamberlain depreciates any suggestion that the world has resolved itself into two opposing groups: the League of Hallucinations and the League of Eliminations.

Recently, James Ferguson, M.C., police chief in Sitapur, India, faced a howling Hindu mob, who were incensed at the killing of a sacred cow. Single-handed he saved a Moslem village from destruction, arrested 56 rioters and sent the rest packing. Being only one of those decadent Britons, he then went home and wrote a very brief report. Had he been a Nazi, Ding or Jap, the cable and radio stations would have been worn out telling the world the story.

At the Empire Producers’ Conference in Sydney, a certain, or uncertain, hazy person named J. E. Maycock went haywire over the alleged danger of another war, and said that the returned soldiers had been taught to murder “on the other side,” and when he came back, it was very much thought that he was going to do murder here. Like most people who use high-sounding phrases without knowing precisely what they mean, Mr. Maycock was unpleasantly surprised when Brigadier-General Jim Heans and others roundly took him to task. He fell back on the moth-eaten wheeze of having been wrongly reported, and when conference refused to accept that explanation he asserted that he had been misunderstood and that, actually, he had the greatest respect for returned soldiers. The Digger can well do without the respect of fellows like Mr. Maycock who, when subjected to pressure, had neither the manliness to stick to his statement nor the manner to withdraw gracefully—that is, if he has not been “wrongly reported” once more.

Speaking at Hobart on April 4, Mr. F. G. Crane, educational director of the Australian Railways Union, declared that compulsory training was futile for Australia because, by the time a Fascist attack had reached the Commonwealth, it would be too late to check it. Mr. Crane, who belongs to an organisation which upholds compulsory unionism and compulsory education, fails to realise that he has produced an even more potent argument against the voluntary system, but, perhaps, he is an individual of the type that the Boers used to call “hands-uppers.” Like the sand-diving ostrich he pins his faith to the so-called collective security, that has so often been tried in the balance and found wanting. It would seem that this educational director’s own education has suffered from a certain indefiniteness of direction.

Judge J. F. Rutherford, the leader of a religious sect which had its origin in the United States and has adherents in Australia, will honour us with a visit towards the end of the month. When the glad tidings were announced in Sydney, it was said that returned soldiers, or some of them, suggested that he might be treated as a prohibited immigrant, while others in Sydney objected to him being granted the use of the Town Hall. One of his adherents then explained that, “in certain quarters returned soldiers were being incited to protest, against Judge Rutherford’s landing in Australia chiefly because of some remarks which he was alleged to have made about the British Empire.” Rutherford’s apologist conveniently omitted to state that, during the war, the “leader” was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for treasonable activities. Rutherford has certainly put the soft peddle on the anti-British propaganda in more recent years since his sect began to collect disciples and cash in Australia, but immediately after the war, his publications were little more than anti-British propaganda and communism, thinly-veiled in a very dim-religious air. Actually the R.S.L. does not care two hoots about Judge Rutherford, his teachings or any harm he might be able to do the British Empire, although the League did take action a few years ago when his Perth followers made an impudent attempt to exploit Anzac Day by pestering people to buy their publications at the Dawn service. An attempt to exclude Judge Rutherford from Australia would confer upon him publicity altogether beyond his importance in the scheme of things, but should he indulge in anti-British propaganda while he is enjoying the freedom of a British country, there will be no need to incite Diggers to make a very vigorous and effective protest.

Preference in Commonwealth Appointments

The following letter has been received from the Prime Minister’s Department for your information:—

With reference to your letter of December 20, 1937, in which you embodied the text of resolution No. 174 adopted at the 22nd Annual Congress of your League, urging that the Commonwealth Government give preference to returned soldiers in making Government appointments, whether such appointments are under the Public Service Act or not, I am directed to inform you that the representations contained in the resolution were brought to the notice of the Commonwealth departments.

I am to point out that so far as appointments under the Commonwealth Public Service Act are concerned, full provision is made in that Act for the application of the principle of preference to returned soldiers.

Advises received from departments which control the making of appointments to Commonwealth positions other than those governed by the Public Service Act, indicate that preference in appointment is accorded to returned soldiers, other things being equal.

With regard to appointments to the staff of the Repatriation Commission, the chairman of the Commission advises that, while practically every member of the adult male staff is a returned soldier, it has been found necessary in isolated cases to appoint a non-soldier when there was not a suitable returned soldier applicant for the particular position, e.g., medical officer, X-ray technician, etc.

The Commissioner, War Service Homes Commission, has indicated that, in addition to applying the principle of preference to returned soldiers it is the policy of the Commission in the appointment of junior officers to accord preference to the sons and/or daughters of deceased Australian soldiers.
CONSCRIPTION, 
SO-CALLED

Though defence was one of the main issues of the Federal election last year, neither the Ministerial nor the Opposition party is to be congratulated on its defence policy. That put forward by the Opposition was so nebulous that the conscription bogey was raised as a last desperate resort, and the Prime Minister and Sir Archdale Parkhill, the most calamitous Minister for Defence in the whole history of Australia, were adroitly jockeyed into an anti-conscription declaration which, if it means anything at all, means that the compulsory clauses of the Defence Act, which were suspended by the Scullin Government in 1929, will remain indefinitely in a state of suspension.

As a matter of fact, there never has been conscription in Australia; but it is surprising to find political writers, who should be better informed, declaring that the conscription referenda were defeated by the Australian soldiers themselves. The old furphy that the Digger voted "No" on the conscription issue dies hard, and it was repeated in a recent number of a local political publication. The article that contained it drew the following response from Colonel Collett:

There is in it, however, one error which, in view of the attention which defence measures are receiving to-day, should be pointed out, Colonel Collett writes.

The article states:

"In the long run the conscription referendum was rejected twice by the people of Australia, once in 1916 and again in 1917, a majority even of the soldiers in the field voting 'No.'"

The error is in the last sentence. As a matter of fact a majority of the soldiers in camp, on transports and in the field (i.e., at the Front) voted "Yes" and the actual figures will be found set out in Volume XI of Bean's "Official History of Australia in the War."

Apart from this error, and whilst the word "conscription" is being so freely used, might I make this position clear as regards the established military forces of the Commonwealth that they cannot be required, unless they voluntarily agree to do so, to serve beyond the limits of the Commonwealth and those of any Territory under the authority of the Common

wealth. At present these land forces are raised by voluntary enlistment, but in "time of war" all male inhabitants of Australia (with certain specified exceptions), who have resided therein for six months, and are British subjects, and are between the ages of eighteen and sixty years, are liable to serve within and for the defence of the Commonwealth. The Defence Act divides such persons into five classes, according to age, and any one or all classes may be called up by proclamation issued (in time of war, be it noted) by the Governor-General. These provisions formed part of the original Defence Act of 1903 and, with the exception of one or two minor amendments, have not been tampered with by any succeeding governments.

Part XII of the Defence Act, enacted in 1909, imposed an obligation upon all male inhabitants (again with certain specified exceptions) to submit themselves to training for their part in the defence of their country should a crisis arise. Through the action of the Government of the day, the effect of this legislation was lost from November 1, 1929, and the peace nucleus of the Army reduced from 48,000 citizen forces and 16,000 senior cadets to 35,000 militia forces and 7,000 senior cadets.

As a final word, I would point out three disabilities, by no means the only ones, the existence of which is retarding the full development of a really effective defence system for Australia. They are:

1. The smallness of the population.
2. The maintenance of the peacetime army at so reduced a figure as to render it almost useless as a basis upon which to expand for war.
3. The absence of adequate means for enabling the adult male citizen to fit himself during peace for the part he must take in defending this country when war threatens.

Ex-Machine Gunners' Assn.

The half-yearly general meeting of Ex-Machine Gunners will be held at Gregory's Mart, 32 King Street, Perth, on Friday, 22nd inst., at 8 p.m. sharp. An interesting and entertaining programme has been arranged and those members who have previously attended this type of gathering have always had an excellent time. Arrangements for the details concerning Anzac Day and other business will be on the agenda, and a cordial invitation is extended to all ex-Machine Gunners, whether ex-Imperial or A.I.F., to come along.

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The monthly meeting of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department.

The secretary reported that the applications for this form of assistance showed an increase. Accounts amounting to £164/16/2 were passed for payment, providing books for 214 children.

The secretary reported having received the following donations to the Trust:

UNEMPLOYED Diggers

In a recent review of the registration cards of ex-service men available for work it is found that there are 52 of the 630 registered, who with some insistent advertising or other means may interest employers to the extent that work would be found. Of the 52 mentioned, 17 can do light work, there are 21 unskilled labourers, two painters, two gardeners, five clerks, two packers and one of each of the following trades: fitter and turner, bricklayer and carpenter.

It is considered that if it were generally known that certain specified trades, or men whose services could be guaranteed, were available, the number of unemployed ex-service men may be reduced.

Post-War Dead of Wounds

Exceed Battle Casualties

More soldiers died of the effects of World War wounds after the war ended than were killed in four years of actual fighting, according to figures gathered from official sources and published nearly a year ago.

The statistics show that 8,038,000 men were killed or died of wounds among all combatants. But of 19,000,000 wounded during the war, more than 15,000,000 died after the Armistice as a result of their wounds.

It is estimated that 4,247,000 veterans scattered over the world to-day bear wounds received in action.
Billy Hughes Looks Back

Recently Mr. William Morris Hughes, in opening new club rooms of the Caulfield (Victoria) sub-branch, made one of his most interesting speeches recalling events of the war years. In the course of his remarks he said:

Over 20 years have rolled away since many of us had the pleasure of fore-gathering together in one place. These years have been full of events, some of them pleasing and some of them most unpleasant. We have had the greatest depression in human history, following upon the greatest war in human history. Well, we have survived both the war and the depression.

When I go through this country and come to soldier’s clubs and Leagues, it is not the building that I admire-in these clubs but it is the men who are in it. What I like about these clubs is that they give an opportunity for the men who fought for Australia to come together and keep alive the spirit of the A.I.F. That is a great spirit, and it was never found wanting. There was never greater need for it than at this moment. Look around the world to-day. Never since it was a world has it been in such a sad condition. There is a great need for the people of Australia to be alive to their interests at this moment. The other day a new foreign policy was launched, and we wish it every success. We hope that it will be successful, and we hope that it will bring assured and lasting peace, but we have seen many of our hopes dashed to pieces; and so we must be prepared-for another disappointment. We see war raging in the East and in the West, and from both those quarters there is a threat like a dagger aimed at the heart of Australia. It is like a tinder box. The East is in flames, and we who, but yesterday, mourned the fact that we were isolated geographically from the world, now find that, with the improved means of communication and the dreadful implements that science has fashioned for the destruction of mankind, distance is shrinking until in a little while it will come about that what they say the Chinese are going to do to Tokio will possibly be done to us. Whatever danger there is, whatever form this danger takes, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the world is in a sadly disturbed state. With hundreds of millions of our fellow human beings the world over jostling one another for want of elbow room, and here we are less than 7,000,000 people in a great wide and fertile continent. I have no time for those who say that this country will not hold more. It will hold many and many times the present population, but this increase in numbers will avail nothing unless we keep the breed right. Emanating from the race is the outward and visible expression of the spirit of the race to which we belong.

I have said that many of our hopes have been shattered. We must, therefore, be prepared to defend this country, and you are the banner bearers of this great crusade to awaken them to a realisation of the danger in which they stand to-day.

Unveiling Ceremony of National Memorial, Villers Bretonneux

The Returned Soldiers’ League has received the following advice from the Prime Minister’s Department—In connection with the unveiling of the National Memorial at Villers Bretonneux, I am directed to inform you that the Commonwealth Government has decided to contribute towards the expenses from England to Villers Bretonneux of Australian returned soldiers who may be visiting Great Britain or who may be resident therein. It is also the desire of the Government that the guard of honour at the unveiling should consist of ex-members of the A.I.F.

The arrangements connected with the ceremony are being dealt with by the High Commissioner, and it is suggested that any ex-members of the A.I.F. who propose to attend the ceremony should get in touch with the Official Secretary, High Commissioner’s Office, Australia House, Strand, London, who will be in a position to furnish them with full details.

Cards of admittance to the enclosure will be issued to Australians by the Official Secretary, or the Australian Trade Representative in France, 6, Rue Halevy, Paris, on production of their passport or other means of identification, and their travel ticket.

ARMISTICE

By J. C. Squire

Silence across the earth creeps with the sun
Traffic will end, the crowds stand voiceless, still,
Bugles will wail a dirge for things fore-doomed,
And echoes of old death the air fulfil:
And we all standing, for two minutes thinking,
Left for two minutes with ourselves alone,
Must face our lives, full of remorse and shrinking,
Comparing their endeavour and our own.

Search we our hearts in tribute to those dead
At those who passed in torment through the gate,
(While all life pauses and the bugles sound)
Oh hush; what whispers is the sentence read?
After these years can nothing yet be found;
Nothing but greed and apathy and hate?
My thoughts turn to the human side of things rather than to the serious ones, as I know your record. I know that the A.I.F. did not only laugh and sing, but it could and did fight, and because of that, I speak to you of serious things. I remember somebody who came to me the other day speaking about Villers Bretonneux and the memorial that is to be erected there on the ridge at the other side of Villers Bretonneux on which were marked the utmost points that the Germans reached on their way to Amiens. I have been at Villers Bretonneux many times during the war and since the war, and I remember very well the narrow aisles between the interminable rows of crosses, and I read on them as I went down, "Sacred to the memory of Private so and so, or Sergeant so and so. A.I.F.—A.I.F.—A.I.F.," and interminably "A.I.F.," and I came back to the plinth of this memorial I had prepared a speech in French. Then the other little children came to me with flowers that they had gathered from where the exhumation parties were working, and they handed these flowers to me—poor little children, haggard and pale as the children in that part of France were; they handed me these flowers that were literally watered by the blood of the dead. You could see the bodies being exhumed—French, Australian and German, all locked together in death. I could say no more; I could do no more. I could not speak English, let alone French. That is the price of victory. So, when I speak to you, I speak as one who knows something of what the war meant to the A.I.F. I saw something; I saw some proofs of your valour.

I think it is a great honour, after the 20 years that have passed, that you still regard me as your friend. As I have by neither word nor deed done anything to forfeit your affection, it is a great pleasure to me and a great honour. Gentlemen, I wish you everything that is good. You are now a steady influence and an inspiring centre and focal point from which will radiate those ideas and that spirit that animated you in 1914, and which sent you rushing to the banner that upheld you in the darkest hours. But I have always said, "These are the Australians who never for one moment doubted that in the end they would win," and that is the spirit that carries men through. I never doubted. I would have killed the man, if I could have done so, who did doubt, because I thought that it was an unforgivable crime.

I remember going with Percy Deane to Amiens on the evening of the day on which the battle of Jutland had been fought. That was the worst day in my life. We came to Amiens, which was, as you know, covered up with sandbags which were on the Cathedral and everything, and we went to the Mayor's place across the road from our hotel, and he said, "Have you heard that there has been a great naval battle and the English have been beaten?" Well, you know, gentlemen, that our defeat on land would have meant nothing to us—nothing permanent—nothing final—but a defeat at sea would have meant the end of everything. I never slept all night, and in the morning we rode on some few miles to Chantilly, where Joffre had his headquarters.

I came in and sat between Joffre and Pétain. This was the time of the siege of Verdun—the most terrible siege in human history, and France was standing there and saying, "They shall not pass," and holding it, defying the Germans, and finally beating them off. It was about a quarter to 12, or half-past 11. Joffre was an immense man, and in front of him there was a mountain of salad, and an immense sausage. A messenger would come in and salute and lay down a telegram about the progress of the siege of Verdun, and Joffre would say, "Put it there." He would put it there, and these blasted telegrams became a pile nearly as high as the salad; so I said, "I am very upset, I cannot do anything. I have heard about the naval battle, and it is said that the English have been beaten. I wish you would ask the Marshal what he thinks about it." The Marshal never stopped eating. Pétain asked him, and he said to Pétain, "It is a lie. You will see. It is not the English who have lost; it is the Germans. You will see." I watched him and thought, "That is the end." If it meant 10 armies to the Frenchman at that moment nothing could move him. He came along and said, "This happened" and "that happened," and he went on calmly munching. And so it was with the Australians. After the battle of Hamel I brought Clemenceau, amongst others, to the Australian troops and he made a speech. He paid you the greatest compliment that it was possible for a man to pay; he said that you were equal to the French in attack. He told you the greatest compliment from a Frenchman, and to the British in defence. That was what he thought, and they all thought, of the Australian troops. What did they do with you, and where did they put you? You were the storm troops, and they put you at the spearhead of attack. Where you have come back, you have come back covered with the laurels of victory. That is great, and you have borne yourselves during the years that have passed in the same spirit.

You know that it is nothing to die. Everybody has got to die. It is the courage that is necessary—the courage to live and conduct yourselves, and to live in the right spirit and the right ideal. That is the part of a man, and you have played it.

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Visit to Southern Cross-Marvel Loch Sub-Branches

At a recent meeting of the State executive the State president (Mr. A. Yeates) reported:

In company with Hon. J. Cornell, M.L.C., I proceeded by train on Friday, March 18, to attend the annual reunion of Southern Cross sub-branch, the chief business being the presentation of the League Certificate of Merit to Mr. L. Carlson. Mr. Cornell, the president, travelled by the same train.

A very pleasant evening was spent, about 50 ex-service men being present and the speeches of both your representatives were listened to with great interest. Southern Cross district is in a very depressed state at the present time. The Fraser Mine has closed down and an enquiry is being held into the future of Marvel Loch as to whether it will continue to operate or not. In farming, a large part of the district has apparently been handed by the Agricultural Bank back to the Lands Department. A very heavy writing-down has taken place, and the men who are left on the properties appear to have no means of financing themselves, or providing super to put their crop in for the coming season. There are still certain members left under the Agricultural Bank who are in the same position, and I would recommend that the Lands Committee make immediate enquiries into this matter.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Sanders (manager of the National Bank at Southern Cross) very kindly undertook to drive Mr. Cornell and myself to Marvel Loch, and to make a tour of the district, but unfortunately when about 13 miles out we had a blow out and after narrowly missing a very large tree, the car turned over. On managing to disentangle ourselves from the car, we found that very little damage had been done to any of the occupants (Messrs. Sanders, Scholl, Cornell and myself). Fortunately the car was not very badly damaged, but it spoilt our day. We were picked up on the road and taken to Marvel Loch. On arrival there, we found that the sub-branch was holding a meeting. The main business was the arranging of sports at Easter for the purpose of raising funds for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund.

Despite the gloom that was over the district, members appeared in very good form. The president of the Marvel Loch sub-branch is Mr. S. Crisp, and the secretary Mr. G. Wylie, and at the present time there are about 20 members.

Mr. Hammer, the president of Southern Cross, has now left the district, and the secretary, Jim Beckwith, is not enjoying the best of health at present.

Southern Cross has in the general fund £14 10s. and £2 12s. in the amelioration fund.

The men in that district who are carrying on the League work under such difficult circumstances are deserving of the best thanks of this executive.

MUKINBUDIN

Visit to Colonel Collett and Mr. Warner

At a recent meeting of the State executive, Colonel Collett reported:

On March 12, I accompanied Mr. F. Warner, M.L.A., on an official visit to the Mukinbudin sub-branch on the occasion of its annual reunion.

The function was held in the local hotel and about 60 persons attended. These included a number of ladies, representatives of the local governing body and several Imperial ex-service men.

The president of the sub-branch (Mr. T. Conway) and the secretary (Mr. H. D. Crains) reported that, allowing for local conditions and a series of bad seasons, the sub-branch is hanging together well and looks to the future with optimism. Interest in the League is unabated and the memory of the active link with the district established by the late Mr. J. Mulqueen has not faded.

At the request of Mr. Warner, I spoke on behalf of the State executive and found that the information I was able to offer in regard to League affairs, particularly the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund and the control of Anzac House was welcomed. Mr. Warner carried on with other important matters and both of us have every reason to be grateful for the courtly and hospitality extended to us.

During the journey to and from Perth touch was gained with the Trayning sub-branch through the secretary (Mr. Feldgate), who indicated to us the measures taken for the care and improvement of the local war memorial at Kumbunnin; also the president (Mr. Appleyard) preferred a request for a flag to be flown from a flagstaff erected in a small and carefully constructed enclosure near the main street intended as a rallying point for gatherings of ex-service men. Mr. Appleyard was advised, upon the matter of the flag, to communicate with the State secretary.

WICKEPIN

The annual meeting was held on February 26, twenty members being present. The report of the president (Mr. W. Andrews) showed the sub-branch to be in a very healthy condition, there being 34 financial members, Wickepin being thus almost a 100 per cent. membership district. Similar prosperity was shown by the financial statement for the year, both general and amelioration funds showing a generous balance in hand.

The principal business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing twelve months. Neither the retiring president nor secretary sought re-election, and the officers elected were as follows: President, Mr. A. Haack; vice-presidents, Messrs. B. Fairhead and A. Oliver; secretary, Mr. J. B. Ballardie; treasurer, Mr. J. Nelmes (re-elected); auditor, Mr. T. J. McCracken (re-elected); committee, Messrs. H. Ebsary and Mr. B. Lloyd; lands committee, Messrs. A. Oliver, C. G. Russell, B. Lloyd and W. Rich; trustees of amelioration fund (sub-branch), Messrs. J. Walker, W. Andrews and A. Oliver; (civilian), Messrs. Bergin and H. Jago.

PERTH

It is pleasing to have to report that the Perth sub-branch has taken a new lease of life. There is a distinct atmosphere of rejuvenation generally, and in the hands of a very enthusiastic committee, whose team work is very commendable, there is very reason to hope that the sub-branch will justify its existence for a very long future. Active steps are being taken to form a ladies’ committee, and it is proposed to hold a social evening shortly to welcome the ladies who have kindly volunteered their services.

In the sub-branch rooms at Monash House, 23 King Street, right opposite His Majesty’s Theatre, a social party is held every Monday night and is very popular, approximately 300 ralls being filled. On Thursday night a progressive bridge party is held, at which about 20 tables are occupied. The price of admission is 1/2 (including tax) and supper is provided at no extra charge. The large social room is open daily to all returned soldiers, whether members of the executive or not, and every day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., newspapers, books, magazines and writing material are provided free, and a real Digger invitation is extended to all returned men to make themselves at home. The new hon. secretary (Bill Holder) is a real live wire and the O.C. troops is President Jim O’Farrell.

ALBANY

In the absence of the president (Mr. J. F. Butler) the vice-president (Mr. H. J. Leeman) presided over a fair attendance at the monthly meeting on March 1. Visitors from Perth, Wooroloo and South Australia were welcomed. Gratification was expressed when it was learnt that the chairman of the Land Committee (Mr. W. J. Hunt) would visit Albany on March 18. The headmaster of the Albany High School acknowledged receipt of the sub-branch’s gift of a copy of "The Immortal Shrine" to the school library. Information was obtained from the War Graves Commission that war-time drawings by the late Will Dyson were procurable.
DOVERIN

A good muster, under the presidency of Roy Richards, was present for the April meeting. There were 26 members present and we also had the pleasure of seeing Fred Warner, M.L.A. Business was mainly connected with Anzac Day and arrangements for same which it was decided will be held at the memorial at 3 p.m., and Empire Shopping Week, with which Mr. Warner and Mr. Olive are taking up with the local shopkeepers. The offer of a picture show on the night of December 24 by Mr. Masters, of Goomalling, was grasped with both hands. At the conclusion of the meeting, the menfolk joined the ladies at a social, the programme for which was drawn up by Mrs. Freemantle. Bugler G. V. Oulds (on the cornet) gave two good items and P. H. Bower, a song. Competitions were also elucidated, or not. Thanks are due to Mrs. E. Place for the flowers which decorated the tables. Prior to the festive part of the evening, Mr. Warner gave an interesting talk on the main events throughout the year brought in auxiliary activities, and the 50 people present gained some additional knowledge. The Intelligence Department (names not mentioned) held deliberations in the supper room for the major portion of the evening, and it is presumed that the defence of Australia will be the better for the incident.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The sub-branch had the pleasure of entertaining Rabbi Freedman and Mr. Anderson at the general meeting on February 28. The visitors gave much useful information regarding the W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. The sub-branch decided to co-operate in a scheme for augmenting the Fund. Despite threatening weather, the annual picnic on March 13 was well attended. On arrival at Coogee, an extensive sports programme was commenced. A. J. Wilkins won the Sheffield handicap, with Vic. Angel second and Cyril Wilkins third. The corning of the S.S.L. and Syd. Braithwaite both looked after the buffet, while Jim Duncan and Snow Caple dispensed ice cream and other delicacies so beloved by children. Members regretted the absence through illness of those two stalwarts of the sub-branch, Joek Shiel and Vic. Fowler.

WEST PERTH

The meeting on March 15 was well attended. President Ben McCleary was in chair, and Secretary Peter Ross was snowed under with general business. It was decided to hold future meetings in Padbury House and to hold a house-warming on April 12.

KATANING

The tables for the annual general meeting were tastefully decorated by the sub-branch's old friend, Mrs. Higman, who provided fruit as well as flowers. The following officers, most of whom were re-elected, were chosen for the ensuing year: President, Horace Turner; vice-presidents, Messrs. Shaw, O. and Cyril Gannen; secretary, Bill Bailey; treasurer, Arthur Crouch; committee, Messrs. Barrett, Thomas, Moulton, Fildes, Meecham, Lane, Smythe and Burnham; auditors, Jack Frazer and Stan Howard. Major Hall was deputed to rake in the shekels for the W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. After an animated debate, the sub-branch carried a resolution in favour of the re-institution of compulsory training, which will be passed on to the No. 4 District Committee for further action. Two visitors, Messrs. Job and Ward, were welcomed to the meeting. Jack Fraser and Carol Shaw reported progress in connection with the contest for the Tom Edmundson R.S.L. Golf Cup, which will take place on Kangaroo Island, May 2. Mrs. Stewart has offered a cup for competition over the first eighteen holes. The cup will be known as the Walter Stewart Memorial Cup, in honour of the donor's late husband.

NAREMBEE

Members are requested to remember that the Anzac Day parade will assemble at 10.30 a.m. The service will commence at 11 a.m. The quarterly meeting was held on March 8, after which there was an enjoyable smoke social. The guest of the evening was H. A. Raffell, better known as "Snowy," who is, unfortunately, leaving the district. Snowy has been an active and popular member of the sub-branch and is a typical Digger. In wishing him all the best, members presented him with a cheque, as a small token of the esteem in which he is held.

PITHARA

The following officers were elected at the general meeting on March 30: President, Mr. T. R. Roberts (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs. S. G. Maris, P. Moller (re-elected) and P. Harrington; secretary, Mr. L. G. W. Browning (re-elected); committee, Messrs. C. Hunt and G. Gartner; steward for Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, Mr. E. Harrington. During the year, the sub-branch held Wednesday and Saturday evening meetings for the benefit of northern and southern branches in forming an affiliation with northern and southern branches in forming an affiliation with the League. During the year, the sub-branch and is a typical Digger. In wishing him all the best, members presented him with a cheque, as a small token of the esteem in which he is held.

PINAGEL-BROOKTON

By Red Hand

The monthly meeting was held on March 26, when the president (F. Archer) was in command. Two visitors, Messrs. Matthews and Chalk, both well-known in Victoria Park were present. The sub-branch procured a building in the main street of Pinigelly, which we intend to convert into a club room. The plans have just come to hand, after nearly three months from the Public Works Department. Work on this project will now start in earnest. After the meeting closed there was the usual "bob in." Alec Porter had his accordian with him, so we all joined in and sang the good old songs until midnight. Members of the League passing through Pinigelly should make themselves known. We meet on the last Saturday of each month. President Archer and Secretary Sargent are always pleased to meet League members. A dance is being held at Nalya to augment the amelioration and Aged Soldiers' Fund.

MUNDJONG-JARRAHDALE

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, March 30. There was a good attendance and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. T. Tait; senior vice-president, Mr. W. Q. Lyster; vice-president, Major R. A. Geddes; secretary, Mr. H. F. Duckrell; treasurer, Mr. S. Hopkinson; committee, Messrs. E. M. Rose, C. D. Edwards, A. B. Luff, W. Witnisch, C. F. Birch and T. Pennewell. The first community concert of the season will be held in the Jarrahdale Hall on April 30. Arrangements are well in hand and the committee are working hard to make it a bumper evening. Bill Pierce, one of our members, is a patient in the Yarloop District Hospital suffering from a poisoned leg. All members wish Bill a speedy recovery. Bill had his bit with the Royal Navy. We are pleased to be able to report another new member in Jack Herman (51st Battalion). There are still quite a number of returned men in the district who are non-members and President Tom Tait urges each member of the sub-branch to do his utmost to induce these men to come along and join up.

MERRIDIN

Thirty-two members were present at the April meeting, the guest of the evening being county vice-president (Ross Keegan). Age members were complimented to the value of £2/2/-. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. W. Quiney; secretary, Mr. L. G. W. Browning re-elected; committee, Messrs. S. G. Maris, P. Moller (re-elected); treasurer, Mr. G. Gartner; stewards for Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, Messrs. C. Hunt and G. Gartner; steward for Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, Mr. E. Harrington. During the year, the sub-branch held Wednesday and Saturday evening meetings for the benefit of northern and southern branches in forming an affiliation with the League. During the year, the sub-branch and is a typical Digger. In wishing him all the best, members presented him with a cheque, as a small token of the esteem in which he is held.

NORTH PERTH

The weekly winter dances commenced in the North Perth Town Hall on Wednesday, April 6. Harold Davy is again M.C., and Marshall's orchestra provide the rhythm. The women's auxiliary will be responsible for the supper arrangements throughout the season. Anzac Day arrangements will be similar to those of last year. North Perth will combine with Mt. Lawley in a simple service at the local memorial. Each sub-branch will lay a wreath. There will be a special service, conducted by the Rev. David Dundas, in the North Perth Methodist Church on Sunday, April 24. The Entertainers, under the direction of Jack Cliff, will hold their third public concert in the North Perth Town Hall on Monday, May 9, at 8 p.m. As the box plan is now open, intending concert-goers should order their tickets early. All will regret to hear of Laurie McDowell's illness, and wish him a speedy recovery. Through adverse weather conditions the annual picnic which was to have been held on March 20 had to be cancelled. The committee has been asked to...
consider some other form of entertainment for the children this year. There will be no meeting of the sub-branch on Thursday, April 15, as Easter Monday coincides with the meeting night and the following Monday is Anzac Day. The next meeting will be held on May 16. Jack Casson's resignation from the committee is deeply regretted. The committee meeting on May 10 will be attended by Rabbi Pugh and Mrs. Clay. The sub-branch committee for the purpose of discussing membership and other League matters.

SUBIACO

As on previous occasions, the weather committee cooperated with our picnic committee and Sunday, March 27, was a great day for the race and particularly that part of it which attended our picnic. In the great cricket match, the boys beat the old boys (1 said boys) by 2 runs. The excitement was deafening. Jack Mitchell won the traditional hand-towel, and the silver bat and the handsome cup, donated by the women's auxiliary, now takes the pride of place in the ancestral cottage, etc. The 44th Battalion (Militia) gave the sub-branch an invitation to their recent parade, and at our general meeting steps were taken to reciprocate. The general meeting (April 7) was noteworthy for the amount of business handled, man-handled and side-stepped. We are glad to be able to report that the boys have shaken their feathers and are about to pour pies into the lap of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Committee. The sub-branch is looking forward to further triumphs in the A.R.M.S. competition.

MOSMAN PARK

The first ordinary general meeting of the sub-branch to be conducted in our permanent home was held in the Recahite Hall, Cottesloe, on Thursday, March 31, and was well attended. The district representative on the State executive (Mr. Paton) was present and was suitably welcomed. Many matters were dealt with during the evening and arrangements were practically completed for our participation in the Archbishop Riley Shield Competitions during the ensuing year, and a move was made to hold a meeting arranged for the purpose at Anzac House on April 5. A slight misunderstanding with the women's auxiliary was inopportune and occasioned a great deal of discussion. It had the effect, however, of getting members on to their feet, and we were brought to the realization that Hitler and Mussolini are mere tyros compared with some of our chaps. Everything was smoothed out eventually and a happy solution to the difficulty was found. We are looking for a new name for the hall, and as one could not be agreed upon at the meeting, the matter was left until we meet again. Members are asked to bring forward any suggestions they have in this respect on the 28th. Mr. Paton (secretary by choice) suggested that if we changed our habits a change of name would be unnecessary, and that all members be invited to attend the meetings so that we could all be decided to concentrate on finding a suitable name. Great progress has been made with renovations to the hall under the capable supervision and direction of Syd. Taylor. Sixteen workers turned up during the first week-end and a regular attendance continued throughout. The efforts have completely transformed the interior of the building. Members and intending members are informed that rife shooting, quoits, table tennis, draughts and bridge will be on the programme at the conclusion of the meeting on April 28 (Thursday). All are asked to be there punctually, so that business may be concluded early and time devoted to selecting representatives for the competitions.

W EST L EEDERVILLE-W EMBLEY

Arrangements have been completed for the Anzac Day services. A parade of ex-service men, militia and Scouts, led by the Leederville Salvation Army Band, will leave the corner of Carr and Oxford Streets at 2.30 p.m. and march to the Town Hall, Cambridge Street. The service in the hall commences at 3 p.m. and will be followed by the wreath-laying ceremony in the memorial grounds. The address will be given by Mr. F. Gusty, and all children's items will be conducted by Mr. G. Ward. All members are asked to attend the parade and service. This year our members have the honour of providing the guard at the State Memorial, and arrangements have been made for continuous guard from midnight, Sunday, until sunrise Monday. All members will be there punctually, so that business may be concluded early and time devoted to selecting representatives for the competitions.

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MENZIES

At the annual general meeting on March 6, the president (Mr. Pugh) welcomed two visitors, Mr. R. Morrell, of Perth, and Mr. T. C. Hill, of Moorine Rock. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. Pugh; vice-presidents, Messrs. Ballard and C. Brighton; secretary, Carl Jacobsen; treasurer, Mr. Knox; committee, Messrs. Cooper and M. M. The program during the evening comprised an address by the vice-president to his own special sketch and speeches. The address of Mr. Pugh was given by Mr. Knox. The evening was concluded with a send-off for Mr. Pugh and Mr. M. M. by Messrs. Cooper and M. M.

VICTORIA PARK

On Anzac Day, all the returned men of the district are requested to attend the local parade, which will be held in the Memorial Hall at 9.30 a.m., where, headed by the Victoria Park Citizens' Band, they will march to the Memorial Gardens where Rev. J. Sanders will give the address. The Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, etc., have signified their intention to be present and a record parade is assured.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

The April general meeting was heavily attended and six new members welcomed in the usual manner. Owing to a lunch lecture being on the roster, business was cut down to the absolute minimum, such matters as ordnance service, at 5.30 a.m., and the main parade at 9.45 a.m. on Anzac Day; also the service in Forrest Park Church at 11 a.m. on the 24th (Sunday), and that at the Salvation Army Fortress in the evening, receiving full attendance. Some 35 odd members signified their intention of attending the morning service, at which our president will give the address. The most important matter was that of the projected Cafe El Dorado, to be held in the hall late in May. This will be given full publicity when the actual date is fixed, and bids fair to be a close rival to the Arnette dinner, as it will be open to members of both sexes, male and female. Game secretary McKenna gave a brief outline of A.R.M.S. matters after the lecture. Mr. W. Baldie was then introduced to the meetings and members settled down to enjoy themselves to what proved a highly interesting feature, illustrated with coloured slides, on British New Guinea. Suitable refreshments were dispensed twice over, as the night was
just above 94 degrees and members are not as young as they used to be. A gratifying feature of our meetings is the sight of Murray Elliott issuing receipts for subs, old and new. Secretary Street, of the social committee, could not be bought of pumped as to what the Cafe El Dorado plans to be like. The leaves that as a startling surprise for later. Sixteen members attended the membership drive at Anzac House on the 30th, putting the sub-branch in front in point of attendance.

OSBORNE PARK

The arrangements for the Military Ball were finalized at the meeting on March 16. The meeting on March 30 was well attended and the secretary mentioned that, through the hall, the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund would benefit to the extent of a little over 27. Credit must be given to the ladies for the supper arrangements. The patron of the hall (Colonel Dunkley), explained the aims and objects of the fund. The vice-president (Mr. Dalziel) introduced the Colonel. Doug Foreman, as his name implies, proved a most efficient M.C., and other members fitted into their various jobs. The thanks of the sub-branch are due to the Colotype Print for the production of 300 tickets, the Imperial Printing Coy. for the donation of tickets. The local Anzac Day parade will assemble at the Soldiers’ Hall at 2.30 p.m. The next sub-branch meeting will be on April 27.

F.U.S.W.

The April meeting was well attended and after opening the meeting, Mrs. H. Dean (president), on behalf of all members, extended his thanks to the hon. members.

QUARTERLY SOCIAL

The quarterly social held by combined auxiliaries of the R.S.L. was opened by Mrs. M. McKinlay (State president) with a simple but impressive ceremony before a replica of the State War Memorial, the two minutes’ silence being observed. The first item of the programme was presented by Subiaco auxiliary and was a meritorious performance. The artists treading the boards like old trouper, no nervousness being apparent to the audience. Mrs. W. A. Thomas conducted her choir of 400 voices with nerve and skill, the war-time choruses being sung tunefully and with great enthusiasm. The final item was a patriotic tableau of Britannia and her colonies, which was faithfully and beautifully represented. The audience showing appreciation by prolonged applause. Mrs. Pearl Finch was the responsible organiser, and for her patience and zeal a presentation on behalf of her “pupils” was made by Mrs. Downe (Subiaco president). All performers were the recipients of bouquets. After supper, dancing occupied the remainder of the evening.

NEDLANDS

The monthly meeting was held on March 1, and there was quite a good attendance. The captains for the games competition in the McKinlay Cup were nominated as follows: Quoits, Mrs. Sharpe; bridge, Mrs. Maddel; parlour bowls, Mrs. Halliday; table tennis, Mrs. Bolton; darts (in lieu draughts), Mrs. Dickenson; quoits, Mr. Yeates; skittles, Mrs. Storey; lawn bowls, Mrs. Rowland; base ball, Mr. Yeates; ringer, Mrs. Pope. A vote of thanks to the artists for a delightful programme. Afternoon tea was then served in the supper room.

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thorn winning the bowls and the darts. The monthly bridge evening was held on March 22, and there was another large attendance. Prizes for highest scores were won by Mrs. Bob Bolton and Mr. Bethell, and the hidden number by Mr. V. Gray.

CARLISLE
At the monthly meeting held on March 14, bridge afternoons, house party and children's picnic were arranged. Three new members were welcomed by the auxiliary president (Mrs. Gilsen). The hospital visitors, Mesdames Percy and Marshall, reported on patients at Edward Milen Home and having distributed one case of grapes, one case of figs, reading material, smokes and Minties. These two members have made regular monthly visits for the past four years. After usual business, the afternoon took the form of an American tea. Many useful gifts were bought and sold. The raffle was won by Mrs. Nicol. The house party, held at the residence of Mrs. Turnbull on March 28, was successful and enjoyed by those who attended. Next meeting: May 9, at Carlisle Hall at 1.30 p.m.

SUBIACO
The great event is over, successfully, we think, for all who attended the combined auxiliary social seemed pleased with Subiaco's effort as entertainers. The sub-branch picnic is also over, and was voted a huge success by all who attended. At the usual monthly meeting last month a goodly attendance was recorded, several amelioration cases were dealt with and arrangements made for continued visits to the Home of Peace, King Edward and Children's Hospitals. We deeply regret the indisposition of Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Desmond and trust they will soon be restored to former good health. During afternoon tea, the president (Mrs. N. P. Downe) presented Mrs. Bartlett (nee Miss Rose Fuhrmann) with a token of esteem from the members in honour of her recent marriage. Games are once more in full swing and we are looking forward to our opening match.

MT. HAWTHORN
Many thanks have been received from various institutions for Christmas cheer and parcels. The children's Christmas party was a great success, an outstanding attraction being the performance of the pupils of Peters and Marshall. On March 10, the auxiliary held its Tenth Birthday Party. Mesdames Richardson and Hayes sang a duet which was prettily rendered and well appreciated. An elocution item by Miss Betty McNess and a solo by Mrs. Winch, whilst Mrs. Boyle and all who played the piano accompaniments were well received. Mrs. Hayes capably acted as M.C. The cutting of the birthday cake was the highlight of the evening. The cake was made by Mrs. Hayes and it was capably cut by Mrs. Morton.

GUILDFORD
At a meeting on March 1, members had the pleasure of having Mrs. McKinlay (State president) to talk to them on the aims and objects of the auxiliary. After the general meeting, members and their friends were entertained by Mrs. Mullenger and Misses M. and J. Chambers with musical items and recitations. On behalf of those present, Mrs. McKinlay presented the president (Mrs. Pearce) with a floral horseshoe made by Mrs. Coles. Competitions and games were then indulged in, after which supper was served.

SOUTH PERTH
The concert party visited Heathcote and presented an excellent programme on Tuesday, March 29. During the evening, community singing was of high order and enjoyed by all. Last month, in mistake, Mr. Wilkins was mentioned as conductor. I now take the opportunity of correcting same, and would point out that Mrs. Wilkinson is our organiser, Mrs. Orgil and Linto conductors, Mrs. Lees being secretary. On Thursday last inst., members had a day at the Zoo. The first of the McKinlay Shield games was played last week, and South Perth were delighted with their win. The branch is getting ready to entertain the Lemnos soldiers on the first Sunday in May, and require all help members can give. The hospital committee are still finding much pleasure in visiting the Repatriation Ward each week, also Heathcote Hospital patients look forward to the visits. Members are arranging for a big carnival dance in May, and want all to join in and make it the event of the year, as funds are badly needed.

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<td>W. H. Boyce, Moora</td>
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<td>Wallis Hall, Grosvenor Road, Mt. Lawley Commercial Room, Mukinbudin Hotel Mornington Mills</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 21 Grosvenor Rd., Mt. Lawley T. G. Adams, Mukinbudin</td>
<td>J. K. Crase, 113 Central Ave, Maylands</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON NAREMBEN</td>
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<td>Every alternate Sunday</td>
<td>J. M. Loudon, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
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<td>Every fourth Saturday</td>
<td>R. A. Wood, 81 Archdeacon Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>W. J. Fulton, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>NORTH - EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
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<td>A. S. Graham, Narembeen</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club Rooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>L. F. Ash, Northam</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday</td>
<td>F. Archer, East Pingelly</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>&quot;Monash House,&quot; 23 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
<td>Reg. Nicholas, c/o Government Printing Office</td>
<td>A. Barlow, Northamptom</td>
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<td>FINGELLY</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Roberts, Pittara</td>
<td>G. C. Outlaw, 145 FitzGerald Street, Northam Tel. 174</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yorinning</td>
<td>B. N. McLaurin, 21 Dundas Road, Maylands</td>
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<td>L. E. Taplin, Pt. Hedland</td>
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<td>V. D. Fallon, Quairadning</td>
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<td>QUIARADING &amp; DISTRICT</td>
<td>Quairading Hall and Dangin Hostel, alternatively Warden's Court</td>
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<td>T. Cowan, Yorinning</td>
<td>L. G. W. Browning, East Pilbara</td>
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<td>Branch Rooms, Rokey Road, Subico</td>
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<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
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<td>E. P. Newton, Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Traying (1) Yelbeni (1) Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
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<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTINE, JIBBERDING</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
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<td>P. Smeeton, Yelbeni</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>A. B. Dinnie, Buntine</td>
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<td>YARLOOP AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Yarloop Hotel</td>
<td>4th Friday, 6 p.m.</td>
<td>G. E. Timmell, 34 Harbour St., Wembley</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Comm'n Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>I. Meredith, Yarloop</td>
<td>E. Tonkinson, 37 Cambridge St., W. Leeville</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
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<td>D. Johnston, Youmanii</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
<td>Waroona Hotel</td>
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<td>S. W. Robinson, Wyalkatchem</td>
<td>G. M. Maley, c/o Y.G.M., Ltd., Youmanii</td>
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- **R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Albanw Road**
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