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The incident, arising from the recent clash between the privilege of a member of the House of Commons and that member's obligations under the Official Secrets Act, has confronted the British Government with an embarrassing constitutional dilemma. It has also illustrated the danger of the intrusion of party politics into any country's defence plans.

DEFENCE POLICY AND PARTY POLITICS

Under the British Constitution, the fighting services, in practice if not in theory, are subordinate to the civil power; that is, to the jurisdiction of Parliament. This has been so ever since the English revolutions of the seventeenth century. Before the highly specialised army had evolved, and before the party machine had developed, the principle worked smoothly enough in making the country safe for democracy. Unfortunately, while the private soldier has developed into something more than a man with a gun in his hand, the private member has become a mere cog in the party machine. It is impossible for any member of Parliament, no matter how painstaking and sincere he may be as an individual, to make himself a specialist in even one branch of the military art and, at the same time, remain in the hurly-burly of political life. Even with the best of intentions, his views on highly technical aspects of defence are liable to be coloured by party considerations, or by the political colouring his party affects. On the other hand, there is no valid reason why the politician should not taken an intelligent interest in questions of defence. The main principles of strategy are few enough, and simple enough, to be grasped by the civilian of average intelligence, and especially by the civilian whose intelligence is marked enough for him to win the votes of electors. One might go so far as to say that it is the duty of politicians to make themselves familiar with, and keep themselves abreast of military developments, and the task should not be a hard one when it is remembered that so many of them, both in Britain and the Dominions, had actual first-hand experience of modern warfare.

Without being a specialist, the member of Parliament who votes on defence estimates can be of valuable service to his country if he comes to his job reinforced by an intelligent appreciation of the general situation; but he can be quite the reverse when he allows intelligent appreciation to be blurred by the fury of faction. In Australia we have seen the weird turn of the party wheel, which has made members of the party that introduced compulsory training in 1911 fight tooth and nail against it in 1938. This paper has always maintained that the system of universal obligation to service for defence is more likely to provide the country with an adequate reservoir of trained men than the voluntary system which leaves the willing horse to shoulder the burden. The equality of responsibility implied is something we should have thought, that would commend itself to any democracy, especially when that democracy has applied the principle of compulsion in so many other quarters. We find it hard, also, to understand why no Australian party has repealed the official secrets clause of the Defence Act, for it must be remembered that those clauses have never been rescinded, though their operation has been suspended. To our way of thinking, this is one matter that should never have been made an issue of party politics. Equally dangerous is the suggestion of a referendum before sending troops overseas to aid other parts of the Empire that may be attacked. Although not stated in so many words, this absurdity is implied in the defence policy of at least one Australian party; though, strangely enough, that party voiced no objection when Australians went abroad to fight for the Spanish Republicans. An attempt to include it in the policy of the Canadian Conservative party was defeated at a party conference in Ottawa this month, just as a resolution that the United States must not engage in war, except as the result of a referendum was defeated in the United States congress earlier in the year.

Modern wars break out with such alarming suddenness that the danger is increased, and the incitement to attack is made more inviting by the knowledge that such questions of broad policy are almost certain to be made issues of party politics. There is even graver danger when technical issues are discussed on the floor of the House, especially if the discussion is likely to disclose information that should be kept secret. Something approaching a political crisis was provoked at the beginning of the month by Mr. Douglas Sandys' notice of question on anti-aircraft defences. In accordance with Parliamentary procedure, he supplied the Secretary for War with a draft of his question. The draft revealed that Mr. Sandys could have obtained his information only through someone committing a breach of the Official Secrets Act. When an effort was made to make Mr. Sandys, who is also a Territorial officer, give evidence before a military court of inquiry, the point of Parliamentary privilege was raised. The way out of this imbroglio is interesting from an academic standpoint, but there seems to be a scent of stale fish about the whole situation.

We have never approved of the tradition which muzzles Army officers while civilians are allowed to write and speak on military matters. At the same time, it is realised that it is not in the best interests of the country for officers to barge into political wrangles. An officer with expert knowledge has his proper channels for applying it, and Governments invariably accept the advice of their experts. Mr. Douglas Sandys holds a lieutenant's commission, and without reflecting on the
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vast and estimable body of junior officers, it might well be asked: can he be regarded as an expert on anti-aircraft defence? and if not, who is making the bullets for him to fire. One aspect of the case has been overblown by that of Parliamentary privilege. Mr. Sandys is the son-in-law of Mr. Winston Churchill, who has long been the most scathing critic of the Air Ministry. The incident looks like an attempt to exploit the country's defences for party purposes, and this is another regrettable tendency against which Britain, and Australia, too, should guard.

A MINISTER RETIRES

This month sees the retirement of Sir George Pearce from politics after an honourable career of 37 years in the Senate. Sir George has commenced the task of writing his memoirs, and the resulting publication should be of great historical interest and value. He was a member of the Senate and held important portfolios through the period of Australia's growing pains as a nation. As Minister for Defence in the Fisher Government—the first Labour Government to attain office as the result of a general election—he saw the transition from the voluntary training system to compulsory training. It is now sometimes forgotten that Sir George's own contribution to that scheme was the sound system of organised physical training which linked up the schools of Australia with the defence forces. During this term of office, the Great War burst upon a startled world. Sir George Pearce, who was always a hard worker and an earnest student, immediately displayed a capacity for organisation and administration that few, even of his intimates, suspected. Australia has never had a Minister for Defence to compare with him and, when the conscription issue had to be faced, he was a big enough Australian to put country before Party.

In the reconstructed Ministry, the leader of the Government (Mr. Hughes) was a more striking and more popular figure. Sir George was always the thinker rather than the orator. He had none of his chief's mordant humour or colourful turns of speech, but few realise the tremendous boons he conferred upon the Digger. He it was, more than any member of the Government, who saw to it that the A.I.F. was well-paid, well-clothed and one of the best-equipped forces that Britain ever put into the field. It is unfortunate for the reputation of a really big man that the nagging of sectional interests should have blinded the younger generation to the outstanding services he has rendered his country, and to the Empire at large. When time has permitted the growth of a sense of perspective, it will be realised that Sir George Pearce was not only a big Australian, but one of the most capable administrators who ever held a Federal portfolio.

ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCES

An effective part of Archdeacon Riley's speech at his own farewell on July 13 was his plea for the preservation of Anzac Day as a day of remembrance. The speaker's well-reasoned and dignified argument, and the spontaneous applause with which it was greeted, are sufficient answers to those who insidiously seek to divide the League on this important question.

"Plenty of people," the Archdeacon said, "were only too anxious to have us forget the war; as if we who had a share in it could forget! There is a certain amount of that at the back of the move that is going on to alter the observance of Anzac Day. I know Anzac Day is a problem, but I think that, in memory of those who gave everything, it is not too much to ask young Australia to make Anzac Day an occasion different from every other day in the year. If we make it merely a sports day and an extra holiday on the calendar, it will make people forget what they got in. I hope that the next State congress will tackle the problems surrounding it. There is a younger generation growing up who do not know how to use leisure, unless they are playing games or making a noise. That problem must be faced. As the hours of work shorten, it becomes a greater problem to use leisure wisely. Look at the growing request that Anzac afternoon should be used for a sports meeting. There should be a reminder of the significance of the day. We ask for only one day in the year to be given up for an occasion of remembrance. That is not too much to ask of the Australia we helped to make safe."

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PREFERENCE FLOUTED

Practice has shown that it is only in a Government department that the principle of preference to ex-service men can be applied as the League would wish; but strangely enough, the Government departments are the worst offenders in flouting the principle. Perhaps the most flagrant instance of all is the recent appointment of a non-soldier to the vacant office of Chief Inspector of the Education Department. No one has any personal bias against Mr. Murray Little, who received the appointment, and no one denies that he is a gentleman of high professional attainments; but, unlike Sir John Moore, he is not alone in his glory.

There have been instances where the claims of seniority have been advanced as an excuse for ignoring those of active service. On other occasions, it has been pleaded that the man who was preferred to the ex-service man had some special qualification which made him particularly fitted for the appointment in question. We would be the last to deny the claims of seniority, and we would be equally reluctant to counsel an insistence on seniority as opposed to special merit, though admittedly a departure from promotion by seniority sometimes permits the evil of promotion by political patronage to creep in. Nevertheless, Mr. Little was not the most senior applicant for the appointment. His professional qualifications do not outweigh those of others who applied for the position, and all his service during the Great War was carried out in mufti and on the home front.

Mr. Little, when appointed Chief Inspector, was actually pushed over the heads of five senior inspectors, three of whom are returned soldiers. One, at least, has done valuable research work in education, in America and England, within the past few years. Even if the principle of preference is left out of calculation for the time being, it cannot be contended that Mr. Little is more highly qualified, or more up-to-date professionally, than those he superseded.

The whole business, therefore, reeks to high heaven of political jobbery, and the Education Department is the last place on earth that should be invaded by such a thing. As we went to Press, it was learnt that the Public Service Association had insisted on an appeal, not only in the interests of men who are now smarting under a sense of injustice, but in the interests of other Governments departments as well.

FAREWELL TO ARCHDEACON RILEY
(Bishop-Elect of Bendigo)

The story is told of a clergyman in a country town who was made a presentation on the eve of his departure for another parish. He replied to the complimentary speeches by saying, "Now that I know I have made so many friends in the place, I have decided to stay here a bit longer with you all." The League had no such luck on July 13, when the troops crowded Anzac House to bid farewell to Archdeacon and Mrs. C. L. Riley. However, in losing a good friend, we have the consolation of knowing that he is receiving a well-merited advancement in his high calling, and we should indeed be selfish if our natural regrets were not tinged with pride and even a measure of joy at the recognition given to our senior vice-president. The Archdeacon has served on the State executive for 13 years, most of the time as vice-president. His clerical duties have entailed much travelling through the country districts of the State, and during these tours of duty he has eagerly availed himself of the opportunities of meeting the country sub-branches. His popularity may be gauged by the knowledge that the farewell gathering in Anzac House included many country Diggers who had travelled distances up to 200 miles. The gathering was made up representatives of ex-service men's organisations and the women's auxiliaries of the League.

Speaking from the chair, the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) said that he had received a large sheaf of messages from sub-branches and individuals. A typical letter was one received from the Wyal-katchem sub-branch, which Mr. Yeates read to the audience. "We regret that we cannot be present at the send-off to our beloved Padre. Members deeply regret his departure, but glory in the fact that he has accepted a higher call to duty and trust he may be spared for many years to carry on the work he has for so long nobly done."

Colonel Collett, who was State president for eight of the years in which the Archdeacon served on the executive, paid many tributes to his personal qualities. His long service was appreciated by his old comrades, who would never forget him, Colonel Collett said. He had been an invaluable travelling ambassador for the League, and had established it on such a high plane that everywhere in the State it was respected by the public. Colonel Collett then paid one tribute that is only too often forgotten. He thanked Mrs. Riley, on behalf of the League, for the sacrifice which her husband's work in the good cause had entailed in the home. All earnestly hoped, Colonel Collett declared, that the Bishop-elect and Mrs. Riley would eventually return to Western Australia, where they were universally loved. Colonel Collett's closing remark was greeted with sustained applause. Then followed eulogies of the Archdeacon's services to ex-service men, particularly those in the more remote parts of the State. The speakers were the country vice-president (Mr. Ross Keesing) and Messrs. Aubrey Smith (Harvey sub-branch), R. G. Hummerton (10th Light Horse Association) and F. Fairweather (Imperial ex-service men).

The State president then presented Archdeacon Riley with a wristlet watch to Mrs. Riley, a silver teapot; and to both a wallet of money. Mr. Yeates said that the presentation represented tokens of the esteem of all sub-branches of the League.

Rousing cheers for the guests of the evening greeted the Archdeacon when he rose to reply. He said that he cherished the countless friendships he had formed in this State and found that the comradeship was the cement in the League's work all over the State. The country sub-branches, which preponderated in the League, were carrying on, often in the face of tremendous difficulties. It had always been a joy to him to drop into their meetings in the course of his wanderings, and to meet and help members.
His reply contained a notable plea for the continuance of the present method of commemoration of Anzac Day. In conclusion, he said that the people of Bendigo had been extraordinarily kind, and had sent him assurances of welcome. The guests were entertained afterwards by the Returned Army Nurses' sub-branch in their club room at Anzac House. During the evening, items were given by Messrs. Billy Edwards, Dave Howard, Ted Scott, Roy Glenister and the Paulasto Brothers.

**GUNNERS’ DAY**

In selecting the Sunday nearest to August 8 as Gunners' Day, the Artillery Comrades' Association of Western Australia had in mind that on August 8, 1918, a greater number of guns participated in action than at any other period of the war. Further, August 8 is the date on which the defeat of the German Army commenced.

The annual commemoration takes place at Guildford because that town holds sacred memories for the gunner; for here, before the war, the artillery had established its headquarters and all gunners, other than those of the 8th Battery, received their training at Guildford before proceeding overseas. Further, the flag which the 8th Battery from Western Australia now has a revered place in St. Matthews' Church, where on Sunday, August 7, of this year, artillerymen will conduct their annual Gunners' Day commemoration service.

A train leaving Perth at 3.5 p.m. arrives at Guildford at 3.27 p.m., when the fall-in will be sounded. The parade will move off at 3.35 p.m. for St. Matthew’s Church.

His Excellency the Governor will take the salute en route.

At the conclusion of the service, the parade will move to Stirling Park, where wreaths will be laid on the War Memorial.

The 10th Light Horse Regiment and Association and the 3rd Field Brigade R.A.A. (M) will co-operate with the Artillery Comrades’ Association, and it is expected the muster will be as great as at last Gunners’ Day.

The parade will be led by Brigadier-General A. J. Bessell-Browne, C.B., CMG, D.S.O., V.D.

Arrangements have been made for the R.S.L. Memorial Band to lead the march.

**WORKING FOR PEACE**

Army nurses, perhaps more than any other body of women, have had first-hand experiences of the ravages of war and the physical and mental sufferings it causes. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Returned Army Nurses' sub-branch should have decided that a shield, presented by an anonymous donor as a fitting memorial to the late Sister R. V. Jones, should be awarded annually to the sub-branch which, through the united efforts of its members, submits to the League the best suggestion for the attainment and preservation of the peace of the world. The donor of the shield left it to Sister Jones' own sub-branch to suggest what form the competition should take, and the decision of the sub-branch was arrived at on the motion of Miss E. Si mons (matron of the Perth Hospital), seconded by Mrs. D. Tressider.

On the face of it, the suggestion is a good one. As Mrs. Tressider said in her seconding speech: “The origin of all action of mankind is thought, and we are earnestly desirous of diverting thoughts of war to thoughts of universal peace.”

One foresees danger, however, in an injudicious application of the principle. One hopes that sub-branches, in their efforts to win the annual award, will keep clear of dangerous and unsavoury associations. That, so far, has been the policy of the League, for the peace movement, like poverty, has offered strange bedfellows. In our own State, all manner of weird and even subversive organisations have exploited the universal yearning for peace in the service of their own pernicious Isms. We want no alliance with such people; for the time has not arrived, nor ever will as far as we are concerned, when the Digger can hobnob with the crank and the cold-foot and meet them on terms of spiritual equality.

One can trust, however, to the traditional sanity of the Digger to realise something that is implied in the League's constitution, that the only effective guarantee of peace under present conditions is an adequate defence force. It is something of a paradox that the pacifists themselves have done more than anyone else to bring about the conditions that have brought the world to the verge of war. The insistence on disarmament during the past decade brought the Empire to a condition of military impotence which reduced the League of Nations to something that those expressive Americans would call a “stuffed shirt”; and collective security to a dangerous farce. The only nations ever likely to make war were not slow to exploit the position to their own advantage and the danger of democracy the world over.

Even after Britain and Australia were compelled to rearm for their own protection, those whom Mr. Chamberlain has dubbed “the bloodthirsty pacifists” have twice almost succeeded in nagging the Empire into another war. In Australia and Canada, people of the same stripe have succeeded in conveying to the dictator Powers the impression that Britain would not be supported by the Dominions in a serious emergency, and British foreign policy and the League of Nations its supporters have suffered setbacks in consequence. It must be regretfully admitted that Britain's rate of rearmament, plus the realisation of creaks in the joints of their own war machines, have done more to bring the gangster Powers to a more reasonable frame of mind than all the reams of peace propaganda that was ever printed. It should also be borne in mind that the gangster Powers pay good money for the dissemination of peace propaganda in all democratic countries.

**The Old Contemptibles**

**MONS SUNDAY AND REUNION DINNER**

On Sunday, August 21, the British Imperial ex-service men and women will com memorate Mons Sunday. The arrangements are in the hands of the Old Contemptibles' Association in co-operation with the R.S.L. Full information will be supplied in the Press at a later date. The annual reunion dinner of the Old Contemptibles will be held on Saturday, August 20, at the Blue Room (corner of William and Newcastle Streets), at 7.30 p.m. The dinner this year is thrown open to all British Imperial ex-service men and their male friends. This is the first occasion that all British Imperial men have been able to meet on such an occasion as this. Tickets may be purchased from members of the Association, or a letter to the hon. secretary and organiser will secure a ticket. Tickets are 5/-.

All those attending are requested to apply early. The organiser, Mr. Fred Fairweather, of 24 Gloucester Street, Subiaco, is going all out to make this the grandest affair ever staged, so do your best to assist him by an early application. Intimation is at hand that there will be at least one hundred men coming from country districts and the dinner will provide an opportunity for many to meet old friends and hear of others. A feature of the evening will be the roll call, when men of many famous British regiments will proudly rise to their feet and call the name of their regiment.
THE DIGGER IN DRAMA

Perth audiences have had inflicted on them, in recent years, a number of plays which were little more than turgid propaganda for Communism. In one, an alleged war play, the theme was ghoulish and the actors ghoulish, so much so that it is a positive relief when one sees the war treated dramatically by a writer with first-hand knowledge of his subject. On Friday, June 24, we saw and were very favourably impressed by "The Spirit of Adventure," written and produced by Mr. N. F. Cliff, of the North Perth sub-branch. Metropolitan sub-branches have made several essays in the world of the drama. A few years ago, the Press sub-branch achieved great success in the reading of a series of plays, several of which were written by members. Mr. Lawley has presented a number of very amusing sketches, in the writing of which one detects the fine Italian hand of the inimitable "Hummy," and North Perth has been among the pioneers of Digger drama. The presentation on June 24 was, we believe, the first public performance in the city of a war play, written by a member of a sub-branch and acted by sub-branch members. North Perth is a sub-branch which generally does things well and there was no exception to the rule on this occasion.

Mr. Cliff's theme was the simple one of the Digger who went through the war without a spell. His hero, Sergeant Peter West, had never been wounded nor in hospital. He saw the gradual disintegration, through casualties, of the little band of Cobbers with whom he enlisted. The drama shows the gradual approach of nervous breakdown through war strain, and the dramatic climax comes when the principal character sees his only brother killed on a wiring party from which he had tried to have him excused. The play has points in common with "Journey's End," but its treatment is Mr. Cliff's own. He has observed the essential regard for the three dramatic unities of time, place and action. His characters are natural and reveal themselves, and the balance between humour and pathos is well maintained. J. H. Lang, as Sergeant Peter West, admirably sustained a strenuous role. B. Tout, as Mrs. West, was a convincing Diggers' mother, and J. G. Rankin gave a highly creditable rendering of the Sergeant's brother. G. H. Davy was the ideal company commander who knew when to relax, and when to be severely regimental, and the troops, B. J. Rice, G. Fraser, J. A. Faulkner, Charlie Jago, H. Troughton, F. Wainwright and B. Tout, who doubled as Private Jimmy Cann, were the dinkum Diggers we all knew so well. Mr. Cliff is to be congratulated on his playlet, and so are those who made his characters live so realistically.

The earlier part of the programme contained many amusing and novel features. The North Perth R.S.L. All-Star Band performed vigorously until the players succumbed to the attractions of "Three Star"—or was it "vin blonk" that lured the band into liquidation? "The Hairy Fairies" showed agility in their ballet turns. One hopes that the Shadowgraph Sensation is not a true version of what goes on in hospital operating rooms; but perhaps the producer has been reading A. J. Cronin's "The Citadel." Ted Scott prefaced his recitations with a heart-felt tribute to the late C. J. Dennis, whose death was reported that morning. Age cannot wither Ted, nor custom stale his infinite variety. Dave Howard, comedian and saxophonist, was the other star turn of the earlier part of the programme. It is not generally known that the genial David served with the Royal West Kent Regiment when the guns were booming. Older, and perhaps more reprehensible memories were revived by an excellent item billed as "A Night in Cairo Waxworks."

One cannot leave this description without mentioning others whose efforts were equally indispensable; though, perhaps, not so apparent to the audience. Stan Dival, who is not long out of hospital, made the formal speeches and presided over the entertainment. H. H. Hopperston was understudy and prompter, and Miss L. Pearmine presided over the piano. Commendation was also earned by Messrs. A. Howatt, F. Stahl and J. Wilson, who painted the scenery.

11th Battalion (A.I.F.) History Fund

This fund is still far short of the amount necessary to put the publication of the book in hand. Ex-11th Diggers and others interested are asked to forward advance subscriptions to R. W. Blair, 79 William Street, Perth.

Previously acknowledged, £65/17/-. J. J. Ryan, 10/-; E. A. James (Albany), 10/-; H. C. Kitson (Eclipse Island), 15/-. Total: £67/12/-. Treatment in Repatriation Hospitals for Non-Accepted Mental Cases

With reference to the resolution which reads—

That all non-accepted mentally ill returned men requiring or receiving in-patient treatment in a mental hospital be placed in Repatriation institutions or in close proximity or in the care of the Repatriation Commission.

a letter was received from the Minister for Repatriation, who states:

The provision for treatment and care of ex-soldiers suffering from mental disorders not due to war service is a matter for the State Governments. I might mention, however, that at the Lemnos Mental Hospital, Western Australia, provision has been made for all returned soldiers suffering from mental disorders to be placed in the one institution, irrespective of whether the disability has been accepted as due to war service. In Callan Park, New South Wales, an arrangement has existed for some time, for selected cases of ex-soldiers whose disability has not been accepted as due to service to be housed with departmental patients, when accommodation is available. Similar action will be taken as soon as the new ward at Bundoora, Victoria, is occupied. The cost of the maintenance of such cases is not, of course, borne by the Commission.

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SOME HEALTHY CRITICISM OF THE LEAGUE

"Well-Wisher," who served in the South African War as well as the Great War, writes from the Old Men's Home: "On November 11, this year, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Great Armistice and the League is still calling for members. This, I consider, is wrong. I would prefer action like that taken by the old Contemptibles. Surely 20 years is long enough for a man to make up his mind whether he will join the League or not. I would rather see a clean-up of our ranks." Our contributor asserts that men are claiming service in both the Great War and the Boer War who are obviously too young to have served in either. He goes on to suggest that some members of the League pay only five shillings a year, instead of the prescribed ten shillings. Here it would appear that our contributor has misunderstood the arrangement permitted during the depression, under which sub-branches were allowed to receive quarterly subscriptions from members who were feeling the pinch of adversity, but wished to retain their membership notwithstanding the difficult times.

"Well-Wisher" then refers to the supply of comforts to ex-service men in institutions and hospitals. "In some instances," he writes, "clothing and dainties are forwarded to the institutions, and it is taken for granted that distributions are made on a systematic basis. It is not nice to read in the papers, later, of presents being sent to all returned men in such institutions, when this is the first that some of the men know of gifts having been forwarded. Considering the trouble and expense gone to by well-wishers who seek to brighten the lives of the men in institutions, surely some better method of distribution could be arranged, so that every eligible man could get his share." Our correspondent suggests that the ladies should form parties, each taking its turn in personally receiving and distributing gifts. This, he says, would do away with the present unsatisfactory and unmethodical practices of distribution.

"Well-Wisher" also considers haphazard the means adopted for augmenting the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. He suggests that the executive should ask every sub-branch and auxiliary to hold a special meeting during August for a thorough discussion of ways and means, to be followed by a conference of sub-branch and auxiliary presidents with the State executive. "But first of all," he adds, "the executive should make a clear and concise statement of what is suggested. The executive would be surprised to know what vague ideas some sub-branches have of what is desired."

These suggestions have been made by one of the earliest members of the Returned Soldiers' Association, which was the forerunner of the League. They are made, not in any carping spirit, but with a sincere desire to be helpful. In respect of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, both the State executive and last year's State congress expressed grave concern at the slow progress made to date with the fund, and approved of a scheme for its more rapid improvement. The suggestion of the publication of a concise statement of the objects and aims of the Fund has already been adopted. During the past nine months, there have been considerable additions to the fund and, though like "Well-Wisher," we should like to see a more rapid growth, the sub-branches and auxiliaries are doing valuable work to swell the fund.

Tenth Light Horse Association (A.I.F.)

At the quarterly meeting of the Association held in Anzac House on July 4, members said farewell to Padre Riley. President Roy Perry eulogised the services which "Tommy" had always rendered the Association and Diggers generally, and expressed profound regret that he was to leave us, but hoped that at no very great date he would return to our midst, when he would be assured of an enthusiastic welcome. Major Grimwood then presented a travelling rug to the Padre on behalf of the members. In a feeling reply, Tommy assured us that though he was leaving he would still always be a West Australian and hoped that some day he would return and take up his old associations, both with the Association members and the Young Tenth Regiment, with whom he had had many years of happy association. The Padre's health was drunk with musical honours, then an all-round chat took control. Members are specially reminded to make a note of Sunday, August 7, when the annual Gunners' Day Memorial Service will be held at the Guildford Memorial. There will be two impressive unveiling ceremonies in which tablets will be unveiled to the memory of Lieut.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs, by the Artillery Association, and another to the memory of Lieut.-Colonel Tom Todd, of the 10th Light Horse by our own Association. Members are asked to catch the train leaving Perth at 2.55 p.m. and fall in on the marker at the Guildford station entrance.

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CHAPTER XIX
PREPARING FOR GAZA

FOLLOWING upon the successful assault and capture of the Rafa redoubts, the work of collecting the prisoners and evacuating the wounded—our own and the enemy's—began.

The unwounded prisoners caused little trouble, but with the wounded it was another matter. With great difficulty they were collected, their wounds were dressed and sand carts and camel "cacolets" bore them away on their long and painful journey to El Arish. The night was pitch dark and cold, and now the excitement of battle had subsided the inevitable reaction set in amongst the troops. They became tired and weary, but they were not to rest yet awhile.

Orders arrived from Desert Column Headquarters that the Anzac Mounted Division would march back to El Arish and at 11 p.m. the column commenced its return journey. At 2.15 a.m. the 3rd Light Horse Brigade reached Sheik Zowaid, where it bivouacked till daylight, the Imperial Camel Corps remaining on outpost at Rafa. Shortly after daylight on January 10 the march was resumed, and the Regiment arrived at Masaid the same afternoon, halting en route at El Arish to water the horses. Already troops of the 52nd Infantry Division (Lowland) had reached El Arish, and the "Scotties" gave our boys a stirring welcome. Their pipe band played joyous pibrochs as the Light Horsemen marched in, and cheer after cheer, mingled with Gaelic cries, rent the air. They would not allow our men to pump water into the troughs for the animals, themselves seizing the pump handles and working furiously until the last horse had watered. Their open admiration for our men knew no bounds. One brawny Scot with fiery hair paused in his breathless labour at the pump, and, so that all might know, called loudly to his comrades, "Laddies, the Australians are the finest fighters on arihth!". Allowing time for this remark to sink in, he continued, "An' we're the next best!" and went on with the pumping.

February, 1917, passed quietly—save for an occasional bombing raid by enemy aircraft—and by the end of the first week in March the expected orders for a forward move arrived.

The enemy, during the temporary lull, appeared to be vacillating as to his course of action. Certain it was that he did not intend to assume the aggressive for the moment, but his apparent postponement of the final choice of a defensive line and his movement of troops were at the time somewhat puzzling.*

After the fall of Rafa, the Turks devoted their energy to developing the already extensive works on a crescent-shaped line which commenced near the sea at Gaza, thence extended to the west bank of the Wadi Ghuzzie, near El Shella, and terminated at Beersheba. Trenches and redoubts began to appear on the steep slopes of Ali Muntar, the famous hill which overlooks the ancient city of Gaza and the surrounding country for miles. Covered with a net work of giant cactus hedges—the value of which as a defensive medium we were soon to experience—with trenches worming their way in and out of them, Ali Muntar stood out like a Gibraltar, abrupt and sinister, from the beautiful cultivated plain. It reminded one of some huge sentinel, grim and forbidding, which seemed to say to those who would invade the land,

"Thus far shalt thou go and no further!"

For centuries, since the world was young, Ali Muntar has witnessed the strivings of nations for the mastery of Philistia, and had seen Gaza fall and rise again from its ashes a score of times. Upon this hill Samson was supposed to have destroyed the house of the Philistines. To it, indeed, the slaughter of men was no new thing, and now, in the greatest war in history, many thousands of gallant British soldiers were doomed to fall stricken at its feet before it finally lowered its head in submission.

In the low ground behind Ali Muntar is the Moslem town of Gaza, with its narrow stone-paved streets and flat-topped buildings. In the centre of the town stood the ancient mosque, its lofty minaret towering over all. A red crescent—the Turkish equivalent of our Red Cross—flew from its top; and thus demanded immunity from our bombs and shells. How that privilege was taken advantage of by the Germans will be told later.

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Kilo 143, a few miles west of Masaid—revealed almost daily additions to the defences of this capital work at Gaza; but although it was realised that the capture of Gaza was the sine qua non of the progress of our offensive, apparently much had yet to be done by way of preparation before the High Command deemed that the time was ripe for an attack.

From Gaza the Turkish line ran to the high ground west of the Wadi Ghuzze, covering El Shellal, and named Weli Sheikh Nurun, or, as the regiment waggled, "Wally! Shake yer 'and!" There was no continuous line of trenches between these two capital works, the intervening space being held by small enemy posts, but at Sheikh Nurun an immense amount of work had been done. Line after line of trenches had been constructed in the hard, red ground, and deep pits, cup-shaped and with barred wire cunningly placed in the bottoms, ran all along within bombing distance of the Turkish firing line. These pits were about ten feet in diameter and eight feet deep, and had been splendidly excavated and formed. So close were they to each other that only a thin wall of earth separated them. The excavated earth had been conveyed away out of sight so that the pits could not be observed from the ground. By camouflaging them in the daytime, the Turks almost entirely concealed them from our airmen, although photographs were obtained of a few of them.

The amount of enemy labour expended at Sheikh Nurun must have been colossal. He was now employing a greater number of cavalry than hitherto, and cover for even the horses had also been excavated in the hard ground and in the sides of the Wadi Ghuzze.

In itself, then, the Shellal position was decidedly strong—probably, at this time, stronger than Gaza—but, from an enemy point of view it now had a fault: it could be outflanked. The defences between Shellal and Beersheba were negligible, and the gently undulating country between these two places did not lend itself to any great development in this respect. The enemy had learnt something—but not all—of our enveloping tactics. Rafa was undoubtedly fresh in his memory, and he knew that the mounted troops could, in what was now ideal cavalry country, manoeuvre very widely and strike very quickly at an exposed flank. He also doubtless was aware of the increasing size of our striking force. At all events, whatever his reasoning, El Shellal was evacuated early in March, 1917, and the Turks began to establish themselves more firmly in the almost straight line between Gaza and Beersheba, with a second line thrown back from the centre to rest on Tel-es-Sheria, through which the railway to Beersheba passed from the north.

Resting as it did chiefly at the southern end of the Judean Hills with the bastion of Gaza to block the way along the Maritime Plain, here was a line of great natural strength, which, given the time to be developed, might easily bring the further invasion of Palestine to a standstill indefinitely. But that development, with the exception of the Ali-Muntar fortress, was merely in its infancy at this time. The Turkish High Command still hesitated to finally commit its army to this line, although steady increase was being made in the number of troops in the southern zone.

Personal opinion as to the efficiency of our Intelligence Service of this period would be out of place in a regimental record. Suffice it to say that conflicting reports as to the enemy's strength and dispositions caused the general situation to appear somewhat obscure. But one thing appeared certain, that the time was ripe for the British Army to move, and that the sooner Gaza was taken the better it would be for our side.

* It was found later that the reason for this indecision was a disagreement between the German and Turkish High Command. The German Command wished to deny our troops the crossing of the Wadi Ghuzze, whilst the Turkish desired to shorten the line between Gaza and Beersheba.

(To be continued.)

Questions asked by Doctor Maloney of Melbourne, in the House of Representatives last month, and the reply of the Prime Minister (Mr. Lyons) provided a brief history of the construction of the Australian War Memorial at Villers Bretonneux, which will be unveiled by His Majesty the King on July 1. It was originally intended that the memorial should be an entirely Australian effort, designed by an Australian, built of Australian materials and executed in Australia for transport and erection in France. Time and circumstance, however, prevented the original intention from being fulfilled.

In explaining why the structure which the King will unveil did not fulfil the original conditions, Mr. Lyons mentioned that the original design was the winning effort in a competition that was limited to Australian architects, who had served in the Great War or whose children had served in the War. Of the 30 designs submitted, that of Mr. William Lucas, of Melbourne, was chosen, and it was approved by the Imperial War Graves Commission and the Bureau of Fine Arts, Paris. During the depression, in 1931, however, the Scullin Government decided to abandon the proposal to construct a memorial on the lines approved by the Commonwealth Government in 1926. Subsequently, the Imperial War Graves Commission advised that the construction programme for graves and memorials had been completed, with the exception of the names of more than 11,000 Australians who had been posted missing on the Western Front. The Commission urged that the national memorial, on which the missing were to be commemorated, should be constructed or, as an alternative, the memorial to the missing should be erected by the Commission itself, with the £20,000 it had available for this purpose.

In February, 1936, a design by the eminent British architect, Sid Edwin Lutens, was approved, and the Commission was requested to proceed with the work.

The memorial has cost about £36,000, of which £20,000 was provided by the Commission. Mr. Lyons informed the House of Representatives that, in view of the fact that the Commission had provided most of the money for the erection of the memorial, it was only reasonable that that body should have control of its erection. He mentioned that Mr. Lucas had been financially reimbursed for his services in connection with the original design. Most Diggers, one thinks, will feel with Mr. Lucas in a disappointment which no reimbursement can altogether assuage. At the same time, most Diggers will feel proud of the fact that the memorial to their missing comrades has been entrusted to the hands of such an eminent architect as Sir Edwin Lutens.

There could be no more fitting site for an Australian memorial on the Western
Front than Villers Bretonneux, the scene of the two outstanding triumphs of the A.I.F. in the year of victory, 1918. Villers Bretonneux is a rather large village standing on a high hill and commanding a view of the surrounding countryside in every direction. That is why its recapture was a feat of such importance in April, 1918. The counter attack was planned by the late Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, and carried out by the 13th Brigade of the 4th Division and the 17th Brigade of the 5th Division. Of this exploit, Sir John Monash has written: 'In my opinion, this counter attack at night, without any artillery support, is the finest thing yet done in the war by Australians or any other troops. The total prisoners taken finally exceeded 1000 was of historical, as well as of 900.' The first attack at Villers Bretonneux was a feat of such importance in April, 1918. The counter attack was planned by the late Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, and carried out by the 13th Brigade of the 4th Division and the 17th Brigade of the 5th Division. Of this exploit, Sir John Monash has written: 'In my opinion, this counter attack at night, without any artillery support, is the finest thing yet done in the war by Australians or any other troops. The total prisoners taken finally exceeded 1000 was of historical, as well as of 900.'

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THE STATE PRESIDENT
AT NORSEMAN

At a recent meeting of the State executive, the State president (Mr. A. Yeates) reported that he had attended and performed the opening ceremony of the Soldiers' Memorial Park at Norseman. After leaving Perth, he said, I was joined at Coolgardie by the Hon. J. Cornwall, M.L.C. At Norseman we were welcomed by the president (Mr. Norman Dodd), the secretary (Mr. Lewis) and members of the sub-branch. In the evening I attended a social and dance at the R.S.L. Hall, where a general body of spectators will be a work requiring careful forethought and organisation. This organisation will be carried out by the war veterans themselves and they will also provide the necessary Guard of Honour.

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Owing to the failure of two sub-branches not having yet completed their engagements in the second round which was listed to be completed by May 21, it is impossible to give an accurate table of the results up to the end of the fifth round.

It will be necessary for the controlling committee to take drastic action in future.

Three sub-branches have also omitted to forward the rifle shooting score for the first and second rounds, so that the scoring results cannot be published up to date.

The following table shows the position up to the end of the fifth round:—

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No results: South Perth v. Osborne Park in Round 2; South Perth v. Victoria Park in Round 5.

The following are the individual results:—

**ROUND 3**

**Zone 1**

- Gloucester Park beat Subiaco: 10-0
- West Perth beat Bassendean: 10-0
- Cottesloe beat Claremont: 6-4
- Perth beat Mosman Park: 8-2
- Mt. Hawthorn beat Yokine: 10-0
- Bassendean forfeited to West Perth.

**Zone 2**

- Darling Range beat South Perth: 7-3
- Mt. Lawley beat Maylands: 8-2
- Victoria Park beat Osborne Park: 8-2
- Nedlands beat North Perth: 10-0
- West Leederville: bye.

**ROUND 4**

**Zone 1**

- Mt. Hawthorn beat Mosman Park: 8-2
- Perth beat Cottesloe: 8-2
- West Perth beat Claremont: 8-2
- Subiaco beat Bassendean: 10-0
- Gloucester Park beat Yokine: 8-2
- Bassendean forfeited to Subiaco.

**Zone 2**

- West Leederville beat North Perth: 6-4
- Nedlands beat Osborne Park: 10-0
- Victoria Park beat Maylands: 8-2
- Mt. Lawley beat South Perth: 6-4
- Darling Range: bye.

**ROUND 5**

**Zone 1**

- Gloucester Park beat Bassendean: 10-0
- Subiaco beat Claremont: 8-2
- Perth beat West Perth: 6-4
- Mt. Hawthorn beat Cottesloe: 10-0
- Yokine beat Mosman Park: 6-4
- Bassendean forfeited to Gloucester Park.

**Zone 2**

- Mt. Lawley beat Darling Range: 6-4
- Nedlands beat Maylands: 8-2
- West Leederville beat Osborne Park: 8-2
- No results from Victoria Park v. South Perth.
- North Perth: bye.

**ROUND 6 to be completed by July 16, 1938**

**Rifle Scores for the Shimenson Cup**

The returns are incomplete, but the following shows results to hand up to the end of the fifth round. Allowance must also be made for sub-branches not having had a bye:—

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Dear Auntie Mac:

My husband, an ex-Tenth Light Horseman, whenever he has had one over the eight, insists upon coming to bed with his spurs on. Besides being bad for the bed, my legs get rather swollen. What do you advise?—Maude (Maddington.)

Yours is a very hard question to advise upon, Maude (Maddington.) Would he, do you think, consider sleeping with the gadgets outside the bed? It would, I grant, be difficult to arrange the bed clothes under such circumstances to avoid draughts, especially these cold nights. You could, of course, cut a couple of slits in the sheets and blankets and bore holes in the mattress to accommodate the ironmongery. There again, it would not be a success if he fidgeted or tried to turn in his sleep. Perhaps you would be wise to leave well alone and sleep with your youngest daughter when—but stay, Darling, I have it!—why not wear shin guards? Then you could sleep in peace.

Dear Auntie Mac:

I am married to an ex-soldier (11th Battalion) and have four lovely children, but I feel so selfish, for while my husband is at work, I play golf and bridge, but in the evenings we do go together to cocktail parties and dances and entertain ourselves a great deal.—Winnie (West Perth.)

How you must dote on your children, Winnie (West Perth). I suppose you do remember their names, don't you?

Dear Auntie Mac:

The wife and I are giving a party for children aged two to six. Can you give me some idea how I can amuse them.—Paterfamilias (Pinjarra.)

It is always a winner with small children, Paterfamilias (Pinjarra), to trip up over the carpet and sock the fender with your face.

Dear Auntie Mac:

My husband is very fond of me and I am very fond of him, and so is our maid; but he has a most irritating habit at meals: He will scratch the legs of the table with his boots. On the average, I have to buy a new table every three weeks. He says he contracted the habit during service with the Camel Corps. What can I do about it?—Mabel (Maylands.)

There are several simple solutions for your quandary, Mabel (Maylands). (1) Make him have all his meals with his feet on the mantelpiece. (2) Get a table without legs. (3) Don't give him any meals; then he needn't sit at the table.

Dear Auntie Mac:

I am deeply in love with a man who served with the 44th (Eggs-a-Cook) Battalion; but, alas, there is a blanket of fear in my heart because he told me he has a secret in his life, but won't let on what it is.—Fanny (Fremantle.)

I know just how you feel, Fanny (Fremantle). My own first husband was a soldier, and the third and fourth also were ex-soldiers, but the second was a sailor. You can't be too jolly careful. Tax him with it—no, that's no good, he won't talk, will he? Perhaps he's been playing "two-up," or maybe he told his sergeant-major a fib. As he was in the 44th (Eggs-a-Cook), anything is possible. Thinking it over carefully, my dear, tell him you'll have the money instead.

A Carlisle reader with the exotic name of Carlotta is in a bit of a spot. Anyway, let the dear thing tell her story in her own way:

Dear Auntie Mac:

I am in a terrible quandary. I am in love. Maybe you don't see a lot in that, but wait till I spill the doings. I am in love with five men—three ex-swatdies and two Cameron Highlanders—and the worry of seeing them separately is getting me down. I see only three courses open to me: (1) Take a nerve tonic and carry on as before. (2) Let them meet together and form a club. (3) Give two of them up. What do you advise, Auntie, dear?

No. 1 is off, Carlotta. There is no known nerve tonic which would touch you. Nos. 2 and 3; No, Carlotta, I don't think you want advice from me. You know all the words and music.

Is your husband a tall, strong, handsome caveman? If so, let Auntie Mac know.

Next month: Care of the Knees.

Lord Tweedmuir, Canada's Governor-General, who is better known as John Buchan, the novelist and historian, and who was a Colonel in the war, said recently: "If I were asked to name any one clear gain from the war, I would say that it was a new humility. We had our pride shattered, and without humility there can be no humanity."
Mr. C. A. Beaumont, an ex-member of the 51st Battalion, and now of "White Ness," George Hill Road, Kingsgate, Broadstairs, Kent (England), in a recent letter to the State secretary of the League advised that he would be at Villers Bretonneux on the occasion of the unveiling of the Australian Memorial by His Majesty the King, and would lay a wreath in memory of old comrades of the 51st Battalion who died during the operations when Villers Bretonneux was recaptured. He intends to meet the Australian contingent at Dover and go across by Channel steamer. Incidentally, he would be glad to meet any old members of the Battalion at the North Foreland Residential Country Club.

Mr. R. M. Cumming, late 44th Battalion, is seeking evidence to bring a case before the Entitlement Tribunal and is anxious to get in touch with officers and men who served with him in France. "Skin" Cumming was one of the best and there must be many who could help him, as he was known to all who served in the 44th. He would be grateful if any of his old comrades who were through the various stunts with him will write to him. His address is 81 Stirling Street, Bunbury.

At the June meeting of the Albany sub-branch it was resolved to send a letter of sympathy to an esteemed member, W. Cobbold, on the loss of his wife. The sub-branch's sympathy has also been tendered to Mrs. W. Lane, on the loss of her husband. The late Bill Lane served with the Canadian forces during the war.

When the stork made its aerial delivery to the Albany sub-branch last month, the mail bag contained a son for Mr. and Mrs. D. McNaughton and a son for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doggett.

Our Albany scribe reports the transfer of Padre A. E. White to Forbes, New South Wales. The Padre was inducted into his new charge on June 2. We join with Albany Diggers in wishing him the best of everything in his new district.

Congratulations to Wally Keneis, Neldlands sub-branch, who has been elected vice-chairman of the Neldlands Road Board. Wally’s chief hobby is bridge. Kanga Brooke, who is a tower of strength to the Neldlands sub-branch cricket team (like the unfortunate Digger in hospital, we have forgotten the number) has had two of his children on the sick list. We are pleased to learn that they have been making satisfactory progress. Viv. Gray is about again after a spell in Ward XI, but he expects to have to undergo further treatment. The last time the stork was out Neldlands way a bonny boy was left for Percy Retchford. Congratulations to Percy and his good lady.

There is general regret among mem-

bers of the Neldlands auxiliary that Mrs. Terelink is vacating the office of secretary, which she has held for many years. Mrs. George Randall is due for another year in the president’s chair, as there has been no other nomination for this office.

Maylands sub-branch reports the resignation of its employment officer, Mr. W. A. White, whose health has been seriously impaired for the last few months. His resignation was received with regret at the May meeting of the sub-branch. Since then, Mr. White was admitted to Ward XI for a serious operation. We join with Maylands friends in wishing him a speedy recovery.

On June 22, the French section of FIDAC honoured the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Alan Seeger, the American poet who was killed while serving with the French Foreign Legion. Seeger was one of the first Americans to volunteer for active service. A few weeks after the war broke out, he joined the Foreign Legion and was killed in action at Belloy-en-Santerre, near Peronne, on July 4, 1916. His name is inscribed on the memorial tablet to the fallen of the village, where the Alan Seeger Memorial Bell, the gift of his parents, sounds the Angelus every evening. There was a ceremony in Belloy and another before the American Volunteers’ Monument at the Place des Etats-Unis, Paris; but perhaps the best memorial to the poet is Seeger’s poem, "I Have a Rendezvous with Death," which is studied by thousands of French school children.

Mr. Hawthorn-North Leederville’s parade and sick states show that Messrs. W. J. Lavery, E. J. Rawlings and S. G. Gibson have joined the sub-branch. Syd. George is still in Ward X, where he is...
making a slow but steady progress towards recovery. George Cooper is up and about and hopes to be attending meetings soon.

Victoria Park women's auxiliary reports that, since the annual meeting, the secretary (Mrs. Prue) has been admitted to St. John of God's Hospital, Belmont. The latest bulletin said that Mrs. Prue was progressing favourably and we join with her Victoria Park friends in wishing her speedy restoration to health.

W. L. (Bill) Menkens, the new president of North Perth sub-branch, is a man of many activities. He has long been an active worker on behalf of the R.S.L. Cricket Association, of which he is a patron, and it was very largely through his strenuous efforts that the Adelaide tour became possible last season. On what is perhaps the more theoretical side, Bill is a voluminous writer with a flair for publicity. He successfully posted The Green Envelope, the sub-branch's official organ, which recently completed its first year of publication. We understand that his presidential activities will not prevent him from continuing to edit the paper.

Congratulations to Stan Dival, retiring president of the North Perth sub-branch, first on his recovery from his recent indisposition; second, on a highly successful term of office, and third, but by no means least, on being appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Magisterial District of Perth.

Bob Corlett, of Osborne Park sub-branch, has been receiving rather a bad run of luck of late. After hearing of the death of his father in the Old Country he had the misfortune to meet with an accident whilst on his way to work, which laid him up for over a month. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bob in his misfortune; but we are glad to hear that he is once again on the road to recovery.

During one of the wars of early Hellas, the oracle at Delphi announced that the Spartans would be victorious, if they obtained a leader from Athens. Jealous Athens, not daring to affront the oracle, sent the Spartans a little, lame schoolmaster. The schoolmaster proved himself a poet whose songs inspired the Spartans to victory. Given a modern setting and a poet who, though physically frail, was not lame, the story might have been told of the late C. J. Dennis, who died recently in Melbourne. Few books of verse were so immediately popular as Denis' "Sentimental Bloke" and its successor, "The Moods of Ginger Mick." Dennis could not go to the war himself, but his verses cheered the lonely hours of many a man in the trenches. He knew his countrymen well enough to improvise upon the theme set by Henry Lawson, the innate chivalry that can flourish in the sordid environment of the larrikin push and the squallid slum. Diggers who treasured his verses and carried his books in their packs will all regret the passing of the man who understood them so well.

Fred Fairweather, who is hon. secretary of the Old Contemptibles' Association in this State, received by post from France recently a war decoration, the Ensigne des Blessés. The decoration, which is in the form of a star, is awarded to volunteers who are wounded while serving in the French Army. Mr. Fairweather was a member of the British Expeditionary Force at Mons and was severely wounded. In consequence of his injuries he was discharged from the army in 1915, but subsequently volunteered for service with the French Red Cross and was accepted. He was with the corps for two years and was again wounded. Until the arrival of the decoration, he had no knowledge that the service of volunteers was specially recognised by the French Army authorities.

Frank Fels, of Carnamah, and formerly of Mount Barker, was one of the country Diggers who attended the send-off to Padre Tom Riley. Frank attended to some family duty also while he was in the city. He inspected the latest gift of the stork—a girl this time—Mary Patricia. Frank and his good lady wanted a daughter, but two handsome sons arrived first.

A friend is looking for Alex. Barnes, late No. 924341, Royal Navy, last known address: Kentdale, in February last year. Alex's father wants to hear about him. Anyone knowing his whereabouts please communicate with S. Cullen, 136 Richmond Street, Leederville.

A good Digger passed away during the month as a result of war disability in Matthew Brian Desmond. Mat. served as a sergeant with the 4th D.U.S. and since the war had been a good League member. He was for a time on the staff of the War Service Homes Commission as accountant when they had their own officials here. Mat. was a distinguished looking fellow with his grey hair and fresh complexion and his passing has relieved him of much suffering. He will be sadly missed and our sympathy goes out to his relatives.

Congratulations to Mr. H. C. Newman, the accountant of the Department of Interior in this State, on a promotion in the Service. Unfortunately for us the promotion is taking him away to Canberra. Clive, who served with the 9th Light Horse, came from South Australia five years ago and has certainly been a worker in the returned soldier cause. He has done excellent service for the children of the fallen in Legacy, has been president of the Nedlands sub-branch and for two years a valued member of the State executive. He also ably

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represented this State at the last Federal congress of the League held at Hobart. Clive is an excellent sport and is the undisputed table tennis champion of the A.R.M.S. competitions. He will be greatly missed and we wish him every success in the future.

Rabbi D. I. Freedman, the much respected padre who has done so much for the League ever since the war, is far from well, and his medical advisers have ordered him a complete rest until he improves. The Rabbi has served on the State executive without a break since 1919 and for a period was the State president. His wisdom, his keen sense of humour, his energy and his comradeship are of great value, not only to the League, but to the many charitable organisations in which he takes a leading part. These are sad days for the Jewish people and the Rabbi feels keenly the terrible injustices being done to his people in many parts of the world to-day. He is intensely proud of his English nationality, knowing how just, free and tolerant the British race is in a world of hatred, malevolence and injustice. We voice the feelings of all Diggers in wishing this grand little gentleman a speedy recovery to health.

An appointment pleasing to Diggers was that of Mr. J. E. Watson, as superintendent of King's Park. Mr. Watson served with the 28th Battalion and has been a good member of the League since the war. King's Park is a sacred place for ex-service men with the State War Memorial and other war monuments, including the avenues of honour, and one of Mr. Watson's first official duties on taking over was to communicate with the League with offers of help and co-operation. The League is indebted to Mr. Heath, the late superintendent, for many kindnesses and for his care of the sacred war memorials. He was always courteous and helpful, and we wish him long life, health and happiness on behalf of all Diggers.

A souvenir that might have proved dangerous was noticed last month at St. Helier, Jersey. It was an eighteen-pound field gun shell, which had stood as an ornament on a shelf in an ex-service man's residence for twenty years. When someone noticed that it was a live shell, it was immediately handed over to the nearest military authorities.

For the month ending July 14, £113 was received at head office as donation and contributions to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. Since July 1 of last year, an amount of £2,869 has gone into the fund, which has now reached the total of £8,879. Altogether 72 sub-branches have now reported the appointment of stewards.

Since the last published report, the following donations have been received:-

**MAY LIST**

- Mt. Hawthorn auxiliary, £3; Carlisle, £1; Geraldton, 10/-; Kirup, £1; Dongarra, 8/-; Salvation Army, £3; Osborne Park, £7/-; Pinjelly, £1/10/-; West Swan, £1/14/-; Dowinj, £3/3/-; Bayswater auxiliary, £3/12/-; Williams, 5/-; York auxiliary, £1/1/-; Rose Brook-Ross Glen, £20; Mt. Palmer, 16/-; Nedlands, £1/10/-; S. Teague, £1/1/-; Northcliffe, 10/-; Yandanoopa, £1/1/-; Geraldton auxiliary, £3/3/-; Midland Junction, £10; Marvel Loch auxiliary, £3/3/-; Narrogin, £2/8/-; Upper Swan, 9/-; Bassendean, £1/2/8/6; Victoria Park, £1/6/-; Bruck Rock, £4/0/6; Kojonup, £5/0/6; Yandanoopa (2nd) £1/1/-; Dangan-Qauiding auxiliary, £1/1/1/-; Kalgoorlie, £2/7/-; Norseman, £1/2/-; Gnowangerup auxiliary, £3; Girls' Chab, Carnamah, £4/4/-; Carnamah, £2/11/8; Coolup, £1/11/-; Norseman, 17/-; J. F. Riley, 10/-; Northampton, £1/6/-; Bassendean, £1/2/-; Nedlands, 21; Cowaramup, £3/4/6; Anzac Club Box, £1/3/2; Herne Hill, £10; Darling Range auxiliary, £1/9/5; West Leederville, £1/0/1/2; Nangarin, £2; women's auxiliary executive, £26; Dongarra, 14/-; Merredin, £2/9/-; Guildford, £1; Victoria Park, 19/-; Kondinin, £1/10/6; Bussestom, 17/-

**JUNE LIST**

- South African Veterans, Kalgoorlie Branch, £5; Kondinin, £1/0/6; Claremont (coupons), 18/-; Koorda, £2/14/-; Northam auxiliary, £5; South Cross (coupons), £1/11/-; Kalgoorlie, £1/14/-; Gutha, £1/12/-; Mosman Park, 7/-; Northcliffe, 5/-; Nannup, 15/-; Kelmscott, £3/3/-; Fremantle auxiliary, £5/5/-; Press, £3/11/-; Carlisle, £1/10/-; Mt. Helena, £1/5/-; Yannathan, £45; Balclutha, £2/-; Bayswater (coupons), £1/17/-; South Perth (coupons), £8; Merredin, 10/6; Claremont, £1/1/-; Kellerherrin, £6/8/-; Manjimup, 45/-; Northam (coupons), £1/12/-; Narembeen, £1/10/-; Wyndham, £2/7/-; Coolup, £1;

- Mundaring (coupons), 10/-; Busselton, £1/15/-; West Swan, 9/-; Anonymous, £1/3/-; Nedlands, 1/-; West Leederville, £1/15/-; West Leederville (Mrs. Tremain), £1/5/6; Williams (coupons), 12/-; Cottesloe, £3/18/-; Boyup Brook (Upper Blackwood Road Board), £1/1/-; Boyup Brook, £1/5/-; Dongarra (coupons), 4/-; Returned Nursery, 1/-; Merredin, 1/-; West Swan, 13/-; Kalgoorlie, £1/2/6; Bruce Rock, £2/12/9; Cowaramup, £5/10/6/.

The following new stewards have been appointed:-


Just as we were going to press we were advised by the State secretary that he had received a cheque from the York sub-branch for £49/0/6. This is the result of a Grand Ball held in York at which His Excellency and Lady Mitchell attended. This is a splendid effort.

**RESTORATION OF SIGHT**

At the recent meeting of the Federal executive, a resolution was carried urging—

That the Repatriation Commission be requested to investigate the matter of restoring sight to the blind.

The following letter was received from the chairman Repatriation Commission:

In reply to your letter of May 21, 1938, I have to advise that the form of operative treatment mentioned in the newspaper cutting enclosed with your letter has been known to the medical advisers of the Commission for some years. The particular operation is known as Keratoplasty and, as a matter of fact, some two years ago an investigation was conducted—from the files—of blinded ex-soldiers in one State to ascertain whether a suitable case for this operation could be discovered. The ophthalmic surgeon who acts as consultant to the Commis-

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A Sub-Branch Scribe’s Confession to Other Sub-Branch Scribes

"He went in like a Lion, but came out like a Lamb." You know the old song, don't you? It's not quite applicable, but he did come out "converted."

I called on the Editor recently really to find out why some of the stuff sent down by me had not appeared in The Listening Post, and after a very interesting and instructive chat with him I came to the conclusion that the other point of view was really of greater importance. Let me explain: Some of the stuff we sent down was not worth publishing, some was tripe, most of it was of little interest to our own sub-branch and not of any interest to other sub-branches.

The Listening Post is our paper, and to get the best out of it it must be of interest to all the members of all the sub-branches and also, as far as possible, of interest to the general public.

I am glad I went. Perhaps you will do the same and if, you do, I think you will come away as I did: determined to do all you can for our paper. By helping our paper you are helping our League. Let us try and make it a more vital part of our organisation. Read it. It's getting better and better, always worth reading, and a thing worth reading is always worth passing on. Try and get outside subscribers. If every sub-branch gets half a dozen subscribers it would help a little in bringing its financial side a little nearer to its literary merits. It does not pay and it should.

My short visit was not only instructive from a League point of view, but very interesting from a printing viewpoint. I was shown this process of colour poster printing where linoleum is used for the block. To say the least it is clever and ingenious. I keep my eye skinned for them now. Have a look at the covers of the last few Listening Posts; see the Empire Shopping Week posters. Amongst the many modern printing machines I was shown there is none more wonderful than the linotype. All the machines to me are weird, and remarkable was a perforating machine made in England in 1825; 103 years old and still going strong and as good and as efficient as the 1938 model.

You must have stacks of stuff you can send in that would interest all the other sub-branches. You have little stories that would make every Digger in the State hold his sides with laughter. Surely that would be worth while, and every Digger has some interesting reminiscences to tell. Help our paper by sending them in.

There is one job I would not have and that's the Editor's: and that makes me appreciate his difficulties all the more and makes my very best wishes for his success and the success of our paper all the more sincere.

On their own showing, the Americans have bungled their pensions system, though it must be admitted that the errors have all been on the side of generosity; so much so that the pensions system has become what the Americans themselves would call a great pensions ramp. In addition to pensions paid to veterans of the Great War, the United States Government is still paying Civil War pensions, and even pensions on account of earlier wars. An attempt to remedy the position was made in March, 1933, when an Economy Act cleared the rolls of vast numbers of undeserving pensioners, and resulted in an annual saving of 300 million dollars. Even so, Uncle Sam's annual pensions bill is for a colossal amount. There is now a concerted drive among veterans' organisations to bring back the undeserving pensions, and to spread the pension system into entirely new categories. The movement is being vigorously opposed by the National Economy League of the United States. This organisation declares that any veteran who suffered physically through war service deserves generous treatment, and so do widows of fallen soldiers and dependent children, but the National Economy League is opposed to paying hundreds of millions of dollars to veterans who came through the war unscathed.

On Sunday, May 29, Memorial Day was observed in all American military cemeteries in Europe. More than 30,000 graves were decorated. There are six American cemeteries in France, one in England and another in Belgium. At each one of them, appropriate ceremonies were held by American ex-service men, in cooperation with their British, French and Belgian comrades. A religious service was held in the American Cathedral in Paris, and at noon the United States Ambassador, Mr. William C. Bullitt, placed a wreath on the tomb of France's Unknown Soldier. Memorial Day was observed on May 30, the actual day, throughout the United States, but in Europe it is commemorated on the nearest Sunday.

"Yairs," said Blue, as he leaned against the bar in the canteen last night, "These 'ere vocational diseases are all mixed up in our regiment. The Colonel's got clergyman's sore throat, an' the Riding Master's got housemaid's knee, an' the Padre's got brewer's goitre."

"R.A.N." writes: Cane chairs, however comfortable in shape, are apt to be a little cold at this time of the year. Sister Roberts, or "Our Little Sister," as she is affectionately known by patients of Ward XI of the Perth Hospital, tells me she is anxious to make the rest room more like home for the boys. She would like some cushions for those cane chairs; so now the sales are on, what about a remnant to cover that old cushion you hardly use? You may take it up to theward yourself and use the opportunity of looking up one of the old unit; or it may be left at the main entrance addressed to ward XI. Many thanks.
The secretary of the Kalgoorlie women's auxiliary recently received a letter from a member of the old auxiliary which functioned in Kalgoorlie some years ago. The president and secretary called on her and found an interesting old lady, who, did valuable work during the war, by knitting 600 pairs of socks, amongst other things. Although this gallant old lady is almost an invalid, she takes a keen interest in auxiliary matters, so that it has been decided to ask her to become an honorary member.

At the meeting on July 1, the secretary read a letter from the hon. secretary of the Aero Club, asking if the women's auxiliary would undertake the catering for a big ball to be held on September 3 in honour of the Flying Corps men who will be staging an aerial pageant in connection with the Back to the Goldfields Month. As the proceeds from this ball will go entirely to the Flying Doctor Scheme, a cause which our women have very much at heart, the meeting unanimously decided to accede to this request.

An English weekly relates a new one about the Duke of Windsor. The story goes that the Duke was partnering a lady at tennis, and the lady complained, "Your Royal Highness, you keep moving too far to the left." "Indeed," the Duke replied, "That's what Baldwin is always telling me."

Herbert Fuller, a British ex-service man, aged 32 years, who was wounded on Gallipoli, was one of those presented to the King and Queen when Their Majesties visited Bury last May. Three hours afterwards he dropped dead while telling his wife about it.

Armand Console, the well-known cinema photographer, lost a leg in the war. Taking pictures at Aldershot recently, he found that the army machines were moving too quickly for him. He adjusted his artificial leg so that he could move faster himself. "Cripes," exclaimed a Tommy who had witnessed the adjustment, "They've even mechansised him!"

While the Japanese Press was indulging in a hymn of hate against Britain, one paper declared that British soldiers were effeminate. "They take daily baths, shave regularly and learn their marches in dance halls to modern music." It's rather like Ginger Mick's amazed ejaculation about his platoon mate. "He wears pyjamas an' he cleans his teeth."

Mr. Thomas F. Coen, of 5233 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, writes: I am writing this with the hopes that you may be able to help me locate a friend of mine who was in the Australian Army during the late war, and whom I met in July, 1918, when I was with the American forces. I was a sergeant in the 131st Infantry, and on July 4, 1918, I was hit and in pretty bad shape at Hamel when some unknown Australian soldier of the 44th Battalion was kind enough to take care of me. At that time he told me his name, but said to call him "Sandy," and that is all I know him by. The Australians were a fine, grand body of real men and the best fighters and Buddies we met in all of Europe. I would like very much to locate this man, and so for that reason I was told to write to your organisation, for you may be able to help me. I belong to the 33rd Div. War Veterans' Association, which has a membership of about 25,000, and at all of our Division reunions it would do you good to hear the men all speak so highly of the Australians and praise them as men and fearless fighters. We all think you are the best of the better, and if you or any of your Buddies ever come to the U.S.A., please do not hesitate to come to the 33rd Div. War Veterans' Associa-

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F. T. A. Lovegrove, who passed away
suddenly at his residence at Crawley on
the evening of June 24. The late doctor
served with the 4th Field Ambulance
(A.A.M.C.) and in other capacities
during the Great War. Since his return to
Australia he was always a staunch friend
to the Digger and particularly to the
dependents of the fallen in his capacity
of a foundation member of the Perth
Legacy Club. Among his many activities
he found time to take an active part in
the affairs of the Claremont sub-branch
and he was a strong supporter of the
Claremont Football Club. Only recently
he relinquished the Commissionership
of the Boy Scouts. The funeral took place
in the Anglican portion of the Karrakatta
Cemetery on June 27. The late
Dr. Lovegrove was a familiar and popu-
lar figure in the social and professional
life of the city.

Scabbards Off!

(A By PIP TOK)

A report from Glasgow mentions that
the celebration of the Battle of the Boyne
caused clashes in Greenock, during which
the police made baton charges and arrest-
ed several persons. As one who had an-
cestors fighting on both sides at the Boyne
it has always been a mystery to me why
anyone should worry about that old
scrimmage in these allegedly enlightened
days. The Boyne was not even the de-
 cisive battle of a campaign that was only
a side issue in the Great War of those
days. It was fought during a struggle
for the Irish throne by two foreign claim-
ants, neither of whom had a shadow of
right to it. The battle was waged be-
tween two armies of foreign mercenaries,
aided and abetted by a few Irishmen on
either side, who were there, presumably,
to save the affair from degenerating into
a vulgar brawl. Even the date of the
celebration is incorrect. The Boyne was
fought on July 1, 1690, Old Style. The
dropping of eleven days from the calen-
dar during the eighteenth century would
bring the date to July 11, not July 12,
the day on which modern clergymen, who
are pacifists for the rest of the year,
bleat in celebration of a battle that had very
little historical importance.

In one of his recent utterances, Mr.
George Bernard Shaw said that Viscount
Grey, and not Kaiser Wilhelm, was re-
 sponsible for the Great War. Mr. Shaw
argues that the war happened because
Viscount Grey did not know his own
mind. It would be invidious, of course,
to draw a parallel between Viscount
Grey and Mr. Chamberlain.

A contemporary publication declared
that Herr Hitler aimed at gaining control
of the Danube from its source in the
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Mrs. Helen Willard of Weymouth has suggested the establishment of peace zones on islands off the coast of Britain, where children might be parked out of the reach of hostile raiders and poison gas. The idea might be a sound one, if there were any guarantee that a potential enemy would respect a peace zone. The only people likely to make war these days are the very ones who would single out neutral zones for attention, believing that the quickest way to victory is reducing non-combatants to a state of nervous collapse.

A report from Canberra states that Mr. Lyons has written to England for the latest oil about the British Government's national fitness campaign. With all due respect to the British Government's very comprehensive scheme, Australia could still have shown the world something in this regard, but for the suspension of the compulsory military training. The brightest feature of that scheme was the training in national fitness that it provided, under an arrangement by which the Defence authorities were the connecting link between the educational authorities of the several States. When compulsory training went, that link was snapped. The Education Departments carried on with their own instructors; but the Western Australian department's physical training specialist retired a few years ago, and no one has been appointed in his place. A little while ago, the Director deplored the falling-off in the physique of the local school boys, but the State Government, like the Commonwealth, has neglected to provide the obvious remedy. The Western Australian department's difficulty in this respect is accentuated by the fact that all the qualified P.T. instructors in its employ are now either too old for the job or they are drawing bigger salaries than the department would be prepared to pay a mere specialist.

One who is now very prominent in the public life of Australia was once a corporal in a Victorian militia regiment. One day a colleague noticed a photograph of the corporal above the Minister's desk and commented on it. "Yes," replied the Minister, "I was in the forces before the war." "Ah," replied his colleague, "Another promising military career wrecked by the war."

An American commentator on international affairs asks what would happen if Mr. Chamberlain were to say "Boo" to Herr Hitler. It might be a good idea if Mr. Chamberlain were to find that out for himself.

A London newspaper states that in Lutheran missionaries newly arrived in New Guinea from Germany are teaching mission school children to give the Nazi salute and shout "Heil, Hitler!" That, however, does not worry the Commonwealth Government. The main concern in Canberra is to prevent Mr. Hughes from offending the German Consul-General by saying that Australia should retain New Guinea.

Judge Foster, the Victorian Judge who once announced from the Bench that there was no Hell, and who recently created an outcry because he was not allowed to say what he liked over the air, has just resigned his chairmanship of the Victorian branch of the League of Nations Union. In contrast with his former attitude, he says that it is not advisable for a member of the Bench to become associated with political controversy.

A writer in The New Statesman, a London-weekly which is the Gospel according to pale pink professors and Leftist leader-writers, accuses Mr. Chamberlain of selling the pass to the totalitarian Powers. The accusation seems unjust. Had Mr. Chamberlain sold the pass, or anything else, he would have received something in return. Mr. Chamberlain's fault seems to be his inclination to give everything away.

A Scottish correspondent sends me the following: In Scotland a child calls a piece of bread and butter "a piece" and workmen talk about taking a "piece" for their dinner hour. When a well-known pacifist visited the Glasgow Exhibition and asked a girl attendant the way to the Peace Pavilion, the wee lass inquired: "Is it sandwiches you'll be wanting?"

Recently, a local paper reported the arrival in Australia of the bull Mr. J. MacCallum Smith purchased from the King. That should be a help to the member for North Perth in preparing his future election speeches.

ANOTHER VIEW OF WINSTON CHURCHILL

BY H. B. GATES

I have read the article on Winston Churchill by my friend, Captain Collins. I know a little about Winston and would like to make a few remarks. As an Englishman, I am prepared to criticise my fellow Englishman when necessary.

Let us admit that Winston has talents. Unfortunately he also suffers, or did suffer, from vanity and impatience. So did his father, Lord Randolph, who on a certain occasion "forgot Goschen" and thereby wrecked his own political career. The peculiarities of the Churchills offer an interesting study in heredity: the talent derives from the first Duke of Marlborough, the impatience and vanity from the first Duchess, Sarah, who quarrelled with Queen Anne and set up a sort of rival court. Marlborough House, now the usual residence of the Princes of Wales, is opposite St. James' Palace.

Coming to Winston's own history and taking certain events in chronological order:

1. C. R. C. says: "... he gave his dramatic order to the Navy as soon as he heard of the violation of Belgium's neutrality. 'Commence hostilities against Germany ...'" If this be true, it was absolutely unconstutitional; but as a matter of fact I don't believe it. Hostilities did not, in fact, begin until after Sir Edward Grey had made his historic speech, the Belgian Government had appealed to the British Government and the British Ambassador to Germany had been instructed to ask for his passports.

2. With regard to the ill-fated expedition to Antwerp: The raising of the so-called Naval division of foot-soldiers was absolutely irregular, and according to my reading, Kitchener protested strongly against it. It was a futile proceeding, since they had no proper infantry instruction. If it be true that Kit-

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Kitchener refused to make Winston a lieutenant-general to lead the expedition, I will offer my own explanation. Most people don't know that Kitchener had a strong sense of humour, though he usually controlled it. Sending Winston to Antwerp would have got him comfortably out of Whitehall. Possibly Kitchener foresaw that he would in that case be out of it for the duration. As to helping the Belgians, that is all bunk. The citizens of Antwerp did their best to get the Englishmen out of the city; they did not want their fine city treated as Ypres was treated. I don't blame them; we know now that an entrenched position in the open is better than a "walled city." Anyhow, the loss of two thousand first-class men interned in Holland (or was it four thousand?) was serious: if they had been kept at home till properly trained they might have been very useful. I was reading the London daily papers at this time, and I remember another little exploit of Winston's. There was a photo of Royal Marines digging trenches on the beach at Ostend. What they were going to do there I don't know. Actually they came away again, in time.

All these alleged diversions were definitely contrary to Kitchener's tactics. It is a matter of record that Kitchener impressed on General French the necessity of maintaining touch with the French line, and he even went over to France specially to impress this on the General.

3. Gallipoli. First of all there was a standing minute in the proceedings of the Naval General Staff that it was not practicable to force the Dardanelles with ships alone, but that adequate land forces would be required also. Jacky Fisher merely stood up for the united conclusion of a generation of naval experts. Secondly, Winston Churchill made a speech at Dundee in which he prophesied, with a flourish, that something was going to happen in the East which would change the face of the war. That was foolish, if you like. Thirdly, in February, Kitchener told Winston there were no troops available, but he could not wait after his Dundee speech. What was the consequence? In the Daily Mirror, about the end of February, were printed photographs of blue-jackets sitting or strolling around the ruins of Troy. At that time there was one Turkish battalion on Gallipoli. On the 25th April, how many were there? By impatience Winston had thrown the game away. It was thrown away again at Suvla, but that was Ian Hamilton's doing. Fourthly, Kitchener had another scheme which he would have put into practice had he not been interfered with. He intended to strike at Antioch where the Anatolian railway runs close to the coast, and there cut it. This stroke would have cut the whole effective Turkish Army from its source of supply, and in conjunction with the expected Arab revolt would have settled the business of the Turks for good. In this connection it is essential to read the first chapters of T. E. Lawrence's "Seven Pillars" in order to realise what an opportunity was lost. It is true that Gallipoli cost the Turks twice as many men as it cost the Allies, on the spot. But it cost the Allies far more than that in the long run. It cost us the entry of Bulgaria into the war, the breakdown of Serbia, Rumania and Russia, not to mention Bolshevism and perhaps Fascism.

All these things seem to me to flow from Winston's rash boast at Dundee.

(We will publish Captain Collins' reply to Mr. Gates in our next issue.)

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BACILLUS FOR WAR
BY S. J. CANTOR

"I don't suppose any of you fellows ever heard of Professor Andreas Nikola," remarked Malcolm Hudson one night when we were seated in the lounge room of the Returned Soldiers' Club. Malcolm, who was a lieutenant during the Great War, had just returned from an official visit to England. "Let us hear about him," suggested Matt. Fethers, an engaging sort of a person who once reached the rank of acting Lance-Corporal in the Army Medical Corps, but who had the reputation of being a reliable stretcher-bearer even under heavy fire.

"It is not a pleasant story, really, this business of nations arming for war," Lieut. Hudson began. "Bombs and poison gas are bad enough, but one never knows what else will be brought into the armory of war. Professor Nikola was engaged in the work of finding suitable bacilli to use in war. He found what he wanted. Bacillus X, he called it, a germ against which human beings had no resistance. There was one drawback, of course: in time one's own side would be affected; none the less there would be the element of surprise, as well as a 95 per cent. initial mortality among the enemy forces. It was worth the risk."

Matt. Fethers was thinking. He did that occasionally—that is, if he was interested, and anything medical interested him. "What happened after they found the germ?" he asked anxiously.

"I was coming to that," the Lieut. remarked. "I want to say first, however, that the Professor had two special assistants: the one, Rosa Carlotta, who was highly skilled in her work; the other, Lieut. Gordon Heathcote, of the British Intelligence Department, who had assumed the name of Gabelli. Heathcote was attached as a lieutenant to the Royal Navy, incidentally he was also a skilled bacteriologist. Likewise, I must add, he was head over heels in love with Rosa Carlotta."

The speaker paused. One had time to look round at the audience; men who had once leapt up the crags of Gallipoli, or fought resolutely on the blood-red fields of France. Now there was a halting peace, and the nations jealous and full of fear were again arming for war. Some greater League of Nations, some world commonwealth with power and authority was needed to keep the peace.

"I heard the story from Lieut. Heathcote himself," Malcolm resumed. "Some of the laboratory attendants became infected and a high State official ordered these to be shot. They would have died in any case, you know. The trouble was that all contacts were also marked to be shot, and Gabelli—that is, Lieut. Heathcote—was one of the contacts. Rosa decided, for her part, that her lover would not die. She contrived his escape from the locked room at the end of the laboratory; a case in which chemicals were stored played its part in that little drama. What mattered more lay in the fact that the young bacteriologist safely returned to England, utilised a culture tube containing Bacillus X for preventative research, ultimately finding a remedy. I was present when he and Rosa were married by special permission of the Admiralty on the quarter-deck of the grey battleship. Next day, the fleet put out for the Mediterranean. England and the Empire were safe and its people moved in peace."


"I heard a rumour that he got infected with bacillus and died. That news may be true or it may not," replied the Lieut. "All of which shows, as I remarked in the beginning, that this business of war is not a pleasant one; but it is one which must be faced by all of us until we in our wisdom learn to make a greater League of Nations and settle all disputes between the nations by peaceful means. Meanwhile, we must be thankful that one still has a sporting chance of survival in war until, perhaps, another bacillus for war will be placed at the disposal of some nation and war will wipe out man himself."

So the Lieut. finished his story, and each and every one of us was glad we lived in a country that was at peace.

P.M.G. Department: Creation of Permanent Positions for Temporary Returned Soldier Staff

With reference to the resolution which reads—

That as the work of the P.M.G.'s Department has necessitated a constantly increasing staff, it is the opinion of this congress that permanent positions should be created or revived where they have been allowed to lapse and that such positions be filled by eligible returned soldiers on the temporary staff.

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The Sons of Soldiers' League competitions have reached the semi-final stage. The points won are as follows: Mt. Hawthorn, 17; West Leederville, 14; South Perth, 13; Victoria Park, 8; Claremont, Cottesloe and Midland Junction, each 6; Perth, 4; Press, nil. In accordance with past practice, No. 1 team will play No. 3, and No. 2 team will played No. 4. Therefore, the first semi-final will be between Mt. Hawthorn and South Perth sub-branches and will take place in the supper room of Anzac House at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, August 1. The second semi-final will be played between West Leederville and Victoria Park sub-branches, and will take place in the supper room of Anzac House on Monday, August 8, at 7.30 p.m. The final will be played in the supper room of Anzac House on Monday, August 15, at 7.30 p.m., and if a challenge match is necessary, Mt. Hawthorn having that right, this will be played in the supper room of Anzac House on Monday, August 22, at 7.30 p.m. All members of the Sons of Soldiers' League are invited and are asked to contribute to refreshments.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WAR VETERANS

On June 29, a deputation of soldier members of the Federal Parliament, headed by Major-General C. H. Brand and Colonel H. B. Collett, waited on the Minister for Repatriation (Senator H. S. Foll) and requested that Australian citizens who volunteered for and served in the South African War of 1899-1902 should be eligible for service pension.

A strong case for the veterans was put forward by the deputation and was favourably received by the Minister, who promised to submit the matter to the consideration of Cabinet.

Birthday Honour.—It was decided to place on record the deep appreciation of all League members of the honour that was conferred on the State president, in the recent Birthday Honours list. On behalf of the ex-service men and women of the State, the executive offered heartiest congratulations to Mr. Yeates, who suitably replied.

Empire and Local Trade.—Mr. Hastings Reid presented the report of the Empire and Local Trade Committee, and indicated the work performed by the committee during the recent Empire Shopping Week. The report was adopted and the thanks of the executive were conveyed to Mr. Reid. At a later stage, it was agreed that the good work of the committee be recorded, and that the women's auxiliary and each member of the committee be forwarded a letter of appreciation by the State president.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund.—Mr. Watt presented a report which revealed that the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund has now reached a total of £8,736.

Visits.—The following visits were reported: Colonel Olden, 28th battalion; Colonel Lamb, York sub-branch ball; Mr. Anderson, Victoria Park; Mr. Johnstone, Mornington Mills; Mr. 1st horn, Parkerville; Archdeacon Riley, Fremantle; Mr. Nicholas, Wards X and XI.

Anti-Gas Campaign.—It was decided that as many as possible attend the screening at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 19, and that the League's representatives be notified.

Annual Report: Muntadin Sub-Branch.—Muntadin-Totadgin submitted annual report and contents of resolution of appreciation of the State president, executive and staff. It was decided that the executive congratulate the sub-branch on excellent record of achievement.

Transfer of Land.—It was decided to accept the transfer of Lot 10, Ballidu, provided that provision is made against any liability on the part of the Western Australian Branch.

Anzac Day.—It was resolved that consideration be given to publishing of the policy of this branch of the League in order to combat propaganda designed to bring about an alteration of the method of celebration in this State.

Leaves.—Archdeacon Riley was granted leave of absence from the next meeting. June 29, 1938

At the meeting on June 29, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Panton, Anderson, Aberle, Hunt, Thorn, Warner, Cornell, Fairley, James, Freedman, Newman, Sten, Mitchell, Paton and Nicholas. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Keating, Collett, Clilp, Denton, Lamb, Olden, Potts, Johnstone and Austin.

Sympathy.—Delegates expressed sympathy with Colonel Denton in his recent accident and also hoped for his speedy recovery.

Condolence.—The secretary was asked to convey condolences to the relatives of the late Dr. Lovegrove and Sir Charles McNeill.

Reports: House Committee.—A report of the Committee meeting on June 23 was received and adopted. The report contained the recommendation that a certain amount of Anzac House be transferred to the redemption fund.

Trustees.—The trustees submitted a report concerning comforts for returned soldiers inmates of the Claremont Hospital for Insane. The report was adopted.

Visits.—Reports on visits were received as follows: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Hawthorn; Mr. Yeates, Norseman; Mr. Hunt, North-East. The members of the Collett, Kojonup, Donnybrook, Harvey and Carlisle; Colonel Lamb, Belmont.

Repatriation State Boards.—The Federal office advised that Mr. E. S. Watt had been appointed as State Board representative for two years from June 1938.

Federal Executive Meeting, 23rd August, 1938.—Mr. J. Cornell appointed to attend.

Anzac Day.—A communication from the Association of ex-Service Engineers and Allied Units, regarding the form of observance of Anzac Day, was agreed that this was a matter for Congress and should be submitted in a proper way through sub-branches.

Official Statement.—An official statement detailing the League's policy regarding Anzac Day was issued by the State president and was endorsed for submission to State Congress if necessary.

South African Veterans.—The Repatriation Department advised that the Commonwealth Government had approved that on and from May 13, 1938, a sum not exceeding £10 may be paid for burial expenses if a South African (Boer) War veteran dies in indigent circumstances. It was agreed that a copy of the communication be forwarded to the South African Veterans' Associations at Perth and Kalgoorlie.

Lazarette, Wooroloo.—South Perth sub-branch suggested the establishment of a trust fund to provide comfort for ex-service men in the lazarette. The matter was left in the hands of the State secretary to explain the executive did not think such a course was justified, in view of the fact that only two men were concerned.

Sub-Branch Official.—The appointment of secretary as advised by Wiluna sub-branch confirmed.

Healthcare.—A communication from the Nundrov sub-branch regarding the appointment of another fully trained nurse at this institution received and referred to the Chief Secretary.

Donation: Fruit.—Advice concerning the despatch of cases of fruit by Mr. Barker sub-branch and Manjimup sub-branch received and the State secretary was instructed to convey the executive's appreciation to both sub-branches.

Send-Off to Archdeacon Riley.—It was agreed that a farewell be extended to Archdeacon Riley in the ballroom of Anzac House on Wednesday, July 13. As this was an executive meeting night, it was agreed that we meet at 6.30 p.m. The executive also agreed to tender a farewell dinner to Archdeacon Riley on August 8.
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ALBANY

Mr. E. Y. Butler presided over the monthly meeting on June 2. Among the correspondence was a letter from the secretary of the Albany S.S.L., enclosing the donation of a guinea to the Memorial Gardens. Nominations for office-bearers were received. Only in the case of the vice-presidents and the management committee did the number of nominations exceed that of the officers required. The voting for these offices was deferred until the July meeting. The following officers were elected unopposed: President, M. H. Carson; secretary, W. F. Hall; treasurer, S. J. Barrow; auditor, L. S. Barnett; assistant secretary, publicity officer, steward for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund and delegate to the Free Milk Council, Syd. Coles; entertainment committee, Messrs. J. E. Page, W. Green, H. Pearson, H. R. Bennett. The ex-Imperials' committee was granted permission and the use of the hall for a meeting of all ex-Imperials. The sub-branch agreed to defray the cost of publicity and advertising. The president and Mr. W. F. Hall were deputed to ascertain the views of local doctors on the proposal to form a local medical board for examining special cases. The meeting gratefully acknowledged the donation of many war-time photographs, German and Australian, from Mr. Milne, late of Kojonup.

The elections were concluded at the annual meeting on July 2, when Messrs. A. H. Richardson and Rex Hall were elected vice-presidents. In his report, the retiring president mentioned that the sub-branch had lost 38 members during the year, but there were still 141 financial members. The financial statement disclosed a healthy position. It was decided to purchase a typewriter for the use of the secretary and to make the following donations: Presentation to Archdeacon Riley (one guinea), Progress and Pastimes Club, Woorooloo (one guinea), Albany Blind Appeal (one guinea). The special sub-committee appointed to inquire into the disabilities of Imperial ex-service men has put in much hard work, and members are communicating with friends in the Old Country to have the position placed before members of the House of Commons.

Certain items will be submitted to this year's State congress, and an Imperial ex-service man will be one of the sub-branch's delegates. Some amusement was caused when a summary court-martial (we almost spelt it courtship martial) was held on Sammy Barrow. He was charged with getting married without leave. He explained his absence by accepting a silver tea set from his coherers in the sub-branch. The new secretary commenced his year of office with an accident that involved the loss of the end of a finger. The assistant secretary carried on in his absence.

COLLIE

At a recent meeting, advice was received from the Defence Department that it was not intended to form a military unit in Collie, but that, if it was decided to so at a future date, the sub-branch would be informed. The secretary reported that he had been one of the deputation that waited on the Minister for Education during the Minister's recent visit. Members attended the annual reunion of the Mornington Mills sub-branch. Messrs. May and Stuchbury represented the sub-branch at the recent meeting of No. 1 District Committee. It was resolved that the sub-branch co-operate with the women's auxiliary in holding a Scotch concert and gala night.

WYNDHAM

Wyndham sub-branch, through the energetic secretary (Mr. H. A. Harrison) who served with the 2nd Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, in a recent report to head office, states that financial membership is now approaching the 40 mark and all Diggers in the back country have been circularised. They have contributed £5 5/- to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund and a further £2 2/- to meet the expenses of the late General Sir Talbot Hobbs' portrait which is hung in Anzac House. The sub-branch members have voluntarily undertaken the erection of concrete crosses for the graves of Diggers interred in the local cemetery and eight crosses have been made and will soon be fixed in position. They are having a symbol for the opening of sub-branch meetings, prepared in the city, which is being undertaken by a former member, Mr. Tomlin, of the Commonwealth Department of Commerce. The sub-branch also intends to have a reunion of its members in Perth during the annual recess, when most of them return south. Sunday night after-church entertainments, including community singing, is carried out for the benefit of amelioration funds. At a recent meeting the following officials were elected: President, Mr. R. B. Walker; vice-president, Mr. T. E. Smith; secretary, Mr. H. A. Harrison; auditor, Mr. J. Cook; trustees, Messrs. T. B. George and I. Martin.

CLAREMONT

The monthly meeting of the Claremont sub-branch was held in the Parish Hall on July 7, the president (Mr. C. H. Briggs) being in the chair. Messrs. Davies, Abercrombie and Jacques were elected warden and sub-wardens to the S.S.L. for the ensuing 12 months. Mr. W. Lidbury is at present an inmate of the Lucknow Hospital and is progressing very favourably; we hope he will be back again very shortly. In the A.R.M.S. games last month, Claremont beat Mount Park 10-0 and lost to Como 6-4. Claremont played Subiaco at Subiaco; Claremont lost again, 10-0, but had a splendid evening there; every game was played in a most sportsman-like spirit. Subiaco served up a very nice supper. Claremont has lost a very keen supporter in the late Lieut.-Colonel Dr. F. Lovegrove, and he will be sadly missed by fellow members of the sub-branch.

NO. 1 DISTRICT COMMITTEE

At the meeting on June 6, delegates expressed grave concern and resentment at the tone of the Commonwealth Auditor-General's recent annual report, especially those portions of it which seemed to reflect on the Entitlement Tribunal, and to threaten its future existence. A resolution asking that the League present this matter to the Minister for Repatriation, with the object of safeguarding the interests of A.I.F. ex-service men, has been forwarded to the State executive. Item No. 39 of last year's State congress was discussed and will be resubmitted this year. It was considered that a precis of the debate of an item rejected by the Federal congress should be furnished. Item 97, which was also rejected by the Federal congress, was again discussed. It was emphasised that no criticism or censure was implied by the motion. Those whose disabilities have been accepted as war-caused have admittedly been well-treated, but great difficulty is experienced in getting the Commission to accept cases which are considered due to war service. Delegates discussed the alarming housing shortages in rural areas, and the need for more workers' homes in country centres. This need will form the subject of a congress item this year. The next meeting will be held on the second Monday in September, when items for the congress agenda will receive attention.

NO. 2 DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The annual meeting of the No. 2 District Committee was held at Traralgon on June 26. Representatives from Wyalkatchem, Kununoppin, Bencubbin, Korda, Traralgon, Mallerin, Beacon and Nungarin were present. Mr. E. Rice presided. A discussion took place on augmenting the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund and several suggestions for raising funds were made. The general opinion was that there should be a definite scheme for the administration of the Fund and that the amount to be raised should be published to stimulate more interest in the movement.

SUBIACO

At the general meeting on July 7, a considerable amount of business was transacted. Mr. Skinner reported on bridge evenings and, in a rousing speech, induced half a dozen
members to subscribe provisions towards the relief of distressed bridge players. The following dates, if Subiaco members will refer to their calendars, are Saturday evenings and are also bridge evenings, namely, July 30 and August 13. Reports were made on various subjects by various speakers. Inspired by the piteous plight of the table tennis experts, Mr. Southcott offered to shout the sub-branch new bats, for which our best thanks are due. The arrival of Mr. Jackson seems to indicate the advent of a minstrel troupe and the boys are watching developments with interest.

CARLISLE

Over 30 members attended the annual meeting on July 7. The main business of the evening was the election of officers. The president (Mr. H. R. Crofts), secretary (Mr. G. Greaves) and the treasurer (Mr. L. Gilson) were elected without opposition. Other officers elected were: vice-presidents, Messrs. Bowkett, Manners, Marshall, We Sco tt, Nicol and Wunderburg. The annual report was drawn to the attention of Subiaco members will refer to their calendars.

NORTH PERTH

The election of officers at the general meeting on June 20 resulted as follows: President, Mr. W. L. Menkens; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Davy and F. Stahl, immediate past president, Mr. S. Dival; secretary, Mr. H. Rigg; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Lang; treasurer, Mr. C. Jago; trustees, Messrs. J. Middleton, J. Wilson and H. Massey; committee, Messrs. E. Bass, W. J. Coombes, A. J. Hawkins, L. Holliday, L. J. McDowell, J. Nicholl, J. G. Rankin and H. Troughton; auditors, Messrs. L. J. McDowell and J. Yuille; publicity officer and editor of "The Green Envelope," Mr. W. L. Menkens.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

Rabbi Friedeman was a welcome guest at the June meeting, which he attended in his official capacity as chairman of the State executive's membership committee. The annual smoke social on June 30 was a most enjoyable function. Several speakers complimented the sub-branch on the table decorations, which reflected great credit on the women's auxiliary members, who had supplied them.

The social committee, under the guidance of Mr. George Williams, looked after the personal comforts of everyone. Songs by Messrs. Inch and Evans and other items by the Victoria Park Novelty Instrumental Band were greatly appreciated. Alec Torrance and his minstrels led the community singing and were in top form with individual items. The guests of honour included the Minister for Works (Hon. H. Millington, M.L.A.), the Minister for Health (Hon. Alex. Panton, M.L.A.), Mr. Jim Anderson (representing the State executive), the Lord Mayor (Mr. C. Harper), Councillors Caddy and Beadle and delegates from other sub-branches. The junior vice-president (Mr. Jim Morton) proposed the State executive. In his response, Mr. Jim Anderson gave an interesting account of his visit to Sydney last Anzac Day. Both Ministers responded to the toast of Parliament which was ably proposed by Mr. Charlie Fisher. Mr. Fisher also proposed the Perth City Council, and the Lord Mayor signalled his first visit to the sub-branch by making a very feeling response. He was supported by his two colleagues, Councillors Caddy and Beadle. The president of West Leederville (Mr. G. E. Timmell) and Mr. R. Maxwell, of Subiaco, replied to Mr. Gawn's toast of Visiting Sub-Branches. Messrs. Stockmin and Williams paid the customary tributes to the artists and the chairman. Since the A.R.M.S. stalwarts went down to Perth, they have annexed the scalps of Yokine, Mosman Park and Cottesloe. The Friday night dances continue their career of success. Ted Damon,

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as M.C., reports good attendances. The community concerts, competed by Councillor Caddy, are also drawing good houses. Working bees have almost completed the secretary's office in the basement of the hall. The neon light in front, which is also the result of voluntary labour, looks well.

**MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD**

Fifteen new members were recipients of a hearty welcome to our monthly general meeting on July 7. The total number of 222 members; and still they come. The evening concluded with a Diggers' sing-song by the members, Trooper Harry Street as social secretary urging them on to highest flights of vocal effort, assisted at the piano by Jim Burnham, Will Lovell, Jack Kenny, Ted Bewsher (king of imitators), George Barham on the good old concertina, and Frank Chambers as baritones, falsettos (there were a lot of false starts) and other scientific names accorded to entertainers. Members stood in silence in memory of Bob Carr and E. O. C. Newdegate, who had both answered the last roll call during the week.

The first social was a distinct success from every point of view, and another will be held on August 6. Plans are in formation for a huge bridge night and a children's ball is also mooted. More are in healthy state.

The sub-branch is making a bold bid for the Newdegate Cup this year. The sports teams are still in a winning mood in the A.R.M.S. games, our last victims being good old Kalamunda (it takes the outer suburban game, our last victims being good old Mundaring (it takes the outer suburban games, our last victims being good old Mundaring (it takes the outer suburban games), and are the weak links. They are the weak links. Members were concerned at the news of the illness of our member, Rabbi Freedman, and it is hoped he will be on deck very shortly.

**OSBORNE PARK**

The annual meeting was held on July 6 and was fairly well attended. The following officers were elected: President, W. Ashdown; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. Foreman and R. Parker; secretary, D. Milar; treasurer, J. Garner; auditors, Messrs. F. Stephens and H. Cook; trustees, Messrs. J. J. Nicoll and R. F. Cockett. The secretary's report disclosed a credit balance of £15/19/7 and that total assets were valued at £677.

The most successful function was a Military Ball from which the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund benefited to the extent of £7/7/-.

**PERTH**

The most notable feature of the sub-branch activities is the increased attendance at general meetings and the keen interest taken in the subjects discussed. A recent visitor was a member from the Capel sub-branch, who promised to send a consignment of fruit for the hospitals and institutions. The Perth sub-branch will see the distribution of the fruit. We see that interest is being taken in the welfare of returned soldier inmates of Claremont Asylum. During the month of June, the sub-branch inaugurated the much discussed ladies' committee.

**KALGOORLIE**

It is with regret that we report the death of four returned soldiers during June: Norm Tippett, J. Butler, J. A. Allan and J. Doran. The sub-branch membership now stands at 502. On June 1 a new caretaker, W. D. Horik, took over the duties from H. M. Mitchell, who had acted in that capacity for the past eleven years. During the month we lost one of our vice-presidents, Padre Herbert, who left for England. For the past three years he has done wonderful work as hospital visitor, carrying on alone after the departure last year of E. G. Flanagan. Both are sadly missed.

A farewell evening was tendered to the Padre and the R.S.L. was crowded with well wishers. He was presented with a wallet (and contents) by the assembly. He and his wife also received many gifts from members, of whom they had many. At the June general meeting, Mr. Baldie gave an illustrated lecture on life in New Guinea, which was much appreciated by the large audience.

The Back to Goldfields Month gives promise of being an outstanding success. The organiser is a Digger (Mr. C. Bader), who is well known in the city, and he is doing a great job up here. The R.S.L. will be well to the fore with two productions by the Comedy Company in race week. They are the "Midnight Watch" and a programme called "94.5". This is a comedy mystery and should be popular.

The September meeting will be a special one to welcome visiting Diggers, so all returned men who visit the goldfields for the month should get in touch with the secretary of Kalgooite sub-branch at the Institute. In conjunction with Boulder, we have also put forward a candidate for the "Miss Goldfields" competition: Miss Dossie Donaldson, daughter of Cyril Donaldson, who went East with the men. Mr. H. May has been busy with pension matters and some successes have been gained. Great concern is expressed at the number of sick members at the present time, and many old faces being missed at meetings. We expect to have a big roll up on some occasions when the weather brightens up, but as it has been too cold for many members to venture out. An invitation was received for members to visit Mornington on the occasion of their reunion, which was held on June 28, and a car load of men journeyed over and had a jolly evening at "Collie Cottage". The member for Mornington in time for tea and then spent some time looking over the new mill, which is in course of construction. A very pleasant evening was spent. For he's a jolly good fellow, terminated a thoroughly enjoyable night spent amongst fellow comrades who showed the true meaning of comradeship.

The secretary and Mr. H. May attended, as delegates, the No. 1 District Committee meeting which was held in Brunswick on June 6. The Hon. Minister for Education (Mr. Wise) was seen recently in connection with technical education at the Collie High School, and the secretary, together with Mr. I. A. Marshall, a vice-president, were elected to represent the sub-branch on the deception, which resulted in satisfaction.

**COLLIE**

The boys have been intensifying their activities during the past month, as there has been a Queen competition amongst the leading associations of Collie, and the sub-branch, with the Auxiliary, have been working hard so as to bid a Queen to the head of the list. This has been managed, as the R.S.L. Queen is holding first place at the present time. The new president (Mr. A. F. Lawrie) has been particularly busy and has put in some very good words. A Scotsman has been organised by the committee and proved to be a great success. One function which everyone enjoyed was the pageant, in which all the Queens took part, representing the various organisations to which they belonged. Many wild and weird costumes were seen on this occasion. A great day eventuated. Mr. H. M. May has been busy with pension matters and some successes have been gained. Great concern is expressed at the number of sick members at the present time, many old faces being missed at meetings.

The meeting on Thursday, June 9, was regarded as satisfactory, nearly 40 being present. President Jock Mackenzie welcomed several of the locals. Trooper Bader has been working hard so as to bid a Queen Collie cottage ever since the sub-branch was formed at the Institute. In conjunction with Boulder, we have also put forward a candidate for the "Miss Goldfields" competition: Miss Dossie Donaldson, daughter of Cyril Donaldson, who went East with the cricketers last year. An enthusiastic committee member, Miss Donaldson, is the organiser. The first meeting and social held on June 10 was well attended, and it was decided to hold a social night on the third Tuesday of every month. It was further decided that the main hall in Monash House be made available for the ladies every Thursday afternoon for tea and cards.

The plan was left in the hands of the building committee. Considerable satisfaction was expressed at the announcement that £48/11/11 had been received as the sub-branch's share of the profits from the Sports Carnival, which was conducted by the sub-branch in conjunction with the Trotting Club. The meeting decided that the whole amount be placed in the Amelioration Fund. Some discussion ensued on the proposal that the proceeds of the forthcoming Armistice Night Ball be devoted to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. The meeting voted £5 to the fund, irrespective of any profit derived from the ball. In selecting the sub-branch's nominee for the office of State president, to be decided at the congress in October, the meeting voted heavily in favour of the re-election of Mr. All. Yeates. In the event of Mr. McCulloch seeking re-election, Colonel Olden proved to be Manjimup's second preference. As delegates to congress, President Jock Mackenzie and Past-President Bob Newton were elected. Jock Mackenzie gained his heart's desire when the members' ball for the Queen was held. He had a period of tense anxiety on the last day, but a couple of casual coots parted just in time to make the tally.
McKINLAY SHIELD COMPETITIONS

The following were the results of Rounds 4 and 5—

**Round 4**
- North Perth beat Claremont: 8-2
- West Leederville beat Cottesloe: 8-2
- Nedlands beat Maylands: 8-2
- South Perth beat Subiaco: 8-2
- Victoria Park received forfeit from Mosman Park: 10-0
- Mt. Hawthorn: bye.

**Round 5**
- South Perth beat Mt. Hawthorn: 6-4
- Subiaco beat Victoria Park: 6-4
- West Leederville beat Nedlands: 6-4
- Cottesloe beat North Perth: 6-4
- Maylands (forfeit from Mosman Park) vs. Claremont: bye.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

The Annual meeting was held on June 16. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. W. Kay; vice-presidents, Mesdames Bevan and Reader; honor. secretary, Mrs. Lee; treasurer, Mrs. J. Morton; trustees, Mesdames Stanton, Stockman and Wooding; social committee, Mesdames Stockman, Richie, Bevan, Richardson, Moore, Fields, Fawcett, Wooding and Hayes; publicity officer and librarian, Mrs. W. James. During the evening presentations were made to the president, secretary and treasurer. Regret was expressed at the motor accident which had befallen Mr. and Mrs. Cropper, and all wished them a speedy recovery. The dances and community concerts are a great success, having packed houses every time. A Diggers’ Daughter’s Club has been formed at the request of our sub-branch and all Diggers’ daughters in the district are welcome. If Dad is not a member of the sub-branch, bring him along and we will soon see that he is enrolled.

BEVERLEY

The patients from Lemnos and Edward Millen hospitals were entertained by the Beverley women’s auxiliary on Sunday, June 12. A drive to Bibra Lake and back to Keough’s Hall preceded high tea. Mrs. V. Stockman, in behalf of Beverley, welcomed the guests. Mrs. Randall thanked the hostesses. Mrs. H. Hopperston thanked the car drivers. Mr. McKeever spoke on behalf of Lemnos and Mr. Randall replied for the car drivers. Mr. Sam Foster, on behalf of Edward Millen Home, presented Mrs. Stockman with two sandwich trays to be forwarded to Beverley auxiliary. He also presented Mrs. Hopperston with a large tray made by the patients. A bright musical programme was presented by Mrs. H. Daw, the Harmony Duo, Messrs. Fred Barry, Jack Harding. “Barney” Green, Jock Inch and Bill Bates. The following were thanked for lending their cars: Mrs. Newton, Messrs. Bennett, Randall, Lidbury, Purdy, Bill Bateman, Jack Hamley, J. M. Williams, Rogers and, by courtesy of Sydney Atkinson, Messrs. Giles and Pat Newman.

KALGOORLIE

One of our biggest efforts for the year was called for on May 25, when we were asked by the sub-branch to do the catering for the Anzac Ball. This event was an outstanding success this year, the net profit from it exceeding that of last year by about $10. The women felt that much of its success was due to their sterling efforts in the catering department. Almost 500 people sat down to a supper prepared entirely by the auxiliary members from foodstuffs donated by the tradespeople of Kalgoorlie. Another successful bridge evening, held on June 3, helped to swell our general funds. At the June monthly meeting, Mrs. Buttle and Mrs. Webster were chosen as our representatives to do hospital visiting. Mrs. Buttle reported at the general meeting on July 1 that three patients had been visited, two being members of our own branch, Mrs. Foxtom and Mrs. Barber, and the third a soldier’s widow from Kununurra. To all of these sick ones we extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery. It was decided at the June monthly meeting to hold a series of dances and bridge evenings on alternate fortnights, commencing on July 15. The proceeds from this function will go to swell the funds of the R.S.L. candidate for the “Miss Golden Fleece” competition during the racing meet in August and September. Miss Dossie Donaldson will represent the Kalgoorlie sub-branch.

CLAREMONT

The annual general meeting was held on Friday, July 1. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. B. Cooke; vice-presidents, Mesdames Lidbury and Guley; secretary, Miss F. Bryant (unopposed); treasurer, Mrs. Lee (unopposed); amelioration officers, Mesdames Ingram and Fuller; publicity officer, Mrs. B. Cooke.

VICTORIA PARK

In addition to the monthly visits to the Edward Millen Home, the patients were entertained on a recent Sunday afternoon by members of the Victoria Park Variety Band, under the leadership of Mr. Falkard. The programme was much enjoyed by all present. It was arranged by Mrs. Caldwell. At the annual meeting, Mrs. Tolmie was re-elected president; Mesdames Taylor and Barnett, vice-presidents; Mesdames Freierman, Bach and Caldwell, trustees; Mr. J. H. Prace was re-elected hon. secretary (unopposed), L. Coleman, treasurer and publicity officer (unopposed), and the following committee was chosen: Mesdames F. Matthews, Martin, Primrose, J. Matthews, Haigh, Reed, Jennings, E. Lloyd, Wall, Stahl and Scrase. Mrs. White was re-elected refreshment officer. Mesdames Sally, Clackett and McIntosh acted as scrutineers. The raffle was won by Mrs. Scrase and after light refreshments the meeting was closed. The secretary was instructed to write in acknowledgment of Mr. H. Taylor’s valuable work in auditing our books. Appreciation was also expressed of the valuable services rendered on many occasions by the Victoria Park Novelty Band.

SOUTH PERTH

The annual meeting was held on June 17, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. H. Day (unopposed); vice-presidents, Mesdames Pike and Wilson; secretaries, Mrs. Orgill; treasurer, Mrs. Bramald; trustees, Mesdames Broad, Fawtread, Bonney; hospital committee, Mesdames Allen, Wilkinson, Ward, Linto, Stane, Bramald, Norris and Bonney; social committee, Mesdames Wilkinson, Linto and Allan; publicity officers, Mesdames Mrs. McArthur, Braithwaite, Norris and Wedderburn. The retiring president (Mrs. Beere) was presented with a vase made of Australian wood. The retiring secretary (Mrs. Bader) was thanked for her services over a long period of office. During the month, the committee entertained patients at the Edward Millen Home. The entertainment was greatly appreciated by both patients and staff. A raffle basket, made by a patient, was presented to Mrs. Orgill for the auxiliary. The ladies competing for the McKinlay Shield are pleased with their efforts to date, and look forward to bringing the trophy to South Perth. Bridge evenings, on the first Thursday of each month, continue to prove attractive functions.

GREENMOUNT-SWAN VIEW

The auxiliary co-operated with the sub-branch in a social and dance on June 11. The function was a social and a financial success. Items were contributed by Mesdames Ben Davies, G. M. Harding, Mrs. Midland Junction sub-branch, and by Mr. Reid. An interesting novelty item was the weight-lifting display by members of the Marvel School of Health. It has been decided to continue with entertainments of this kind on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. At the meeting on June 15, Mrs. McKinlay gave members an interesting talk on auxiliary ideals and organisation.

BRUNSWICK JUNCTION

At an inaugural meeting on June 17, the ladies of the district had the pleasure of entertaining the State president, women’s auxiliary (Mrs. McKinlay), who was accompanied by the state secretary (Mrs. Hopperston). It was decided that those present formed themselves into an auxiliary and a large number of members enrolled. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. Smith; secretary, Mrs. T. B. Stanley; treasurer, Mrs. S. Wales. Future meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month.

CARLISLE

Two new members were welcomed by the president (Mrs. Gileto) at the annual meeting on June 13. After reports and correspondence had been disposed of, it was decided to place on record an appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs. Nicol, during the five years she has been treasurer of the auxiliary. At the recent birthday party, the
auxiliaries' State president (Mrs. McKinaly) presented a Certificate of Service to the secretary (Mrs. Crofts). The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Gilsen (unopposed); secretary, Mrs. Crofts (unopposed); vice-presidents, Mesdames Marshall and Percy; treasurer, Mrs. Monkhouse; committee, Mesdames Milligan, Suckling, McKinaly and Horrigan; social committee, Mesdames Hoddly, Robinson, Bullock and Milligan; publicity officer, Mrs. Nicol.

NORWOOD

The following officers have been elected for the year 1958-1939: President, Mrs. J. E. Adamson; vice-presidents, Mesdames V. Moore and W. A. Doran; secretary, Miss Erma Hawtin (unopposed); assistant secretary, Mrs. R. F. Eason; treasurer, Mrs. Dewar; trustees, Mesdames Hopperton, F. Stone and M. Clark.

SUBLIACO

The annual business and social meeting took place on June 15. The resignations of the president (Mrs. L. Downe) and treasurer (Mrs. E. Cotterell) were received with regret and presentations of a shopping bag and a hand bag were made to the two retiring officers. Pleasure was felt by members at the presence of Mrs. Geddes, aged 86, who is the oldest member and very dear to us all. Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President, Mrs. G. Shand (a foundation member); vice-presidents, Mesdames A. Cribb and M. Turpin; secretary, Mrs. E. Pope (unopposed); treasurer, Mrs. I. Burgess; auditors, Mesdames Fuhrman and E. Grose; trustees, Mesdames E. Cardell Oliver, A. Browne and J. Lepton; publicity officer, Mrs. M. Turpin; visiting committee, Mesdames S. Bennett, M. Howell, E. Daniels, C. Cooper; social committee, Mesdames E. Allison, M. St. George, J. Hacklath, J. Woods, W. Congdon and Miss Rogers. During the month the auxiliary and sub-branch entertained the ex-service men from Lemnos Hospital, who were conveyed to the Shenton Park pictures where, by the courtesy of the proprietors, a splendid programme was provided. Tea was afterwards served at the social hall, Subiac, where the guests were welcomed by the president of the auxiliary (Mrs. L. Downe). Afterwards, community singing and dancing were enjoyed. The sub-branch and auxiliary thank all those who helped to make the afternoon a success, including the artists: Mesdames F. Withers, J. Thomas, Messrs. T. Cavanagh and G. and G. Warner.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

The 16th annual meeting in June was well attended. The presidents and secretary's reports showed a very successful and happy year—financially and socially. Special thanks were given to Mrs. James for her unfailing help at the weekly bridge. The election of officers resulted in the re-appointment of Mrs. Haines as president and Mrs. Hobart as secretary. Assistant secretary, Mrs. Thompson; vice-presidents, Mrs. James and Mrs. Croly; treasurer, Mrs. Keegan. After the meeting closed we had a very pleasant surprise—a beautiful birthday cake, given by the president (Mrs. Haines). The 16 candles on it were lit by the auxiliary's first president and secretary (Mrs. Darby and Mrs. Dedman). A very successful social was held on June 4 in the Lesser Town Hall. It is proposed to hold another on Saturday, August 6. The proceeds are to go to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. Members are asked to help make it a success. The public are invited to be present. Members were all sorry to hear that Mrs. Barrett (late treasurer) who has just returned from a cruise to Singapore and Penang is on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery. Mesdames Jose, Snashall and Faulk have rejoined the auxiliary.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

A very pleasant afternoon was spent on Tuesday, June 25, at the Diggers' ward of the Old Men's Home, the occasion being the 91st birthday of Mr. Curnow. To mark the occasion and remind the guest of honour of his birthplace, a Cornish pasty was included in the high tea which was provided for each member of the ward. The birthday cake, with 91 candles, was cut by Mrs. Curnow, during which time he expressed in a firm voice, "Ladies, hurrah for England!"—a very fine old soldier indeed. On behalf of the auxiliary, Mrs. Kay (president) and Mrs. Lee (secretary) presented each man with a pair of socks.

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<td>H. W. Wood, Donnybrook</td>
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<td>H. James, Forest Department, Brookman Street, Kalgoorlie</td>
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<td>M. G. Johnston, Lake</td>
<td>L. T. King, 10 Carrington Street, Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>R. A. Wood, 81 Archdeacon Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>Artillery Barracks, Butt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>4th Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>S. Tugby, 42 Holland St., Fremantle (East)</td>
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<td>L. F. Ash, Northampton</td>
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<td>R.S.L Club Rooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>P. T. Prince, Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewis, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam Tel. 174</td>
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<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Dival, 413 Fitzgerald St., North Perth Tel. 88436</td>
<td>B. N. Mcllwraith, 21 Dunas Road, Maylands</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Monash House, 23 King Street, Perth.</td>
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<td>J. O'Farrell, 223 Fitzgerald Street, Perth</td>
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<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
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<td>E. H. Congdon, 65 Hensman Road, Subiaco</td>
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<td>G. W. Thathan, Tambellup</td>
<td>J. E. Thathan, P.O. Box 1, Tambellup Tel. 45</td>
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<td>G. E. Timmell, 34 Harbourne St., Wembley</td>
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<td>Mrs. E. Prue, 64 Basingstoke Street, Victoria Park</td>
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