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The end of the month will see the opening of the Twenty-second Annual State Congress, and already metropolitan members are looking forward to greeting country comrades, some of whom we see only at this very important time of the year. As the old proverb has it, much water has flown under the bridge since last congress. Speaking internationally, this is the fourth congress in success to be held in an atmosphere of international tension. The 1935 congress was already in session when Italy commenced the rape of Abyssinia. Spain had begun to endure the agony of civil war when the 1936 congress met. In the following year, congress delegates assembled when Japan's undeclared war in China was causing international complications. This year, events have moved in such headlong confusion that one would need the beard and the mantle of the prophet to be able to forecast with any degree of certainty what Anzac House resounds to the greetings of country and metropolitan delegates within the short space of a fortnight. Internally, there have also been changes, not all of them for the better. Those representing sub-branches in farming and pastoral areas know only too well the distressing results of fluctuations in the world prices of primary products. That knowledge is reflected in motions on the agenda paper and country delegates need no assurance from us that their city comrades will be behind any proposal to improve matters. It has been remarked, rather too cynically, we think, that congress is an excuse for talking instead of acting. This charge can hardly be sustained when one remembers the results achieved by congresses of the past. In any case, and even where the passing of a resolution does not effect the desired result, much good can be derived from the interchange of ideas and a realisation of the sympathy of others.

Even in our own Branch of the League there have been changes since last year's congress. On the credit side, there is the well-merited Birthday Honour that was conferred upon our worthy State president and the elevation to Cabinet rank of the popular Alex Panton. On the debit side, we shall miss our equally worthy senior vice-president. We fear that even episcopal garters will not cure us of the habit of referring to the new Bishop of Bendigo as Tom Riley; but none knows better than the Bishop himself that such reference is no irreverence. We shall greatly miss his clear incisive reasoning during debates, just as the State executive will miss him for the valued work he performed year after year on the congress agenda committee. Speaking of the church militant, those who attended last year's congress will remember the favourable impression created by Padre Herbert of Kalgoorlie. He has recently been called to an English parish; but what a tower of strength he was to the League while he was in this State. Death's ravenging scythe has removed many old friends during the year. That gallant soldier, known to all of us as "The Little General," will not be with us at the official opening, though his portrait will look over the proceedings; and a new Lord Mayor will preside over the civic reception to country delegates. Fortunately, many well-known congress identities are still with us, and we hope they will represent their sub-branches again this year, their heads perhaps a little greyer, but with their eloquence unfettered by time or circumstance.

A glance through the agenda paper reveals the wide and varied interests which come within the orbit of the League's activities. Some items are old friends; other are indicative of new needs and new trains of thought; but all are evidence of the active interest taken by members of the League in all that pertains to the welfare, not only of Diggers' themselves, but of the country they continue to serve in peace as they did in war. For instance, the items under the heading of Anzac Day and Defence reflect a great diversity of opinion and should give rise to very interesting debates. Nannup comes forward with the interesting suggestion that the League should form an approved society under the National Insurance scheme. That also strikes us as an item worthy of special consideration, even if congress does not approve of it. The Soldiers' Settlers' section contains several items advocating a fixed price for wheat. Perhaps the recommendations of the recent Premiers' conference, which have been approved by the Federal Cabinet, have more than met the desires of the movers. Gloucester Park sponsors a motion for a death benefit scheme. There are only two items concerning the old question of accommodation at Anzac House; but thirteen—we hope that no ill-luck will attach to the number—relating to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. These items are pleasing evidence of the interest aroused in that fund since last congress. This year's congress will also be asked to approve of eight items for the betterment of the condition of Imperial ex-service men, now resident in Australia. Our comrades in arms from overseas may rest assured that the proposals made on their behalf will receive a very sympathetic hearing.

The items referred to have been culled at random, without any suggestion that they are more important than others on the agenda paper. Actually all congress items are important, otherwise they would not be forwarded by the sub-branches sponsoring them. No doubt they will be as keenly presented and as carefully debated as the items of former years. In conclusion, may we add our own welcome to the official greetings that will be showered upon country delegates. May success attend their deliberations and may their brief and crowded visit to Perth be enjoyable as well as profitable.
ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE

The secretary of the Kondinin sub-branch writes:

I am directed by my sub-branch to ask you to allow us to put forward our views on the observance of Anzac Day.

The views of the State executive and of Bishop Riley and others, as to the necessity of retaining the present form of Anzac Day, have been well aired in previous issues of The Listening Post and other Press, and we now ask for similar consideration.

The Kondinin sub-branch is the author of one of the motions on the agenda for conference, which aims at the changing of the present form of observance; and our main reason for advocating the change is that the general feeling of the public of the State, including a very large percentage of ex-service men, is definitely swinging against the present form.

Members of the executive, or of any sub-branch, have only to move about the private tennis courts and public recreation parks, both in the city and in country towns, on Anzac Day and they will find them crowded with young people enjoying their sports, even during the hours while memorial services are being held. Many of these people are too young to remember much about the war and even if some of their relatives may have made the supreme sacrifice on active service, they are now merely names to them so they think: "Why should we mourn for them anyway?"

There is the national side of the celebrations, which has been somewhat neglected of recent years; to much has been and is being made of the 'sacrifices.' Colonel Collett hit this nail right on the head when opening the Memorial Park at Lake Grace, recently, when he said:

"The word 'sacrifice' has been much used during the past 24 years, and it may have lost some of its significance through the fact that war and depression during that period have left very few, if any, untouched."

We know we will be howled down for saying that "too much has been made of the sacrifices" but we must face the fact that the feeling of gratitude to those who made the sacrifices is rapidly passing away, and it is only a matter of a few years when they will be entirely forgotten; but the great glory won by our Australian soldiery will be reverently and proudly remembered, and that is the side which should now be stressed in our observance of Anzac Day. Many of the sorrowing relatives are also acknowledging that time is softening the harshness of their grief, and I venture to say that if they spoke their honest convictions, they would admit that a quiet religious service held in the various churches would more adequately meet their approval, as against the public parade of an Anzac Day service.

We will admit that it was necessary during the first twenty years or so, following on the war, that those sacrifices should have been stressed and the sacredness of the day had to be impressed on the people by making it a holy day and not a holiday. Yet even our own governments have not accepted it as a holy day, as in a number of the public services, only ex-A.I.F. members are granted leave of absence from their work to attend a memorial service without the loss of pay.

We are not asking for an immediate and complete reversal of Anzac Day; but we feel that a transition period is approaching and will come in the very near future. We feel that by meeting the change half way more good will be done than by opposing it blindly; also it will be more graceful on our part to prepare the way from within our own organisation, rather than have it forced on us by outside influences at a later date.

Thanking you, Sir, for giving us this opportunity to place the other side before members of our League through the columns of our own official organ, so that the matter can be discussed from all angles before delegates meeting in conference.

IMPERIAL EX-SERVICE MEN

When Earl de la Warr passed through Western Australia in January last, he showed a keen interest in the welfare of Imperial ex-service men and the difficulties which concerned them were made known to him at League Headquarters. He requested that a case be prepared on their behalf and sent to him for his investigation. The State president prepared a case and forwarded it to the Federal executive. We have been advised that similar action was taken in each State. The cases prepared have been forwarded to Earl de la Warr and the result of any action he may take is awaited.

A DIGGER RETURNS TO PALESTINE

Jim Payne, well known in Perth who is now in the office of the Australian Trade Commissioner in Egypt as assistant Commissioner, describes a recent trip to troubled Palestine.

I left Cairo at 5.30 p.m. on an excellent train which was filled with the tail-end of Britshers going on leave, and embarking on the Oronsay for Haifa. I arrived there at 2 p.m. on Saturday, after 14 hours on the Mediterranean to find business there at a standstill owing to the generally bad situation in Palestine. Curfew had been in operation for some time, owing to Haifa having been the centre of a good deal of bomb-throwing and general lawlessness.

What a feeling of pride one had to see the Repulse lying alongside with the old White Ensign floating!

The passengers were not allowed ashore, neither were the townspeople allowed on the wharves, all of which were under a military guard as well as being staffed by the Palestine Police.

Many of the old soldiers will remember that the town of Haifa is built on steep hills from which you get a very fine view across the Bay to Acre. Beyond, that at the far headland, is the commencement of the barbed wire fences, known at Taggert's Wall, which is the northern boundary of Palestine and separates this much-disturbed country from Syria. The Arabs have given quite a lot of attention to this during the last few months by periodically hitching camels to the wire and pulling down some considerable lengths of it; and this is partly responsible for the increased military guards which now patrol these barbed wire entanglements.

The old German settlement of Haifa with its clean, tree-lined streets, is in striking contrast to the poorer Arab quarters; but the Jewish settlement, which has been the scene of many recent bombings, is a model of progress with its fine wide streets lined with cafes well-filled with a fine healthy-looking lot of young and old, drinking the rich and sweet Turkish coffee we all remember so well in our association with Cairo.

While strolling through the main street of the Jewish settlement in Haifa, I noticed a crowd collected, and reading a public notice which announced the cancellation of the curfew, so tending to declare a more hopeful outlook generally.
The streets were still patrolled by armoured cars and trucks filled with machine guns, and car-loads of soldiers with rifles constantly arriving from beyond the city of Haifa.

Evidence of the bombing in the market area showed in the broken windows and walls of buildings and the holes in the roads, and the backfire of a car in the streets sent everyone to the nearest doorway.

The road leading from Haifa passes the cemetery, where freshly-turned mounds covered with wreaths mark the resting place of a number of British soldiers and police who had paid the supreme sacrifice a few days earlier in the Haifa raid.

I wandered along the rows of stone crosses bordered by the rosemary hedges in the shade of the cypress trees, and here again, as in Cairo, one felt the sense of loss of so many of the youth of 20 years ago. The same reverent care of those many, many graves and all they meant to our folk at home, make it impossible to stand unmoved; and so if one's eyes were wet, it may have been because I had returned alone after so many years to perhaps convey the pride of all of you in Australia and New Zealand—those were my thoughts as I left those old friends of war days.

The car trip from Haifa to Tel-Aviv takes you along a road which, for the first few miles, skirts the coastline before running close to the bare, stony hills which have sheltered many of the brigands; and so my instructions to the driver were very definitely "to step on it," and he was glad to do so, and for some miles all my attention was devoted to hanging on while he took curves at 60 miles an hour.

Here and there we passed armoured cars and police posts where groups of Palestinian Police were posted. Other important junctions had squads of soldiers in motor trucks and other police in armoured cars fitted with wireless, awaiting calls to various parts.

After passing from the hill country you travel through many Jewish settlements, the roads on either side being lined with orange groves so well cared for. Periodically the brigands come down to these settlements, shoot up a few Jews and destroy the trees, returning to the rocky hills where pursuit is almost impossible.

There have been 147 murders and 1,073 serious assaults of this nature in Palestine during the last six months.

Approaching Tel-Aviv—the Jewish city created in its entirety since the war—you pass through miles of orange groves until you see the model factories in the suburban area of this remarkable modern city of 200,000 people. The streets, apart from the main thoroughfare, are narrow and are already a problem for motor traffic, and would suggest that Tel-Aviv town-planners had never anticipated such astonishing growth.

The public buildings are beautiful in design and the Opera House is claimed to be the most modern and best appointed in the world.

The hotels are good and overlook the Mediterranean where thousands of healthy brown boys and girls of fine physique are to be seen in groups doing physical culture.

The promenade facing the sea is lined with cafes crowded with people taking coffee, to the strains of fine orchestral music. One cafe had an orchestra of eight girls with violin and 'cello, while almost next door a Hungarian orchestra in national dress played to a well-patronised cabaret, which included excellent vaudeville turns in its programme.

The town had no natural harbour, so the Jewish people built breakwaters, erected Customs houses, cool stores, etc., and probably created a world record by having a harbour on which £200,000 was spent after subscription by 60,000 shareholders.

The city itself is connected to Jaffa and is really an extension of that Arab town which was familiar to many of us earlier. Now the contrast is so striking—you motor along a main street and meet no street notice that you are no longer in Tel-Aviv—you come to an almost dead area, which is no man's land when some Arab starts sniping from the Jaffa end. A few days after my visit to Tel-Aviv an old car was parked outside one of the cafes on the waterfront, and shortly afterwards it went up in small pieces. Inquiry proved that the car had been purchased for £18 across the Jordan River a few days earlier by an Arab who had fitted a time fuse to a bomb which accounted for quite a number of deaths and other casualties.

Jaffa is, I understand, still the important shipping export centre for the Palestinian oranges, and generally is particularly busy for a few months on from December. I found it very quiet with almost a sullen atmosphere evidenced everywhere.

I was on more familiar ground from Jaffa when I branched off the fine Jerusalem motor road to call on Rishon-le-Zion in its picturesque setting. The famous old wine cellars brought back to my mind one memorable church parade on Christmas Day, 1918, when the late Bishop Stacey Waddy took the Church of England service in one of the large cellars. In the course of his address many of you will recall that he said words to the effect that "Not only have we to thank the Directors of Rishon for the use of the cellars for our service, but also for the hospitality which is to follow." An adjoining cellar had been decorated by all those dear old Jewish folk of that delightful little town, and barrels of wines of every description were spaced out at intervals of maybe ten yards. These wines with gingerbread and oranges were well patronised by the 600 odd men there, and it was reported that the late Bishop, who was then our much-loved Padre, said it was truly the most remarkable church service he had ever known, because half an hour after the close of the service the great majority
of that 600 was under the influence of liquor. As I had been stationed in a Field Ambulance Hospital, I called on a family named Beyzï, who had been extraordinarily kind to several of us. What a welcome was extended to me! When I called I found that the passing years had left vacant seats in that hospitable home. How delighted they were to hear of old friends, and when the photo albums were produced, several familiar faces were in the groups (many of them, I regretted to admit, I had never seen since 1918, scattered as they are all over Australia and New Zealand).

Passing on still through orange and grapefruit groves, we branched off at Ramleh to visit the War Graves marked by the tall, clean, green cypress trees, and paid a silent tribute at the resting place of many who paid the price in the Field Hospital in the fine old monastery near the Crusaders' Tower. Here, as in Haifa, the freshly-turned earth mounds bear mute evidence of the turbulent period through which Palestine is passing.

The Royal Air Force aerodrome at Ramleh looked extremely efficient and the many planes around the hangars gave a feeling of confidence and the same pride that stirred one when looking on the Repulse at Haifa and the British Tommy in his armoured car.

All the traffic to Jerusalem from here was fast-moving, and the bus loads of passengers were readily distinguishable—the Arab drivers with the red tarbouch and the Jewish bus with a steel mesh over all windows to prevent bombs being thrown inside. Jerusalem was quiet after a hectic week's shooting and bombing and the curfew was lifted the night after my arrival there. However, you could fire a machine gun down any of the streets in the new quarter and not a soul; cafes were closed with but few exceptions, and no business was being transacted in these or any of the business houses.

Amongst the many I met in Jerusalem occupying high Government posts were two New Zealanders, Sir Herbert Hart (War Graves Commissioner) and Major Stubbs (Lands Officer); also Mr. George Osborne (South British Insurance Co.) and Mr. Ron O'Connor, while ex-A.I.F. men include Major Burns (highly-placed in the Palestine Police Force), Major Vickery (War Graves) and many others were absent on leave.

Jerusalem has many fine buildings erected since the war, and one of the most modern hotels I have ever lived in is the Hotel St. David, a magnificent building designed by a prominent Jewish architect who has followed out the design of the entrance hall and principal lounges, as well as the furnishings, as closely as possible to the time of King Solomon. I had the honour of sharing this huge palatial hotel with the three members of the Palestine Partition Commission, the General Officer commanding the Forces in Palestine and one other, who asked me if I knew a man in New Plymouth (New Zealand) named Power, and I was able to say that one of the three or four men in New Plymouth whom I did know was the genial host of the Imperial Hotel at New Plymouth.

Opposite the King David Hotel is a fine block of buildings occupied by the Y.M.C.A.; of striking architecture, it is massively executed and the central building is surmounted by a very fine tower from which there is a wonderful view of the whole of the city. I gazed down into the Jordan Valley and thought of the blistering heat and flies and other pests of that forgotten land, and hurried back to the bar of the King David to attend a little cocktail party of Australians and New Zealanders who gave me the welcome that is characteristic of them wherever you meet—and in what unexpected places one meets them.

The War Graves Cemetery of Jerusalem is a gem of care, and perhaps I am right in saying that no resting place of soldier or civilian could be better cared for. Just at dusk I saw it, and thought of those words—

"At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them."

If it will ever heal the heartache of some of the old mothers and fathers who have sons resting there, or in the Middle East, to have a photo. I will do my best to get one for them when in the locality.

The Old City is a hot-bed of intrigue and daily the police must move in squads to prevent wholesale riots. It is said that the underground passages in the Old City serve as hiding places for many of the law-breakers, and the police meet with the greatest difficulty in cleaning up the crimes which are daily occurrences. This description must necessarily be brief and somewhat sketchy and perhaps disjointed, because it is jotted down as I have time.

The route taken by the Anzac Mounted Division is crossed occasionally by the fine motor road leading up and over the hills, which do not show any change over the 20 years; but I was advised that one or two of the native villages which overlooked the zig-zag near the approach to the City had been removed after sundry disturbances.

To return to Cairo I had to motor from Jerusalem to Lydda, which many of you will remember as "Ludd" beyond Ramleh. There I caught a Misr air liner and we took off from the most modern air port with fine concrete runways leading out from a rest-house where we underwent the usual Customs and passport formalities. The only passenger who had any difficulty regarding a passport was a young chap from Christchurch, who had left the ship at Haifa and was having a quiet run around Palestine; but he had omitted to secure a visa to get back into Egypt.

Leaving Lydda airport in the 'plane belonging to Misr Airways, an Egyptian Company employing both British and Egyptian pilots, we flew over Richon with its masses of orange groves, making a green patch against the sand dunes bordering the Mediterranean, and perhaps this is the ideal way of grasping the amazing job of work the Jewish people have performed in Palestine. Miles and miles of green gardens stretched out as far as one could see to the north-east with the villages looking peaceful and prosperous here and there.

Almost immediately, it seems, we passed out over the coastline to the sea and the young English pilot read his paper while I looked back towards the shore which was almost hidden far below us in a heat haze. The sea below and an entire absence of shipping at this stage helped me to contemplate the notice at my side printed in three languages: English, French and Arabic, to the effect that "Lifebelts are carried under the seats."

One's mind went back over the years to the memories of long desert rides, and I tried to pick up El Arish where I spent an unpleasant few days waiting for a hospital train. However, we were by this time a long way out to sea, and the coastline was almost lost in the haze. The 'plane trip was so comfortable that I slept until the approach to Port Said was indicated by a converging line of steamers and smaller sailing craft. Then we were passing over the extensive salt works to the east of the town, approaching over the canal to the aerodrome between the lakes and the western beaches, and landing on a fine, hard surface. We
This paper really must adopt a go-slow policy in trying to pick the oldest active member of the League. For the second time, after a lapse of a few years, we have nominated John Woods, of the Press sub-branch, an old R.H.A. man who was Regimental Sergeant-Major of a West Australian contingent in the South African War. Now, our nomination is challenged again, by a good scout, J. W. Murphy, who writes from Yalgoo.

re-fuelled here, taking on a full complement of passengers and travelled almost due south for some time over the miles of swamps bordering the low-lying coastline.

The outstanding memory of your first trip by air is the sight of hundreds of sailing boats (feluccas) on these swamps or lakes which are popular fishing grounds. These feluccas enter the many canals which here and there disappeared into the heat haze. Away to the east I counted five large liners in the Suez Canal which we rapidly left behind.

Presently we were tiring over the cotton and paddy rice fields fed by the Nile waters, and then you realise what this river means to the 16 million people who live on the 7 million acres of the Nile Delta. The average size of the fellahen's block on which he supports his family is ¼ acre, and these from the air look like so many swimming pools scattered here and there where the seed rice block is still under water beside the maize and other cereal crops.

The journey from Port Said to Cairo takes slightly over half an hour as against three and a half hours by rail, and if only for the striking contrast of desert sands and wind-swept dunes from one window of the 'plane and the green fertility on the other, it is well worth trying.

I was not sorry to find the 'plane suddenly tilted sideways for the final glide to the rather bumpy and sandy surface of the Cairo aerodrome, where we landed, having been in the 'plane for three and a half hours instead of a sweltering rail journey of eleven hours.

to say that he can give John Wood a very close run for the honour. Incidentally, he sends his kind regards to the aforesaid John, to whom he was introduced by the late Jim Butler. Mr. Murphy was born in 1862 and is now 86 years of age. He joined the old R.S.A. at Cremorne Gardens in November, 1917, and has been a financial member of the Perth sub-branch ever since. His only trouble now is failing eye-sight. Apparently we have done a worthy veteran an unintentional injustice, to say nothing of having advanced a claim which John Wood has never made on his own behalf. When next we meet these old soldiers, we are prepared to make amends somewhere where there is enough wind to blow the froth in the harman's direction. Any other veterans who have suffered similar injustice are advised to get in early, before the wind gives out.

The “Listening Post” joins with the Wagin sub-branch in regretting the loss and condoling with the relatives of the late E. St. Ives Bilston. Our late comrade was an old member of the sub-branch and an old and valued contributor to the “Listening Post.” During the past few years, he was frequently in hospital, but suffering never impaired his Spartan fortitude and kindly good nature. Members of the Wagin sub-branch were pall-bearers at the funeral on August 10. The sub-branch also made arrangements for the “Last Post” and the “Reveille” to be sounded at the graveside.

Our Geraldton correspondent advises us that on August 18, quite a gloom was cast over the town and district when the news became known that Dr. McRae (local Repat. doctor, Digger and health officer of the town) was killed in a motor accident outside Moora en route for Perth. Mac, as he was more familiarly known, especially among ex-service men, displayed the proper Digger spirit and gave a fair deal to all. His untimely end was a great shock. He was given a soldier's funeral and the respect and esteem in which he was held was shown by the large number of Diggers and townsfolk present at the graveside.

Major R. A. (Dick) Geddes writes from Jarrahdale: It was with a great amount of personal interest that I read in your August issue of the claim by Manjimup sub-branch on behalf of Tom Skehan to be the oldest Digger who is a member of the League. I have had the pleasure of friendship with Tom for over 50 years, and in addition we were both members of Tivvy's Chocolates and I was alongside my old pal when he took a very nasty issue at Fromelles. There is rather an interesting coincidence in regard to two of Tom's birthdays which is rather worth while telling. The W.A. section of the 32nd left Fremantle on September 25, 1915, and on the next day was Tom's birthday—his 46th, I think. Twenty-one years later, on September 24, 1936, a party of us, including Tom, left for Adelaide to attend the 21st birthday party of our regiment, and two days later Tom celebrated another birthday in company with a score of old comrades with whom he had celebrated a shipboard birthday 21 years before. I can assure you that on this latter occasion we very fittingly celebrated the natal day of our oldest member. Our subsequent holiday in Adelaide was one that none of us will ever forget, and if ever a man endeared himself to his comrades, dear old Tom did. He was indeed the father of our party and he took his duties seriously and set an example that was worthy of emulation. Good luck and long life to you, Tom, old comrade, and I am sure of my book when I say "the chocolate soldiers salute you." I would be interested to hear of any other that disputes the claim put forward by Manjimup; so come on.
all you old tykes, that put back your age on enlistment.

The State secretary has received a letter from Mr. J. F. Dowling (State secretary of the South Australian Branch) describing courtesies extended to members of our own State executive who passed through Adelaide on League or other business recently. Mr. Dowling writes: Mr. Bill James, a member of your State executive, duly presented your letter of introduction. He spent quite an enjoyable day in Adelaide and was under the direct care of the assistant secretary (Mr. Reynolds), who is also secretary of the Blinded Soldiers' Association in this State, and who arranged a meeting with the Adelaide members of his organisation. Mr. James is going to look us up again in his way back to the West. I might say that the State president and I went down and met Archdeacon Riley on Saturday night, and had a few words with him on his way through to Melbourne. We can certainly realise how much you will miss the reverend gentleman who, we understand, has been a tower of strength to the League in W.A. We also met our old friend Jim Cornell on his way through, and landed him safely at the club where he spent the following day and dug up quite a few of his friends. Mr. Hosking was able to take him out to a number of the sub-branches on the Monday night, and altogether Jim seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed himself. He has made a tentative promise to stay another day when he comes back.

Cottesloe reports that Captain A. G. Cook, who has been secretary of the sub-branch for many years, has been a very sick man of late. This, however, has not prevented him from carrying on in the regulation style. Like an old soldier, he is a stickler for duty, and we join with the Cotteslofers in wishing him a speedy restoration to better health.

There is jubilation in the cricket camp at Cottesloe, because an old friend, Cliff Williamson, has returned from London after three years' absence. Cliff has joined up with the sub-branch and will represent it on the cricket field. A little bird (not the lyre bird, we hope) says that Jardine, in bidding him farewell at Victoria Station, gave Cliff some very valuable tips on body-line bowling. With Cliff on the field, Cottesloe hopes to win the major pennant this coming season.

Farquhar McKenzie, an old prospector of this State, passed on after a short illness and was buried in the Karrakatta Cemetery on August 6. The deceased, who was born in Victoria 71 years ago, served during the war with the 28th Battalion. The Nedlands sub-branch was represented at the funeral by the president (Mr. R. A. Wood) and the secretary (Mr. W. A. Duffield). Bugler Hewins sounded the calls. We join with the Nedlands sub-branch in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Clive Newman, past president of the Nedlands sub-branch and member of the State executive, reports favourably on Canberra. Heavy snow fell soon after his arrival and he thoroughly enjoys the cold and frosty mornings and nights—or says he does, which means the same thing, according to M. Coue.

Congratulations to Bert Byfield on picking a plum out of the Civil Service pie. He has recently been appointed assistant Under-Treasurer. Bert served abroad as a gentleman (assuming that all mounted troops were gentlemen) of the Imperial Camel Corps and has been a good member of the League since his return. His steady advancement has been well-merited by qualification and ability.

Gordon James announces his intention of contesting the North Fremantle seat of the Legislative Assembly at the next general election. He is a son of Sir Walter James, a former Premier of Western Australia. Gordon James was born in Perth 40 years ago, and is the third generation of his family to reside here, as his grandfather came to the State when quite a young man. He enlisted in the A.I.F. in 1916 and served with the 14th Battery until the end of the war. He was gassed during the fighting around Ypres in September 1917, but, as he says himself, the effects seem to have worn off. On his return from the war, he did his law course and practised at Katanning and at Merredin until the end of 1929. While at Merredin, he was a member of the committee of the sub-branch, which, in 1929, won the Newdegate Cup. He is now practising as a solicitor in Perth with his father's firm. Cottesloe is his present sub-branch, but he is connected with many outside interests. He is a member of the Welfare Committee of the Artillery, a member of the Peppermint Grove Road Board, the Board of Governors of Hale School and the Perth Artillery of the Blind.
Legacy Club. A man of his youth, energy and undoubted public spirit should readily commend himself to discriminating electors.

Advice from New York reports the death on April 11 of Sister Mary K. Coleman at the age of 53 years. The late Sister Coleman came to Western Australia with her parents in 1897 and commenced her professional career as a probationer on the goldfields and entered the Australian Army Nursing Service in January 1911. She had the distinction of being the first Australian nurse on service in the war, and remained in France until March, 1915. During the war she served for many months in Serbia and was member of a unit that was captured by the Bulgarians. As the result of negotiations with the Bulgarian authorities, she was released and allowed to leave Bulgaria through Rumania, Russia, Sweden and Norway. Her war decorations include the Cross of Charity, awarded by King Peter of Serbia. Sister Coleman returned to Australia in 1916, but soon went away again, this time as a Sister of the A.I.F. serving with military hospitals in France and England until 1919, in which year she again returned to Australia, where she remained in No. 8 General Hospital, Fremantle, until she was finally discharged in 1920. Sister Coleman, who has often been referred to as Australia’s most-travelled nurse, went to the United States in 1923.

Congratulations to Colonel Charles Lamb on his appointment to the Arbitration Bench as employers’ representative. The Colonel had a distinguished war record with the 28th Battalion and later the 44th, which he commanded, and his business and public successes are also imposing. He is the head of a big firm of accountants, a past president of the Perth Chamber of Commerce, the foundation president of the Perth Legacy Club and has a long record of activity in the League as a member of the State executive.

Another Digger due for congratulations is Mr. Alwyn Schroeder, who has been such a success as special magistrate to the Children’s Court that the Government decided to confirm the appointment on a more permanent basis. Mr. Schroeder served with the 24th Battalion as a ranker, although he could have served as a chaplain, and since his return has always been a good worker in the League.

Arthur Coombs, a 9th Battalion Digger of Toombul, Brisbane, has been carrying a bullet in his body, close to the spine, for about 23 years without being aware of it. While serving on Gallipoli, he received bullet wounds in the shoulder and foot. He thought the shoulder wound was a mere scratch, though his left arm remained paralysed for a few days. He is now recovering from an operation for an internal complaint, which he did not associate with his war injury. The bullet has not caused him any inconvenience since the war and its presence was detected only through the accidental circumstances of an X-ray photograph being taken a little too high up when his present complaint was being diagnosed.

Congratulations to Colonel Roy Chalmers on being appointed Administrator of Nauru, one of the mandated islands in the Pacific. Colonel Chalmers went to the war as a private and finished in command of the 27th Battalion. He was a very popular C.O. troops on the Ormonde on that liner’s maiden voyage to Australia in 1919.

MADAME BENNETT-WILKINSON

Mr. E. S. Everett writes:—

Kindly grant me space in your journal to inform all those interested in the appeal for Madame Bennett-Wilkinson that the response from returned soldiers generally in all parts of this State has been very gratifying indeed. Almost daily contributions are being received and, as many have asked me if the appeal is still open because they have contributions to send, I would say that whatever contributions are received by me will be passed on to Madame, since, happily, as each day some further contributions are to hand, I have been unable to complete the final figures to present them to a firm of auditors for checking and publication.

Admirer’s of Madame’s work will be very glad to know that the appeal has been an undoubted success. Madame is particularly grateful for all the tokens of admiration so widely expressed, and I desire to add my personal thanks to the numerous sympathisers who have supported the appeal.

I trust that by the time your next issue appears I will have the final figures ready for publication. Meanwhile, if there are any sub-branches who have remittances to send, I trust that they will forward them to me at the earliest possible moment.

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There was a large attendance of delegates at the annual meeting in Anzac House on September 9. President Harold Hopperton was in the chair. It was announced that Cottesloe, Maylands, Midland Junction, Fremantle, Mt. Hawthorn, North Perth (two teams) and Nedlands (two teams) would compete during the coming season. In his sixth consecutive annual report, the president congratulated Nedlands in having won the major pennant and shield and Cottesloe on winning the minor pennant and cup. In conclusion, he thanked Messrs. W. L. Menkens and J. G. Rankin for their support. The secretary, in his report, stated that nine teams had been in the Association. Twenty players, under the able management of Mr. W. L. Menkens, had visited Adelaide for the interstate carnival. The other outstanding events of the year were the town and country match, won by the latter, and the annual smoke social, which had shown a profit. The credit balance of £3/12/6, with which the year opened, had been increased to £9/3/6.

The following officers were elected: Patrons, Messrs. W. A. Oldfield and W. L. Menkens; president, H. Hopperton; vice-presidents, W. Eddy and S. Dival; secretary, J. G. Rankin; publicity officer, W. L. Menkens.

During the evening, Mr. W. L. Menkens presented the president with a wristlet watch in appreciation of his long and valuable service to the Association. He was supported by Messrs. Eddy, J. G. Rankin, W. Crain and C. Watkins. The next meeting of the Association will be held in Anzac House on Friday, September 30.
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Since Mr. Eden was ditched to-oblige foreign dictators, Britain's foreign policy has annoyed potential foes and puzzled friends. Nevertheless, the French, with their proverbial wit, have found a gleam of humour in the situation. French illustrated papers now call Mr. Chamberlain "Monsieur J'Aime Berlin."

An eminent medical man said recently that alcohol, while it does not exactly make the muscles deteriorate, has a depressing influence on the heart. Tobacco, he added, is not injurious, but competition in modern athletics is so keen that smoking robs a competitor of that minute degree of efficiency which makes the bare difference between a winner and a loser. The chief advantage of alcohol was expressed by the Digger who said, "A couple pots make you feel the way you utter feel when you haven't had any." As for smoking, if the moderate use of tobacco makes for even a slight difference between success and failure, then sport ceases to be play and becomes dashed hard work. Can anybody oblige me with a gasper?

During July, a Union of French and Italian ex-service men adopted the following motion: "At the time when negotiations are under way between the French and Italian Governments, the Union of French and Italian Ex-Service Men (which comprises 18 associations with a total of three million members), without presuming to intrude on the functions of governments, calls attention to the fact that those who fought on either side of the Alps have been and remain the link between the two countries; and affirms that the deep feeling prevailing between the two peoples is to see the establishment and the development of sincere and fruitful relations between the two nations." Unfortunately, the negotiations broke down, despite the resolution and the deep feeling referred to in it. While the ex-service men of both nations were passing this resolution, Signor Mussolini demanded the French African possession, Tunisia, as the price of Italy's friendship. When France very properly refused, the Italian Press began to blame France for the presence of foreign combatants in Spain, and so the conversations became rough.

During July, King Victor Emmanuel of Italy was present at the consecration of the monumental ossuary, which has been erected on the hills above Asiago. The ossuary contains the remains of 36,000 Italian soldiers, 20,000 of them unidentified, who fell in the fierce battles of the Asiago plateau during the Great War. The edifice is the third of its kind in the province. It took five years to build and cost £10,000.

The new Royal Air Force school for technical training at St. Athan, Glamorgan, was formed on September 1. When completed, this will be the biggest R.A.F. station in the United Kingdom. The station will cover 900 acres and over 3,000 workmen are employed by the 17 contractors and sub-contractors who are working on the site.

A bright lad in our street keeps himself well abreast of current events. When his teacher asked him to draw a map of Europe, he inked in the outline and explained, "Please, teacher, I can't mark in the middle countries, because father didn't buy the mid-day scare edition of the Daily News to-day.

During the week of international tension, the editor of one of our local papers went on leave and the foreman of the Furphy Foundry took charge of the office. One scurrilous headline that appeared in the Saturday edition read "Screams Europe." Substitute editorial offices for Europe, and you'll form a better idea of what really did take place.

Coincidences are not always opportune, especially when they happen with names. An English ex-service man's magazine, for which we have the highest esteem, published in a recent issue an article entitled "Secrets of Tea-Tasting." It was written by a gentleman named Beer.

During the worst of the European tension oil was poured on the troubled embers by Field-Marshal Goering, the culpulent Prussian whose fatty degeneration of torso and cerebrum is said by his friends to be due to war disability. Goering spoke scathingly of the origins and culture of the Czechs, ignoring the fact that the University of Prague was established, and the Czechs had acquired a high degree of culture when Goering's own Prussian forbears were merely pagan savages.

Although the end of the Spanish Civil War is by no means in sight, General Franco is raising funds through tours to the battlefields. He has established a tourist office to conduct these tours into
what was a year ago a battlefield, but now a peaceful countryside. The cost of each tour is from £10 to £11. Although the territory covered was previously the scene of important events in the civil war, Franco's tourists will not approach nearer than 150 miles to the present war front.

Bernard Newman, author of "Spy," one of the best stories of war-time espionage, has just published a new book, "The Danger Spots of Europe." In "Spy," he describes an early incident of the Great War, about which one hears little these days—the impromptu and unofficial armistice on Christmas Day, 1914. "I find that many people doubt whether the Christmas Truce ever existed," he writes. "It did. Of all my memories of the war, that day provides some of the most vivid. The movement seemed to spread from the south; battalion after battalion strayed over the wire, meeting Germans in No Man's Land. Usually officers went as well."

Local papers recently published the complaint of the Chancellor of the University of Western Australia that members of the University teaching staff were feeling the strain of overwork. University work does impose a strain, when it comes on top of a welter of broadcasting.

During the heat of the European crisis, the Lord Mayor of Perth made a suggestion that is a very old friend. It was to the effect that if all men in all countries would pledge themselves not to take part in any war, there would be no wars. There seems to be a terrible big "if" involved in the suggestion, which might be all right if everybody would adopt it. So far, the only people who have succeeded in eliminating war as an instrument of national policy are the Japanese. The Japs don't have wars, they have incidents instead. About the same time the Lord Mayor made his suggestion, Mr. Stalin, of Moscow, declared that Russia was strong enough to prevent wars, and would prevent them. This also is quite true. Mr. Stalin soon stopped Russia's frontier war with Japan.

Recently Signor Mussolini declared that he preferred blondes to brunettes. This may have been a manifestation of class consciousness; but it should be sufficient to make gentlemen renege on their well-known preference.

Those weird people who style themselves the Council Against War and Fascism never cease to brag about the military strength and efficiency of Holy Russia. Strangely enough, Russia celebrated August 4, the anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War, as Anti-Militarism Day. Perhaps that explains why the Russian troops made such a poor showing against the Japanese in Eastern Siberia.

An English contemporary reported recently that Miss Unity Freeman-Mitford, the young English woman who has such a violent admiration for Herr Hitler, was suffering from a touch of the sun. Our old-fashioned forefathers would have blamed the full moon.

The European crisis gave Mr. J. T. Lang, of New South Wales, the chance to step back into the news and say, "We must keep out of a European war." The big John Thomas is consistent to this extent: He was one of those who kept out of the Great War. On the other hand, he made no protest when individual Australians went abroad to fight for the Spanish Republicans. Apparently, it is only Australian service in defence of British interests that is repugnant to Mr. Lang and others who rant in similar strain.

RETURNED ARMY NURSES' CLUB

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday, September 1, but owing to a wet and stormy night, only 11 members were present. Mrs. Smith (hon. secretary) was unable to attend on account of sickness. The fete to be held at Mrs. Will's home at Darlington on Saturday, September 24, was discussed, and it was hoped that members would assist with gifts for the various stalls. Miss T. G. Dunn (late matron Anzac House, Cottesloe) is returning from England by the "Oracles," arriving at Fremantle on October 11; Miss Wintle accompanies her. Miss Homan (president of the club) has returned from Melbourne after a very pleasant holiday.

COTTESLOE

The parade at the annual meeting on September 6 was well attended. Excellent reports of the past year's activities were submitted by the president (Syd. Harvey), the secretary and the treasurer. The following office-bearers were elected: Patron, Colonel Athol Hobbs; president, Arthur D. Whyte; past president, Syd. Harvey; vice-presidents, Wally Dunn and "Bull" McIntyre; secretary, A. G. Cook; treasurer, F. J. Spencer; auditor, Cyril Menken; vice-secretary, F.Newton, J. Garrett, W. Eddy, A. D. Fletcher and J. W. Gibbs; cricket delegates, G. Thomas and E. Scott; delegates to the annual State congress, T. Sten and A. D. White; steward for Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, J. L. Vincent.

NORTH PERTH

Messrs. W. James and H. W. Rigg have been appointed delegates to the annual State congress. During the month, members and wives spent a very enjoyable evening with the Osborne Park sub-branch. The hostes were thanked by the president (Mr. W. L. Menken), vice-president (Mr. H. G. Davy) and the president of the women's auxiliary (Mrs. Cill). The cricketers are opening the season with a social match at Lemnos on Sunday, September 25. A bus will pick up players and others at the Rosemount Hotel at 1.15 p.m. The weekly old-time dances are improving, both socially and financially. They are held in the local Town Hall on Friday evenings. Tommy Brown, Phil. Loffman and "Bunny" Richmond are still in hospital, but the latest bulletin says that all three are on the mend. The social committee is co-operating with the women's auxiliary in connection with a series of coming events, which include a fancy dress ball and a huge bridge party. Several meetings have been held recently at the residence of Freddie Wainwright, Fred Stahl and his membership committee are conducting a vigorous recruiting campaign. Through the resignation of Mr. J. Nichol, who has been transferred to the North-West, former secretary, N. McMillan, has been elected to the general committee.

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The semi-finalists were Nedlands, Mt. Hawthorn, West Leederville and Gloucester Park. The first semi-final played at Anzac House during the month proved a surprisingly easy win for Gloucester Park against West Leederville by 9 points to 1. This was all the more strange as West Leederville actually scored the greatest number of points for the series. The second semi-final between the zone leaders, Nedlands and Mt. Hawthorn was more exciting. Nedlands won in draughts, 9½ games to 2½, and in rifle shooting with the splendid score of 148 (out of 150) to 141. Mt. Hawthorn won the table tennis, 4 sets to nil, and in quoits, 359 to 205. Mt. Hawthorn's crack player (Bill Stone) scored 249, averaging 41.5 per throw. In the bridge, each side had won a table and the result of the third table was only a few points in Nedland's favour, giving them the victory by a very narrow margin. Mt. Hawthorn (the loser of the zone leaders match) and Gloucester Park met at the Leederville Town Hall on September 20, and played a most exciting match to a large gallery. Gloucester Park won the table tennis and the shooting, equalising Nedlands score of 148 to Mt. Hawthorn's 140. Five Gloucester Parkmen scored the possible. The draughts were equal in rubbers and games. Gloucester Park had to win the quoits to win the match, and in the event of a loss to tie. They played consistently well and after the fourth throw were nearly 100 in the lead. Gloucester Park were 346 to Mt. Hawthorn's 311 with one throw to go. Gloucester Park put on 47, leaving the opposition 83 to win. Bill Stone, who had been off his game—his highest score then being 11—was left as last player to make a break of 44 to win, which he just did, to much excitement, winning by one point. A play-off in draughts then became a necessity and this was won by Mt. Hawthorn.

West Leederville acted as hosts for the occasion for which they were heartily thanked.

The grand final between Nedlands and Mt. Hawthorn will be played at the Leederville Town Hall on Thursday, September 29. It is hoped to have a large attendance of congress delegates at this function.

After congress, the controlling committee will run a series of championship events in shooting, table tennis, quoits and draughts, at which nominations will be accepted from sub-branches participating in the games of no more than two per game from each sub-branch.

Perhaps sub-branches will decide by competition who their representatives will be. When arrangements are complete, notifications will be sent out.

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AGED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' FUND

A report to the approaching congress of the League will show that this fund had now reached £9,250 and with a determined effort by sub-branches and women's auxiliaries on the annual Poppy Day appeal, the fund should pass the £10,000 mark this year.

Seventy sub-branches have appointed stewards and 124 sub-branches made special efforts during the year on behalf of the fund. As a result of such special efforts, £1,277 was forwarded to Head Office. The principal contribution came from the trustees of the Teachers' College Memorial Fund, which amounted to £352/17/7. Amongst the sub-branches, the biggest donation was that of South Perth sub-branch (£135/10/-) and other sub-branches who did exceptionally well are: Bridgetown (£94/18/5), York (£52), Boulder (£25), Bruce Rock (£21), Carnamah (£22), Gnawangerup (£34), Kellerberrin (£23/9/2), Kulin (£30), Maylands (£25), Mt. Lawley (£50/11/-), Muntadgin — Totadgin (£26/15/3), Norseman (£20/9/0), Pinigrup (£18/15/), Rosa Brook-Rosa Glen (£20), West Leederville (£39), Wongan Hills (£34/4/3), Yarloop (£16) and Yealering (£15).

The only bequest received was that of the late Lieut.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs (£50) and a small one from estate of the late Miss Dron.

A pamphlet prepared by the State executive giving a short history and the objectives of the fund is now available, and the committee hopes that sub-branches and women's auxiliaries will continue their efforts this year, maintaining or perhaps exceeding the excellent total of the past year.

The report to congress points out that the fund has cost nothing to administer, all clerical work, printing, stationery, etc., having been undertaken by Head Office staff and necessary expenses being met from League funds.

PERTH

The bridge and euchre parties are still going strong at Monash House, and the sub-branch again reminds the people that these evenings are open to the general public. A pleasant afternoon can be spent at the Ladies' Thursday Afternoon Reception, when bridge and afternoon tea can be had for sixpence. All are welcome. It is most noticeable how the sub-branch has gone ahead in the last six months, many old members having rejoined. The delegates for congress are arriving in Perth and quite a number are visiting the sub-branch rooms, where they are welcome.
The Battlefields Re-Visited

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. M. W. Anderson, we are able to publish Mr. Geoff. Stillman's account of his recent tour of northern France, during which he was present at the unveiling of the Australian War Memorial at Villers Bretonneux. At Amiens, he writes, I had the luck to meet a Digger named Dow, a Ballarat man who served in the war with the 10th Field Ambulance, and who is now connected with a travel agency in Amiens. With him, I spent a day and a half in the Somme area, doing on the first afternoon Blangy-Tronville, what is really a very fine building. The town itself has been completely rebuilt, but the Chateau and another large house remain in ruins. In the fields outside the town can be seen traces of what were the dug-outs used as 15th Brigade H.Q. and the 15th Field Ambulance on August 8.

The next day, we did a long trip visiting such places of interest as Allonne, Sailly-le-Sec, Bray-sur-Somme, Chugnies (where we saw the remains of the gun that shelled Paris), Peronne, Mont St. Quentin, Reisel, Templeux, Targicourt, Bullecourt, Bapaume, Pozieres, Albert, Franvillers, covering the greater portion of the Australian sector on the Somme. While a few conspicuous signs of the war remain, a close examination by anyone who was there on active service will reveal many signs of interest. For instance, 'duds' are continually being dug up by farmers. These dangerous souvenirs are left by the roadside for collection by contractors and sold as scrap iron. Incidentally, accidents caused by explosions are not unknown. Remains of dug-outs are visible on almost every steep bank. At La Boiselle, there is a section of a trench system that has remain untouched.

Though now overgrown and almost impassable, it can be readily traced. Pozieres windmill is merely a mound, but a tablet indicates that, at this point, Australian casualties were heavier than at any other point. In many towns, new brickwork and tile show were buildings were damaged by shellfire. Billeting notices and similar signs can still be seen in some places and on a barn door, outside Amiens, the words "Vive Aussie" still greet the eye.

From Bruges I did another tour, taking in the greater part of the Ypres sector and touching such places as Poelcapelle, Menin Wood, Hell Fire Corner, Ypres, Kemmel, Dicemude, Hill 60 and

| PICTURES OF THE WAR AREAS OF FRANCE SENT BY G. S. STILLMAN |

Top left: The 2nd Australian Division Memorial on the top of Mount St., Quentin. It is in the form of an Australian soldier pinning down the German eagle with a bayonet. The other Divisional Memorials are in the form of stone obelisks.

Top right: This peaceful-looking scene depicts "Hell Fire Corner" in 1918. The stone at the edge of the road is one of the "Demarkation Stones" which are erected throughout Belgium to indicate the limits of the German advance in 1918. The sign post near the railway line is one of a number erected by the Ypres League to mark well-known war-time spots such as this and is simply designated "Hell Fire Corner."

Bottom left: This is a section of the reconstructed front line at Hill 60. As can be seen, the original trenches have been cleaned out and revetted with galvanised iron. All sorts of souvenirs are standing round the parapet.

Bottom right: Portion of the Australian War Memorial at Villers Bretonneux prepared for the unveiling by His Majesty the King.

where the Chateau, which was the headquarters of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade, is still intact; Villers Bretonneux, Fouilloy and Dauvers. Unfortunately, it was pouring with rain all the afternoon. Even in peace-time, the Somme mud has much of its war-time quality. The War Memorial was then nearly completed and, as it was Sunday, I was able to see over it. I then went to the school which, as you know, was the gift of the school children of Melbourne. The headmaster, who served with the French Army, and was for a time alongside the A.I.F. in Abbey Wood, was most pleased to show us over Leugenboom. The conditions are a little different here, since all the towns have been completely rebuilt and, beyond the approximate site of a camp at Kemmel, it was impossible to recognise any particular point. In fact, most of the better-known places, such as Hell Fire Corner, are designated by notice boards, erected by an organisation known as the Ypres League. The most clearly visible signs of the war in this zone are the remains of pill boxes, many of which are now used by farmers as fowl houses. I gathered that for a period after the war, they were blown up at the cost of the Government, if the landowner so requested;
but many have been put to peaceful use.

At Hill 60, an enterprising man is reconstructing the tunnels dug by our Tunnellers. These will be used as a section of a sort of war museum. The mine crater in Hill 60 has fallen in and is so overgrown as to be almost unrecognisable; but, strangely enough, at La Boisselle on the Somme, is still intact. War graves are wonderfully well kept throughout, each with an easily accessible register at the gateway. All the crosses and plans are similar, showing the regimental number, name, unit, date of death and age of the man commemorated. Where no identification has been possible, the phrase “An Unknown Soldier” is inscribed, or “An Unknown Australian Soldier” where partial identification has been possible.

During a subsequent tour of England, I saw some of the old camp sites on Salisbury Plain. I am pleased to say that the “Rising Sun” cut into the chalk hill near Fovant is still clearly visible, though the adjoining map of Australia is now almost covered with grass.

In spite of the postponement, I was able to form one of the guard of honour at Villers Bretonneux. The guard was about 380 strong, not a bad muster considering the distance from home. The party went across from England on the previous afternoon and stayed at Amiens and Lille. Mrs. Stillman and I stayed at Amiens and went by train to Corbie, thence to the Memorial by bus. Wives and relatives of ex-service men were in Reserve “B,” Reserve “A” being allotted to the guard of honour, so that, considering there were reserves down to “D,” most of us had a good view of the ceremony. His Majesty the King was attended by “Birdie”; both of them in

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ANNUAL MEETING AND BEANO

All ex-Machine Gunners are invited to the annual meeting and social of the ex-Machine Gunners’ Association which will be held at Gregson’s Mart, 32 King Street, Perth, on Monday, October 3, 1938, at 8 p.m. As before experienced, all those who attend are assured of an excellent night’s entertainment.

48th Battalion A.I.F.

Ex-members are invited, together with their relations, to a social evening at Keough’s Hall on Saturday, October 1, at 8 p.m. All those intending being present please communicate with Challen’s Battery Service, 3 Citron Street. Phone B2402.

44th Battalion Association

Ted Rogers, the hon. secretary of the “Eggs-a-Cook” mob, advises us that the annual reunion dinner will be held in the Stirling Social Rooms, at corner of Hay and Milligan Streets, on Monday, October 3, commencing at 7 p.m.

11th Battalion Association

Old members of the “Legs Eleven” are advised that the annual reunion will take place at the Stirling Social Rooms, at the corner of Hay and Milligan Streets, Perth, on Tuesday, October 4 (Show Week), at 8 p.m.

The King inspected the guard and talked to about every tenth man. One of the most impressive parts of the ceremony was the sounding of the “Last Post” by buglers of the Guards from the top of the Memorial.

AUNTIE MAC’S CORNER

Matrimonial Worries Solved

(Are you in need of heartsease or love balm? If so, tell Auntie Mac all about it. She knows all the answers and this page is at your service.—Ed.)

Before I deal with requests for love balm, I must reply to an inquiry from “Maudie” (Maddington), who wishes to know whether Auntie Mac is clean-shaven or wears a “mou.” My dear, how could you! I hasten to assure you that the faint mark on my upper lip (which you thought was a moustache)

12th and 52nd Battalions Assn.

ANNUAL SMOKO

At the meeting held on August 24 the acting president (T. P. Hunt) was in the chair and there was a good attendance. As the Association only meets quarterly, there was much business on hand, the chief of which was a circular received re a change in the form of observance of Anzac Day. After considerable discussion, it was resolved that the circular lie on the table until our next ordinary meeting. It was decided to hold the annual meeting and smoker on Friday, October 7, in the Milligan Dining Rooms, Milligan Street, Perth. To ensure its success, as in past years, all ex-members of both units are cordially invited to come along and meet their old cobbers. Nothing will be left undone to make this year’s smoke a success. Nominations for office-bearers for the ensuing year were accepted. As only sufficient were nominated for the various offices, a recommendation will be made to the annual meeting that the following be declared elected: President, H. Hoperton; vice-president, Messrs. T. P. Hunt, G. Daws; hon. secretary, A. Cook; committee, W. Bower, J. Fulton, S. Bell, J. Hopkins, W. Hall, J. Cowrie, D. McLennan, A. Bromfield, E. Mignon; corrmbe, J. Allen, J. Kitson, T. Tout; country vice-president, R. Reeves, minute secretary and publicity officer; W. J. Thornton.
was only the froth off my evening glass of stout. A Torbay reader is in need of advice about...but let’s read her letter:-

Dear Auntie Mac:

I am in a terrible dither and sadly need your help. You see, my hubby is big, handsome and aristocratic; but not one of those “silent” fellers. Just the kind of man that any woman would be interested in, particularly city women, and as he has been elected to go to Perth shortly as a delegate to the R.S.L. State congress, I am very worried. He has been several times before and nothing has happened (so far as I know!); but after his return from last year’s conference, I happened to be putting away his best suit when I discovered a lady’s silk stocking in his coat pocket where his handkerchief would have been! When I taxed him about it, he laughed it off and said that some of the other delegates must have played a joke on him. Anyway, I just put the stocking in my top drawer and said no more about it; but as he seems more than ever keen to go to Perth this year, I’m beginning to wonder whether there is anything more to it, and I shall be glad to have your advice in the matter.—Tremulous (Torbay).)

My dear, I should refuse to worry unnecessarily if I were you. After all, he must not let congress down, and you cannot very well refuse to let him go. Besides, dearie, one stocking is no use to you and, who knows? he may bring home the other one this year, and then you will have the pair.

I have a letter here from a young man signing himself “Fritzie” (Fremantle), asking me to put him in touch with a “beautiful young Australian lady.” He is, he says, a foreigner, and desirous of perfecting his knowledge of the King’s English. “With a pretty fraulein one could learn more than with a dozen teachers,” he says.

That may be so, Fritzie (Fremantle), but it usually pans out a bit more expensive.

Winnie (Wiluna) complains that her boy friend’s idea of entertaining her is to bung pound after pound of lollies into her, and she is fed up.

In fact, Winnie (Wiluna) you are choc. full.

Quite different from the story Gert (Geraldton) has to tell me. She says her lad is as tight as they make ’em. He has a well-paid job, but never spends a penny, evidently preferring to keep his money in his pocket. “What is there that will make him loosen up, Auntie, dear?”

There is nothing like a spark of love for burning a hole in the boy friend’s pocket, Gert (Geraldton).

One reader, Myra (Merredin), is thinking of breaking off with her young man “as he is the most conceited fellow I know!”

Nix! Myra (Merredin). Why, I know a young shaver who congratulated his mother on his last birthday!

By way of a change, Mummie (Mt. Lawley), has written to tell me about her infant prodigy. “He is a wonderful child,” she writes, “and although only six years of age, he comes away with all the questions imaginable.”

Yes, I know, Mummie (Mt. Lawley), and at sixteen he’ll know all the answers.

And now for some heartsease, lads and lassies. Many letters will be answered by ‘phone or the evening post; but whichever way it is, rest assured that any advice given through this column is based upon the most unreliable authority.

Dear Auntie Mac:

I am so unhappy. My fiance is a very peculiar snoozer. I notice that, while other men will make pleasant complimentary remarks about their wives or fiancées, my fiance will never say anything. He even looks awkward when my name is mentioned. What ought I to do about it?—Annie (Armadale).

There is only one way to deal with a man like your fiance. I expect that he hates to be reminded about it, so every time he should say something, ring a bell to attract his attention. Of course, this will mean lumping a bell about wherever you go; but anything is better than a dumb fiance, Annie (Armadale). Beware of ringing the bell too often.

Dear Auntie Mac:

My husband and I are very happy as long as I don’t talk. When I do—and I confess that I like to talk—he is obviously bored. Is there anything I can do?—Lettie (Leederville).

Obviously, Lettie (Leederville), you are talking at the wrong time. No husband minds his wife talking. Select your moments more carefully. Be sure to start talking the moment Dad and Dave come on the radio. Nothing pleases a husband more. And the ideal time for telling him what Mrs. Blank said about Mrs. Dash at the euchre party is during the football or racing broadcasts on Saturday afternoons, or when the trotting descriptions are being given. You’ll see his eyes light up with understanding.

Dear Auntie Mac:

My fiance is everything a man should be, but he has a nasty temper. He calls me everything at the time, but a minute or two later is deeply sorry. Do you think I should marry him?—Yola (York).

Good heavens, no, Yola (York). Tell him he’s got B.O. and to B. off. Then he can lose his temper in earnest without apologising.

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CHAPTER XX
THE FIRST BATTLE OF GAZA
The First and Second Battles of Gaza, fought respectively on March 26 and April 17-19, 1917, have probably caused more criticism, and have been the subject of more controversial discussion than any other phase of the whole campaign of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

They provided, as everyone knows, the burial ground for several hitherto fine military reputations. If there was a fault or a blunder made, the passage of time will doubtless lay bare, in true perspective, upon whose shoulders that fault or blunder rested.

So far as the fighting troops engaged were concerned, it is safe to say that they did all that was humanly possible to achieve success—in some case more than was humanly expected. But the sporting instincts of our race might induce us to almost pardon the Turks for claiming victory on each occasion, and it would be idle speculation to attempt to appraise the results of a counter-attack by them on April 20 had they been inclined or able to deliver it.

For a general description of these operations one must again refer to the records of higher formations. The troops engaged on the British side numbered about 70,000 of all arms, so that the 10th Regiment, with a strength of little over 450, played a small part—smaller comparatively, from a numerical standpoint, than hitherto in the campaign. But it nevertheless played an important role and suffered accordingly.

On March 9 the Regiment left Masaid with the 3rd Light Horse Brigade on its forward march. Moving along the beach, it reached El Burj that evening and bivouacked right on the water's-edge. Fresh water for the horses was obtained by means of a shallow sinking in the sand a few yards from the sea. Horses and men were exceedingly fit and well, and on the 13th, whilst still at El Burj, the news that Bagdad had fallen to the British arms caused the spirits of all ranks to soar and a stronger feeling of optimism and confidence in the future to prevail.

The march was resumed and Bir Hambalah was the next halting place. On again in the morning of the 14th, the Brigade arrived at Abu Shunnar, enemy planes hovering over the line of march all day and dropping an occasional bomb. A week was spent in bivouac at Abu Shunnar, broken only by a quick move out of the 8th and 9th Regiments and the 3rd Machine Gun Squadron on the 16th to Khan Yunus, as a result of a report that a body of Turkish cavalry were in that village. The troops reached Khan Yunus, but found it clear of enemy.

On March 21, a further move forward was made to Tel el Marakeb, and here the two Mounted Divisions gradually concentrated. The following day a report was circulated that Gaza was evacuated, but a day later this was contradicted, and the enemy garrison was estimated at 5,000.

On March 23, a reconnaissance in force was made of the Gaza defences by our Brigade under Brigadier-General Royston. The 8th Regiment with the 3rd M.G. Squadron were in advance, the 9th in support, and the 10th in reserve. The Wadi Ghuze was reached and crossed, but the only opposition met was an occasional salvo from a single Turkish battery of light field pieces.

Ali Muntar and the town of Gaza appeared in full view; but, beyond the shelling of this one battery, the enemy made no sign. The Brigade withdrew and remained in an outpost line that night on the Goe el Taire ridge, the 10th Regiment holding a position about four miles in length, running about due north and south and terminating at Abasan el Kebir. At this latter place a smart capture was made by a troop of "B" Squadron in the shape of three Turkish signal officers who had crossed the Wadi Ghuze at Tel el Jemmi in the night. What their real mission was remained a mystery, but it was suspected that they were making an effort to establish communications behind our lines with the aid of the Bedouin inhabitants. Had they reached a Bedouin hut and disguised themselves this would have been a comparatively easy matter. They were jovial fellows and not a bit perturbed by their capture, nor were they unwilling to talk. They said the Turks generally regretted that we were not their allies; but the Young Turk party under Enver Pasha was too strong, and its influence swayed the rest. They also said that the Turks intended to hold Gaza at all costs, and when it was suggested that Gaza would be evacuated upon the approach of our Army in earnest, one of them smiled and politely touching his fez, replied: "Pardon, sir, I do not think so. We gave you Rafa, but we will not give you that," pointing towards Ali Muntar.

Returning to Marakeb for water, the Regiment remained there for that night, and on March 25 rode out with the Brigade to the rendezvous of the Imperial Mounted Division—a beautiful green meadow near Deir el Belah—in readiness for the battle of the morrow.

As far as could be gathered, the general scheme for the impending operations was that Gaza was to be captured in a combined attack by the mounted troops and infantry, after which the mounted troops were to swing round on the Turkish positions at Sheria and take them in reverse.

The Anzac and Imperial Mounted Divisions were to envelop Gaza and, cutting the enemy communications, attack the town in rear, whilst the 53rd and 54th Infantry Divisions would storm the Ali Muntar system and capture it with the bayonet.

On the night of March 25, the troops

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of East Force moved up to their first positions, the 53rd Division in the lead. Dawn on the 26th was ushered in by a dense fog which enveloped the whole landscape and through which it was impossible to see for more than a few feet; but the mounted troops rode out confidently on their mission, relying upon uncertain accuracy of the Australian and New Zealand bushmen who guided the various columns. In fact, from one point of view, the fog was regarded as a happy circumstance, as it enabled concealment of movement from the enemy.

To the Anzac Mounted Division was entrusted the attack on the Gaza rear positions whilst the Imperial Mounted Division followed in support. As the fog lifted the Third Light Horse Brigade moving in column, with the 8th, approaching the steep banks of the Wadi Ghuzze. A crossing was effected at Sheikh Nebhan, and the 5th and 6th Yeomanry Brigades were seen away on our right in two columns parallel with our own.

The time was now 7 a.m. and the sun shone brightly. Several miles ahead, the Anzac Mounted Division was pushing along fast in a north-easterly direction and eventually disappeared behind the Mansura ridge. Our own brigade followed in the wake of the Anzacs whilst the Yeomanry Brigade swept out wider. As we moved up the rising green slopes a cloud of high dust was seen to rise in the Judean foothills in the direction of Beersheba and worn its way along north-westerly towards Gaza.

Apparently the Turks were awake, then, and already their cavalry were moving up the Beersheba road to the rescue. But they were a long way off as yet and there seemed to be no occasion to worry. Gaza was sure to fall very soon and had we not plenty of troops to deal with any reinforcements the enemy was capable of bringing up?

Suddenly the boom of a heavy gun reverberated from the hills in the vicinity of Abu Hareira, about half-way between Gaza and Beersheba. The shell came screaming through the air, and was obviously fired at extreme range, bursting about a mile short of our column. Enemy aeroplanes commenced to hover above us, dropping occasional bombs and firing their machine guns. They grew bolder and flew lower, but the whole Brigade, springing from the horses, opened a heavy rifle fire at them and drove them off.

The same tactics were adopted several times during the approach march, and the German airmen grew more cautious.

The Brigade halted on the Mansura ridge, near Tel el Ahmar, at about 10 a.m. and awaited orders. A motor despatch rider running down from the direction of Gaza, brought news that the Anzac Division had completely isolated Gaza; had worked right round to the sea on the north side, had captured the Turkish commander on his way from Jaffa to direct operations, and were already occupying the town. As the despatch rider himself put it when asked the situation: "Well, we've taken Gaza and captured the boss of the whole outfit."

So far as the mounted troops were concerned that was correct. The Anzacs had swung round on to the high ground overlooking the town from the east side—called later Anzac Ridge—and from here had pushed on through the olive groves and cactus hedges with the bayonet right into the Turkish support lines, driving the enemy before them in confusion. They had seized abandoned heavy guns and turned them upon the disordered Turks, sighted through the open barrels. They had killed many of the enemy and captured many prisoners and had consolidated their firing and support lines, with their horses well under cover. The Imperial Division in support had not yet been called upon to reinforce. Certainly everything seemed to be going favourably. Many positions had already been lost to the enemy; his whole garrison surrounded, and his communications cut. The force opposed to him was overwhelming in numbers. Why, then, did he hesitate to hoist the white flag in surrender? Surely he seemed to be wasting time, and the day was getting on! He must realise that the game was up. Then why didn't he acknowledge it in the customary way? These and many other conjectures floated through the minds of many who considered that they knew something of military tactics.

But at this stage two facts stood out clear of all other considerations which might well cause the Turkish commander to hesitate: In the first place the climax of the battle had not yet been reached. The assault of our infantry on Ali Muntar had not been delivered, and the strength of its defences was yet to be put to the test. Secondly, the dust that was observed in the early morning near Beersheba was drawing nearer and nearer to Gaza. But that was not all. From Huj, about ten miles east of Gaza, another and larger cloud of dust was observed by our airmen, also moving towards the surrounded garrison. Enemy reinforcements, then, were hastening to the rescue. But how many?
Our air observers estimated the numbers at 8,000 infantry and 2,000 cavalry all told. To us it did not seem an adequate force to decide the issue in favour of the enemy; but the Turkish commander in Gaza, nevertheless, hardened his heart and held on. At about 4 o'clock in the afternoon an order reached Brigadier-General Royston to move his Brigade up rapidly to near Australia Hill. The 3rd Light Horse Brigade, immediately roused to action, rode at a fast trot, then men delighted to think that, after all, they were to share in the day's fun. Arrived at Anzac Ridge—now the headquarters of the Anzac Division under Major-General Chauvel—the Brigade halted, and here Brigadier-General Royston received orders to intercept the approaching enemy infantry.

Detaching the 10th Regiment to act temporarily as Anzac Divisional reserve, the gallant Brigadier galloped out with the 8th and 9th Regiments, the 3rd Machine Gun Squadron and the Notts Battery, R.H.A., deployed, dismounted, and occupied a chain of low hills one and a half miles east of Anzac Ridge, right in the path of the oncoming Turks. They were now about 3,000 yards distant, and lumbered along in straggly columns, and appeared very tired. They had been marching since early morning and doubtless their march had been pushed forward with vigour. Their numbers were estimated at about 6,000. Slowly they came on, and the 3rd Light Horse Brigade opened fire on them at distant range, the Notts battery supporting with brisk salvos of shrapnel.

The Turks, apparently nonplussed, deployed and halted. They lay down, and

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as the darkness fell, any further movement they may have made was obscured from view. The 6th (Yeomanry) Mounted Brigade seemingly were having a similar experience on our right, but on the right again from the 6th Brigade, the 5th (Yeomanry) Mounted Brigade were more closely engaged. In fact the Turks seemed inclined to press their attack on that flank, and the 5th Brigade had fallen back slightly. Thus stood the situation at 5 p.m. as far as the enemy reinforcements were concerned.

The reported 2,000 Turkish cavalry had, so far, failed to materialise, and it remained open to doubt as to whether a cavalry force was being employed by the enemy at all.

Darkness was coming on, and at length the infantry, who had remained stationary in their position of deployment since early morning, deliver their assault on Ali Muntar. From Anzac Ridge could be seen the bursting shrapnel and high explosive of our artillery raking the Turkish trenches whilst the infantry moved in steady waves towards their objective. Only slight artillery fire from the enemy opposed their advance, but as our troops drew closer and commenced their climb up the green slopes, they were met by a furious machine gun fire and rifle fire which tore huge gaps in their ranks.

The supporting lines went steadily on, suffering severe casualties, but gaining ground, and as the dusk approached they could be seen standing on the sky-line as though the action had ceased.

News of their assault was eagerly awaited by our people. Had Ali Muntar fallen or not? That was the query on everyone's lips. The reply was slow in coming; but it came at last. Our infantry had captured many positions, but the enemy remained in some. This information was followed with dramatic suddenness by an order that the Army would retire after dark. It seemed incredible, and as the order was transmitted to units the commanders invariably gasped out an amazed "What!" Imagination ran riot as to the reason for such a retirement. Visions arose of German spies tampering with our communications or issuing "retire" orders—as before at Gallipoli—and a hundred and one other things suggested themselves.

Repetition of the order was asked for and received. It was definite enough. The Anzac Mounted Division was already being, extricated with difficulty from the town, and the various other positions, and it was expected that this Division would be concentrated behind Anzac Ridge by 10 p.m., when it would commence its retirement along the same route as the approach march—in other words, by a wide detour south-east and then south-west. The infantry were moving back also, and the role of our own Brigade was to maintain its hold upon the position selected by Brigadier-General Royston, and act as rear-guard until the general retirement was complete, when it would then withdraw to Belah.

The 10th Regiment was released from its duty as Anzac Divisional Reserve and, returning to the 3rd Light Horse Brigade, took its place on the left flank of the line of resistance, its extreme left almost reaching the sea.

The night was pitch black, and the men on observation could see but a few feet ahead. The silence was broken by the numberless howls of jackals; but no enemy movement or sound was detected. Towards morning, the flashes of a signal lamp told us that the troops were clear of Gaza, and the 3rd Light Horse Brigade collected its units as best it could from its five-mile front and began its march back to Belah. The first streaks of dawn revealed clouds of dust behind us, showing that the enemy had grasped our intention, and was early on the move. Presently shells came whistling over to let us know that the Turkish artillery was losing no time in taking advantage of the excellent targets afforded by the retiring columns. But the shooting was inaccurate, and our casualties were light.

A body of Turkish infantry, which apparently had advanced through the night on the right flank of our outpost line, made a bold move along the Beer-sheba road in an attempt to intercept one of our columns, but a couple of light box-cars, mounting Vickers machine guns and commanded by Lieut. "Scotty" McIntyre—a gallant Scottish Horseman much beloved by our boys—dashed up with consummate daring and, firing furiously at the Turks, held them off. Away to the east the supply train of one of our Infantry Divisions—a convoy of about 1,000 camels—which had evidently lost its direction in the darkness, was providing a holiday attraction for the Turkish gunners, and for a time the air was thick was fragments of camel, biscuit boxes and "bully beef" tins.

The Wadi Ghuze was reached and crossed by our Brigade, and by 9 a.m. on the 27th the horses were watering in the muddy lake at Belah, the men discussing the episodes of the previous day and night, whilst away up at Gaza could be heard "the distant and random gun that the foe was suddenly firing."

Here we learnt that our unfortunate infantry had been very roughly handled in their attack on Ali Muntar, and their casualties were estimated at 3,000. The very fog which had assisted the mounted troops to envelop Gaza had delayed the infantry assault. That delay, in all probability, constituted the primary cause of the debacle.

(To be continued.)

A six-weeks-old calf, nibbling at the grass in the yard, was viewed in silence for some minutes by the city girl. "Tell me," she said, turning impulsively to her hostess, "does it really pay you to keep as small a cow as that?"
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Konrad Henlein: The Furious “Little Fuehrer”

BY C. R. COLLINS

While crossing the Indian Ocean in one of His Majesty’s troopships, I overheard my batman discussing the Man at the helm with a little Cockney cabin steward. “Does the Skipper ever roar?” asked the batman. “Does e roar?” the steward returned. “Not ‘arf, boy.” That description would fit admirably Herr Konrad Henlein, an ex-service man from the other side of No Man’s Land, who is now one of the most talked-of men in Europe. Henlein is called “The Little Fuehrer” by his followers, and by his admirers in Germany; but he is considered a veritable little fury by his political opponents in Czechoslovakia. Actually, when not posing for the Press photographer or facing the microphone, he is a quiet-mannered, somewhat stolid man who has persistently refused to enter Parliament; but when he is speaking for publication he thumps the table and roars in the approved Hitlerian manner. It is significant that British and American newspapers use the phrase, “said Mr. Chamberlain,” or “Dr. Benes said last week;” but when they report Herr Henlein the word “roared” is almost invariably substituted for “said.”

Konrad Henlein, who is still only in his fortieth year, is one of the youngest men prominent in world affairs to-day. He went straight from school to the trenches. At the early age of sixteen, he was a trained soldier, fighting in the ranks of the Austrian Army against the Italians near the Brenner Pass. His war service was brief, but not altogether inglorious, for he was wounded in action and taken prisoner. After the war he found himself the citizen of a new State and the subject of an alien and thoroughly hostile people. Not the least of the grievances of the German minority in Czechoslovakia was the attitude of the dominant race in the years that succeeded the war. At that time the Czech regarded the German much in the same light as the German views the Jew to-day. Henlein entered a bank after the war. Then he became a gymnasium instructor. It is only within recent years, practically in recent months, that he has achieved notoriety as a political leader.

Czechoslovakia is the only country of Central Europe that has treated racial minorities with consistent fairness. It is the only country of Central Europe where real Parliamentary Government, based on the ballot, universal suffrage, proportional representation and really free elections still survives, and where there is a free Press. In the Cabinet both Clericals and Socialists are represented, and racial minorities are represented, too. Compared with their countrymen south of the Brenner Pass, who became Italian subjects after the war, the German minority in Czechoslovakia are in a very favourable position. Unlike Italy’s German subjects, they are allowed to use their own language all the way from the kindergarten to the University. They have their deputies in the Czech Parliament and their representatives in the Cabinet. Nevertheless, it must not be supposed that their grievances have no foundation in fact. They bitterly resent the existing pacts between Czechoslovakia and Russia and France, with the implication that they might one day be called upon to bear arms against their fellow Germans of the Third Reich. Czechoslovakia’s trade agreements with other countries have closed to them the Austrian and Hungarian markets which were formerly theirs. As Central European finance crashed, they lost their wealth. When they went bankrupt, their businesses were taken over by Czechs who would employ only members of their own race. To-day, the German minority, who number about three million of Czechoslovakia’s fifteen million people, comprise at least half of the country’s unemployed—and the role in Czechoslovakia is a beggarly one and sixpence a week.

No wonder a change is sought. No wonder Herr Henlein roared, “We must decide now whether the present political system in Czechoslovakia shall be liquidated. I warn the Republic that it is bound to collapse sooner or later.” The validity of many of the German grievances has been recognised by Dr. Benes, the President of the Republic and one of Europe’s truest democrats. Benes has offered to grant all the major demands of the Sudeten Germans, except absolute independence. That he could never grant without risking the destruction of the State he laboured so long and so hard to bring into being.

Henlein has been severely handicapped by the fact that his Nazi followers, up to the time of the annexation of Austria, were only about two-thirds of the German minority. The remaining third was bitterly opposed to him. Then, last October, while Henlein was in London soliciting sympathy and support from English pro-Germans, his chief lieutenant was arrested on charges of sexual perversion and sentenced to imprisonment. The Nazis in Czechoslovakia, therefore, suffered an eclipse from which they did not recover until Hitler marched into Austria. At that time, there were four separate German parties in Czechoslovakia, and three had seats in the Cabinet. After the Austrian sensation, the German Catholic Party, which is the largest and most influential section of the
minority within a minority, and the German Agrarian Party, hastened to align themselves with Herr Henlein and his Nazis. The German Social Democrats gave half-hearted adherence as far as minority rights, distinguished from political theory and practice, were concerned. It was believed then that a similar coup would be brought off against Czechoslovakia on or about May 12. Since Hitler was deterred from direct action by the unexpected firmness of Britain and France, the Socialist opposition to Herr Henlein has increased. Herr Henlein has paid flying visits to London, and so has Herr Wenzel Jacksch, the former bricklayer who leads the German socialists in Czechoslovakia. Hitler's notorious declaration, "One People, one State and one Fuehrer," revived the ambitions and the agitation of the Heinleinists; but Wenzel Jacksch has no illusions as to the fate he and his followers would meet under Nazi rule. "Henlein is always telling the world about the Sudeten minority in Czechoslovakia," said Jacksch, when he was in London three months ago. "But he never speaks of how his followers are treating the minority in their own area—the Sudeten Socialists.

The Sudeten or South Germans are so called because they are numerically strongest in the Sudetian Mountain districts to the south-west of Czechoslovakia. If they were granted the autonomy they demand, Herr Henlein would immediately be confronted with a ticklish minority problem of his own, the problem outlined by Herr Jacksch. Until he visited Herr Hitler, presumably to receive further instructions, at the end of July, Henlein had manifested a more reasonable attitude towards a compromise. Since he has again fraternised with Hitler, the attitude of sweet reasonableness has reverted to one of great truculence. In Prague, it is openly stated that Henlein is nothing more than the mouthpiece of Hitler, that the voice is the voice of Konrad, while the unseen hands that pull the strings are the hands of Adolf. The position is stated in another way by those British commentators who declare that on Herr Hitler, and not on Herr Henlein, depend the chances of a peaceful settlement of Czechoslovakia's minority problems.

August 10, 1938

At the meeting of the State executive on August 10, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Collett, Philip, Aberle, Lamb, Margolin, Hunt, Thorn, Warner, James, Watt, Sten, Mitchell, Paton, Nicholas, Potts and Austin. Leave was granted to Messrs. Riley, Keesing, Panton, Denton, Anderson, Cornell, Freedman and Johnston.

Newdegate Cup.—It was decided that Brigadier-General Besse-Browne be asked to accept the seat on this committee, rendered vacant by the death of Lieut.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs.

Congress.—It was agreed that the Lord Mayor be invited to the official opening of Congress, and that the customary civic reception to country delegates be arranged. The entertainment of country delegates during their stay in Perth was referred to the House Committee.

Extra Country Vice-Presidents.—In fulfilment of a resolution passed by last year's congress, it was decided to divide the State into three parts for the purpose of appointing a country vice-president in each. The Northern section will cover all the country districts between the 31st and 32.5th Parallels; the Central, the districts between the 31st and 32.5th Parallels; and the Southern, the country south of the 32.5th Parallel. The following recommendations will be submitted to congress:

Northern, Mr. C. R. Cornish, of Carnarvon; Central, Mr. J. B. Lawton, of Yealering; and Southern, Mr. R. C. Austin, of Gnowangerup.

National Insurance.—It was decided that the chairman of the National Insurance Commission be interviewed by the State president and secretary during his visit to Perth. The income obtained, relative to ex-service men, will be submitted to congress.

Federal Congress.—A tentative programme covering the social arrangements and entertainment of delegates to the Federal Congress will be discussed by the State president with the Federal president.

Imperial Ex-Service Men.—Inquiries were received from the Federal Office as to what action had been taken in the preparation of a case from this State for submission to Earl de la Warr. The Federal Office had replied that the length of time in obtaining reports from all State branches would cause some time to elapse before any result could be reported. It was decided that if this Branch's case had not already been forwarded to Earl de la Warr, the Branch should communicate directly with him.

Relief Fund.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees for the month of July revealed that 65 cases had been assisted at a total cost of £65/18/8. It was decided to instruct the State secretary to include in the next circular to sub-branches, pointing out that applications for relief should be made to the Head Office and not to individual trustees.

United Services Fund.—A report for the month of July disclosed that 31 applications had been approved at a cost of £33/14/2.

Visits.—The report of the Lemnos Board of Visitors was tabled for information. Other visits reported were by Mr. Yeates (York, Harvey, Mt. Lawley-Inglewood, Neldands sub-branches and Gunners' Day), Col. Margolin (Gloucester Park and Perth sub-branches), Mr. Thorn (Junior Farmers' Club), Mr. Keesing (Merredin sub-branch), Mr. Wells (Heathcote Reception Home); Mr. Yeates also reported having met Mr. Pike, the Agent-General for Queensland, who is one of the League's representatives on the Empire Council of the B.E.S.I.

The following visitors to the meeting were welcomed by the State president: Messrs. Goldie (Broome), J. Day (Wubin), Hamilton (Beacon) and D. East (Marradong-Boddington).

Sub-Branches.—The appointment of officials as advised by Bunbury and Dwellinup sub-branches was confirmed.
Approval was given for the Williams sub-branch to change its name to Williams and District sub-branch.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund.—A donation of £72/10/-, the proceeds of a “Paddy's Market,” was received from the Bridgehead sub-branch. It was agreed to congratulate the sub-branch and to refer to the matter in “The Listening Post.”

Air Force: Anzac Day.—A communication addressed to Colonel Collett from the Minister for Defence, indicating that inquiries were being made regarding the Royal Australian Air Force co-operating in the Anzac Day parade, was received.

Soldiers' Ward, Old Men's Home.—A communication from Subiaco sub-branch regarding this ward was referred to the Visiting Committee.

Women's Auxiliary and Women's Service Guilds.—Inquiries revealed that the Women's Auxiliary State executive was not represented at the meeting which was referred to in the last minutes of the State executive. It was, however, ascertained that a member of the Subiaco women's auxiliary had expressed approval and agreement in the resolutions referred to. The women's auxiliary State executive had been asked to notify the Subiaco women that in public questions of this nature the direction of the League should be sought.

Road Board Conference.—It was agreed that a communication should be addressed to the Road Board Conference, now in session, inviting the delegates to honorary membership of Anzac Club.

Leave of Absence.—Mr. James was granted leave of absence until congress.

August 24, 1938

At the meeting of the State executive on August 24, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Collett, Anderson, Aberle, Lamb, Margolin, Hunt, Fairley, Watt, Sten, Paton, Nicholas and Potts. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Keesing, Panton, Philip, Denton, Wilmot, Wilson, Cornell, Icy, Friedmann, Mitchell and Johnstone.

Brigadier-General Bessell-Browne advised that he would accept a seat on the Newdegate Cup committee and on the State War Memorial committee.

Condonations.—Condonations were extended to the relatives of the late Mr. J. J. Payton and to Colonel Denton on the recent loss of his brother.

Visits.—Visits were reported by the State president (C.T.A. Ann W. Dinnen, Pithara sub-branch, Mons Dinner), Mr. Paton (Mosman Park), Colonel Fairley (Kalgoorlie, Boulder, Donnybrook, Busselton and Harvey), Mr. Anderson (Swan View-Greenmount) and Colonel Olden (Military Ball, Mt. Hawthorn).

A.R.M.S. Competition.—Mr. Watt reported on the progress of the A.R.M.S. competition, which had reached the semi-final stage.

S.S.I.—Mr. Nicholas reported that the Colonel Collett Shield competition for 1938 had been concluded, and that Mt. Hawthorn had retained the shield.

Hospitals.—Mr. Nicholas reported a report on his visits to wards X and XI.

Sub-Branches.—Approval was given for the formation of a new sub-branch at Brookton. The appointment of a secretary, as advised by the Marradong-Boddington sub-branch, was confirmed.

Assistance: Indigent Cases.—Manjimup sub-branch advised of a returned soldier, who had applied to the Child Welfare Department for assistance, and been advised to approach the local sub-branch of the R.S.L. for assistance, “as funds had been made available for that purpose.” The Secretary explained that he had been in touch with the Secretary of the Child Welfare Department who had expressed regret at the reference contained in the department's communication and an assurance was obtained that similar references would not recur.

T.B. Cases, Wards X and XI.—A communication was received from the Repatriation Department advising that patients in repatriation wards were not exposed to the risk of infection with tuberculosis from those patients who were undergoing investigation for that particular disease. It was agreed that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Mt. Lawley sub-branch.

Transport, Old Men's Home.—The Secretary of the Medical Department advised that this matter had been investigated and there appeared to be no cause for complaint. It was agreed that a copy of the communication be sent to the Neldlands sub-branch.

National Insurance.—A report from the National Insurance department was received, containing a statement as to the circumstances in which the certificate was granted.

Certificate of Service.—Kalgoorlie sub-branch applied for a Certificate of Service for Mr. S. G. Smithin, late honorary secretary of the former Yarri sub-branch. It was agreed that the State executive recommend to State congress that in the circumstances this Certificate be granted.

Federal Congress.—Melville sub-branch extended an invitation to delegates to Federal congress to visit Melville. This was referred to the Management Committee.

Junior Farmers' Club.—The Education Department submitted information concerning the Junior Farmers' rally to be held during the Royal Show week. This was referred to Mr. Thorn.

Mons Day.—It was agreed that in order to give due and greater prominence to:

(a) The commemoration of the anniversary of the Battle of Mons;
(b) The association in war of the Australian Imperial Force with the British Army;
(c) The fact that units of the Commonwealth Defence Forces are today linked with corresponding corps of the present British Army; and of

(d) Australia's admiration for their achievements of the "First Seven Divisions" in the Great War, an endeavour to be made by the League to ensure a more representative attendance at the annual Mons Day service in Perth and that the matter be referred to the Anzac Day Committee, which is invited to seek the cooperation of unit associations with a view to securing the presence on parade of organised detachments representative of the A.I.F. That the District Commandant be approached with a request that similar representation from the Citizen Forces be permitted. That the Union Jack and Australian Ensign be flown from Anzac House on Mons oordays.

Notice of Motion.—Colonel Collett gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting that the District Commandant be written to and informed that the League, speaking on behalf of the ex-service men resident in Western Australia, would greatly value an opportunity for the units that took part in the Great War to be represented at the Royal Review, to be held on the occasion of the commemoration of the birthday of His Majesty the King, in a similar manner to that permitted on the occasion of His Majesty's coronation.

Leave of Absence.—The State president was granted leave of absence from the next meeting.

September 7, 1938

At the meeting on September 7, there were present Messrs. Olden, Denton, Anderson, Aberle, Lamb, Margolin, Fairley, Watt, Sten, Mitchell, Paton, Nicholas and Potts. Leave was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Keesing, Collett, Panton, Philip, Hunt, Thorn, Warner, James, Freedman, Johnstone and Austin.

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August scholarships for soldiers' children in the years ceased and adopted. Tended to Colonel Lamb on his appointment delegation to the Minister for the Interior, Day music, the route of march, an alteration to following Lamb reported on funds the State and of Commerce). This executive approve forthcoming Federal Executive Meeting.-Mr. Cornell arising from the report it was moved that District Committee No. 13 had been formed to cover the Merredin, Bruce Rock and Narembeen areas. Transfer of land.-Tambellup sub-branch had recently acquired land and requested the Executive to arrange for the transfer to its members. It was agreed that the necessary authority be granted subject to all rates being paid to date. Sub-Branch Official.—The appointment of officials as advised by the Bullsbrook sub-branch was confirmed. Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund.—A donation of £50, bequeathed by the late Sir Talbot Hobbs as a donation to this fund, was received. Old Men's Home.—Mr. Anderson stated that specifications were being prepared for necessary renovations to another ward at the Old Men's Home to accommodate aged ex-service men. It was agreed that when these specifications are received, the Management Committee be authorised to call for tenders. Royal Review.—It was agreed that the District Commandant be advised that the League, speaking on behalf of ex-service men resident in Western Australia, would greatly value an opportunity for the units which took part in the Great War to be represented at the Royal Review to be held in commemoration of the birthday of His Majesty the King, in a similar manner to that permitted on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation.

SOUTH PERTH

South Perth staged rather a "fishy" evening at their August meeting when a fair attendance listened to and enjoyed an illustrated lecture by Captain Hutchinson, entitled "Whaling from Shark Bay." After learning all about the industry and seeing whales and whales and whales (males and females), the supper supervisors had the audacity to provide a fish supper, whilst outside the elements provided decidedly fishy weather. That, however, didn't dampen the ardour of polishing off the sardines and prawns on biscuits interspersed with gherkins, onions and cheese, with or without coffee and amber-coloured fluid. The evening was a very happy one and Captain Hutchinson has promised to come again some evening when the weather abates and tell us of the exploits of Q ships during the stoush. He can certainly spin a good fish yarn and we look forward to his next appearance on the quarter-deck. Not to be daunted by their defeat at the hands of the women's auxiliary in parlour games at the beginning of the month, the sub-branch has decided that a mixed evening will be held at least once a quarter. Now that all the babies, except one, have grown up, the parking of the progeny problem is not so serious, and these evenings should gain in popularity. At the September meeting, we are holding a shooting competition. Prizes have already been donated and everyone has to shoot, even the cove who can't hit the target. It is hoped the innovation of the Q.M.Ms' off-siders in supplementing the rations and damming the expense will encourage a few more to turn up, although the weather will now be the means of persuading some to shed their cotton wools.

MOSMAN PARK

On August 20, members and their friends assembled at the R.S.L. Hall for the annual smoko of the sub-branch. There were 140 present and a very enjoyable evening was presided over by Geo. Ashworth. The sub-branch enjoys a reputation for classy smokers, but this one, due to the untiring efforts of Social Secretary Bill Stoddart and his energetic committee, knocked all previous gatherings of a similar nature to a frazzle. Our best thanks are due to Bill and his henchmen for a splendid evening and also for the ladies of the auxiliary, who spared no effort in their co-operation towards making the

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

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The finals took place on Wednesday, August 31, in the Jarradale Hall. Although the Diggers still outnumbered the quizzers, table tennis and parlour bowls, they were unbeaten in the rifle shooting. The sympathy of all members of the sub-branch goes to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark, of Mundijong Post Office, in the loss of their youngest son, Harold, aged 12 years.

SUBLICO

In the A.R.M.S. games, we managed a point's decision against Mosman Park (6-4) after a most enjoyable evening. Our merry men were impressed not only by the excellence of the opponents' shooting by the very fine little hall which is the property of the Mosman Park sub-branch and is an incentive to us to "go and do likewise." Our last event in the competition, against Cottesloe, frizzled out, much to our disappointment, as we have always had pleasant evenings playing that sub-branch. Owing to a misreading of horoscopes or something, Cottesloe had to scratch. We hope to arrange a "friendly" with them soon. At our general meeting on September 25th there was treated to a first-hand picture display of infantry manoeuvres and kapok bridging by Major McKinlay of the 44th Battalion (M.F.), for which our best thanks are due. The big event of this month is a Children's Plain and Fancy Dress Ball, to be held in the King's Hall, Rokeby Road, on Friday, September 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets are 1/- each or the money can be paid at the door, and we are arranging for dancing for adults. Proceeds in aid of the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund. We ask all who read this notice to bring their children and advise their friends. A pleasant evening for a shilling a head and a real good time for the kiddies, not to mention a contribution to a good cause. Bridge evenings are on September 24 and October 8.

ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, September 6, Mr. A. H. Richardson (vice-president) taking the chair in the absence of the president (in hospital). The committee investigating the matter of returning the lounge are to carry on and see if it is possible to carry out their plan of adding a stock room in the Rosemary Hall, Rokeby Road, to be held in the King's Hall, Rokeby Road, on Friday, September 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets are 1/- each or the money can be paid at the door, and we are arranging for dancing for adults. Proceeds in aid of the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund. We ask all who read this notice to bring their children and advise their friends. A pleasant evening for a shilling a head and a real good time for the kiddies, not to mention a contribution to a good cause. Bridge evenings are on September 24 and October 8.
BUNBURY
It is with a certain amount of bashfulness that Bunbury makes a somewhat tardy reappearance in these select pages; but the absence of news by no means indicates any lethargy or need for treatment by Dr. Verona-off. The local sub-branch still packs a punch and social, amelioration and revenue-raising activities demand a goodly portion of time from the staff. The annual general meeting in July disclosed a satisfactorily balance sheet with a healthy surplus of assets and a marked reduction in the overdraft and the splendid work of the women's auxiliary towards this result is warmly appreciated by members. Bob Gibson still adequately fills the presidential chair, but a new voice and pen read and write the minutes. After many years of sustained and successful effort for the sub-branch and League, Arthur Murray makes way for a new secretary in Bill Freeman, a fellow-scissors wielder, only Bill is a tonsorial artist and Arthur sartorial. Arthur and Bob are to be presented with well-earned Certificates of Service. The sub-branch raised £9/18/- for the recent Blind Appeal and forwarded a donation of £2 to Wooroloo for the Pastimes Fund. The Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund is also receiving attention and every Friday for this object. Ten guineas already has been forwarded and a similar amount will be forthcoming very shortly. The Diggers' Golf Day at Sandridge Park was the usual success, and the estimate half-way round, with a hard-boiled Marm'elle in attendance, was a popular spot for "fallout." Touching on sport, it is worthy of record that the badminton boys and girls have put up a very good show in the Bunbury "B" grade, and have to play-off for the Pennant with Cathedral. Here's hoping they pull it off, because next year the old legs will be a year older and the old heads will not have such a pull over the young "uns in the opposition. Having come out all over sporty, we had a spelling-bee after our meeting last month, and after the masterly display of several human dictionaries, must seriously consider sending up a team to line-up on one side of Professor Cameron. Just one last word: Our annual reunion will probably be on October 29, so keep the date open.

WONGAN HILLS
The highest attendance of some months was recorded at the August meeting. In the absence of the president, the vice-president (Mr. N. C. Stonestreet) took the chair. Arrangements for the Christmas Tree were discussed. The secretary was instructed to seek permission for the sub-branch to conduct a raffle in aid of the funds. It is proposed to offer three prizes of £5, £2 and £1. During the social festivities that followed the business meeting, the sub-branch welcomed Mr. Jeffries, a former member who has returned after an absence of several years on the goldfields; and Mr. Brown, who has just taken over the local State Hotel. Mr. Brown was president of the Carnamah sub-branch for several years, after which he was vice-president of the Bruce Rock sub-branch.

COLLIE
Attendance at meetings has been on the improve lately and new members are joining up; but, unfortunately, as we get new members, we are losing our old ones, and so our membership does not improve. A trip was made to Worsley and contact was made with most of the ex-service men in that centre. A lot of other business was transacted, particularly on pension and employment matters. Another visit will take place as soon as sufficient fine weather is experienced, when contract will be made with all those who were missed on our last visit. As the warmer weather will soon be here, all the outlying places will be visited the same as was done last year. Our pension officer is still very busy. Harry May devotes a large amount of time in his desire to help all. A presentation was made recently to our queen who acted on behalf of the R.S.L. in the recently-conducted Queen Carnival. Although our queen did not top the list, the effort was well worth the praise which has been accorded her. Sub-branch members and women's auxiliary joined together on the date of the women's auxiliary anniversary at a dinner in the Soldiers' Hall, and all the other queens which took part in the competition were invited. Members of the sub-branch rolled up in force and the proceedings passed off very nicely. A suitably inscribed gold wristlet watch was presented to the queen. A special meeting of the sub-branch to go into details regarding a visit to the Fremantle sub-branch was well attended. It was decided to communicate with Fremant-
NARROGIN

The annual meeting was held on July 30 at the C.W.A. rooms, Narrogin. The meeting was very well attended. Great praise was accorded to the past committee for the work carried out during their year of office.

It was pointed out that although heavy financial alterations had been made to the building, the finances as shown on the balance sheet presented were very satisfactory. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. C. Viner; vice-presidents, H. Smith and Rev. Lerpiniere; treasurer, J. W. Holden; secretary, T. Hogg; committee, H. Sutherland, T. Quinn, R. Fergusson, F. Paroch. J. Barron, C. Causebrook, J. H. B. Wood and H. Gill. After general business, Mr. Doney moved a hearty vote of thanks to the outgoing committee and trusted that their good work would be carried on. Several sporting displays were put forward for the year, the object of retaining the good comradeship between Narrogin and its nearest country sub-branches, and it is hoped that cricket matches, etc., will be arranged during the summer months.

WYNDHAM

The secretary of the Wyndham sub-branch (Mr. H. A. Harrison) advised that a miniature replica of the State War Memorial has arrived at Wyndham and now occupies pride of place at social functions and sub-branch meetings. The majority of members will soon be coming southward for the off-season, but the president (Mr. Walker) and other officials intend to hold sub-branch meetings in the city. The annual dinner on August 18 was an outstanding success. The guests included Mr. W. H. Ferguson (works manager), Dr. Alan King (Flying Doctor), Mr. D. J. Davidson (Chairman, Wyndham Road Board) and Mr. T. Smith (Director of Social Welfare) (photograph, Miller Aviation Co.). Items were contributed by Messrs. Jim Martin, Joe Brown and Charlie Eyre. The Meat Inspector (Mr. Dave Wright) ably headed out the bugle calls.

OSBORNE PARK

The fortnightly meetings on August 3, 17 and 31 were well attended. Thanks to the good work of members and the ladies' committee, the Second Grand Military Ball on September 3 was a great success. There was an attendance of approximately 200. Among those present were Misses Young (Colonel Olden) and Mrs. Olden, Colonel and Mrs. Margolin and representatives of the Permanent Forces and Militia Units. The representation of the units was due to the work of a member, Mr. Charles Graham, who is a keen worker for the sub-branch dances. The music for the occasion was provided by Mrs. Glass and her orchestra, and Mr. Doug Foreman proved a capable M.C. The ladies provided an excellent supper. The next fortnightly dance will be held on October 1.

Mr. Tom Sten reported to the last State executive meeting in company with the State secretary I visited Brookton for their initial reception on Saturday, September 3. On our way down, we found Beverley full of people admiring their new hall, a very imposing structure, and consequently we were able to make contact with quite a number of sub-branch members, and have the records of Mr. H. Gregory, M.H.R. The reception at Brookton was preceded by their monthly meeting, which was well attended and efficiently conducted. The reunion was attended by 35 to 40, including a few, from Pingelly, greeting the present (Mr. A. Bartlett) and some musicians from that sub-branch. It was held in the Bedford Hotel and the host, a returned soldier, in the person of Mr. Allom, provided a very good show indeed. The evening was marked by a high degree of good fellowship, and both Mr. Bensont and myself were listened to with close interest, when in our addresses we offered such advice as might be useful to a new sub-branch and endeavoured to stress the responsibility incumbent on forming a new sub-branch. The new group is full of capable officers, a great deal of real enthusiasm and a good leader in Capt. Boultrie (late R.N.). The secretary (Mr. Sturrs) shows no lack of energy and the progress and growth of the new sub-branch is a great joy to those of us who have been associated with the W.Y. R.S. L. Fund, and is a great encouragement to those in other branches. A women's auxiliary is functioning and is giving its help to a dance in the near future for the purpose of bringing members together and of adding to the present meagre sub-branch fund. They hope that the small gains year after year will be added to in an annual hall to be held next year. Their last meeting brought together 26 Diggers, some as far out as 17 miles, and one chap all the way from Collie. Their membership is at present, I understand, about 30, and this will reduce Pingelly membership by about a dozen; but as the formation of the new sub-branch has resulted in the enrolling of at least ten men, who had either never been in the League or had not been financial for years, the loss to Pingelly, it will be seen, is a gain to the State Branch.

GERALDTON

Our secretary (Mr. R. C. Webb) has been appointed delegate for the sub-branch at congress. Committee man Todd Scott is at present in hospital and has our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Our Annual Diggers' Night was held on August 20, and although the attendance was only fair, the organisers (J. Hollings, H. Kendall and W. Willcock) seemed pleased with the results and a very enjoyable time was had by all. The net profit was about £17, and all wish him better health in the future.

BOYUP BROOK

Several items for the agenda of the forthcoming congress were agreed upon at the meeting on August 26. The secretary was instructed to assist a local ex-service man in compiling a letter to the secretary of the Repatriation Commission, appealing for assistance in liquidating an account owed to the Bridgeport Hospital. It was decided to ask the State secretary to inform the Poppies Committee that November 2, the day of the Upper Blackwood Show, is the only day of the year on which the whole district gathers in the one place, and is therefore the day most suitable for selling poppies. Arrangements were made for the reunion on September 30, which will be held by a meeting for the purpose of discussing a proposal to build a R.S.L. hall. It was decided to donate a guinea to the Madame Bennett Wilkinson appeal.

CARLISLE

Cold and rainy weather adversely affected the attendance at the August meeting, pre-
sided over by Mr. H. Crofts. There were over 20 members present and two new members were heartily welcomed. A great deal of business was disposed of. The monthly report was very favourable. The committee is to be congratulated on the way the sub-branch is progressing during the quiet months of the year. Members expressed their pleasure at seeing the wide and winning smile of Mr. McKinlay after his long bout of sickness. Diggers and their ladies who wish to spend a jolly evening should attend the R.S.L. dance on Friday nights, as they are now an established success. Members are desirous of visiting other sub-branches in the metropolitan area. The burghers of Carlisle are prepared to bring their own artists and light refreshments and assure any interested sub-branch of a real good Diggers' Night. Will anyone interested please write and fix a date. The next monthly meeting will be held on October 6.

WAGIN

Mr. Jock White presided over an average attendance at the monthly meeting on August 16. The matter of organising a special comforts fund for the inmates of soldier mental homes was discussed. It was decided to defer discussion pending a report by the president at the next monthly meeting. It was decided to make available a small sum to supply comforts for a local ex-service man at present at Lemnos. The secretary (Mr. Daniels) agreed to represent the sub-branch at congress, provided he could arrange his leave for that time.

WEST PERTH

The annual meeting was held at Padbury House on August 16, 1938. The retiring president (Mr. B. McCleary) in his report stated that the sub-branch was still in a flourishing position and a number of complaints dealt with during the year had been successfully finalised. The report proceeded to show that Honour Avenue in King's Park had received special attention during the year, and at each inspection the trees were found to be in excellent condition. Regret was expressed that the Park Superintendent (Mr. J. Heath) had been retired; but his successor (Mr. Watson) had promised every assistance in the future maintenance requirements. A recommendation to the incoming committee to consider a suitable grant to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers Fund was carried. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. R. E. Tyler; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. B. Hayles and M. J. O’fer; committee (Commonwealth representatives), Messrs. W. Griffiths, H. Clark, E. J. Holton, G. H. Lumsden, G. H. Teague; State representatives, Messrs. S. T. Folk, E. B. Winch, E. V. Hayward, A. Stewart and J. N. Nurse; secretary, Mr. P. L. Ross (for the 12th consecutive year); assistant secretary, Mr. N. Beckley; treasurer, Mr. W. L. Boyd; auditors, Messrs. Greenwood and Cooper, publicity officer, Mr. A. Stewart. Messrs. B. McCleary and P. L. Ross were elected delegates to the annual State congress. Members are requested to note that the monthly meetings of the sub-branch are held on the third Tuesday in the month at Padbury House, at the corner of St. George’s Terrace and King Street, where the sub-branch have their own rooms for games and social facilities. The president (Mr. R. E. Tyler) presided over the annual smoke social held on August 26.

McKinlay Shield Competition

WON BY SOUTH PERTH

The semi-finals and final were all closely contested.

On August 29, Nedlands beat Maylands and on September 5 South Perth beat West Leederville. The final was played on September 12, when South Perth beat Nedlands.

about 80 members and friends being present. Representatives from the State executive were the State president (Mr. A. Yeates) and Colonel Margolin. Several sub-branch representatives also attended. Messrs. Attwell Bros. orchestra, under the baton of Mr. H. E. Clarke, brightened the proceedings with some very good tunes, and Messrs. Jock Inch, H. P. Clarke and E. W. Mockridge interspersed some well-appreciated vocal items. Toasts were honoured in the usual manner.

VICTORIA PARK

Arrangements are well in hand for the auxiliary birthday party, the first one to be celebrated in ten years. Members are advised that the next united auxiliary social at Anzac House will be held on the same day as the Exhibition, as no other date could be arranged. Members are therefore requested to hurry along with the doyles for the auxiliary stall and to prepare other exhibits. Thirty members attended the general meeting on August 25. Mrs. Barnett reported on her visit with Mrs. Tolmie to the Edward Millen Home. Cigarettes and reading matter were distributed, and caps made by members for patients who sleep out were

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handed to the matron. The auxiliary secretary is now on the mend, but Mrs. E. Lloyd recently had the misfortune to scald both legs severely and Mrs. Grannery had had influenza. We wish all three a speedy recovery. Tea was served after business had been disposed of, and the raffle was won by Mrs. Chandler. The social afternoon was well attended and proved a happy gathering.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

Members and friends gave Mr. and Mrs. Debnham a social afternoon at the West Leederville Town Hall on the golden anniversary of their marriage. One hundred and fifty guests were present and Mr. Gully acted as chairman. There were quite a number of items, all being much enjoyed. Mrs. Debnham is a founder member of the auxiliary, also of the F.U.S.W. and has worked in the soldiers' interests since 1914. Members paid a visit to the Soldiers' Ward at the Old Men's Home. Bridge, draughts, bowls, darts, etc, were played, all enjoying themselves. The members were served with afternoon tea. The auxiliary provided special cats for the old soldiers' tea. The ladies were thanked for their visit and invited to come again at an early date. In the semi-final of the McKinlay Shield, South Perth defeated West Leederville 6-4. It was most regrettable that Mrs. Keegan was unable to play in the tennis team owing to ill-health. Members all wish her a speedy recovery. A very jolly evening was spent with the Sons of Soldiers on Tuesday, September 6, when at their invitation we played a round of games. A children's plain and fancy dress ball is to be held on Saturday, September 24, in the Town Hall, Cambridge Street. Good prices are being provided. The social held this winter by members have been a great success and have been well patronised by both members and the public.

NEDLANDS

The auxiliary entertained Lemnos, Edward Millen and Old Men's Home R.S.L. ward patients at a picture show and high tea on Sunday, August 14. The pictures, which were shown at the Windsor Theatre, were kindly donated by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Nelson and Colonel Margolin donated a bus for the benefit of the R.S.L. Old Men's Home patients. Members of the sub-branch conveyed the patients in their cars. Amongst the guests were Mr. Norbert Keenan, K.C., Mr. and Mrs. J. Dimmitt, the auxiliary State president and secretary (Mesdames J. McKinlay and H. Hopperton) and members of the outgoing committee. After tea, the men were entertained by Messrs. Fred Barrie and Jack Harding and dancing filled in the rest of the evening. The monthly bridge evening was held on Tuesday, August 23, at the Lesser Hall, Broadway. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Kayser and Mr. H. Lewis for highest score; hidden number to Mr. Agnew and the rummy prize to Mrs. Margrave. The next bridge evening will take place in the Lesser Hall, Broadway, on Tuesday, September 27, at 8 p.m.

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<td>Commercial Room, Mukinbudin</td>
<td>Every fourth Wednesday</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 21 Grosvenor Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>C. Ryan, Moora</td>
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<td>MUKINBUDIN</td>
<td>Alternately, Mundaring</td>
<td>Every fourth Friday</td>
<td>T. B. Conway, Mukinbudin</td>
<td>V. M. Creagh,</td>
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<td>MUNDARING &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Mornington Park</td>
<td>Every alternate Sunday</td>
<td>Bencubbin</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
<td>MORDARING</td>
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<td>J. K. Craze, 118 Central Avenue, Maylands</td>
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<td>NAREMBOEN</td>
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<td>Quarterly, by notification</td>
<td>W. E. Roberts, Mukinbudin</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
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<td>(Wed., June 30, 8 p.m.)</td>
<td>W. J. Lochhead, Mundaring</td>
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<td>NORTH - EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Freo</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>W. J. Fulton, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northamton</td>
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<td>J. H. Wylie, Emu Bell</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>R.S.L Club Rooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. L. Menkens, 30 Redfern St., North Perth</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Gsie St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. O'Farrell, 223 Fitzgerald Street, Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Monash House, 23 King Street, Perth.</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday</td>
<td>P. Archer, East Pinnegally</td>
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<td>PINELLING</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
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<td>E. S. Watt, c/o Imperial Print, Hay St., Perth</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
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<td>TRAYNING - YELBENI</td>
<td>Traying (3) Yelbeni (1) Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>4th Sunday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. F. Lloyd, 29 Esperance Street, Vic. Park</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
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<td>Eric F. Lloyd, 29 Esperance Street, Vic. Park</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTINE</td>
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<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>A. B. Dinnie, Buntine</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>G. E. Timmell, 34 Harboune St., Wembley</td>
<td>E. Tonkinson, 37</td>
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<td>YARLPOOL AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Yarloop Hotel</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Comm'n Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
<td>P. G. Riegert, Yarlop</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
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<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
<td>Colin Thorn, York</td>
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<td>YOUANMI</td>
<td>Youanmi Hotel</td>
<td>Fortnightly (Friday)</td>
<td>D. Johnston, Youanmi</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, bi-monthly, April, June, Aug. etc.</td>
<td>C. F. Baird, Waroona</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
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<td>2nd Saturday in each month</td>
<td>Dr. Johnston, Wiluna</td>
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