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LIBERTY AND LICENSE

"The Communist Party, which stabbed Poland in the back and tried to strangle Finnish liberty in the darkness of the Arctic night, should be torn from Australian soil root, branch and seed."—Mr. Cameron, Leader of the Federal Country Party.

"These people have been talking this tripe for months, without anyone taking any notice of it. I have visited the Sydney Domain, and I think that most people who go there go to get a laugh."—Senator Foll, Minister of the Interior.

RECENT CLASHES in the Sydney Domain between members of the Second A.I.F. and Communists have revived the old question as to how far liberty of speech should be tolerated before it degenerates into license of a dangerous character. Mr. Thorby, the Deputy Leader of the Federal Country Party, made a determined effort to induce the authorities to ban meetings of Communists in the Sydney Domain on Sunday afternoons. Mr. Thorby, and his leader, Mr. A. C. Cameron, have each advocated action by the Federal Government to have the Communist Party declared an illegal association, at least for the duration of the war. However, neither the Federal Government, nor the Government of New South Wales, seems inclined to take such a drastic step, against which there appear to be certain valid arguments.

In the first place, there is the natural reluctance of either Government to appear in the role of a suppressor of freedom of speech. It has been contended that the war we are now engaged in is a war in defence of those liberties prized by democracy, which include freedom of speech. On the other hand, it should be borne in mind that, even in the most advanced democracy, this freedom can never be anything more than a matter of degrees. There are certain limits beyond which freedom cannot proceed without endangering the peace of the community. To cite an extreme instance, an individual may know that his neighbour is everything the Digger said about the Red Cap. To tell him so would be quite in accord with the ideal of freedom of speech; but to do so would incite a breach of the peace, or invite a prosecution for insulting language. To proceed further, no country at war can tolerate the public expression of views that are likely to seduce people from their loyalty to the country, or to help the enemy in some other way. That, however, is something very different from the official suppression of an organisation whose peculiar views are found nauseating and absurd by the majority of level-headed Australians.

It is true, as Mr. Cameron, the Leader of the Federal Country Party, has pointed out, that a sudden new crop of Communist papers has appeared since the outbreak of the war, but such publications are amusing rather than convincing. Not the least amusing feature of more recent Communist activities is the way the adherents of the mallet and the sickle have had to turn handsprings in their endeavours to justify the liaison between Bolshevism and Hitlerism, the stab in the back administered to Poland and Russia’s ill-advised, but none the less cowardly, attack on Finland. It is also true that Communist speakers have ranted against sending Australian soldiers abroad to fight the Nazis that they have raved against so vigorously in the past; but Federal and State members of Parliament, whose loyalty is above suspicion, have also advised against the despatch of troops abroad; though, strangely enough, no voice was lifted in opposition when adventurous Australians went to Europe to fight for the Spanish Reds. The Communists, like many others who are not Communists, have opposed the introduction of compulsory training, but the Communists have heaped ridicule on themselves by ignoring the fact that conscription is strictly enforced, not only for military service, but in every branch of life, or existence, in that Russia, which is the Mecca of their pipe-dreams.

No doubt the remarks of these people border on sedition, besides being an insult to human intelligence. As such, they must be especially annoying to soldiers and the great bulk of the people who believe in the ideals for which soldiers are prepared to risk their lives. Looking at the matter calmly and dispassionately, however, neither soldiers nor civilians are compelled to listen to them, or to read their inane publications. The public can ban their meetings quite effectively without recourse to legal or illegal action. At the same time, it is gratifying to learn that Army Intelligence and the Investigation Branch of the Attorney-General’s Department have the leaders of the party under close and constant surveillance. Governments, both State and Federal, already have the power to deal with any breaches of the law they may commit, or to intern them should their activities become really dangerous. After all, who they are, and what they are doing these people are verbose rather than virile. While they are allowed to hold their foofling little meetings, the police know who they are and what they are doing and saying. If they carry liberty into the mire of license, they can and will soon be dealt with as individuals. In the meantime, it would appear that their doings and utterances have been accorded a prominence and an importance that is altogether beyond their merits. As a national news commentator pointed out recently, it would be ill-advised, as yet, for any Government to transform the fool’s cap into the martyr’s crown.
EDUCATION OF SOLDIERS' CHILDREN
A Deserving Scheme

Professor A. D. Ross, deputy-chairman and chairman of committee of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust, writes as follows:

The Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust was formed in 1916 as a result of a suggestion from the executive of the Friendly Union of Soldiers' Wives. Through the efforts of the Trust, many children of deceased and incapacitated soldiers have received scholarships at various schools, the total annual value of such scholarships having amounted in some years to as much as five or six thousand pounds. In addition to this help—made possible by the generosity of the Government and authorities of public and private schools, business colleges, etc.—the Trust has been enabled to grant assistance in the purchase of necessary school books and materials to enable the children to take advantage of the educational training opened to them. To meet this expenditure, the Trust has had to rely on donations from the moving picture industry, the trustees of the R.S.L. gratuity bonds, the Friendly Union of Soldiers' Wives and a number of women's auxiliaries of the R.S.L. Unfortunately, the moving picture industry, on account of calls on its funds from its own members, has had to stop its assistance.

With a consequent fall in revenue of £200 a year, the Trust has had the greatest difficulty in continuing its work. Despite the facts that in all cases the Trust pays only a fraction of the bills for purchase of essential books, and that all its work is done by honorary officers, its funds have now sunk to the vanishing point. This, too, at a time when, with the renewal of war, demands upon its help will certainly increase. The Trust's aim—known to every child of a deceased or incapacitated soldier—is given opportunity of securing education to the extent of its proved ability—must commend itself to all. I appeal, therefore, to all organisations connected with the R.S.L. to help this most deserving cause.

With the start of a new school year next month, the Trust will have a flood of applications which at this moment appear far beyond its power to meet. Will you help? Donations from organisations and individuals should be sent to the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Trust, Mr.

THE ANTI-VERSAILLES FALACY
BY H. B. GATES

I do not wish to quarrel personally with "Max Arthur" who is evidently a writer of deep feelings, and power of expressing them. I have had my own dose of disillusion, and duty compels me to pass it on.

"Max Arthur" is sound in her sensibilities, but quite wrong in her facts. She says (1) "The peoples of the world are moving, not nation against nation, but in three great ideologies." Surely the Hitler-Stalin agreement at least should have enlightened her that Hitler's ideology was a mere cloak for his over-weening ambitions. Even "Mr. Jaime Berlin" now knows that much. The same can be said of Mussolini. Stalin has been the best ideologist of the three, but his attack on Finland makes him a doubtful quantity. Then the Japs, what is their ideology? I think they have more or less admitted that it is "economic necessity."

"Max Arthur" says (2) the statement, "This is a war to make the world safe for democracy" leaves youth cold to-day. Nevertheless it was and is true, in a general sense.

In a particular sense it was, and is, true that this is a war to make Australia safe for Australians. I cannot emphasise too much that if Germany had won the last war, "Max Arthur" would not be now writing for The Listening Post.

She mentions (3), "Youth in other countries with ideals as high as our own," etc. If that is so, I am sorry for our youth. The truth is that the youth of Germany, under the misapplied magnetism of Hitler, and the youth of Italy under the ditto of Mussolini, are suffering from a kind of lunacy. If I were a professional psychologist, I could use longer words. But it would not make any difference. The best cure for the disease is either a cold ducking or a clout on the ear.

The question to be asked of all our idealists is, "Are you game to go to Germany and say the same things?" If so, your fate will be "something with boiling oil in it, or melted lead." Administered by young men, too.

Let's pull the wool off our eyes and see that, in fact, we are fighting for existence.

The tragedy is that the League of Nations, set up at Versailles (that wicked place!) has been deliberately destroyed; and "Mr. Jaime Berlin" has done his bit. Politicians have once again undone the work of our fighting men.

"Max Arthur" can obtain some inside information about German from fellow-women writers. I recommend—"I married a German," by Madeline Kent; "Reaching for the Stars," by Nora Waln; and a pre-war one, "Elizabeth and her German Garden," by the Countess von Arnim.

This selection covers the three main geographical sections of Germany. I must apologise for again intruding on your space, Mr. Editor, but I have taken on a mission to combat the great anti-Versailles fallacy. People who have always lived under shelter from beatific ideas of the world. In truth, it is still a jungle.

EX-MERCANTILE MARINE AND EX-NAVAL RESERVE

With reference to the resolution passed at the Federal Congress, which reads—

That it be a recommendation to the Commonwealth Government to establish a reserve of ex-officers and seamen who served on transports; hospital ships, etc., during the war of 1914-18, the age qualifications to be the same as are operating in England, i.e., up to 47 years for Naval Reserve and up to 60 years for Merchant Service Reserve.

the following reply was received from the Secretary, Navy Office:

I am directed to inform you that the provision already exists for officers and men of the Mercantile Marine to join the Royal Australian Navy for the duration of the war for service in armed merchant cruisers or auxiliary vessels such as mine-sweepers and anti-submarine vessels in one of the existing branches of the Naval Reserve.

Any officer or man who desires to serve should communicate with the District Naval Officer at any of the main ports where information can be obtained as to conditions of service.
IDENTITY OF AUSTRALIAN AIRMEN

The general secretary has forwarded a copy of the reply received from the Acting Minister for Air to representations made in support of a resolution of the recent Federal congress—

That, having in mind the wonderful achievements of the Australian Flying Corps in the war of 1914-18, and the fine tradition established by that body, this congress earnestly requests the Commonwealth Government to take the necessary action to ensure that those men enlisted for service abroad in the Air Expeditionary Force will, if and when they proceed on active service, do so as a unit of the Royal Australian Air Force.

The reply reads:—

The Commonwealth Government is substantially in agreement with the views expressed in the notice of motion, and suitable representations have already been made to the United Kingdom and other Governments in this connection. In particular these representations were for the purpose of—

(1) Preservation of the Australian name and character of squadrons in which our men serve;

(2) The Australian Government is desirous for Australian personnel to retain its Australian identity as far as possible on joining the R.A.F. that they be grouped into squadrons which would bear the name of Australia, and wear some indication on uniforms of Australian identity, and that as far as practicable, Australian regular officers, while on exchange with Royal Air Force officers, should command Australian units;

(3) The Minister for Air (Mr. Fairbairn), during the recent Empire Air Conference in Canada, emphasised the desirability of arranging for Australian personnel to serve in Australian units.

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DEFENCE APPOINTMENTS

At a meeting of the State Executive held during October, the following resolution was carried: "That this League is strongly of the opinion that, in the event of a call for volunteers for the war, no fit man of military age should shelter behind patriotic societies or other organisations in preference to enlisting in the forces, as within our ranks as well as in other places are men of all professions and walks of life who are unfit for active service and who are willing and anxious to give patriotic and voluntary service when and where needed."

Similar resolutions were carried by other State branches.

To-day we have men who held high military rank and with undoubted ability being neglected by the Defence Department, and others of military age who have never worn a military uniform being given positions carrying commissioned rank. We assert that within our ranks are experienced men willing and capable of holding down any given positions carrying commissioned rank. We assert that within our ranks are experienced men willing and capable of holding down any given positions carrying commissioned rank.

The State Executive recently sent a deputation to discuss these matters with Major-General Durrant, and it is anticipated that there will be no further cause for complaint.

At the last meeting of the State Executive it was decided to suggest to the General that he recognise the appointment of a liaison officer by the League to discuss with him or his senior officers such matters in which the League can assist his department.

"LEGS-ELEVEN"

No doubt all those who soldiered with our senior battalion, the 11th, feel a glow of pride when they recall to memory the wonderful deeds of their unit and the warmth of friendship experienced "over there" will continue till the last man. No member of this famous unit should be without the splendid book written by Captain Belford and now being published. It is, perhaps, the most complete story of any A.I.F. unit, and is in every way equal to the record of the battalion. Every member should desire his son, at least, to absorb the traditions created.

The response to the call for subscriptions in advance has been disappointing, and it has now been decided to play safe and publish fewer copies. Will all who desire a copy please make up their minds this month and notify Secretary Wally Blair at 89 William Street, Perth, sending a subscription of 10/- or portion of one if possible.

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ORDERS FOR DEFENCE CLOTHING

A resolution passed at the Federal Congress reads—

Congress requests the Commonwealth Government that, in order to create employment and assist local industries, to spread orders for clothing, boots and all articles capable of being manufactured within the various States, so that the defence expenditure may be equitably distributed.

The following reply was received from the Acting-Minister for Supply and Development:

"It is the policy of this department to do all that is possible to encourage the growth of industry and to provide employment in all States alike.

Apart from the output of Government munitions establishments and annexes, supplies of the defence services are normally obtained by open public tenders which are called on a Commonwealth-wide basis. In order that tenderers in all States may submit quotes on an equality, it is the practice of the department to invite tenders f.o.b. in the capital city of each State, the transport costs involved being borne by the Commonwealth. Under this procedure, it is competent for tenderers to quote not only for the requirements of their own State but for the requirements of the Commonwealth as a whole.

It will be seen, therefore, that the object aimed at in the resolution is already provided for insofar as this department's activities are concerned.

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THE "EVERGREENS"

It is pleasing to hear continued good reports of the work and general bearing of our old Digger and Tommy comrades of the 10th Garrison Battalion. During the month, a company stationed at Rottenest held a successful sports gymkhana. The physical condition of the men is excellent. One interesting event was the tug-o'-war against the permanent forces, which was won by the "Evergreens" by two pulls to one.

Crime is almost non-existent in the unit. We understand that the worst charge for orderly room to date has been that of A.W.L. Good fellowship exists between all ranks, even including the sergeant-major. Colonel Robinson is very popular with the troops, commanding the respect of all.

It is interesting to note that one-third of the personnel consists of Imperial ex-service men and the average age of the men is 48 years.

REGISTER OF ENLISTEES, SECOND A.I.F.

Following the lead of the Collie sub-branch, several sub-branches are taking action in conjunction with the committees of local war memorials and other bodies to keep a register of men who enlist from their particular districts for service overseas.

The suggestion of is extreme value in connection with the possible establishment of war memorials and also will enable sub-branches to contact the men on their return home. The suggested register will also assist sub-branches in looking after the interests of dependents during the period of absence of the men overseas.

Those sub-branches who have not made a start on this important work, are urged to do so without delay.

TENTH LIGHT HORSE ASSN. (A.I.F.)

A very fine response is being received to the membership drive just started. Subscriptions have been received from points as far apart as Derby and Denmark. For the information of intending members, the ranks are open to any man who served in any unit in Sinai and Palestine. The next meeting of the association will be held in No. 1 Room, Anzac House, on Wednesday, February 14, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. Trumpeter Stewart, of Sydney, sends greetings from himself, "Granny" Thompson, Alf Hall, Tex Richards and others of the Sydney sub-branch to all 10th men here.

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Annual Picnic and Sports

It has been decided that the events which are usually conducted at the annual picnic should be conducted separately at an annual sports gathering, and that the picnic be confined to unofficial events and swimming. This decision has been agreed to by a meeting of representatives of sub-branches. The following arrangements have been made:

Annual Sports.—This function will take place at the Leederville Oval on Saturday, March 16, 1940, commencing at 2 p.m. A silver coin will be charged for admission. The following is the programme:

100 yards open championship (S.S.L.).
75 yards under 14 championship (S.S.L.).
50 yards under 12 championship (S.S.L.).
Relay race, 880 yards—
Two under 12 to run 55 yards;
Two under 14 to run 110 yards;
Three over 14 to run 190 yards;
One over 14 to run 100 yards.
220 yards open championship.
440 yards open championship.
Open high jump.
Open broad jump.
100 yards open handicap (S.S.L. members only).
75 yards under 14 handicap (S.S.L. members only).
50 yards under 12 handicap (S.S.L. members only).

The cup donated by the South African and Imperial Veterans' Association will be awarded to the sub-branch with the highest aggregate of points in championship finals only. The points will be allotted as follows: First, 3 points; second, 2 points; third, 1 point.

Points for the grand champion will be allotted in the championship finals only as follows: First, 3 points; second, 2 points; third, 1 point. In all events where heats are necessary first and second only will start in the final.

Nominations.—It is requested that each sub-branch, desiring to participate, nominate two members for each event except the relay race, for which eight nominations from each sub-branch are required in the ages as shown in the above programme. A nomination fee of 2/6 is required for this event only. Nominations will close at League headquarters at 5 p.m. on March 1, 1940. Spiked shoes are not to be used on this occasion, but will be allowed on future occasions.

Times will be kept and recorded for each event. There will be a trophy for each event, and these will be presented at the picnic.

Arrangements are being made for the provision of refreshments on the ground.

The ages as stipulated are for these sports only, and nominees must not have reached the respective birthday on the day of the sports.

The handicap events as shown in the programme will be run after the championships.

Annual Picnic.—It has been decided, with the permission of the State Executive, that the annual picnic will now be held on a Sunday, and on this occasion will take place on Sunday, March 24 at Bicton. The "Valdana" has been engaged and will leave Barrack Street jetty at 10.30 a.m. The return journey will commence at 7 p.m. from Bicton. Tickets will be printed and distributed, the prices being 1/6 for adults and 6d. for children. A sports programme as follows will be conducted in addition to swimming races and children's races, and nominations for all these events will be received at the picnic—

Diggerettes race, 50 yards, open to daughters of R.S.L. members.
Women's Auxiliary race.
Three-legged race.
100 yards R.S.L. Stakes.
Advising.—Sub-branches are asked to use all means at their disposal for advertising both the sports and the picnic, and where the parent sub-branch prints an official organ it is requested that notices be published from time to time.

R.S.L. CRICKET ASSN.

Although several of the clubs are having a lot of trouble in turning out a full side, the old Digger spirit still prevails, and the competition is still as keen as ever. With a view to keeping all teams interested, a new system operates this season, which will keep every team engaged right up to the semi-finals. The annual match between the Country Diggers and a Combined Metropolitan Team has been arranged for February 25 on the Nedlands oval. Any country Digger who will be in Perth on that date and who wishes to play, please get in touch with Mr. Jack Rankin, at the Royal Mint.

AGED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' FUND

The Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund committee gratefully acknowledges a very fine and encouraging gesture of the Press sub-branch in making recent donations. These donations include £20 as a result of the Baseball League carnival, £5/2/3 as the result of the Poppy Day sales and a further £5/2/3 for the Garrison Battalion welfare fund.

The members of the Press sub-branch are animated by very sympathetic feelings towards disabled comrades, and they have a practical way of showing it.

They have a devoted band of women folk enrolled in their auxiliary who also carry out compassionate work in hospi-
tals and outside in a way that has earned the gratitude and respect of those who know what is done.

**DONATIONS**

Mrs. Dan Pullarton, hon. secretary of the Wiluna women's auxiliary, has forwarded the State Secretary a cheque for £26 as a donation from the Wiluna auxiliary towards an outing and comforts for the patients at the Edward Millen Home. In acknowledging this magnificent donation, the State Secretary suggested that the outing take place in the New Year.

Head office received another donation of £3/3/- from the West Leederville-Wembley women's auxiliary for the benefit of Diggers at the Claremont Mental Hospital. Mr. Benson explained that this would be added to a cheque that the trustees had approved for the patients at Claremont, who now number 49.

Acknowledgement is made also of a cheque for £2/2/- from Hon. H. Gregory, M.H.R., to assist the League in distributing Christmas cheer.

**MEN WANTED FOR THE R.A.A.F.**

The Minister for the Air (Mr. J. V. Fairbairn) has announced that over 2,000 fitters, 250 cooks and a large number of flight mechanics and flight riggers are required by the Royal Australian Air Force by the end of June next. This number represents the immediate recruiting objective of ground personnel, in these categories, required to staff training and other R.A.A.F. establishments to be set up under the Empire training scheme. Qualified fitters will be accepted up to the age of 45 years. Less experienced tradesmen of this grouping, who will require an intensive eight months' course of instruction before being posted to service squadrons, have to be between the age of 18 and 35 years.

Mr. Fairbairn also announced that a cooking school is to be organised, probably in Victoria, to train Air Force cooks. To be appointed to this grouping, applicants must have some knowledge of cooking. Successful applicants will be classified as aircraft hands (cooks).

The duties of flight mechanics and flight riggers are mainly concerned with the periodic and maintenance inspections of aircraft and engines. Successful applicants, who require to possess some mechanical experience, will be given a special training course of eight weeks at air force stations.

All candidates for the Air Force must be British subjects or pure European descent, and the sons of British subjects. Applicants for enlistment as cooks and flight mechanics and riggers have to be between the ages of 18 and 35 years. Applications should be made to the R.A.A.F. recruiting centres which have been established in each State capital.

**POSITIONS OF ENLISTEES FOR ACTIVE SERVICE**

The following resolution was carried at the recent Federal Congress—

That this congress, whilst affirming its loyal consonance with any degree that Parliament in its wisdom creates, insists that all positions vacated owing to the requirements of active service, in the case of men of military age, should be temporarily filled by returned soldiers according to their individual capacities.

The reply hereunder was received from the Prime Minister’s Department:—

I am directed to inform you that whenever it is necessary to engage assistance from outside the service owing to vacations of positions through active service requirements, preference is given to returned soldiers in accordance with the Commonwealth Public Service Act.

**TRAIN TRAVEL FOR THE "EVERGREENS"**

In response to solicitations to the Premier by the League, the following has been received from the Under-Secretary, Premier's Department:—

In reply to your letter of November 23, addressed to the Hon. Premier regarding train travel for returned soldiers who have been enlisted in the Garrison Battalion, and who are now serving essential and vulnerable points in the metropolitan area, I have to advise you that this matter has received consideration; but as the points you raise are purely Commonwealth considerations, it is regretted that the State cannot assume their responsibilities in this respect.

You will be glad to learn, however, that as a gesture to the members of the Second A.I.F. who are being granted leave from camp at Christmas, the State is arranging to accord free train travel to enable them to return home for such leave, while the Commonwealth Government has already made provision for free travel within a State to enable members to return home on final leave before embarkation.

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The widow of the late Henry (Harry) Kirwan, who served in the 8th Machine Gun Company as sergeant, and who died in January last year, is anxious to get in touch with any persons who knew her husband from his discharge in 1919 until about 1928. She requires substantiating evidence of any ill-health that he may have suffered over those years. Will anyone who remembers the late Harry Kirwan, and is in a position to give such evidence, communicate with the State Secretary.

We regret to report the passing of a good member of the Mundijong-Jarrahdale sub-branch, Percy Lindsay, who fought the good fight with the 44th Battalion. He had been in bad health for a considerable time and, although his friends realised that the calling of the grim reaper was only a question of time, his death came as a shock to all. Fourteen members of the sub-branch attended the funeral, some of whom acted as pall-bearers.

One sees many chips of old blocks wearing the King's uniform these days. On Saturday, January 6, friends of Jim Goodlet, of Maylands, assembled to witness the departure of the Westland, which took young Jim away to do his bit as a wireless telegraphist with the Royal Australian Air Force. Jim senior did his soldiering with the 28th (Colonel Collett's Own), but young Jim has higher aspirations. He has gone somewhere east to complete his training before going overseas.

We learn with surprised pleasure that Chaucer's friend, Dan Cupid, reads The Listening Post. The little blind archer has grown sick of reading about the peregrinations of the stork, so he wandered out Nedlands way with the result that, in recent weeks, Tom Veitch and Alf Deakin, of the riverside sub-branch, paraded in front of the Padre with the ladies of their choice. The lady who was lenient enough to accept Tom for better or for worse was Miss Jean Grieve, of Claremont. She is sister-in-law of Charlie Hitchings, of the choral society. Alf Deakin will share the weekly pay roll and share the breakfast toast with Miss Eva Smith, one of the joint principals of the Kensington Nursing Home. Alf's bride is a sister of Mrs. Col. Watkins. Possibly because there's a war on, a blanket of censorship surrounded the proceedings and did nothing to raise the price of rice and confetti, but we wish these two good Diggers and their brides all the best for the future.

The casualty lists of the new war are beginning to strike near home. We join with the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch in extending condolence to Joe Barrett on the loss of a gallant son who went down with the H.M.S. Royal Oak. Words are rather feeble things to convey what one feels on occasions like this, but many of us have sons serving now, and we can realise what Joe Barrett must be feeling. If the sympathy of comrades can soften the blow, you have it, Joe, old man.

Sympathy is tendered to Ern Rawlings, of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch, on the recent loss of his mother and to the families of Messrs. Hedley and Wholley for their loss. The Mt. Hawthorn sick state for the month includes Tom May, who is bright and cheerful. Bill Skates is still bearing up against a rough passage. Messrs. Rocke and Derward are at Edward Millen, and friend Jordan is in Ward XI. Others on the sick list are Messrs. Raymond and Bill Ring. Monty Saunders met with an accident recently, which resulted in facial injuries and the breaking of some bones in his wrist. To all these sufferers we wish a speedy recovery and all the best for 1940. Our Mt. Hawthorn correspondent asks anyone knowing of sick Diggers in the area to acquaint Fred Charles of Bill Anderson. They will see that the patients are not neglected.

Relatives are anxious to trace Jack Harnett, who served as a private in the 10th Battalion (A.I.F.) in the Great War. He was last heard of at Northam. Will anyone who knows his present whereabouts please communicate with the State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth.

We are pleased to report that Jimmy Geyer, who is undergoing treatment in the Perth General Hospital, is improving. Jimmy is an old 11th Battalion man, and he would be pleased to have a visit from any of his old cobbers.

The sympathy of the Albany sub-branch and other friends is extended to Syd. Livesay, whose wife and daughter have been in hospital. Messrs. William and Thorne, of Albany, have also been in hospital. Alex. Craigie, who fought the good fight with the 44th Battalion, is on his way back to Australia, after three years' absence in the United Kingdom.

Alan Coles, son of The Listening Post's Albany correspondent, S. T. Coles, is doing his bit abroad. He sailed recently for England as member of the crew of a ship. Syd. Coles has another boy serving in the local militia unit, and Syd. himself has been appointed country vice-president of the Old Contemporaries' Association for the fourth successive year.

Vic. O'Grady, secretary of the Boulder sub-branch, was married to Miss Sharp, of that parish, just before the old year ended. Vic. hoped to keep the affair quiet, but the boys of the sub-branch found out and gave him a great recep-
The appointment of Mr. Casey as first Australian Minister to the United States is likely to revive a war-time association in 1918. He will probably have as his right-hand man in Washington Mr. Keith Officer, who is at present Australian Counsellor to the British Embassy. Besides being personal friends of many years' standing, each was a major in the A.I.F., and each was a winner of the Military Cross. They were closely associated in Australian Corps Headquarters during the closing months of the last war.

Mr. H. K. MacLean, general secretary of the National Party of Western Australia for the past six years, has been appointed Assistant-Commissioner in charge of the Australian Red Cross Unit, which will accompany the Second A.I.F. overseas. The unit, which will be well equipped, will contribute considerably to the comfort of the men when they are on active service. Mr. MacLean has already gone abroad to make preliminary arrangements for the work of the unit. He has spent most of his life in this State and was farming when the last war broke out. When he went on active service before, it was with the 44th Battalion of the A.I.F. In recent years he has been an active member and a committee man of the Press sub-branch.

As we go to Press we learn of a change in the direction of the Claremont sub-branch. As the result of a recent election Clarrie Briggs, who has rendered valuable service as president of the sub-branch, and an ardent supporter of the Claremont Football Club, vacates the chair. His successor is J. Storey, another of the sub-branch's stalwarts.

Training to be an artillery officer, somewhere in England, is Rogers Lamont, a partner in one of New York's greatest legal firms and a kinsman of the famed American banker, Tom Lamont. To fight for Britain Mr. Lamont relinquished his American citizenship and swore allegiance to King George.

For saving 29 men from a Greek steamer, Cossyain Henry Blogg, lifeboatman No. 1 of Britain and Cromer, was awarded a silver medal bar to the double V.C. he won in the last war. He has beaten all records for decorations.

We join with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aberle in condoling with them on the recent loss of Mrs. Aberle's mother.

We regret to report that one of The Listening Post's oldest and most valued contributors, Arthur Nugent, formally of Campion, but now of the Garrison Battalion, is undergoing treatment in Ward XI. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Orders of the day: Soldiers fall back fifty paces and stand-easy, while the civilians line up for their commissions.

THE PASSING OF ROBERT E. BUSH

During the month the sad news was cabled from London that Mr. R. E. Bush, or Bishop's Knoll, had passed away. Mr. Bush, who was one of the pioneers of our North-West and had accumulated wealth from his station properties there, built a beautiful home by the side of the historic Avon at Bristol. When war was declared in August, 1914, Mr. Bush made an offer to the Australian authorities to convert his house into a home for sick and wounded soldiers. This offer was accepted, and Bishop's Knoll became a hospital supplementary to the Second Southern General Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Bush equipped and maintained this hospital of over 100 beds entirely at their own expense during the duration of the war, involving an expenditure that probably would have run into six figures. Mr. Bush directed and controlled the hospital and rented a cottage just outside his own grounds to accommodate his family.

Perhaps Robert Bush did not concern himself about honours from the King, and it is a fact that none came to him; but he was revered and honoured by the many hundreds of Diggers who were fortunate enough to be accommodated in his hospital. You were a fine gentleman, Robert Bush. For over four score years you served humanity. Vale!
BOOK REVIEWS

"Carry On!" Published by the Imperial Printing Company Ltd., 397 Hay Street, Perth. Price 3/6.

Clearly printed, well illustrated and crammed with interesting reading matter is "Carry On!" a collection of unit records, personal narratives, poems, jokes and reminiscences, edited by Captain C. Longmore ("Non-Com" of The Western Mail). The publication is intended to remind members of the rising generation of the traditions of the A.I.F. As the foreword on the cover says, "This is the road the A.I.F. trod from 1914 to 1918, but the road the younger generation will tread from 1939 onward may be even rougher. The Old Brigade are confident, however, that the traditions they established will be enhanced by the Young Brigade."

The book is divided into four sections. The first gives brief histories of the 1st Australian Division, the Light Horse Regiments, and the 10th Light Horse Regiment, in which West Australians served. The section called "Zero Hours" gives short but graphic descriptions of the actions in which West Australian Diggers played such a gallant part. The third section, "Khaki Knights," contains short articles on outstanding West Australian soldiers, and concludes with one on Kemal, Our Gallant Enemy. The fourth section section "Jokes and Blokes" is devoted to verse and anecdotes both grave and gay, many of which are re-published from the Diggers' Diary of The Western Mail. Not the least pleasing feature of the publication are the poems by Oscar Walters and Peter Hopegood, which intersperse all sections. Oscar Walters is particularly well represented, and many of his best efforts are included in "Carry On!"

Editor and publishers are to be congratulated on the production of something of unusual merit, and of considerable historical value. The profits of the sales will be donated to the Y.M.C.A. War Service Fund.


"The Fighting Soldier" is a book written by a soldier for young soldiers. In the foreword, written by Major-General Sir John Gellibrand, that distinguished A.I.F. leader states: "The one desire of an old hand in military affairs is to see that the lessons and experiences of the past are available to the soldier of to-day, in order that he shall have the best possible start when the day of trial comes." That, briefly, is the aim of Major Dunlop, in the interesting book he has written. Though as brief as the official service manual, it is packed with useful information from which soldiers of all ranks, and even specialist officers, may derive much useful information. It is a useful handbook, which should find a place in the pack of every member of the new A.I.F. and the Militia Forces. Those entrusted with the training of the present generation of soldiers will find much in it on which to base their instructional talks.

M. Daladier won the commendation of the world's Press when he recently advocated a European Federation. The idea is not altogether new. It was first advanced by M. Daladier's predecessor, the late M. Aristide Briand. No doubt a European Federation would work well in practice—until someone started a secession movement.

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It is not generally known that Switzerland’s citizen militia was the model on which the Australian universal training system was formed. Kaiser Wilhelm once watched the crack shots of the Swiss militia scorning a monotonous series of bull. “They never miss,” he was told. “How many soldiers can you muster,” the Kaiser asked. “Oh, about 150,000,” the Swiss officer replied. “And, suppose I sent an army of 300,000 against them?” asked the All-Highest. “Then,” the Swiss officer replied, “we would need two bullets each.”

A French medical journal publishes reports from Switzerland that the Gestapo have gangs of spies armed with supplies of drugs. Their task is to make addicts out of young women of such class and position that they can supply information, after having been enslaved.

In the Crefeld-Uerdingen section of the German Dye Trust a small plant for producing poison gas was fuming out its deadly vapours before the war started. Since then, the plant has been expanded into a gigantic factory employing 4,000 workers, and guarded by squads of Nazi police. One division specialises in the production of chrome gas, which is said to be so deadly that it poisons all substances on contact and eats away human bones.

Discussing Hitler’s masterpiece, Mr. H. G. Wells says, “Mein Kampf is an ill-written outpouring of patriotic beer-hall and cafe chatter.”

During November, on Hamburg’s wavelength, listeners in a number of British towns were warned that they were going to be bombed, but the threats were not heard by listeners in other places. It has been suggested that, as part of the Nazi nerve war, a secret pirate station was operating in the British isles on the lines of the German Freedom Station, the radio that Hitler fears.

John Gunther, the author of “Inside Europe” and “Inside Asia,” relates the following story of the Goering family. In the marble hall of Goering’s home is the bust of his first wife, Karin. Around the neck of the bust is a priceless necklace, which hangs there only on alternate days. On the other days, it is worn by EEmmie Goering, his present wife.

Here is a piece of useful advice from that distinguished British naval officer, Admiral Bacon. If a person, on seeing the flash of an explosion, automatically turns sideways and sets his legs apart, he stands a much better chance of avoiding injury than if he stands facing, or with his back to the blast.

Even before the attempted rape of Finland, people in the Baltic States were made sharply to realise that liberation is not always an enjoyable process. After Russia’s cowardly attack on Poland’s rear, the ancient Polish town of Vilna was handed over to Lithuania, but Russian troops remained in occupation until the arrival of the Lithuanians. During their short stay they systematically looted every shop in the city, particularly those which sold articles of clothing. This sort of thing confirms reports from Finland that the wonderful Red Army is neither so well clothed, nor so well disciplined as one might expect as a result of the perfect Five Years’ Plan. The people of Vilna found liberation a ruinously expensive process and were soon praying to be saved from their friends. Even Poles rejoiced when the Reds withdrew and the Lithuanians marched in.

The Baltic situation has brought the Kings of Norway, Sweden and Denmark more prominently into the news. The three kings are three interesting personalities. Each is over six feet in height. Each has celebrated his jubilee as a monarch. And each is a very keen sportsman.

The war in Finland has made likely a second change in the locality of the 1940 Olympic Games—that is, if they are held at all. It will be remembered that it was originally intended to hold the games in Tokyo, but the war in China, followed by the threat of a number of nations to boycott the games, caused Japan to relinquish her rights in favour of Finland. So far, Finland’s intentions have not been stated, but Detroit, the hub of the motor car industry in the United States, has put in a claim to have the Games held there, if Finland is unable to act as host.

Strangely enough, Detroit’s claim has met with a lukewarm reception from the American Olympic Games committee. The chairman of the committee has pointed out that Detroit’s claim is premature and, in any case, there would be little use in holding international competitions in which Britain, France, Germany and Finland were not participating.

While Australia contemplates developing a motor car manufacturing industry, the new war has administered the knock-out to the Nazi design of producing a car that would be within the means of the German equivalent of the basic wage-earner. The first plant for the construction of the “Folks’ Waggons” was opened with a great flourish of trumpets in 1938, and Nazi leaders boasted that, within a few years, the car would be as common in Germany as perambulators are in the most crowded parts of Hay Street on a Friday afternoon. When the exporting stage had been reached, the production would have been a decided menace to the manufacturers of cheap cars in other countries. Fortunately, work on them has been suspended, so Gretchen and her boy friend will have to keep walking. In the meantime, the Berlin radio has announced that Germany’s exportation of cars will be suspended for the duration. This is a naive admission of the efficiency of the Allied blockade.

Overheard in a city office: “Where’s the ash-tray?” “Over there, under the ‘No Smoking’ sign.”

Stalin’s henchmen in this country are hard put to it to explain away the unprovoked attack on Finland, and to condone the ruthless bombing of centres of population. One Leftist publication recently announced on a bill-board, “Stalin Does Not Bomb Civilians.” Anyone who has read of what Stalin has done to civilians in his own country will need no very wild flight of imagination to realise what the Soviet sadists would do to civilians or a country with whom they are at war. Neutral eye-witnesses have reported on the killing and wounding of civilians in Helsinki and other Finnish towns, but obviously local morons know more about the matter than these hirings of capitalism who would dare question the infallibility of Stalin.

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COMRADESHIP

"This highway was a veritable procession of the British race. The ceaseless stream of Yorkshiremen, Welshmen, Scots, Irish, South Africans, men from Cornwall and the Fen country, battalions of short, sturdy fellows from the great industrial centres, ploughboys, miners, clerks, students, labourers, pioneers from rough Colonial backwoods and the product of public school and Varsity, marching cheek by jowl in a comradeship cemented by a common purpose and a mutual respect, welded these representatives of the various rungs of our social ladder into a vital, harmonious whole such as the wild, fantastic theories of political tub-thumpers, social reformers and scatter-brained and unbalanced dreamers and theoreticians will never achieve. For this mass of Britain's splendid youth, marching onward into battle with a song on its lips and a steadfast courage, represented reality and all that was best in our race, and hallmarked the age-old truth that the way to the stars lies through selfless sacrifice."

"Somme Harvest" (by Giles E. M. Eyre).

A Sydney Communist recently declared that he and others of his kidney were out to do all they could for the Digger. He also declared that he had ever called the Diggers "five-bob-a-day murderers." The denial is a bigger insult than the epithet, but this fellow's word may be accepted on this occasion. The fact that he is still out of hospital is sufficient proof that he was speaking the truth for once in his lady-like life.
ILL-INFORMED CRITICS

A Sidelight on the Censorship

One of the characteristics of the new war has been the leniency of the censorship, which has permitted ill-informed and often ill-mannered critics to rush into print and lay down the law on matters regarding which they are unqualified to speak. Probably those administering the censorship believe in giving such people sufficient rope to hang themselves, for when an official explanation is made, the critics who have been trying to flog up a grievance are certainly made to look foolish. This has happened to The Sunday Behind the Times on two recent occasions. For some weeks past that publication has been attacking the military authorities for erecting iron huts at Northam, instead of using wood and concrete in their construction. It was complained that the buildings erected for the Second A.I.F., which are of the same type as those erected at Swanbourne and elsewhere, are insufferably hot at night, and that wooden buildings would have been cooler.

This has been categorically denied by many members of the militia and the Second A.I.F., as well as by old Goldfielders who have lived in iron huts, more crudely built, and not so well ventilated, as those in which the troops are housed. The newspaper critic has obviously ignored the simple physical fact that the buildings in use give off heat by radiation, and they have deliberately suppressed the fact that the buildings so glibly condemned are exceptionally well ventilated. However, the Minister for the Army (Brigadier Street) has given reasons why huts of the type in use have been constructed in Western Australia. Among other things he said that they were more hygienic, as they are less likely to harbour vermin than wooden buildings; they are more economical, as they can be more easily taken to pieces and removed, or sold, when no longer needed for standing camps. The Minister also stated that iron buildings would have been used for camps throughout Australia had this material been as easily procurable in the other States as it is here. The Department of Defence in this, as in other instances, relied on the judgment of its expert advisers, who may be presumed to be at least as competent and as disinterested as civilian critics with no qualifications other than what an American general once called the value of ignorance. This, however, did not prevent The Sunday Behind the Times from trotting out what purported to be evidence in rebuttal. This comprised statements by the local Government Health Officer, and director of a local timber company, who can hardly be accepted as an independent authority on the relative merits of building materials. Such evidence is both feeble and unconvincing when opposed to the mass of expert testimony, which is available to the Minister for the Army. In another respect, The Sunday Behind the Times was equally unfortunate. This was in the ill-advised agitation against sending members of the Second A.I.F. to the Eastern States to complete their training. Naturally, we would all wish that the whole of the training could be given here, and it is only human for us to wish to have our boys near us as long as possible; but we also wish them to have the best and most efficient training possible before they go abroad to fight a people who, whatever their faults may be, are still the foremost military nation of the world. Any agitation which would prevent the achievement of such an objective is not merely fundamentally stupid; it is playing Hitler's game.

The reasons why our men have been sent to the East to complete their training were given earlier in the month by Colonel Collett, who has had a lifetime of experience in the training of men, both in peace and war. "In the army, as with other services," he said, "training for war begins with the individual. The period
required for the whole process between enlistment and the most favourable moment for joining in the combat has no definite limits. Point to this is found in the well-known fact that the Australian Corps reached the zenith of its efficiency in August, 1918, when, under Australian officers, and in conjunction with the Canadians, it delivered a decisive counter-attack to General Ludendorff's great offensive. The genesis of the Corps dated from August, 1914, and during the four year that followed it fought many battles, won victories and, unfortunately, sustained heavy losses. Its final supremacy was due to the turning of its experiences to good purpose for, by then, the machine had acquired approximate perfection in staff direction, leadership, individual initiative in exploiting tactical opportunities and the full use of equipment, including mechanical aids.

"As the individual progresses in physical fitness and knowledge, he becomes more closely associated with other individuals, with whom he is taught to cooperate. Collectively, these individuals form a fighting unit, which later is joined to others, and so on until the regiment or battalion acquires a complete entity and is ready to enter the field. I say 'ready,' but that is not to suppose that efficiency for battle has been reached. Certainly much more is required to be done. Battles are not now won by infantry alone. Troops of the front line have, for their health's sake, to learn of the existence, appearance and uses of the auxiliaries arms and services, i.e., where, how and when the guns facilitate an advance, or block an attack; the functions of tanks, the engineers, the signallers, the Army Service Corps, with its transport of goods, water and munitions; and last, but by no means least, the support from the air and the information gathered and transmitted by the Air Force.

"Western Australia has not all these aids to efficient co-operation in training. Establishments here are too restricted to allow of their creation and maintenance. Hence the need for sending our units eastwards. Without some knowledge of and practice with the means of co-operation in attack or defence, failure and defeat are invited.

"A division is the largest self-contained fighting unit in European armies. Corps and armies are a mere aggregation of divisions, with the addition of directing staffs and certain administrative units employed mostly on lines of communications. Western Australia has not, at present, the facilities one could wish for. With others, I would like to see a division trained here. Such a thing may yet come about if we find the area, equipment and services for so large an encampment as would be necessary. I think that is not expecting too much."

In the United Kingdom there is a Joint Advisory Bureau on Conscription which has published a two-penny pamphlet, advising conscientious objectors what to do when they come up before tribunals. In this pamphlet, they are told that it makes a better impression if they take a minister of religion along with them to the tribunal. They are advised what passages of Scripture are most useful, to which they must have answers ready. Nevertheless, in spite of this wet-nursing by old women of both sexes, only 1.8 of the young men called up in June applied for exemption on "conscientious" grounds. One thinks that the two-penny pamphlet might have advised the "conchies" to wear a badge—say a pansy bloom.

When a modified form of food rationing was introduced into the United Kingdom this month, Their Majesties the King and Queen set an example by adopting food rationing in their own household. Germany, however, in observing the policy of guns before butter, had to tighten
the national belt, long before the war. It is reported that, now that the British Navy has cut off its supplies of English dairy butter, Hitler now eats rolls and marmalade for his breakfast. But while British Royalty goes on rations with the British people, the leader of the German gangsters does not restrict his appetite. He contrives to get the best of food from his native Austria, and his daily ration scale includes Chocolate Eclairs, of all things!

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An English satirist has perpetrated the following effusion, on the inability of the German to stick to the same lie:—

The lie about the lie about the lie—

I've read each version, and I gather from it:—

That here's the only dog in history who ever funk ed returning to his vomit.

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The wonderful Red Army made a very bad showing against the Japanese in Siberia last year. The Russian performance in Finland has been even more contemptible. It would seem that the Red warriors cannot fight as well as they can skite, or is it that they are more yellow than red?

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Just before we went to Press, the Minister for the Army announced that all members of the Second A.I.F. would get what we used to call “Final Leave” before embarkation. The matter was never in doubt, but the Minister could not broadcast the matter, as that would be almost equivalent to saying when the troops would leave Australia. This was well known to the politicians and papers that have been making such a song and dance about leave for the troops. Now, one assumes, they will have the gall to turn round and say, ‘There you are, Digger, I got you your leave.’

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A Communist has been well described as a pansy in politics, and nowhere was the aptness of the description shown more clearly than during the clashes between these verbose morons and members of the Second A.I.F. To these people, soldiers and policemen are the uniformed hirelings of capitalism, but they were not slow to avail themselves of police protection when Diggers began to pelt them with over-ripe tomatoes. Incidentally, the newspaper reports suggest that the Digger of new vintage isn’t much of a shot, but perhaps the over-ripe tomato is not a missile of precision.

ARMISTICE DAY

At the meeting of the State Executive on January 10, it was reported that the Federal congress had recommended to the Prime Minister’s Department that the name “Armistice Day” be changed to “Remembrance Day.” The Prime Minister’s Department replied: “A similar suggestion was submitted to the Commonwealth Government by the Federal President (Sir Gilbert Dyett) before last November 11. The Government decided that Armistice Day should be commemorated as usual.” It further stated that the established form of commemoration of Armistice Day was adopted originally at the instance of His Majesty King George V, and, in view of the Empire-wide use of the designation “Armistice Day,” it was felt that any alteration in designation should be Empire-wide in its application. Although it was found necessary in the United Kingdom to modify the form of observance of Armistice Day last November, because of the possibilities of air raids, it is understood that the existing designation was retained.
Y.M.C.A. WAR SERVICE APPEAL

Misunderstanding, and to a minor extent prejudice, continues to exist regarding the war service activities of the Y.M.C.A., and so that there should be no further justification for misunderstanding, the following statement has been issued by the chairman of the Citizens' Committee, the Hon. A. H. Panton:—

An appeal is now before the public for funds to carry on Y.M.C.A. social work in Militia, A.I.F. and Garrison Battalion camps in Western Australia, and to extend that service to the Second A.I.F. when it goes overseas.

There are Y.M.C.A. huts and tents in the seven existing camps in this State. It is proposed to spend an additional £1,400 on furniture, equipment and buildings for these. At the present time, the maintenance cost of the camps is £80 a week. There is a further commitment of £1,000 in respect of service with the Second A.I.F. when it goes overseas.

The Y.M.C.A.'s military activities are under the control and supervision of a Military Committee consisting of Messrs.

Donations to the Y.M.C.A. War Service Appeal are held by the honorary treasurers, Messrs. S. J. McGibbon & Co., Chartered Accountants, Shell House, Perth, and cheques are signed and disbursements are made by trustees who are not members of the Y.M.C.A. The trustees are: Messrs. A. H. Panton (Minister for Mines), Mr. A. Yeates (President of the State Executive of the R.S.L.) and Mr. C. P. Smith (Managing Editor of The West Australian).

The work which the Y.M.C.A. is doing amongst soldiers is urgent and vital. It has been undertaken at the request of
the military authorities, and was specifically set forth by them to be—

To make itself responsible for supplementing the military arrangements for the administration and organisation of comforts and recreation for fit and well soldiers.

All services by the Y.M.C.A in military camps are free. There is no canteen service or trading of any kind. All entertainment is free.

Of the nine Y.M.C.A representatives in military camps, seven served in the armed forces in the Great War.

All the administrative and executive expenses in connection with the war work of the Y.M.C.A have been met by the Association out of its own funds. The Association also provided from its own resources in the initial stages of the war, forms, tables, pianos, wireless sets and general equipment.

None of the property donated, or purchased out of funds donated, for the war work of the Y.M.C.A. will become the property of the Association, but will be held in trust for further work amongst the militia.

The Military Committee of the Y.M.C.A was formed two years ago. Seventeen of its 21 members saw service overseas in the Great War. Four members—Messrs. A. Yeates, A. H. Panton, C. H. Lamb and E. S. Watt—are members of the State Executive of the R.S.L. Twelve of the committee are members of the Perth Legacy Club—the work of which club on behalf of the children of deceased soldiers is so well and favourably known. Among Legacy Club members on the Y.M.C.A. Military Committee are the foundation president of the club (Colonel C. H. Lamb) and five other ex-presidents.

The women’s auxiliary of the R.S.L, with its 83 sub-branches, has associated itself with the work of the Y.M.C.A. Military Committee in A.I.F. camps, militia camps and the garrison centres, and is contributing money to the central funds and furnishings and equipment to the various centres.

One of the strangest features of this very strange war in which we are engaged was the propaganda in favour of fraternisation on Christmas Day. The general idea was that because German and British troops fraternised on Christmas Day, 1914, history should have repeated itself on Christmas Day, 1939. It was an idea fondly cherished by those who evidently believed that if the soldiers of opposing nations could be induced to meet in amity, wars would automatically cease. Such a belief is on a par with that frequently expressed before 1914, that if the rank and file of all armies would refusing to fight, there would be no wars. It is a pleasing speculation to toy with, and just about as convincing as the reasoning of the Digger who remarked, “If we had some ham, we could have ham and eggs—if we had any eggs.” From the days of chivalry to the campaign in South Africa, which Major-General Fuller has called “the last of the gentlemen’s wars,” there have been many instances of British soldiers exchanging more or less friendly greetings with their opponents. There was an instance of this at Talavera, when, during a lull in the battle, British and French soldiers filled their water-bottles from opposite sides of a stream, without either side molesting the other. A correspondent recently reminded me that on Christmas Day, 1899, the Boers besieging Ladysmith fired two harmless shells into the beleaguered town. One contained an invitation to the British commander, General White, to visit the besiegers, and the other was loaded with plum pudding. That well-mannered and sincere attempt at fraternisation did not prevent the Boers from making a determined attack on Ladysmith, on the succeeding New Year’s Day. It has been stated that fraternisation between the Allied and German troops was strictly forbidden after that.

Finally to be borne in mind in connection with this appeal are the facts that the Y.M.C.A. served the men of the A.I.F. in Egypt, Gallipoli, Palestine, France and England throughout 1914–18, and was the only social organisation in the militia camps for the 21 years that separated the last Great War from this one.

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1914. Pacifist writers have played up this prohibition for all they were worth. The inference they sought to convey was that had fraternisation been allowed, the war would have fizzled out. Perhaps it would have—to Germany’s advantage. It will be remembered that during 1917, there was much fraternisation between Austrian and Italian outposts. This went on until a considerable portion of the Italian line was lulled into a false sense of security, or even more completely demoralised by enemy propaganda. Then followed Caporetto.

The fraternisation racket appears to me to be part of the wider propaganda in support of the idea that we are fighting the evil rulers of Germany, and not the kindly German people, who are just plain folks like ourselves. The verdict of history inclines me to the belief that the German people are neither particularly kindly, nor yet very much like ourselves. The distinction between an enemy nation and its rulers is an old one. It has cropped up in many previous wars, especially when it has seemed desirable to turn an enemy people against its Government. It was used with tremendous effect by the Duke of Wellington at the Congress of Vienna after the Battle of Waterloo, when he prevented Prussia and Austria from dismembering France, and restored the country to the Bourbons with its boundaries as they had been before the Revolution. It is doubtful, however, if such a statement is either valid or safe when applied to Germany.

Of course, there are Germans and Germans, and as Edmund Burke said, “You cannot indict a whole people”; but a political axiom equally true is that a people invariably gets the form of Government it deserves. This is another way of saying that no form of Government, whether it be a dictatorship or a democracy, can persist, except by the will of the bulk of the people. Frightfulness in war and bad faith in international affairs have been characteristic of the German people and their rulers ever since the Thirty Years’ War. During that war, Tilly’s sack of Magdeburg, by no means as isolated instance of such frightfulness, was an atrocity that horrified a not too squeamish Europe. English historians have been unanimous in condemning Cromwell for the sack of Drogheda, though they have admitted that such things were common enough in the German wars. The fact is the German is like Kipling’s “Eathan in his blindness” who “don’t obey no orders unless they is his own.” This is what Lord Macaulay had to say of a German national hero, Frederick the Great. In order that he might plunder a neighbour whom he had promised to protect, black men fought one another on the coast of Coromandel, and red men scalped each other by the Great Lakes of North America.

Hitler’s apologists have declared that the mantle of Frederick has fallen on Adolf, and in this they are not so far off the target of truth. Frederick set a fashion in repudiating inconvenient treaties, which was soon copied by his less scrupulous neighbours. Macaulay has accused him of killing all sense of shame in international relations, but he was successful; therefore, he remained the idol of his people, even while he repressed liberty at home. The parallel between Frederick and Hitler is a true one. Hitler is also a breaker of solemn engagements whose evil example has been followed by other totalitarian Powers. Hitler has the support of the German people, and will retain that support while ever his policy is attended by the slightest modicum of success. Therefore, we must fight and beat the German people, before we can hope to overthrow their rulers.

It may be commendable to love one’s enemies, but I find it hard to love those who deliberately machine-gun innocent Scottish fishermen while they are trying to launch their boats and leave their sinking ships. No doubt the next of kin of slain seamen and those who survive these cowardly attacks will find it even harder. The German character has been summed up by the late Rudolph Binding in “A Fatalist at War.” Binding was a soldier and a gentleman, a true patriot, and one of the ablest German writers on the last war. He said that the German simply could not help being a bully. Make him a N.C.O. and he will bully his men; make him a policeman and he will bully the public; put him on a horse and he will ill-treat the horse.

In 1900, when the Kaiser was farewellng troops under orders for China, he urged them to emulate the ruthlessness of the Huns, and his speech was applauded by the German Press and the German people. It should never be forgotten that the German army is representative of the German people, that German soldiers were guilty of atrocities in Belgium, and added poison gas to the horrors of modern war; that German airmen instituted the practice of bombing civilians; and that German sailors inaugurated the practice, reenacted in the present war, of sinking unarmed merchantmen. The Germans have made no bones about fighting the British people, and that fact we must face, whether we like it or not. It seems absurd, then, not to accept the converse. To those who hope for an internal revolt in Germany, it may seem desirable to toy with the fiction of a war against the German rulers, and not against the German people; but that fiction is a two-edged tool which can be used by those who hope for lenient terms for Germany when the war ends. From Tilly to Ludendorff and Goering, from Frederick the Great to Hitler, the German character and the German methods of waging war have remained unchanged, despite changes of Government. The only thing likely to change it for the better is decisive defeat in war, and effective guarantees for better behaviour in the future. Let there be no more maulderings about the alleged iniquity of the Treaty of Versailles. Had the safeguards against war which that treaty provided not been frittered away, the present war could not have occurred.

The country policeman was passing the local pub when, noting that it was past closing time, he saw a man still sitting in the bar.

He went to the proprietor and remonstrated. “That man should be outside,” he said.

“Yes,” replied the proprietor, “but I can’t get him out.”

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Applications for refunds should be made to the Deputy Federal Commissioner of Taxation for the State or territory in which the prospector carries on operations. If a prospector carries on operations in Papua or New Guinea his application for refund should be forwarded to the Deputy Federal Commissioner of Taxation, Brisbane.

Application forms will shortly be available at the offices of the Commonwealth Bank or the trading banks or the Deputy Federal Commissioner of Taxation.
As it is necessary that evidence of payment of tax must be forwarded with the application for refund, prospectors should carefully preserve all statements, credit notes, receipts, etc., received by them in connection with gold delivered by them to the Commonwealth Bank or its agents.

FINANCIAL EMERGENCY TAX

The Commissioner of Taxation (Mr. M. D. Mears) notifies that, owing to an amendment of the law, alterations in some of the rates of Financial Emergency Tax will operate on and from January 1, 1940.

For persons with dependents, new rates will apply as follows: £4/3/1 to £4/19/11 per week, 3d. in the £1; £5 to £7/14/11, 4d. in the £1; £8/15/- to £8/9/11, 5d. in the £1.

To persons without dependents: £1/10/- to £2 per week, 4d. per week; £2/0/1 to £4/3/- per week, 4d. in the £1.

For higher amounts of salaries and wages, the rates remain unaltered.

Amended scales of rates may be obtained from the Taxation Department and schedules of amended rates may be inspected at all post offices and railway stations.

On a recent visit to the camp of the 10th Garrison Battalion, Major-General Durrant was accompanied by Colonel Collett and his fellow West Australian Senator, Allan MacDonald. Colonel Collett met many of the Evergreens, including several who had served with him in the 28th Battalion.

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When the liner Dunrobin returned to Fremantle, after taking the first quota of the West Australian portion of the Second A.I.F. to the Eastern States, she brought with her a large silver coffee urn which had been presented by the Diggers to the ship. The urn, which is suitably inscribed is to be installed in the dining saloon of the ship.

December 13, 1939

At the meeting of the State Executive on December 13, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Philip, W. J. James, Hunt, Anderson, Nicholas, Margolin, Potts, Stan, Keeling, Fairley, Lamb, Watt, Paton, Cornell, Williams and Zeffert. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Aberle, H. James, Collett, Panton, Denton, Mitchell, Thorn, Colebatch, Patterson, Curlewis, Mackenzie, Johnston and Dinar.

Annual Leave.—The executive approved of the State Secretary taking his annual leave from December 23 to January 15, and the Assistant State Secretary from January 15 to February 5.

Broadcasts.—The following additions were made to the broadcast roster: January 16, Mr. E. S. Watt; and February 9, Mr. R. A. Nicholas.

Next Meeting.—It was decided that the next meeting of the executive would be held on January 10. The State President was empowered to call a special meeting in the meantime, should the necessity arise.

10th Garrison Battalion.—Colonel Olden and Messrs. Aberle and Anderson and one trustee were appointed to the 10th Garrison Battalion Welfare Fund Committee, with Col. Lamb as liaison officer between the battalion committee and the League committee.

House Committee.—The report of the House Committee revealed that the proceeds of the community concerts, throughout the season, had amounted to £279/19/8 nett.

S.S.L.—The report of the S.S.L. Committee meeting, held on December 5, was received and adopted. The report dealt with the annual picnic, the annual sports meeting and the Colonel Collett Shield Competition.

Trustees.—The report of the relief fund trustees for the month of November revealed that 49 applications for relief had been approved, at a total cost of £51/1/9. A further report advised that the annual grant made by the Commonwealth Government for Christmas relief had been £200.

A.R.M.S. Committee.—A report on the championship final in the A.R.M.S. competition was received. At the instance of the State President, appreciation was extended to the members of the committee.

Visits.—Visits were reported by the State President (25th Machine Gun Regiment—with Mr. Aberle—and the meeting of Ex-Service Men’s Organisations), Colonel Olden (Claremont Bowling Club Soldien’s carnival), Mr. Hunt (Norseman sub-branch), Mr. Williams (Bassendean sub-branch), Mr. Philip (British Ex-Service Women’s Association), Colonel Margolin (Red Cross meeting), Messrs. W. James and Panton (West Leederville sub-branch), Mr. Nicholas (Youth Organisations’ meeting and hospital visits).

Repatriation Ward.—In his report on hospital visits, Mr. Nicholas mentioned that former A.I.F. men, admitted for treatment to Ward X, were not moved up to Ward XI as vacancies occurred in the latter. This should have been done, in accordance with arrangements made with the Repatriation Department some little time ago. It was agreed to protest to the department against the exclusion of

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The State congress passed a resolution asking that a deputation from the State Executive meet the Minister for Education in connection with the provision of cooling tanks at schools. Colonel Fairley and the State Secretary were appointed to wait on the Minister.

Red Cross.—The general secretary of the Red Cross advised that, so long as means were available, the work of the society, in the interests and welfare of returned men and nurses in hospitals and institutions, would continue. It was decided to promulgate this information to sub-branches.

Moora Sub-Branch.—Authority was granted for the trustees to affix the seal of the W.A. Branch to a transfer of land from the Moora sub-branch to the Moora Road Board in accordance with a request made by the sub-branch some years ago.

Leave of Absence.—Mr. Philp was granted three months' leave of absence.

Patriotic Funds.—It was agreed that the Premier be urged to put into operation at an early date that Act recently passed by the State Parliament for the control of war patriotic funds.

January 10, 1940

At the meeting of the State Executive on January 10, 1940, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Aberle, Collett, W. James, Hunt, Anderson, Nicholas, Margolin, Potts, Plunkett, W. Pamion, Paton, Cornwell, Thorn, Williams, Zeffert, Mackenzie, Johnston and Dinan. Leave was granted to Messrs. H. James, Philp, Panton, Denton, Sten, Keegan, Lamb, Cobleath, Paterson and Culewes.

Mr. G. C. Culewes sought leave of absence from executive meetings in view of his appointment as Military Area Officer at Northam. This was approved.

Anzac Club Committee.—The report of the Club committee meeting held on January 4 was received. That portion of the report dealing with the admittance to honorary membership of all personnel of the forces who enlist for service overseas was referred to the Management Committee for urgent action. The report was adopted.

10th Garrison Battalion Welfare Fund Committee.—A report of the meeting of this committee held on December 21 stated that an amount of £15 0/9 had been expended from the League Welfare Fund on Christmas comforts for members of the Garrison Battalion. The report also dealt with proposed action to augment the League Welfare Fund.

Mr. Aberle reported that Mr. Allen Thomson, of Thomson's Ltd., desired to donate a bagatelle table to the 10th Garrison Battalion through the R.S.L. It was agreed that Mr. Thomson be communicated with and he be informed that the League would be pleased to accept this donation on behalf of the battalion.

R.S.L. Relief Fund Trustees.—The report of the Relief Fund trustees for the month of December indicated that £17 applications had been approved at a cost of 229/8/10. This included Christmas relief.

Defence Committee.—The State President reported on behalf of the deputation which waited on the G.O.C. on Thursday, December 14, in connection with defence appointments. The deputation was informed that the G.O.C. was under the impression that preference to returned soldiers was always extended in all appointments. He assured the deputation that everything possible would be done in future to meet the wishes of the League. After discussion, it was agreed that a statement for publication be prepared by the State President.

Visits.—Reports on visits were received as follows: Fremantle sub-branch, Mr. Paton; Perth sub-branch, Colonel Margolin; Merredin sub-branch, Mr. Keating; York sub-branch, Mr. Johnstone; Mandurah sub-branch, Mr. Johnstone; Lemnos Hospital, Mr. Williams; Press S.S.L., Messrs. Watt, Cornell and Nicholas; Wooloroo sub-branch, Mr. Thorn; Red Cross Dinner and Ward XI, Mr. Nicholas.

Federal Correspondence: Canadian Legion Australian Airmen.—Extending facilities to Australian airmen who may visit Canada. League members enlisting overseas service, financial status continued. Received.

X-Ray Chests all Soldiers.—Advice from Defence Department that such procedure was being adopted. Also a letter in support of such action from Repatriation Commission.

Immigration: Printing in Foreign Languages.—Matter being carefully watched by Commonwealth Government.

Erecting Repatriation Hospital.—A communication was forwarded through Federal office from the Repatriation Commission. Agreed that a communication be referred to the Management Committee and that an interview be arranged with the G.O.C. in order that the League's views may be placed before him.

Armistice Day.—Re change of description to Remembrance Day. Received. Advice from the Prime Minister's Department stated that any such change in designation should be Empire-wide and that in 1939 the existing designation had been adhered to in England.

Defence Appointments.—Advice received in connection with certain defence appointments. After discussion, it was agreed that it be suggested to the G.O.C. that, in order to facilitate the co-operation between his department and the League, that the League appoint a liaison officer. Carried. It was further agreed that in the event of the G.O.C. agreeing to such a course, the State President be empowered to make any appointment provided.

Deferred Pay, Garrison Battalion.—A suggestion by the Victorian Branch that the rates of pay for garrison battalions be increased by an amount of deferred pay. It was agreed to advise Federal office that this branch approves of the suggestion.

Constitution, Theatres of War.—A suggested alteration to the constitution concerning theatres of war approved for submission to the next Federal Executive meeting. It was agreed to suggest to Federal Executive that, in the event of all States being unanimous in accord to this suggested alteration, that the next Federal congress approve of retrospective operation of such amendment.

FINANCIAL EMERGENCY TAX ACT, 1929.

RATES OF TAX PAYABLE.

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The rate of 4d. in the £1 will apply to all payments at the rate of £5 to £5 16s. 1d. per week.

Persons without Dependents.

4d. per week is payable on payments at the rate of £1 10s. to £2 per week.

The rate of 4d. in the £1 will apply to all payments at the rate of £2 10s. to £3 3s. per week.

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Invitation.—No. 1 District Committee, January 27: State President and State Secretary appointed.

Defence Matters.—Mr. Lawley sub-branch expressed the opinion that wood should be used instead of iron in the construction of army huts in the future. The letter was received.

A communication concerning the disbandment of the volunteer militia forces in favour of universal training was received from the Subiaco sub-branch, and it was agreed that the Federal Executive be advised of the point raised by the Subiaco sub-branch. Subiaco sub-branch to be informed of the League’s policy which has been endorsed by successive congresses.

North Perth sub-branch expressed the opinion that the policy of employing ex-service men in military camps should be continued. It was stated that the army policy now was that each unit should be self-contained and outside civilian labour was to be dispensed with. After discussion, it was agreed to request the authorities that where it is reasonably practicable, the arrangements which have heretofore been in force should be continued.

Melville sub-branch drew attention to the employment of non-ex-service men at military camps. It was agreed to ask for specific instances.

Battlefield Cremation.—Carlisle sub-branch requested the State Executive to take the necessary action to recommend to the Commonwealth Government the implementation of a scheme for the cremation of fatal war casualties. It was agreed to advise Carlisle sub-branch that, as this matter involves religious principles, the executive could not take such action.

No. 1 District Committee.—A communication from No. 1 District Committee, dealing with various subjects which had been replied to by the State Secretary, was received and action endorsed.

Funerals, Imperial Ex-Service Men.—The Wooroloo sub-branch asked the State Executive to circularise sub-branches to test the feeling concerning the commencement of a W.A. State fund with donations contributed by each sub-branch for the burial of indigent Imperial ex-service men. Certain information was given concerning a State Government provision for burials, and the secretary was asked to make further inquiries.

War Patriotic Funds.—Advice was received from the Premier that the War Funds Regulation Act came into force on December 20, on which date it was assented to.

ARMADALE

An interesting gathering was held in the club rooms on December 13. Mr. W. Kerridge, the president, who has joined the Reserve, obtained special leave from his unit to attend the meeting. His popularity was evident by the warm reception he received from all present. Mr. Kerridge applauded the work of the members of the sub-branch who have been so ably assisted by the ladies’ committee, for without this co-operation so much progress in good work could not have been achieved.

He was happy with his section of the 10th Garrison Battalion, the members of which were a fine enthusiastic crowd. It was interesting to recall that Captain Adams, the officer in charge, was the first president of the Armadale sub-branch in 1919. During the absence of Mr. Kerridge, Mr. L. Cornell (the vice-president) will be in charge. Under the persistent fire of Mr. Charles Gummery, the hon. secretary, old members are becoming financially and rejoining the sub-branch. Carlisle is anxious to capture any new members who may be in the district. A Christmas tree and party was held on December 23, and all members’ children under 14 years received presents from Father Christmas.

MOSMAN PARK

The December meeting was held on Boxing night, and in spite of the prevailing counter attractions was well attended. Our aim of a 100 membership before the end of 1939 was attained, and we are now out to create new records in the way of membership. The meeting was restricted to essential business only, and was followed by convivialities fitting to the season. Many members contributed musical and other items, and the playette contributed by Messrs. Ashworth, James and Gibson added to a pleasant evening.

Our Sunday afternoon R.S.O. games were held on December 19. Everybody seemed to enjoy himself. There were a lot of idle talk and laughter between the games, and a distinct improvement is obvious amongst the quiet throwers. The library is also well looked after these occasions, the fine selection of books proving an attraction to members so inclined. We regret the absence of one of our stalwarts, Frank Harrison, to Canning Dam, and hope that his sojourn up that way will only be temporary. Next meeting will be followed by the usual sporting programme in preparation for the next series of A.R.M.S. games, so members are requested to be along early to permit of an early start and permit of an early closure to the business end of the meeting.

SUBIACO

The disciples of Terpsichore (what what) continue to gladden the heart of the sub-branch treasurer by attending dances in large quantity, under the able direction of Mr. C. P. Musgrove. At the December general meeting the president “whizized it on” in honour of his birthday, and a real good evening was the result. On December 19 we held a Christmas celebration, at which we were pleased to see Jack Mitchell after his arduous labours in trying to bring the younger generation up to A.I.F. standard. The boys went home with memories of unearnt talent, while the secretary carted home an enormous sugar-bag with most of the proceeds of the lottery. The final result of the lottery was most satisfactory, and we hope that all our members will kindly support the sub-branch.

GLOUCESTER PARK

Great interest was shown by members at the meeting on January 4. The president (Mr. Oliver Strang) occupied the chair, Mr. H. Thomas reported that he had made a visit to the Kalgoorlie sub-branch. He was made very welcome and conveyed best wishes from the goldfields sub-branch to Gloucester Park members. It is felt that more members could attend the ladies’ meetings, and it was decided to advertise these functions in “The Listening Post.” What the boys have all been looking for is the annual smoke. It was decided to cater for 200, and to hold the function on Thursday, January 18. The preference to returned Diggers question was very forcibly explained by Mr. George Owens, and
it was decided to forward a strong protest to the State Executive. As the annual election of officers will take place shortly, it was decided to hold two meetings in February, on the first and third Thursdays, for nominations and election of officers. During the evening the president presented Mr. George Owens with his Certificate of Service, and also took the opportunity of welcoming back to the sub-branch Mr. Albert Wilkins, who is now a warrant officer in the A.I.C. (permanent forces). Both members expressed their appreciation, and after the stews had fulfilled their duties, their health was toasted in the true Digger fashion.

MT. HAWTHORN-N. LEEDEVILLE

Members turned up in force for the children's Christmas party, which was well stage-managed by Bill Kay. The Peters' and Marshall School of Dancing provided some enjoyable items, which well deserved the enthusiastic applause that greeted them. Thanks to them for their services, and to Mrs. Murphy, who officiated at the piano. Mr. Love, with his Punch and Judy act, provided enjoyment for the kiddies and, if enjoyment is a criterion, the biggest kid of all was Tom Campbell. The star turn was Fred Charles as Ali Baba, and his offsider, Ted Nathan, as one of the forty thieves. With Ted had his magic cloth, with a lot of tickets in it, a Poole was noticed on the floor, but it was only Arthur, who turned up for the meccano set. It was a pleasure to see the youngsters sitting round enjoying ice cream and other delicacies, not to mention Herb Stanton's ginger beer. The smoko was an enjoyable feature. Members had the pleasure of seeing Clarrie Buckenara, on leave from the 10th Garrison Battalion. He brought a few friends with him, but Com. Masters pinched the kid and so saved them the job of emptying the two-up school. Roy Petersen was presented with a beautiful watch by Bill Baker. Mr. Ted Nathan, as one of the three winners, challenged Roy to fill it up, and this will be done after the next shoot for the most consecutive bulls. George Williams conducted the community singing and Charlie Gurn was bus conductor when the proceedings ended.

CARLISLE

There was a good attendance at the recent monthly meeting, when the main business was the consideration of the balance sheet and auditor's report. These disclosed a happy position. Several new committee members were elected to replace those who are now serving with the Evergreens. The resignation of the president (Mr. H. Crofts) was accepted with great regret. He has found the combination of duties with the sub-branch and as head A.R.P. warden somewhat overbearing. Mr. Gillan was elected president and Mr. Deacon treasurer. Members are reminded of the picnic on January 28. Tickets will be available at: the railway station and the train leaves at 9.30 a.m. The next meeting will take place on February 1.

KALGOORLIE

Membership has now left the 300 mark behind. Over 80 members attended the general meeting on December 12. Among those present was the sub-branch's old member, Colin Edwards, who has been unable to attend many meetings since he took up his residence at Wiluna. E. Busister and Vic. O'Grady, of the Boulder sub-branch. The president ('Jigger' James), who had just returned from a militia camp, had much to tell about the doings in training. The passing of troop trains through Kalgoorlie is reminiscent of the days gone by. The trains were met by representatives of the sub-branch, who distributed reading matter to the troops. Recently, two of the new A.I.F. men were taken to the local hospital, suffering from mumps. They were frequent visitors at the Institute during their convalescence, and George Edwards did all he could to make their stay in Kalgoorlie an enjoyable one. The annual pilgrimage was made to the children's ward of the Government Hospital on Sunday, December 24. Joe Saunders played the part of Santa Claus. All ex-service men who were patients were also visited and presented with small parcels. The sub-branch was responsible for the distribution of Christmas cheer to several families in Kalgoorlie. The next meeting will be held on February 13.

FREMANTLE

A large number of members were present as guests at the meeting of the Spearwood sub-branch on December 13. It was decided to co-operate with the Spearwood sub-branch in an effort to prevent the future poaching of a metropolitan auxiliary on local preserves on Poppy Day. It was also decided to offer no objection to the transfer of money towards the Jim Morgan memorial, being erected at the White Gum Valley school grounds. Strong exception was taken to the fact that there was no observance of the two minutes' silence in the A.I.F. camp on November 11. It was decided to bring the matter under the notice of the State Executive. A sum of 30/- was passed to the women's auxiliary for the Christmas treat to soldiers' children.

SPEARWOOD

There was a fair attendance at the monthly meeting. Mr. G. C. Sudlow (president) occupied the chair, with the hon. secretary (Mr. Andrew Bailey) assisting. In connection with the protest against a metropolitan sub-branch "poaching" on the territories of Fremantle and Spearwood on Poppy Day, as well as nearly a week ahead, it was decided to invite the Fremantle sub-branch to co-operate with the Spearwood sub-branch in endeavouring to put a stop to this persistent and annoying practice. It was decided to accept the invitation of the Mandurah sub-branch to a sports day there on Boxing Day. In view of the wonderful work the women's auxiliary has done, it was agreed to tender a night's entertainment to that body during January. It was also decided to form a guard of honour to Mr. Arthur Joyce on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage with Miss Aberle at the St. John's Church, Fremantle. Mr. J. Paterson, was elected as steward for the year. Mr. Clark promised to assist in the work, for which he was also thanked. On the motion of the president, it was decided to thank the women's auxiliary for past services and wish them the compliments of the season. Subscriptions to the funds of the sub-branch were invited and an appeal. Mr. N. Marich (who is donating & 4 for & for all sums raised) had to hand over a substantial sum.

MULDITJONG-JARRAHDALE

On Thursday, December 7, members paid a visit to the Mt. Lawley-Inglewood sub-branch. They were made to feel very welcome and can assure their hosts that they enjoyed the visit immensely. Members hope to see them at one of their meetings early next year.
in 1940. During the evening, the genial Dick Geddes recalled to members of Mr. Lawley some early history of their own sub-branch when he and Dave Benson were members. The Menzies sub-branch was also the topic by its president. He and the former secretary of Kalgoorlie evoked reminiscences of goldfields doings. The annual smoke social was held at Jarrahdale on December 16. It was an outstanding success in several ways; Dick Geddes expressed his desire to which Frank Berthold replied. Jim Keir- th then proposed “The Armed Forces of the Commonwealth,” which was replied to by Lieut. Lou Halverson, of the 28th Battalion. George Lyster welcomed the visitors. The chairman of the road board (W. Taylor) and the secretary of the A.N.A. (E. Buckland) responded. “The Second A.I.F.” was proposed by Mick Ross and responded to by T. Campbell, whose son is in the East with the A.I.F. Finally, “Chitty’s Approval,” were tendered by Dr. Burnside. Private Edwards, of the 10th Garrison Battalion, replied. During the evening Certificates of Service were presented to the president (Tom Tatt) and the treasurer (Siri) in recognition of many years of unselfish service. There was an orchestra in attendance and several items were rendered between speeches.

CALINGIRI

The annual meeting was held on December 27, Mr. H. Hill presiding. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. H. Hill; vice-president, Mr. W. Campbell; secretary, Mr. A. J. King; assistant secretary, Mr. D. K. Fordham; land committee, Messrs. D. K. Fordham, F. Plant, H. S. Lambert, J. McChit, W. Campbell; and the Truman Branch committee, Messrs. H. Franklin, D. K. Fordham and W. Campbell; general committee, Messrs. J. McGill, H. S. Lambert, N. Fordham, F. Plant, J. Russell, H. Franklin, W. Shedder and W. Campbell; auditors, Messrs. G. E. Chitty and H. Halcrow; subject to Mr. Chitty’s approval. Mr. Chitty, who is an old friend of the sub-branch, has not been in his best of health lately. A vote of thanks to the secretary was carried with loud aclama- tion. Mr. H. Porsche tendered thanks to Mr. J. Leese thanked the sub-branch for their efforts in securing him a pension. It was resolved that the sub-branch take every possible interest in members of the Second A.I.F. enlisted from this district. A cheerio would be sent to those already in camp. Send-offs would be arranged for all new enlistments. A vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. Percy Lindsay was carried. Members sent a cheerio to their old friend Mr. G. E. Chitty. The annual reunion was fixed for March 16.

PERTH

Th bridge, euchre and social evenings still continue to attract a large patronage. The river picnic was an unqualified success. Because of so many of our old comrades failing to pass the medical test for military service, we find that more and more men are being made on the amelioration fund. The December meeting was well attended and much profitable, and interesting discussion took place. We are glad to know that our treasurer (Mr. F. Bateson) is unable to continue to act in that capacity any longer. Fred has been a tower of strength and will, we hope, be spared for many years to give us his valuable advice. We hope to be able to visit all the camps in our district during the coming year, as this does indeed make a break in camp monotony for the boys.

BOULDER

A good assembly and harmony characterised the last meeting of the year. The secretary (Vic O’Grady) was the recipient of congratulations on the occasion of his wedding. Congratulations were also extended to the dozy Jack Edwards, Bill Kenyon and Bob Whiteley on their work during the year. Among the subjects discussed were the boys of the old brigade could help those of the new, the doings of hospital visitors and the Christmas tree in the Government Hospital. There was a good speech by Doug Hoar, a popular visitor from Ernie Tomkinson. Letters were read from old members, out in the mulga, who could not be present, but were with the sub-branch in spirit.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

Harold Ingle presided over a good meeting on December 11. The members of the auxiliary were congratulated on their Day effort. The annual smoke on December 9 was a successful function. The State Parliament and the City Council were represented and the District War Memorial Warden was presented with a presentation on December 9. The president Mr. W. Campbell has been appointed to the chair on January 8. The following are office-bearers for 1940: President, H. J. Ingle (elected unopposed); vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Holland, W. Haines and W. Mc Culloch; secretary, H. J. Ingle; treasurer, Geo. Newton; auditor, V. E. Troode; committee, Messrs. Alec Hood, A. Diver (Hughes, Fred Cornish, Geo. Tum- nell, George Harper, C. Gadd, W. A. Kirton, Hughie Peters, Bill Leedman, A. Tindal, J. Christiansen, Joe Harington, Jos. Quilty. Members are reminded that the annual picnic will be held on Sunday, February 18, at Coogee. "Buses will leave the Council Hall, Cambridge Street, West Leederville, at times to be fixed at the next meeting on February 12. Admission: adults, 1/-; children under 14, free. Hot water and milk provided free. Will members kindly notify the president or secretary of their intention to attend the picnic, so that adequate transport arrangements may be made to continue to meet the information of members. The following motions were discussed at length, and reference was made to the State Executive (in brief): (a) Re trench comforts for the troops and their distribution; (b) re-admission of honorary members of the League of men who sign on to English ships for voyages to the United Kingdom, etc., whereby they will later become eligible for membership. This privilege having already been granted to members of the Second A.I.F. Alec Craigie was at home with us again and expressed his thanks to all those who had kept in touch with him during his four years at Home. A new member was welcomed and also an old one on holiday. The latter, Bob Marshall, is co-opted for the Burns’ night on the 20th inst., tickets for which are now on sale. Profits are for the Aged Soldiers’ Fund. Bob gave us quite a treat in the way of entertainment in connection with our method of leaving the work of the sub-branch to committees which actually do work. Special attention of all ex-service men and endowment members is drawn to the approach smoke and Burns’ night, fixed some time back on the night of January 20. Roll up in force. Kilts may be worn.

MUNTADGIN-TOTALDING

The sub-branch held its annual ball on December 30, which turned out a huge success. Dancers thoroughly enjoyed the music supplied by the Naree Music Orchestra. The ladies as usual provided a lovely supper and the gentleman assured them of thanking them. A novel item was a demonstration of gymnastics by Priscilla Slack (George Kerse), which created roars of laughter, especially the one for reducing the rear of the dancing. The evening was turned out by Captains Hooper and the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, who are leaving the district to live in the Eastern States.

ALBANY

The president (Mr. A. H. Richardson) was in the chair at the meeting on December 5. The question of preference to returned soldiers was discussed at length, in the light of local happenings. It was decided that the smoke of January 18th be of the form of a Bobbie Burns’ night. It will also provide opportunity for a welcome home to Alex Criggie and for congratulations to Sam Bar- row on his promotion to the rank of major. Certain alterations and repairs to the Institute were approved. It was decided to donate guinea to the local branch of the St. John Ambulance. Six delegates were appointed to the public meeting for the Trench Com- monwealth.

The December meeting was held on Tues- day, the 9th, and was presided over by Mr. M. O’Gara (vice-president). Apologies were tendered from Messrs. Richardson and Berryman. A motion that the sub-branch express its strong disapproval of the omission of Albany from the compulsory training scheme was left over. It was pointed out that many previous offers of help and assistance from the sub-branch had been turned down with but scanty consideration by the Department. It was made known that the most interesting item of the day should be the sub-branch 100 yards sprint. Handicaps will be declared on the ground. It will be interesting to see how some of our older sprinters, including Matt. Eps, Tom Bird, Bill Haines and others, will fare against the more modern youth in Hughie (Xmas) Peters, our dear old friend Modeller Joe, A. H. (Bridge) Gibney and others. You can’t beat Mrs. E. B. O’Connell’s Expert Catering Service. CR. HAY & MILLIGAN STREETS, PERTH. Extensive rooms available for Smoke Socials, Banquets, Luncheons, etc. Functions catered for in any part of Metropolitan Area. Phone B3491.
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To Y.M.C.A. country auxiliaries' radio fund: Dangin-Quairading, 41; Pingelly, 10/-; Beverley, 10/-; Collie, 10/6; Kalgoorlie, 21/-/2/-; Southern Cross, 41; Brookton, 41.

The community concert on December 4, organised by the State Executive to commence the funds, resulted in a profit of £12/15/-.

The secretary will be glad to receive a list of names of troops already in camp. Country auxiliaries were received thanking Mrs. Rowden, Bishop and Mr. Prue, the secretary, arranged a bright programme of numerous and varied items of ballet, song and dance, music and acrobatics, contributed to by pupils of Miss Gable-Williams, the St. Mary's Grammar students, Keilor (songs), Mesdames McGrath and Starkey assisted at the piano. Mr. Blackmore (Edward Millen Home) thanked the auxiliary for the pleasant entertainment. Mrs. R. Barnett (president) responded, and Mrs. Tolmie proposed a vote of thanks to the artists, and Mr. Eric Lloyd, who acted as M.C.

SPEARWOOD

During December the Diggers of the Old Men's Home were the guests of the Spearwood auxiliary at a wonderful afternoon's outing. The guests were welcomed at the Spearwood Hall by the auxiliary president (Mrs. Turpin) and afternoon tea was served. The party then adjourned to the Spearwood War Memorial, when Mr. F. Kendall, a vice-president of the Nedlands sub-branch, handed a wreath to Mr. J. Mundie, the oldest Digger in the Old Men's Home, who placed it on the memorial. The thanks of all who took part in the ceremony are due to Mrs. Kendall, who made and presented the wreath. After the ceremony, the party proceeded by bus to the Fremantle Oval to see some light horse sports. High tea was served at the Spearwood Hall. There was a pleasant and an entertainment, at which Mr. Wingfield, a veteran Digger, was a star performer, and Mrs. Wingfield were congratulated on the recent celebration of their golden wedding. After these functions, the camp of the 10th Light Horse was visited, where the visitors were again suitably entertained. The evening concluded with a concert, present by Mr. Wingfield and his talented band of artists.

SUBIACO

A happy evening was spent early in the month when the sports social was attended by visitors from neighbouring auxiliaries. The president (Mrs. Turpin) presented the quoits team with the trophy donated by the Diggers of the Old Men's Home. The monthly visit was made to Lemnos, when patients were entertained by community singing, other musical items and dancing. The weekly dances remain popular in spite of the increasing hot weather. The auxiliary birthday party was a very bright little function. Among those present were the State President, Women's Auxiliary (Mrs. McKinlay), the State Secretary (Mrs. Hopkinton), members of the State Executive and other auxiliaries. A visit was paid to the Old Women's Home during the month, when Christmas gifts were distributed and a concert programme was performed by Miss Dorothy Dyson's pupils. The Diggers in the Old Men's Home were also given a concert by Miss Dyson's pupils. On a later occasion, they were entertained by the pupils of Miss Peggy Eder, in conjunction with Mrs. J. Thomas. The final visit of the year to the Old Men's Home was a happy occasion of the distribution of Christmas gifts. The break-up meeting took the form of a social afternoon. Mrs. McKinlay was again a welcome visitor.
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<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>Last Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. W. Wood, Donnybrook</td>
<td>D. M. Ferguson, Donny brook</td>
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<td>DWELLINGUP &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Dwellingup Hotel</td>
<td>3rd Saturday in month</td>
<td>A. A. Hills, Holyoake</td>
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<td>FREMANTLE &amp; DISTRICT</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, South Terrace</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday (pension night), at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. E. Hobbs, 77 Oakover Street, East Fremantle</td>
<td>E. B. Timcombs, 7 Little Howard Street, Frem antle</td>
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<td>GASCOYNE</td>
<td>Gascoyne Hotel</td>
<td>1st Monday</td>
<td>G. A. P. Gostellow, Carnarvon</td>
<td>W. S. Appleby, Council Chambers, Carnarvon</td>
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<td>GLOUCESTER PARK</td>
<td>Anzac House</td>
<td>1st Thursday</td>
<td>O. W. Strang, Albany Road, Victoria Park</td>
<td>C. J. Lambe, 40 Eton Street, North Perth</td>
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<td>GNOWANGERUP</td>
<td>Soldiers' Room</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Norman Skews, Gnowangerup</td>
<td>S. W. Stewart, Gnowang erup</td>
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<td>GUTHA</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>E. Way, Gutha</td>
<td>E. A. Matthews, Gutha</td>
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<td>HARVEY</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>B. H. Lofthouse, Wokalup Phone: Harvey 108 M</td>
<td>D. D. Johnstone, Herbert Road, Harvey</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 p.m.; Executive, alt. Fridays</td>
<td>H. James, Forests Depar tment, Brookman Street, Kalgoorlie</td>
<td>D. F. Edwards, Kalgoorl e</td>
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<td>KARRIDALE &amp; DISTRICT</td>
<td>Derby</td>
<td>Bi-monthly</td>
<td>V. Monti</td>
<td>Chas. H. Smith</td>
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<td>KIMBERLEY</td>
<td>Club Rooms, Carew Street</td>
<td>1st Thursdays</td>
<td>S. S. Waycott</td>
<td>J. C. A. Pike, &quot;Falcon dale.&quot; Kukerin</td>
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<td>KATANNING</td>
<td>Alternate Kellerberrin and Tammin</td>
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<td>Jas. Old, Katanning</td>
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<td>KELLERBERRIN</td>
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<td>2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. R. Hall, Kellerberrin</td>
<td>R. D. Allen, Lake King</td>
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<td>KOORDA</td>
<td>Koorda</td>
<td>Quarterly (committee, 1st Friday)</td>
<td>Chas. H. Smith</td>
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<td>KUKERIN</td>
<td>Kukerin Hotel</td>
<td>Last Saturday, quarterly (Jan, April, July, Oct.)</td>
<td>J. C. A. Pike, &quot;Falcondale.&quot; Kukerin</td>
<td>R. V. C. Davidson, Kuk erin</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Institute</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>G. Markay, Kulina</td>
<td>W. A. Tumber, Kulina</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>H. H. Pelham, L. Grace</td>
<td>B. Wood, Lake Grace</td>
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<td>LAKE KING</td>
<td>Lake King Hall</td>
<td>2nd Sunday in month</td>
<td>R. D. Allen, Lake King</td>
<td>M. G. Johnston, Lake King</td>
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<td>MANJIMUP</td>
<td>Town Hall, Manjimup; Jar dree No. 1 State Mill (alternate month)</td>
<td>2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. L. Mackenzie, Manjimup</td>
<td>B. Beer, Manjimup</td>
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<td>MOUNT BARKER</td>
<td>Ms. Barker</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>H. V. Jenkinson, Mr. Barker</td>
<td>B. Hickling, Ms. Barker</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alt. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Mr. S. Horton, Alma Road, Mr. Law ley</td>
<td>L. T. King, 10 Carrington Street, Mr. Lawley</td>
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<td>MENSIES</td>
<td>Menzies Road Board Hall</td>
<td>1st Sunday in month</td>
<td>R. Pugh, Menzies</td>
<td>C. H. Jacobsen, Menzies</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>R.S.L. Branch Rooms, Railway Parade</td>
<td>1st Thursday</td>
<td>J. Sheppard, Brookman</td>
<td>H. B. Stephens, 91 Amherst Rd., M. Junction</td>
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<td>MOSMAN PARK</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, 31 Townshend Rd., Mosman Park</td>
<td>Last Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>G. C. Ashworth, Bond Street, Northamption</td>
<td>C. E. James, 16 Glyde St., Mosman Park</td>
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<td>MOORA</td>
<td>Road Board Room, Moora</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>E. W. Edwards, Mt. Magnet</td>
<td>C. Roberts, Moora</td>
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<td>MT. MAGNET</td>
<td>Lesser Hall, Mt. Magnet</td>
<td>2nd Sunday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. H. Wright, Mandinga</td>
<td>H. A. Morpeth, Mt. Magnet</td>
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<td>MT. MARSHALL</td>
<td>Rd. Bd. Hall, Bencubbin</td>
<td>Every fourth Saturday</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 31 Grevon Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>V. M. Creagh, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>MT. LAWLEY - IGGLEWOOD</td>
<td>Commercial Room, MUKINBUDIN</td>
<td>Every fourth Friday</td>
<td>T. B. Conway, MUKINBUDIN</td>
<td>J. K. Graze, 118 Central, Maylands</td>
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<td>MUNDARING &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Alternately, Mundaring, Darlington, Parkerville</td>
<td>Every alternate Sunday</td>
<td>R. H. Rutherford, Mundaring</td>
<td>W. E. Roberts, MUKINBUDIN</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Institute, Narrogin</td>
<td>Last Thursday in each month</td>
<td>A. S. Graham, NAREMBEEN</td>
<td>T. H. Kane, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NAREMBEEN</td>
<td>Narembeen</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>J. M. Anderson, 33 Tyrell Hall, Nedlands</td>
<td>S. Rugby, 42 Holland St., Fremantle (East)</td>
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<td>NEULANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
<td>A. Barlow, Northampton</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
<td>Quarterly, 3rd Friday</td>
<td>Lieut-Colonel H. C. Bundock, Artillery Barracks</td>
<td>G. C. Currell, 114 Fitzgerald Street, Northamption</td>
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<td>NORTH - EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Artillery barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>March, June, Sep., Dec.</td>
<td>C. McEwen, Northampton</td>
<td>Phone 174</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northamptop</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>H. C. S. Colebatch, Fitzgerald Street, Northamption</td>
<td>J. H. Lang, 14 Pennant Street, North Perth</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>R.S.L. Clubrooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. L. Menkens, 30 Redfern Street, North Perth</td>
<td>W. Holder, &quot;Monash House&quot;, 23 King Street, Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe Street (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>F. Archer, East Pingelly</td>
<td>M. Sargant, Pingelly</td>
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<td>PINELLINO</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
<td>E. S. Watt, c/o. Imperial Print, Hay St., Perth</td>
<td>R. Biggs, c/o. &quot;West Australian&quot;</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>A lunchen, Y.M.C.A., Murray Street</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Roberts, Pithara</td>
<td>L. G. W. Browning, East Pithara</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
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<td>3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yoranning</td>
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<td>R. W. Graham, Port Hedding</td>
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<td>Port Hedland</td>
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<td>RAVENSTORPE</td>
<td>Quairading Hall &amp; Daring Hotel, alternately Warden's Court</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>E. T. Newton, Ravens- thorpe</td>
<td>J. M. Beckwith, Box 7, Southern Cross</td>
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<td>SOUTHERN CROSS</td>
<td>R.A.O.B. Clubrooms</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. E. Sanders, National Bank, Southern Cross</td>
<td>J. Newman, &quot;Marsden&quot;, 17 Ord St., West Perth</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. C. Johnston, Quairading</td>
<td>C. R. Hearne, Station House, Tamberull</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Club</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Tuesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. J. Wroth, Toodyay</td>
<td>J. W. Patterson, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAYNING - YELBENI</td>
<td>Traying</td>
<td>Every 4th Sunday</td>
<td>F. Smeeton, Traying</td>
<td>C. Sand, 1 Manchester Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Eric F. Lloyd, 29 Esplanade Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>A. B. Dimmie, Buntine</td>
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<td>WUBIN</td>
<td>Wubin Hall</td>
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<td>A. B. Dimmie, Buntine</td>
<td>T. Bailey, Wubin</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE WEMBLEY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>Last Saturday 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. J. Ingle, 223 Cambridge Street, Wembley</td>
<td>F. J. Stout, 43 Cleaver Street, West Perth</td>
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<td>YEALERING YORK</td>
<td>Comm'n Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
<td>Roy J. Kerr, Yealering</td>
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<td>YOUNAMI</td>
<td>Youammi Hotel</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>D. G. Johnston, Youammi</td>
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<td>WAARKATCHEN</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>2nd Sunday, alt. months</td>
<td>Hugh A. Leslie, Warkatchen</td>
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<td>WAROAHA HAMEL WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Anzac House</td>
<td>1st Saturday, after 8th month</td>
<td>R. Wyatt, Waroona</td>
<td>J. Brearley, Waroona</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
<td>2nd Saturday in each month</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, bi-monthly, April, June, Aug. etc.</td>
<td>B. Mcleery, Civil Service Club, Perth</td>
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