"NAVE BRAVE NEW WORLDS"

"It is not an occasion when the Government should be expected to give a detailed exposition of war aims. The King in his speech said we were 'resolved to continue the fight until ordered liberty is restored.' There is no Ordered Liberty or social justice as a result of the Settlement of Europe today."—Mr. Attlee, in the House of Commons, December 4, 1940.

It is hard to understand the mentality of people who could seriously and at this stage urge the calling of a conference by means of which the 'war might be brought to an end,' as some conclude, as was done in the House of Commons early this month by supporters of an amendment to the King's speech, and harder still to understand why people should continue to pester the Government to declare war aims. Such a proposal is another. Side by side with this agitation, and perhaps part and parcel of it, is much of the wishful thinking and special pleading for a new world order. Such things might be regarded as manifestations of foreign policy if so many of the persons concerned had not rendered their bombshells suspect by their extraordinary lack of clear thinking and actions between the war. One strongly suspects that such people are more concerned about the fate of their next world than they are about the welfare of their own country. Fortunately, the House of Commons, by over-whelming refusal in the amendment, made it clear to the rest of the world that the present is no time for an appeal to reason, when the only law recognised by our opponents is the law of brute force. We know the ideals for which we are fighting; and all Britons who are not dazzled by weird ideologies must agree with Mr. Attlee's statement that the ideals for which Hitler and Mussolini stand are not those of a highly civilized human beings. Defining war aims is equivalent to stating peace terms, and the latter cannot be stated until our victory is within measurable distance, if not actually in sight.

Again, there is nothing unreasonable about planning for a new world order which will succeed the present chaotic internecines on earth. But there is an old saying, "First catch your hare." We must see what sort of a world is left that we must inherit. The forces of evil are finally overthrown, before we can remould it to our hearts' desire. A new order has succeeded every great war, but a thing a new is not necessarily perfect, nor even desirable. The Napoleonic Wars were followed by the Holy Alliance, which was not a League of Nations for the safety and continuance of the weaker States. It is an advance on the League of Nations and is not as much as one may see at the ratiocination of the dictators was denounced as an Allied infraction of the treaty. All the Locarno and Kellogg-Briand pact has been a good thing, but it has not conveyed nothing to Governments who regard treaties as scraps of paper and solemn obligations as something to be abjured at the dictates of expediency.

Aristide Briand, the French Foreign Minister who worked so hard for a rapprochement with Germany, and who was a leading author of Locarno and the treaty which outlawed war as an instrument of national policy, conceived before he died, the idea of a United States of Europe. That idea has been revived within more recent years, as the only possible solution of many of the contemporary difficulties. If it is an advance on the idea of the League of Nations and is not as much as may seem at the first sight, in Switzerland, three people of separate races, each speaking its own language, live together in social harmony and political unity. The British themselves comprise four races, English, Irish, Scots and Welsh, who were often mutually hostile, to post-war co-operation. It is just a question of how soon the idea of a United States of Europe can become practicable.

Until it does, individual nations can help by setting their own houses in order: they need better tendencies operating in that direction in Britain a few years before the present war. There was a vigorous national health campaign, and a campaign for the elimination of city slums. The war has vastly stimulated the national forces movement, and the destruction of the city slums have given a wider scope for post-war towns planning than did the Great Fire of London 300 years ago. We all know that it is only the comradship of the trenches, which is perpetuated in our own league. According to English papers, the present war is an attempt to destroy similar comradship in all walks of civil. life. Community of interest, community of suffer- ing, and a common admiration for self sacri- fices and personal courage are welding the social classes of Britain more closely than ever they were welded be fore. The old tides, in change, but it will, we think, change in accordance with circumstances rather than with any ready-made plan of the idea.
At a recent lunch-hour meeting of the Press sub-branch, the guests of honour were Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. Robinson, the commanding officer of the 5th Garrison Brigade, and Lieutenant-Colonel Harry Wilson, the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Garrison Battalion. Lieutenant-Colonel Robinson addressed the sub-branch on the current questions, which had been asked lately by members of the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps, as to the corps’ place in the home defence scheme. Colonel Robinson mentioned that some units in the metropolitan area had had their ranks depleted by members joining the “Y” company of their 5th Garrison Battalion. In some quarters, these concepts had arisen as to the nature of the “Y” company, and for the purpose of which the Volunteer Defence Corps was formed. “Many think,” Colonel Robinson said, “that the Volunteer Defence Corps is something apart from the garrison. Actually, it is part of the defence scheme, and definitely associated with the garrison. The League pointed out to the Government some time ago that the returned soldiers could be of great service in the defence of the country. After the great number of returned soldiers had been formed as the front line of the home defence scheme, the Government decided that a reserve should be formed for that garrison. Hence the V.D.C. was inaugurated, at the wish of the League, and its purpose was to provide reinforcements for the garrison battalions. The R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps is really the line immediately behind the front line in the defence of Australia, for the garrison battalions must draw on the corps for future recruits.”

Colonel Robinson then explained the nature and function of the “Y” Company. “The “Y” Company,” he said, “is subject to general mobilisation at three days’ notice. It is not being used as the thin end of the wedge to get men into full military service, but when the crisis comes which prompts a general mobilisation, we shall all be in it, notwithstanding the war-power authorities. When that three days’ notice goes out, there are many people at present in reserved occupations, who will find themselves absorbed into the defence scheme. “Y” Company has been allotted a big task in Western Australia: to take over from the full-time garrison battalions the guarding of all vulnerable points in the metropolitan area. The 9th and 10th Garrison Battalions have their important posts in, and the 6th Garrison Battalion is allotted to the other ports. The Company would receive the full-time battalions on three days’ notice at the vulnerable points, which must not be left unguarded for a moment. The men selected for “Y” Companies are those who will not be wanted for full-time service, and as they are in the second and third decades of life, they are better suited to the task, and are produced by the League from the younger members of the corps. “Y” Companies are made up of the younger and more reliable element of the corps, which relieves the more active and more highly trained corps units of the duty of guarding those points which, according to our arrangements, are in readiness with the whole parade of the corps units.”

Some members of the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps must have asked themselves what the League is all about, and it has continued, “I have supplied the answer. You may say that the League is formed to defend battles on your own, but will be supplying the men to defend our own battles. The League offered the corps to the Government for the purpose of forming a reserve, and the League, with the aid of the volunteers, have trained half the corps in two years as cobbers, and we will give you every encouragement and with the League. I refer to the “Y” Company, wherever there is a drill hall, band or cadet platoon. There must be a platoon. Every officer is a returned soldier, who is ready interested in the V.D.C. The non-commissioned officers will be selected, after a course of training. We do not want the corps members to be disinterested, when their mates join the company, for those men will carry on their training with their old corps unit as before."

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A MISLEADING LEADER

Remarks attributed to the State President of the New South Wales branch (Mr. J. Robb, C.M.G.), and other speakers at this year’s Federal Congress aroused the ire of the executive Ward of East Sydney, who demanded, in the House of Representatives, to know what action the Minister intended to take about it. It was alleged that Mr. Robb and other speakers had advocated the establishment of a dictatorship in Australia, and Mr. Ward argued that they should receive censure punishment of the kind accorded to others who, in the words of Ward, had "merely opposed the Ministers Government." In reply to persistent questions, Mr. Mentjes dismissed the matter with the statement that the whole of the mess had been said to have been done during the Federal Congress had been greatly exaggerated.

In the meantime, the New South Wales Government has instituted a public service inquiry into the alleged remarks of Mr. Robb, who happens to be a public servant. Mr. Robb himself has stated that the speech was made rather as a matter of protest by the executive Ward of East Sydney, and that Mr. Robb did not at any time during Congress, advocate a dictatorship for Australia. As regards the speeches, Mr. Mentjes acknowledged that, most reasonable men would be content to expect judgment until the result of the New South Wales inquiry is known. That, however, was not the attitude of the "Daily News," the morning daily, "The West Australian" published Mr. Robb’s denials and the fact that it was supported by additional evidence was present at the Congress. The very next day, "The Daily News:" in a leading article, advocated the establishment of a dictatorship in Australia. Mentioned distant, common sense and good taste, and warned up the Government by the suggestion that Mr. Robb had said what Ward of East Sydney said he said. Had the public service inquiry pending at the time been a trial in a court of law, "The Daily News" would have been guilty of contempt of court. As it was, that extraordinary paper was guilty of contempt of court, courtesy.

Members of the League need no reminder from the comic strip Press that the League does not stand for unconstitutional action. The opening classes of the League’s own constitution make that sufficiently clear. One cannot help thinking that the questions asked by the Member for East Sydney to the House of Representatives, and the misleading leader published in "The Daily News," are manifestations of the feeling against the League. The Commission is not in favour of any organisation. After the leader in the local paper appeared the uspse of the League was so with another letter referring to a meeting of returned soldiers with Mr. Mentjes a speaker is said to have spoken in the strain attributed to Mr. Mentjes, and the same comments that the Commission of Police had not taken action. We have grounds too that the word is spreading. If the letter is one who was prevented from speaking at one of these plenty meetings, and who sub- sequently had difficulties with the police over a speech he made elsewhere. If that is so, the letter is one who knows that the police does not, at any time, authorised meetings on the subject of the topic. As the matter is held such meetings, they did so entirely as individuals. This should explain the Commission’s recognition by the League. If the Police Commissioner did not agree with the League, it is a fair assumption that, in his view, no breach of the law was committed. If there had been any breach of the law, the League would have been prepared to repudiate, both the remarks and the speaker.

Notwithstanding assertions to the contrary, no one has been prosecuted nor has any publication been suppressed in Australia for merely criticizing the Government. The prosecutions and the inquiries have all been directed against those whose seditious activities have been likely to directly promote a war effort and cause grave breaches of the peace. The whole issue appears to have been agitated in order to brand Diggers as Fascists, and the local contributors to that effort constitute a flagrant case of lying by innuendo which will deceive very few.

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MANPOWER IN WAR

A timely explanation of the way the manpower situation is developing is in very much misrepresented in many quarters, which is most unfortunate.

The first meeting of the Minister of Defence and six other Ministers was held on December 4. During the last war, he said, there had been about one million men on full-time duty. This eventuated to a dangerous shortage of skilled personnel and the establishment of a great number of tradesmen. The position of the last war was responsible for the creation of an organisation, which has been built up to conserve the manpower resources of the nation.

Because there was no need for artisans in their trade capacities, the fighting forces, such men were not now allowed to enlist. They were retained in industry. The authorities realised the importance of industry in war, and had set up this organisation to ensure that industrial needs would be met.

Many months ago, Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Blamey had drawn up a list of reserved occupations which, it was understood, followed the lines adopted in England. Manpower operations in Australia were now being conducted by a special committee headed by Major-General Sir Archibald, which included a senior officer of each of the three fighting services. If that had been done before the war started, conditions might have been stabilised much earlier.

A big demand for supplies from industry could now be foreseen, for men permitted for the three fighting services would be required, particularly where reinforcements to the A.I.F. became necessary, and the home services were being expanded. All these forces would be demanding for equipment and industry must be in a position to respond adequately. The need that thousands more men would be required for industry. In addition to military needs, the requirements of the civilian population had to be supplied. If manpower in Australia had been conscripted, it would have meant that every man would be fitted into the job which he could best fill. Enlistment, however, was voluntary, and that gave an added importance to the manpower organisation.

R.S.L. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Issue of Uniforms

Mr. J. T. Anderson, reporting on the Federal Congress at a recent meeting of the State Executive, stated that the Federal Executive expected to have every member of the V.D.C. in uniform within three months and stated the Adjutant General was prepared to take immediate action. The committee had required the design of the uniform to be submitted with the following suggestions: that it should be black, that the name be of black and gold. The shape of the uniform and equipment and must make up any loss, therefore, a change of style. The style of uniform and equipment must be suitable for the V.D.C. and greater attention will have to be given to thefitting.

ISSUE OF SERVICE UNIFORM

Recently, at the request of the Victorian Uniform Branch, representatives were made to the Minister for the Army, advocating the issue of light shorts and slacks, for wear in hot climates, to former A.I.F. personnel, who have joined the forces for service in Australia, on full-time duty during the war. A copy of the reply received from the Department of Defence was forwarded by the General Secretary of the League (Mr. E. V. Ray- ment), and is published for information. It now follows:

"I am directed by the Minister for the Army to inform you that the following reply was received from the Department of Defence:

"The Minister of Defence has agreed to amend the regulations to provide for the issue of khaki drill uniform. This uniform will be compulsory and under certain conditions an alternative issue in white or brown will be allowed."

It will be appreciated that in view of the great demand for uniforms in the world, and also the greatly increased forces in Australia, it has not been possible to obtain the largest stocks of drill uniform for issue to all serving ranks of the Australian Military Forces. One great difficulty is in obtaining quantities of khaki drill to keep the various variations, which are making uniforms, in production.

This difficulty is now being overcome and it is anticipated that there will soon be sufficient stocks to issue summer uniforms to all members engaged on military duties.

PENALISING MILITIAMEN

Complaints from New South Wales

While the House of Representatives was still bearing signs of relief over the Budget compromi-

se, allegations of invidious treatment of compulsory traders were made by two members from New South Wales—Messrs. McCall (U.P.) and Roosevelt (Lab.). Mr. McCall declared that 43 traders who had been refused employment by their former employers on completion of their period of training in camp, and the Minister for the Army (Sir W. Hughes) proposed that his...
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Before that part of his life-story is told, let us say a word or two about Sir Harry himself. Though Queensland claims him, Harry George Chauvel was born in New South Wales. He first saw the light of day in 1860, on a cattle station owned by his father, a retired Indian Army officer, at Tambobul on the Clarence River in northern New South Wales. He was therefore 49 years old when the Great War broke out, just two years older than both Wellington and Napoleon were when they fought their last battle at Waterloo, and nine years older than Cromwell, the Free Corps of Britain's great cavalry commanders, was when he first smelt powder in the English Civil War. Like most Australian country-bred lads of that era, he was associated with horses from the cradle. In the rough, filmed country of his homeland, he also acquired that knowledge of country which was always conspicuous in his control of operations.

Like many another who played a prominent part on the stage of history, he was not conspicuous as a scholar. During his school-days in Toowoomba, and at the Sydney Grammar School, he was keen on sports than on studies. Even as a boy, he established a reputation as a horneman, and his lightness of build brought him into demand as an amateur rider at prime races in Queensland and New South Wales. There is one aspect of his school-days which must be recorded, if only to prove the truth of the saying that the boy is father of the man. As a schoolboy, he was a great reader of battle stories. One day at Damscus, almost at the end of the great cavalry drive which caused the Turkish crescent to set in a sea of defeat, he con-"}

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Sir Harry Chauvel served with the Queensland Mounted Infantry in the South African War. As a captain, he took part in a daring little action at Punyvay, in northern Cape Colony. The ac-tion, though successful, was not of great impor-tance in itself, but it followed closely upon the suc-cessive defeats of Gatacre at Stormberg, Methuen at Magersfontein, and Buller at Cullens. Coming when it did, it made people back home in Aus-tralia feel that the war was not yet lost. Later in the war, he was commander of a composite mounted force which included Queensland, British, Canadian and South African horsemen. During that period, he gave evidence of that very rare capacity for handling men recruited from many lands, and divided by striking differences of temperament and outlook. According to the Australian official his-tonian, it was to this quality that he owed his ele-vation later in Palestine to the command of the Desert Mounted Corps, where, as the leader of a mixed Australian and New Zealand, Theatre, Indian, and cavalry, he directed with complete success, and always without apparent ef-fort, one of the most complex and difficult corps commands to be assembled in warfare. As the official historian says, he was one of the most im-perhitable cavalrymen who ever crossed a saddle. No temporary failure depressed him; no victory, however sweeping and decisive, excited him. We had long been in the habit of believing that, dur-ing the Palestine campaign, Sir Harry Chauvel commanded the largest mounted force ever em-ployed in war... He corrected that impression him-self, the last time he was in Perth. On that occa-sion, when the guest at a luncheon given by the Press sub-committee the General acknowledged that his command has been larger than any mounted force in modern times, but it was not as big as the Tantou Harde commanded by Tamerlane in the fifteenth century. But perhaps Tamerlane's Briga-diers were not so funny about their parade states.

When war broke out in 1914, Sir Harry, then Colonel Chauvel, was at sea, on his way to London to act as Australian representative on the Imperial General Staff at the War Office. He arrived in England, but asked at once for employment in France. He was informed then that his services would be required with the mounted forces that Australia was sending abroad with the A.I.F. Even before he took over the command of the lst Aus-tralian Light Horse Brigade, he rendered the A.I.F. a signal service, which probably saved many valu-able lives, to say nothing of a possible loss of morale. It was while waiting for the A.I.F. to come to England, as the original intention was, then he soon grew concerned about the military progress being made with the creation of the camps that were to accommodate the Australians on Salisbury Plain. He realized that the troops would arrive long before the camps could be got ready, and that they would be put under canvas on Salisbury Plain at the beginning of a European winter. He was therefore able to immediately put the case to Sir George Reid, the former Aus-tralian Prime Minister, and make-beloved of all

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tured story, or a brilliant orator. Between them both, they walked over the door Knobatcher, with the result, and with only a few days to spare, the A.I.F. was formed.

Sir Harry Chauvel has the reputation of being reserved and aloof in manner. In the army he is a sicker for discipline, but like most real disciplinarians he is great in speech and quiet of bear-
ning, and strictly impartial. As Inspector-in-Chief of the R.S.L. Volunteer Corps, he comes to us, not only as one of the great commanders of the last war, but the embodiment of a great tradition, a tradition which, in fact, he had much to do in developing.

A MELBOURNE PILGRIMAGE

Through the courtesy of Captain C. L. Langman ("Non-Genial of The Western Mail") we have received a postcard of a pilgrimage to the graveside of Sir John Monash, in the Brighton Cemetery, on November 11, 1919. The postcard was forwarded by Percy Gillam, who was then on holidays in Melbourne. The pilgrimage was attended by many men who served under Sir John Monash in the last war, and members of the present A.I.F.

In a contemporaneous address, Mr. W. M. Hughes, Australia's wartime Prime Minister, de-
dicated Sir John Monash as "a great Australian and the greatest soldier of his generation ... who never allowed himself to be shackled by convention." By his originality and initiative, Mr. Hughes added, Sir John Monash "showed the features of the 1914-18 war." Mr. Hughes recalled the dark days of war, the "struggling" of the "determined" men, their "brave" efforts through and through for Amiens and the Channel ports, with Paris almost within reach, Sir John Monash had directed his Australian troops. He was a strict disciplinarian, but he never was satisfied with the results of his work. He led the Australian corps to Amiens, he knew he could reach Paris only when the enemy's grasp of his planning was shown at Hamel, where, for the first time and in a country where the French are digging mountains, he was shown the way. He always planned to be proved successful; that he would have proven the whole of the Allied armies on the Western Front.

A short service was conducted by Rabbi J. Daiglow, and the Victorian Police Band played hymns and selections. Afterwords, the A.I.F. troops and the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps marched past, and the R.S.L. President of Victoria and the President of the R.S.L. Road by Brigadier-General G. H. Foott, who was accompanied by his staff. The party included Dame Mary Hughes, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne (Councillor Beaumont), Lieutenant-General Smart (G.O.C. Southern Com-
munity), Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. H. (representing the Premier of Victoria), Squadron Leader T. W. White, M.R., C. F. Gore (Captain, Federal), C. W. M. Murray (Mayor of Geelong) and Mr. Michaelis, M.L.A. Brigadier-General G. H. Foott was the main speaker. Mr. C. Cr. Grantner entertained the official party at after-
noon tea in the Brighton Town Hall.

GREAT NAMESAKES

In answer to a host of inquiries, we hasten to assure our readers that Mr. A. G. Grantner, Assistant State Secre-
tary, Mr. C. G. Ferguson, is not identical with Mr. C. T. Grantner, the leader of the Deposit-Fund. Of course, in a very large way, we shall have to publish a "Who's Who in the League" in order to enable the interested and interested be

namesake. For instance, there are two Harry Mays, who are both prominent and very popular in ex-service men's activities—Harry May of the Country Vice-President, and Harry May of the Muired and Linnell's Men's As-

sociation. In fact, there were three Phil Allens—Phil Allen of Meylins, who was such an active member of the Country Vice-President, Phil Allen of Clarendon, and the late Phil Allen, served in South Africa with the A.I.F. Most recently, there were three Phil Allens—Phil Allen of Meylins, who was such an active member of the Country Vice-President, Phil Allen of Clarendon, and the late Phil Allen, served in South Africa with the A.I.F. Most recently, there were three Phil Allens—Phil Allen of Meylins, who was such an active member of the Country Vice-President, Phil Allen of Clarendon, and the late Phil Allen, served in South Africa with the A.I.F.
Famous for Furnishings

Jack Cunningham, who fought the good fight with the 10th F.A.R., is a proud father these days. Son, 21-year-old Peter, also turned 12 on November 10, and has won an Education Department scholarship tenable at the Perth Modern School. The lad must have been one of the youngest of those who sat for this year's scholarship examination.

Cockey Scott-Johnstone of the Darling Range sub-branch was still in Ward 1 of the Perth General Hospital, when we went to press. He reckons he was lucky to slip a walk home by the end of the afternoon. Jim Rose, another Darling Range member, shows considerable improvement after a wrestling fall by the seaside.

By this time, the Albany sub-branch will probably have moved the services of Mr. Walter Wheeler, who has received notification that if he can pass the doctors, his services will be required by the Royal Australian Navy. In that event, this will be Ted's second sea at time with the R.A.N. He also served with the Royal Navy, so he knows something about life afloat.

Syd, Coles of Albany has been elected a Counsellor of the Old Contemptibles' association for the fifth year in succession. Syd's cup of joy is overflowing these days. Early in November he received the glad tidings that his son, who is still 16, is safe, and his regiment had been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The Albany sub-branch reports that Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Lomer-Come has recovered sufficiently from his recent serious illness to return to his home. Although not yet restored to normal health, he is progressing sufficiently favourably to make him a speedy recovery and all the best for the New Year.

Members of the Wyndham sub-branch showed their appreciation of the many years of service of Mr. H. H. Icke, lastly, by making a presentation on December 1, when he was home on pre-embarkation leave. The place took a public send-off party in the Wyndham Town Hall. The League's Certificate of Service was presented to Mr. Icke, who had been a member of the sub-branch from 1938 to 1940, by Country Vice-President, Mr. J. F. Rice. Mr. Icke, who had been President in 1938 followed a period of service of near four years, can now consider himself a Distinguished Service Veteran. During the last war, he helped to suppress the rebellion in the Orange Free State in 1914, 1915. He also served in South Africa in 1914, 1915 in both his native and native service with the 2/5th Battalion of the A.F.L. As a term of office does not expire until December 21, he has the unique distinction of being one of the last active officers as President throughout the war while serving with the overseas forces.

On November 30, the Caligari sub-branch bade farewell to Mr. W. E. King, of the Wyndham, who had been a son of a sub-branch member, Mr. R. H. King. The sub-branch President (Mr. W. J. King) had informed him on taking up a duty his father had performed before him. The League, Mr. Hill said, would now be his father's-forth. The two ex-service marks were supported by the senior vice-president (Mr. W. H. King) and members of the League, and Mr. Hill's signature on the register having been completed, Mr. S. King resigned his office. It was fine sporting. His health and happiness was then proposed by Mr. L. J. Opre of the B.A.A.F., who was also a guest of the sub-branch.

The C.A.U. (Council Against Unemployment), 672 Hay Street (formerly of the Epworth Shop, the entrance to which is situated in Central Avenue, is open daily to soldiers, unemployed, and relief workers, where reading and writing materials, free Vou-cutting, book-repairing, civil, games, social debating, etc., are indulged in. Any of these persons, whether dependants, or not, can be welcomed in the business, domestic, or other matters, can obtain assistance.

Mrs. Perry is the Hon. Secretary, and No. W245852, Pte. Elliot, of the Evergreens is one of the vice-presidents.

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We were pleased to be associated with "C" Company in a march through Perth, on the occasion of the War Patriotic Fund Appeal. G.A. Back Bradfield and I had the opportunity to show "there is life in the old boys yet" and that we can still take a worthy part in the service of our homeland.

Tasks are herewith extended to the R.S.I. Women's Auxiliary for a wonderful night enjoyed by most of the company at Amag House on November 15. Roll on the next occasion of a similar nature.

No. 12 Platoon have definitely established their claim as king pins, so far as cricket is concerned. Pte. Fred Manos with his "stars", and Cpl. Jim Jury with his "wickets" (consecutive deliveries), have definitely put the game on a high plane, and as cricket is a topic, is pre-war whisky, a thing to be spoken of with respect. "Aunty" Cranston improved the social standing of the company when he literally rolled home the other night in a "hemo" cab. The guard turned out in a hurry. Apparently they thought the Ulhans were on them again.

Recent promotions have been a source of great satisfaction to all congratulations to Cpl. Newick, Dason, Jury and Edwards.

So much for Swanbourne and now for the Land of the Quanga, and who said fish?

The company was pleasant for some, but many of the boys vow the Defence Department will need the Queen Mary to take them back of the Island, otherwise they stay here.

As most of the men of "Don" hall from the "scratch", the facilities, roads, etc., on Rottnest are a pleasant surprise, and they are enjoying every minute of their stay here.

Keen appreciation is expressed by everyone to the ladies of the Island, for their kindly thought, which prompts them to hold a "mending bee" each week, when they need and claim for their homes.

A dance was held on November 30 in the tea rooms, and it is understood there was keen competition for the favour of the ladies present.

Support Company.

The much discussed "Support" Company is now an established fact. The company's complement has been drawn from "A", "B" and "C" Companies and reinforcements attaining until the formation of "Supports". LIEUT. Frank Lushin had his sign written "smoking something like a company out of the various detachments. As all the other officers of the company are away at present and the whole of the work left on his shoulders. From all appearances the other companies of the battalion have lost some very good men and their loss is "Supports" gain. Cpl. Tommy Thompson's golden figure is a familiar sight bustling about like a two-year-old. Tommy has plenty to do these days and does it well. The company has its H.Q. at the rifle range camp at present and the culinary department is being attended to by Cpl. Ken Walker and Pte. Jock Burns and SGT. Sweeney of "A" Company. Cpl. Phil Green and Pte. Dave Walker of "A" Company are attached temporarily also. SGT. Howard Walker has been a busy man as besides ordinary guards and clerical duties he is acting C.I.M. Noticed in the ranks is Cpl. Dave Baxter, ex-"C" company and grandson.


The troops thank all the residents of Harvey and surrounding district for the wonderful way in which they showed their appreciation at the opening dance which was formally opened by our C.O., LIEUT.- COL. H. Wilson, V.D., and enjoyed by 400 guests, officers and other ranks.

The camp is now completed, and electric light has become available. Radios once more available.

Christmas leave is the popular topic of interest; but it is feared that the stern call of duty will prevent more than a few from carving a piece out of the family turkey this year. A few fortunate trophies are getting their share of hay.

We leave this article, however, and they will be back in their orderly fashion by the first of January, and we hope, pushing their worn-out diads into the faces of those young officers haggard beneath the synthetic mitten.

19th (RESERVE) BATTALION

There has been much activity in this new garrison battalion during the month and it is now rapidly approaching full strength. Companies at Bunbury, Busselton and Albany are now well organized and very active training is being carried out at these centres.

Geraldton company has been formed and the personnel is being administered by Captain W. R. Brede. A reference course for officers and prospective officers and N.C.O.'s was concluded on November 17. This school comprised personnel from both staffs of Daly Hill and Busselton. At the conclusion of the course the following were promoted to non-commissioned ranks—Sergeants W. G. Aspin, F. Jones, A. G. Spurr, Corporals F. M. Scollie, H. Billellion, P. C. Whitehead, J. P. Riffing, R. G. N. Forrest, J. Meylon.

The second course finished on December 9, and promotions to N.C.O. rank will result. Both courses were most intensive and much appreciated by all ranks attending.

LIEUT. Townsend has been appointed from the reserve of officers and will look after the destinies of the "Mr. Barker jobbership"

At battalion headquarters, Pte. Allsman, ex-10th Battalion, has been taken on to strength and promoted to the rank of corporal.

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GROSS MISREPRESENTATION

A “Sunday Times” Diatribe

Perhaps the most insulting force of lying in that which presents some features of a case that are partly true, and suppresses others. The result is a glibly and misleading report, by the “Sunday Times,” of a discussion that occurred during the meeting of the Executive of the Red Cross Society, held at Fremantle on December 11th. The discussion concerned the appointment of a general secretary to the Red Cross Society, from the report which appeared in “The Sunday Times” the following Sunday, readers were left to infer that the Red Cross Society had abandoned the principle of preference to returned soldiers in appointing a new secretary, and that this action had been roundly condemned by the State Executive, as well as by individual sub-branches. Because “The Sunday Times” had been supplied with a misleading statement of the position the previous Tuesday, that of the Fremantle Press took to stuff the credit of exposing an abuse which does not seem to have existed. What aggravates a particularly flagrant outrage on journalism decency was the fact that only the speeches of executive delegates who adversely criticized the Red Cross Society were published by “The Sunday Times,” while all reference to the facts of the case given by two delegates, who were in a position to know what they were talking about, was deliberately omitted.

Briefly the facts of the case are these:

1. After a long period of useful service, the health of the General Secretary of the Red Cross Society broke down, and his medical adviser ordered a complete rest, necessitating his resignation.

2. The Committee of Management of the Red Cross, consisting of the Hon. J. Nicholson, M.L.C., Mr. Chas. Taylor (Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation), Mr. Harry Hocking (Chief Clerk, Repatriation Department), Major Sam Grimwood and Mr. J. Morton, treasurer, then endeavoured to find a suitable successor.

3. The position was advertised over a box number with a statement that preference would be accorded to returned soldiers. The reason for using a box number was known to us and no useful purpose can be served by publishing them.

4. Three returned soldiers who already had good positions were offered the job, but owing to the giving no guarantee, were not accepted. That was the position at the time after the war they declined the offer. The other applicants were unsuitable. It is necessary that the holder of the position shall be an efficient administrator in addition to being an able organiser and administrator.

5. The Red Cross Committee eventually decided to offer the making the appointment until a returned soldier with the necessary qualifications was found, and pending this, the services of a gentleman who was anxious to assist in some patriotic work were obtained. The gentleman’s own request is carrying on a greatly reduced figure.

6. No person has been appointed to the position of General Secretary of the Red Cross Society. These facts were placed before the meeting of the State Executive on December 11th. Contrary to inferences that may be drawn from “The Sunday Times” report, no resolution was passed condemning or even criticizing the Red Cross Society Executive adopting a suggestion that the whole question be discussed with the society.

There was no reporter from “The Sunday Times” at the executive meeting. It would be interesting to know, therefore, from what biased source the paper derived its blasphemous misrepresentation.

Certain the report was not supplied by the authority of the State Executive.

DRIED FRUITS CONTROL BOARD

Mr. Alf Yeates our State President is the representative of the fruit growers in this State on the Commonwealth Fruit Board, an appointment which he holds with credit for sixteen years.

When representatives are elected by the growers biennially and the election will be held next month and Mr. Alf is again offering his services.

The development of the packing, grading, advertising and marketing of our fruit requires careful planning and forethought and all knowing Alf is the man who possesses the necessary knowledge, acumen and sound common sense for the important post.

Unfortunately in most elections there is always the mean-souled slanderer who initiates a whispering campaign and the lie is so effective that the outcome is many fruit growers who are left in the dark.

The truth is that Alf is paid for one job only, his work at the Defense Department, and while absent on Dried Fruits Board business his get from the Defence Department is covered by a leave of absence without pay.

Alf is a great pack and sacrifice all his leisure and much of his sleep in useful honorary work of importance to the Nation and Empire.

During the depression that preceded the French Revolution, a dear little Princess asked why the people were so rebelling. Because they have no bread, she was informed. Can’t they eat cake? she inquired. About the same time, a Minister of the Crown declared that if the people were starving they would eat grass. The mid said his mouth with grass, after which he had been shuffled off the earth. Now and now, in passing itself, A grass diet has been suggested for modern Britons, not by Princesses or ministers, but by the housewives themselves who write letters to the editor of the “Daily News.” It is not known with what authority or expertise they recommend grass as food. One would think from the tone of their letters that they did not know much about a diet of thistles.
cently a rag called "The Guardian" which is the official organ of the Communist party published an item under the heading "Fascists Arrested; New Steps to Fascism." The item itself read: "Almost simultaneously with the news that the Federal government had forced soldiers and sailors at Darwin to break a 'wherewithal' strike, comes the announcement that raids are to be issued to the hard-picked Fascist body masquerading as the Returned Soldiers' Defence Corps. This body is not representative of returned men, many of whom learnt far too much in the last war for the bosses' peace of mind. It consists of carefully chosen types whom the Government thinks, at least, will obey Fascist instructions." No doubt that sort of lying driecil will be swallowed, hook, sinker, and all by the type of men who subscribe to that paper, but members of the League, and the thousands who are in sympathy with the League's ideals, are well aware that the ex-service men of Australia are opposed to all subversive organisations, whether Fascist, Red or merely pale pink. It is just possible that a Federal Senator had the defence corps in mind when he spoke of the formation of secret armies, just before the Federal Parliament went into recess. But to revert to the Communist rag, the amazing thing about the publications of such an item of alleged news is that there are still learned snoopers in our midst who think that such papers should not be suppressed. *

The following conversation was overheard recently in a hotel where Diggers frequent. Said one Digger, "I notice the R.A.F. haven't bombed Havy lately." "No," said another, "I suppose they don't want to give Hitler an excuse to retaliate by bombing Ballool."
The executors of two alleged refugees in England for espionage again emphasise the truth of the old saying "external vigilance is the price of safety. There is no better camouflage for a spy than the garb of the refugee. Not so very long ago, searching inquiries were made by the authorities into reports from many parts of the United Kingdom that light signals were being flashed from the ground to enemy aircraft, just before bombs were dropped. One from a room in a London block of flats, which overlooked an important railway line. The occupant was a German refugee who arrived from Berlin just before the outbreak of the war.

The Nazi "Peace"

The path to peace, according to the gospel of Hitler, was a long way, of blood and tears and weeded lives. Tears and blood and weeded lives are not too great a price to pay for Ultimate Peace—they are the price we have been asked to pay—but Hitler forgets that these reactions need never have been made.

He forgets that it was he and his myrmidons who lit the path to a German peace, that would be no peace at all, but merely a triumph of might, with a world beaten to quietence by physical brutality and the fear of punishment. He forgets that, with greater certainty and greater justice, he might have invoked a lasting peace at the council tables of the nations.

He is brutally correct about all this. In 1933, when Britain was attempting by precept and by precept, to lead the world to disarmament and to end in long preoccupation with the weapons of war, Hitler came to power. At Munich, in 1938, he declares: "that at this time Germany owed the last five million marks of indemnity which was her legacy from the Kaiser's war. I resolved to pay no more, said this self-styled apostle of peace. "I decided that the five million marks might just as well be spent on armaments." That was while "war made England" was disarming.

His peaceful intention may be gauged from that declaration. While Hitler was delivering his emotionally extravagant speech in the beer-cellar, the enthusiasm of his immediate listeners was aroused, but to those more objective in their assessment of the Further it is clear that the man was appealing more than ever to the passions, and that his rhetoric was merely the chronic of boast.

I have unconditional faith in my ultimate success: - I have learned the lesson of past half like no other man ... I have always sought closer ties with Germany ... I made a solemn appeal to the British leader. I have prepared time and time again that bombing should be abolished ... I am resolved to fight it out to the last.

That is the stuff of which the beer-cellar speech is made.

It would be laughable if it were not so tragic to hear Hitler's declaration that Britain began the campaign of indiscriminate bombing.

The leader raids of the R.A.F. were continued even after German bombs were falling like a deadly rain from the sky, and the stark fact remains, despite Hitler's irrational tirades, that Britain had not the means to engage in indiscriminate bombing he had wished.

But facts mean nothing to the Nazis.

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ing began to function effectively. Furthermore, the intervening years have seen remarkable developments in the industrial output of India. She has added a great place among the industrial na
tions of the world. To-day, not only her vast reserves of war materials but also the variety and quality of her manufactures are of consequence.

When expansion schemes are complete it is anti
ed that India will become an important centre of munition production and that she will not only be able to supply her own needs but, to an appreciable extent, those of her allies. But now it is computed that India manufactures 90 per cent of her war requirements.

EGYPT AND BRITAIN

The Terms of the 1936 Treaty

The Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, which was referred to in a broadcast from Cairo by the British Amba
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forces, and made Egypt a sovereign State, bound to Britain in terms of close and voluntary alliance. The terms relating to wartime aid included provision that, in the event of either Britain or Egypt becoming involved in war, the non-combatant nation should give aid in an ally, subject to any obligations under the League Covenant and the Kellogg Pact. Egyptian aid to Britain should include the use of such Egyptian ports, aerodromes and lines of communication as might be required by British forces.

The treaty provided also that British troops should be stationed in a specific zone in the vicinity of the Suez Canal to ensure, with Egyptian cooperation, the defence of the Canal. The presence of these troops, however, was not to constitute an occupation and should in no way prejudice Egypt's sovereign rights. Not more than 10,000 British troops or more than 100 Royal Air Force pilots would be maintained in the Canal Zone. The necessary barracks, lands, monuments, etc., were to be supplied by the Egyptian Government, which undertook also to construct and maintain any roads, bridges and railways necessary for strategic requirements. The Egyptian Government agreed to maintain adequate landing grounds and seaport anchorages in Egyptian territories and waters and to accord to any British request for additional facilities. Units of the British forces were to be retained at Alexandria for a period of not more than eight years.

In a communication to Mr. Eden (then British Foreign Secretary) recording "certain further understandings in regard to military matters," Nallas Paiha (who, as Prime Minister, led the Egyptian delegation), stated that the Egyptian Government would avail itself of the advice of a British Military Mission and that the armament and equipment of the Egyptian land and air forces should not differ in type from those of the British forces.

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SMOKE SCREEN

The truth is that more and more the leaders of Nazism must, by extravagant statement and worst enemy-smearing, whip up the furies and the frenzies of their followers. More and more must the smoke screen of distortion, hatred, and calumny, blur the sight of the German people, who must be misled, according to Hitler, to see everything in a fog, darkly. With the passing of each day there is one side a growing physical strength, and an unwavering moral power.

On the other, there is steady but certain attrition. This is, in the one certain revelation of the beer-bar speech.

"The German people must have peace to live and work!" shouts Hitler.

Indeed, they must, but the German people must be wondering whether Hitler even if some imaginative set of circumstances he should triumph, knows what he means by peace.

A world smashed to its bones by bomb and shell can never know peace other than that of death.

Shortly after Hitler's speech was broadcast—it was behind schedule, because bombers of the R.A.F. had called at the beer-bar to make certain explosive jurisdictions of their own—an address was delivered in Britain by the Prime Minister.

The contrast between these statements by the leaders of two warring nations is almost incredible.

Calm comparison of both addresses stuns the imagination.

The bombast of Munich, its blasphemous harangue and its maliciously distorted view of history are absent from the quiet talk in which Britain's Prime Minister took the people frankly and unfettered into his confidence.

There was no vague generalizing on national qualities in Churchill's speech, no insistent undercurrent of innuendo. Britain is all too obviously making no hokum over the centuries to move excuse for the British determination to destroy Hitler's New Order of Slavery.

Instead the Prime Minister explained what has been done and, pointing the path ahead, revealed the difficulties which have yet to be overcome.

In Churchill's speech there was salutary deliberation, vitality, determination and, above all, a sense of genuine with.

In that of Hitler, there was nothing but egomania and a vast urge toward world destruction. Not one constructive thought, not one contribution toward the stabilization of the principles of freedom and justice in the post-war world, comes from Munich in 1940.

Time and happenings alone can comment fittingly.

So far, there has been no more fitting comment on the beer-bar broadcast than that described by the expert and daring commentators of the Royal Air Force, in letters of fire.
**Sub-Branch Activities**

**DARLING RANGE**

The Poppy Day appeal was a greater success than anticipated. A further $200 had to be obtained and, thanks to the courtesy of the headquarters staff, these were delivered at 40 minutes past 5 p.m. The annual dinner on November 9 proved an enjoyable function. To the delight of those present, a Harry Corbett film, which had been secretly shot, was shown. On Monday, November 11, at 5.30 p.m., the Hon. A. F. Paton addressed the new sub-branch headquarters. President Walters called on other speakers who were: Mr. W. A. G. Hedges, M.L.C. and R. S. Sampson, M.L.A., the State Secretary of the Railwaymen’s Auxiliary, and Mr. H. Hoppenot, the President of the Darling Range auxiliary (Mrs. W. W. Cole, Mrs. M. J. Cole, Mrs. F. N. Ahern, (Mrs. Dempster), and Miss Barber (representing the ladies’ auxiliary). Mrs. Butlton, Mr. Walters invited the lady members to come in to use the hotel quarters. Mr. W. Wright, chairman Toe H, re-presented the idea of the sub-branch fund organisation and was also invited to use the premises for their activities. Approximately 200 persons inspected the sub-branch’s new house, and the sub-branch was congratulated on receiving such a gift from an anonymous donor. The auxiliary provided a wonderful afternoon. At night the sub-branch conducted a game of bowls and rewarded two foundation members, Messrs. Nester and Lee.
CHRISTMAS TREE 1940

The Ist December 1940

Mr. G. Gale kindly promised to pay for all the Christmas trees in the town, and the hawkmans they sold by 1943 in aid of the Christmas tree scheme. The credit is due to the hard-working members of the branch, and we congratulate them on a record breaking season. 27, Colonel Wilson, supported by Captain Chalres and Mr. Wilson, has been present throughout the season, in spite of the conditions of enlistment in "Y" Company. The following members signed up on that night: Messrs. H. Brandon, C. Harwood and P. Spencer.

RETURNED ARMY SISTERS

Twenty-four members attended the annual general meeting held on November 20th for the year were elected. The Popular Pre- vintage Tree (Miss Collins) was elected for another year and the sub-branch still retains the services of its most capable treasurer (Miss Amos). Other members elected were: Vice-President, Miss Smith and Mrs. George Brown; Committee, Messrs. Rigby, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Gwyther, Mrs. Howard; Secretaries, Mrs. Homann, Davies and Connolly; and Miss Diane and Mrs. Secretary. At the meeting on November 3rd a very successful tea was held in aid of the Christmas tree fund. The hard-working committee was responsible for two branches being able to contribute. The members were delighted to be able to hand to the Red Cross, Mr. J. Cline, when closing the annual appeal for the proceedings. The large sum of £40, was sold as a large parcel of wood and a number of books, which were to be sold to return the two women, Mrs. Rigby and Mrs. Haughton, after long periods of sickness.

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BASSENDINE

The main business at the last business meeting on November 21 was the arrangements for the annual reunion. This took place on December 5, and proved a very enjoyable evening. Mr. W. J. Hunt represented the State Executive. Brigade-General Russell-Brown made a speech on the formation of "T" Company, and the V.D.C. He urged on all eligible the necessity for joining these units. Harmony was provided by the Chirnside Brothers, Mr. G. Corboy and Mr. T. T. Chalmers. The best story was told by S. M. Wilkinson, A. Accountant for service was presented by Mr. Hunt to the former secretary, Mr. Alex Wish. The auxiliary held a dance in the Masonic Hall on December 6, in aid of the Home Charity Fund. The ladies are well pleased with the results of this function, and ask us to thank all helpers. The sub-branch meets to all members and supports the season's greetings, and the wish for better times during the coming year.

VICTORIA PARK

The sub-branch unit of the Volunteer Defence Corps proposes to hold a special Christmas greetings on December 19. To Dec. 20, there will be a social evening at which all the guests will be all uniformed members of the sub-branch. The monthly meeting was held on November 15. A successful gala day on November 16 yielded a net profit of £22. It is expected to make a profit of £20. The sub-branch of Victoria Park has experienced a better year than was expected 12 months ago, and now extends hearty greetings and best wishes for 1941 to all other sub-branches.

SHENTON PARK

The secretary and treasurer report that the financial position of the sub-branch is healthy. Much credit is due to the members of the women's auxiliary for their consistent and splendid work. The social committee has now been constituted. It is now named the commander (Mr. W. R. Orga), the secretary (Mr. G. F. Fricker), the treasurer (Mr. Northcote) and the recording secretary (Mr. F. T. Proctor). The strength of sub-branch unit of the Volunteer Defence Corps, has been depleted by transfers to the permanent and "T" Company. It has been decided to go into recess from December 20 to January 1, but the corps will take part in the big parade on December 15. Members of all branches are requested to attend the first New Year meeting and make themselves financial.

Women's Auxiliaries

BOULDER

In addition to the Friday dances, the auxiliary held a social afternoon on October 16, and combined with the sub-branch in a social. To date, 158 parcels and canteen orders have been sent to the men of our fighting forces to the value of £18. Most of the money was raised by auxiliary members, and the grandchildren of the men received from the men abroad are ample repayment. On November 11, the auxiliary President, Mrs. Boutrum, placed a wreath on the War Memorial. The weekly dances are still well patronised. Mrs. Brabrook arranged a dance in the hall on October 25. The hall was crowded, and a sum of over £17 was raised.

VICTORIA PARK

At the recent meeting, Mrs. Prue reported that the annual bazaar had proved a slightly greater success. Members are reminded of Christmas greeting night, on December 19, when the secretary (Catt Lamb) will present a guarantee of Service. The annual picnic will be held on either February 23 or March 20. Bill Reid had been chosen to the committee, pro tem, in place of Vic. Angell. The fortnightly dances continue and the social committee is being kept up to the collar with efforts to boost the amalgamation and general funds.

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Congress Resolutions—Re Freight Conclusions on Stocks: A reply from the Minister for Railways was received and a copy forwarded to the sub-committee concerned.

Re A.R.P. Organization.—A reply from the Premier's Department received. A copy was forwarded to the sub-committee concerned.

Re Change of School Books.—A reply was received from the Education Department and a copy was sent to the women's auxiliary who introduced the amendment.

Re Cooling Tanks in Schools, Eastern Goldfields—Correspondence from Mr. H. H. Symonds, M.L.A., was received.

Travelling Commissions, Members Forces.—A communication from the Tumbleup sub-branch on the resolution was received.

Liaison Officers, Problems Committees.—Mr. R. A. Wood advised his acceptance of the League's offer of an appointment to the Executive as liaison officer between that committee and the Youth Adult Employment Research Committee.

Appointments.—A copy of regulations under the National Security Act dealing with apprentices was forwarded from Mr. Secretary, the Labour and referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

Inspection Volunteer Defence Corps.—It was agreed that the League should approach the Premier's Department in an effort to obtain free rail concessions for members of the Volunteer Defence Corps to attend the inspection on December 14, as was done in South Australia recently.

Leaves.—Colonel Dixon was granted leave of absence from the next two meetings.