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Just twelve years ago, Baron Tanaka, the Japanese Minister for War, presented a memorandum to his Emperor, in which he said: "In order to conquer the world we must first conquer China . . . With all the resources of China at our disposal, we shall pass forward to the conquest of India, the Archipelago, Central Asia, Asia Minor and Even Europe." Japan is now attempting to carry out the first part of the programme by conquering China.

The recent trend of international events suggests that the memories of British politicians are almost as defective as those of the people who elect them. For over ten years, those who guide the destinies of our Empire have had two guide books before them which should have served as warnings, because they have been so faithfully followed by those who compiled them. One was Hitler's "Mein Kampf" which has set out in elaborate detail the policy he intended to follow when he became ruler of Germany, and which he is still pursuing in spite of the appeasement policy and the vague non-aggression pact which was the bright star in that policy's crown. The other was Baron Tanaka's memorandum, which outlined a policy of conquest and world domination, with callous disregard for the rights of others, who had been Japan's allies in the past, and were still Japan's loyal friends. Baron Tanaka, who died in 1929, did not live long enough to see the Japanese military caste of which he was a leading member commence the piece-meal conquest of China; but British statesmen who were living in 1927 should not need to be reminded that Japan has already gone far towards giving effect to the programme he suggested twelve years ago. Unfortunately, twelve years ago British statesmen, and those of other democratic countries, were pinning their faith to a League of Nations which crumbled away to the vanishing point the first time its authority was seriously challenged; to anti-war pacts which were cynically repudiated when contracting parties felt strong enough to do so; and to disarmament agreements which were observed by no one except the only countries that could be trusted with arms.

In spite of the object lessons of the past, there is, in what the newspapers call British official circles, a pathetic faith in the plighted word of dictators whose whole record is one of broken promises and a complete misunderstanding of what might, for want of a handier name, be called oriental psychology. In the latter respect, our own statesmen are no more at fault than the dictators. Both groups have seemingly failed to recognise that oriental diplomacy moves slowly but surely and patiently towards its goal. In oriental diplomacy, policy and cunning are synonymous, and when the Anti-Commintern Pact has ceased to suit Japan's purpose, she will discard Germany and Italy with as little compunction as she has cast aside the friendship of Britain and France.

The question remains: what are the democracies doing to prepare for the inevitable? Obviously, it would be extremely awkward for Britain and France to be involved in hostilities in Europe and Asia at the same time; and the Anti-Commintern Powers, both in Europe and Asia, have traded on this and kept the ball of provocation to and fro between the Mediterranean and the China Sea. Had Mr. Chamberlain's appeasement policy been even moderately successful, it might have been possible to take a firmer stand with Japan. On the credit side, the Munich agreement postponed war. On the debit side, Czechoslovakia became the political and economic vassal of Germany, the Eastern European Powers hastened to align themselves with the dictators, and Russia, who might have been a useful ally, especially in Asia, was snubbed and practically cold-shouldered out of European affairs. Certainly, the Red Army made a very poor showing against the Japanese in Eastern Siberia last year; and it is probable that there was more than a little justification for Lindbergh's adverse report on the Red Air Force; but whatever might be said of the quality of these forces, their quantity was, and still is, too great to be lightly ignored, by either Germany or Japan.

Recent events in Europe, in conjunction with the progress of British rearmament and unusually plain speaking by British and French Ministers, seem to have had a chastening effect on the European dictators. Perhaps that is why Japan has again become provocative in Shanghai and Tientsin. There are good grounds for believing that Japan's recent actions have been the result of German incitement to do something to distract British attention from European affairs; but fortunately Japan knows that she must always halt on the correct side of the safety line. No one realises more than Japan that the democracies could ruin her without firing a shot. Japan's artificial industrial system depends for its existence upon imports of raw materials and expanding markets for manufactured goods. A boycott by producers and consumers would soon cripple Japan. It might provoke her into a war of desperation, but, even if she did not have her hands full in China, such a war could not last long. Despite the distance of Britain and France from Asia, Japan could not face the combination of forces that could be brought against her in the Pacific. It would be almost impossible for the United States and the Netherlands to preserve their neutrality, and the Chinese have already shown that the banzai-yelling little brown men are far from being in-
China's goal. To reach the Far East we should begin to think of a constitutional monarchy and operate in the programme for defence works. In addition, the public must be made to realise that a policy of isolation is not possible, even if an enemy would recognise it. Japan is obviously moving southward and, in view of Baron Tanaka's twelve-years-old memorandum, even the subterfuge or a war to prevent China from falling under the sway of Communism cannot camouflage the ultimate goal.

Japan's reply has been the invasion of Hainan, the large island off French Indo-China. In response to British and French protests, Japan has given an assurance that the occupation of Hainan will cease, just as soon as the military necessity for that occupation no longer exists. Japan has also shown unusual humility in apologising and offering compensation for the bombing of British territory on the mainland opposite Hong Kong. But the fact remains that the invasion of Hainan has carried Japan's southward policy a step further, Hainan, besides being athwart the sea route between Hong Kong and Singapore, is only 2,000 miles from Darwin, and that should mean something even to the most parochial of Australian isolationists. In fact, as the Federal Country Party pointed out in a recent bulletin, the Japanese occupation of Hainan rules isolation out of the question for Australia and, instead of referring to the Far East we should begin to think in terms of the Near North.

In another world war, Australia would be thrown on the defensive to the extent that she could not safely send another A.I.F. overseas. In the meantime, much might be done to strengthen our northern defences. It is comforting to read that places like Darwin and Port Moresby are being put in a state of defence; but one thinks that even greater vigour might be shown in exploiting the respite we are enjoying. For one thing, the Federal Government might redeem the pledge given long ago to South Australia, when the Northern Territory was handed over to the Commonwealth, and complete the construction of the North-South railway. No doubt this, and many other urgent works, will be undertaken, for the Commonwealth and States seem ready to cooperate in the programme for defence works. In addition, the public must be made to realise that a policy of isolation is not possible, even if an enemy would recognise it. Japan is obviously moving southward and, in view of Baron Tanaka's twelve-years-old memorandum, even the subterfuge or a war to prevent China from falling under the sway of Communism cannot camouflage the ultimate goal.

For the past two years membership in this State has remained stationary. In comparing figures with that of twelve months ago, there is a very slight, decrease of 82. This is not pleasing. A perusal of the list shows that some very promising moves have been made, notably Bunbury, Carlisle, Carnamah, Gloucester Park, Mt. Hawthorn and Mullewa, but many sub-branches have allowed their membership to decline. Organised personal contact appears to be the best method of holding present members and gaining new ones. All sub-branches should have an active membership committee.

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MEMORIAL TO GENERAL HOBBS

At a recent public meeting in Perth, it was decided that some fitting public memorial should be erected to perpetuate the memory of that great Australian soldier and good citizen, Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs. No decision was reached as to the type of memorial proposed, as that will depend on the amount of money that can be raised by public subscription for this purpose. A committee was appointed and an appeal for funds has now been launched. The attention of all readers is directed to the appeal and its very desirable objective.

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(Authorised by H. Farquharson.)
EMPLOYMENT OF EX-SERVICE MEN

In pursuance of its campaign to seek employment for ex-service men, the League appointed a delegation—consisting of Messrs. Anderson, Stem, Potts and Ferguson—to meet the Retailers’ Association on February 21. From this body, the same sympathetic hearing was received as from other organisations which had previously waited upon.

However favourably disposed towards us employers may be, it must be remembered that they cannot create vacancies to be filled with ex-soldiers.

The more one goes into the problem of employment the more one realises that all avenues must be explored before a solution can be obtained.

Should not all of the 8,000 members of the League assist? We are apt to attend meetings, carry resolutions and feel that our duty is done. Would it not be better if everyone acted as an employment officer? Each sub-branch has been requested to form a committee to deal with men desirous of obtaining work.

When any member hears of a vacancy he should at once get in touch with his sub-branch or League headquarters. Leaving all the work to committees will not attain the desired end.

We have just heard of one organisation in which there are some ex-service men employed. Immediately they hear of a vacancy they make representations to have a Digger appointed. In this way several of our comrades have obtained permanent employment.

It does not seem likely that one industry or one firm can do much, but the united efforts of members of the League should do something to alleviate the position.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund

At a recent meeting of the committee, presided over by Rabbi Freedman, great satisfaction was expressed at a report submitted by the State secretary which showed that the fund had increased to £11,056 since September last. The executive’s quota from Poppy Day proceeds amounted to £200, and £591 had been donated by 84 sub-branches and auxiliaries.

Congress resolution 122, suggesting the promotion of a sports meeting to aid the fund, was considered, and the difficulties surrounding a big sports gymkhana were stressed, the chief difficulty, of course, being the unfavourable seasonal conditions and in view of the doubtful possibilities of success at the present time it was decided to defer consideration.

Resolution 123, urging wheat donations to aid the fund, it was decided to draw attention to this in a Head Office circular and to urge that wherever possible it could be done.

Resolution 124, which called attention to the urgent need for building the fund up and for the preparation of a definite scheme regarding the administration of the fund after it begins to operate, the committee thought that at the present time it was premature to launch any plan, the details of which would depend on the amount of money in hand when the fund commences to operate.

Discussing the donation of £50 from the Fremantle sub-branch as a result of a Diggers’ golf cup, contested on the Fremantle Golf Links, it was decided to discuss with Mr. Hastings Read, the Golf Association’s secretary, the question of the League being permanently identified with the annual Diggers’ golf cup.

The committee gave close scrutiny to the number of sub-branches which had already contributed and the margin between the active and inactive sub-branches presented itself, and it was agreed and later approved by the executive that a schedule be prepared showing all donations from sub-branches from the date of formation of the special committee in July, 1937, and such list to indicate the financial membership of the sub-branch and its contribution to the fund, if any. It was also agreed that this list be published in the next issue of The Listening Post.

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**VOTE LABOR AGAIN**

Authorised by P. J. Trainer, Trades Hall, Perth
COMPASSIONATE GRANTS

Interesting Comparisons

The following response to a Federal congress resolution was received from the Minister for Repatriation:

You will remember having previously brought under my notice the terms of a resolution regarding compassionate allowances and the subsequent correspondence thereon.

The matter has been delayed pending the receipt of complete information on the circumstances under which an allowance in terms of Section 21 of the Canadian Act is made, and particularly of the circumstances and the facts in the case of one Sydney Clarke, referred to in a letter you sent the Commission on May 6, 1938, from your New South Wales Branch.

In the Clarke case, the facts are as follows: Clarke was in receipt of a 10 per cent. pension for varicose veins and hammer toes, and he committed his pension in 1920.

In November, 1936, he applied to the Canadian authorities for a pension for heart trouble, and in January, 1937, arrangements were made for his medical examination in Australia; but he died before such examination could be conducted. As a result of representations by the Canadian Legion, the Canadian Pension Commission, in December, 1937,

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made to the widow a compassionate grant under Section 21 of 60 dollars. This amount represents six months' pension at 10 per cent. and was made on the assumption that, if examined, Clarke might then still have had a 10 per cent. incapacity from his accepted disabilities.

By a curious coincidence, the facts in the Clarke case are somewhat analogous with those in the case of Mrs. Cloutt, the widow of P. J. C. Cloutt, which is one of the cases referred to by your New South Wales Branch.

The late Mr. Cloutt was in receipt of pension at 10 per cent. rate for a gunshot wound of the right knee. He commuted his pension in 1926 and died from a non-war-caused disability in 1934.

Under the terms of Section 31B of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, the Repatriation Commission restored to Mrs. Cloutt and her two children pensions based on an assessment of 10 per cent. As in Canada, this decision was made on the assumption that a 10 per cent. incapacity continued at the date of the ex-soldier's death.

Shortly put, then, the position is that under Canadian legislation Mrs. Clarke received a lump sum of 60 dollars representing six months' pension at 10 per cent., whilst under the Australian legislation Mrs. Cloutt had pensions restored to herself and her two children, and they will continue to receive such pensions whilst they remain eligible under the Act.

It seems to me that there can be no argument as to which is the more generous treatment, particularly as the widow and children have a statutory right under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act; where as in Canada they have no legal claim but depend entirely on being awarded a compassionate payment of such sum as the Commission may fix.

For your further information, I refer to a case outlined by the Canadian authorities as being typical of those in which a compassionate allowance is made.

An officer contracted pulmonary tuberculosis on service and whilst so suffering he married. He eventually died from such condition, but under the pensions legislation then in force in Canada the widow could not be granted a pension because of the fact that the ex-officer was, in fact, suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis at the date of marriage. Pensions was refused to the widow, but later she was granted assistance by way of compassionate allowance.

There is no need to provide for compassionate allowance to cover this type of case in Australia, because on the death of an ex-soldier from a war-caused disability his widow becomes entitled to a pension irrespective of the date of marriage or the state of health of the ex-soldier at that date.

You may also be interested to know the facts of a case outlined as being typical of those in which an allowance is not made.

An ex-soldier served in France from April, 1916, until June, 1917. He was wounded on service and on discharge was granted a pension for such wounds and received such pension at 20 per cent. until his death in 1936 from a heart condition.

His death was not accepted as due to service and the widow applied for a compassionate allowance. Investigation revealed that the family was not well provided for, but as financial hardship could not be regarded as ground for award of such allowance, the application was refused.

In another case, a widow receiving a pension remarried and her pension was cancelled. The second marriage proved a failure and she applied for a compassionate allowance and was refused.

The matter raised by your League has thus been closely investigated, and I regret that I am unable to recommend any amendment of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act in the direction indicated.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS

We have been told on unreliable authority that before publicity officers are appointed by sub-branches a writing competition is held and the member producing the worst effort is given the job. Our lino-man does not complain about the rotten calligraphy of the editor (he values his job), but he does roar above the noise of the machinery if he gets notes written in pencil, and he does insist that names be written in block letters, otherwise mistakes occur. See to it, co-ree.

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THE LISTENING POST, 10th March, 1939
Our Mt. Helena correspondent reports that the Grim Reaper has taken another good comrade from our thinning ranks in the person of Mr. L. Stephenson, who served in the war with the 28th Battalion. The late Mr. Stephenson was of a retiring disposition, but was deservedly popular and respected by all who knew him. He was laid to rest in the Mundaring cemetery on February 14. To his sorrowing wife and little ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of their trial.

The new president of the Bassendean sub-branch is Arthur Walter (Bill) Hart, who was known to the troops as "Lofty" when he went through the war with the 50th Battalion. Since 1921 he has been employed on the Civilian Staff of the Ordnance Branch of the Defence Department and is still going strong.

The sick members of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch are being looked after by members. Bill Skates and Geo. Cooper are still very ill, but Harry Blunt is improving after his operation. May and Bellings are doing well and the members were glad to see Tom Jackson at the last meeting after his serious illness. Members are sorry to hear that Jerry Ryder can't get along to the meetings on account of his health and hope for a speedy recovery.

Bassendean sub-branch suffered a severe blow when Mr. Bennison, of Anesty Road, passed away on February 21. He served with the R.A.S.C. during the war and had been a hard worker for the ex-Imperials and the sub-branch. His services will be sadly missed by the boys. Our sympathy and that of the sub-branch goes out to his widow and children in their sad loss.

Bassendean visitors report that Alec Main is keeping well but is neglecting his mat-making job lately. Jack Riley is rather more industrious. He is often seen doing fancy needle work and a good job he makes of it. A table cloth of his handwork was donated last year for the benefit of the Aged Soldiers' Fund, and realised several pounds. Bob Irvine, we are pleased to hear, is progressing well in Ward XI and is always pleased to see visitors.

Our Moora correspondent writes: Percy Scott (10th Light Horse), a former secretary and one of the earliest members of this sub-branch, recently left for South Perth, where he has purchased a business. Prior to his departure, "Scottie," who leaves behind in Moora a record of long and useful service, was the guest of honour at a happy little function arranged by his old comrades to wish him all the best. "Scottie" will be missed here, but our loss should be the "Algae-ites" gain, for there's tons of pep in Percy yet. A few days later the sub-branch sustained another loss, caused by the transfer of Don Walker (16th Batt.) local representative of the Shell Oil Co. to Beverley. Don, in his quiet way, proved a very able worker for the sub-branch, particularly in the direction of gathering new members into the fold. Unfortunately, however, Don succeeded in making his get-away before a well-deserved send-off could be arranged.

We regret to report that Vic. O.Grady the capable secretary of the Boulder sub-branch has been having further trouble with his eyes. We wish him a speedy recovery and all the best for what remains of the new year.

Albany sub-branch is well represented in the administration of ex-service men's affairs. A past president, Mr. E. Y. Butler, is on the State executive of the League and that very active member of the sub-branch, Syd. Coles, has been re-elected country vice-president of the Old Contemptibles' Association.

Our Albany correspondent reports the passing of Steve Hunton (28th Batt.). We join with the Albany sub-branch in extending sympathy to Mrs. Hunton and family.

Albany sub-branch has rendered the following casualty return: Jack Williamson is about again after his recent operation. Rex Hall, after a long illness, has been convalescing in Gnowangerup. Harry Joyce is frequently in Albany these days, undergoing medical treatment. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Passed through Fremantle at the beginning of the month, Mr. P. C. Spender, M.H.R., who represents Warringah (New South Wales) in the House of Representatives. Mr. Spender has just returned from a tour of Europe. He won the Warringah seat as an independent at the last Federal election, defeating Sir Archdale Parkhill, the most calamitous Minister for Defence this country has ever had. Educated at the famous Fort Street High School and the University of Sydney, Mr. Spender is a barrister by profession who served as a footslogger in the Big Stou. Though this is his first term in the Federal Parliament, he has already made his mark and has been mentioned in connection with prospective reshuffles of the Cabinet.

Hon. Lieutenant and Quartermaster Reginald Macarthur Smith, of the Australian Instructional Corps, arrived in Perth on transfer from Sydney on March 4. Mr. Smith belongs to an old New South Wales family. His father, the late Hon. Sydney Smith, was once a prominent figure in the political life of New South Wales. His brother, Mr. Sydney Smith, is one of the western lands commissioners in New South Wales and president of the New South Wales Cricket Association. He was manager of two Australian test teams on their visits to England, Our Mr. Smith, as he will become now, enlisted in the Royal Australian Engineers and transferred to the Instructional Staff, as the Australian Instructional Corps was designated then, in 1910. He served with an infantry battalion in the war and has been allotted to the A.A.M.C. for many years. He is now posted for duty in the office of the Assistant-Director of Medical Services, 5th Military District.

At the February meeting of the Boulder sub-branch, the president (Mr. R. Slater) referred in feeling terms to the death of three members, all of whom have passed away since the beginning of the year. These were Messrs. J. Walsh (16th Batt.), J. Farry (15th Batt.) and A. C. Leach (8th F.A.B.). Touching reference was also made to the sub-branch's late and esteemed friend, Dr. H. O. Irwin. The late Doctor Irwin was the only man on the goldfields to hold the League's Certificate of Merit. This was awarded for signal service to soldiers and their dependents during the war period, and this service continued until the day of his death. The esteem in which Dr.
Irwin was held was shown by the large and representative gathering at the graveside. Members of the sub-branch marched in formation behind the hearse, thus paying their last respects to one who will always be revered and sadly missed.

One of the best-known Diggers in the State passed away suddenly on Saturday, March 4, in the person of Herb. Hart. His health had been bad for a number of years, having many times been an inmate of the Repat. ward. Herb. was a free-lance photographer and his photos of Digger occasions and groups of individual ex-service men which hang in the rooms of many sub-branches will be a perpetual reminder of this good fellow. He served abroad with the 16th Battalion and was a prominent member of the Maylands and Press sub-branches. He was present at a Press luncheon meeting three days before his death. To his sorrowing widow and family we extend deepest sympathy.

D. M. Cleland, endorsed Nationalist and chairman of the Nationalist Party executive, who is contesting the Perth seat, was born at Bayley’s Mine 38 years ago. Don Cleland has already shown a capacity for leadership and sound administrative ability. Apart from his activities in public life, he entered the militia forces in 1919 and, after finishing a four-year period of compulsory service, he carried on under the voluntary scheme. He started as a gunner with the 8th Battery, 3rd A.F.A., and worked through to become battery captain of his battery. Incidentally, his battery commander was then Ross MacDonald, his present Parliamentary leader. Don was subsequently seconded to H.Q. as staff officer for reconnaissance 5th Divisional Artillery.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE SHEETS

Sub-branch officials are reminded that Anzac service forms, similar to those printed for the State service at Perth, but with local particulars included, can be purchased from the Imperial Printing Co. Ltd. at a moderate cost, and they are advised to order as soon as possible.

Wonderful testimonials have been received by the R.S.L. TRADING COMPANY since their new Digger cutter has been cutting their suits.

The Federal Office recently requested information as to the probable number of Diggers from Western Australia who would form part of the Australian contingent to visit New Zealand for the forthcoming celebrations of the sister Dominion’s centenary. At a meeting of the State Executive on February 8, it was decided to advise Federal Office that probably 50 would go from this State, provided the costs were not too high.

The Albany sub-branch has received a most interesting letter from its French member, Commander Fabre de la Ripelle, of the sloop Bougainville. Writing from Durban on January 16, Commander de la Ripelle said: “I received at Diego-Suarez, just before our departure, your letter of November 22. I am very appreciative of all the attention you gave our quartermaster Aubin, but do not think he will be rejoining the Bougainville. After his illness and operation, he will need to take it easy in France. The pitcher plants are always a novelty. The original lot died after our arrival in Madagascar (perhaps from indigestion, the plant having eaten several black beetles), but a second lot may be growing up by now. I am on the way to Durban, on a voyage to the French Islands and Australian Ocean (Crozets, Kerguelen, St. Paul and Amsterdam). I am carrying with me a complete scientific mission and I shall be returning to Diego-Suarez about March 10.” The letter concluded with a number of personal messages which show that the gallant French navigator appreciates the hospitality extended to him and his ship’s company while they were in Albany.

“W.A.K.” has written severely criticising the Perth sub-branch for its criticism of the State executive in the columns of The West Australian over the hutment colony decision. He states that these criticisms should be reserved to sub-branch meetings and the columns of The Listening Post, and that we should not wash our dirty linen in public. He writes: “I am under the impression that the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund was created for the purpose of assisting ‘burnt-out’ Diggers, and that when the time is opportune the public will be approached for help and that this fund will cater for all types of aged soldiers in need. What has the Perth sub-branch done with its big membership to swell this fund? To describe the decision of the State executive as a ‘defeatist policy’ is scandalous when it is recalled what this body has done for the ‘burnt-out’ soldier. I understand that the Service Pension scheme originated from our own executive. In his letter, the president of the

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Leederville Electorate

Wally Goodlet (late 11th Batt.) is contesting the Leederville seat as an Endorsed Nationalist candidate. He is keen for progress, fearless in protecting right and righting wrongs and energetic.

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GOODLET [ ]

Authorised by W. W. Goodlet.
Perth sub-branch states that the majority of League members also deplore the State executive's attitude. Who gave him authority to speak on behalf of the other members of the League? I doubt if he is speaking even for the majority of the members of his own sub-branch whose membership of about 600 is scattered throughout the State and few turn up to meetings. The merits or demerits of the case don't concern me nearly as much as the disloyalty of attacking the controlling body in the columns of the public Press, and I have met many Diggers who hold similar views to mine.

Through a regrettable misunderstanding, we reported the Kelmscott-Roley-stone barbecue in our February issue as if that event had already happened. Fortunately there was still time to rectify the error “over the air,” and we are glad to learn that no inconvenience was occasioned and hope that our sub-branch correspondent will suffer no more strafes for what was our mistake.

Last November, the American commander, General John Pershing, who is now 78 years of age, inspected a couple of retired friends who served under him during the Great War. They were Kidron and Jeff, two old war horses, now comfortably retired to the green fields and fresh pastures of the U.S. Army’s remount depot. Kidron, now 27, was presented to General Pershing by the French people. He was the General’s mount during the victory march through Paris. Jeff, aged 28, the gift of the American Legion, was ridden by General Pershing in the New York victory parade. Both have been on the retired list at the depot since 1935.

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Val. R. Abbott, barrister and solicitor of Perth, is making a bold bid for the North Perth seat as a Nationalist at the forthcoming general election. He has youth, ability and integrity in his favour, and a kindly leaning towards returned soldiers and their various organisations. His motto of fair play and justice for all, irrespective of party or creed, should win him support from all quarters. Val. served in the Royal Australian Flying Corps during the Great War. He has the happy knack of being able to impart his profound practical knowledge of flying to fledgling aviators. During the war, he was selected for the special school for flying instructors at Gosport. This was probably the most brilliant and spectacular school of flying, past or present. In more recent years, he has held the position of honorary instructor and vice-president of the West Australian Aero Club.

Ross MacDonald, M.L.A.

Mr. Ross MacDonald, LL.B., K.C., who represents West Perth in the Legislative Assembly, became leader of the Nationalist Party on the resignation of Mr. Norbert Keenan. He has had a long association with the Australian Military Forces. He served with the A.I.F. in France and Belgium, in the 39th Battery, 10th Brigade, A.F.A., and for several years after the war he was in command of the 8th Battery, A.M. Forces. Members of the 16th Battalion, who were with that unit on August 8, 1918, may remember the temporary hold-up which occurred near Chipilly. On that occasion, members of the 16th witnessed the unusual spectacle of two 18-pounders of the 39th Battery firing over open sights on enemy machine gunners. The battery has been detailed to support the battalion, and Captain A. O. Smith and Lieutenant Ross MacDonald were the two officers who seized the opportunity of running their guns forward for direct fire on the enemy. Mr. MacDonald retained his interest in military matters and for several years commanded the 8th Battery Citizens' Forces. Mr. MacDonald has always retained a keen interest in matters effecting returned soldiers and has been associated particularly with the Returned Maimed and Limbless Men's Association and the West Perth sub-branch of the R.S.L.

K. E. Drake-Brockman

Karl Drake-Brockman, the endorsed Nationalist for Middle Swan, is well known amongst the Digger fraternity. A distinguished career at the war from 1915 to the finish with the Royal Fusiliers saw him attain the rank of captain. Seriously wounded at Aveluy Wood, Albert, in the German push, he was invalided out of the service in 1920. On his return from the war to Western Australia, his native State, he served a term of office as a Judge in New Guinea, and since then has practised his profession in Perth. His active part in Digger affairs includes holding the offices of senior vice-president of the Guildford sub-branch since its formation two years ago and delegate to the conference during that time. As a W.A. Rhodes scholar, he is furthering Cecil Rhode's ideal of national service by entering the political arena. His forceful speaking, fearlessness and keen sense of justice should be big assets in his electioneering campaign.

W. P. Morris

Mr. William Palmer Morris, the endorsed Country Party candidate for Sussex, is a member of the Forest Grove sub-branch, in which for over twelve months he has held the dual position of president and secretary, carrying out these onerous duties in a most capable manner. He served as an officer of the Royal Navy during the war, but though a member of the Silent Service, he is a forceful and interesting speaker.
Charlie Latham, M.L.A.

Leader of the Opposition who is defending his seat at York (written up in our February issue).

Fred L. Warner, M.L.A.

We all thought that Fred Warner, M.L.A., was going to have a walk-over, but a challenger for the Mount Marshall seat has presented himself since the publication of our February issue. Old Fred won the seat as an Independent candidate in 1933. He subsequently joined the Country Party, as whose endorsed candidate he is now seeking re-election. Old Fred, as he is affectionately called by his political colleagues, is a Dinkum Digger who has the courage of his convictions, which are based on genuine thinking. His sterling qualities have won him the respect and liking of members of all parties in the Legislative Assembly.

Fred has a good record in France where he won a sergeant’s stripes and the Military Medal, whole serving with the 44th Battalion (The State President’s Own). Since his return to Western Australia, he has rendered good service to the League. After being a member of the Perth sub-branch, he reorganised the Nungarin sub-branch, of which he was president for two years. He also helped to form the No. 2 District Committee, of which he was foundation president. Added to this, he has been a member of the State executive for several years and a member of the executive’s Land and Membership Committees. He is also an active member of four sub-branches—Nungarin, Mukiymbudin, Kulja and Dowrin. He is a hard worker for his constituents and his rugged manliness, homespun humour and genuine bonhomie have won him a host of friends in all walks of life.

Harold Kingsbury

Harold A. Kingsbury, who is seeking Parliamentary honours for the important Kalgoorlie electorate, is probably one of the best-known figures on the Eastern Goldfields. He joined the original 16th Batt. in 1914, but was discharged owing to a slight physical disability. He enlisted again and served with the 38th Battery. On his return from overseas in 1918 he again took up residence on the goldfields and played an important part in the formation of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch, of which sub-branch he later became president. In sporting circles, Harold played an important part on the goldfields and he has been a councillor of the Municipality of Kalgoorlie for nine years. “Kingy” is blessed with a practical knowledge of the goldfields requirements and if enthusiasm, coupled with energy and straightforwardness counts for anything, then he should be fitted for the position he covets.

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The presidents and secretaries of sub-branches met recently. When the business of the night was finished, an adjournment was made to the club where a crayfish supper was put away in the old Army style.

During the recent war scare, one bright member wanted to be put on piece-work in the event of war. He wanted a contract for £2 per thousand and the Army to provide counters and stackers.

Still more country members are patronising the club when in town. That's the spirit, Diggers, the more the merrier.


Four very ex-sergeants-major, having a quiet talk at the place where there is a footrest, a very ex-Pongo prats in and asks: “What’s the definition of an Australian sergeant-major?” The ex-menaces replied: “We don’t know.” So the Pongo tells ’em: “A private with - brains bashed out.”

Great interest is shown in the coming elections and the chances of all Diggers are discussed fluently and at length, and according to the troops they are all certainties. Anyhow, here’s hoping.

If the committee of the recruiting campaign of the Defence Department are short of ideas, or if Joe Lyons wants to know how to balance the Budget, a visit to Anzac Club on Saturday night would be well worth while.

Here’s another one heard at the club: “What mob were you with, Dig?”

“The umpteenth so and so’s.”

“Cripes, you blokes must have had a rough spin when Fritz got his 79-mile gun going!”

Country Diggers recently seen in the club: Messrs. “Tich” Woodward and Bill McKinley, from Quararading; “Tich” Crowe, Jack Carruthers, Harry Pelham, Geo. Tuck, Sandy Dewar and his big brother from Lake Grace; Jack Falls from Pemberton; Bob Campbell from Carnarov; Lord Nuffysaid Kinloch, president, Newdegate sub-branch; Alex. Denny and Tony Bailey from Wubin; Dan Fullerton and Digger McFadyen, Wiluna; F. Dyson, secretary, Trayning; Aussie Cavanagh, Narembeen; Geo. Seager, Waroona; and many others.

Most of them met a lot of their old unit cobbers and did a spot of fraternising.

If you want a quiet read or to write a letter when in Perth, Anzac Club is for your use — use it.

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THE STATE ELECTIONS

(CONTRIBUTED)

The Returned Sailors and Soldiers’ League is a strictly non-party organisation, and “The Listening Post,” as the official organ of the League, is similarly neutral in politics. That is not to say, however, that we are debarred from references of a personal character to members of our organisation whose activities since they left the trenches have been directed to participation in national affairs. The League and “The Listening Post” — is proud of the fact that returned soldiers have made their mark in the sphere of national service in one or other of the political parties, and in both the Federal and State spheres.

The foregoing preamble is considered to be necessary in view of the fact that this issue of “The Listening Post” coincides with the launching of the State election campaign. If active service were the only guiding factor, returned soldiers would be hard put to it to decide how their votes should be cast, because leading politicians in all three of the groups which seek our political support are members of the League. It remains, therefore, for the individual Digger to decide for himself which party he will support at the poll.

In this issue, the Labour Party furnishes in an advertisement the names of its candidates. The names of ex-service men which appear on that list embrace many who have grown in earnest of their interest in the welfare of the returned soldier, not only in Parliament, but also by honorary work on the R.S.L. executive and in League sub-branch activities. For example, the Minister for Health (Mr. A. H. Panton) has held executive office in the League for years. Mr. A. A. Wilson, Labour member for Collie, has been deservedly thanked by members for advice and assistance to returned soldiers since he came back to Collie from “over there.”

Those names could be added to from amongst political aspirants, not amongst Labour candidates, but amongst prominent men in both the opposition parties.

Emphatically, therefore, ex-service men must look beyond the R.S.L. badge, must examine policies and performances on the assumption that men can be good League members and still be conscientious partisans politically.

The advertisement already referred to asks the Digger to vote Labour. “The Listening Post” has neither voice nor advice in the matter.

Keith Burton

Keith Burton, the National candidate for Hannans, joined the 28th Batt. at Ypres in September, 1917, and his military career was closed by a stick bomb on June 15, 1918, near Corbie. He was at one time president of the Bruce Rock sub-branch and in Kalgoorlie he was a member of the executive until his civic duties as a councillor were given first place. As a Country Week cricketer from Bruce Rock and Kalgoorlie, he has met many metropolitan Diggers. Keith was a Rhodes scholar and is a solicitor by profession and is fitted by training and experience for the responsibility of legislation.

Henry Willmott, M.L.A.

Henry Willmott is again contesting the Sussex seat which he won at a by-election a year ago. He met with such a serious motor accident twelve months ago and is now almost recovered. Henry served with the 32nd Battalion abroad and has been a League stalwart since his return. He is an intellectual chap with plenty of ability and energy and is confident of once again being in the position of moving a vote of thanks to the returning officer.

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To the R.S.L. Members

The youth of the country is its only asset. Are we older members as a body doing our job—the best we can for our youth? Are we helping the S.S.L.? Do we help at or attend their meetings? Do we help the S.S.L. to help themselves?

Do we realise that in the next quarter of a century they will be playing their part in the government of our country and empire? Are we doing all we can to prevent them from falling into the same pitfalls as we have? Do we older members appreciate our responsibilities?

We are "has-beens," our day is nearly done, but theirs is just dawning and not in too rosy a sky. A sky streaked with angry clouds which we in our lack of wisdom have to a large extent made for them.

To the S.S.L. Members and Their "Pals"

Put your duty first and think about your rights afterwards. Take an interest in the government, in the country, and your country too, because government of whatever kind tends more and more to influence the lives of the individual. The ultimate responsibility rests on you whether you like it or not, and the future of our Empire and country is inevitably committed to you. No matter where you live or what you do you are bound to have some effect for evil on your neighbours and country.

We, the older members, are gradually passing on; you are the governors of the future. We are passing on to you the duty of safeguarding all that is worthy and worthwhile in our past, our heritage and our tradition, our honour and all our hopes.

The beauty of the country side is yours, the green fields and the trees and the wild flowers, the rivers and hills—all is yours. All this accumulated wealth, material and moral is being and will be transferred to your account that you may enjoy it. Enjoy it, but also hold it and enhance its value and hand it on.

You are trustees. Trustees of whatever is coming to you; a trust you hold for the future generations. Unless you rise to the trust there will be little benefit to you or your children.

It will be your duty to protect democracy (the freedom and liberty you enjoy) to defend it from without and equally from within.

Sons of Soldiers' League

MT. HAWTHORN

The boys are practising very hard for the opening round of the Collett Shield and hope to retain the shield. A cricket match will be played at Lennox on the 19th inst., and a large crowd is expected to be present, as the patients look forward to a game with the boys. Any new member can come along on a Sunday morning at the hall and see Vern. Stockman, who will give all information regarding all the games.

Politics, like poverty, makes strange bedfellows, if the metaphor applies in cases like the present general election where opponents want sitting members to get out of bed altogether. In the Avon constituency, Mr. J. G. Boyle, M.L.A., who has been a hospitable publican for many years, has to wrestle with an opponent named Tankard. In Swan, the retiring member (Mr. R. S. Sampson, M.L.A.) is standing up to the bowling of Harold Larwood. Bob Hartley, of Maylands sub-branch is trying to win the Maylands seat from Mr. Harry Shearn, M.L.A. His surname is identical with the Christian name of Mr. Shearn's own son.

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VISIT OF EARL DE LA WARR AND EX-IMPERIALS

It will be remembered that Earl de la Warr, a member of the British Cabinet, visited Australia last year, and at his request the League sent forward to him particulars regarding the state of ex-Imperial service men in the Commonwealth with a request for more sympathetic consideration at the hands of the Ministry of Pensions.

That the overtures have fallen on stony ground the reading of the following correspondence will disclose. The suggestion that the Commonwealth Government might relax the residential qualification so as to admit the post-war emigrant within the provisions of the Service Pensions Act is a strange and unfortunate one coming from such a source. The responsibility of the compensating of ex-service men for war disability (tangible and intangible) has been and should remain that of the country of enlistment, and the finding of the British Government that the ex-service men generally compare favourably regards health with the non-service population is contrary to the findings of the Australian and Canadian Governments. Practically all of the contentions of the Minister are contentious.

The covering letter from the Earl to Sir Gilbert Dyett is as follows:—

My Dear Sir Gilbert:
I am afraid I have been a very long time in replying to your letter of July 8, with which you forwarded enclosures giving information about the present position of Imperial ex-service men in various States of the Commonwealth of Australia. I forwarded this material to Mr. Ramsbotham, the Minister of Pensions, and he has now sent me a very long and detailed reply, of which I am enclosing a copy. I am afraid that it does not make any positive suggestion for helping to solve your difficulties, but it will show you that your points have been very thoroughly considered.

I appreciate that these ex-service men are not concerned only or mainly about pensions, and that they are not really asking for exceptional treatment under that head; but if it is to be a question of anything wider, while I very much wish that we could do something to help them, I must confess that however long I think about it I cannot see any way in which the British Government here at Home could be expected to take any action that would be useful to them.

The letter to the Earl from the Minister of Pensions (Mr. Ramsbotham) reads:—

Dear Sir:
I have carefully considered the representations from the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia, which were forwarded to you by Sir Gilbert Dyett, following your visit to Australia early last year, regarding the position of ex-Imperials of Australia.

The main points raised appear to be as follows:—

1. The extent to which unemployment prevails among them;
2. That this is to some extent at least due to premature senility as an after effect of war strain;

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(3) Their ineligibility for the Australian Service Pension;
(4) The fact that their pension rates are related to the British and not the Australian cost of living;
(5) Their unfavourable position in comparison with Australians as regards employment preferences;
(6) The fact that if they had remained in the Home Country they would have enjoyed the benefits of the British Health and Unemployment Insurance Schemes which have no Australian counterpart.

I may perhaps say at once that in any consideration of these questions I must be guided by one general principle which I think you will agree is essential to the administration of war pensions, namely, that the British scheme must be universal in its application to its participants and that it is not possible to contemplate any material amendment which would be of limited application. It must of necessity follow from this that it is not possible to grant to persons living overseas, merely because they are living overseas, benefits which are not provided for persons who have continued to live in this country. This principle has been consistently maintained in the past by successive Governments, not all of which were of the same political complexion. It was emphasised some five years ago when considering representations from the British Empire Service League regarding ex-Imperials in Canada, and re-affirmed as recently as May of last year with the entire appreciation of the members of a deputation from the League, including a representative of Australia, who were then received at the Ministry, and I cannot hold out any hope of any change today.

(1) With regard to the general question of unemployment which is, of course, the major issue, I am afraid that there is no special action that I can take. I recognise that Imperial ex-service men in Australia have felt the effect of the general economic stress of the post-war years, but that has by no means been confined to ex-Imperials or indeed to ex-service men generally. It has affected the whole population at Home and overseas, and within the resources at their disposal each Government has made its own endeavours to deal with it. I have to act within the powers conferred upon me by the British Parliament, and these powers are, and always have been, limited to compensation for disability or death arising from war service. The suggestion of an annual grant from this country for the relief of distress among Imperial ex-service men in Australia would fall quite outside the powers of the Ministry, and I do not see that it is one in which I can recommend the Government to take any special action. Outside the provisions of the War Pensions Warrants and the concessions to the war disabled among the ex-service population, there is no special provision in this country for alleviating distress among the ex-service community as such, although they share, of course, in the general social services enjoyed by the population at large, and any such grant in the case of Australia would contravene the general principle outlined above.

I might perhaps add here that I have noted with interest the report of an inquiry, by the
sample method, into the question of unemployment in the State of Victoria from which it would appear that in that State, at any rate, it is not an age problem nor a problem of the returned soldier as such, but to a large extent one of lack of training. No doubt the report in question has been, or will be, considered by the Australian Government.

(2) The question of premature senility was exhaustively considered as regards this country in the early part of the present year in connection with the report submitted to the Prime Minister by the British Legion. When the representations forwarded by Sir Gilbert Dyett were made, the matter was still under consideration; but as you will be aware, the Prime Minister was unable to find that a case for special action in this regard had been made out. The Legion's report and the Prime Minister's reply were issued in May last (Command 5738) and I will not attempt to summarise them here; but it may be stated briefly that the most careful consideration failed to reveal that the position of ex-service men generally compared unfavourably with that of the non-service population either as regards health of employment.

As the Prime Minister indicated in his reply to the British Legion, the proper method of approach is by way of the individual case and, where it is felt that a condition of disablement is of war origin, a claim for compensation may be made and will be fully and sympathetically considered. It must, however, be borne in mind that the great majority of claims now arising are for disabilities of common occurrence in civil life, such as rheumatisms, heart trouble, bronchitis, etc. The tendency to ascribe any ailment to the effects of war service is natural, but it is now 20 years since the Armistice, during which time the ex-service men, in common with the population generally, has been subject to the ordinary hazards of civil life and the possibility or even the probability of a civil origin cannot be ignored.

(3) The suggestion comes from South Australia and Tasmania that the service pension provided by the Australian Pension Scheme, or its equivalent, should be made available to the ex-Imperial. It is not unnatural that British pensioners who go overseas should sometimes suggest that individual provisions of a local scheme, which may be lacking in the Home scheme, should be applicable to them; but such suggestions are generally made without any attempt to compare the complete schemes, and in any event the basic principle set up in the second paragraph of this letter precludes the adoption at the expense of the British Government of this departure from the British scheme.

As a matter of fact, the ex-Imperial who was domiciled in Australia prior to his enlistment is eligible for the Australian Service Pension, and it is, of course, always open to the Australian Government to relax the residential qualification so as to admit the post-war emigrant.

(4) As regards the question of the cost of living in relation to pension rates, I should observe that the British rates were fixed in 1919 at a time when the cost of living was considerably higher than it is now and though the warrant provides for their adjustment, they have, in fact, never been reduced to conform with the material drop in the cost of living figures, with the result that a pension of 40/- awarded in 1919 is equivalent to-day to one of about 55/-.

Moreover, as British pensions are paid in sterling, the ex-Imperial pensions, as you will be aware, benefits by the favourable exchange. This point is, in fact, recognised in the report from South Australia. It may, perhaps be mentioned that under the Australian scheme the ex-Imperial who has domiciled in Australia prior to enlistment may have his pension made up to Australian rates, and is also eligible for the Australian "living allowance."

(5) The position of the ex-Imperial, in comparison with the Australian returned soldier with reference to preferential consideration for employment, is, as you will appreciate, a question for the Australian authorities. As regards employment in the State Public Services or by private employers, the matter is in the hands of the State Governments. It would seem that in some States there is no distinction in this regard between the ex-Imperial and the Australian returned soldier; but in the State of New South Wales and in the Commonwealth Public Service a pre-enlistment residential qualification is required. It is, of course, open to the authorities concerned to relax this condition, but the matter is not one in which the British Government can intervene.
(6) As regards the last of the points mentioned in the first paragraph of this letter, namely, the loss to migrants of the British National Insurance schemes, to which there was no Australian counterpart, two comments may be made:

(a) The question of extending to ex-service men overseas the benefits of the Home Insurance Scheme was considered in 1932 in connection with representations by the British Empire Service League as regards ex-imperials in Canada, but was found, after long deliberation between the Ministers concerned, to be impracticable.

(b) The statement that the British Insurance Scheme had no Australian counterpart was correct at the time it was made; but since then a system of National Health and Pension Insurance has been set up in Australia by the Act which was passed on July 1 last.

I am sorry that I am obliged to reply in a manner which the R.S.S.I.L.A. will find disappointing; but I think that, in the light of my opening remarks, you will appreciate that there really is no special action which the Home Government can take that in South Australia the ex-imperials have secured recognition as a sub-branch of the League and are, in that State, in just the same position as Australian returned soldiers.

I think I may fairly endorse the suggestion that comes from that branch of the League to the effect that a similar course in the other States would be the best and most practicable step that ex-imperials can take in their own interests.

As regards its own particular sphere I may, perhaps, add that throughout its history the Ministry has borne especially in mind the welfare and convenience of those of its pensioners living abroad. In the Dominions, except in Canada, where the Ministry has its own representative and its own office, the Dominions pensions authorities act as the Ministry's agents, utilising for ex-imperials the same machinery as has been set up for their own forces, and providing for them all the benefits available under the British war pensions system to pensioners living at home.

The Ministry has from time to time taken steps to satisfy itself at first hand that its pensioners are receiving every care and consideration. Thus in 1935–36 one of the principal officers of the Ministry visited Australia, and during the several months of his stay visited in turn the Federal Capital Territory and all the States. The Repatriation Commission and its officers afforded him every facility to make a thorough investigation and with their cordial co-operation he was brought into close touch not only with the Commission's activities in all States, but also with individual pensioners, including those in hospitals, in addition to receiving general representations from organisations of ex-soldiers.

He was able to confirm that the instructions framed by the Ministry for the guidance of the Commission were being scrupulously followed and that such difficulties as had come to light were largely due to misconception as to the principles upon which this department has authority to work, or were removable by certain minor adjustments of administrative practice which have since been made.

In conclusion, I should like to assure you that I am always ready to consider any individual case of difficulty.

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**Scabbards Off!**

*(BY PIP TOL)*

Since France most emphatically said the Gallic equivalent of "Nothing doing" to Italy's impudent colonial demands, and the British Foreign Secretary was equally emphatic in announcing that Britain would support France if the latter were attacked, the dictators have been strangely silent, though the reports of movements of troops to Libya and elsewhere suggest that they may be plotting trouble if there is the slightest sign of British weakening.

With all that humility which is so foreign to my nature, I suggest that absurd colonial demands be met with counter demands. Britain, for instance, might demand the return of Hanover and Heligoland from Germany. To keep Britain up to the collar, could demand the return of Quebec and Nova Scotia; but then, perhaps, Britain might become drunk with sight of power and demand the return of the old Duchy of Normandy and the old County of Anjou from France, and the return of Liverpool from the Irish and Brighton from the Jews. Even Western Australia might assert her rights as a sovereign state and demand the return of James Street from Italy and Spearwood from Yugoslavia.

There are limitless possibilities to this policy, but it is high time the democracies commenced to do a little more demanding and a great deal less yielding.

Speaking of demands reminds me that when the German representatives arrived at Marshal Foch's headquarters to receive the Armistice terms, they, too, were confronted with a set of demands. When they read them they registered truly Teutonic indignation and declared their surprise at such demands being made by any civilised commander. "We are very glad you think so," they were told.

"Those are not the Armistice terms, they are a copy of the conditions a German Army Commander exacted from the French city Lille." And before the Huns could recover their composure, they were given the real Armistice terms.

Those who still think the Japanese would be more suitable than white men as settlers in places like the Northern Territory should ponder a recently-published statement of the Japanese casualties in Hainan. On their own admission the Japanese have suffered 5,000 casualties since they commenced the bloodless occupation of Hainan—and of these, more than 1,000 have succumbed to the unaccustomed heat.

The retiring member for a metropolitan seat has taken as his stock in trade the number of years he has represented the electorate. Even his electioneering posters are old friends, most of them having obviously rendered front-line and back-street service in previous campaigns. Even the one on which a caustic amended the words "Tried and Trusted" to "Tired and Rusty" is still courageously displayed at a street corner.

M. Maistriaux, the Burgomaster of Mons, has received a visit from Sir Edward Lutyens, the distinguished British architect who designed the Australian National Memorial at Villers Bretonneux and many other war memorials. He was accompanied by Lady Ridley and
Colonel Higginson and the visit was made on behalf of General Spears, the president of the committee for the erection of a British war memorial at Mons. Sir Edward Lutyens has chosen a hill behind the Tir Communal, where the first encounter between the British and the Germans took place in August, 1914, as the site of the monument.

**COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

The Federal congress resolved:

"That the preference clause in all Commonwealth contracts be amended so as to include the following words after the word 'employment' in the last line, i.e., 'and for the purpose of ascertaining if suitable returned sailors and soldiers are available it shall be obligatory on the part of the contractor to make application to the Employment Department of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia before engaging any other workmen.'"

The Prime Minister's Department replied:

You will doubtless remember that when representations regarding this matter were made by your League in 1934, the Minister for Interior agreed to an amendment which had the effect of widening the scope of the preference clause which previously provided for preference to returned sailors and soldiers "as against any other person offering his services at the same time" by substituting for the words quoted the words "as against any other applicants for employment." While it was considered inadvisable to limit the employment to those registered at the League's employment bureaus, it was intimated to the League that there would be no objection to the League's Employment Bureau (Queensland in the case under consideration) furnishing contractors with lists of men registered.

As indicated in my communication of February 23 last, the matter received full consideration, but it was not found practicable to agree to the adoption of the amendment suggested.

I am to state that the matter has received full consideration, but that it is regretted that the request of your League cannot be acceded to.

**OUR OVERSET**

Some excellent articles have of necessity been excluded from this issue including a chapter of Colonel Olden's "Cavalry in the War," "The Battles of the Somme," "Ex-Service Men in World Affairs" (by C. R. Collins), "Poison Gas Warfare" (by A.T.W.), "Passing of the Puttee" (by J.S.L.) and an article by Mira Louise.

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FLOODS, CRICKET AND BEER

As Shakespearean critics might say: according to the internal evidence, the following contribution from Katanning is the work of two hands. Seemingly the right hand did not know what the left was doing:—

A cupler itshos ago you said in "The Listening Post" that you were changing your arm when you printed our chief correspondant's article about the Katanning-Kojonup cricket match.

Well, Dig., our chief correspondent told me that he would be a bit late and as a speshul request I offered to roand up a bit of news for him to write about. Having made that explanation, you see that I am duty bound to send you my impressions of the return match, Katanning-Kojonup, which even chewed last Sunday.

Knowing something about this reporting game, I new that I had to write about something which would hold the interest of your large body of readers, so I went out-footed after Jack Finlay and interrogated him about the great flood inundations which recently put Kojonup on the map. No body new much about Kojonup except that it was the place the horses used to stop for a drink in the Perth-Albany stage coach days.

The only difference these days of motor cars is that now the travellers stop for several drinks. Any of the Perth Digs. read the paper that their lunch is rapped in, they must have seen that Kojonup recently suffered great loss in the devastating deluge.

Jack told me that the waters were 40 miles wide, but I wouldn't swallow all that, so I asked him for clarification, as believe it or not he was telling the truth all the time, as you will read about later.

When the water started to outflank the town, Jack let loose 40 full drums of petrol. He now they would float and he did not wish to be found guilty of any wanted petrol in a hurry. When daylight came he could not see a drum anywhere, so he dived in off the roof of the hall and started to swim round the district to see if he could sight any of them.

He located most of them, but had to swim ruly about 20 miles, and only once did he see anything of dry land; and can you beat it, that dry land was where the Katanning town dam was supposed to be!

On the return journey he colyedd with an incised object, and curious like he dived down to see if it was the wireless mast of 6WA or Bill Partridge’s pub, and what do you think he found? why it was the chimney stack of his own blooming bulk store!

I was so overcome with remorse that I did not have the heart to interview the other Kojonup Diggers who were victims of the great flood, so I had a chat with Jimmy Old about his experiences and that’s why I no that Jack Finlay was telling the truth.

Jimmy set out for Kojonup by car early the next day, but becoming trapped in the flood waters he had to stop for it. So seeing the top of what he thought was a familiar tree he struck out north-west. It was tough going, according to Jim—the waves were so damned high that they were breaking over the tree and sometimes he got lost.

Anyway, he evenchewly reached the tree and beat this one; there was Jack Finlay diving off the top branches looking for his lost drums. They had a bit of an argument as to who had done it for it, Jack contended that Broomhill was straight under, but Jim wouldn’t have it, as he knew that drowned tree only too well: it was on the Carrolup golf links and he hit it with his drive too often to be mistaken. He would no it if it would have 200 yards to water and not 80.

Well, Mr. Editor, our chief correspondent has just arrived at the station, so I have to hand over the job to him; but before I close I would like to menshun that this business of being assistent is lousy and I am betwen in time you want a good blouse for errrying a bit of news in the bush. Please reply soon, as I will be on the ole age penshun in about 15 years, and then I won’t want any work.

When I requested my assistant to help me a little, I had in mind that he would repeat the opposing captains of the respective teams and ascertain whether of them was confident of victory and what material they possessed which would lead them to such an assumption. He apparently misunderstood me, and although I am far from my idea of a report of cricket match, I would be pleased if you would again chance your arm and print some of scrawl, as the allighter has an idea that the sub-branch wait until you Chief correspondent next year. He is a doey cow, but he does make himself useful occasionally at our sub-branch.

Remembering your last injunction to go a bit light, I will not write anything which will have the effect of endangering your site, but it is always possible that the in trest of your enterist can do in cases of this nature.

Interviewed as he passed through Fremantle on his return from Europe, Mr. P. C. Spender, M.H.R., expressed the view that Australia should play a more prominent part in determining the foreign policy of the Empire. "I was astonished," he said, "to find that there was a substantial body of opinion, not confined to any particular party, which did not hesitate to say that if peace could be secured by the return of colonies to Germany, that steps should be taken.

The extent to which that represents public opinion in England is, of course, another matter; but the fact that one can find that opinion, even in a minority, in all parties in England indicates that it is vitally important for Australia to stiffen opinion in England, particularly in respect to the mandated territories, which are of great importance to Australia. I have all along advocated that Australia should take a deliberate part in the forming of the foreign policy of the Empire, and my trip has further, convinced me that it is a vital necessity. The average Englishman has no knowledge of Australia and its problems. The majority still regard Australia as a colony."
SENIOR SERVICE TELEGRAMS

Before the end of last year, Colonel Collett suggested to the Minister for Defence that the expense of communicating by telegram with members of the Royal Australian Navy might be considerably reduced. Most of the expense was incurred through the number of words which had to be used in the address, and Colonel Collett suggested that the adoption of a coded telegraphic address might effect a saving for relatives and friends. The Minister for Defence replied that in future it would be necessary to include only the following particulars of addresses in private messages to ratings in His Majesty's Australian ships—one Christian name, surname, warship (not H.M.A.S.) and name of ship, port, e.g., James Bell, Warship Canberra, Brisbane. The Minister said that the application of a coded telegraphic address would not be practicable, nor could further economy be effected with the foregoing minimum address, which is comparable to that of a telegram sent to a civilian ashore. The Minister added that the Naval Board would inform the personnel of H.M.A. Naval Service of the essential details of the address of telegrams despatched to them by relatives and friends ashore.

OUR ANZAC NUMBER

As in former years, we intend to publish a special Anzac number next month, and would welcome contributions of stories, articles, verse and sketches, dealing with any phase of the Great War. These should not be longer than necessary and should reach us by April 8 at the very latest.

AUNTIE MAC'S CORNER

Matrimonial Worries Solved

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

AUNTIE MAC'S VOTE

Politics! girls and boys, can you imagine your Auntie Mac being mixed up in politics? True enough, I've enough to do as it is, and any time over I like to give to the flicks. Mind you, I've got a vote and I use it when the time comes; but I like someone interesting and handsome to vote for, someone like Robert Taylor, Tyrone Power or that newly-elected popular printing president, Stan Watt. At the same time, Nevvies, I don't mind if he isn't quite handsome, so long as he has the M.B.E. like Bill Hunt; but no "Plug Uglies" for me, thanks.

Every day they bang my door. I'll be glad when the 18th is come and gone. One candidate, a woman, or at least she said she was, looked as though she had been slimming or summat. She had a figure like a spirit-level. If she had lost her latch key she could have slipped in through the crack under the door.

"You will give me your vote, won't you?" she said. "It's up to every woman to support the Cause. When I get there I'll make my presence felt for the mothers and children of Australia."

"Gertcha! Give me a real woman, not an undersized walking shadow that has never run the risk of being married," I said to her. "Hop it, I'm busy. It's but developer you want, not my vote."

Then a bloke called who looked just the opposite. Coo, lummy, girls, you should have seen him. What a pantry! I bet he hadn't seen his legs for years, unless it was in a photo. He stood at the door and puffed: "Goo' mornin', Mrs. Er-um-ah." He'd clean forgotten the jolly old name. "Auntie Mac," says I. "Ah, yes, of course, of course," he says, "so it is, so it is. I am your candidate, Auntie Mac, and I am relying on your vote on the 18th. The Legislative Assembly need men of my calibre, and I want you to keep the date in mind."

He wasn't half puffing; the gold chain on his pantry fair got the dithers. "The 18th?" says I, "why, that's the day I'm going to Wyalkatchem for a fortnight, and I refuse to put it off to vote for you—or Skinny Lizzie."

Next came old Bugwhiskers. His face was most part covered with whiskers and the rest of it with dirt. No soap firm would ever get rich on him. I forget his name, but it sounded like a battlefield in the wilds. Still, if he had washed I suppose no one would have recognised him. "'Ere's a copy of the Ruddy Star, Sister," he said. "Read it, then give us ya vote. We'll fix 'em."

"Scram," I said. "You couldn't have my vote if you were drowning." Not that there was any danger of him getting all that near to water!

His rival fair pushed me over. He knocked at the door and said: "Howdy to-day, Auntie Mac? The old pot-and-pan all right as well? Tell me, why do they call a nice young lady like you 'Auntie'? I expected to see an old dame! By the way, can I expect your jolly old vote?"

Well, girles, he was so understanding, but I wasn't going to give my vote to anyone. "Are you a returned ex-service man?" I asked. "Gosh, pal," he replied, "don't you read your Listening Post? Too eyes right I am!" How could I help it with such a nice fello? We rarely see men like him nowadays.

"Say, Buddy," I says, "you can count it in the bag." "Well, if that ain't swell, my dark-eyed Venus," he says.

And would you believe it, lads, nobody has called me that since the bottle-o was a-courting me!

BRIGHTER WARS FOR SOLDIERS

Dear Auntie Mac:

I am sure if the R.S.L. were to organise a women's battalion of local militia, Australian women and girls would immediately answer the call. I know I would. I should love to think I was doing my bit...
for the Empire.—Marjorie (Mosman-Park.)

When I showed this letter to Dick Collins he said (very crude fellow, Dick): "Lawks, Mac-oh! Let's have another war quick. I'd like a basinful of that."

LOVE BALM

My husband is very handsome and attracts other women and girls. I have decided to go away for six months to see if that will cure him.—Nora (Nedlands.)

It will cure him easily, I should imagine, Norah (Nedlands), unless you go and spoil it all by coming back.

Both the girl friend and I are out of work, but she keeps on hinting that we should get married. What's a bloke to do?—Yob (York.)

Tell her you will on no account marry her till she has got work. If you give way now, Yob (York) you will create a bad precedent.

I've been courting for fifteen years a girl who says she loves me dearly, yet she will not marry me; and when I suggest that we part she threatens to kill herself. What's your opinion.—Daley Snooze.

Keep going another fifteen years, old man; anno Domini will probably solve your problem.

Next month: How to cure warts.

A.I.F. UNIFORMS REQUIRED

For an exhibit which is being arranged in the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, R.A.N. and A.I.F. uniforms worn during the Great War are required. In addition, leggings of the regulation pattern worn by Australians, one of the Tommy peaked caps worn by the infantry at the Landing, leather and woollen gloves of the type used during the winter of 1916-17, service chevrons and wound stripes, specialist badges, brassards and arm bands and P.H. gas helmets are needed.

Uniforms of the R.A.N.B.T. and of the A.N.M.E.F.—officers or other ranks, or both—are also wanted.

Will any Digger who still has his uniform (or parts of it), badges or arms and equipment of any kind which he is prepared to make available for this worthy purpose please communicate with the Director, Australian War Memorial, Canberra, A.C.T.

February 8, 1939

At the meeting of the State executive on February 8, there were present Messrs. Olden, Philip, Panton, Denton, Hunt, Lamie, Fordman, Nicholas, Anderson, Watt, Thorn, Margolin, Warner, Paton, Potts, Sten, Fairley, Mitchell, Logie and Johnstone. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Aberle, Butler, Collett, James, Keesing, Cornish, Cornish, Lawton and Austin.

Relief.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees for the month of January revealed that 34 cases had been assisted at a cost of £53/7/5. A report by the trustees for assistance to soldier settlers in the Albany district, who had suffered losses through the recent storms, was received.

United Services.—The report of the trustees of the United Services Fund for the month of January showed that 38 cases had been assisted at a cost of £43/10/-.  

Defence.—The Defence Committee submitted a suggestion for consideration at the meeting of the Federal executive in March. After discussion, it was agreed that the report be considered further at the next meeting.

Visits.—The following visits were reported: Colonel Fairley and Mr. Potts, Mandurah sub-branch; Colonel Fairley, Moorine Rock and Southern Cross; Mr. Sten, Mosman Park, mon and North-East Fremantle; Messrs. Philip, Johnstone and the State secretary, South-West Reunion, Donnybrook; Mr. Wate, Albany and Mt. Barker; Mr. Paton, Mosman Park; Mr. Nicholas, Heathcote Reception Home.

Mr. Logie was appointed to represent the executive at Waroona on March 18.

Federal Executive.—As the result of a ballot, Mr. Paton was chosen to represent the West Australian Branch at the meeting of the Federal Executive in March.

Hutment Colony.—The committee appointed to deal with congress resolutions concerning this matter submitted its report and suggested that a limited scheme for a hutment colony for aged unmarried returned sailors and soldiers not requiring medical treatment was desirable, and that an endowment be made to establish and equip ten huts on land which is believed to be available. The huts to cost not more than £100 each. A motion for the adoption of the report was lost and the following amendment was carried: "That this executive report back to congress that matters on this subject and going into every aspect, the scheme is considered to be impracticable."

Ninth Biennial Conference, B.E.S.L.—Deferred until next meeting.

Full Citizen Rights: Aboriginais.—Received.

Royal Australian Navy Base at Fremantle.—Received.

Employment Grant.—Received.

Tree: State War Memorial.—The secretary of the King's Park Board (Mr. J. E. Watson) suggested that the League should procure 1 cwt. of soil from the vicinity of the War Memorial at Villers Bretonneaux, together with a seed of a tree from St. Monument Wood, and he would undertake to raise a tree for planting in the vicinity of the State War Memorial. It was agreed that the suggestion be referred to the State War Me—
ARMADALE

There was a good attendance, which included several visitors, at the monthly meeting on February 8. The following office-bearers elected on January 11 entered upon their duties: President, Mr. W. Kerrie; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. W. White and L. W. Cornell; secretary, Mr. J. Tudor; treasurer, Mr. W. Berry; committee, Messrs. G. White, J. Gray, J. Saw and F. Robinson. A matter of special interest, concerning the geographical position of Armadale, was raised during the discussion of general business. As the main roads from Perth, Fremantle and suburbs converge on the township, it was felt that, in the event of an air raid, motor traffic heading for Armadale and the bush beyond would be of such magnitude as to warrant special provision for dealing with such a contingency. Under such circumstances the erection of a first-aid station or hospital would be a necessity. It was decided to invite an officer of the Forestry Department to give a lecture to the sub-branch, conveying expert information of the department’s organisation in the event of such a catastrophe, including large-scale fire control, which may be one of the problems of the future. The sports programme is kept to the fore. A main event of last month was the cricket match against the Cottesloe sub-branch. The social side flourishes under the benign eye of the secretary. One cannot help admiring the dexterous way the village Smithie and his allies manipulate the “teapot.” Their skill is equalled only by that of one Parrish at the piano. The social gatherings are always enlivened by the puckish humour of Don and the stories and recitations of Tom, whose fund of yarns is almost without end.

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bers, were welcomed to the February general meeting by President Williams. Among them was Colonel R. B. Colcutt, who came along while he had the opportunity. Business matters included the appointment of Mr. R. G. Hummerson as unio...po...y officer for the sub-branch, the Nigt in Paris, which the same artists put on last year with such remarkable success. Members are advised that tickets will be limited to two double tickets per member until March 15, after which it will be an "open go," and the last to apply will be stiff. Inquiries at this date indicate that tickets will be out of issue almost as soon as the printer finishes them, but the restrictions hold good until the 15th as stated. There will be no reserved seats, and a limited number only will be admitted to avoid unplanned overflow encroaching. The annual river trip was a financial success owing wholly to the sweeping well in hand previously. It was again elected president. The sweep stake was put on by the assistance of two members of the committee. The collection to date for the Age of the late father, who was patron and a firm friend of the sub-branch to the day of his death.

Collections to date for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund amount to £7. The collector (Mr. J. L. Vincent) will be pleased to hear from all who agree with him that the result should be better. Donations may be sent to him at the North Fremantle State School, or to the secretary, Mr. A. C. Cook, of Lalwalde, Keane street, Peppermint Grove. It is the collector's intention to raise the amount to £15 before he hands in the report. A committee of five was appointed to assist in remedying the present position. The members are Lieut.-Colonel Athol Hobbs and Messrs. N. A. McArthur, W. C. Sanderson, Norman Timpney, C. L. Harvey, and J. G. Capps. G. Armstrong was elected state secretary to assist in remedying the present position. There are five members who have taken the sweep stake with the score of 119. Actually the honours were with No. 2, who were beaten by time only. Good luck, cricketers, for the remaining games. The usual bridge hands were at it again and Bill Henderson just managed to get away with the sweep stake with the score of 1103. We would like to see a few more enthusiasts. The sub-branch is well represented on the local sub-branch of the Australian Defence League and the following names are added to the membership. No...2 batted first and knocked up a score of 57, which No. 1 beat by 11 runs up to No. 12. Five members have batting averages of over 20 runs, and eleven have averages of 10. In the bowling department, there are five members who have taken wickets for under 13 runs apiece. A. Wagner made 100 in the match against the Sub-branch and G. Grove, who recently spent a holiday in Albany, was of great assistance in many ways to the sub-branch, and thanks for his services have been placed on record. The report of the Management Committee on the question of flood relief was given at length. The resolution of the committee, with the approval of Mr. E. Y. Butler, employment was found for three members. A message to ex-Imperials from Mr. E. S. Watt, of the State executive, was read with appreciation. Mr. Watt, who recently spent a holiday in Albany, was of great assistance in many ways to the sub-branch, and thanks for his services have been placed on record. The report of the Management Committee on the question of flood relief was given at length. The resolution of the committee, with the approval of Mr. E. Y. Butler, employment was found for three members. A message to ex-Imperials from Mr. E. S. Watt, of the State executive, was read with appreciation. The sub-branch was welcomed to the meeting on February 7, when the president will be stiff. Inquiries at this date indicate that tickets will be out of issue almost as soon as the printer finishes them, but the restrictions hold good until the 15th as stated. There will be no reserved seats, and a limited number only will be admitted to avoid unplanned overflow encroaching.

The annual meeting was held at the road board room, Pinjarra, on January 14. There was a good attendance of members. Mr. W. Marsh, who has successfully guided the affairs of the sub-branch throughout the past two and a half years, was again elected president. Walter will have the assistance of two enthusiastic workers as vice-presidents in R. McLaury and H. G. in the following year. The sub-branch has been considerably curtailed as the result of the formation of a sub-branch at Mandurah. About twelve months ago, a sub-branch was formed at Dwellignup, which up to that date had been part of the Murray and now Mandurah has taken the step. However, although the Murray sub-branch area may now look somewhat like Czechoslovakia on the map, there is still ample work for President Marsh and his lieutenants in the Pinjarra district.

COTTESLOE

There were 41 members at the monthly meeting on February 7, when the president (Arthur White) welcomed three new members. A very pleasing function took place when Lieut.-Colonel Athol Hobbs presented the sub-branch with a photograph of his late father, who was patron and a firm friend of the sub-branch to the day of his death.
through the floods were carried. Letters from the Prime Minister and Mr. J. H. Prowse, M.H.R., on the subject of defence were read, but action was deferred, pending a final letter from the Prime Minister. The secretary reported on the repair and purchase of articles for the returned men's ward of the local hospital. He stated that Messrs. J. Williamson and W. Donnes had agreed to supply whatever else was needed at their own expense.

FREMANTLE

It has been decided to hold a dinner on May 11, and it is hoped that this will become an annual event. The cost will be five shillings a member, but those intending to be members may commence working off the fine by giving it to the secretary in weekly instalments. A musical programme is to be arranged and further details will be published later. The darts club is progressing well, but could do with more support. Matches with other sub-branches are desired. Members are notified that the sub-branch has a notice board on the Town Hall in William Street, whereon they may acquaint themselves of what is happening.

MUNDIJOUNG-JARRAHOALE

The monthly meeting was held in the Mundijong Hall on February 11, with Mr. Tom Tait in the chair. New members continue to join up and it is hoped that membership this year will exceed all previous records. On February 14, a dozen members paid a visit to the Nedlands sub-branch and had a most enjoyable evening. The secretary (Tom Duckrell) reminds members that subscriptions are now due.

MT. HELENA AND DISTRICTS

There were about 14 members present at the monthly meeting on February 20. Progress reports indicate that the smoke social, to be held on March 17, will be a great success. It is hoped that the State president and secretary will be present. The progress of the recently-formed local troop of 10th Light Horse is being followed with interest by members. The officer commanding (Lieut. C. Cameron) is a member of the sub-branch. Mr. Joe Blundell has recently relinquished the secretarial duties and Mr. A. J. McGregor has taken over the duties of scribe. The amelioration fund and general fund are in a healthy condition, which augurs well for the future.

PERTH

Stop! Look! Listen! A huge Jumble Sale, commencing at 10.30 a.m., will be held in Monash House, corner Hay and King Streets, Perth, on Thursday, April 20. If you have anything to donate, such as old clothes, shoes, pottery, ornaments, etc., please bring them along to Monash House as soon as possible, because all articles will be received. Do not forget to come along on the day of the jumble sale. The next general meeting of the sub-branch will be on March 14. Come along, don't let the heat keep you away. Be sure and come to the social and dance, held in Monash House every Saturday night.

SOUTH PERTH

By Jerry the P.O.

A broad hint was dropped and some unsavoury remarks passed just recently about how long it takes the sub-branch scribe to recover from his Christmas dinner; so now that I know there are at least another two readers of the notes, there is some encouragement to defy the mosquitoes for an hour indoors to scribble. Having only a hazy recollection of the December meeting, we can but refer to it as a huge success, and the only excitement on the warm January evening was the arrival of a committee-man in the only sensible attire for such an evening. Those who were unable to souvenir a hair from his legs may obtain one by making personal application and a donation of not less than a guinea to the amelioration fund. The troops turned out in full force to the February meeting, when our genial cobber and assistant State secretary (Carl Ferguson) gave us a homely chat about pensions. The only thing he could not enlighten us on was how to get a pension for a prominent member who had put his foot in it and how many women could be made from Adam's broken ribs. The said Adam was noticed a few days later with a car full of females. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23, the sports and entertainment committee have not yet decided what the do with us, but come prepared to get into training for the A.R.M.S. competition. On Saturday, March 25, the S.S.L. start their dancing season with a monster carnival in the Swan Street Hall. These dances were a huge success both financially and otherwise last year. The boys have a fairly substantial bank balance and are providing the youth of South Perth with decently conducted entertainment. On Thursday, March 30, we have a date with the women's auxiliary. These periodic combined evenings

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are very enjoyable and those that have been before do not need persuasion. On Sunday, March 26, there will be a youngsters’ picnic at the Zoo. This includes the S.S.L. and sub-branch members and their families. We are patronising a local spot this year instead of travelling to Peppermint Grove. It looks like a busy week: Thursday, 23rd, monthly meeting, Saturday, 25th, S.S.L. dance; Sunday, 26th, Zoo picnic; Thursday, 30th, combined evening with the auxiliary. However, South Perth members are not growing many, as is generally supposed, and have just been having a breather before annexing the A.R.M. Shield again, to say nothing of the Collett Shield, the McKinlay Shield and the Newdegate Cup. The sub-branch employment officer is Mr. J. D. Robinson, 90 Douglas Avenue, and any unemployed not already enrolled are asked to do so immediately.

MOORA

The great annual cricket match—Old Soldiers’ Rifle Club—was played on Sunday, February 26, and, as is always the case, was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned. Alastair for fast bowling and stiffening joints, for the second year in succession the honours went to the apex-rice brigade, despite good bowling by Ward, Gladwell and Joe Langan, and a gallant display of sturdy hitting by Gladwell, top scorer for the veterans. But it was a great game, played as cricket should be played, in the most friendly spirit imaginable, with cheerful interludes in the canteen where the service and refreshments were all that could be desired.

MT. YOKINE

Two buses and many private cars and trucks conveyed members and friends to Point Walter for the annual picnic on February 12. The committee, including Jack Lanigan, Secretary Franklin and the president (Frank Gillett) are to be congratulated on their successful arrangements. The outstanding feature of the function was the ginger beer kindly donated by the Swan Brewery through the efforts of Mr. S. R. McDonnell, who has proved a good friend to the sub-branch. Brown’s Ltd., of North Perth, kept the ginger beer in cold storage, along with ice cream purchased there, free of charge. Mr. T. Richards, of Osborne Park, provided cold storage for the fruit. Other donations included two cases of fruit (Mr. Fred Emery), a case of figs (Mr. F. Gillett), a case of grapes (Mr. C. Sander), while Mr. James, of North Perth, donated ten shillings towards the expenses. A long sports programme was completed before the end of a perfect day. The teams for the A.R.M.S. competitions are now getting into their stride, and there has been a marked improvement in many sections.

BOULDER

A special meeting of the executive committee was held on March 1 for the purpose of framing new rules, etc., to govern the amelioration fund. Ted Lennell, a past president, is still pulling his weight. Ted was elected treasurer at a recent meeting and Pat Caine, who is also a past president, was elected as a vice-president. They are both old stawarts and take a keen interest in the affairs of the sub-branch. Secretary Vic O’Grady is back in harness, but his eyes are still giving him trouble, which is a big handicap to him. Executive member Jack Trotter is present at present away at Norseman, and Roy Hilton is enjoying the sea breezes at Esperance, whilst Jack Edwards and Bob Whiteley are preparing the purpose at the new Olympia Pool. The affairs of the sub-branch are going smoothly and everything points to another successful year.

PITHARA

The sub-branch has been in its summer recess which takes place between December 18, 1938, and March 19 next, when the annual general meeting with balance sheet and election of office-bearers will take place. Notwithstanding the recess, however, the committee is steadily pushing forward plans for the sub-branch’s annual sports meeting, which is scheduled to take place on April 11, and posters and leaflets are steadily being pushed out into surrounding districts. Mr. A. E. Butt was appointed steward to the Aged Soldiers’ Fund in place of Mr. E. Harrington, who has been transferred to Mosman sub-branch, and the latter’s position on the committee has been filled by Mr. F. Thompson. One-time members of this sub-branch seen in the city recently were Messrs. Jim McConnell (44th), Willoughby Forman (11th), Charlie Barnes (51st), Ernie Harrington (8th L.I.H.) and Dinnie Morrell (R.N.).

MOUNT HAWTHORN

The attendance at the last meeting was above the average number, and since the annual meeting nine new members have joined. The women’s auxiliary, with the sub-branch are entertaining the Lemnos patients on March 26 with a motor outing and then a tea at the hall in Oxford Street. Entry is 10d. if reserved on last week. On March 28 an evening to the Poppy Day sellers will be held, and a good night is assured. A moving film of Allenby in Palestine will be given at the meeting on March 30 by Mr. Lightbody, and we hope to see a full meeting, as it is most interesting. A table tennis team went across to Mt. Lawley on March 2, and after a great game just won, and all spoke highly of the way the games were played, also for the hospitality of the Mt. Lawley sub-branch to them.

MOSMAN PARK

The February general meeting was held on the 28th, and was well attended. Geo. Ashworth who recently returned from a trip to the Eastern States was in the chair and two new members were introduced to the meeting. Due to increased activity of members, and the acquisition of the hall, the nominal roll now presents a healthy appearance, and the eightieth name should make its appearance at the next general meeting. If all members who are eligible to vote do so, we hope to interest non-members that some of the stalwarts have we should soon be in sight of the goal that was our aim in pre-depression days, namely, 100 members. If that figure was possible in the days when we had no facilities, it should be doubly easy now with a hall at our disposal. All members are asked to make a private drive for new members and see if we cannot exceed that figure. A resolution that we form a sub-branch of the Sons of Soldiers’ League in the district was passed. To all this we may add that the eightieth name should make its appearance at the next general meeting.

A resolution was also passed asking the committee in charge of the Anzac Day arrangements to slow down the tempo of the march out of consideration for those older members, who find it difficult to step out to the usual march time. A sign of the times surely, still “Old soldiers never die,” etc. The annual picnic held at the Zoo on Sunday, February 26, was an unqualified success. We are becoming used to everything Bill Stothard puts his hand to being a success, but that looks like the firing squad for him if it ever lets us down. The anniversary competition will not be continued at our next meeting. Instead the various skippers will take charge and pep up their teams for the A.R.M.S. competition. Skippers are: shooting, Bill Gibson; quoits, Syd. Johnson; table tennis, John Love; draughts, Geo. Deery; bridge and skippers to be selected. The next general meeting will be held on March 28 and members are asked to bring along any article they may have suitable for disposal at the jumble sale to be held shortly.

BASSENEAN

The monthly meeting was held on February 16, when a good muster was present.
The president welcomed four new members in the traditional manner, thus bringing the total of new members to seven for 1939. The annual river picnic was held on Sunday, February 26, when a bumper crowd attended. The river trip was enlivened by community singing and vocalists accompanied by the violin and piano. During the afternoon the party indulged in the games and sports, ably arranged and conducted by Menz and. Perkins and Leng. Great credit is due to the social secretary (Ron Lovelock) for the able manner in which he carried out the task allotted to him to make the picnic the success it was. The monthly sports night was held on Thursday, March 2. There were between 35 and 40 present. The social secretary will be pleased to hear of any suggestions for new games which will help to make the evenings more enjoyable. Unemployed men, don't forget to give your names to Perkins, and keep in touch with him for your own good.

VICTORIA PARK

At the last meeting the members were asked to elect a new team of officers for the ensuing year. They decided on the sitting president (Eric Lloyd) being elected for another twelve months—good judges. With him are a strong band of workers, C. Straw being the new secretary, and amongst the committee we notice old stalwarts such as A. Nicol and Old Joe. We have just made the fourth payment of £100 in as many years off the principal of the Memorial Hall, erected by the sub-branch in this district. In conjunction with the women’s auxiliary, a river trip trip was bound for Yanchep to King’s Point, to say nothing of the other place of call. Leaving the city at 10.30 and arriving back at 8.30, every one of the 250 aboard voted it a wonderful day. The dances held every Wednesday and alternative Saturdays by the sub-branch are very popular and well attended and many thanks go to our president for the conducting of same. Members seem very keen to enter the Archbishop Riley competitions. This year judging by the debate and election of a strong sports committee at the last general meeting on February 26, there were between 35 and 40 present. The social secretary will be pleased to hear of any suggestions for new games which will help to make the evenings more enjoyable. Unemployed men, don't forget to give your names to Perkins, and keep in touch with him for your own good.

CUP COMPETITIONS

Already the circular regarding the cup competitions for the ensuing year is in the hands of branch secretaries. It is hoped that every auxiliary will endeavour to send in a report for the competition this year.

The following constitutes a summary from last year’s reports. It is interesting to note the diversity of activities and the many ways and means auxiliary have of assisting both the local sub-branch and the R.S.L. in general:

Fremantle—Winners Hopperton Cup, 1938; general good work; motor outings outstanding.

Gnowangerup—Consistent work, with excellent Empire Shopping Week effort.

Bunbury—Donation to R.S.L. General Fund (£100) and to R.S.L. Amelioration Fund (£30).

Northam—Main effort was raising funds for Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund; effective in view, £100.

Harvey—Donated £30 towards new R.S.L. hall; furnished kitchen and gave piano.

Meredith—Assisted returned soldiers and their dependents; raised £8 for Toec H State-wide Boys’ Camp Appeal.

Busselton—Activities included snowball campaign, card parties, Easter evening; proceeds over £50; R.S.L. sharing equally.

Collie—Queen Carnival, £67; donated £35 towards new floor in R.S.L. Hall.

South Portland’s effort was to help the sub-branch to Cairo City, which raised £370 for various charities.

Maylands—Visits paid to Lemnos, Old Men’s Home, Repat. Ward, Edward Millen; £17 being spent on this work.

Subiaco—Pays monthly visit to Old Men’s Home, taking each Digger a box with cake, fruit and sweets in it; musical programme provided at the same time for all inmates of the Home.

Victoria Park—Chief efforts have been expended in helping the sub-branch to reduce debt on the R.S.L. Hall.

Mt. Helena—With only ten members, auxiliary has paid 6/6/- to R.S.L. Amelioration Fund.

Darling Range—Fruit costing £41 per month sent to hospitals; 45/5/- to S.S.L. fund; Christmas cheer cost £10; community con-

merous games were enjoyed after the meeting. Mac scored a victory over the draught champion and James showed good shooting with three bulls out of three shots. Light refreshments were ably served by the mess orderlies, "Nigger" and "Wendle." Next meeting: April 6.

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The first meeting of the year took place on February 15. The President (Mrs. Shand) congratulated Mrs. Geddes who celebrated her 87th birthday on February 8. The sympathy of all goes out to our member, Mrs. V. Lester, in the sad loss of one son and the serious accident of another who, we are glad to know, is on the road to recovery. Mrs. Hills, of Bridgetown auxiliary, was a welcome visitor at the meeting. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Hill for two cases of plums and to Bridgetown auxiliary for a bag of sugar to be made into jam for the Diggers at the Old Men's Home. Mrs. Cribb and Mrs. Turpin undertook this duty, 114 jars being conveyed to the boys. Bunbury auxiliary has now sent its full quota of homemade biscuits for the Diggers, which are included in our usual monthly box. It is a kindly thought which is much appreciated. On February 28 a social and dance was held in the social hall, Subico, in honour of Mr. S. Field, who is leaving this State to reside in Sydney. On behalf of the auxiliary the president presented the guest of honour with a clock and expressed regret at losing such a good member. Appreciated items were contributed. These included a sketch by Mesdames A. Hall, A. Holmes, E. Shaw, E. Marwick, A. Newman and M. Wells; songs and recitations by Mesdames E. Hillbrick, M. Diggle, E. Williams, H. Lanyon, Misses V. Cribb, B. Williams and Lionel Nagel. On Wednesday, March 1, the monthly visit was paid to the Diggers at the Old Men's Home. A concert by the artists who took part in the sketch was much appreciated.

MT. HAWTHORN

The first meeting of the year was held on February 8 and was attended by over 40 members. Mrs. Kay was in the chair. Mr. Williams, the newly-elected president of the sub-branch, also attended the meeting. We were very pleased to welcome back Mrs. H. Richardson after her long illness, but are sorry to report Mrs. N. Jackson and Mrs. McDermid are both in hospital. Mesdames Fletcher and Williams reported on their visit to the old soldiers at the Old Men's Home and Mesdames Stockman and Richardson to the Repat. ward. It was pleasing to note our S.S.L. again carried off the cup at the S.S.L. sports picnic at Mosman's park for 1939. Members who were not at the meeting are asked to note auxiliary birthday party on March 9. Tea for Lemos and Edward Millen Home patients on March 26 and poppy social on Wednesday, March 29, all functions to be held in Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Oxford Street.
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<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>Lieut-Colonel H. C. Bundoock, Artillery Barracks</td>
<td>S. Lugby, 42 Holland St., Fremantle (East)</td>
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<td>NORTHUMEROTH</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club Rooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. C. S. Colebatch, Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
<td>A. Barlow, Northampron</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. L. Menkens, 30 Redfern St. North Perth</td>
<td>G. C. Curlew, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Monash House, 23 King Street, Perth.</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
<td>J. O’Farrell, 223 Fitzgerald Street, Perth</td>
<td>H. W. Riggs, 26 Elizabeth St., North Perth</td>
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<td>PINGELLY</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>F. Archer, East Pin gelly</td>
<td>W. Holder, “Monash House,” 23 King St., Perth</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>Ar Luncheon, Y.M.C.A., Murray Street</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>E. S. Watt, c/o, Imperial Print, Hay St., Perth</td>
<td>M. Sargent, Pin gelly</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Pithara</td>
<td>1st Saturday in month, alt.</td>
<td>E. T. Roberts, Pithara</td>
<td>R. Biggs, c/o, “West Australian”</td>
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<td>POPANYNING</td>
<td>Yoranning and Popанинг</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yoranning</td>
<td>L. G. W. Browning, East Pithara</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>L. E. Taplin, Pt. Hedland</td>
<td>C. J. Mc Gannige, Popanyning</td>
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<td>QUIARING &amp; DISTRICT</td>
<td>Quairading Hall &amp; Dangin Hostel, alternatively Warden’s Court</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>V. D. Fallon, Quairading</td>
<td>E. J. O’Regan, Pt. Hedland</td>
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<td>RAVENTHORPE</td>
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<td>E. P. Newton, Ravens thorpe</td>
<td>J. R. T. Keast, Quairading</td>
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<td>SUBIAO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokey Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Ern. Congdon, 65 Hensman Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>J. T. Smith, Ravens thorpe</td>
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<td>TAMBLELLUP</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club Rooms, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. Steele, Tamablellup</td>
<td>J. Newman, “Marsden,” 17 Ord St., West Perth</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
<td>A. Dickson, Tamablellup</td>
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<td>TRAYNING - YELBENI</td>
<td>Traying</td>
<td>Every 4th Sunday</td>
<td>F. Smeeton, Traying</td>
<td>E. J. Wright, Toodyay</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Eric F. Lloyd, 29 Esperance Street, Vic. Park</td>
<td>F. E. Dyson, Traying</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTINGE</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>A. B. Dinnie, Bunting</td>
<td>F. J. Stout, 43 Cleaver Street, West Perth</td>
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<td>JIBBERING</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. J. Ingle, 223 Cambridge Street, Wembley</td>
<td>P. G. Riegert, Yarloop</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Yarloop Hotel</td>
<td>4th Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>I. Meredith, Yarloop</td>
<td>Roy J. Kerr, Yealering</td>
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<td>WEMBLEY</td>
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<td>VARLOOP AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Comm’t Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Colin Thorn, York</td>
<td>G. M. Maley, c/o, Y.G.M. Ltd., Yealering</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Youanni Hotel</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
<td>H. A. Packer, Youanni</td>
<td>E. B. Rice, Yealering</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>Youanni</td>
<td>1st Saturday after 18th month</td>
<td>Hugh A. Leslie, Wyalkathers</td>
<td>Tel. 31</td>
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<td>YOUANUMLI</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, bi-monthly, Apr. June, Aug. etc.</td>
<td>A. D. Bullard, Waroona</td>
<td>J. Brearley, Waroona</td>
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<td>WYALKATECHM</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. E. Tyler, Rivervale</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, 116 Churchill Ave, Subiaco. Phone B9621</td>
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<td>WARIOONA-HAMEL</td>
<td>Padbury House, cr. St. George’s Terr. &amp; King Street</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday</td>
<td>Dr. Johnston, Wiluna</td>
<td>D. Fullarton, Box 104, Wiluna</td>
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<td>2nd Saturday in each month</td>
<td>R. S.L. Sub-Branch Women’s Auxiliaries</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
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