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"THE MISSION AND THE PURPOSE"

"They are men with a mission and purpose. They are more like Cromwell's Ironsides than Rupert's Cavaliers. All of you would have been impressed by their attitude of quiet determination."—Mr. Anthony Eden, on the Dominion forces in Egypt and Palestine

The Dominion Secretary's comparison of the Dominion forces with Cromwell's Ironsides is a very apt one. In our own pages we have mentioned again and again that the men of the original A.I.F. were more akin to Cromwell's Ironsides than to any other force in British history. In each force there was the same reason and almost passionate devotion to a cause which was held sacred by the individual. There was the same system of promotion from the ranks on the basis of efficiency rather than caste; the same free and easy camaraderie between commissioned and other ranks; and the same confidence that, whatever hardships were to be faced, and whatever temporary setbacks had to be encountered, victory would ultimately crown our arms. Mr. Eden has been a soldier himself, and he is a shrewd judge of men. Praise from such a source is well worth having, and it is gratifying to all Australians to know that Mr. Eden's estimate of the new Anzacs agrees with those of others equally competent.

In the face of this praise, we cannot help deploring two tendencies that have recently manifested themselves in Australia. One is the tendency to make the employment of the Australian man-at-arms a matter of party politics; the other is the strange tendency to wrangle over war aims before the war has started in earnest. It is recognised that strategical considerations are almost invariably influenced and not infrequently outweighed by political considerations. Nevertheless, if we allow civilian politicians to settle the details of a strategic plan, in accordance with the dictates of the rival party machines, we are simply courting disaster. Had Australia been threatened with invasion on the outbreak of war, it would have been an act of suicidal folly to denude the country of troops by sending men away on services overseas.

Whether the situation in the Pacific is or is not sufficiently clarified to justify the despatch of another A.I.F. is a matter of opinion. Our own view is that Japan's neutrality has removed the menace of invasion. If we are to help the Empire in this war we shall do so not by pursuing a policy of selfish isolation but by heeding one of the fundamentals of strategy: "Be strongest at the decisive point." It is for the strategist and not for the party leader to determine where the decisive point is placed.

Whether the Federal Government was right or wrong in sending troops abroad at this stage is a matter that concerns Messrs. Menzies and Curtin more than it does us; but now that the policy has been embarked upon it must be pursued vigorously and whole-heartedly. That is why we, as a soldiers' organ, welcome the announcement that further troops, in addition to reinforcements, are to be sent overseas. British and foreign commentators have already pointed out that the embarkation of Australian and New Zealand troops for foreign service was a very effective answer to the German propaganda machine which had run hot trying to convince the world that the Dominions were not with Britain in this war. Even viewed from the angle of politics, as distinguished from political wranglings, the fact that Australians and New Zealanders are now in Palestine and Egypt has not been without its influence on public opinion in Allied and neutral countries.

We know these sons and younger brothers of ours. We know they will maintain and probably transcend the reputation Australia and New Zealand forged in the fiery crucible of the last war. That is why we see truth as well as good propaganda in the complimentary things that have been said of them on the other side of the world. That is why we are becoming sometimes irritated when all sorts of well-meant stay-at-homes pester statesmen to define in words of one syllable what we are fighting for. The A.I.F. in this war, like the A.I.F. in the last one, is a good cross-section of Australian society. It is even possible that the young man of today is a deeper thinker on political and international questions than his dad or elder brother was in 1914. It is only reasonable, then, to assume that members of a voluntary force, raised by a free and enlightened democracy, did not enlist without first weighing all the pros and cons. The intelligent Australian needs no one to tell him why the Empire is fighting, nor the conditions on which the Empire would be prepared to ground arms. He is just as competent a judge of these matters as any prattling publicist who seems concerned more about definitions than definite actions.

The Digger of contemporary vintage is, as Mr. Anthony Eden declared, a man with a mission and a purpose. This implies that he is also a man with a mind made flexible by regular use. He is no mentally egg-bound slave of foreign ideologies, but a patriot capable of seeing life clearly and seeing it whole. In the words of Carlyle he is doing the duty that lies nearest him. The peace settlement is something for the future, something which cannot be considered in precise detail until the war is won. Winning that war is the Digger's purpose, and those of us who are debarred of the
privilege of fighting alongside him must fight for him. We must see that he is reinforced and adequately reinforced; and when victory has opened the pathway to peace, we must see that his sacrifices have not been in vain, as ours were made vain by propagandists abroad and misguided altruists at home.

EDUCATION OF SOLDIERS' CHILDREN

More Help Required

Professor A. D. Ross, Deputy-Chairman and Chairman of Committee of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust, writes as follows:

"In your January issue you were good enough to publish a statement regarding the necessity for funds for the maintenance of the important work of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust. Since then we have received the following donations, and the Trust is exceedingly grateful to these generous donors:—

Women's Auxiliaries

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"This year the Trust has had applications on behalf of nearly 200 pupils, the children of deceased and incapacitated soldiers, and has already made grants amounting to over £76 to assist in some measure in the purchase of necessary school books. Additional funds are urgently required, and I feel sure that many of the women's auxiliaries and others who have not yet made donations will desire to help us, as I know very well that they are active in every good work.

"Donations should be sent to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Trust, Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick, c/o. Repatriation Department, Box K765, G.P.O., Perth, who will gratefully acknowledge such assistance."

Referring to Australia's place and part in the war, Earl Baldwin's postulate that Britain's frontier is on the banks of the Rhine has been accepted as exemplifying a sound appreciation of two factors in strategy, i.e., armaments and time.

The developments which have taken place in recent years in weapons of war are generally known, whilst the intensive application of science to the fitting and control of "craft" on sea, land and in the air has made time to-day a primary factor of great importance when considering the effective use of those weapons.

Hence the need for visualising and projecting a long-range scheme for the protection of the Australian people against threatened aggression. To be sound, such a scheme must entail carrying the war into the territory of an enemy. With our command of the sea we can do this or, to put it plainly but not prettily, we need not envisage our citizens dying in the ruins of their own homes but rather of imposing upon the aggressor the risk of dying in his.

Such elements as these, in a country so far free from any history of invasion, constitute a basis of consideration in respect to the adequate defence of Australia. It does no harm to repeat, and repeat often, that the fate in this war of the people of the British Isles will be our fate and, having in mind the avowed threat to the existence of the Empire, we too must strive to keep the war from our shores and so prevent holocaust and massacre from overtaking our people. This we can only hope to do by firmly uniting with Great Britain and the other Dominions. It needs but one shell or bomb on a capital city to expose the fallacy and risk of a policy of attempting, with a population of 7,000,000, to defend our thousands of miles of coastline whilst endeavouring to exist economically and industrially by selling and sending goods overseas under protection which may or may not be forthcoming from the British and allied navies.

In the Prime Minister's statement during the month, the thoughtful person will have found much of interest and the severest honest critic a grain of comfort. The statement will, I hope, be reprinted in handy form and be available for reference. It is worth re-reading and studying. Therein, after six months of war conditions, after six months of appreciation and planning, is outlined an account of what has been attempted—including a record of some achievement—as well as a policy for the future.

This policy not only comprehends the strategical and tactical use of forces, but also covers the measures necessary to ensure economic, industrial and social equilibrium for the nation for the trying months and, perhaps, years ahead.

Dealing with the disposition of the forces, Mr. Menzies has drawn attention to changed conditions as compared with those existing in 1914. Such changes have, in themselves, necessitated the creation, from mere nuclei left by former governments, of home defence forces amounting in all to approximately 100,000 men. This force is "in being" as well as the major portion of its equipment.

Superimposed and well under way is the scheme for expeditionary forces, composed of volunteers, for service abroad. These are contributions from the Australian Army and Australian Air Force. Already units have entered the theatre of operations. This is a definite and tangible contribution towards the winning of the war.

As the Prime Minister has suggested, the critic may still ask if what is being done is enough. There are those, too, anxious to help who have not yet found a niche and are impatient of delays. They complain that matters are dragging. The answer lies and can be found in one quarter. Any difference between the present effort and that which commenced in 1914 is caused by the fact that the situation in the Pacific to-day is not what it was a quarter of a century ago. Nor did we previously attempt the expansion of and additions to munition factories on the scale that they are now operating upon—supplying not only our own needs but also contributing largely to the needs of other partners in the Empire. After a careful survey of what has been done, and what has been planned—all in the face of many difficulties of a physical, material and political nature—a claim can justly be made that Australia is standing up to its obligations.

War was declared six months ago. As a matter of interesting comparison the older generation will remember that in
In terms of man-power, this represented the contribution of over 400,000 men and women volunteers of whom some 330,000 embarked for service overseas. Since 1914 the population of the Commonwealth has increased by approximately 2,000,000.

It would be idle to deny that both the Government and the people of Australia are now confronted with tasks of great magnitude. That fact has been emphasised on more than one occasion by the nation's leaders in all walks of life. I believe that these tasks will be met with fortitude and courage, qualities that command victory.

AGED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' FUND

We publish a list of donations to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund from the beginning of November last to the end of February, 1940.

The amount donated by sub-branches and women's auxiliaries since July last totals £655/6/8. The fund has now reached an amount of £13,429/16/10.

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GARRISON BATTALIONS

The General Secretary (Mr. E. V. Raymont) has forwarded the following reply from the Department of the Army to a communication relating to various matters connected with garrison battalions:

With reference to your letter dated December 11, 1939, addressed to the Minister for the Army, and appending the contents of a communication received from the State President of the New South Wales Branch of the League, in connection with various matters that concern garrison battalions, I am directed by the Minister to state it is regretted that a delay has occurred in forwarding your advice resulting from inquiries that have been made.

(a) It is recognised that at the time your letter was written there had been a shortage of kit and necessaries. Since then, sufficient supplies have been received to adjust these shortages in issues to garrison battalions.

(b) The quality of the boots has been investigated and steps have been taken to improve the wearing capacity of them. Arrangements have been made in each military district to handle the repair of military boots.

(c) The scale of issues of uniform and necessaries for garrison battalions personnel provides for each man receiving, inter alia: one jacket (service dress), woollen; one pair trousers (service dress); two jumpers (khaki drill); two pairs trousers (khaki drill). It is considered that this scale is sufficient. The khaki drill uniform is made of a cool and light material. It is not at present proposed to include khaki shirts in the scale of issues.

INFLUX OF ALIEN IMMIGRANTS

The General Secretary (Mr. E. V. Raymont) has forwarded a communication from the Prime Minister's Department relating to a resolution passed by the 24th annual congress of the League. The letter reads:

I am directed to refer to your letter of November 5, 1939, embodying the text of resolution No. 172 adopted at the 24th annual congress of your League on the subject of foreign migration, and to inform you that, since the outbreak of war, the issue of new landing permits to persons of enemy nationality or to aliens generally who reside in German-controlled territory has been suspended with the exception of a few cases where special circumstances exist.

With regard to refugees from Nazi oppression who were granted permits prior to the outbreak of war, authority for admission was subject to the usual condition that a British visa for travel to Australia should be obtained in each case. It has been arranged with the British authorities not to grant visas unless authority is only granted in cases where it is established, after investigation, that the refugees are not likely to prove undesirable immigrants from the economic or national security points of view.

In the case of applications for admission by aliens of allied or neutral countries, the pre-war practice is being followed of dealing with each case strictly on its merits; but greater care is being exercised in view of the international situation and permits are being granted sparingly.

Regarding the various points quoted in the copy of the resolution, attention is invited to the replies previously given in my letter of February 14, 1939, dealing with resolution No. 194 of the 23rd annual congress. The following additional comments are now furnished:

(a) Types of alien immigrants.—Every possible care has been taken to select from amongst the very numerous applications received only those applicants who were of a desirable type and were likely to be absorbed without detriment to Australian workers. In view, however, of the difficulty experienced in selecting the most suitable applications for approval within the limits allowed, it was decided, in January 1939, to set up an alien immigration organisation at Australia House in London. The establishment...
of the organisation was well under way when the outbreak of war caused the migration of refugees to come virtually to a standstill.

(b) The proposal that all adult aliens shall apply for naturalisation within the prescribed period has received careful consideration. In view of the great difficulty which would be experienced if any endeavour were made to enforce naturalisation of aliens domiciled in Australia, it is not thought that the suggestion would be practicable. It is pointed out also that it is inherent in naturalisation that an alien shall willingly subscribe his allegiance to the British crown and of his own accord renounce his allegiance to his own country. It would not be possible to ensure that those requirements would be met if a system of compulsory naturalisation were adopted.

(c) The Commonwealth Government is opposed to the formation of alien colonies and a close watch is being kept upon any tendency on the part of aliens of the same nationality to settle in a particular locality. At present investigations are being made in regard to aliens who have taken up residence in the larger cities, and it is proposed that similar investigations will continue to be made throughout the Commonwealth from time to time.

(d) Careful consideration has been given to the question of requiring all alien immigrants to learn the English language. In view, however, of the widespread distribution of aliens throughout the country and the cost and difficulty which would be entailed, it is not considered practicable to put into operation any effective method of doing this. Inquiries which have been made show that generally aliens who have no knowledge of English on arrival are keen to acquire such a knowledge as soon as possible, and that classes in English which have been established in many centres are well attended. It is necessary for an alien to have an adequate knowledge of English before he can become naturalised. The Commonwealth Government has recently communicated with the various State Governments on the subject of providing facilities for aliens to learn English.

(e) The terms of item No. 3 of the resolution in regard to the use of English language has been noted. The principle embodied in the item accords with the policy of the Commonwealth Government.
Medical War Services
Australia's Second General Hospital, Second A.I.F.

No military force raised in Australia has even been better equipped medically than the expeditionary force of 20,000 men that Australia is about to send abroad as the 6th Division, Second A.I.F. Indeed, it is unlikely that any army involved in the war will have a better appointed medical service than the 6th Division, for no effort has been spared to make the Second Australian General Hospital complete in every modern appliance likely to be needed by an army in the field.

Extended Scale of Drugs
The scale of drugs usually set as a standard for military service requirements has been extended to take advantage of the most recent advances of medical science. For example, the large store of compressed drugs includes many thousands of tablets of sulphanilamide, a drug of recent discovery which may be used effectively in the treatment of pneumonia, meningitis, and such other infectious conditions as scarlet fever and acute infections of the lungs and throat.

Quinine tablets in tens of thousands, too, are being carried for the prevention of malaria should the Australian soldiers ever be called upon to fight in malaria-stricken regions as they were in the last war. These tablets were compounded and compressed in Australia, though, of course, the basic elements were imported.

In addition to the routine supplies of chloroform and the other more usual and more portable anaesthetics, the Second Australian General Hospital is equipped with gas anaesthetic machines for the administration of nitrous oxide (laughing gas) on a scale more liberal than that adopted even for civil hospitals. The fact that the whole apparatus is Australian in design and manufacture gives additional cause for satisfaction; gas cylinders and all the other appliances required for the administration of the anaesthetic are included in the machine.

Australian Craftsmanship Triumphs
But this is no isolated instance of Australian initiative and technical skill in the equipment of the hospital. On the contrary, it has been a matter of pride among Australian manufacturers to make the whole equipment as completely Australian as possible, and the result is that Australia has been placed in a position to manufacture many articles of medical and surgical equipment that have been imported hitherto. Thus Australia has advanced a step further in self-containment—a development of great national value in the present crisis.

Local industry has performed excellent work in the provision of supplies of rubber equipment, including air pillows, sheeting, rings, beds and tubing, and in supplying thousands of bandages and nearly a ton of surgical cotton wool.

But perhaps in no other detail has Australian skill or craftsmanship been more progressive than in the production of surgical apparatus for this hospital of ours. Year by year, as the art and science of the surgeon develops, a more bewildering array of instruments is necessary to aid him in his work. Many of the complex range of instruments—some of them of extremely intricate design—had never been made previously in Australia. But the instrument-makers addressed themselves to the task—brought equipment from abroad, increased their staffs and, by virtue of equipping the Australian General Military Hospital with Australian-made instruments, placed themselves permanently in the position of being able to supply the local demand in these fields.

Suction Pump for “Inside Jobs”
Here is one picturesque instance. Surgery in certain body cavities demands the use of a surgical suction pump to keep the cavity free from accumulating fluids during the progress of the operation. In a permanently established hospital in a civil community, the power for such a pump is readily obtained from the electric mains or a water tap. An army hospital on active service can be by no means sure of either; so, in co-operation with the Ordnance Branch of the Department of the Army, a pump was designed which was equally efficient, yet independent of either electric power or water supply. It is operated by a treadle, and may be

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A.I.F. RESERVE

West Australian Veterans Serve

While young Australia has gone to the advance posts of the Empire's defence the honour of defending their home has been entrusted to an older generation— the soldiers of earlier wars. Throughout the Commonwealth a powerful reserve has been built up from the ranks of the Diggers of the war 1914-18. To them has been given the all-important task of guarding vulnerable points which might be made the objectives of enemy attention.

Naturally the ranks of the Garrison Battalions are filled with men whose names are known widely either in civil life or in the Returned Soldiers' League. Western Australia is the 10th Garrison Battalion or, more familiarly, the "Evergreens." One sees the distinctive colour patches—green and black—everywhere to-day.

And so our men go forth to fight, in the sure and certain knowledge that they are supported by a medical and surgical service that is the best, both in personnel and in equipment, that the combined forces of the medical and technical sciences can provide.

At the head of these veterans is Lieut-Colonel W. P. Robinson, a well-known identity in the civil life of Fremantle. He left a senior executive position with H. Jones and Co. Ltd., of jam-making fame, to lead the "Evergreens," of whom he is so justifiably proud. He began soldiering with the militia before 1914 and collected a D.C.M. during that war, in which he held non-commissioned rank.

In the peaceful years at Fremantle he assisted in the foundation of Fremantle Legacy and was a past president of that organisation, with which he is still closely associated. His present duties, however, have cut into his tennis and game and clay-pigeon shooting relaxations.

Not unnaturally the 10th Garrison has an inspiring collection of decorations won in the last war. A review of individual service records would disclose that nearly everyone had achieved at least non-commissioned rank in the last show. Even so, they have no objection to serving again in the ranks. Indeed, there is one such who was a lieut-colonel, with D.S.O. and bar. To-day he is happy as Sergeant V. D. R. Conlon.

The second-in-command is Major H. A. Kuring. He left the control of a big city industry to the management of his wife. There are, in fact, many wives who have stepped ably into their husbands' civil duties to deputise "for the duration or up to one year after."
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Dozens of false stories about the Freedom station have been circulated. In "Freedom Calling," the representative of the station in England tells the complete story from the beginning—and tells it well. It is the story of a small group of fearless enemies of Fascism who set themselves the task of warning the German people against Hitler. They did not succeed in warning enough of them in time to prevent a war, but they are still broadcasting their message in the hope that, in time, they will be able to bring about peace.

The organisers outside Germany are Heinrich Mann and Lion Feuchtwanger, the exiled novelists; Prince Hubertus Loewenstein, leader of Catholic youth in Germany; Rudolph Leonhard, poet; and Gustav Regler, fighter in Spain and writer of epic stories. Its organisers inside Germany cannot be known.

ANZAC SERVICE SHEETS

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Much has been heard of the recreation hut at Northam, but one must visit it to realise the asset it is to Northam camp. It is rather an outsize in huts: a wide, spacious hall with a large platform and seating accommodation for hundreds.

Over the entrance is the huge sign which is going to accompany the A.I.F. lads throughout their war experience—the red triangle on a map of Australia. Already in Palestine three huts and five centres have been established by the Australian Y.M.C.A.

Except when an entertainment is about to take place, the floor space is taken up with tables, trestle tables on which are table tennis, draughts, etc. Around the sides are sets of quoits and dart boards are affixed to the walls. Lads off duty stroll in at all hours for an odd game. At night the hall is filled.

In a quiet corner, away from the games, stands the handsome wireless set, with cane chairs and trestle tables on which are table tennis, draughts, etc. Around the sides are sets of quoits and dart boards are affixed to the walls. Lads off duty stroll in at all hours for an odd game. At night the hall is filled.

A third room has been converted into a chapel, with tiny harmonium, altar or communion table, surmounted by a Cross. Each evening a short service is held by one of the chaplains or the Y.M.C.A. officer in charge.

Here, as in other rooms, curtains have been hung by the Northam C.W.A. and women's auxiliary. These ladies have also supplied verandah blinds to shade the large windows on the sunny side of the hut.

One left the recreation hut proud in the knowledge that, through the far-seeing and understanding of a number of our women's auxiliaries, this pleasant centre has been equipped with home-like touches in the form of easy chairs, wireless, games, curtains and regular supplies of reading matter. We women of the R.S.L. realise the temptations and difficulties that assail lads in their early days of camp training and the friendly, inviting atmosphere of the Y.M.C.A. in a camp helps to see them safely through. The honour board, which will eventually be placed in the hut at Northam, will tell the lads of the women's organisations who indirectly mothered them through their camp training.

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THE IMMORTAL TRIANGLE

All who are interested in the welfare of men in training camps at home and abroad are reminded that the Y.M.C.A. is conducting a special appeal from April 1 to April 6, both dates inclusive. No organisation has been at greater pains to profit by the experience of the past and to eliminate the causes for the criticisms one heard all too frequently in France and Flanders. Months before the outbreak of the present war the Y.M.C.A., at the request of the military authorities, formed a military committee to organise its work on behalf of the fighting services. The chairman of the military committee, Mr. F. C. Edmondson, is a good Digger and the committee includes such well-known members of the League as the State President (Mr. A. Yeates), Cols. Chas. Lamb and M. J. Anketell, C. P. Smith, Charles Taylor, Norman Templey, J. T. Birtwistle, Gordon Bennett, H. D. Moseley, J. S. Pocklington and E. S. Watt. Mr. Hugh McLean, who was a member of the original committee, is now abroad with the Red Cross. Another prominent member of the State Executive, the Hon. Alex. Panton, is chairman of the citizens' committee.

Recently we came across a complete edition of 'Aussie', the bright little magazine published by Diggers for Diggers in France. In the issue of June, 1918, was published a glowing appreciation of the work that was being done by the Y.M.C.A. in France and Flanders. The writer of the article said: "The average soldier in France gets so used to the convenience of the 'Y.M.' canteens, cinemas and so on that he just accepts them as part of the scheme of things, like the buttons that hold up his trousers, or the pocket in which he puts his pay, without thinking how mighty awkward it would be without them." The article then went on to describe the extensive organisation and ramifications of the Australian Y.M.C.A. One paragraph is well worth reprinting: -

"Those who took part in the Passchendaele stunt," it reads, "will remember the splendid work done by the Y.M.C.A. 'up forward.' Every man who took part in the 'hop-over' on going into the line received a free issue of hot coffee, cocoa or tea, a packet of biscuits and a few cigarettes. A battle ration of a quarter of a pound of chocolate was also given to each man. The cost of this item amounted to £1,250, being defrayed by special funds from Australia for which the Y.M.C.A. was the distributing agent. The forward canteens were situated in the support lines, old German pill-boxes and dug-outs being used. All wounded men arriving at aid-posts and dressing-stations were given hot drinks. When they arrived at the casualty clearing station they were fed and cared for by the Y.M.C.A. there. After going through the stint, unwounded men coming back were given hot drinks, food and smokes." Some idea of the importance and extent of this work may be gauged by the fact that this free distribution cost the Y.M.C.A. £5,156/18/4. The principal articles distributed were 291,200 cups of cocoa, 6,360 tins of milk, 150,000 cigarettes, 239,663 packets of biscuits and 376,000 cups of tea.

What was achieved at Passchendaele was a fair sample of the work done by the Y.M.C.A. in other sectors. Another feature of Y.M.C.A. activity that was greatly appreciated by the troops in France was the provision of the sum of £400 each month to be spent in prizes for sports meetings held in France.

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TENTH LIGHT HORSE ASSN. (A.I.F.)
The February meeting was responsible for a packed house, 38 members attending. Eighteen new members were enrolled and the drive still goes on, having passed the 80 mark. Units represented were: 10th, 1st, 5th, 2nd and 8th Light Horse; Camels, Dewwavy Train, 4th Field Ambulance, Garrison Battalion, 1st and 3rd Brigade M.G. Squadrons. The amelioration report disclosed several necessary cases having been attended to and sick visits paid to No. XI ward. Five funerals had been attended and wreaths sent during the quarter. The treasurer's report showed the formation, for the first time, of a general fund for association activities. Contact had been made with six former light horsemen serving in the Garrison Battalion, seven in the young 10th Regiment and two (Bill May and Jack Ellis, now sergeants) with the Second A.I.F. in Palestine. Three hundred and fifty-six former 10th men had been circularised to date and promises of support have been received from all over the State. Anzac Day this year promises to be still another record for attendance, and members are asked to make the day widely remembered.

ANZAC DAY, NEW ZEALAND

The Union Steamship Coy. of New Zealand has advised the League that it had been arranged to allow Australian returned soldiers a concession of 10 per cent. off the fares on the Awa tea for those desirous of proceeding to New Zealand for Anzac Day, 1940. It will be necessary for the applicant to prove his bona fides, which can be done through the League. Secretaries of sub-branches are asked to advise the company, whose branch offices are 40-42 William Street, Perth, the names and addresses of any interested members of the League.

This concession will also apply to the wives of returned soldiers who wish to make the trip with their husbands.

RED CROSS EXPENDITURE

In answer to a question raised by the Claremont sub-branch and forwarded by the State Executive, the secretary of the Western Australian Division of the Australian Red Cross Society has advised that the Society has adhered as far as possible to the policy of purchasing in Australia goods required for shipment overseas. The committee has been fully alive to the importance of pursuing this policy, so as to assist local industries and aid in maintaining employment. "It may be of interest to note," the secretary writes, "that one of our first steps in fulfilment of this policy was to promote the business of one of our State industries, namely, that of the Western Australian Worsted and Woolen Mills Ltd., Aloany, by arranging for the purchase of knitting wool and other material required by members of our branches. In this connection, it may also be of interest for me to mention that, through our efforts, the use of the company's wool has been extended to places outside Australia, thus assisting in the direction indicated."

Other instances can also be mentioned, but the explanation now given will enable League members to appreciate the attitude of the Red Cross committee in this matter.

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SIR BRUDENELL REJOINS

Those who have had the privilege of meeting him and serving with him will be deeply gratified at the decision of the Federal Government to recall Lieut.-General Sir C. Brudenell White to the active list. Sir Brudenell White has been appointed Chief of the General Staff in succession to the late Lieut.-General E. K. Squires. He is no stranger to this office, which he held from 1920 until he was appointed Chief Federal Public Service Commissioner in 1923. Sir Brudenell White belongs to an old Queensland family which, like himself, has had a long and distinguished association with the Australian Military Forces. A soldier by profession he made a name for himself as “Birdie’s” right-hand man during the the Great War. When General Birdwood, as he was then, left the Australian Corps to take over what was left of the Fifth Army, General White went with him as Chief of Staff. It was recognised that there was a big job of reconstruction to be done in connection with the Fifth Army and White was just the man Birdwood needed to assist him in this job.

When he announced the recall of Sir Brudenell White, the Minister for the Army (Brigadier Street) said that the Government counted itself fortunate in having obtained the services of so distinguished a soldier, for Sir Brudenell White was, in fact, the most distinguished staff officer of the first A.I.F. It is a testimony to his efficiency that, when the last war ended, Sir Brudenell was the youngest lieutenant-general in the British Empire.

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Our old friend, H. L. "Pat" Roche, is making good headway in his campaigning for the South-East Province seat of the Legislative Council. "Pat" can put up a good case for himself, but not nearly as good as his friends can. He served with the 10th Light Horse and has been a good citizen since his return, carrying among other public responsibilities membership of the Kojonup Road Board, Primary Producers' Association, Woolgrowers Executive, Justice of the Peace and the R.S.L. State Executive. He is 6ft. 6in. of sound, common sense and so far he is the only returned soldier candidate for the seat.

Woroloo sub-branch reports the death of Sergeant-Major Glen Brown, of the Wundowie Vineyards, who answered the last roll call on December 7, 1939. He leaves a widow to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

W. L. Menkens, of the North Perth sub-branch, is about again after a further severe illness. As we went to press he was keenly interested in the trip of North Perth cricketers to Bunbury. Bill has had more than his share of sick parades lately. Apart from his own illness, Mrs. Menken's mother, Mrs. Conn, has been severely ill.

We wish to congratulate Jim Fewson, of the Mount Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch, and his charming wife on the recent celebration of their golden wedding. In wishing them all luck for the future, we hope they will look younger as the years go on. Jim and his good wife are great workers for the double-barrelled sub-branch and its women's auxiliary. We have been informed that Jim is anxious to have another shot at the Hun, so it will be seen that the old Digger spirit has not gone flat with the years. We join with members of the sub-branch in sending them the congratulations they so well merit.

Mount Hawthorn's sick state for the month shows that Bill Skates and Tom May are still confined to bed. Mark Raymond is showing a slight improvement. Reg. Jordan and Digger Rocke still receive visitors, while Jim Brown has been trying out an appliance for his knee. We wish them all a speedy recovery, both for their own sakes and the boys who would like to see them match at meetings.

Albany sub-branch has received a welcome recruit in the person of Mr. Healey, the new head teacher of the Albany State School. Hitherto, he has been a member of the Maimed and Limbless Men's organisation, but he has decided to join the sub-branch as well. Albany has been fortunate in having a succession of Digger schoolmasters. Among Mr. Healey's predecessors were F. Senior and Roy Potts, while O. Berthold, later on the staff.

Congratulations to Ted Huck, the Digger senior assistant of the Perth Boys' School, on being elected contributors' representative on the State Superannuation Board. Ted, who soldiered as a youngster with the 28th, has long been prominent in various offices of the State School Teachers' Union.

We join with the Osborne Park sub-branch in extending sympathy to two members who have recently been beavied: Steve Della, who lost his brother, and Bob Hendon, whose father died a few weeks ago. Bob Corlett is back at work again. The Osborne Park boys sent a telegram conveying good wishes to Jack Crawford, who is now on a visit to the Eastern States. Jack was formerly a member of Muntadgin-Totadgin and Osborne Park Diggers realise how much they have gained through the double...
barrelled sub-branch's loss of such a valuable member.

Mr. Alf Lydon, who acted as host to executive delegates recently at Kalgoorlie, saw service in the A.I.P. Engineers, and is the P.W.D. supervisor for the Goldfields with a very widespread area. Mr. Lydon is the vice-president of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch.

Major Bert James, president of Kalgoorlie sub-branch, known to many hundreds of cobbers as ‘Jigger,’ was the original signal officer in the famous 11th Battalion (A.I.P.) and had extensive service at Gallipoli and France, where afterwards he transferred to a Pioneer battalion. ‘Jigger’ is a bundle of energy and in private life holds down a big job for the Forestry Department with an area of thousands of square miles.

A popular figure on the Goldfields is Mr. Ern Bossutow, the president of the Boulder sub-branch, who served with an engineering unit in the Great War, and in private life is the electrician for the Boulder Municipality, where executive delegates were informed 14 ex-service men are employed.

Seen recently at Kalgoorlie, on a short visit from an outlying mining centre, was Malcolm Gaston, ex-president of Laver- ton, who was an officer in the 10th Battalion (A.I.P.). Mr. Gaston has always been a strong supporter of the R.S.L., particularly in the early days of Kalgoorlie sub-branch.

One of the most entertaining and influential people met by executive delegates recently on the Goldfields was Mr. Jim Hilton, the general manager of the Great Boulder Proprietary Mine. Mr. Hilton saw service was the 9th Light Horse and afterwards won an engineering unit. He holds down a very big job, having over 1,000 men recorded on the wages sheet, but managed to squeeze in time to entertain our visitors, particularly in transport and to show them over his big mine.

Many congress delegates will be interested to learn that Ted Lennon, ex-president of Boulder sub-branch and frequently a congress delegate, is still a good League worker, and in supporting the chair in welcoming executive delegates recently referred to the splendid padres that the R.S.L. had always been blessed with, mainly referring to Bishop Tom Riley, Padre Eric Nye and the late Rabbi Freedman.

To travel 85 miles for an R.S.L. meeting, accompanied by his wife, was the experience of Mr. R. Pugh, president of Menzies sub-branch, who served with the 44th ‘Eggs-a-Cook.’ Mrs. Pugh is also a member and fully qualified by the League’s constitution. Incidentally at the Kalgoorlie meeting the Menzies president strongly urged that his centre be included in the next visit by executive delegates.

Another League supporter at Kalgoorlie meeting was Mr. Jim Watt, brother of Stan Watt, of the State Executive, who travelled in from Menzies for the combined meeting at Kalgoorlie. Jim also served for a time on the State Executive just after the war. He saw the war through from The Landing to the Armistice with the 12th Battalion and the Imperial Camel Corps.

Bill Lyall, manager of the Korgawang Wood Line, who served with the 10th Light Horse, is a willing and powerful worker for the League at Kalgoorlie, and it was partly through his influential efforts that the tug-o’-war at the recent gymkhana was such an outstanding success, and has aroused a good number of challenges which in due course will be determined.

Arriving recently at Kalgoorlie Fred Aberle was escorted by Kalgoorlie and Boulder officials to the nearest “bowser.” Whilst occupied there he was called to the door to note a severe dust storm approaching. Setting down to the next round, Fred was asked again to go to the door, and this time the place was deluged with rain. These weather vagaries could not be believed, and the declaration was made: “No more ‘Hannans’ for me!”

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Kalgoorlie presided over by the ever-popular Lloyd and Mrs. Allen. The latter will be remembered as the Kalgoorlie nominee for the wool queen competition organised by the League about nine years ago, and after a keen competition was placed second on the night of the finals in the Government House ballroom. Lloyd Allen was a prominent Pressman in Perth a few years ago and pulls his weight with the League at Kalgoorlie.

A certificate relating to the war service of Herbert Dines, who was in the Northants Regiment in the last war, has been found in the Anzac Club. The owner, who is believed to be in camp at Northam, may recover the certificate by calling in at the club the next time he is in Perth.

Buried on March 16, Ernie Cubitt, who soldiered in the war with the 16th Australian Army Service Corps. The late Ernie Cubitt was formerly well known in racing and other sporting circles. His popularity was attested by the number of prominent sportsmen who attended the funeral. George Mellor sounded the Last Post at the graveside.

Dave Swannell, of Kojonup, arrived in town, just as we went to Press, for another operation on the spine. Dave is an Old Contemptible who once rode with the 16th Lancers, the only British lancer regiment to wear a scarlet jacket and the only British cavalry regiment to break a square of infantry. This feat was performed in the Sikh War, nearly a 100 years ago. In spite of much suffering, Dave is a very gallant little gentleman who can always show a smiling face to pain. We sincerely hope that the operation will be successful and that he will be restored to the health that should be the reward of such unfailing good humour.

We are always glad to learn of ex-service men offering their services on local governing bodies, and we are particularly pleased to announce that Mr. W. J. Lovell is a candidate for the Inglewood Ward of the Perth Road Board. The election will be held on April 20 and so far he is the only returned soldier candidate. Bill is a prominent member of Mt. Lawley sub-branch and for years was a useful member of the State Executive. His experience should be valuable to the board and we wish him success.

A special luncheon meeting of the Press sub-branch will be held on Wednesday, March 27, in honour of the sub-branch treasurer, John Wood, who will celebrate his 80th birthday on that day. Still hale and vigorous, the worthy John is a popular member of the Press sub-branch, of which he is a very senior member. He commenced soldiering way back in the past century in the Royal Horse Artillery, that famous corps which is right of the line, pride of the British Army and the terror of England’s foes. During his younger days he had much service in India. When he came to this State he joined the police and for several years before his retirement he was orderly at Government House. Old John, as he is affectionately known to his intimates, had one spell of soldiering in Australian uniform. He went out to South Africa as regimental sergeant-major of the West Australian Imperial Bushmen and saw much service in the field against the wily and elusive Boer.

The family tradition of service was carried on by a son, who was a captain in the A.I.F. and is now a prominent member of the Mt. Lawley sub-branch. A daughter is librarian of the University of Western Australia, of which she is a distinguished graduate.
VALE GENERAL SQUIRES

Australian soldiers will deeply regret the passing of the Chief of the General Staff, Lieut.-General E. K. Squires, who died in a Melbourne hospital after a major operation. The late General Squires, like Lord Birdwood, was born in India. He was the son of a clergyman and his distinguished career was an ample refutation of the popular fallacy concerning parsons' sons. General Squires went to France in 1914 as a captain with the Indian Expeditionary Force. He was twice wounded, once severely, and in 1915 he went to Mesopotamia and finished the war on that front. By the end of the war he had been awarded the D.S.O. and the M.C., but the armistice did not end his active service, for he was again in action on the North-Western Frontier of India during a brief war against Afghanistan.

General Squires was holding a staff appointment at the War Office when he was invited by the Commonwealth Government to come to Australia as Inspector-General of the Australian Military Forces. With the appointment went the local rank of lieu.-general. He was appointed Chief of the General Staff when the present war broke out last September. The late General Squires won many friends of all ranks when he visited Western Australia last year. Brigadier MacFarlane, who was then District Commandant, brought him up to the Anzac Club one Saturday morning, and General Squires talked and mixed with members, not as a senior officer, but as one soldier to another. Tall and spare in build, genial and extremely approachable in manner, he assimilated more nearly to the Australian officer who had served in India than to the British regular who had come to Australia. He was so essentially human. Perhaps the finest tribute paid to him and to his work in Australia was that uttered by Brigadier Street, the Minister for the Army. Brigadier Street said that his memorial would be Australia's preparations for war. It was his task to get Australia ready, and right nobly he did it.

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Scabbards Off!

(By Pip Tok)

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The reference was to happenings at certain Communist meetings in the Sydney Domain and elsewhere. Regulations under the Defence Act make it an offence for any soldier in uniform to attend a political meeting, and in taking hostile notice of the actions of soldiers, as reported in the Press, the Minister is acting in the correct manner. But what action will the Federal Government take to prevent meetings that are an offence to public decency and human intelligence. The New Zealand Government has taken a very convincing stand in this respect, and persistent offenders who spout in public in a way likely to provoke breaches of the peace have been punished by the law courts. Even the wearing of a clerical collar did not save one offender from a well-merited gaol sentence. In Rockhampton this month, the Central Queensland Branch of the League passed a strongly worded resolution calling upon the Federal Government to prohibit meetings held by the crowd whose sole purpose is to hamstring the country's war effort; but, while New Zealand, South Africa, Canada and France take stern measures to repress the traitors of the Home Front, Australian alone looks upon subversive activities with a lenient eye.

Press comment on the formation of the new composite Ministry suggests that the Cabinet will review the canteen question. The regulation banning the wet canteen in camps of training came into force when universal training began to operate in 1911, and has remained in force ever since. The general idea was that as boys of 18 were then obliged to attend annual camps of training they should not be exposed to alcoholic temptations. That position, however, does not apply to-day, and it is absurd to retain the regulation when the minimum age for enlistment, either in the militia or the A.I.F., is 21. All who have had experience of Army life, whether they be soldiers, clergymen or merely welfare workers, are agreed that it is far better for a soldier to drink under supervision in his canteen than to drink without control elsewhere. In this connection it is interesting to record that the Northam Municipal Council has re-affirmed its opposition to the present system and urged the Commonwealth Government to restore the wet canteen. The council's action was also based on experience. But there is one aspect of the matter that is overlooked. When a man joins the Army he

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That extraordinary publication The Workers' Star covered itself with absurdity recently. In one issue it bleated vociferously about wrongs alleged to have been done to "The Lost Legion," that is, members of the A.I.F. who, for reasons not always, the paper was not compliment. The paper was not always credible, were left behind when the convoy sailed. The whole "story" was just another of those lies which pass for news among the semi-educated curiosities who run such papers. The following week, the paper was compelled to eat its words and publish a denial of its preceding article. The paper pleaded that it had been misinformed; but it is not the business or a reputable paper to publish misinformation. The incident caused considerable amusement at Northam, where the boys pasted the original article and the tearful disclaimer side by side on the camp notice board.

While one is in accord with any attempt to encourage local writers, I cannot compliment the W.A. Section of the Fellowship of Australian Writers on the first issue of their magazine, "Western Writing." When one considers that the association includes members whose reputation has extended far beyond the borders of this State, the first number of the magazine seems a very poor effort indeed. One "poem" will arouse the pitying attention of Diggers. It is a page or so of rhymed drivel explaining that the writer would not buy a poppy on Armistice Day because his father suffered in health and morals from his war service, and now his mother slaves at the washtub while Dad is a hero only at the R.S.L. or the pub. Judged as a literary effort, the stuff is far below the level of that which is rejected by the editor of The Listening Post every month. Judged as an argument it would be insulting if it were not so amusing and such an unconsciously strong indictment of the anonymous writer. Anyone old enough to contribute to a magazine is old enough to have acquired the decency that would save a mother from the slavery of the washtub. But perhaps the writer is one of those who would turn Poppy Day into Pansy Day.

A London paper has perpetrated a joke at the expense of the Ministry for Information. It states that the correspondent of a New York paper applied to the Ministry for a copy of the leaflets that the Royal Air Force has been dropping over German cities. The Ministry rejected the application for fear that publication of the leaflet might convey information to the enemy.

Our Albany correspondent mentions that dahlias donated by Mr. Alex. Panton, M.L.A., and crocus bulbs presented by Mr. J. Tratham, of Tambellup, have been outstanding gifts to the O.C. Memorial Gardens, which the Albany sub-branch planted in memory of all nurses who served in the Great War. These gardens are now the main beauty spot of a beautiful town. The roses are the wonder of visitors from Perth and other places.

The State Secretary recently circularised sub-branches in reply to questions asked regarding the eligibility of members of the Second A.I.F. for membership of the League. At present the young Diggers may be regarded as honorary members. The question of eligibility for full membership has had the serious consideration of the Federal Executive, so that early action may be taken to incorporate the new theatre of war with those already mentioned in the League's constitution.

The matter of officers and other ranks dining in the same hotels and restaurants has aroused quite a-sate of controversy in London papers. The majority of letter-writers, including retired Army officers, favour the view that old customs must yield to the modern spirit of fraternity which has developed in the services since the Great War. It is argued that when officers and other ranks play regularly in the same cricket and football teams, which are not infrequently captained by non-commissioned officers, it can be no logical objection to them eating at different tables in the same dining room when they are on leave in London. One writer mentioned that no such objection is ever raised in France where one may often see officers and other ranks eating at the same table. On the other hand, though the French outlook is more like the Australian in this respect, the British way in army sports is not understood among our Allies. Marshal Foch once said to a British officer that if
CRICKET NOTES

By defeating Cottesloe so decisively, Nedlands No. 1 team has again won the major premiership of the R.S.L. Cricket Association for the third time in succession. The Paton Cup, therefore, comes into the permanent possession of the sub-branch.

Cottesloe batted first and was dismissed for 88. The principal scorers were: Thomas 39 and Annear 23. In the second innings Cottesloe made 53, the chief scorer being Morrow, with 32. Nedlands batted only once, the chief scorers being Mayhew 81, King 49, Wimbridge 40, Potts 26, Green 12, Sharp 11, Guhl 11 not out. Nedlands won by an innings and 121 runs. Bowling results were: Nedlands, Crain, 7 for 61; Green, 6 for 34; Cook, 5 for 22. Cottesloe: Jarman, 4 for 24; Annear, 4 for 69 and Thomas, 3 for 51.

Nedlands has suffered only one defeat in three years and has the distinction of having, with one exception, drawn on the same twelve players during that period. Their successful attack in this year's game may be attributed to the work of Green, who has succeeded Shea and Burton as coach for the Subiaco league team, Crain, who is now in camp with the 10th Light Horse, and Cook.

The North Perth sub-branch will again send a team to Bunbury this Easter. The first match will be against the Bunbury sub-branch on the Bunbury oval on Good Friday. On Easter Saturday the visitors will play against the combined sub-branches of the Bunbury district and the third match will be played at Capel against the Capel sub-branch. The following will represent North Perth: S. V. Dival (captain), A. Stone, G. O'Grady, R. Rapley, A. A. Allsopp, V. Higgins, P. Patterson, P. Davies, C. Watkins, F. Clayton, T. Le Cheminant, J. Forrest, C. Morrow and F. Stahl (scorer). Mr. W. L. Menkens, the patron of the club, will be the manager.

French officers and other ranks played together as the British do, the colonel must always win, otherwise discipline would be sadly upset.

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THE LISTENING POST, 15th March, 1940

THE-BATTLE

By "BRAD SHAW"

The Annual Katanning-Kojonup sub-branches cricket match was waged on Sunday, February 3, 1939, and the Kojonup bull-ring was selected for the encounter.

Prior to the engagement, many members of the Katanning contingent were unduly pessimistic as to the outcome of the match, and no doubt this was due to the excellent propaganda which had for some time been put on the air by station 6MHUB. This station is known to the Great Southern world as the Kojonup Secret Station, and its headquarters are reputed to be located somewhere in an office in Austral Terrace, Katanning, camouflaged with some military sign-plates.

The most insidious of these broadcasts to find their billet were, "Katanning Diggers would be a year older than the Kojonup team they played last year." "Owing to the bush-fire menace, the Kojonup team would be minus the services of Percy Thorn, Levi Treasure and Max Hubbe, and it would therefore be considerably strengthened." "Kojonup had dug up a mystery wicketkeeper who could stand at least five yards from the..."
sticks and still play eye-drop with the ball if any batsman had the nerve to hop the tape. And last, but not least, "Jack Findlay had definitely stated that he would strip for Katanning.

After the recent warm weather, the day on which the match was played could be described as delightfully cool, as at no time before mid-day did the temperature pass the 100. About 4 p.m. there was a danger of a sudden rise in the thermometer, but the timely arrival of a Kojonup ration party with a car load of anti-cyclonic mixtures effectively counteracted this tendency.

Katanning batted first and by dint of lusty swipes and grass-moving tactics the score steadily mounted to 142 before the last wicket fell. Jack Fraser (52, retired), Fred Daw (18 n.o.), Jim Old (20) and Arch Spowart (16) being the chief contributors.

Time was then called off for lunch, where we were the guests of the Kojonup sub-branch at an excellent repast which Bill Partridge

Contrary to expectations, the Katanning bowlers were on top from the word "go." On the hear-say evidence of one batsman, Archie Spowart bowled him with a ball which broke at least 87 degrees, and Bert Smith was coming through like a whizz-bang. After the opening bowlers had reaped a fair harvest anu were showing signs of tiring, the regular bowlers such as Jim Old, Bert Fildes, Harry Tylor, Bill Bailey and Jack Fraser were called upon to complete the task. This orthodox bowling, interspersed with a few outballs, sundry wides and a stray grubber, seemed to put fresh heart into the Kojonup batsmen, and so, well did the tail wag that in desperation Katanning was compelled to requisition the services of Bert Potter at the bowling crease or else suffer ignominious defeat. Bert nearly collected a wicket with his first delivery. Slightly above medium pace, it hugged the cushion for the first part of its journey, and then cannoning off the leather on the matting at mid wicket it rose viciously shoul-
der high to the wicket-keeper, missing the sticks by a bare two yards. This unnerved the batsman, and sensing that he had him at his mercy, Bert tossed up a high hanging ball which the batsman lost in the sun, and he fell on his wicket when the ball hit him amidship.

Despite a great fighting innings of over 50 from Norman O'Halloran, Kojonup just failed to overtake the Katanning total by about 15 runs. With an hour still left for play, it was decided that each team should bat 30 minutes. Katanning opened with Bert Fildes and Bert Potter,-who had instructions to take the sting out of the bowling. Bert vouches that he took the sting out of the bowling and if anyone doubts his word, he will put on a strip-tease show at the next smoke and display the evidence. Anyway, to cut a long story short, these two accomplished batsmen with the assistance of the rest of the team managed to get Kojonup the impossible task of making about 75 runs in 30 minutes.

I must apologise at this stage for the absence of full scoring details of the match—to be quite frank, one of the Diggers who usually rolls his own found himself short of Riz-La's and improvised with my score sheet, so in the circumstances my countless readers will, I am sure, overlook any little inaccuracy which may creep into these notes. The impressions of the match were many and varied, but perhaps the most prominent highlights were the batting performances of Jack Findlay, Jack Hain, Bert Fildes and more particularly in the first innings the siekering effort of Horace Tylor. The fielding stars were Jack Findlay, Ron Moss, Norm O'Halloran, Bert Potter and Ted Barrett.

Bert was simply superb. Batsmen had the greatest difficulty in scoring more than four with each shot that passed within reach of his safe hands, and his throwing-in was very reminiscent of Don Bradman with an attack of double neuritis in both arms. Bert had a tremendous lot of work in the outfield, so much so that he is highly suspicious that someone had planted a magnetic mine on his side of the boundary. Ted Barrett was unfortunate when his paravane fouled the trees nearby, with the result that he found great difficulty in capturing anything that floated by in his direction.

We were sorry for Jack Findlay when he informed us that his old whaler had gone lame and he would have to field on foot. However, it did not take Jack longer than a couple of hours to become accustomed to walking and running, and he actually gathered so much speed in the latter part of the game that he was enabled to tread on two balls which would have been certain boundaries.

Summed up, the day was most enjoyable, and it is only fitting that we should extend our thanks to the Kojonup ladies who provided a most refreshing afternoon tea, and Mrs. John Holmes who allowed Johnnie to umpire for us right through the day. Thanks are also due to Mr. Harrison, of Kojonup, who ably supported Johnnie at the other end of the wicket.

### EPILOGUE IN AN ESTAMINET

Jim! 'E's not 'ere to-night, 'moiselle, I thought you might 'ave guessed, 'E caught 'is packet all right, 'moiselle, Another good man gone west.

Yes, it seems a little bit queer 'moiselle, It wasn't so long ago 'E was drinking 'is Bock in 'ere, 'moiselle, An' telling the tale you know.

Aye, 'e was a real good sort, 'moiselle, 'E always was just the same, 'E hadn't been grammar school taught, 'moiselle,

But 'e knew 'ow to play the game. 'Course 'e was a bit of a lad, 'moiselle, An' fond of a lark or two, But 'e never did anything, bad, 'moiselle, You know . . . as well as I do.

An' I can't 'elp feeling to-night, 'moiselle, That the world is some'ow amiss, That I should come out all right, 'moiselle, An' 'e should cop it like this.

I must call on 'is Mother some day, 'moiselle, That's a promise to poor old Jim; When I think of what she may say, 'moiselle, Oh Gawd! but I wish I was 'im.

No, it's only the smoke in my eyes, 'moiselle, If they're brimming with tears, I guess; An' Englishman never cries, 'moiselle, But 'e feels it never the less.

An' 'e never babbles 'o love, 'moiselle, But I'd like to say while I can: If there is a Heaven above, 'moiselle, It's richer to-day by A MAN.

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The items which are considered in awarding points are arranged in two groups: administration and sub-branch activities. Under the heading of administration, the individual sub-branch is asked the number of returned soldiers in the district, the number of financial members on July 1 of the year and the number of financial members on the following June 30, the number of unfinancial members in the sub-branch and the efforts to increase membership. Information is asked as to the number of meetings held in the year, the monthly attendances as shown in the attendance book and an explanation of any marked differences in attendance. There is also a request for the number and nature of monthly returns submitted and information regarding outstanding capitation fees.

The sub-branch activities as set forth in the suggested conditions comprise League efforts and community effort. League efforts include the part played by the sub-branch in the Anzac Day commemoration and the Poppy Day appeal, contributions and special efforts on behalf of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund, amelioration work, the membership and special activities of the women’s auxiliary and social activities, especially in cultivating useful relations with neighbouring sub-branches. This section includes sporting activities, both local and inter-district.

Under the heading of community effort are activities connected with the local war memorial, the service of members with local governing bodies, local agricultural societies, service and other organisations. The sub-branch is also asked to describe its contribution to the progress of local industry or to the solution of existing problems.

It will be seen from the suggestions mentioned that the competition offers each rural sub-branch, and to each of the individual members composing it, a wide scope for useful endeavour, not only in the service of the League but in that of the community as a whole. In other words, the competition offers each member an incentive to live up to the League motto, “The League Serves; Serve the League.”

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At the meeting of the State Executive on February 21, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Aberle, Collett, W. James, Hunt, Anderson, Nicholas, Margolin, Potts, Fairley, Watt, Paton, Cornell, Williams, Colebatch, Zeffert and Dinan. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. H. James, Philp, Panton, Denton, Sten, Keesing, Lamb, Mitchell, Thorn, Paterson, Curlewis, Mackenzie and Johnstone. Mr. Sten was granted leave of absence for one month.

Condolence.—Sympathy was extended to Mr. S. Bennett, a trustee of the W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund, on the recent loss of his wife.

Congratulations.—Congratulations were tendered to Group-Captain Brownell and Brigadier Baxter-Cox on their promotion, and to Mr. Sten on his appointment as Inspector of Schools under the Education Department.

Pensions and Employment.—A report of a meeting of the Pensions and Employment Committee on February 19 was received and adopted. The report dealt with youth employment, the new military hospital, the appointment of a potato inspector and the training of air force personnel.

Commissionaires.—The Pensions and Employment Committee was asked to make inquiries with the object of the League sponsoring the Corps of Commissionaires. The report will be submitted in due course.

Visits.—Visits to sub-branches and other organisations were reported by Colonel Olden and the State Secretary (Manjimup), Mr. Aberle and the assistant State secretary (Col- le), Colonel Margolin (Red Cross meetings) and Mr. Zeffert (Soldiers’ Reception Committee meetings).

Donation.—The president of the South Perth sub-branch (Mr. H. K. Kahan) and the treasurer (Mr. R. W. Beere) were welcomed to the meeting by the State President. In responding, Mr. Kahan handed over a cheque for £29/3/9 to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund. This amount was raised by the South Perth sub-branch’s recent sale of toys.

Sir Donald Cameron.—The State President reported on the visit of Sir Donald Cameron to Western Australia in connection with the recruiting campaign for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Federal Executive.—The State President submitted his report as the West Australian delegate to the meeting of the Federal Executive. The report was received and adopted, and Mr. Yeates was thanked for his services as a delegate. Arising from the report, it was agreed that the Federal office without delay provide such machinery as will ensure that every person on active service abroad with the Second A.I.F. or any other overseas Australian unit shall receive a printed statement, setting out the benefit of membership of the League and clearly indicating that every such person is eligible for League membership upon discharge.

The League’s policy regarding wet canteens in military camps was confirmed.

Sub-Branches.—Messrs. Fairley and Willi-ams were appointed to represent the State Executive as a function to be held by the Murray sub-branch on March 30.

The appointment of officials as advised by the Mundaring, Harvey and Bassendean sub-branches were confirmed.

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The Press sub-branch forwarded a further donation of £9/2/-, making a total of £29/2/- derived from the W.A. Baseball Carnival held last year. It was agreed that a suitable letter of thanks be sent to the sub-branch.

War Funds Regulation Act.—Authority was granted for application to be made for a general permit for the League under this Act.

Salvage of fats, etc.—A communication was received from the Minister for Supply and Development through Colonel Collett concerning this matter. It was referred to the committee already appointed.

Dental Treatment, Garrison Battalions.—Senator MacDonald forwarded a communication received by him from the Minister for the Army advising that it had now been agreed that dental treatment should be provided for garrison battalions in the same manner as that for the Second A.I.F.

R.A.A.F. Recruiting Drive Committee.—The honorary organiser of the R.A.A.F. Recruiting Drive Committee wrote requesting the co-operation and help of the League throughout Western Australia, particularly in country districts in this recruiting effort. It was agreed that the request be acceded to and that the matter be referred to in the next circular to sub-branches and published in "The Listening Post."

Defence Works.—The Maylands sub-branch forwarded a resolution in connection with defence works. The reply was left to the State Secretary.

Red Cross Funds.—The Red Cross Society advised in reply to a communication that the Society adhered as far as possible to the policy of purchasing in Australia goods required for shipment overseas.

It was agreed that publicity be given and that information be conveyed to the Claremont sub-branch, which raised the question.

Donation, Old Men's Home.—The superintendent of the Old Men's Home conveyed his appreciation for the donation of ten guineas recently made by a special fund controlled by the executive.

Defence Contracts.—A communication from the W.A. Chamber of Manufactures in regard to defence contracts was received and referred to the Empire and Local Trading Committee.

Control of Canteens Abroad.—The Ned-
lands sub-branch asked what action had been taken for the proper control of canteens with the forces abroad. The secretary was instructed to advise the sub-branch of the action taken and that the Government controlled all canteens.

Military Matters.—Correspondence from Wickepin, Melville, Railway Workshops, Albany and Busselton sub-branches in regard to various military subjects was received and replies left with the State Secretary. The Federal Executive's resolution will be quoted where necessary.

Notice of Motion.—Mr. Williams gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting that the executive sponsor a social function in commemoration of Anzac Day.

March 6, 1940

At the meeting of the State Executive on March 6 there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Aberle, Collett, Panton, Denton, W. J. James, with Anderson, Nicholas, Margolin, Potts, Fairley, Lamb, Warre, Patton, Thorn, Williams, Zeffert and Johnstone. Leave was granted to Messrs. H. James, Philp, Sten, Keegan, Mitchell, Colebatch, Paterson, Curlewis, Mackenzie and Dinan.

It was arranged that the broadcast on March 26 be given by Mr. G. H. Philp, and that on April 2 by Colonel T. C. Fairley.

Relief Fund.—The report of the Relief Fund trustees for the month of February disclosed that 68 cases had been assisted at a cost of £28/16/6.

United Service Fund.—A report for the month of February was received. The State President stated that this fund had been created in September, 1937. Since then, 763 cases had been assisted at a cost of over £800. There is now only a small balance remaining in the fund. In view of this, it was decided that the fund cease to operate for the time being.

Liaison Officers.—Mr. Hunt reported in connection with the efforts to secure appointments in the Defence Department for ex-service men. He read a communication from the chief clerk of the department, which indicated some of the difficulties that were arising in securing suitable men, mainly for clerical work. It was pointed out that the Public Service Inspector supplied the necessary ex-service men, required for the department, from those registered with him. The communication suggested a conference between representatives of the Defence Department, the Public Service Inspector and the League.

It was agreed that publicity be given to the desirability of the more reasonable fit ex-service men at once registering for employment if in need of it. It was further agreed that, subject to the League's policy of preference being adhered to, Mr. Hunt should represent the League at the proposed conference, with power to act.

Visits.—Visits were reported by the State President (opening Salvation Army Hut, Northam Camp, R.S.I. Town and Country Cricket Match, R.A.A.F. Recruiting Campaign meetings, Ex-Service Men's Group, Department of Information and Rotary Club), Mr. M. E. Zeffert (Maylands), Colonel Margolin (Heathcote Reception Home).

Sir Talbot Hobbs Memorial.—The State President reported that arrangements had now been finalised for the erection on the Perth Esplanade of the memorial to the late Lieut.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs.

Anzac Day.—A motion that the executive sponsor a dinner, to be held on April 24 in the Anzac House ballroom, and that the organisation of the function be left to the Mr. Lawley and Nedlands sub-branches, was lost after considerable discussion.

Mercantile Marine.—It was agreed that the League should support a suggestion that members of the Mercantile Marine, serving in danger zones, should be eligible for benefits which may accrue to members of the Second A.I.F.

Military Hospital.—Advice was received that the Repatriation Commission was using every effort to ensure that a hospital, suitable in every way for future repatriation requirements, would be erected in Perth.

Sympathy.—It was agreed that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Con. Charlton, manager of Perth National Broadcasting Stations, expressing the executive's sympathy with him in his illness and wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

Resignation.—Mr. T. Sten submitted his resignation from the executive because of his transfer to a country district. It was agreed that the resignation be accepted with deep regret, and that appreciation of his services as a delegate be recorded.

Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust.—As a result of Mr. Sten's transfer from Perth, it was necessary to replace him as executive representative on the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust. It was agreed that Mr. Harry Kahn, president of the South Perth sub-branch, be appointed.

Sub-Branches.—The appointment of officials as advised by the Bridgetown sub-branch was confirmed.

Anzac Day.—The report of the Anzac Day Committee, dealing with arrangements for this year's commemoration, was received and adopted after one or two minor alterations had been suggested. Correspondence from His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, the Town Clerk, the Commissioner of Police, Group-Captain R. J. Brownell and the 12th/42nd Battalion Association was received.

New Zealand.—The Union Steamship Coy. advised reduced rates for ex-service men who may wish to travel to New Zealand for Anzac Day celebrations. It was agreed that the necessary publicity be given.

Suggested Foreign Legion.—The Osborne Park and Bassendean sub-branches suggested that foreigners between the ages of 18 and 47 be formed into a legion to serve overseas with the Second A.I.F. It was agreed to advise both sub-branches that the executive did not approve of this suggestion, and the reply was left to the secretary.

League Representative War Funds Council.—A communication was received from the Chief Secretary in reply to the protest lodged by the League that it was not represented on this council. The Chief Secretary stated that he considered it inadvisable to recommend the nomination of persons representing sectional organisation. He pointed out that a returned soldier in the person of the Auditor-General was closely concerned with the council and that the chief executive officer was a returned soldier.

R.S.I. Trading Coy.—The 18th annual report of this company was received and referred to the League's delegate, Mr. Panton.

League Authority War Funds Regulation Act.—Advice was received from the Assistant Under-Secretary, Chief Secretary's office, that the League had been granted general authority to continue a war fund as defined under Section 2 of the War Funds Regulation Act, 1939.

Comforts, Members Second A.I.F.—The Maylands sub-branch advised that it was their intention to adopt the signallers of the Second A.I.F. who leave from Western Australia. They pointed out that they intended to care for them as far as comforts were concerned and general welfare. It was agreed to point out to Maylands sub-branch that, to avoid overlapping, such action contemplated by them should be done by individual contact with members of the army they wished to assist.
BOULDER

At the February general meeting, it was decided to commence a comforts fund, so that parcels may be sent to members of the district who enlist in the Second A.I.F. Special provision has been made for all branches of the sub-branch and the sons of deceased ex-service men of the Boulder district who enlist for active service. Money will be raised by voluntary subscriptions and it is intended to arrange various entertainments to swell the funds. A memorial row of trees, about 11 in number, is being planted in front of the sub-branch premises. The Boulder Municipal Council will erect tree guards and place seats around the trees when they are well grown. The town engineer has promised to support Ern Bosustow's proposal that water for the trees be obtained free of cost.

YOKINE

The Yokine sub-branch has completed the purchase of the block of land on which the sub-branch hall will be built. It is admirably situated in a part of the Wanneroo Road, where great building operations are now in progress. Great credit for the achievement is due to the president (Mr. Jack Lannigan). Many supporters have contributed generously to the building fund.

CALINGIRI

Mr. H. Hill presided over the meeting on February 7. After a long discussion on ways and means of helping members of the Second A.I.F., it was decided to keep a register of men enlisting from the district and to use all possible means of assistance, such as giving advice, sending hampers and so on. Motions were carried expressing sympathy with Mrs. Clifford on the death of her mother, Mr. P. D. Ferguson on the death of his father and Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay on the death of their son. Arrangements for the annual reunion on March 16 were finalised. Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed by barley-growers with the present selling conditions. Mr. J. Youman pointed out that the initial price did not cover the cost of production. A motion asking for an immediate rectification of the position was carried.

SOUTH PERTH

At the meeting on February 22 it was decided that the sub-branch should enter for this year's A.R.M.S. competitions. The secretary reports an increased membership, and despite a financial position that is capable of improvement, the sub-branch has raised £30 for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. This is the product of the making and sale of Christmas toys in conjunction with the Red Cross. The sub-branch will entertain the ladies of the auxiliary on the meeting on March 28.

BOYANUP JUNCTION

On February 29 the sub-branch held a special meeting. The president (Digger Robert Tweedie) was warmly welcomed back to the chair. He is the Boyanup State school headmaster and has just returned from his six months' long service leave. It was agreed that a monetary donation be sent for comforts for the Garrison Battalion. Digger Jack Simmons dealt with Anzac Day with the result that all arrangements were made at this meeting to honour that day. There was an invitation from Brunswick Junction for delegates to attend a special meeting. Diggers A. L. Buckenara, H. L. Trigwell and the president were appointed to represent the sub-branch. The guest president, Digger E. P. (Joe) Eccleston, who was present, kept the members in a jovial mood.

ARMADALE

The monthly meeting was held in the clubrooms on February 14. Mr. J. Taylor presided over a good attendance of members. A complaint was received that the local branch of the Red Cross had been refused the use of the clubrooms on a certain Friday evening. The hon. secretary's explanation was endorsed and, to make matters clear, it was resolved that the Red Cross workers have the use of the rooms and facilities any afternoon on notice free of charge. It was proposed to see the oldest member of the sub-branch, Mr. Tom Rickerby, back again after a holiday in the Eastern States. An invited visitor was Mr. McInerney, of Perth, and he received such a gratifying welcome that he decided to join the sub-branch. The membership roll increased by two since the last meeting. On February 17 a successful smoke social was held. Mr. R. S. Sampson, M.L.A., was the guest of the evening and he gave an interesting talk on local problems.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

This sub-branch held its March meeting on Monday, 11th inst, when there was an attendance of nearly 60 members, including one or two visitors. New members were welcomed by the president in Messrs. B. Beer (of Manjimup) and S. Foster (of Gnowangcrup). Welcome was also extended to Mr. P. R. Ingram (of Yealering), a protege of Tom Bird. The annual picnic which was held at Goodee on February 18 was reported on, and it was considered to be the most successful outing conducted by the sub-branch to date. Many expressions of approval have been received from members and particularly the women's auxiliary. The sub-branch 100 yards handicap championship was won by Steve Mundy, who was presented with a cup donated by Mr. V. E. Troode. The latter submitted a report that, although Steve had indulged in much intensive training for a considerable period, his effort was outstanding, and although he was off a handicap of 40 yards, he did well to establish an initial sub-branch time record. The many other members who took part in the race are still slowly recovering. In the next issue we hope to announce the opening date for choir practice. The choirmaster, Mr. George Warden, indicated he should be ready by the first break in the weather. During the even-

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ing Mr. I. T. Birtwistle gave a most interesting address which was much appreciated by members. Our secretary (Mr. Harold Hains) was granted a short leave of absence to go into the country (another mystery hike). For the few weeks that he will be away the treasurer (Mr. George Newton) takes over the reins. It was pleasing to see our old friend Mr. Jack Harvey at the meeting on the 11th. This Digger was president of Subiaco sub-branch for some time. Arrangements for Anzac Day are well in hand, and full information will be available at the next meeting of the sub-branch, which will be held on April 8. Members are reminded that the annual invitation from the Manchester United Lodge, East Perth Branch, has been received for a long night next month. We are always pleased to visit this lodge and are happy to have them out with us. More particulars at the next meeting. It is pleasing to note that the greater majority of members appear to be fairly fit and well. Our sick committee are always anxious to pay a visit to any Digger who is temporarily laid aside, therefore any sub-branch officials would be glad to have their names to time, of members who may be in hospital or ill at-home, so that our sick committee and others may have the opportunity of calling on them and cheering them up.

KALGOORLIE

The first monthly meeting for the year was held on February 13, when over 70 members attended. The election of two members to fill the vacancies on the executive necessitated by the resignations of Messrs S. Wright and C. Buttle resulted in Messrs. Muir and Wishart being chosen. The sub-branch is indeed unfortunate in losing the services of Messrs. Wright and Buttle. The business of the meeting finished early, after which community singing, accompanied by the usual issue of good cheer, terminated a very happy evening. The executive met on February 2 and 19. One matter which caused a fair amount of discussion was that dealing with cases of ex-Imperial men who have died in indigent circumstances. The sub-branch recently handled such a case and has taken the matter up with headquarters. The matter of members of the Second A.I.F. who have missed transports and who have drifted up here was also discussed. The sub-branch was responsible for assisting one lad to join the annual camp of the Tic H at the seaside. March 9 was the date of the successful gymkhana on the trotting ground. This will be reported in a later issue.

SUNBACO

The monthly interchange of lofty thoughts took place as advertised on March 7, and was well attended. Members displayed their contempt for soulless banks and half-soled bank clerks by resolving to knock back applications to rent our dance hall on Thursday evenings. During the month the sub-branch's good friend, Mr. Tom Prosser, presented a first-class dart board for which the best thanks of members are due. This may have had some bearing on the resolution passed at the meeting to press for the inclusion of darts in our A.R.M.S. contests. Mr. James, breaking a long and masterly silence, paid a tribute to the good work of Jim Ballard, which the sub-branch greeted with audible murmurs of approval and clearing of throats; a new departure in votes of thanks tending to lighten the labours of the hon. secretary. The sub-branch continues to draw a fair income from bridge evenings, but hopes to do better in the cooler weather. Sub-branch bridge addicts can indulge in this form of dissipation at the fortnightly evenings. Coming bridge evenings are March 23, April 6 and 20.

VICTORIA PARK

The monthly meeting was held on February 16 when captains of A.R.M.S. teams were elected. On the broad shoulders of Tom Fitzsimmons falls the mantle of sports director. Charlie McIntosh, as "Deadwood Dick," expects each of his team to keep as close as possible to his own score. Jack Jennings, as bridge captain, is gravely concerned as to whether those elusive court cards will fall to his party. Harry Taylor, as leader of the "get-a-move-on" squad, has them "on the square." Eric Lloyd gazed for inspiration on the Davis Cup, sighing "Oh! for a team like that." Tom Fitzsimmons can be relied on to keep his eyes on the centre of the peg. Tut, tut, pegl Make your motto for 1940—bring a new member. The talent is in the Park to win a shield. Remember the third Friday of each month.

FREMANTLE CITY AND DISTRICT

The sub-branch has undertaken the work of providing entertainments for local defence force units. Every Tuesday a dance is held in the Soldiers' Institute under the supervision of a mixed committee comprising three members of the sub-branch women's auxiliary and the South Fremantle Ladies Soldiers' Comforts Committee. Every dance is well patronised and a light supper is provided for the small cost of 8d. to cover expenses. The musical festival is well in hand. Entries have to be in by March 30 and success has been assured by the very handsome donation of £20 from the Fremantle City Council. Messrs. Craft and Leckie have consented to be the adjudicators. The final grand concert will be held in the Fremantle Town Hall on April 24, when the patron, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and Lady Mitchell will be present. The sub-branch has been considerably bucked by headquarters' letter of congratulation on increased membership.

WOOROLOO

A full list of the activities of the Wooroloo sub-branch during the past six months would entail the printing of a special number of "The Listening Post." We must be content, therefore, with a short resume of the more outstanding events. The president (I'd Westley) and secretary (Jesse Clayden) were re-elected to their respective offices at the annual meeting on September 30, and a new vice-president (Bert Cornford) took his place on the sub-branch executive committee. Poppy Day sales were a record this year.
and nearly double those of last year owing to the intensive drive conducted by the sub-branch. On November 18 and February 3 successful dances were held in the Wooroloo Hall. Half the proceeds were given to the local branch of the Red Cross Society. The annual reunion took place on December 16. Among those present were Mr. L. Thorn, M.L.A., representing the State Executive; Mr. Wood, M.L.C., who responded to the toast of "Parliament"; Messrs. Kennedy, and Davis, who once again delighted us with their fine voices.

No. 1 DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The meeting on March 2 was attended by 26 delegates, with the president, Mr. D. D. Johnstone in the chair. The president reviewed the year's activities and gave an account of his association with the State Executive. This excellent report was received with acclamation. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. D. D. Johnstone; secretary, Mr. S. Wales; auditor, Mr. C. Piper. It will be recalled that Mr. Piper has carried on the duties of secretary for a period of five years. Mr. D. D. Johnstone was again elected representative on the State Executive. After much discussion it was decided to make Saturday night the time of the quarterly committee meeting instead of Monday. The alteration was made to suit the convenience of delegates who have to travel long distances to meetings; for instance, the Dwellingup representative has to travel 120 miles. The Bunbury sub-branch asked for co-operation in procuring additional accommodation for students attending the Bunbury High School. Two delegates were appointed to attend a meeting in Bunbury concerning this matter.

MUNDIJONG-JARRAHDALE

The president (Tom Tait) presided over a well-attended meeting on February 8. Membership is increasing and the secretary (Tom Dockrell) is always prepared to enrol recruits. New members welcomed at the meeting were C. Gamble (1st Pioneers), E. S. Fowler (31st Battery, A.F.A.), H. C. Gasby (R.E.) and C. Nichols (51st Battalion). On February 16, the sub-branch entertained members of the Carlisle sub-branch in the Mundijong Hall. It was a most enjoyable evening and the visit will be returned on the first Thursday in April. Will those who intend to make the trip to Carlisle kindly notify the secretary?

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDEVILLE

The indoor bowls tournament attracted a large attendance and was a huge success. It had to be limited to 32 competitors, but the event proved so popular that another one is mooted, for which the numbers will be unlimited. Two hot favourites, Herb Stanton and "Stocky" were well beaten, but young "Whiz" Sinclair and Jim Morton have still to play. Jack Lunnen and Bill Parker both played "good bowls," and Bill looks like a winner. Entries are now being taken for a dart competition. The ladies of the auxiliary will shortly challenge the sub-branch to a bowls match. The picnic was held at Mosmans on March 10, when a good sports programme enlivened the proceedings. Three new members joined up at the last meeting. G. Young, G. A. Barrett and J. Schlischer. Bridge evenings are held every Monday night in the hall at Oxford Street.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The annual picnic will be held in co-operation with the Tramways' Rifle Club at Coogee on Sunday, March 24. Special trains will leave Perth at 9.45 a.m. and Coogee at 7 p.m. Adults will subscribe 2/6, but the outing will be free for all children under sixteen, accompanying their parents. The election of officers will take place at a special meeting on March 21. The vigilance committee has been very active in connection with the preference question. Several cases have been adjusted and others are under review. The sub-branch has decided that, in making donations to comforts funds for the Second A.I.F., preference will be given to the Salvation Army. The sub-branch has entered for the 1940 series of the A.R.M.S. competitions. One of the keenest members has offered a trophy of £1 for the member who enlist the greatest number of new members during 1940. The president has donated £2 to the sub-branch, to be used in the manner deemed most beneficial. The next general meeting will be held on the first Thursday in April.

OSBORNE PARK

New members are being enrolled at each meeting. A Kindred Societies Sports Club is being formed in the district by the sub-branch, and the movement is shaping well. It is expected that the dances will be in full swing by the end of March. Members are having their leisure hours turned into hours of war work with A.R.F., comforts funds meetings and the A.R.M.S. competions.

BASSENDEAN

The business meeting on February 29 was well attended. On March 3 the annual picnic was held at Keane's Point. Four well-filled buses made the journey to meet the members coming to the picnic. The weather was delightful. It proved a most enjoyable day. The races were keenly contested and there were some exciting finishes.

PITHARA

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: President, E. T. Roberts; vice-presidents, C. J. G. Norris; J. W. Tunstill, F. Wallis and F. T. Thompson; secretary and treasurer, L. G. W. Browning; committee, C. Hunt, G. W. Gartner and A. J. Edwards; auditor, J. B. Gatti.
ALBANY

Much business was transacted at the meeting on March 5. The president reported on a meeting in the town hall for the purpose of forming a Citizen’s Reception Committee for the entertainment of any troops who may be passing through Albany. It was agreed that any ladies’ committees of the Red Cross, Trench Comforts Fund or citizen’s reception sub-committees be allowed the free use of the sub-branch building. The president also reported on a meeting with Senator Collett. It was agreed that the assistance of the Federal Executive be sought in having Albany made a wool appraisement centre. It was also agreed that the sub-branch support a movement to secure more adequate accommodation for students at the Albany High School. In finalising arrangements for Anzac Day, it was decided to invite Mr. Tom Sten to give the address. Mr. Colvin was appointed marshal for the parade. During the discussion on the report of A.R.P. meetings, the president stated that about 30 members would be required to assist as sub-wardens. He added that he had promised the head warden the full support of members. In addition to visitors from Bunbury and Cranbrook, the new head teacher of the Albany State School, Mr. Healey, was welcomed to the meeting.

NAREMBEEN

An R.S.L. dance was held on March 16, 1940, in the new hall at Narembeen. Apart from the opening ceremony and dance held on March 2, it was the first public dance held in the new hall.

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The care of both “old” and “new” Diggers is ever before the auxiliary members, and their programme for the next few months promises to be a full one. The knitting of winter comforts is the auxiliaries part towards the welfare of the garrison battalion. Already knitting circles are in full swing in numerous sub-branches and in due course the finished articles will be forwarded to the depot at auxiliary headquarters, Anzac House. Individual members of the navy or the A.I.F. will also be assisted in cases of emergency.

The old Diggers now out of action have their motor outings and teas as usual, one excursion going as far as Mandurah. Hospital visiting continues, the new Diggers at Lucknow being added to the list of one or two auxiliaries.

We trust that the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund will benefit considerably by the Empire Shopping Week dance organised by the State Executive. This will be held on May 24 in Anzac House, the total proceeds going to this worthy fund. Prizes will be given for sets of eight representing Empire and local goods and there will also be a waltzing competition.

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The moral welfare of our young militia and A.I.F. is very near to the heart of auxiliary members. Knowing the benefits reaped by the lads from the presence of the Red Shield and the Red Triangle Huts in camp, members in the city recently assisted the badge day for the Salvation Army appeal when brisk business was experienced. We hope to do the same for the Y.M.C.A. on April 5.

The Y.M.C.A. are grateful for all the help the auxiliaries have given in furnishing, donations of money and regular supplies of magazines, and look to them for support and co-operation in the forthcoming State-wide appeal.

Arrangements are well in hand for the catering and reception of the troops going overseas. In Anzac House the auxiliaries are combining with the Soldiers' Welcome Committee and the British Ex-Service Women to receive 500 troops. Victoria Park and Carlisle auxiliaries (with Nedlands at the Y.M.C.A.) are on duty for the first convoy. Gifts of cakes, fruit and other dainties should be sent to Anzac House on receipt of the news that the troopships are in port. Those of the troops coming to Anzac House and desirous of visiting beauty spots beyond Perth will be entertained to a motor outing with tea served by the local auxiliary of that certain district.

The McKinlay Shield games are in progress for this year, and we are in the midst of plans for a special exhibition in September which we feel sure will meet the needs of our wartime services. The programme seems formidable, but with whole-hearted co-operation it will be carried out.

**WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY**

At the meeting on February 28, 28 members were present. The president (Mrs. Haines) was in the chair. Arrangements are well in hand for the soldiers' outing on March 31. Mrs. McCulloch was elected sports director, and all members on the sports committee are looking forward to a very enjoyable and successful time this coming season. Enthusiastic comments on all sides were heard in regard to the recent sub-branch picnic, held on February 18 at Coogee. The president welcomed Mrs. Harvey back to the auxiliary.

**BOULDER**

The auxiliary has now commenced a series of weekly dances. We regret that the president (Mrs. Bosuston) has had to go to Perth for medical advice. It is hoped that she will be much better when she returns. Mrs. Crompton and her son, Mrs. Boyers and Roy Hilton still continue their good work in supplying the music for dances, with Mr. Reid as M.C. Mrs. R. Hilton and Mrs. H. Fisher are to be congratulated on gaining their first-aid certificates. The auxiliary has granted the use of the hall for home nursing classes. We are still gaining new members. At the last meeting we welcomed Mesdames Orr, Selkirk, Seabrook and Jennings.

**VICTORIA PARK**

The February meeting was well attended. Mrs. Barnett presided. May 19 was fixed as the day for entertaining the Diggers of the Edward Millen and Old Men's Home. It was also decided that the auxiliary should give a picnic at South Beach on April 3. The raffle was won by Mrs. McIntosh. Mesdames Boland and Coleman reported on their visit to the Edward Millen Hospital. The auxiliary branch of the camp comforts knitting circle is doing splendid work, and contributions are filtering in. This wool is of local manufacture, and those contributing are not only helping to provide comforts for the forces but are supporting a local product. A contribution from the Rockingham picnic realised £1/6/- and a card evening spent at the home of Mrs. Jennings brought in another £1/10/-.

A member's mother donated 5/- and another member sold a jumper she had made, which realised another 5/-.

The auxiliary are due to Mr. George Boland and Sister Susies are busy making woolen comforts for the troops. On February 28 the auxiliary had the pleasure of entertaining Diggers from Edward Millen and Lemnos. The visitors were welcomed by the State President (Mrs. Gilson), assisted by Mesdames Gilson and O'Keefe. Mrs. Hopperman was to the fore in the work of entertainment. The thanks of the auxiliary are due to Mr. George Boland for his wonderful efforts in making the afternoon possible.

**SUBIACO**

The first visit of the year was made to the Old Men's Home early last month when comforts were distributed to the Diggers. Mrs. J. Thomas kept things happy with bright community numbers. The following week the auxiliary visited Lemnos. To Bunbury and Waroona auxiliaries Subiaco sends hearty thanks for the generous manner in which they helped by sending homemade cakes and biscuits, as well as cigarettes for distribution at these institutions. They are greatly appreciated. The first meeting of the year was very largely attended, and eight new members were enrolled. At this meeting a camp comforts knitting afternoon was arranged. The weekly dances in the R.S.L. Hall still prove very popular, and have done so all through the summer months.

**Cottesloe**

The monthly meeting was held on March 7 and was presided over by Mrs. Scott. It was well attended. The hospital committee reported on visiting Lemnos Hospital and distributing books and cigarettes. Colonel Robinson, of the 10th Garrison Battalion, thanked the auxiliary for gifts of pyjamas, crockery and reading-matter which had been delivered to the men in camp. The social committee conducted a bridge and rummy evening on March 8. Arrangements for the annual birthday party were discussed. Our definite plans were left over until next meeting. The auxiliary was well represented at the annual picnic of the State auxiliaries, which was held at Rockingham last month.

**Carlisle**

The first meeting of the year was held on February 12 with the president (Mrs. Gilson) in the chair. Members are cheerfully responding to the calls for service on the home front. Many have volunteered for work with the reception committee. A camp comforts committee has been formed, and Sister Susies are busy making woolen comforts for the troops. On February 28 the auxiliary had the pleasure of entertaining Diggers from Edward Millen and Lemnos. The visitors were welcomed by the State President (Mrs. McKinnlay), assisted by Mesdames Gilson and O'Keefe. Mrs. Hopperman was to the fore in the work of entertainment. The thanks of the auxiliary are due to Mr. George Boland for his wonderful efforts in making the afternoon possible.

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<td>R.A.O.B. Clubrooms</td>
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<td>W. E. Sanders, National Bank, Southern Cross</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Hall, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco</td>
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<td>E. C. Johnston, Quairading</td>
<td>L. D. R. Hardlow, Quairading</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Club</td>
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<td>E. T. Newton, Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Tuesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. J. Wrot, Toodyay</td>
<td>J. M. Beckwith, Box 7, Southern Cross</td>
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<td>TRAYNING - YELBENI</td>
<td>Traying</td>
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<td>F. Smeaton, Traying</td>
<td>J. Newman, “Marden,” 17 Ord St., West Perth</td>
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<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>1st Sunday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Nicol, 35 Miller Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>C. R. Hearne, Station House, Tambeulld</td>
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<td>Wubin Hall</td>
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<td>A. B. Dinnie, Buntine</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>Last Saturday, 8 p.m., bi-monthly</td>
<td>H. J. Ingle, 223 Cambridge Street, Wembley</td>
<td>J. W. Patterson, Traying</td>
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<td>Commel Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>A. Kelly, Yealering</td>
<td>J. Mathews, 21 Esperance Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>Youanami Hotel</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. Kelly, Yealering</td>
<td>T. Bailey, Wubin</td>
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<td>Youanami Hotel</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
<td>Colin Thorn, York</td>
<td>H. J. Hains, 97 Blencowe St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>1st Saturday, after 18th of month</td>
<td>D. C. Johnston, Youanami</td>
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<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. J. Handley, Wacoona</td>
<td>G. M. Maley, c/o Y.G.M. Ltd., Youanami</td>
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<td>R. E. Tyler, Rivervale</td>
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<td>A. H. Sears, Married Quarters, Wiloana</td>
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