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Comparisons, as the old proverb suggests, may not always be desirable, but they can be extremely illuminating. As Anzac Day approaches it may not be un- fitting to look back to 1914 and compare the situation then with the situation of 1940. The war of 1914 came with dramatic suddenness, and it took the Empire the better part of three years to recover from its initial stage of unpreparedness. Australia entered the war with the double handicap of unpreparedness and the fact that, for the only time in Australian history, the national Parliament had undergone a double dissolution and the country was facing a general election. Nevertheless, despite initial handicaps, the Empire went into that war with a singleness of purpose that was equalled only when we were called upon to face aggression once more last September. In Australia, however, the leaders of the great political parties may have disagreed regarding internal politics, they were in complete accord as to the need of putting forward the nation's best effort on behalf of the Empire. The Prime Minister offered an expeditionary force and, though his party was defeated at the polls, there was no reversal of policy. The new Prime Minister, Mr. Andrew Fisher, signalised his advent to office by pledging Australia's last man and her last shilling to the task of beating Germany.

One hears similar expressions of loyalty to-day, and we may congratulate ourselves that, whereas we had the manpower in 1914, we are now economically organised and sufficiently self-contained to make our war effort far more effective at home, and of greater assistance to the Empire overseas. We have the men, we have the materials, and, one trusts, we have the will-power without which no victory can be gained.

Recent events in Australia, and recent utterances in certain quarters, make one wonder if we have that unity of purpose which is the driving force to victory. One may pass over the notorious "Hands Off Russia" resolutions passed by the Easter conference in Sydney, because it had subsequently been made evident that those resolutions have embarrassed Labour leaders more than anyone else. When the first shock to credulity had passed, it was refreshing to see the promptitude with which the responsible leaders of the Labour movement in the several States hastened to dissociate themselves from the Sydney resolutions. In a previous issue we remarked on the dangerous tendency to make questions of loyalty the shibboleth of party politics. It strikes us now that the Sydney Reds who tried to do so have decisively defeated their own object. The controversy, however, suggests the need for an organisation like our own, which embodies members of Labour and non-Labour parties, men from almost every social walk of life, and men of every shade of religious opinion, to come out unequivocally with a declaration in terms of our own constitution.

We are pledged to maintain the unity of the Empire and an adequate defence force for Australia. Within the past month or two we have received communications from members of various sub-branches, asking just where the League stands in regard to questions of peace and war. The obvious answer is that the League stands four-square behind the wording of its constitution, which is plain enough. What our correspondents desire is some very definite reaffirmation of those principles. It has been pointed out that all sorts of people are airing their views on such matters, and the one body whose influence in the community, and whose experience of war entitles it to speak, has remained silent. It is not altogether correct to state that the League has remained silent. The leaders of our organisation, having no personal axes to grind, are not always rushing into print, but whenever the occasion has arisen they have not minced their words in the cause of loyalty. What our correspondents desire, one ventures to think, is some declaration that the League is determined to support whatever Government is in power in its efforts to overthrow the enemy and, one must admit, such a declaration might be timely, and might keep all sorts of noisy little persons in their places. But that, we suggest, is a matter for the annual State and Federal congresses.

In the meantime we can approach Anzac Day with the proud feeling that we have done our best to see that the sacrifice of those we commemorate has not been in vain. In honouring the dead this League has not lost sight of the needs of the living. The amelioration work done in recent years would, by itself, justify the continued existence of an organisation that grew out of the last war. But that is not all. The ideals of service have been perpetuated. Go into any town in Australia to-day, visit any organisation that is exerting any marked influence on the public life of the community, and you will find Diggers play-
ing a leading role. Service in war has been translated into service in peace, and Australia has benefited vastly thereby.

Memories of the past cannot fail to call forth thoughts for the future. The outbreak of the new war has imposed new and considerable obligations on the League. Not the least of these is the future welfare of the new Anzacs. In the last war we had to found our organisation to justify its existence and prove its usefulness. The organisation has stood the test of time and won the respect of the community. Its existence, and the esteem in which it is held, should be of immense benefit to the soldiers of the present war. When they return to our shores from foreign service we shall welcome them into our midst, and they may rest assured that the League will do all that is to be done on their behalf.

THE MILITIA

Recently the Subiaco sub-branch made representations to the State Executive on behalf of the old units of the militia forces. Representations were forwarded to the Federal office and the League has been advised in the following terms by the Minister for the Army (Mr. G. A. Street):

The Government considers that, after the training the personnel of the militia have undergone, their services are far too valuable to be lost to the country and has, as the undernoted statement of policy shows, no intention of disbanding the volunteer force. You will agree, however, that provision must be made to replace those men who may wish to enlist in the A.I.F. for service overseas, as well as those who for family and other reasons may wish to be relieved of the responsibility they have undertaken.

The policy of the Government is that the present organisation of the militia should be maintained with a strength of not less than 65,000 all ranks.

After July 1, 1940, the following policy for training will be adopted:-

(1) As many as possible of the present officers, non-commissioned officers and specialists will be retained by affording them the opportunity of serving for a period of one year from July 1, 1940, at the same rate of pay as the A.I.F. At the end of the year consideration will be given to the requirements for a further period of service under the same conditions.

(2) The establishment of private soldiers will be made up from those at present serving who will be invited to re-enlist after June 30, 1940, on a yearly basis, and from men called up for universal training. New enlistments into the militia of personnel not liable for universal training will be discontinued.

(3) Serving members of the militia who do not desire to volunteer for further service after June 30, 1940, will be transferred to the reserve.

(4) Men called up for universal training will, on completion of their compulsory training, be permitted to volunteer for service in the militia as in paragraph (2) above and will be eligible for promotion and training as specialists.

The above does not apply to light horse regiments, enlistment in which will be on a voluntary basis. Light horse regiments will be permitted to enlist men who are under the universal training age. Men so enlisted will become liable for universal training on reaching the prescribed age, but will not be required to do a further three months' training if they have already completed a similar period.

ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS

The arrangements for this year's commemoration of the epic Landing on Gallipoli will be much the same as for previous years, but with two notable exceptions. The route of the march has been altered and this year, for the first time, ex-service men will march in sixes instead of fours. At a recent meeting of the Anzac Day Committee it was stated that seven metropolitan bands had offered to play march music for the parade, and possibly two other bands will give their services. It had been suggested previously that march music be broadcast from one central spot, but the committee considered that, in keeping with the traditions of Anzac Day, and as the column would be shortened by marching in sixes, band music would be preferable.

It was agreed that members of the Sons of Soldiers' League, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides should assemble in Union Jack Square and march to the Esplanade by way of the south-eastern gate.

Group-Captain R. J. Brownell, Commanding Officer of the R.A.A.F. station at Pearce, advised that it was expected that at least three officers and 260 airmen would take part in the parade and that their own band would lead them in the march past. Colonel G. F. Weick, representing the General Officer Commanding the Western Command (Major-General J. M. A. Durrant) on the committee, submitted a draft plan for the parade on the Esplanade. Provision has been made in the plan for a contingent from the Garrison Battalion and for two naval officers and ratings.

The Lieut.-Governor (Sir James Mitchell) will take the salute during the march past at the end of the service.

PROTECTION OF ASSETS

At the end of February Colonel Collett wrote to the Minister for the Army requesting a synopsis of measures taken to protect the assets of sailors and soldiers at home and abroad. In reply, the Minister has stated that these measures are contained in the National Security (Courts Emergency Powers) Regulations (1939 No. 165) which have been amended by Statutory Rules, 1940, No. 9.

The regulations are not retrospective, but, subject to their provisions, no person shall be entitled, except with the leave of the appropriate court to proceed to execution on, or otherwise to the enforcement of any judgment against a member of the forces; to exercise any legal remedy in consequence of any default in the payment of a debt or the performance of an obligation by a member of the forces; to call up or demand payment of the principal sum or any part of the principal sum secured by any mortgage entered into by a member of the forces; to exercise the power of sale conferred by any mortgage entered into by a member of the forces; to institute, or take any step in, proceedings for forcible execution in respect of any mortgage entered into by a member of the forces; or to institute proceedings in any court for breach of any covenant expressed or implied in any mortgage entered into by a member of the forces, other than a covenant for the payment of interest.
HONOURING THE BRAVE

News reels shown in Perth during the Easter holidays featured the parade and luncheon tendered by the City of London to the heroes of H.M.S. Ajax. Commenting on the incident, The Manchester Guardian states that a City luncheon to the officers and ratings of a victorious warship is quite a modern idea. There is no record of any in the old sailing ship era. Even Nelson was not given a banquet to himself, but went as one of the guests to the Lord Mayor’s banquet in 1800, and was then presented with the diamond-hilted sword voted to him by the City Corporation after the Battle of the Nile. The officers and seamen of the fleet had to be content with the thanks of the City.

Many of the admirals of that period received presentation swords, the difference in the degree of honour done to each of them being that, for major victories, the sword cost £200, and for the minor occasions £100. Lord Exmouth, for his defeat of the Algerine pirates in 1816, did get a banquet, but that was provided by the Ironmongers’ Company and not by the City. The reason for the unusual distinction was that the company were trustees for a fund, bequeathed many years previously to pay the ransoms of British captives in the Barbary States.

Lloyd’s and the patriotic funds made many presentations to the victorious captains of the sailing days. These took all sorts of forms, such as presentation plate, vases, services of china and snuff-boxes. There are scores of snuff-boxes among family treasures and in museums to-day. The corporation of Newcastle gave Admiral Collingwood a silver kettle. Exeter gave Captain Louis, who commanded H.M.S. Minotaur at the Battle of the Nile, a silver candelabra for his services. London newspapers have suggested that the city of Exeter might take this as a precedent and make a similar presentation to H.M.S. Exeter. Lord Duncan has quite a collection of silver snuff-boxes after the Battle of Camperdown. Hull, Dublin, Edinburgh, Cork and Glasgow has the same idea of a commemorative gift.

The habit of giving was not one-sided in those days. Shortly after the Battle of St. Vincent, the admiral and his officers subscribed £6,642/16/6 for a purse to be offered to the government in aid of carrying on the war.

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DEFENCE FORCES, CIVILIAN APPOINTMENTS

Preference to Ex-Service Men

The Secretary of the Department of the Army has provided the following information in relation to representations made as the result of a resolution passed by the 24th annual congress:

With reference to your letter of February 16, 1940, conveying copy of a resolution in connection with the appointment of area officers and area staffs adopted at a recent meeting of the Federal Executive of the R.S.S.I.L.A., I am directed by the Minister for the Army to inform you that the policy of preference to returned soldiers has always been observed in this department.

Owing to the expansion of staffs since the outbreak of war, it was felt that there was a danger of the policy being overlooked by officers who had been called up for duty and who were not familiar with peace routines, and for this reason instructions have recently been issued bringing the matter once again prominently before the notice of all concerned.

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(2) A similar preference should be given to unemployed returned soldiers over those who are employed.

Your executive can rest assured that the policy will be strictly complied with, and that any cases of non-compliance brought to notice will be fully investigated.

ANZAC DAY CARS

Any ex-service soldiers unable to march on Anzac Day are asked to communicate with Miss Mary Meares, who has sole control of transport for invalid, maimed and limbless soldiers on Anzac Day. Cars will be arranged to call for them and those desirous of availing themselves of this opportunity please communicate with Miss M. Meares, 3 Ventnor Avenue, West Perth, telephone No. B1140, on or before Sunday, April 21, so that final arrangements can be made. Cars are provided only for soldiers, not their relatives and friends. Only cars bearing the official badge will be permitted on the Esplanade, and chairs are provided for hospital patients and those in cars.

At least one word that was minted during the previous war has passed into the current coin of the language. That is the good Australian word “furphy.” Its origin is a story in itself. Years ago, before we had learnt to call ourselves Diggers, it was generally believed by all ranks that rumours of the type the French call “canard” originated in the more secluded parts of camps of training. It was not long before such rumours were caied, on that account, “latrine wireless.” In those far-off days a new type of water-cart, bearing the name of its maker, “Furphy,” conspicuously on its sides, used to circulate about the camp at Broadmeadows, especially those more secluded parts where rumour was supposed to have been bred. Consequently, it was said of any unauthenticated story, that is must have come in with the furphy-cart, and it was not long before the word “furphy” acquired its present meaning. The opposite to the furphy was the dinkum oil, which referred to some private but incontestable news that a fellow picked up from some well-informed N.C.O. in the Q.M.’s stores when he was drawing his issue of rifle oil. “I know we’re going to sail on the umpteenth. I’ve had the oil,” was an announcement frequently heard in the days before embarkation.

Any one desires of lending a car for the parade are also asked to communicate with Mrs. Meares.

Many war historians, notably Captain Liddell-Hart, have blamed the strict censorship of the previous war for begetting the furphy. However, the censorship seems more lenient this time, and the furphy is still with us. My own view is that it has its origin in the very human ambition secretly cherished by most of us to appear just a little bit better informed than our fellows. It is a very human failing and a very dangerous one in wartime, especially when wild tales of the alleged doings of soldiers in Perth recently are still fresh in our minds. It is a failing which is readily exploited by enemy propagandists to throw discredit on the troops and, perhaps, hinder recruiting. I often wonder how many of those otherwise estimable people who retailed furphies about the doings of Diggers and of French sailors being killed in brawls realised that they were doing and saying exactly what Hitler would want them to do and say. One has only to read the history of previous wars to recall how the furphy can be used with malice aforethought. The Indian Mutiny was precipitated by the agitators’ rumour that the new type of cartridge issued to the Native Indian Army was greased with cow’s fat and hog’s lard. In the days of muzzle-loaders, the greased paper enclosing the cartridge had to be bitten off in the process of loading; but the cow was as sacred to the Hindu as the pig was repulsive to the Moslem. Consequently, the Sepoys were beguiled into believing that the new cartridge was a sinister device on the part of John Com-
pany to make the Hindu lose caste and defile the Moslem.

On the other hand, the intelligent use of the furphy in the previous war sometimes operated in our favour. It is generally accepted now that the Kaiser did not urge his generals to "sweep Sir John French's contemptible little army into the sea," though the statement ascribed to him was widely reported at the time. The report had the effect of giving a powerful impetus to recruiting in England, and it provided yet another example of how the term applied in contempt and derision has become an honourable designation. Many of us would give much to-day for the right to be called "Old Contemptibles." Another useful furphy was the story of the Angels of Mons. Years after the war, a well-known English writer, Mr. Arthur Machen, admitted that he had invented the story for journalistic and propaganda purposes, but there were many Tommies, distraught by the strain of hard fighting and sleepless nights who imagined they saw those angels looming in the sky and casting protecting wings over the British army.

One of the most persistent furphies of 1914 was the story that a large Russian army had landed in the north of Scotland from Archangel, and travelled southward by train to an English port, whence they embarked for Flanders. Ever so many people saw them, but that army disappeared from human ken as mysteriously as it had appeared. Captain Liddell-Hart, in his book "The Real War," has given what seems to me a feasible explanation of the Russian army furphy. According to his version a troop train, with lights out and window curtains drawn, pulled into an English wayside station. It was crowded with Gaelic-speaking soldiers. When an astounded porter asked them where they were from, one of the Jocks replied, "Ross-shire." The porter thought he said Russia, and so the story went round and lost nothing in the telling.

Nevertheless, it has a very useful sequel. The German intelligence got wind of it. Fearing a Russian landing on the cost of Belgium, the German High Command detained several divisions in Flanders, which might conceivably have turned the scale at the Marne.

The amazing career of the first Australian V.C. of the war, Albert Jacka, amply illustrates the way legends attach themselves to heroes. Had Jacka lived in medieval times, when newspapers and wire-
less were non-existent and history was only too often fiction passed from lip to lip, he would have remained a veritable hero of romance rather than the gallant and unassuming soldier he was in actual warfare. The Digger was both an incurable, romantic and an imaginative man. Not content with Jacka’s decorations, the troops did their best to get him married to some lady of high degree. They were always betrothing him to some august personage whose name was never mentioned, but indicated by mysterious nods and winks. At one period, when the 4th Division was having a particularly strenuous time, it was firmly believed that Jacka’s mysterious love affair had reached a point which was causing grave concern to the Government of England, and that the division was sent into the line again and again in the hope that a Fritz bullet or shell would offer the best solution to a problem that had become very embarrassing.

Now, after the lapse of years, the furphy is back with us in all its flamboyant glory and infinite variety. Many of those I meet from day to day, or read in the daily routine of lifting news from cable pages, I recognise as old friends who, I thought, had died years ago. Perhaps it is the spread of middle age that brings the somewhat bitter realisation that nothing is new and nothing strange in this queer world of ours. At all events, I hope the boys of the Second A.I.F. believe their furphies as firmly as we believed ours. As for the furphies of the home front, the sooner they are squashed the better. The furphy-monger of bar and street will always succumb to the challenge, “How do you know?” or “Where did you get that bit of priceless information?” If we older men adopt that policy we can check much idle talk, as well as talk that might conceivably work much mischief. An attitude like this need not deprive us of the privilege of a little furphy-forging on our account, but even there we are not always believed. I have in mind the story of the little girl who was being put to bed and said: “Mother, do tell me a fairy story before I go to sleep.” The Digger’s wife replied: “No, my child. Wait till Daddy comes home from Anzac House—and he’ll tell us both one.”

EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK

The Empire Shopping Week and Local Products Campaign Council have commenced their organisation for Empire Shopping Week, which will open on May 20, and sub-branches and auxiliaries are being requested once again to give their maximum assistance. Mr. Hastings C. Reid has again agreed to act as organiser.

In a circular issued, Mr. Reid stated that the occasion will provide every member of the community with the opportunity to play an important part in the winning of the economic side of the war which is an indispensable condition of final victory.

All cannot fight in a military sense, but all can ensure that every pound they spend is spent on the products of the British Empire. By pursuing that policy they will also tie up with the huge export drive of the Imperial Government which, whilst bearing the brunt of the war, is out of its own resources purchasing practically every ounce of Australia’s exportable surplus.

Australia must stand or fall by the issue. Whilst her soldiers, sailors and airmen are gallantly upholding the traditions of the race, her civilians can ably support their efforts by strenuously wagging an economic war upon the Empire’s enemies.

The Week, therefore, has a special significance this year, in that there is a story to be told throughout the Empire that may ultimately prove the determining factor in subsequent events.

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A VISIT TO THE GOLDFIELDS

At a recent meeting of the State Executive, the vice-president (Mr. F. J. Aberle) reported on his visit to Kalgoorlie and Boulder with the State Secretary

Some of the outstanding impressions of the weekend, Mr. Aberle said, were the arrival in Kalgoorlie on the hottest day experienced in three years; to see an old-time dust storm in the distance while around us heavy rain was falling; to realise the high respect with which the League is held by civic authorities and public men; to appreciate the way in which Diggers carry big responsibilities and recognise their obligations in respect to old comrades; to see hundreds of healthy boys and girls bathing in a beautiful white-tiled swimming pool of Olympic dimensions, from 2 feet to 14 feet 6 inches deep, and constructed at a cost of £32,000; to experience the traditional hospitality of the Goldfields and all its cheery associations; and everywhere, and from very influential sources, to receive encouragement in the work that lies ahead.

It would take too long to give details of the functions which had been kindly arranged by the sub-branch officials, but in recording these it should be clear to delegates that, in the period of our stay in Kalgoorlie and Boulder, time was fully occupied.

On Saturday, March 9, we arrived by train in Kalgoorlie at 10.40 a.m. The presidents of Kalgoorlie and Boulder, and the principal officials, were there to meet us, and at 11 a.m. the Mayor (Mr. R. G. Moore) and the Town Clerk (Mr. Harold Kingsbury) welcomed us at the Council Chambers. Saturday afternoon was occupied in looking over the buildings and grounds of the two big schools, in which we were accompanied by Mr. Harold Burrows and Major James. In this tour we were pleased to note the wonderful efforts being made by both of these keen foresters in propagating gum trees, which experience has proved are able to survive the trying periods of the Goldfields climate. After seeing the young trees and the arboretum, where the seeds are germinated and nursed, we were taken to afternoon tea at the president's house.

On Saturday evening we attended a gymkhana by the Kalgoorlie sub-branch on the local trotting grounds, in which the principal feature was a tug-o'-war. This was keenly contested and resulted in many more challenges being issued.

On Sunday morning we were received by the Boulder sub-branch, the president (Mr. Bosustow) being in the chair, the president of Kalgoorlie (Major James) attending, with Mr. M. Gaston, past-president of Laverton. In addition to the words of welcome and reply, many questions were asked and information given by your representatives.

On Sunday afternoon we were placed in charge of Mr. Wishart and Mr. Alf Lydon (vice-president) and taken to the Kalgoorlie Hospital, where about 12 ex-service men are under treatment.

Following the hospital visit we were taken to the Diggers' Golf Club, and noted the wonderful voluntary work which had resulted in the erection of a club room and the work now being undertaken to improve the course.

On Sunday evening the Kalgoorlie and Boulder sub-branches combined meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m. and concluded some time after 11 p.m. About 140 ex-service men attended this meeting, including Mr. H. Holley (headmaster of the Central School), Mr. H. Burrows (North Kalgoorlie School), Flying-Officer Burgess-Lloyd, Jim Hilton (general manager Boulder Proprietary Ltd.), E. Bosustow (president Boulder sub-branch), Mr. R. Pugh (president Menzies sub-branch), with his wife, who is also a member of the sub-branch, Mr. Jim Watt (Menzies), Mr. H. Lydon (vice-president Kalgoorlie sub-branch), Mr. Bill Lyall (general manager Kurrawang Wood Company) and Dave Muir. These were noticed sitting near the front, all well-known League identities, and probably there were quite a number of others who escaped us when notes were being taken.

After the president's welcome had been extended, and both of your representatives had an opportunity of speaking, there followed numerous questions all of which, we think, we answered satisfactorily and gave the desired information. There was an excellent spirit prevailing, and the evening concluded with the usual toasts and refreshments. Flying-Officer Burgess-Lloyd officiated at the piano. It was announced that the gymkhana, held the previous night, would probably show a profit of about £70 or £80, although at the time rain was threatening and kept many people at home.

On Monday morning we were shown over the Boulder Mine by the underground manager (Mr. Yeates). Proceeding to the 1,400ft level, and on reaching the surface, Mr. Gillies, a member of the local sub-branch, took us in hand. Mr. Jim Hilton (general manager) sent his car and chauffeur for us and drove us back himself.

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THE MAGINOT LINE

The Paris correspondent of The Manchester Guardian has described the Maginot Line, which is now held by French and British troops against an enemy who is more difficult than he was in 1914, as the most perfect fortress system known to military science, and one which may go down to history as a landmark in defensive methods, equal in fame to the Great Wall of China. It might also have mentioned those wonderful Roman walls in northern England, which were built to save Roman Britons from the inroads of the Picts and Scots. The Picts and Scots are always mentioned together in history, just as the Angles and Saxons were, and according to tradition, the way Roman intelligence officers were able to tell Picts from Scots was by throwing a handful of copper coins on the ground and the prisoners who did not get any were the Picts. The Roman wall, however, was outflanked from the sea, by the Anglo-Saxon pirates, in just such a way as the Nazis would like to outflank the Maginot Line. The Great Wall of China was stormed by the wild Tartars from Central Asia. Those forerunners of the Maginot Line, the Siegfried-Stellung Line and the Hindenburg Line, were hard nuts to crack during the last war, but they were cracked, for a line is only as strong the people who are defending it. That is why, today, our friends the enemy are seeking ways and means of turning the Maginot Line, though the outflanking way through neutral territory promises to be as disastrous as a frontal attack.

The Maginot Line is called after the French Minister for War, a sergeant of the Great War, who was responsible for its construction. It protects the whole of France's eastern frontier with Germany. It consists of a series of fortresses of varying size, and in various lines of depth, able to effect the most concentrated and destructive artillery fire possible. The technical equipment of these fortresses almost surpasses imagination. They have been compared with battleships in the disposition of their guns, and to the medieval castles in their self-sufficiency and strength of resistance to attack. If one could imagine an underground castle which exposes virtually no area of its walls to siege, which is equipped with the machinery of an electric power station, and combines the essentials of a hotel and a hospital with the gunnery of the Navy, and its centralised command in addition, one has many of the features of the larger fortresses of the Maginot Line.

The outside appearance of the fortresses gives little clue, even in size, to what is inside them. Externally, their main feature is the mushroom-like cupola, which can grow on its stalk before one's eyes to produce pieces of artillery capable of quicker rates of fire than were previously possible. The Paris correspondent of The Manchester Guardian had the opportunity of visiting a medium-sized Maginot fortress. He was rapidly shown the main features by the commandant and a number of his officers. Like a medieval baron, the commandant had lived in his stronghold ever since he had assisted at its building. Its main armaments were the famous French 75's in their most modern form, machine guns, anti-tank guns and small mortars. Both machine guns and anti-tank guns could be swivelled to the same loophole.

In the afternoon Mr. W. Coath, the Mayor of Boulder, extended us a cordial welcome at the Council Chambers. In addition to members of the League present, we noticed the Rev. Broadbent, the Methodist minister, who served with the A.I.F. We were told that there were 12 returned soldiers working on the Boulder Council.

From the time of arrival until the departure, Major James, Messrs. Lydon, Burrows, Bosustow and O'Grady were unremitting in their attention, and one or them was always at hand for the purpose of information, guidance, transport and never-failing courtesy. We are most grateful for the kindly treatment we received from them and all associated with them.

The 75's, firing in pairs, delivered 80 rounds in three minutes. They fire with deadly accuracy upon an object at a distance of five kilometres. The guns were in place and ready for firing within one and a half minutes. The firing rate of the 75's at over 13 a minute compares with three rounds a minute for 75's under ordinary field conditions in the last war. Ammunition reaches the guns by mechanical conveyor. The firing power at the disposal of the commandant of the fortress is equivalent to that of a division of artillery, under the standards of 1918.

The fortresses of the Maginot Line are protected in the first instance by anti-tank obstacles, constructed from projecting double-embedded tram lines, concentrating fire upon an attacking tank from every side, so that, if it should succeed in approaching the fortress at all, it is doomed to destruction. Gunnery is centrally controlled by an artillery captain, within the fortress, and observation is by retractable periscope.

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THE A.R.M.S. COMPETITIONS

These popular games have been organised for 1940 along similar lines to other years except that the game of darts will replace that of draughts. This was decided at the meeting of delegates held at Anzac House on April 4. The controlling committee consists of Messrs. E. S. Watt (chairman), Roy Maddeford, Bill Kirton, Tom Campbell, A. McKenna and Geo. Sharp, with R. Waddington as hon. secretary. Seventeen teams have been entered which have been divided into two zones. The first round has to be completed by May 4 and the competitors are as follows:

Zone 1
Mt. Hawthorn v. Maylands.
West Leederville v. Osborne Park.
Subiaco v. West Perth.
Perth v. Yokine.
South Perth: bye.

Zone 2
Nedlands v. Claremont.
Gloucester Park v. Mosman Park.
Mt. Lawley v. Victoria Park.
Cottesloe v. North Perth.

We have received two letters from members protesting against the exclusion of draughts from the games. "It gave pleasure to a number of players," writes one Digger, "and enthusiasm and interest has grown over the years. Darts could easily have been included without excluding draughts or any other game. Was the controlling committee responsible for this regrettable move and can the matter be reconsidered?"

(The controlling committee recommended to the meeting of delegates that darts be included as an extra game, but the delegates decided to include darts and exclude draughts. The voting was nearly even, the odd vote deciding. The decision of the delegates is law for the year, but the matter can be reconsidered next year.—Ed. L.I.P.)

COLONEL COLLETT'S NEW POST

Colonel Collett has become a very prominent figure in Federal politics since he became a Senator some years ago. It will be recalled that the Colonel was first elected to the Senate by the State Parliament, in accordance with the constitution, to fill an extraordinary vacancy. Consequently he had to face the electors at the first opportunity which occurred soon afterwards. That election was characterised by a certain amount of bitterness, through the ill-advised tactics of a local weekly which ran its own team for the Senate. However, the paper team fared so disastrously at the polls that most of them lost their deposits and the

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first count assured the return of Colonel Collett.

He was the recipient of many congratulations when he became Minister in Charge of War Service Homes in the recent Menzies Government. The reconstruction of the Ministry placed the Colonel in charge of the administration of the Repatriation Department. Few men have had a longer unbroken association with the Australian soldier in peace and war than Colonel Collett. His great experience, added to his sympathetic understanding of the Digger made him an outstanding success as State President of the West Australian Branch of the League. Those qualities will now be used to even wider advantage in national affairs and in the sphere of Government. In adding our own congratulations to those of his legion of friends, we wish our soldier legislator continued health, great success and even further advancement in his ministerial career.

10th LIGHT HORSE ASSN.

Sunday, March 31, was a gala afternoon for 50 odd members of the old regiment when they visited the young 10th in camp at Naval Base at the invitation of the C.O. of the regiment, Major Tweedie. The afternoon went all to "igri" and the majority reluctantly left for home at sunset—the rear-guard have not been contacted yet, but it is understood everything was, or was not, blissful. However, the whole of the regiment were bitterly disappointed at being put on the shelf after so much hard work had been done, and hope for better news at short notice. Membership is jumping by leaps and bounds, the century having been passed long since. The dawn service and the main parade on Anzac Day are our next concern, and the association members are expected to break records at both services, the dawn service being particularly inspiring and never to be forgotten. Bob Newton, ex past president of Manjimup sub-branch, answered the last roll call on April 8. The association was represented and forwarded a wreath. Any man who served in any unit in Egypt, Sinai and Palestine is invited to join up and may contact "Hum" at the Anzac Day parade prior to the move off or after and also to attend the next meeting of the association in Anzac House on Wednesday, May 8, at 8 p.m. Any of the above who are serving in the 10th Garrison Battalion and other units, and particularly if there are any in the A.I.F. now in camp and of whom no record is available, are cordially invited to attend.

"Have no fear that these men will ever fail you. They will not fail you or their country. They are worthy of both."—Major-General Sir Thomas Blamey.
COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE
Privileges to Temporary Employees

The Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department has forwarded the following communication in reply to a resolution passed by the 24th annual congress:

With reference to your letter of December 5, 1939, embodying the text of resolution No. 88, adopted at the 24th annual congress of your League, in regard to the question of returned sailors and soldiers who have been employed in the Commonwealth Service in a temporary capacity for two years being given all privileges and concessions enjoyed by permanent officers, I am directed to inform you that the Commonwealth Public Service Board advises that so far as concerns employees under the Public Service Act in the matter of hours of duty, district allowances, child endowment, temporary employees under the Public Service Act in the matter of hours of duty, district allowances, child endowment, temporary employees after twelve months' service are granted the same conditions as permanent officers. In other awards a slight difference is made, and any variation is a matter for decision by the Arbitrator on a claim from the relative organisation.

The granting of furlough after 20 years' service is confined to permanent officers, and the Public Service Board has expressed the opinion that it should be regarded as a privilege to permanent officers making the service a life concern. Similarly, superannuation benefits are granted only to permanent officers.

The Foreign Policy Association of the United States has recently made a special survey of the military preparations of the British Empire. The survey concludes that the prospects of an Allied victory over Germany rests upon the vast resources of the British Empire, and the British Dominions are more united and better equipped than at any time in their history. According to this survey, the Dominions hold the key to Allied success, and already they are exhibiting a capacity and a willingness to exert a decisive influence in the war.

American Press comment on the arrival of Australian and New Zealand troops in Egypt and Palestine suggests that this constitutes an insurance against the spread of the war. The publicity of their landing and the welcome given to them by the Dominions Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, as special representative of the King, serve as stern warnings to Germany and Russia that there will be no lightning victory in that part of the world. The arrival of the Dominion troops reveals anew the solidarity of the British Empire in its war against aggression.

The puncture-proof pneumatic tyre has long been the dream of inventors. To-day that dream seems to have been realised. Bullet-proof tyres are now being used in large numbers by British Army vehicles on the Western Front. However, the use of the term bullet-proof, like the tyre itself, is somewhat elastic, for the bullets, on hitting a tyre,
do not bounce off. Instead they go through it, or perhaps stay in it. What happens is that the tyre acts in some way long enough for them to get away from it.

The Rev. Geo. Cowie, of 62 Lang Road, Centennial Park, Sydney, N.S.W., is making a collection of magazines and books relating to the Australians in the last war. Some of these were printed in hospitals, some in the trenches and some on the troop ships. Mr. Cowie has been collecting for many years and he intends to hand over his collection to one of the libraries, either in Sydney or in Canberra. Mr. Cowie is willing to buy or to receive as a gift any suitable literature on the subject mentioned, and any readers who would like to help the collection are requested to communicate with Mr. Cowie at the above address.

Twenty-five years ago the British Navy turned Hamburg into a graveyard. To-day that disaster is being repeated. With the loss of more than 90 per cent. of its normal business, Germany's greatest port is now a ghost city.

The war has damned a deep river of wine which had long been flowing from France to Germany. Under the new system of co-operation between Britain and France, that river is being diverted to British markets.

One does not hear much of Majorca these days, according to an English contemporary, the island which was Mussolini's base for bombing the Spanish Republic during the civil war is now controlled by Germany. Gestapo officials openly administer the island. Submarine bases created by the Germans during the Spanish war are still in Nazi hands.

A leading Swiss newspaper has paid a high tribute to Britain's food supply, which is a marvel of organisation. The paper says: "For months the Government has made quiet and efficient preparations and the present plans for rationing some food supplies are simply precautionary, like everything else in England. The foresight of the British Government is demonstrated again and again by its cautious but determined measures to support the conduct of war. In wartime, the British Government is forced to supervise the process of distributing food from the producer to the consumer. But this does not indicate any shortage, since the resources of the Empire are at its disposal." The paper from which we quote is published in German.

After the Great War, the relatives of many who enlisted from the Melville Road Board district, and who were killed in action, had plaques bearing the names and units of the fallen, with other information, erected next to trees in Honour Avenue, Point Walter. Unfortunately, with the passing of the years, the plaques fell into disrepair. The Melville sub-branch undertook the duty of remedying this regrettable position. The plaques were collected, re-painted and attached to jarrah posts. They were replaced in position in Honour Avenue on February 21. The sub-branch is grateful to Mr. J. Gates, of the State Gardens Board, who was responsible for planting the trees. Mr. Gates has given instructions that the trees be carefully tended.

An A.I.F. certificate of discharge issued to Private L. A. Carlson, 2641a, 1st Battalion, has been found in Merredin, and Mr. J. T. Richmond, the hon. secretary, has forwarded it to head office where it may be recovered by the owner.

"A.J.L." writes: Congratulations on your support of the Y.M.C.A. effort. The worst I can say about the Y.M. at the last war is that a few members of the staff were not quite suitable. But what human organisation is perfect? Some of the stupid cannibals one hears obviously had their birth in a particularly insanitary furphy foundry and the repeating of them reflects little credit on those responsible. The Y.M. did a great
job at the war and did not pick their spots, being everywhere where troops were, both at base camps and in the front line areas. Since the war the Perth Y.M. has been the home of the wards of the Legacy Club and the Press Sons of Soldiers' League, both without charge, and hundreds of Diggers' kids avail themselves of the physical and spiritual help of this organisation. It is good to find so many broadminded R.S.L. leaders assisting on the committees. After all, the Defence Department has asked the Y.M. to do the job for the troops and it is up to all of us to give the maximum assistance possible and to tell the scandal mongers where they get off.

The German authorities were compelled to have led to a serious food shortage in Switzerland. A traveller from there has reported that during February faked ration tickets were circulated by a secret organisation and, when people presented them in the shops they were accepted as genuine. In consequence, food shops were rapidly sold out and had to be closed. The German authorities were compelled to cancel all ration tickets and issue a new set.

A London paper reports that the Germans are sparing no effort to keep alive in war time what they call the "cultural life" of the community. Recent articles in the Nazi Press described a meeting of poets and writers connected with broadcasting, and a speech by Dr. Goebbels on the subject. Writers and artists are asked to add the power of the pen to the sword. It may be remarked in passing that every German writer worth his salt has already been driven out of Germany, but apparently Nazi rule has produced a crop of second raters who rank as writers in the absence of serious competition. However, the present lot are practically ordered to devote their ability to propaganda work on behalf of Hitler and his fellow gangsters.

An order has been issued under the Four-Year Plan prohibiting the erection of tenement dwellings in Germany during the war. Communal barracks will be built instead. Permission to erect tenement houses will be given only when such barracks are impossible. Barracks and dwellings will have only communal bathrooms and kitchens.

Germany is so short of doctors that 640 medical students have been released from the army to continue their studies at the University of Berlin.

The third time proved it in the case of Aircraftsmen B. G. Steff, of the R.A.F. He was given permission to fly from France to wed the lady of his choice. He arrived at his home in Berkshire at six o'clock in the morning and was married at Wolvercote, Oxfordshire, at noon on the same day. The marriage had been postponed twice previously, once when the bridegroom was drafted abroad and again when leave from the line was stopped.

Switzerland's first women auxiliary soldiers are now in training. The first call was made, early in the year, for women drivers, and there was an amazing response. Several hundred were chosen and these have now undergone preliminary training. It is the first time in the history of Switzerland that women have been trained for purposes of war.

"Once again Australian soldiers will become familiar figures to the inhabitants or strange places and the name and fame of the Commonwealth will become part of their language."—Brigadier Street, Minister for the Army.
Subiaco sub-branch is having its share of sickness at present. Horrie Wilson, of 15 Coolgardie Street, is at home at present after a series of operations and is due for another when his strength is sufficiently recovered. Past president Percy Clegg is recuperating at Busselton from the effects of a motor accident, while Mr. H. F. James, widely affectionately known as "The Old Sergeant-Major," is confined to bed by sickness. To these good comrades we extend our sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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We regret to report the death of a good comrade, Charles Henry Warner, D.C.M., who lost his life as the result of a motor accident on April 6. The late Charles Warner served with the Royal Welch Fusiliers during the Great War and during his residence in Perth he has been an active member of the R.S.L. Memorial Band and the Corps of Commissionaires. To his widow and bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

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Mundaring and Districts sub-branch recently experienced serious difficulty in filling the office of secretary, which had been rendered vacant by the serious illness of "Mac" Lockhead. Accordingly, Harry Rutherford, who has been president of the sub-branch for the past six years, resigned and took over the vacant secretariaship. He is succeeded as president by Jim Wilshusen, formerly vice-president. "Mac" Lockhead is still in hospital but, according to the latest bulletins, he is making good progress.

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Jim Wilshusen, the new president of Mundaring and Districts sub-branch, is one of the stalwarts of the League and a foundation member of his sub-branch. He was vice-president for a number of years. In addition to his work on behalf of the League, Jim Wilshusen has long been actively associated with numerous public bodies in the district. He is joint secretary of the local Agricultural Society, a ward member of the Mundaring Road Board, vice-president of the bowling club, and a very active member of the local Progress association. Service is indeed his watchword. Jim saw much front-line service with the 44th (the State President's Own), a unit to which his predecessor, Harry Rutherford, also belonged.

As the result of a recent shuffle of staff appointments, Colonel O. V. Hoad comes to this State as Officer-in-Charge of Administration, Western Command. Colonel Hoad is a son of Major-General Sir John Hoad, a distinguished Australian soldier who commanded the first Victorian contingent in the South African War and who died in 1911. Colonel Hoad is a staff officer of pre-Duntroon vintage who was appointed to commissioned rank on what is now the Staff Corps in 1910. When war broke out in 1914 he was an exchange officer with the Canadian Forces. During the period of his exchange, he was attached to the Royal Canadian Regiment which was then stationed in the Bermudas. On his return to Australia, and before going to the front, he was General Staff Officer in Hobart. He was severely wounded in 1918. Personally he is tall and slim, a keen soldier and a good mixer who should be very popular in the West.

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John Woods, the hardy veteran of the Press sub-branch, was the recipient of presents and complimentary speeches at the complimentary luncheon tendered him last month by his own sub-branch on the occasion of his 80th birthday. That function was followed by a similar gathering in his honour, staged by the South African and Imperial Veterans, under the leadership of Brigadier-General A. J. Bessell-Brown, Major J. Rose and Major J. W. Colpitts. The Brigadier referred...
to Mr. Wood's many sterling qualities as a soldier and a man on and off service. Major Rose, who commanded the regiment of which Mr. Wood was R.S.M. in South Africa, spoke most highly of Mr. Wood's sense of duty to his men and to the regiment. Other speakers stressed the immense amount of work Mr. Wood had done since active service for old comrades, and of his interest in many matters pertaining to civil life. Mr. Wood, in responding, entertained the gathering with stories of the old campaigns.

Still another member of North Perth sub-branch is again in khaki. Mr. G. O'Grady has been appointed R.T.O. with the rank of lieutenant. All sincerely wish him luck and rapid promotion. Gerry served with the 28th in the Great War and he has been one of North Perth's leading players in the R.S.L. cricket competitions.

It is with deep regret that we report the passing on March 31, at the age of 63 years, of Mr. H. E. F. (Bert) Anderson, of 37 Ruby Street, North Perth. The late Mr. Anderson was for many years an active member of the North Perth sub-branch. Though born in Australia he reversed the migration process and went to England at an early age. Joining the British Army he saw active service in South Africa and in many outposts of the Empire. During the Great War he served in France and North Russia. He came to Australia on leaving the army and was engaged in business in Perth. He leaves a widow and a large family to whom we tender sincere condolence. One son, Bob, is now serving overseas with the A.I.F.

Among the younger brothers and sons now serving with the A.I.F. are Wally Axford (brother of Harry and Jack, V.C.), Jack Lang (brother of Jim, the secretary of the North Perth sub-branch), Corporal Dundas (son of the Rev. Dundas, of North Perth), Signaller F. Meredith (brother-in-law of Mrs. Bohan, of the North Perth women's auxiliary), F. Hopkins (son of the late F. Hopkins, of North Perth), Ron Creighton and Bill Salter, whose brother, Jack Salter, M.C., an original 11th and 51st man, is now a captain in the Evergreens. Our North Perth correspondent tells us that the young Diggers have all been home on leave and are looking remarkably fit and well.

Our Albany correspondent reports that Syd. Livesey's wife is still in hospital. We join with the sub-branch in wishing her a speedy recovery. F. C. Medcalf is making a tour of the Murchison and Tom Bovey has gone bush for some months. Syd. Coles reports that his son arrived safely in Blighty, but there has been no news of his subsequent movements. Les. Barnett is in his glory. To his many voluntary jobs he has added that of assisting the ladies with camp comforts.

Mt. Hawthorn's sick state is fortunately a small one this month. Messrs. Raymond and Tom May are still being visited, and Bill Skates is far from well. Jimmy Brown is about again. He was welcomed back at a recent sub-branch meeting. Tom Campbell has a thumb in bandages, the result of a fishing trip to Mandurah. We regret to report the death of two Mt. Hawthorn Diggers—Messrs. Reg. Jordan and Moloney. Sincere sympathy is tendered to their families. One sub-branch member, C. Drake, has a son in the A.I.F. The young Digger was warmly welcomed to a sub-branch meeting and received the good wishes of all present.

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Mr. J. C. A. Pike, the president of the Kukerin sub-branch. The late Mr. Pike served in the last war with the 4th A.M.T.C. and the 48th Battalion. He became president of Kukerin sub-branch when that unit of the League was formed on April 26, 1936, and held that office until the day of his death, on March 5 last. Besides being a staunch worker for the League, our late comrade was closely associated with all the local organisations for the advancement of the general welfare of the district.

Our Nedlands correspondent reports two deaths which have been recorded among the Diggers at the Old Men's Home. Both were very popular members of the Nedlands sub-branch. One,
John Meiklejohn, a South African veteran who answered the last roll call at the age of 73 years. He was associated with mining for many years in this State and was a mining engineer by profession. He was also an excellent descriptive writer, his series of stories, “Battling for Gold,” being of special interest. The other was P. McMahon, a fine old soldier who fought the good fight with the 28th (Colonel Collett’s Own). Two days before his death the late P. McMahon appeared in perfect health and his sudden collapse came as a shock to his many friends.

A new member of the Nedlands sub-branch is Keith Jones, now headmaster of the White Gum Valley school. He is a past president of the Southern Cross and Yealering sub-branches and did his bit overseas as a lieutenant in the 51st Battalion.

Manjimup residents are mourning the loss of one of their best citizens. Bob Newton, past president of the Manjimup sub-branch, died with tragic suddenness on Monday morning, April 8. He was the sub-branch’s most consistent worker and officer for the past twelve years. Bob served abroad with the 10th Light Horse and was recently turned down by the recruiting board for the A.I.F. His youthful appearance and tireless energy gave no hint of ill-health. Recently prominent in business in Manjimup his death has caused a painful shock. The funeral, which was of a semi-military nature, was largely attended. The bearers were six 10th Light Horsemen. We join with our Manjimup friends in extending sympathy to the relatives of this grand fellow.

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A recent visitor to Perth was Roy Rowe, the private secretary to Sir Frederick Stewart, the Minister for Supply, who flew across to the sad task of being present at his mother's funeral. At one time Roy was a Subiaco councillor and later was president of the Federal Capital Branch of the League.

**NAMING THE FORCE**

The bonds between the new A.I.F. and the old have been drawn closer by the decision of the Army authorities to drop the word “Second” from the official designation of the new A.I.F. That force will now be known as the A.I.F., like the original force that was called into being in 1914. While the decision should be universally welcomed, it is perhaps forgotten with the passage of the years how the Australian Imperial Force got its name. Its godfather was Major-General Sir William Throsby Bridges, who was mortally wounded while commanding the 1st Australian Division on Gallipoli. It was necessary to give the main Australian force enlisted for overseas service a striking name that would distinguish it from the smaller one, the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force, that was enlisted for the conquest of the German colonies in the Pacific. At one of the earliest meetings with his new staff General Bridges asked for suggestions. About a dozen designations were suggested, but these were all rejected by the Divisional Commander.

"Too long," General Bridges said bluntly to some of the suggestions. He would not, on any consideration, have the word “expedient” included in the official title.

"It's not an expedition," he explained. "I want a name that will sound well when people call us by our initials. That's how they'll speak of us." In other words, the General probably remembered the ribald and often uncomplimentary names that were suggested by the initials of certain units that served in the South African War. "Australian Imperial Force" was his own suggestion and, like most strong men, he adopted his own proposal in the end. He was perfectly correct in his forecast, for the day did arrive when it was by the letters "A.I.F." that the Australian Imperial Force became known, not only throughout the Empire, but throughout the whole embattled world.
have developed social institutions that are the admiration of other countries and a pattern for many of them. It is to the Danes, rather than the Swedes, that we owe the system of physical training now used by our defence forces and our schools. The Danes have raised living standards to a degree that seems almost incredible in a country of primary producers. But their very virtues made them a target for the Nazi gangsters.

It is pleasing to know that the Federal Government has powers under the National Security regulations to intern or take any other action deemed fitting against those who are deliberately trying to hamstring the nation's war effort. Now we shall await with interest the exercise of powers which seem to be lying dormant.

Most Diggers will approve of that aspect of the Cabinet re-shuffle which has placed Colonel Collett in charge of the Repatriation Department. One of the Colonel's first acts on being informed of his new responsibility was personally and directly to interest himself in the matter of the choice of a site for a military hospital in Perth. Readers may or may not recall the song and dance put on by a local weekly about one suggested site, but that paper has as little to do with the rejection of that site as it had to do with the choosing of the Federal Capital site. Of course it must be gratifying to ex-service men to note the keen interest now being taken by that paper in Army affairs, especially as the paper's directing powers did not, in the past, avail themselves of opportunities for a close and personal association with Australians who were fighting the nation's battles with, and on, anything but paper.

It is good to see the League stirring things up about the alien menace. We have it on unimpeachable authority that one cheeky foreigner in the Upper Swan district has been sending his youngsters round pasting anti-war notices on telegraph posts and elsewhere.

An English paper reports a movement to do away with the distinction in decorations awarded to officers and other ranks. This is advocated in the interests of what is called democratising the Army, but if the suggestion is adopted the man in the ranks is likely to become the chief sufferer. For instance, during the last war there were many instances of men winning the Military Medal or the D.C.M. and gaining the Military Cross or the D.S.O. after attaining commissioned rank. The man who went to the front as an officer had no chance of winning these double distinctions. Incidentally the first Australian soldier to win the D.C.M. and the D.S.O. in the one war was Lieut.-Colonel R. C. Holman, of the Staff Corps. Colonel Holman won the D.C.M. as an N.C.O. in South Africa and then won the D.S.O. later on as a lieutenant. Incidentally, the most glorious combination of decorations I saw during the last war were the Military Medal and the D.S.O. on the left breast of Lieut. Joe Scales, of the 24th, but I believe another subaltern won both the D.C.M. and D.S.O.

It is high time that the daily papers ceased referring to the Germans as the Nazis. Of course the idea is to preserve the fiction that it is not the German people we are fighting but their wicked rulers. Nevertheless no country embarks on a foreign policy, good bad or indifferent, that is not approved by an overwhelming majority of its citizens. Those whom bomb defenceless trawlers and torpedo neutral ships without warning are still German people whatever their political leanings may be.

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*(BY PIP TOK)*

When Dumb Dora was introduced to Lord Haw-Haw, she asked: "Well, Lord Haw-Haw, and how's Lady W?"

Recently Professor Ross suggested that those entrusted with the task of winning the war should make more use of scientists. Many of us who are no longer in the first bloom of youth would like the Powers That Be to make more use of soldiers.

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insistence on the Nazi aspect is being used now by enemy propagandists and their academic dupes in British countries in the realisation that Germany must lose the war and in the hope that it will secure easier peace terms for the vanquished aggressors. The person who apologises for Germany at this stage is just as insidious a traitor as the windbag who shrieks “Hands off Russia.”

The West Australian has published a topical parody by a twelve-year-old schoolboy on “My Bonny.” It went—

“My U-boats lie under the ocean,
My Graf Spee is under the sea;
And Hitler is in a commotion,
So don’t mention Churchill to me.

The popular but somewhat meaningless old song has always proved a great temptation to parodists. A few years ago, when Mrs. Bonny, the American airwoman, set out on her flight, an American newspaper syndicate bought the serial rights of her story in advance. It would have been good business if Mrs. Bonny had been able to write as well as she could fly. Unfortunately she couldn’t write, and her story was nothing more than a mere bald itinerary. Then a nasty editor, who was not a member of the syndicate, published the following:

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“My Bonny flies over the ocean,
My Bonny flies over the sea;
My Bonny writes bull-dust from Bankok,
So don’t send her copy to me.”

The Berlin correspondent of a Swiss newspaper recently let the cat out of the bag with regard to Germany’s railway services. The much advertised expansion of the services, which was to have taken place on January 21, did not materialise. It is evident that Germany is in grave difficulties in the matter of transport. It is only in the services connecting Germany with foreign countries that any improvement has taken place. The defective railway system will also militate against Germany obtaining much needed supplies from Russia. The latter, ever mindful of the fact that difficulties connected with transport and communications, rather than any valour of Russian troops, caused Napoleon’s defeat in 1812, have built their railways with a gauge different from the standard gauge of western European countries. The idea was that the break of gauge would be a hindrance to an invader. But it is also proving a serious hindrance to Stalin’s plans for aiding his fellow gangster.

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What lads they were to be sure! We are fighting a foe that has no idea of decency or fairness. They are Huns and boast that “they will leave their enemies with only their eyes to see with.”

This is the biggest job the world has ever known; it will need all the might we can give to save the world from torture and oppression and loss of freedom. All that we hold most dear is at stake. Our enemies are ruthless, and barbaric in warfare. To-day they are the same as they always have been—Huns. Australians! Ye sons of gallant Anzaocs! fight as your father did on Gallipoli! fight for your Motherland, your own land and for humanity!

I am now 70, doing my bit as a full-time A.R.P. warden night and day duty at a post alone, 12 hours each turn.

God grant you a safe voyage; God bless every one of you and give us the victory.

I feel sure that you know of the suffering human beings are enduring in dear old England at the present time. With the black-out, and the daily fear of air raids, the loss in human life is a tragedy, and a disgrace to civilisation.

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Mr. H. L. (Pat) Roche

We announced in our March issue that “Pat” Roche was a candidate for the South-East Province seat. We met him a few days ago and he informed us that he is getting good support from the Diggers in the electorate. This is only as it should be, as the preference policy of the League should include all avenues of employment. Of course an applicant should be capable of doing the job, and there is no doubt that “Pat” has all the necessary qualifications.

Mr. Hubert Parker, M.L.C.

Mr. Hubert Parker, who is contesting the Metropolitan Suburban seat which he has held for six years, served with the artillery throughout the war, attaining the rank of major, was twice mentioned in despatches and gained the D.S.O. He was president of the League 19 years ago and served also as an executive delegate. He is a “Groper” and is too well known for us to extend ourselves writing about him.

Hubert is of the same opinion as ourselves in considering that it is the duty of all members of Parliament to subordinate all party matters at the present time to the task of winning the war. He was on the reserve of officers and has been called up to undertake special work for the military, and in order to keep in employment a loyal staff he has had to leave his legal practice to others until released by the military.
"GERMANS, NOTE":

An English exchange has published the wording of a characteristic leaflet one of the millions that have been dropped over Germany. The paper "bombs" bore this warning:

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2. The French Army crossed the frontier into Germany on September 6, or four days before German official sources admitted it. In the west, British troops are already standing shoulder to shoulder with their French allies.

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Colonel H. B. Collett writes to say that the 7th Infantry Brigade (A.I.F.) Association in Sydney has adopted the 18th Infantry Brigade (A.I.F.). Recently the section composed of ex-members of the 28th Battalion presented a shield to the 11th Battalion then in camp. The shield is of bronze on polished wood with the inscription "1st A.I.F. 7th Brigade Shield" and on one side "From the 28th Battalion, 1st A.I.F., to the 11th Battalion, 2nd A.I.F." The colours of each unit are set out in enamel and in the centre of the shield there is a picture of an Australian soldier wearing the present-day uniform.

The practical purpose of the shield is to promote inter-company competition.

The presentation to the 11th Battalion was made by Major Arnold Brown, D.S.O., M.C., who, when visiting the Colonel E. C. Norrie (25th Battalion) young battalion, was accompanied by and Colonel J. Travers (26th Battalion).

Ex-Machine Gunners' Assn.

The half-yearly meeting of the Ex-Machine Gunners' Association will be held on Friday, the 19th inst., at 8 p.m. at Gregson's Mart, 32 King Street, Perth. A cordial invitation to all members is extended.

WHAT THE LEADERS ARE SAYING

"No mercy will be shown to business men who see in the war an opportunity to enrich themselves at the expense of the public. No penalty is too severe. Fines will not be sufficient."-Mr. Menzies.

"No economic pressure, however severe, will make the German sue for peace—will bring him to his knees—until he has received blow after blow on land and sea and air. I trust these blows will be hard, strenuous, relentless and absolutely pitiless."—Field-Marshal Lord Milne.

"It is unsafe to assume that we are fighting Hitlerism alone, as there is something unfathomable in the make-up of the German people which makes them follow a leader, no matter where he leads."—Sir Evelyn Wrench.

"For over a century the Prussian youth, and for 70 years the German youth, has been taught to believe in force, the right of might. Nazism did not invent, but intensified this teaching."—Colonel T. H. Minshall.
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Bethlehem: the Most Sacred Spot in the World

BY CAPTAIN R. G. GRIFFITH

"Every Christian should spend at least one Christmas in Bethlehem," declared a famous English cardinal some years ago. The great festival certainly takes on a new dignity and meaning in the Holy City, which to-day is a town of over six thousand permanent inhabitants, all of whom are Christians.

Christmas for them is no mere excuse for feasting and drinking. The modern designation of Bethlehem is "Beitlahm"—in Genesis called "Ephrath"—but to the thousands of visitors every year the old name is liked best.

The pilgrimage to Bethlehem commences the day before Christmas. From Jerusalem, six miles away, people pour in thousands into Bethlehem. Every nationality in the world is represented in the centre there stands the silver and richly jewelled star with its inscription: Hic de Virginis Maria Jesus natus est" ("Here Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary").

Whatever it may be elsewhere, Christmas in Bethlehem is still a purely holy festival, held with a dignity and fervour well worthy of the sacred and venerated place.

The scene in this holy shrine at Christmas is unforgettable. Packed with worshippers, to the chanting of priests and the swinging of golden censers of incense, elaborate ceremonies are begun about midnight. The well-known hymn, "While shepherds watched their flocks by night," is sung, among others, and the familiar words take on a new meaning when heard on the spot where the Three Wise Men from the East knelt in adoration before the manger nearly two thousand years ago.

When the first Christmas service is over, all the congregation and the whole population of Bethlehem form themselves into a procession, which, headed by the Patriarch, walks round the church three times, the processionists meanwhile chanting, "Glory be to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace to Men of Goodwill."

The weather is usually cold and clear and the sky dotted with stars, and the procession is a moving sight. There are many stories of people who have declared that participation in the procession has cured them of mental and physical ailments.

Two more masses are said after midnight in the Grotto, and when these are over it is customary for the Bishop of Bethlehem to lead a vast crowd into the open ground between Bethlehem and Jerusalem and there conduct an impressive open-air service.

The Franciscan Order has been continually established in Palestine since the Crusaders and at Christmas time its sandal-shot priests offer up innumerable masses in the presence of great congregations. The Franciscans, unlike other religious bodies, take no money collections, nor do they sell religious objects.

The number of churches, convents and monasteries in the neighbourhood of the Church of the Nativity is considerable, and, as before stated, nearly every nation in the world is represented in Bethlehem. From 1 o'clock on the day before Christmas, to 3 p.m. on Christmas Day, worship goes on unceasingly in the Holy City and there are many pilgrims who make a point of attending every possible service.

The sale of crucifixes, rosaries and other religious emblems is enormous in Bethlehem at Christmas. Indeed, the chief industry of the town throughout the year is the manufacture of such objects in mother-of-pearl, olive and wood and "Dead Sea Stone." Prices, however, are very moderate and there is no rank profiteering. The people of Bethlehem are very devout, and they celebrate Christmas with a true and genuine spirit that impresses all visitors.

"My only regret at getting old is that I sometimes begin to feel I have got a suspicion that I am beginning to know something about something. I doubt if it is true."—Earl Baldwin.

"I am convinced that the men of this modern army have a stronger faith than their brothers who came over here in 1914. This is not my opinion, but what I know from many letters home, which I have seen while acting as censor."—Rev. A. T. A. Naylor, Deputy Chaplain-General.

"I can understand a sincere pacifist, but I cannot understand him associating with other sections which adopt the guise of pacifism and, at the same time, glorify the Red murderer Stalin. Stalin's invasion of Finland is glorified by these people who are preaching pacifism in New Zealand. This means they are glorifying aggression and the murder of innocent women and children."—Mr. Semple, New Zealand Minister for Works.
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STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

March 20, 1940

At the meeting of the State Executive on March 17 there were present Messrs. Yeates, Oden, Aberle, Collett, W. J. James, Hunt, Anderson, Nicholas, Margolin, Potts, Fairley, Lamb, Watt, Paton, Cornell, Thorn, Williams, Zeffert and Warner. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. H. James, Philip, Panton, Denton, Keesing, Mitchell, Colebatch, Paterson, Curlewis, Mackenzie, Johnstone and Dinan. Mr. F. L. Warner, M.L.A., was welcomed by the State President as a new member of the executive.

War Funds Regulation Act.—It was decided that a special circular be issued to sub-branches, pointing out that their work for patriotic or comforts funds would be covered by the general authorisation granted to the League under the Act, and that there was no need for any sub-branch to apply for special authorisation.

District Committees.—It was decided that the last appointed secretary of each District Committee should be asked if the committee is functioning, and if any appointment of a representative to the State Executive has been made.

Community Concerts.—The report of the House Committee indicated that arrangements had been completed for the commencement of this year's series of community concerts on April 11.

Pensions and Employment.—The report of the meeting of the Pensions and Employment Committee on March 11 was received and adopted. The report dealt with apprentices enlisting for service overseas, the proposed military hospital and appointment in the tramways and military appointments. In regard to the last-mentioned the assistant State secretary was appointed to assist Mr. Hunt in liaison work with the military authorities.

Committees.—Mr. O. J. Williams was appointed a member of the Pensions and Employment Committee and Mr. F. J. Warner, M.L.A., was appointed a member of the Land and Membership Committees.

S.S.L. Sports and Picnic.—A report submitted by Mr. R. Nicholas stated that the S.S.L. sports held on March 16 and the picnic on March 17 were both successful functions.

Visits.—Visits were reported by the State President (Claremont, S.S.L. sports and a meeting with the Governor-General on Lord Gowrie's visit to the State), Messrs. Anderson and Williams (Caligurra), Colonel Fairley (interviews with officials of Wagon, Kojonup, Manjimup and Donnybrook sub-branches), Mr. Thorn (Swan View), Mr. Aberle and State secretary (Kalgoorlie and Boulder), Mr. Williams (Mundaring), Mr. Steen (Narrawa, and interviews with officials of other sub-branches), Mr. Nicholas (hospital visits), Mr. Cornwell (interviews with officials of Esperance, Norseman, Kalgoorlie and Boulder sub-branches), Colonel Margolin (Red Cross Society meeting, and meeting of the National Fitness Council).

Visitor.—The State President formally welcomed Mr. J. Saunders, a member of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch, to the meeting.

High School, Albany.—The Albany sub-branch requested the State Executive to approach the Minister for Education in regard to the overcrowding of the Albany High School. It was agreed to advise Albany that this matter did not come within the League's activities.

Wool Appraisal.—A communication from the Albany sub-branch regarding wool appraisal was referred to the Land Committee.

Returned Soldiers and War Effort.—The North Perth sub-branch suggested that a meeting of presidents and secretaries of metropolitan sub-branches which the Membership Committee would call. Army Matter.—The Federal Executive submitted information in reply to resolutions forwarded by various sub-branches. It was agreed that the sub-branches concerned be advised accordingly.

Free Travelling.—The Gosnells sub-branch urged that the Government should make free travelling facilities available on trains and trains for all soldiers in uniform.

It was agreed that the State Government should be approached on the matter.

Wet Canteens.—The Armadale sub-branch urged the introduction of wet canteens for all camps.

It was agreed that the position should be explained to the sub-branch.

Taxation Garrison Battalion.—The Premier's Department advised in reply to previous representations that at a recent Premiers' conference it was unanimously agreed that exemption from taxation should apply only to military or naval income of persons while engaged on service outside Australia. It was pointed out that the claims of the garrison battalion had not been overlooked. It was agreed that further representations be made on the matter.

Composts Navy and Air Force.—The Baldi sub-branch urged action to provide comforts for these two arms of the forces. It was left to the State secretary to explain that the executive is in touch with organisations who provide such comforts for all sections of the forces, and the two arms referred to are not being overlooked.

Composts Provost Corps.—A communication from the D.A.P.M., Western Command, concerning comforts for the Provost Corps was referred to the Garrison Battalion Welfare Committee for consideration and action.

Employment of Aliens.—The Collie sub-branch requested that a protest be made to the Department of Immigration against aliens being employed in 40 per cent. of the forces. It was left to the State secretary to explain that the executive is in touch with organisations who provide such comforts for all sections of the forces, and the two arms referred to are not being overlooked.

Defence Pension Regulations.—It was agreed that the provisions for pension of National Servicemen be referred to the Executive Committee for recommendation.

The President recommended that the report of the Appraisal Committee be referred to the Land Committee for consideration and action.

Wool Appraisal.—The report of the Appraisal Committee was referred to the Land Committee.

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Land Matters.—The report of the Land Committee of a meeting held on April 3 was received and adopted. The report dealt with apples and pear acquisitions and cases from sub-branches.

Anzac Club.—The committee of the Anzac Club was empowered to act in regard to the question of honorary membership of the club.

Garrison Battalion Welfare Fund.—The report of a meeting of the 10th Garrison Battalion Welfare Fund Committee, held on March 26, was received and adopted. The report recommended that sub-branches in the apple growing districts be circularised and asked for donations of fruit, and that the necessary procedure be explained. A further recommendation provided for the inclusion of the Provost Section of the Western Command in the activities of the committee.

A.R.M.S. Competition.—It was reported that the A.R.M.S. competitions for 1940 had commenced, and that 17 sub-branches had entered. Mr. Kerr was re-appointed as executive representative on the controlling body.

Visits.—Visits to sub-branches and associations were reported by the State President (Press and Bruce Rock), Mr. Zeffert (Gosnells), Messrs. Fairley and Williams (Murray), Mr. Dinan (No. 13 District Committee), Mr. Pick reported having called on the State secretaries in the Eastern States. Mr. Aberle reported that he had interviewed sub-branch officials in Albany. Mr. Cornell stated that he had called on officials at Southern Cross and Moorene Rock. Mr. Watt reported on a motor car outing arranged for patients at Lemnos and Edward Milen Home. Colonel Olden reported having attended a meeting of the W.A. Sportmen's Organising Council for Patriotic Funds.

Broadcast.—The Federal Office advised that a speech by the Federal President (Sir Gilbert Dyett) will be broadcast on May 5 at 7 p.m. (Perth time).

Invitations.—Mr. Philip will represent the State Executive at Marradong-Boddington on April 20.

The State President will represent the League at the function arranged for South African and Imperial Veterans on May 24.

Parade.—Advice was received from Swan Barracks that the 25th Light Horse would march through Perth on April 5. The State President was invited to be present on the days and members of the executive in the official enclosure.

Patriotic Organisations.—Advice was received from the Chief Secretary's Department that Brigadier-General T. Griffiths had been appointed liaison officer between the defence services and patriotic organisations.

Crematorium.—Northam sub-branch suggested that the Minister for the Army be approached with a request that a crematorium be started on the A.I.F. The reply was left to the State Secretary.

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

A posthumous Certificate of Service was awarded to the late Mr. J. C. Pike, President of the Kukerin sub-branch.

Northampton sub-branch expressed concern at the growth of anti-British propaganda from sub-branches.

British Ex-Service Women's Association
A social and dance was held in the Railway Institute on April 1 in aid of amelioration funds. During the evening items were given by Miss Mackenzie (eloquence) and Mr. J. Beeson (novelty pianist). Community singing was also enjoyed. Dance music was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bates and their orchestra. The next dance will be held in the Railway Institute on Monday, May 20, at 8 p.m. During the remainder of the season there will be a dance on the first Monday of each month. A nominal charge of sixpence is made, and this includes supper.

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SPEARWOOD

Members paid a visit to Rockingham on March 11. About 20 members attended the meeting at the Miles’ Store, which was presided over by the president (Mr. W. E. Deller). The secretary, Mr. N. Marich, while other members contended that they could do many jobs that would release younger men for service in the front line. It was decided to invite the ladies of the auxiliary to a combined meeting in April. There was a general expression of appreciation of the work done by the auxiliary. Mr. G. Aberle proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Miles for their invitation to hold the meeting at Rockingham. This was passed with acclamation, and Mr. Miles suitably responded.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

Possession of the Newdgate Cup has proved a stimulus to membership. The A.R.M.S. teams are now in strict training. Notwithstanding the hot weather, attentances at meetings have been above the average and much business has been transacted. The sub-branch has set the lead in the metropolitan area by extending honorary membership to all residents of the district who enlist for active service. Advice to this effect has been sent to the next-of-kin, wherever possible. A full record is being kept of those who enlist. The annual show this year will take the form of “A Night in a Dug-Out.” Although the show does not take place until April 6, tickets are nearly sold out already. The appointment of two sick visitors for each month has proved a most successful innovation. The visitors try to call on every member who is on the sick list, whether the patient is at home or in hospital.

MEVILLE

As the result of a small social gathering on March 23, the sub-branch was able to forward £2/15/6 to the Garrison Battalion Welfare Fund. The happy financial result was largely due to the Swan Brewery and Mr. A. Burnett, of Gomo, who donated the beer and bread for the occasion. The sub-branch has undertaken the work of renewing the name plaques in the Honour Avenue at Point Walter.

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS

Jim Wilshusen, formerly vice-president, is now president in succession to Harry Rutherford, who has taken over the secretaryship as the result of Mac Lockheed’s serious illness. Charlie Groves, a comparative newcomer to the district, but one who has already proved his worth in sub-branch affairs, has been elected a trustee. Arrangements for Anzac Day are well in hand. The sub-branch has exchanged visits with Mr. Helena. The latter has extended an invitation to Mundaring for April 27. The sub-branch has taken up the case of a militia man who, it is alleged, has been jobbing through having to work for three months. The evening concluded with the usual songs and festivity. Morrie Owen manipulated the piano and Ben Davies, Joe Lenegan, Gordon Jones and Jack Tomlinson were in excellent voice.

OSBORNE PARK

The meeting on April 3 was well attended and another new member was added to the strength. Secretary Dave Millar is keen to utilize the collar this day, coping with rapidly accumulating business. The ladies of the committee are arranging a concert which will be held in the near future. Arrangements for Anzac Day have been completed and teams are busy with practice for the A.R.M.S. competitions. The Reverend Father Langmead, who is now a chaplain to the forces, is very interested in the boys, giving advice and encouragement wherever possible. He is very keen to get “over there” and is already popular with the new Diggers.

GLOUCESTER

At the special meeting held on March 21 the following officers were elected: President, H. Hopperton; vice-presidents, V. Fowler and H. Caple; secretary, C. J. Lambe; assistant secretary, H. Thomas; auditors, A. Cusworth and J. A. McDonald; publicity officer, N. Bush; general committee, C. Ibister, N. Bush, G. P. Owen, J. Donaldson, F. Brown, H. Thomas, H. E. Falchard and V. Angel; sick committee, F. White and F. Ecoyd. The above were duly installed at the general meeting held on April 4. The past president, W. W. Strang, made a speech of appreciation of help given him by the sub-branch during his term of office. It was decided to form a committee with the view of securing a block of ground and building a hall. It was also decided to meet fortnightly in future and hold the meeting at the sub-branch as a committee meeting, followed by sports and practice for A.R.M.S. games. The annual picnic on March 24 at Coogee was a wonderful success. The catering arrangements required no improvement. Ice cream, ginger beer, fruit, water melons, etc., for the children, dinkum oil for the troops and a beautiful sunny day. The outstanding feature was the R.S.I.L. handicap, which was won by Geo. Black. Half a head from Norman Bush, with the renowned Tom Scott a nose away third. The trophies won at the picnic were presented at a ladies’ night on Friday, March 24, where
all enjoyed themselves. This will be a standing fixture for the winter months. The next general meeting will be Thursday, May 2, at 8 p.m.

**FREMANTLE CITY AND DISTRICT**

Notwithstanding the heavy work entailed in keeping the dances going for the defence forces, preparing for Anzac Day and planning our rather ambitious musical festival, which starts on April 18, we had a very pleasant relaxation when our women’s auxiliary entertained us to a sports night on March 21, and in nearly all events routed us. At the conclusion of a very nice supper, Mr. H. G. Wilson thanked the ladies for their hospitality and congratulated them on their success at the various games. We are getting quite a thrill now as we have over 400 entries for the festival. The prize winner’s final grand concert will be at the Fremantle Town Hall on April 24, when His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor and Lady Mitchell will have advised us that they will attend. We are still getting jolly nice letters from the boys who recently passed through going overseas and were feted at the Soldiers’ Institute.

**CLAREMONT**

At the meeting on April 4, the president (Mr. J. L. Storey) welcomed Mr. Robinson as a new member. Mr. C. H. Briggs made a presentation to the secretary of the auxiliary (Miss Bryant) in recognition of her splendid work over a number of years. Three members—Messrs. W. Smith, White and Campbell—are now well on the road to recovery after recent illness. Members wish them the best of health in the immediate future. The following were elected captains of the A.R.M.S. teams: Sports master, Mr. G. Day; table tennis, Mr. Gascoigne; quoits, Mr. Woodhead; rifle, Mr. Telford; draughts, Mr. Baxter; bridge, Mr. Marshall; and darts, Mr. C. H. Briggs. The annual smoke social and dinner was held on March 7. Among the distinguished guests were the State President (Mr. A. Yeates), the Mayor of Claremont (Mr. Judge) and Lieut.-Colonel Robinson, C.O. 10th Garrison Battalion. Early in the year the Claremont Bowling Club invited members to a dinner and social evening. Many attended and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

**MAYLANDS**

At a well-attended meeting on March 28 it was decided to co-operate with the women’s auxiliary in holding monthly dances to aid the sub-branch funds. The question of finance has also exercised the collective mind of the comforts committee, which proposes to hold a sweep. An honour box has been installed in the meeting room. It will contain the names of all members of the district who enlist in the A.I.F. It is the desire of the sub-branch to have the names of all who are entitled to enrolment, and the secretary would be glad of the essential information. Members are now practising vigorously for the A.R.M.S. games, the first of which as far as Maylands is concerned will be against Mt. Hawthorn at Mt. Hawthorn R.S.L. Hall. A debating team is being formed, so that the sub-branch can get into closer touch with all other sub-branches. The funds of the Red Cross Society have increased to the noble sum of £30, thanks to the management of Robbie, the proprietor and manager of the Lyric Theatre, and Roxy of Maylands, not forgetting the staff, who helped to make a recent evening a great success.

**KELMSCOTT-ROLEYSTONE**

The sub-branch celebrated its 21st birthday on Saturday, April 6. Mr. F. Cogley presided over a gathering of 100. During the evening speakers paid glowing tributes to the ladies of the auxiliary for their work on behalf of patients in ex-service men’s hospitals and similar institutions. The League’s Certificate of Service was presented to Mr. H. T. Cockram by Mr. A. S. Jackson. Mr. Cockram has been an active member of the sub-branch for over twenty years. He was secretary for four years and president for three. The State Executive was represented by Mr. F. Aberlc, who informed the gathering that the State in relief among ex-service men and their dependents. The State organiser of the Australian National Fitness Council (Mr. J. O’Donoghue) addressed the gathering.

**WEST LEEDEVILLE-WEMBLEY**

The sub-branch held its usual monthly meeting on Monday, April 8. There was a very large attendance and members listened to a very interesting lecture entitled “Ants” by the Curator of the Museum, Mr. L. Grauer. The practice nights for the A.R.M.S. competitions will be held every Monday in the lesser hall, starting on April 15 at 8 p.m. On April 18 the Manchester United Lodge have extended an open invitation to members of the sub-branch to a special function. Will members please roll in force. They will enjoy themselves. Most members are familiar with the arrangements for Anzac Day, and practically the same programme as last year will be carried out as far as the local arrangements are concerned. Returned soldiers will parade at 2.15 p.m. at the corner of Newcastle and Oxford Street, and move off for the Town Hall at 2.30 p.m. The speaker for the day will be Mr. I. T. Birtwistle. A cheerio has been sent to our old friend, “Silent” McNinnis, who has had a bad spin of ill-health. We wish you well, Mac, and hope that you will soon be back with us. This sub-branch is arranging a send-off of local men who have enlisted in the A.I.F. and who are about to depart overseas. More will be heard of this in the daily Press. It’s a pleasant relaxation when our women’s members with us. It’s a pleasant relaxation when our women’s members with us. It’s a pleasant relaxation when our women’s members with us. It’s a pleasant relaxation when our women’s members with us. It’s a pleasant relaxation when our women’s members with us.}

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NAREMBEEN
The sub-branch is holding their annual reunion dinner on June 15 in the old hall, Narembene, at 7.30 p.m. On the same evening we are giving a dance in the new hall to the general public to wind-up the evening. A silver coin entrance will help defray the expenses of the hall, orchestra, etc.

CARLISLE
At the last monthly meeting, presided over by Mr. L. Gilsen, there were 31 members present. It was regretted that Mundijong could not make the trip owing to lack of transport, but there is still that pleasure to look forward to. The main business of the evening was the arrangements to entertain the Carlisle boys who are in the A.I.F. It was decided to hold a farewell ball on Tuesday, May 23. Tickets and our thanks are tendered to all those who join in the programme.

PERTH
Our sub-branch activities are increasing and with the A.R.M.S. games upon us we shall find it difficult to keep going unless more of our members become involved. With a view to securing this, we are holding a smoke social on Tuesday, May 23. Tickets are 2/-, and no expense is being spared to make it an enjoyable evening. Euchre on Monday and bridge on Thursdays are becoming increasingly popular, whilst the Saturday night dance is also well patronised. The Easter gift raffle was a very successful effort, and our thanks are tendered to all those who helped. Our meetings continue to excite much profitable discussion and a go-ahead policy is much in evidence. The Sons of Soldiers are improving both in numbers and skill in the Colonel Collet games, whilst our ladies' committee is working harmoniously and doing much valuable work for the sub-branch and the troops who are going overseas. We urge all our members, past and present, to keep their subscriptions up as they fall due.

KALGOORLIE
On Saturday night, March 9, the sub-branch held a gymkhana on the Trotting Association ground, when an excellent non-stop programme of events was witnessed by a goodly attendance in spite of the inclement weather. The programme comprised trotting, tug-o-war, log-chop, pedestrian and cycling races. Messrs. F. Aberle and Dave Benson were the guests of the sub-branch at the gymkhana. On Sunday night a special meeting at the Institute was held to hear addresses by Messrs. Aberle and Benson. Representatives from the district attended in full force. Mr. Pugh (president of Menzies sub-branch) and his wife travelled by car to be present. The Diggers thoroughly enjoyed listening to the words of these ambassadors from headquarters, as it is all too infrequent that we have visits from such members of the State Executive. During their stay in Kalgoorlie the visitors were shown all the interesting spots by our members. The Returned Soldiers' Golf Club, which was inaugurated last year, is going ahead splendidly. They have been granted a club licence, provisionally, upon conforming to the requirements governing the club pavilion. Consequently the coming season should prove a more successful one. During the month Messrs. Lydon and Burrows were elected vice-presidents of the sub-branch to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Messrs. Wright and Buttle. A deputation from the sub-branch waited upon the Kalgoorlie Municipal Council in connection with the employment of ex-service men by the latter. The president (Major H. James) has been appointed to represent the sub-branch on the local governing bodies reception committee, which was formed recently to entertain members of the A.I.F. who may be passing through Kalgoorlie or spending final leave there. Geo. Edwards, the secretary, in conjunction with Vic O'Grady, secretary of Boulder sub-branch, is acting as secretary of the reception committee.

SUBIACO
The sub-branch has gained its objective in the A.R.M.S. competitions with regard to the inclusion of darts, but, alas, for the draughts players. Those busy thumbs will be idle now. The collection of historic pictures which adorn our walls has been enriched by a portrait of Marshal Poch, kindly donated by a member of the women's auxiliary, Mrs. Field, and by a litho. of Digger shoulder patches, which is apparently the joint gift of Mrs. Chubb and Mr. Eastwood. To these ladies and to Mr. Eastwood we tender our grateful thanks. Incidentally, who said there was a better women's auxiliary than Subiaco? Their loyal support, recently expressed in good Australian currency, is, to say the least of it, appreciated. The general meeting on April 21 was noteworthy for a late start and an early finish. Mr. Congden's attempt to cramp the style of the football league by instituting Saturday afternoon working bees and Jim Ballard's scathing comments on those selling socks to soldiers were other features of the evening. The following events have been specially set aside for bridge players (admission 1/2): May 4 and 18.

VICTORIA PARK
Fair attendances were recorded at the March general meeting and subsequent committee meeting. Two new members—Messrs. W. H. Francis and R. Brennan—were welcomed. The load of wood was won by ticket No. 3407, Frank, 381 Beaufort Street. The small profit from this and other efforts will help to meet commitments on the hall. The sending off of local boys shortly sailing to join the A.I.F. overseas was a great success. The sub-branch intends to keep in touch with them. In future full practice for A.R.M.S. games will take place after the general meeting on the third Friday of each month.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEDGERVILLE
An interesting programme of sports was carried out at the annual picnic when events for young and old were conducted. There were many willing helpers to make the occasion an outstanding success. The ladies of the auxiliary, as usual, did excellent work with the commissariat department. There is no doubt about Mrs. Lee as an organiser, and Mrs. Bevan rendered valuable assistance with the sweets. The following results of the sports programme were recorded: Auxiliary handicap, Mrs. Kay 1 and Mrs. Williams 2; married women's race, Miss Black and Miss Jackson 2; visitors' handicap, Campbell 1 and Garcia 2; S.S.L. over 14, G. Travers 1 and Tempest 2; throwing at wicket, Lee 1; sub-branch handicap was won by George Black, mine host of Oxford Hotel. The great event of the day was the beer barrel rolling competition, which ended in a dead heat after a great race between Martin Flanagan and Fred Hayes. The ice cream race was won by Ted Damon from Harry Richardson. The swimming race was won by Garn Blab from Reg. Holland. The Lemnos patients were entertained by the auxiliary on April 7. Anzac Day will be commemorated in the traditional manner. The services will be held at the Ritz Theatre and the march from the hall will take place at 2.30 p.m.

ALBANY
In the absence of the president and both vice-presidents, Mr. L. S. Barnett took the

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chair at the meeting on April 2. It was agreed that folders for local members of the A.I.F., as offered by Mr. D. R. Syewart, be accepted with thanks. Arrangements for Anzac Day were finalised. It was agreed that business meetings be curtailed to permit entertainments in aid of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund. Strong support was given to a motion that the State Executive urge the Minister for Education to provide more accommodation for students at the Albany High School. With regard to the age limit for service in departmental corps, it was strongly felt that all State branches should be requested to move in this matter. As the result of a successful smoke and offers to help relatives of members of the A.I.F., about 19 honorary members have been enrolled. The S.S.L. report showed a slightly increased membership. The report of the O.C. Gardens showed that over 26 had been raised. This brings the total since September 14 to over £18. The sub-branch is grateful for the support given by visitors. An increase of five new members for the month was reported. It is 28 months since a meeting failed to increase in strength.

CARLISLE

Mr. L. Gilson covered a well attended meeting on March 7. Arrangements were made for the weekly dances, which commenced on March 15. Twenty members visited Mundijong, where they were the guests of the local sub-branch at a very enjoyable evening. At the close of the meeting Certificates of Service were presented to the past president, Mr. H. Crofts, and to Mr. F. Wunderberg, a committee man of years standing who is still a very active worker.

CALINGIRI

There was a good attendance at the meeting held at Bolgart on March 2. The president (Mr. H. Hill) explained the activities of the sub-branch over the past quarter and outlined the procedure to be followed in connection with the reunion on March 16. It was decided to establish a register of local members of the A.I.F. Arrangements for Anzac Day were finalised.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT

The annual meeting was held on February 9 when the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. H. G. Watt; vice-president, G. R. Parker; secretary, R. E. Marsh; treasurer, H. Murphy; trustees, C. Burnett, H. Laidlaw and H. Bickle; auditors, W. Johnston and H. C. Cheeseman. Mr. Parker moved that a record of appreciation be placed on the minutes for services rendered during his two years as president by Mr. Murphy. On March 8 the sub-branch celebrated its second birthday with a smoke-o. The following sub-branches were represented at a well-attended function: Wooloroo, West Swan, Upper Swan, Midland Junction, Guildford, Bassendean, Bayswater, Maylands and Workshops. Mr. Lin. Thorn, M.L.A. represented the State Executive. Christie’s orchestra supplied the musical and vocal items, and were rendered by Jock Sheppard, Ben Davies, “Jongsy,” of Wooloroo, and that good old entertainer from Maylands so well known for his impersonation of Billy Hughes, the inimitable Ted Scott. Mr. Murphy was presented with a Certificate of Service and to the energetic sub-branch secretary, “Marshy,” was presented a fountain pen. Both presentations were made by Mr. E. J. Thorn. Special thanks were given to the ladies of the auxiliary who looked after the catering arrangements.

MUNDIJONG-JARRAHDALE

The monthy meeting was held in the Mundijong Hall on March 13. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Tait; secretary, Mr. F. H. Duckrell; treasurer, Mr. S. Hopkins; sports secretary, Mr. E. M. Rose; stewards, Messrs. G. B. H. Johnson and C. Woodland; memorial wardens, Messrs. F. M. Rose and W. G. Lyster; committee, Mr. R. A. Geddes, Messrs. W. G. Lyster, E. M. Rose and W. Angove. Thirty members of the Mr. Lawley-Inglewood sub-branch paid a visit at the March meeting, when a pleasant evening was spent. Three members are now serving in the forces, Dr. B. Burnside as a medical officer and Mr. L. C. Edwards and Mr. H. C. Gadby with the 10th Garrison Battalion. All members wish these three comrades the best of luck. The president (Mr. Tait) calls the attention of all members to the Anzac Ball, which will be held in the Jarrahdah Hall on Saturday, April 27. Members are asked to reserve this date and turn up in force with all their friends.

MOSMAN PARK

At the March meeting Geo. Ashworth presided over a moderate attendance. Many of our regular members were not with us on that occasion due to being out of town on Easter vacation. The Red Cross appeal to be held on Saturday, April 5, was discussed, and it was decided that we should take part in assisting to raise funds for this very worthy cause. Preparations were put in hand towards preparing a tableaux for the procession and members were allocated to take charge of a stocking wheel and also “House.” Further consideration was given to the matter of raising funds for the school patriotic funds. We decided to collaborate with the ladies of the auxiliary and a social and dance was arranged as the first of a series of efforts. Our librarian (Mr. Hammonds) reported that there were over 300 books available for selection in the library and appealed to members to avail themselves of membership of this very useful adjunct to our hall. His appeal for the wherewithal with which to purchase new books did not fall upon deaf ears, and the sum of £2/10/- was donated.

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from the social fund for this purpose. For the convenience of members, the library will be opened on Wednesday nights from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. for the month of April. If results warrant it, this will be continued throughout the year. Members will regret to learn that two of our staunchest—Frank Gibson and Bill Mani—are inmates of Fremantle Public Hospital and Edward Millen Home respectively. We wish them both a speedy recovery. Our first two engagements in the A.R.M.S. competition this year are with Gloucester Park at Anzac House and Nedlands at our own hall respectively. Both teams are more turned out on these occasions, so mornings for practice, but we want to see

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY
Twenty-six members attended the monthly meeting on March 27. The president (Mrs. Haines) welcomed as new members Mesdames Adamson, Devenport and Silverlock. Members volunteered for service in aid of the Y.M.C.A. appeal on April 5. The auxiliary will also assist in the Empire Shopping Week dance on May 24. An enjoyable afternoon was spent on Sunday, March 31, when the auxiliary entertained patients from Lemnos, Edward Millen and the Home of Peace. There was an outing at Mosman's Bay, followed by h'g'o tea in the West Leederville Town Hall. Mrs. Hopperton made all the arrangements for cars. The auxiliary State executive was represented by Mesdames McKinlay, Stockman and Hopperton. During the tea, the president (Mrs. Haines) welcomed the guests and thanked the car-drivers and artists. Mrs. Haines then presented 47 tray cloths to Lemnos Hospital. In the absence of Matron McDonald, these were received by Sister Arey, the State President (Mrs. McKinlay) thanked the auxiliary for arranging the outing. Mr. E. S. Watt, in giving thanks, caused merriment by referring to the vice-president of the sub-branch (Mr. Haines) and the president of the auxiliary (Mrs. Haines), who were sitting on either side of him, as the bride and bridegroom. He mentioned that this was the twelfth function of the kind that Mrs. Haines had organised. Messrs. Bailey (Lemnos), N. C. Ryder (Edward Millen) and J. Dunne (Home of Peace) returned thanks for the outing. Community singing and dances were interspersed with songs by Mrs. Vic. Fowler and Mr. Olve Groom, recitations by Miss K. Grossler and a dance by Master Kevin Johnson. The accompanists were Mrs. Sutherland Groom and Miss M. Eastham. Mr. Stan Roy's orchestra provided the music for the dancing.

SOUTH PERTH
A well-attended meeting was held on March 15. In the absence of the president (Mrs. H. Day), the chair was taken by Mrs. Beere. Arrangements are well in hand for the annual outing and tea for the patients of Lemnos and Edward Millen. The hospital committee is putting in good work visiting the Perth General Hospital and Heathcote. The concert party is practising vigorously for a visit to the Old Women's Home at Fremantle. The teams for the McKinlay Shield competition are in good form. They have won their first two games.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT
The first meeting of the year was held last month. Mrs. Williams was re-elected president and Mrs. Marsh vice-president. Mrs. Cheeseman was also elected vice-president. Mrs. Baty resigned from the office of secretary to the great regret of members. Her place will be taken by Mrs. Bicknell. Other officers elected were: Trustees: Mesdames Hamer, Baty and Murphy; social committee, Mesdames Richardson, Murphy, Williams, Johnson and Sutherland; publicity office, Mrs. Parker. During the afternoon the top of the birthday cake presented by the sub-branch was cut by the retiring secretary. The birthday party was held on April 11. The sympathy of the auxiliary is extended to two sick members, Mesdames Harvey and Laidlaw, both of whom are wished a speedy recovery. The monthly socials and dances commence this month. Arrangements are in hand for the entertainment of the Diggers of the Old Men's Home.
VICTORIA PARK

The general meeting on March 21 was well attended. Mrs. Barnett presided. The goose club was drawn and resulted: 1, 900; 2, 372; 3, 152; 4, 357; 5, 61; 6, 350; 7, 386; 8, 295; 9, 436; 10, 542; 11, 926; 12, 490; 13, 674; 14, 940; 15, 546; 16, 605; 17, 547; 18, 735; 19, 957; 20, 347. All prizes were donated by members, and the funds will benefit considerably by the proceeds. On March 27 a most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mrs. Barnett, when she gave an evening to raise funds. About 30 guests were present. On April 2 the auxiliary and the sub-branch had a combined meeting. On April 3 an enjoyable day was spent at South Beach. On April 5 members assisted in the street appeal for the Y.M.C.A., war service work, and on April 19 it has been decided to hold a jumble sale. The banties raffled for the wool fund were won by Mrs. Jack Matthews. The financial report was given by Mrs. F. Matthews. Mrs. Lloyd reported 26 patients at the Edward Millen Home and Mrs. Barnett reported on the comfort fund. A large attendance attended. The guests included the auxiliary State President (Mrs. McKinlay) and secretary (Mrs. Hopperton). Competition events have resulted in one win and one loss so far. The soldiers' outing followed by tea and entertaining items in the hall was held on April 7. The president, unfortunately, has been on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

B.U.S.W.

The organisation has had a particularly busy time in the past few months, the activities including the monthly social and after-care work. The latter forms a big part of the union's work. Milk, eggs and other health-giving foods are provided for wives and children of ex-service men in indigent circumstances, who require nourishment on leaving hospital. The F.U.S.W. has taken the 10th Garrison Battalion under its wing. The sewing circle meets every Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special days are given to Red Cross and 10th Garrison Battalion work. At the request of Mrs. M. F. Troy, wife of the Agent-General for Western Australia in London, gloves are being made for mine-sweepers of the Royal Navy. At the April social a very interesting address was given by the Minister for Industries (Mr. Hawke) who urged housewives to make a point of buying local goods and help to create employment within the State.

SUBIACO

A visit to the Old Men's Home was made on the first Wednesday in March. Cheery community singing, led by Mrs. J. Thomas, and items by her bright band of artists were much enjoyed, as also were the boxes of good things. We thank the ladies of Bunbury auxiliary for their generosity in assisting in this work by sending homemade biscuits to help fill the boxes. On Wednesday, March 13, members visited Lemnos again. Community singing, solos and comic songs, followed by dancing on the lawn, passed the afternoon happily. The monthly meeting, presided over by Mrs. Turpin, was fairly well attended considering it was so near Easter, and four new members were welcomed. The knitting of camp comforts is well on the way and a nice parcel of goods has already been sent in. The sports are also in full swing and competitive games have begun. The weekly dances continue in popularity and now the nights are cooler the dances are drawing bigger crowds. Arrangements are well in hand for the entertainment of the boys of the A.I.F. at socials and dances in the R.S.L. hall.

COTTESLOE

The monthly meeting was held on April 1. There was a large attendance, presided over by Mrs. H. Scott. The hospital and social committees gave very satisfactory reports of their activities. A special fund has been opened to provide comforts for local men who are in the force. A jumble sale will be held on Saturday, April 20. Rehearsals for a concert to be held very shortly are well in hand. Plans were discussed for entertaining sick soldiers, and it was decided to co-operate with the sub-branch at a high tea and entertainment to be held in the near future. Birthday celebrations were also discussed.

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<td>TAMBELEUP</td>
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<td>Wubin Hall</td>
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<td>H. Nicol, 35 Miller Street,</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Ledder-</td>
<td>Last Saturday, 8 p.m., 7.30</td>
<td>A. B. Dinnie, Bunting</td>
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