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AUSTRALIA AND THE EMPIRE

"We ought to elevate our minds to the greatness of that trust to which the order of Providence has called us. By adverting to the dignity of this high calling, our ancestors have turned savage wilderness into a glorious Empire and have made the most extensive and the only honourable conquests, not by destroying, but by promoting the wealth, the number, the happiness of the human race."—Edmund Burke.

"A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worth being remembered by remote descendants."—Lord Macaulay.

A remarkable feature of the recurring European crises is the policy adopted by the British Government in keeping the Dominion Governments fully informed of the progress of events. It is not known, and probably will never be known, how far this tendency has proceeded along the road to actual consultation; but it may be inferred that Britain, realising the fundamental importance of the wholehearted co-operated of all members of the British Commonwealth of Nations in matters of foreign policy, would ascertain the views of Dominion Governments before taking any important step involving the issues of peace or war. If this is not actual consultation it is evidence that the Dominions can and do influence British policy to a greater degree than is generally known. This change in Imperial relations has developed only within the past twenty years, and is in marked contrast with the position pertaining a hundred years ago. In 1839 we find the British Government confiding in Dominion Governments. One hundred years ago, in 1839, preparations to grant responsible Government to the Australian colonies were looked upon as the first step towards the disruption of the Empire.

It was in 1839 that the great Liberal Statesman, Lord John Russell, declared that responsible Government was incompatible with colonial status. Sixteen years later, Lord Russell, as Colonial Minister, introduced into the House of Commons Bills to empower the Crown to assent to the new constitutions adopted by the Legislative Councils of New South Wales and Victoria. The Bill was bitterly opposed by several members, among whom was Robert Lowe, who had just returned from New South Wales, where he had been actively associated with the political life of the Colony, and had formed a very poor opinion of the Australian politician. The attitude of Mr. Rogers, who was then permanent Under-Secretary for the Colonies, is also worth remembering. He declared that the Colonial Office existed "to secure that our connection (with the Colonies), while it lasts, shall be as profitable to both parties, and our separation, when it comes, as amicable as possible. The generally accepted opinion in the England of the middle of the 19th Century was that the Colonies would, like grown-up children, secede from the Empire as soon as they reached maturity. Added to this was the growing belief, fostered by Lord Palmerston's flamboyant concept of "Little England," that the Colonies had better be got rid of, before they involved the Mother Country in wars or other expensive projects. Such a view, expressed by one of the most vigorous of British statesmen, is also worth remembering when neurotic dictators and home-grown isolationists speak of British Imperialism as if it were something inherently wicked and oppressive. Actually, it was the problem of Imperial defence which established greater cohesion among the component parts of the Empire and awakened what we now understand by the spirit of Empire. Even while English politicians were dubious about the future of the Empire, visitors to the Australian Colonies were astounded by the loyalty to the Mother Country displayed there. The rejoicings at the end of the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny were widespread. The attempt to assassinate a Royal Duke, the first member of the Royal Family to visit Australia, inspired a flood of loyal addresses from the New South Wales Parliament and other representative organisations. In those days, and to a very much later date, Australians spoke of England as "Home," and "Home News" was a standing heading in the Australian Press.

Australia's isolation was the basis of her intense nationalism and her anxiety about the safety of her shores. Militia and volunteer forces were formed in several of the Colonies, immediately the British troops were withdrawn. Then, in 1865, that zealous reformer, Mr. Cardwell, sponsored the Colonial Naval Defence Act. This measure provided the Colonies with a number of warships, suitable for harbour and coastal defence. Advice on defence matters was freely given and naval and military instructors came to the Colonies from Britain. In the matter of defence, a new and important principle was admitted. If the Colonies were to maintain defence forces, they should have the right to control them. The ill-fated, Sir George Tryon, who was sent to Australia by the Admiralty in 1886 to give advice on naval policy, concurred in the idea that personal service was to be preferred to the payment of subsidies for defence.

Leading writers on Australian history are agreed that the isolation of the Aus-
Australian Colonies induced Australians to take a keen interest in Britain's foreign policy. They had no sympathy with Little Englanders, or with the pacific ideals of the Manchester School. Gladstone was roundly blamed for giving way to the Boers after Majuba, and for the sacrifice of General Cordon at Khartum. The acquisition of islands in the Pacific by foreign Powers was regarded as evidence of weakness on the part of the Home Government. Russia was as much the bogey of Empire during the last quarter of the 19th Century, as she again became during the first quarter of the 20th. When Britain and Russia were on the verge of war in 1878, most of the Australian Colonies sent delegates to London to confer with the British Government on the defence of the Empire. In 1881, when the news of Majuba reached Australia, members of the South Australian volunteer forces offered themselves for service in South Africa. This was the first offer of the kind made in Australia. When Queensland formally annexed New Guinea, this action was warmly applauded by her sister Colonies, who were just as indignant when the British Government repudiated the annexation and subsequently allowed Germany to secure a foothold on that island.

But the first actual participation of an Australian colony in the Empire's wars occurred early in 1885, when the Government of New South Wales despatched a contingent of artillery and infantry to the Sudan. The expedition was vigorously opposed by Sir Henry Parks and other members of the New South Wales Parliament, not through any lack of loyalty, but because they feared that if the Colonies were denuded of trained soldiers they would be at the mercy of Russia, who was again at loggerheads with Britain.

The celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, and the outbreak of the South African War two years later, marked the climax of Imperialism. All parts of the Empire sent troops to march in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee procession; all the white countries of the Empire sent contingents to serve with their fellow Britons in South Africa. The Boer War had a host of opponents, both in England and Australia, but there was no doubt about the loyalty of Australians to the British tradition. The white Dominions generally were more wholehearted in their support of Britain against the Boers than were Englishmen themselves. The Australian attitude was not one of sentimental or uncritical admiration for the Mother Country, or for Englishmen as such. It was rather a realisation that the civilisation of which our free institutions are the expression were in conflict with something essentially inferior. This practical loyalty found its focus in the person of the old Queen herself. Her widowhood, her long reign and the number of important changes in the structure of society and industry which had occurred during the Record Reign, made men look upon her as the personification, the very Madonna of Empire. This is why her birthday, May 24, was selected as the day of Empire, and is celebrated as such wherever the British flag waves.

When the Great War came the broader concept of Empire which has made many writers and speakers discard the older name "Empire" with its associations of sovereignty and domination, in favour of the more expressive and more essentially English word, "Commonwealth." Even in official speeches and correspondence, the term "British Commonwealth of Nations," has found wider acceptance. It was Disraeli who gave a more liberal direction to Imperial thought when he used the phrase "Imperium et Libertas." But even Disraeli did not quite rise to the concept of a community of nations whose service was perfect freedom. Neither, altogether, could Mr. Chamberlain, the father of the present British Prime Minister, even when he made his famous proposals for preferential trade within the Empire, the proposal which was eventually given concrete form by the Ottawa Agreements. The present concept of Empire is a plant of much later growth, made sturdy in the flames of war and irrigated with the blood of millions. So far from weakening the ties of Empire, as feared a hundred years ago, the granting of Responsible Government and eventually of Dominion Status to the former Colonies, has strengthened those ties to a most astonishing degree.

The Listening Post, 15th May, 1939

APPOINTMENT REPATRIATION MEDICAL OFFICERS

The Minister for Repatriation has forwarded the following reply in connection with a resolution passed by the annual Federal congress last year:

With reference to resolution No. 77, adopted at the 23rd annual congress, I have to advise that the number of local medical officers appointed in an area is governed by the location and number of war and S.P.T.B. pensioners requiring medical attention and/or treatment residing in the locality. In any area should the number of pensioners, or distances involved, be such that one local medical officer could not adequately cope with the work, the Commission would divide the area into two or more districts and appoint a local medical officer to each.

If two or more local medical officers were appointed to cover the same area, there would be certain administrative difficulties connected with the entitlement cards, which show the disabilities for which the soldier is eligible to receive medical treatment. Many returned soldiers with accepted disabilities may not require regular treatment, but provision is at present made to meet any breakdown in health caused by war injuries, and the local medical officer knows, in case of emergency, the disabilities for which he has authority to treat the soldier on behalf of the Commission. There would be difficulty where a soldier, during a course of treatment with one doctor, requested a change in medical officers. One medical man would have no means of knowing the nature of the treatment already provided by the other; the entitlement cards would be continually changing from one to the other and, in the case of emergency treatment, delay and confusion might well arise with consequent prejudice to the patient, a state of affairs which the present system has been designed to prevent.

In the larger provincial towns and cities, the medical requirements of pen-
sioners are attended to by one local medical officer, and this practice has worked most smoothly and has much to commend it. In the capital cities and at its own out-patient institutions, at the request of soldier organisations, the Commission has endeavoured to arrange that patients are seen and treated by the same medical officer at each attendance. The benefits of this procedure are obvious. The patient becomes accustomed to seeing the same medical man who, in turn, has a better appreciation of the patient's condition than would otherwise be possible.

I am not quite clear whether the resolution intends to convey that, if there are several returned soldier medical officers resident in the same area, each be given a share of the work, or whether the request is confined to the latter part, viz., where there are more than 20,000 people in a community two (2) repatriation medical officers be appointed. If the former is intended, the difficulties would be enormously increased. The present system of appointment of local medical officers has proved so satisfactory and the number of complaints received over the past twenty years has been so small that I cannot see any justification for altering the existing practice.

DEFENCE EXPANSION SCHEME

At the request of the Queensland Branch several proposals in connection with the Defence Expansion Scheme were submitted to the Minister for Defence for consideration, and as his reply is of general interest it is published for information.

With further reference to your letter of March 6, enclosing copies of resolution passed by the Queensland Branch of the League, I desire to inform you that every possible action has been taken to expedite the provision of uniforms; but with the 100 per cent. increase of the militia at short notice, it has not been possible to manufacture the cloth and make sufficient uniforms to clothe every recruit immediately. Everything possible is being done to remedy this situation.

The position regarding equipment is that the policy for some years has been to give priority to the provision of equipment and munitions, and action to provide further requirements is proceeding parallel with action to provide an increase in the strength of the Militia Forces; but for the reason mentioned above, demand has temporarily outstripped supply.

With reference to the statements regarding recruiting in Queensland, I should like to point out that the policy in connection with the expansion of the Militia Forces to 70,000 has been to increase unit establishments, but only in a few special cases to increase the number of units.

Many new training centres have been opened and the required 70,000 has now been attained.

The new centres, which have been opened, had to be selected so that they fitted into the existing organisation without loss of efficiency and economy. It is obvious that control in peace is very difficult, and training and administration must necessarily suffer if the centres for any particular unit are scattered over a wide area.

Recruits are still being accepted at existing centres up to 10 per cent. over establishments, but financial provision limits recruiting in excess of this allotment.

I would like to say now how much I appreciate the great assistance the League has been in the recruiting campaign.

I have received hundreds of letters from the sub-branches situated all over Australia, offering assistance and requesting that training centres be opened at their towns and villages in order to absorb the available man-power, whose enthusiasm for defence matters has obviously been greatly increased by the excellent work of the members of the League concerned.

I fully appreciate the disappointment of the members of the various sub-branches, whose requests for the establishment of training centres could not be approved; but in view of the above factors I think they will agree that it is not possible or desirable to open more centres than are required to produce the numbers in the most efficient and economical manner.
lead to some in our community and to others an example of what is meant by civil assistance.

“Some time ago when our minds were filled with anxiety by reason of international discord, the district military headquarters requested the Y.M.C.A. to form a military committee to act in cooperation with its officers and to be prepared to give assistance in the event of any mobilisation of troops. That committee—I may say a very representative committee—was formed and the necessary preliminary work was done. Without anticipating war, but with a keen desire that any sudden emergency should find the association ready to play its part, much detailed preparation has already been accomplished.

“The association is appreciative of the compliment paid to it by the military authorities in expressing confidence in its work of being of value to army troops and it is determined to show that such confidence is justified. Plans have been drawn up which, when carried out, the committee feels sure will meet all the requirements of military headquarters. But these are comprehensive plans—necessarily so—and the resources of the association will be severely taxed.”

In the first place, he said, the accommodation for the Y.M.C.A. activities on behalf of the troops at the various camp centres was not in every case available and must be provided by the association. Marquees would be required. The association had a few, but more would be needed. These were difficult to obtain and if any organisation in the State had any at its disposal it would be doing a work of national service by handing them over to the military committee. All that the committee asked for at present was a promise that the marquees would be available should the occasion arise. Equipment in the form of tables, chairs, forms and other articles would be essential. The supply was limited and help in this direction was necessary and would be valued.

Most important of all, he said, men would be required to assist with the social work in the different camps. It would be realised that the work now being carried on at the association’s headquarters must continue. That work was very largely amongst the youths of the community who were of an age too young for military service. But their future was important to Australia and must be carried on without any break. The staff in charge of those activities worked at high pressure and could not be released. It must also be remembered that troops who would come into camps from the country and were on leave in Perth from those camps would make great use of the Y.M.C.A. and increase the work to be done by the present staff.

“This, I suggest,” he proceeded, “is where help can be given by many who are above military age or who, by reason of disability suffered in the Great War or otherwise, are now unfitted for active service. Men are needed who have an understanding of men—who, by their personality in addition to the means at their disposal, can, after parade hours, do something to lessen for the men the irksomeness of camp life. There will be many among the classes I have mentioned who have still a recollection of the value of social entertainment in a military camp and who will be willing to assist by giving to others something of the benefits they themselves received in the past.

“May I make this strong appeal on behalf of the military committee for equipment and personal service. My appeal for service of a personal nature is made to those who, if the Australian Government asked them, would volunteer for active service were it not for some factor which makes such service impossible. Is it not the best thing to help the army in the other way—to do their best for the men who will submit for service to the country should the necessity occur?

“This appeal is made in a sincere hope that there will be a ready response by those able to help in the directions I have indicated. Those who are willing to help are asked to notify immediately the secretary of the military committee (Mr. W. E. Pickering) at the Y.M.C.A. headquarters.”

Lieutenant R. E. Dewar, of the Army Staff Corps, who was present at the luncheon, said that there were about eleven areas in which the committee would be asked to establish Y.M.C.A. facilities.

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OUR WOMEN’S AUXILIARIES

By “Quarter-Blokce”

The work of womenfolk in the war years will always be remembered, whether it was in the cause of the dependents of the overseas soldier, in the ranks of the war nurses, working on trench comforts or for the benevolent fund.

After the actual days of warfare were past, these wonderful women still worked in the many and various causes which arose as the aftermath of war, striving their best to help those who most needed help and finding channels for the benevolence which those in official circles were too busy or too uninterested to see. And this good work still continues, unheard of perhaps, outside the circles of the R.S.L.

It was a few years after the return of the Australian troops to their homeland that the late Archbishop Riley stated at a public meeting that it was not then that the returned men needed help so much, but that the time would come—in perhaps fifteen or twenty years—when these men would really need help. He appealed to the public to see that this help was forthcoming when it was needed. That time has arrived and is with us to-day. And this appeal of our revered Senior Chaplain is being answered by the good work of the women’s auxiliaries, which are attached to...
nearly all the sub-branches of the R.S.L. throughout the State.

Quietly, without ostentation or display, this good work goes on, a work which is unseen by and unknown to the public—except in its general sense—a good work being well done.

And yet, what a work it is! Every institution under whose roof returned soldiers are domiciled is unofficially under the care of this great band of wonderful women. The Edward Millen Home, Lemnos Hospital, the R.S.L. wards of the Old Men’s Home and kindred institutions are regularly visited and the inmates cared for by their kindly and considerate administrations. In fact any home, hospital or institution in which is a returned soldier, be he incapacitated by gas or wounds or the sad case of a “burnt-out soldier” is visited by this great body of cheerful helpers and the sufferers are found out and cared for.

Various outings by motor transport are arranged, concerts and other entertainments are organised.

At the recent Anzac Day services, many war-shattered men, who could not have attended otherwise, were able to be present owing to the conveyance supplied by many thoughtful friends. It is all the more wonderful when one realises that the greater number of these good-hearted souls are the wives of the working Digger and not a class of people who have a great deal of time to spare from their household and family duties.

It was after a conversation with an inmate of one of these institutions, a “burnt-out soldier,” that I realised how much these men are indebted to the various women’s auxiliaries, and it was from my talk with this man that I fully understood how much the returned men appreciate all the efforts of these good women who have been so helpful in so many ways.

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to make their lives somewhat brighter.

He and others were wondering if the members of the auxiliaries, especially those in the country towns, knew how deeply the men felt the goodness and kindness of these friends in helping to cheer them.

Let these voluntary workers both in town and country be fully assured that the gratitude of the old Digger is a very sincere thing and were a message of thankful appreciation to be broadcast it would surely declare "From our hearts we thank you."

ANZAC DAY MESSAGES

The following messages and acknowledgments have been sent and received by the Department of Defence in connection with Anzac Day, 1939:

From Defence, Melbourne, to Defence, Wellington, New Zealand—

Australian Forces convey remembrance and cordial greetings to New Zealand comrades on anniversary of Anzac landing.

From Defence, Wellington, New Zealand, to Defence, Melbourne—

New Zealand Military Forces extend their good wishes and greetings to Australian Forces in remembrance of Anzac landing.

From Defence, Melbourne, to 1st and 6th Mountain Batteries, Peshawar, India—

On anniversary of Gallipoli landing Australian comrades convey remembrances and sincere good wishes.

From 1st Mountain Battery, Peshawar, India, to Defence, Melbourne—

Greetings from 1st and 6th Batteries on occasion of 24th anniversary of Gallipoli landing in memory of our comradeship.

From Defence, Melbourne, to Australia House, London—

Army please convey to Sir Alexander Godley kindest thoughts and good wishes from Australian Forces on anniversary of Gallipoli landing; also to 29th Division Association sincere greetings and best wishes from Australian comrades. Inform Lord Birdwood that his message received and will be published as requested.

From General Sir Alexander Godley—

General Sir Alexander and Lady Godley send their good wishes and greetings to old comrades of the A.I.F. and people of Australia on Anzac Day.

From 29th Division to Defence, Melbourne—

A.R.M.S. COMPETITION

The first round of the competition is complete and a few games of the second round have been played. With one exception the results were one-sided, but the score is only incidental to the larger considerations involved. The following is the result of the first round:

Zone 1

Mt. Hawthorn beat North Perth 10-0
Nedlands beat Subiaco 9-1
South Perth beat Cottesloe 10-0
Darling Range beat Maylands 9-1
Victoria Park beat Osborne Park 6-4

Zone 2

West Leederville beat Claremont 10-0
Gloucester Park beat Mt. Lawley 8-2
Perth beat West Perth 8-2
Mosman Park beat Bayswater 10-0
Yokine: bye.

RIFLE SHOOTING

There is keen competition for the best average for the season at shooting. The following are the scores for the first round:

Nedlands 146, Perth 146, South Perth 144, Gloucester Park 142, Mt. Hawthorn 142, North Perth 141, Victoria Park 141, West Leederville 140, Mosman Park 139, Subiaco 137, Darling Range 136, Bayswater 136, Maylands 134, Cottesloe 133, Osborne Park 129, Claremont 124, Mt. Lawley 123, West Perth 118.

President and all ranks 29th Division send Gallipoli greetings to their Australian comrades.

A NEW FEDERAL CABINET MINISTER

Ex-service men and women throughout the State were delighted with the news that their old leader, Colonel H. B. Collett, had been included in the Federal Cabinet team, and knowing his outstanding capabilities are convinced that, given good health, it will not be long before he will become one of the senior Ministers. The Colonel was inundated with congratulatory messages from his host of friends.

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With deep regret we learn from our Victoria Park correspondent of the death of Mrs. George Taylor. Mr. Taylor is an old and esteemed friend of the Victoria Park sub-branch, at whose instance he was awarded the League's Certificate of Merit. We join with Victoria Park friends in tendering Mr. Taylor our deepest sympathy in his sad bereavement.

Although our late Prime Minister has been called to higher duty, we still have a Joe Lyons in our midst—Old Joe of Victoria Park. He is a cheery little man and an Old Contemptible. Unfortunately he has been on sick state for some time and would like some of his old friends to come along and cheer him up at his residence, 57 Canning Highway, Victoria Park.

Mount Hawthorn's sick state this month includes the names of George Cooper, Bill Skates and Tom May, who are still cot cases. Messrs. Keith Matters and Earl are also indisposed. The sub-branch lost a good friend in the late Alan Muir, whose passing is deeply regretted. The sub-branch committee would be glad of any magazines or books that members can spare for sick comrades.

North Perth's sick state reveals that Bert Rigg is still in Ward XI. Like the game little Digger he is, Bert is fighting well to keep his end up, after having his remaining leg amputated. We hope the time is not far distant when he will be welcomed back to the family circle and to sub-branch meetings. The Listening Post's old friend and contributor, Bill Menkens, has so far recovered from his serious indisposition that he is once more in action. We are glad to hear of the progress made, but hope that Bill will not overdo things. We are sorry to hear that Les. Hetherington has been on the sick list and sincerely hope that he will soon be restored to health.

After an illness which lasted for a fortnight, Mr. Alan Campbell Muir, the well-known and popular Perth barrister, died in Ward XI on April 23. Born in Perth, he was the son of the late Mr. Andrew Muir, one of the pioneer surveyors of the Great Western Railway. He was educated at Hale School and Geelong Grammar School. He commenced his legal practice at Southern Cross before the war, and at Boulder on his return, eventually entering into partnership with the late Mr. G. H. Joseph in Perth. He served with the 16th Battalion during the war, was a past president of the Boulder sub-branch and was for many years a member of the North Perth sub-branch.

We join with the North Perth sub-branch in extending condolence to the sub-branch's esteemed member, Dick Daley, on the recent loss of his mother. The late Mrs. Daley was 81 years of age at the time of her passing.

It was with great pleasure that the president of the Victoria Park auxiliary welcomed Mrs. Caldwell to a recent meeting. Mrs. Caldwell has recovered from a severe illness which lasted several months.

Cyril Woodland, of the Mundijong-Jarrahdale sub-branch, is continuing to have a run of bad luck. Only recently he was reported fit for work after a recurrence of war disabilities had kept him in hospital for three months. Now he is undergoing treatment for a fractured rib, the result of an accident while at work. We wish him a speedy recovery.

When Mrs. Lucy Emmeline Slingsby died at Warren Hospital on April 7, Manjimup sub-branch mourned the passing of a Red Cross sister and the wife of a comrade, Harry Slingsby. Further, the South-West lost a well-respected nurse of Bridgetown in pre-war years and a resident of the Donnelly River settlement when she and Harry farmed a property there in later years.

Mr. Anthony Eden is again in uniform. He has joined up with the London Rangers, the Territorial Battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, the regiment in which he served with such distinction during the Great War. The former Foreign Secretary's sole explanation of his personal example in practical patriotism was that he had only done what so many others were doing. Mr. Eden gained the Military Cross and a Majority in France before he had celebrated his twenty-second birthday.

FIDAC, the Interallied Federation of Ex-Service Men, is making plans to celebrate next August the 25th anniversary of "For the Fallen," the immortal war poem written by Mr. Laurence Binyon during the early weeks of the war. At the same time, Mr. Binyon will celebrate his 70th birthday. According to the present plans, there will be a broadcast about the poem, in which Mr. Binyon will participate.

On May 29, the District Commandant, Brigadier P. M. McFarlane, will relinquish the command he has held since 1936 and take his long service leave before retirement from the Active List of the Australian Military Forces. It is understood that he has offered to continue his service for another year, should the occasion demand. Brigadier McFarlane, who was born in South Australia, is a member of an old Australian military family. He served in the South African War of 1899-1902 as a ranker and gained his commission for gallantry in the field. As a lieutenant, he was gazetted to the South African Constabulary, a force organised during the latter stages of the war by Lord Baden Powell, on the lines of the Canadian North-West Mounted Police. Returning to Australia in 1908 he was awarded a commission in the Administrative and Instructional Staff, as the Staff Corps was called in those days, for distinguished service in war. He was the only officer of the Australian service to enjoy this distinction. Brigadier McFarlane left Australia in 1914 on the Staff of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade and was wounded on Gallipoli. Among his distinctions is that of p.s.c.,
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the only Army distinction which is not designated by capital letters and which signifies that he is a graduate of the Staff College at Camberley.

Congratulations to Reg. A. Wood on his appointment as Industrial Registrar. Reg. was born in London and served for two years in the West Australian Agent-General's office before he came to Australia in 1913. He immediately entered the State Public Service, and held positions in several departments before passing the prescribed examination to qualify as an inspector of factories in 1925. In that year he was transferred to the Factories Department. He was assistant-chief inspector of factories before he was selected from thirteen applicants for his new position. He served in the 51st Battalion from 1915 to 1918 and was wounded in action. He is immediate past president of the Nedlands sub-branch and has been senior vice-president for one year and secretary for three years. More recently, and by virtue of his very active connection with "Splinters," the magazine of the Nedlands sub-branch, Reg. joined up with the Press sub-branch.

Bassendean sub-branch's sick committee reports another casualty in Charlie Parker. Some weeks ago Charlie had an argument with a crane at work, and this caused head injuries which put him into hospital for a month. We are pleased to learn that he is about his usual haunts again. Jack Riley has taken up his needle and fancy cotton again, but he is not as well as his many friends could wish. Alec Maine seems to have deserted mat-making for knitting cushion covers these days. Bob Irvine is now well enough to take sun baths in the front garden, when Mr. Akeroyd isn't mucking about with the weather.

West Swan sub-branch had a welcome visit from a former member, Jimmie Woods, V.C. Jimmie, who has been living in Mosman Park since he left the land of the glowing grapes, is looking much better in health. We join with the sub-branch in its wishes that this desirable state of affairs will be maintained.

Thirty-five members of the Northampton sub-branch assembled at the local hostelry recently to bid farewell to Mr. A. Glance, who goes to Geraldton after a long business association with Northampton. Mr. Glance was a foundation member of the Northampton sub-branch, of which he had been president and secretary for a number of years. The president (Mr. C. McEwan) expressed appreciation of the excellent services rendered by the departing guest, and presented him with a fountain pen. Mr. Glance replied suitably, thanking members for the social that had been arranged in his honour. Music for the evening was supplied by Messrs. J. Keay (violin) and B. P. Dalton (piano-accordeon), of Nolba.

Dave Howard, the ever popular English saxophonist and comedian, is one of the many ex-service men associated with the national broadcasting station. Having made a number of personal appearances in the country last season, all with outstanding success and to the great benefit of charitable institutions, Dave is now mapping out another country tour, during which he will give booking preferences to sub-branches of the League. During the war he served throughout the piece with the Royal West Kent Regiment. Wherever he appears on the stage his popularity ensures a full house, and his fees are reasonable enough to enable organisers to reap considerable profits. We advise all sub-branch secretaries to consult Dave before making arrangements for community concerts or dances. As an entertainer he is a host in himself and, in addition to his own act, he has a first-rate orchestra known over the air the Rhythm Melodists, and, of course, there is his well-known saxophone band. His address is c/o. Australian Broadcasting Commission, Perth.

Members of the West Leederville sub-branch mourn the death of one of their committee men in Jack Pope, who passed away suddenly on April 15. He had good service with the 28th Battalion, being twice wounded in action. Jack in his quiet and amiable way did much useful work for the sub-branch and when any special service was required of him he was always ready and willing. His cheery face will be greatly missed and the sympathies of the sub-branch are extended to members of his family. Mrs. Pope, who is secretary of the Subiaco women's auxiliary, has had more than her share of sorrow during the past three months, losing her daughter suddenly (as the result of a motor accident), mother and husband in that period.

Mrs. Harold Pendergrast, of 245 Suburban Road, South Perth, has commenced business as a caterer. Harold, her husband, who is an ex-naval man, met with an accident about three years ago which rendered him totally incapacitated and Mrs. Pendergrast has become the bread-winner of the family. She is also on the State executive of the women's auxiliary.

Readers will be pleased to hear that "Snowy" Caple, of the Gloucester Park sub-branch, is fit for duty again. "Snowy" is one of Arthur Hullett's merry men, and he has been appointed caretaker of the Car Barn, as they call the dormitory where the trams are put to bed for the night.

Joe Datchens, for many years host of the Victoria Hotel in Subiaco, has transferred to Newdegate. Joe is known to all residents of Subiaco and to thousands of football fans, and his disappearance from the hotel by the league ground is like the removal of a cheerful landmark. We hear that this Subiaco sub-branch stalwart has joined up with the Diggers of Newdegate. All members of Subiaco sub-branch and his hundreds of friends throughout the League send their greetings and best wishes.

Another Subiaco member who has "gone west" is Mr. A. Betts, late of the 28th Battalion. Mr. Betts has transferred to Pithara in which sylvan retreat, we understand, he is taking an active part in League affairs.

Last but not least of the good men departed from Subiaco is "Pitt," otherwise K. R. Pittendrigh, who left "Our Arbour" about two years ago for W.A. and has now returned there to the sorrow of the West. "Pitt" was a staunch member of the League in N.S.W. and linked up immediately on arrival in Subiaco.
Though his business activities prevented him from taking office, he attended meetings on all possible occasions and, like the man in Arnold Bennett's story, performed nobly "the great work of cheering us all up." For "Pitt" we can only send our best wishes and hope that some day the tide of human affairs will cast him again on the shores of the West. But when Joe Datchens or Mr. Betts of Pitara are again in town, as they surely will be, let them save a couple of hours on a Thursday evening. Their old friends of that exclusive club in Rokeby Road will be glad to see them.

A popular and capable Digger and splendid citizen in Major A. H. Davey passed away after a short illness on May 7 at the age of 50 years. He was commanding officer of 35th Fortress Company and a senior member of the Shell Oil Company. Bert Davey served with the 28th Battalion in Gallipoli and France until July, 1917, when he was invalided home. He then saw service with the mercantile marine. In 1936, he was invested by the Governor-General with the coveted Efficiency Decoration. Bert was a prominent member of the West Leederville-Wembley sub-branch, having been president for a period. He was a member of their A.R.M.S. team, specialising at quoits. To his widow and three sons we extend sincere sympathy. The eldest is an N.C.O. in his Dad's old unit.

A particularly interesting display of military portraits and groups is on view in the showcases of Illustrations Ltd., 870 Hay Street. It comprises recent photographs of various units, commanding officers and personnel, including many ex-soldiers of the A.I.F. Apart from outdoor photographs, appointments can be made day or evening for portraits at the studio which is also the most spacious in Perth for large studio groups. Illustrations Ltd. is a returned soldier enterprise established in March, 1920, by Arthur N. Viveash (11th Battalion A.I.F. and 3rd Squadron, Australian Flying Corps).

On the day after Anzac Day, the following cable was received by the State secretary from Miss Elsie Brickhill, Inverness, Scotland: "My thoughts are with you all to-day. Say I am remembering Anzacs and every dear Digger. Regards, Elsie Brickhill."

This year the 11th Battalion had the biggest muster on the Anzac Day parade for the first time since 1936. The 16th wrested the honours of the biggest turnout from the 11th on the following Anzac Day and retained the pride of place last year.

Recently the State-conscripted Press of Germany started to show the world that Fritz really has a sense of humour, and published samples as evidence. The type of joke attributed to the Super-Nordic man was really very wooden and very crude in its highest form, and in its lowest only a shade cleaner than the post cards we used to take from Boche prisoners. Nevertheless, humour of a more mordant type is, according to British correspondents, whispered from corners of mouths in beer gardens when the jokers are sure they are not overheard by members of the ubiquitous secret police. One story that has been going the rounds tells why Herr Hitler went away into the North seas on a warship for a few days, after the anti-climax of his speech at Wilhelmshaven. It is said that he wanted to get away to some quiet spot to see if he really could walk on the water. Even in this instance, Hun humour remains unoriginal; for a similar story was told two years ago about America's energetic President, Franklin Roosevelt.

Publicity officers of sub-branches are again asked to make their monthly notes as brief as possible, to write proper names clearly and to confine their notes to essentials. This month, one energetic lady sent us three pages of foolscap full of auxiliary happenings and omitted the name of the auxiliary. Had we not recognised some of the names mentioned the serial story would have been omitted for want of a name. As it was, we had to spend valuable time pruning it to a publishable length. And for the love of Mike give the dates of functions and avoid such business college monstrosities as the 27th inst. or the 18th ult.

Overheard in the Anzac Club:
Murphy: My greatest trouble is insomnia.
Furphy: Ha, yes. That's in Central Europe somewhere, isn't it? Mine's only gone as far as Rottneet.

Recently, on a Tom Thumb golf course at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, a crowd watched a man do nine holes in nine strokes. It was Lord Nuffield, who was visiting South Africa on a business trip. If he kept up that average and did eighteen holes in eighteen strokes what would have happened to him at the nineteenth?

In preparation for the forthcoming participation in international contests in
boxing, football and motor cycling, the British Army issued a note on sport in which a sportsman is defined as one who—

Plays the game for the game's sake.
Plays for his side and not for himself.
Is a good winner and a good loser—modest in victory and generous in defeat.
Accepts all decisions in a proper spirit.
Is chivalrous to a defeated opponent.
Is unselfish and always ready to help others to become proficient.

Early this year Captain Edward Kitson, one of the last three Indian Mutiny survivors, died at Newton, Abbot, Devon, aged 98 years. He took part in the capture of Lucknow. He is survived by Colonel Chrystie, who was a 16-year-old Ensign during the Mutiny and is now 97 years old, and Mr. C. J. Palmer, who is living in British Columbia. The last survivor of the Battle of Waterloo was Samuel Gibson, of the 27th Inniskilling Fusiliers. He was 101 years old when he died at Caterham on December 15, 1891.

According to a recent statement by the New Zealand Minister for Defence, it is likely that the sister Dominion will soon have a kilted regiment. Although Australia had Scottish units before the introduction of universal training, the A.I.F. and the New Zealanders were the only Dominion forces in the war who had no kilted regiments. To offset this, there were 28 Highland battalions in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, all except one of which wore the kilt.

According to a writer in the London Sunday Times, in time of need the Soviet could let loose a gigantic machine of at least twelve million trained men. The Soviet Air Force, which numbered 4,300 aeroplanes in 1935, must have swollen its ranks. The annual output of 74 Russian factories has been estimated at 8,000 aeroplanes. Weakened by continual sabotage and purge, the efficiency of these numbers is admittedly controversial, but whatever may be said about the quality of the Russian forces the quantity is too great for Hitler safely to ignore.

The French newspaper L'Epopee declares that Britain was long in appreciating the necessity for rearmament, but she is now taking giant strides. "The last to start in this mad race, she is going to have the most modern armaments in the world, and her immense wealth will enable her to keep it up longer. Like ourselves, she desires to limit armaments, but if the dictator countries do not realise the mistakes they have made, that is their business."

AGED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS’ FUND

The attached list will show that £34/10/- has been donated to the fund since the last published list on April 13. The fund has now reached a total of £11,225/6/6. From April 14 to May 10, 1939, donations received at Head Office from sub-branches and auxiliaries are as follows:—

Three Springs, £1/11/6; Gabbin, £2; West Leederville-Wembley, £2/12/6; Nedlands auxiliary, £3/3/6; Nedlands, £3/3/6; Cedardale, £4/6/6; Manjimup, £6/6/6; Carlisle, £8/6/6; Kondinin, £10; Mt. Hawthorn, £11/1/6; Cottesloe, £16/6; Mt. Hawthorn auxiliary, £3; Geraldton, £3. Total: £34/10/6.

With the winter season in, it behoves every sub-branch to organise at least one indoor function in aid of the fund. The building up of this fund in addition to being the duty of sub-branches is the personal responsibility of every ex-service man.

APPRECIATION

Miss Mary Meares on behalf of the State executive R.S.L. and returned soldiers unable to march on Anzac Day desires to thank the following car owners for their devoted services in placing themselves and cars at the disposal of sick soldiers on Anzac Day: Messrs. Bower, Elsner, Black, Huntley, Colonel Lamb, D. McGregor, Downe, Wright, Colliver, Westlake, Prendergast, Ward, McIntosh, Appleton, Wilkins, Yellow Cabs, Bushell, J. Lamb, A. W. Jacoby, Huchinson, Vivian, Lewis, Neshet, Carmichael, Ellisson, Gibb, Copley, Clarke, Edmonds, Clowes, W. Lamb, Williams, Stockdale, Fothergill, Isaacson, Forte, Bucroft, Sheppard and Grant. Thanks are also due to the Corps of Commissionaires for their assistance in keeping the public from the motor car enclosure.

CLAIREMONT

Adverse weather conditions spoiled the attendance at the April monthly meeting. The president (Mr. C. H. Briggs) welcomed Mr. Ibbotson, a new member. He also congratulated the sub-branch on the number of members who turned out for the service on Anzac Day. The following were elected to official positions. Sports director, Mr. Day; rifle team, Mr. Story; table tennis, Mr. Woodlands; bridge, Mr. Telford; quoits, Mr. Gascoigne and draughts, Mr. Whitehead.
April 19, 1939

At the meeting of the State executive on April 19 there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Aberle, Hunt, Lamb, Anderson, James, Watt, Thorn, Margolin, Paton, Potts, Sten, Keasing, Mitchell and Logie. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Butler, Collett, Philip, Panton, Denton, Freedman, Nichol, Warren, Cornell, Fairley, Cornish, Lawton, Austin and Johnstone.

Empire Council.—It was agreed to ask the Federal office to take steps to fill the position of Australian delegate on the B.E.S.C. Council, which became vacant as the result of the death of Colonel Bourchier.

South-West Sub-Branches.—The offer of Mr. Johnstone to keep in touch with sub-branch in the South-West was accepted with thanks.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:
- State president, Press and Upper Swan sub-branches; Mr. Paton, Fremantle; Mr. Anderson, Bunbury; Colonel Margolin, Lennons Board of Visitors.
- U.S. Fund.—The report of the operations of the United Services Fund for the month of March disclosed that 74 cases had been assisted at a cost of £74/15/4.
- Relief Fund.—The report of the trustees of the B.E.S.C. Relief Fund for the month of March showed that 75 cases had been assisted at a cost of £58/8/5.
- Empire Shopping.—A progress report indicated that the organisation for the Empire and local Shopping Week, 1939, was well in hand and urged to make the usual donation of £5/5/0.

Presentation.—On behalf of the Kalgoolie sub-branch, Mr. F. Berthold was presented with a Certificate of Service by the State executive for services rendered while secretary of the Kalgoolie sub-branch over a period of two years. Mr. Berthold suitably responded.

Anzac Day.—A report was received from the Anzac Day committee and adopted. The report allotted certain duties to executive delegates.

R.A.A.F.—Advice was received from Wing-Commander Brownell that a detachment of volunteers from the R.A.A.F. would participate in the Anzac Day march.

Leader of the Opposition.—Advice was received from Mr. C. G. Latham that owing to his having to attend the service at York on Anzac Day, he would be unable to take his place on the dias at the Esplanade.

Perth Legacy Club.—An invitation was received from the Perth Legacy Club for delegates to attend luncheon at Anzac House at 1 p.m. November 11, 1939. It was agreed that as many as possible would accept.

St. George's Cathedral.—Advice was received that a service would be held at 8.30 a.m. on Anzac Day. It was agreed to ask for the loan of one thousand dollars to be reserved.

Nedlands Sub-Branch.—A resolution from Nedlands sub-branch relating to Anzac Day and industrial legislation was received. It was agreed to ask the sub-branch to submit the motion as an item for State congress.

Notice of Motion.—Mr. Paton gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting:

That the executive discuss the congress resolution referring to the declaration of Anzac Day as a national public holiday.

Anzac Day R.A.A.F.—Stations 6AM and 6PM advised that, owing to a national advertiser requiring 6.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays to Thursdays, the time of the Diggers' session would have to be altered. The matter was left in the hands of the secretary to make the best arrangements possible.

Defence.—A communication from the Government sub-branch seeking information regarding the services of members of the League was received and the reply left to the secretary.

Army Nurses' Sub-Branch.—This sub-branch of the League wrote offering its services in the event of a national emergency. The letter was received and it was agreed that publicity be given and that a copy be forwarded to the Federal executive.

The letter of the South-West sub-branch from Collie sub-branch was received.

Armadale Sub-Branch.—This sub-branch was given permission to solicit donations for a sports meeting.

Appreciation.—The branch manager of the Ordinance Line expressed his appreciation for the handling of the Mrs. Dudley trust fund, which had been expended in fairs to England for herself and family, the balance having been handed to her.

A similar communication was received from the Reverend Dr. Clark of the Mission to Seamen.

Northcliffe Sub-Branch.—This sub-branch expressed appreciation for the services rendered by Mr. Hunt and the secretary in regard to the medical fund.

Majesty.—Mr. Hawthorn sub-branch referred to the employment of alien refugees which, it was stated, was to the detriment of the skilled Australian worker. It was agreed to ask the sub-branch for specific cases.

Recruiting.—Mr. Thorn referred to the difficulty under which wages men of the Railways were placed in regard to their services with the Militia Forces and their annual leave. The matter was left with Colonel Olden to be taken up by the Defence League.

May 3, 1939

At the meeting of the State executive on May 3 there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Aberle, Philip, Denton, Lamb, Freedman, Anderson, James, Watt, Margolin, Warner, Paton, Potts, Cornell, Logie and Dinan (No. 13 District Committee). Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Butler, Collett, Panton, Hunt, Nicholas, Thorn, Sten, Keasing, Fairley, Mitchell, Cornish, Lawton, Austin and Johnstone.

Congratulations were extended to Colonel Collett on his appointment to the Federal Cabinet.

Anzac Day.—The report of the meeting of the Anzac Day Committee on May 2 was received and adopted. Suggestions for further improvement of the parade and service were received from several sources. These will be considered before next Anzac Day.

Empire and Local Shopping.—Mr. Watt reported on the progress of the Empire Shopping Week and on his attendance at a meeting called by the Minister for Industrial Development in connection with local industries.

Defence.—A report submitted by the Defence sub-committee indicated that the forms for enrolment in the Class A and Class B reserves had been received from the Defence Department, and had been distributed to sub-branches.

The information supplied in these forms would not be sought by nor made available to the Repatriation Department in the event of a reservist applying in the future for a war disability pension. The report further stated that the form had been received from the Federal office that the Minister for Defence had agreed to supply gratis, in addition to the specific badge for the reservists, an attachment for the League badge, indicating that the member is a reservist. It must be understood that the Reserve Badge must be worn on all muster parades.

Wyalong Sub-Branch.—A communication from the Wyalong sub-branch relating to the status of reservists was received and the reply left in the hands of the State president.

Nedlands Sub-Branch.—The Nedlands sub-branch requested representation to the authorities for exemption from hospital and financial emergency taxes for members of the Australian Military Forces. It agreed to ask the League to submit cases of any returned soldiers that may be involved.

Height Standard.—Advice was received from the Federal office that the resolution carried at the meeting of the Federal executive held in March regarding the standard of height for entry to the Defence Department but in the present circumstances could be entertained.

Zone Scheme.—The zone scheme submitted by the W.A. Branch through the Federal executive and carried as a resolution at the meeting of the Federal executive held in March had been considered by the Defence Department, but in the present circumstances it could not be adopted.

Alien Refugees.—A further communication was received from the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch in regard to alien refugees and employment. It was agreed to advise the sub-branch that, in the opinion of the State executive, this was an industrial matter which could be handled by the trade unions.

Sub-Branch Approval.—Approval was granted for the loan of 29/17/7 to the Pin-gelly sub-branch to enable them to meet a liability incurred as the result of a shooting accident for which they were held responsible. Repayment was promised in a short period.

Physical Fitness Campaign.—Communication received from the Department of Physical Health desiring to know if the League wished to associate itself with the Physical Fitness Campaign. It was agreed that the matter be brought up again next meeting.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:

MONARCH LAUNDRY LTD.—DYERS AND CLEANERS
State president, R.S.L. Cricket Association; 
Mr. Aberle, Machine Gunners’ Association; 
Mr. Logie, Murray sub-branch; Mr. Paton, 
North-East Fremantle sub-branch.

Wreaths.—Mr. J. E. Watson advised that 
many people visited the State War Memorial 
in the two days following Anzac Day to view 
the wreaths, but were disappointed because 
the gates were closed. Mr. Watson suggested 
that the gates be left open on the two days 
following Anzac Day and said that if it were 
inconvenient for sub-wardens to be in attend-
ance at these times, he would be prepared to 
arrange for the necessary supervision and see 
that the gates were closed at 7 p.m. each day. 
The arrangements were agreed to, and 
thanks were tendered to Mr. Watson for his 
interest.

Old Men’s Home.—Approval was given 
for the expenditure of £4 on a wireless set 
for the second soldiers’ ward at the 
Old Men’s Home.

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FLAG DEDICATION CEREMONY AT CARLISLE

At the end of the special Anzac commem-
orative service by the Rev. Mr. Boon, Pres-
byterian Church, Mint Street, Victoria Park, 
on Sunday, April 23, a large Union Jack flag 
was consecrated and handed over to the Car-
lisle sub-branch R.S.L. The flag was a gift 
from Mr. Fred White, of The Esplanade, 
Canning Bridge, a staunch and generous sup-
porter of the League and a foundation mem-
ber and first president of the Carlisle Diggers.
The service was well attended by the sub-
branch and its auxiliary, and the rarity and 
angular beauty of the dedication of the col-
ours deserves special mention in these col-
umns. Holding the flag in his left hand, 
the minister declared: “Dearly beloved in the 
Lord, for as much as men at all times have 
made for themselves signs and emblems of 
their allegiance to their rulers, and of their 
bounden duty to uphold those laws and insti-
tions which God’s Providence has called them 
to obey, we, following this natural and pious 
custom, and remembering that God Himself 
led His people Israel by a pillar of fire by 
night, and a pillar of cloud by day, are met 
together before God to ask His blessing on 
this flag, which is to represent to us our duty 
towards our Sovereign and our country. 
Let us therefore pray, Almighty God, 
of His mercy, to grant that it may never be 
unfurled save in the cause of justice and 
righteousness, and that He may make it to 
be to all those who follow a sign of His Pre-
sence with them in all dangers and distresses 
and may increase their faith and hope in Him 
who is the King of Kings and Lord of Hosts.”
Laying both hands on the flag, the minister 
consecrated it: “In the Name of the Father, 
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we 
do dedicate and set apart this flag that it 
may be a sign of our duty towards King and 
country in the sight of God. Amen.” The 
Carlisle president (Mr. H. Crofts), escorted 
by Messrs. James and Suckling, sank on to 
his right knee and received the flag from the 
minister who said: “Accept on behalf of the 
donor, Mr. Fred White, of Carlisle, this flag 
which has been here dedicated, remembering 
the purpose for which it is blessed, the cause 
of which it is the symbol and the honour in 
which it is held.” After the Blessing and the 
singing of the National Anthem, the congre-
gation stood whilst the flag was escorted out-
side. The president of the Carlisle women’s 
auxiliary (Mrs. Gillean) had previously 
attached their sub-branch ribbons to the flag 
and other emblems, including the Boy Scouts 
and Girl Guides, added to the beauty of the 
scene. The Carlisle Diggers are justifiably 
proud of their new flag, and very grateful to 
their donor, their old friend, Mr. Fred White.

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AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY

The necessity for being able to obtain essential supplies in the event of an emergency has induced the Federal Government to give consideration to the creation of new industries in Australia. The development of secondary industries is a matter of two-fold urgency, and is one that should be approached by the Commonwealth and State Governments in co-operation. During the recent general election in this State, the leaders of the three political parties stressed the need for new secondary industries, not only as a device for preventing Eastern States dumping, but also in order to provide employment and attract population. One of the State Government’s first acts on resuming office was to send the Minister for Industry and Employment to the Eastern States to study the general position and to induce, if possible, eastern firms to establish branches in Western Australia. While the State has been approaching the problem from this angle, the Commonwealth has outlined its policy. Defence needs demand that Australia should be self-supporting, if not actually self-contained, in respect of certain essential services. Investigations are being made into the possibilities of deriving oil for fuel from shale, coal and from other sources. Arrangements are being made for the establishment of plants for the manufacture of aluminium rolls, tin foil, complete motor cars and numerous other commodities that are indispensable in peace or war.

A recent inquiry into the possibility of manufacturing many of these commodities in Australia revealed that we spend millions of pounds every year on imports that we could well manufacture for ourselves. What is true of the Commonwealth is also true of the States, and particularly in Western Australia. That is why we consider Mr. Hawke’s eastern tour a step in the right direction. What the State Government is now planning is quite in step with the policy underlying the Empire and Local Shopping movement. The Commonwealth, too, has cooperated in another way which is often overlooked by those who complain about the type of immigrant that is arriving in Australia from Central and Eastern Europe. It has been announced more than once, by the Minister for the Interior and his predecessor, that it is the policy of the Federal Government to give preference, when granting landing permits, to those alien immigrants who have the capital and the knowledge necessary for the establishment of new industries in Australia.

The policies adopted by the States and the Commonwealth aim at making Australia self-supporting as a safeguard against the possible isolation of the country in time of war. Should that emergency arise, the country’s safety will depend on our ability to keep the troops in the field not only armed and equipped, but fed, clothed and provided with transport. At the same time, the ordinary life of the people must go on in as normal a way as possible. The Spanish Republicans lost their war, in spite of General Franco’s bad generalship, very largely because they were unable to obtain adequate supplies of munitions and food. The Chinese forces, at the outbreak of the undeclared war in the Far East, suffered severely from a similar handicap. Such risks must never be allowed to imperil the independence of Australia, whatever may be said by fanatical free traders and others who see something inherently evil in what they call economic nationalism.

There is no economic nationalism in our trying to establish secondary industries, whether for defence or for ordinary economic reasons. Even if we produce for ourselves everything it is possible to produce in Australia there still remains a wide field for exchanging our primary products for the manufactured goods of other countries. What our State and Federal Governments propose doing is something very different from what has been done by the totalitarian States. Their policies are directed not by bizarre ideologies, but by the common sense that can look facts in the face. Someone once warned Australia that she must populate or perish. That may be amended to read manufacture or perish, for the establishment of secondary industries throughout the State will attract population by providing new opportunities for employment. Perhaps the healthiest aspect of the position is psychological, rather than strategic or economic—it is the very belated recognition of the plain fact that Australians, if given the opportunity, can make things for themselves. We have rid ourselves of that inferiority complex which belittled everything produced within the country. Let us then carry this process of awareness to a further and logical conclusion by recognising the value of what is produced in our own State. We, ourselves, are to blame for much of the Eastern States dumping.

The Lieut.-Governor (Sir James Mitchell), a product of W.A., who not only advocates but practices the purchasing of local produce.
Western Australian Trade

Columns of figures are usually uninteresting, but it is very instructive to follow the trend of our own trade and a perusal of the following statement should remove some of the pessimism many appear to be feeling of late:

(Figures in parenthesis are those for the corresponding period of 1936-37.)

The upward trend of recent years in the State's external trade was maintained during the year under review. The figure—£44,033,136 (£40,433,883 in Australian currency)—representing an increase of £3,599,253 on the corresponding total for 1936/37. Imports advanced by £1,489,849 and exports by £2,109,404. The totals being as follows: Imports: oversea, £7,992,928 (£7,071,953); interstate, £12,939,671 (£12,370,797). Exports: oversea, £20,014,725 (£17,766,822); interstate, £3,085,812 (£3,224,311).

Of the total trade, 88 per cent. passed through the Port of Fremantle.

The trend of Western Australia's trade since 1930 is illustrated by the following index, which is based on the average annual value of trade for the three years 1927/28 to 1929/30 (exclusive of gold exported in excess of current production):

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THE TRADE POSITION

Inclusive of ship's stores and exchange on oversea imports, the following table shows the "visible balance of trade" for the last five years:

about which we have complained so long and vehemently, for it is an unpalatable truth that we have not given and are not giving the manufacturers of local products the support to which they are justly entitled.

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years' exports, and returns, despite price recession, were on balance in advance of the previous years' values.

Wheat.—Although the average price f.o.b. declined from 5/3 one-sixth per bushel to 4/4d. per bushel during 1937/38, returns were the highest since 1931/32, and at £4,833,666 represented an increase of £1,206,314 on the figure for the previous year.

Owing to the abnormally heavy carry-over shipments, which advanced by 8,257,807 bushels to 22,038,207 bushels, do not fully reflect the improvement in last season's wheat harvest.

Flour.—Decreased purchases by the United Kingdom more than offset small increases in exports to near Eastern markets, shipments in the aggregate declining 99,101 centals on the previous year's total. However, as a result of a slight appreciation in prices, returns decreased by only £28,154.

Wool.—Compared with the previous year, exports of greasy wool declined 4,872,032 lbs. The decrease was mainly attributable to the reluctance of growers to meet the market at prices approximately 20 per cent. below the previous year's level. With prices averaging 13.2d. per lb. f.o.b. as against 16.2d. per lb. for the previous year, there was a decrease in the value of consignments of £988,361.

Increases were recorded in shipments to France, Germany and Poland, but purchases were heavily curtailed by Belgium, Italy and the U.S.A. Despite an increase of 257,859 lbs. in exports of wool, scoured and washed, returns decreased by £14,532.

Apples and Other Fresh Fruit.—Apple exports declined £61,828, the reduction in the volume of shipments—68,219 centals—being a reflex of the partial failure of last season's crop. Exports of other fresh fruit increased £27,932, mainly on account of increased shipments of tomatoes to the Eastern States.

Timber.—Substantial increases were recorded in shipments of timber overseas, although there was a small decrease in consignments to the Eastern States. The nett increase in exports to all destinations was £32,781.

Other Commodities.—Increases in quantity and value were recorded in respect of butter, 1,998,910 lbs., £145,002; beef, 217,743 lbs., £32,437 and lamb and mutton, 4,150,264 lbs., £111,269, the latter figures representing an advance of 90 per cent. on the previous year's exports.

Exports of pearls and pearlshell increased by £39,478, sandalwood and arsenic declined £32,786 and £50,673 respectively. Other important decreases were eggs in shell, 516,087 doz., £29,754, and potatoes, 70,341 cwt., £31,897.

The Hon. Organiser's Gratitude

Mr. H. C. Reid's Message to the League

What message can I send to you, my unseen friends, except one of extraordinary goodwill, of sincerest possible thanks and most profound admiration for the manner in which you have supported the Empire Shopping Week movement.

Once again you have, as you have ever done, set the finest possible example to the community of this State by a continuity of service that must surely be unparalleled within the British Empire.

Unobtrusively but determinedly you have in your home towns and districts kept the flag flying and upheld the honour and prestige of the Empire.

The part I have been privileged to play as organiser of this State-wide movement and honorary organiser on behalf of the R.S.L. has been microscopic and insignificant compared with the magnitude of the work performed by you, your wives and families. In the aggregate your efforts have covered practically the entire State. You have set in motion machinery, the hum of which is heard throughout the length and breadth of Western Australia. By the weight of your example and self-sacrificing endeavour you have kept this moving all down the years until it has gained a momentum that nothing can now impede.

This year the task that has been placed upon your shoulders has been weightier than ever before, by reason of the added number of posters and the multiplicity of circulars, and special appeals to shopkeepers and their customers. But without demur you have assumed this further burden upon your time and your daily lives, taking everything in its stride as a duty to be well done. And well indeed have you done it.

I can only say that, as a humble cog in this huge wheel, I am proud to be associated with each and all of you, and proud to be working with you in this great cause. My gratitude to you for your fine support permeates my whole being and I join with the rest of the community in expressing unbounded admiration for the example of unselfish zeal you have once again set the citizens of Western Australia.

It will probably be news to many readers that quinine, of recent years at any rate a Dutch monopoly, will soon be an important Empire produce once more. As the result of experiments in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea it has been proved that the high, fertile country, which almost borders upon Dutch New Guinea, is admirably suited to the cultivation commercially of the Cinchona shrub, the bark of which yields quinine.

The Sudeten crisis last year revealed how near the United Kingdom was to emergency rations. During that week, those who rushed to grocers to buy up stocks also realised the unwisdom of being panicky for, while the people of the Old Country are dependent on imported foods, they are not likely to go short in an emergency. Elaborate plans have been made by the Food Defence Plans department of the Board of Trade, which is responsible for the control of imported foods into Britain and their distribution.
The Economic Offensive

Germany's smash and grab policy in international affairs is more spectacular than her economic offensive, but it is not nearly as insidious. This should be borne in mind by those who fondly believe that Australia might derive some benefit from barter arrangements providing for the exchange of Australian wool for German manufactured goods. Apart from the derangement of Empire trade that such barter agreements would bring about, Australia, like every other State that has made barter agreements with Germany, would get the worst of the deal. This was made clear over a week ago by the former Minister for Customs, Mr. T. White, when speaking in the House of Representatives in the general tariff debate.

Mr. White said that Germany, over many years, had made approaches to the Commonwealth Government offering barter trading agreements, and Mr. White accepted whatever blame, if any, is to be borne for rejecting these offers. Mr. White explained that Germany's curious system of trade, coupled with its exchange system, which was an antiquated instrument, had distorted trade between Germany and countries which had entered into arrangements with her, and it was ruthless and unfair to them. Germany, Mr. White continued, had made a trade drive, more subtle and more specious than any military drive. Long before her troops marched into Czechoslovakia, small countries in the Danube basin had been tied up with the Reich by curious trade agreements, in some of which Germany had agreed to take the whole of a country's production. These countries found their credits with Germany frozen and unable to be thawed. In order to keep the trade balance, they commenced buying goods they did not want from Germany. Last year, for instance, Yugoslavia had to square the ledger by importing from Germany enough aspirin to cure every Yugoslav headache for the next ten years. One country took thousands of mouth-organs, another thousands of typewriters, and still another tons of acid.

German has astutely used the raw materials she has bought at her own price to bolster up her foreign credits. She has resold wheat, tobacco and timber taken from other countries, at prices below the normal market levels, to secure the cash wherewith to buy raw materials for her own armament industries. In other words, Germany's barter agreements have been a large factor in stimulating her armaments programme. As Mr. White said during the tariff debate, Germany has taken what she wanted and re-exported what she did not want to countries that did not want the goods. If Australia took a million pounds worth of German goods in exchange for a million pounds worth of wool, the balance of trade would not be favourable to ourselves, and similar privileges would have to be extended to other countries. Australia should profit by the example of Germany's barter agreement with South Africa, as she has profited indirectly by its results. South Africa's monetary gain from the agreement has been only slight, but Germany is said by many people to have established a stranglehold on the South African wool market. This has been denied, both in Germany and in South Africa, but the fact remains that most British and French buyers have closed their agencies in South Africa and transferred their buying to Australia.

The position would be dangerous enough, even if Germany played fairly, but the German view that an agreement should be honoured only as long as it benefits Germany is well enough known. The latest example of Germany's bad faith has been provided in Poland. It was reported last week that a committee appointed by the Polish Government has recommended the suspension of the deliveries of foodstuffs from Poland to Germany, in terms of a trade pact between the two countries. Under this agreement, it was provided that Poland should exchange foodstuffs for German machinery on long-term credits. But the Polish committee reports that Germany has failed to deliver the machinery and owes Poland £1,600,000 under the agreement. It is stated that the reasons for this failure are the high price and the general unsuitability of the German machinery and the excessive interest rate. Goodness knows what would have happened to the Ottawa Agreement if Germany had not seized Czechoslovakia last March. When that particular smash and grab raid occurred, there was actually an attempt being made to negotiate a trade pact between Germany and Britain. The terms were never disclosed, but the comments of British newspapers at the time suggested that Mr. Chamberlain had narrowly escaped achieving an economic Munich. Fortunately, public opinion in Britain forced the breaking off of the negotiations.

Great satisfaction has been expressed over the amount of business done during the first week of the British Industries Fair in London and Birmingham this year. In the stationery, brushware and other sections, orders were placed with individual firms, far in excess of last year's orders. Fancy goods were ordered in quantity by buyers from Switzerland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Holland and Denmark. In the Empire section, good business was done with inquiries from South and Central America, Canada, East Africa, Malaya, Australia and European countries. Textiles and cottons brought extensive inquiries to the India stand. With regard to Australian products, buyers displayed keen interest in dried fruits and canned goods.

Shimensons advise that they have large supplies of I.C.I. (Australian) ammunition for A.R.M.S. teams. They quote 17/6 for 1,000 rounds of B.B. caps and 26/- for 1,000 rounds .22 short or .247 per 1,000 for case lots of 5,000.
HISTORY OF EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK IN W.A.

The Empire Shopping Week was inaugurated in this State in 1928 by the Housewives' Association of Western Australia. It was considered that at least one out of the fifty-two weeks of the year the people of every portion of the British Empire should be asked to think, feel and act as members of one gigantic family, interested in each other's doings and each ready to put forth a hand to help the other. Empire Shopping Week, therefore, is both a significant and an important occasion, and should be regarded as a step in the direction of making every week an Empire Shopping Week.

In the following year, as the result of a meeting called by Mr. Hastings C. Reid, the Empire Trading and Shopping Council of Western Australia was formed, and this body took over the control and direction of the movement. Its efforts in Western Australia were ably supported by the various organisations represented on the Council, by the Press and by the Empire Marketing Board of Great Britain which then forwarded from four to ten thousand artistic and educational posters annually for local distribution. Valuable propaganda work has been carried on in country centres by the various sub-branches of the R.S.L. and their women's auxiliaries, the women's section of the P.P.A. and the Country Women's Association.

Six years ago, the control of the movement was taken over by the Returned Soldiers' League, with Mr. Reid as honorary organiser, and with the cooperation of other loyal helpers who have assisted on the committee for many years. The campaign has been slowly but steadily achieving its object.

EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK

The Objects of the Movement

The objects of the Empire Shopping Week committee are to convince Empire citizens during Empire Week and all the year round, by means of window displays and public propaganda—

1. That they can and should secure everything they require, either within Western Australia, Australia, or from Empire sources.

2. That it is the duty of every resident in every portion of the British Dominions to give preference to goods produced within the Empire, and so conserve employment for fellow citizens in all parts of the Empire.

3. The movement is designed to enlist the co-operation of shopkeepers throughout the Empire so as to secure the benefit of the advertising value of their window and shop displays. British shopkeepers during Empire Shopping Week provide hundreds of miles of shop window displays of products of the overseas Dominions. This has proved of inestimable value in popularising the use of Australian products, and places Australian producers under a debt of gratitude to British shopkeepers.

4. Western Australian shopkeepers are invited to reciprocate by displaying Australian and other Empire products, and so show their loyalty to the Empire and their appreciation of the importance of developing inter-Empire trade; and an appeal is made to the general public to assist them in the discharge of this national obligation.

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W.A.'s NINE MONTHS TRADE

The Government Statistician (Mr. S. Bennett, F.I.A.) has issued trade returns for Western Australia for the nine months ended March 31, 1939. The figures show, inclusive of exchange and ships stores, a favourable balance of £2,278,689, compared with a credit balance of £1,462,213 for the corresponding period of last year.

Exports overseas and inter-State amounted to £16,802,861, while ship's stores were valued at £391,529, making a total of £17,194,390. Imports direct from overseas totalled £4,129,538 which, with exchange added, amounted to £5,162,221 in Australian currency. Those from other States of the Commonwealth were valued at £9,753,480, £5,162,221 in Australian currency.

The main increases in imports were:
- Butter, £81,555; lamb and mutton, £84,173; milk condensed, £35,560; apples, £88,620; potatoes, £118,189; wool greasy, £47,598; gold ore, £52,949; iron and steel, £66,851.
- Wheat, £36,298; live animals, skins, £75,576; timber, £84,682; gold, £94,549.
- Absent:
   - Beef, £81,555; lamb and mutton, £84,173; milk condensed, £35,560; apples, £88,620; potatoes, £118,189; wool greasy, £47,598; gold ore, £52,949; iron and steel, £66,851.

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EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK

The 1939 Campaign

The week opens on May 22 this year and bigger efforts than ever are being made; 45,000 posters of five kinds and 100,000 handbills are being distributed by the central committee to 300 committees throughout the State. There will be broadcast addresses throughout the week, essay competitions will be held and numerous Empire balls are being organised and State exhibitions of local products will be held on the eastern goldfields.

The week will be officially opened by the Premier who will broadcast at the national station on Monday, May 22, at 8.15 p.m.

THE EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK COUNCIL

Front Row: Mesdames E. Bagot, T. C. Wilson, Messrs. H. C. Reid (hon. organiser), E. S. Watt (chairman), Mesdames H. Hopperton, A. C. Kirby and M. Craven Griffiths.
Absent: Mrs. J. C. McKinlay and A. H. Macartney.

Every shop in the State should display posters at least, and in view of the difficult times we are going through, the patriotism of those shopkeepers not doing so is open to grave doubt, and we request our readers to forcibly comment on any such omission.

Birmingham was the scene of the heavy industries section of the British Industries Fair this year, and excellent business was done during the opening week. Canada, South Africa and Holland bought aluminium wares; buyers from India, Newfoundland and Holland ordered edged tools; orders for equipment and metal windows were received for shipment to the Scandinavian markets. Belgian Congo buyers ordered hand-washing machines. One new line brought a lot of inquiries from municipal and local authorities in the United Kingdom, that of A.R.P. equipment, including reinforced concrete and steel-lined trenches, general service gas masks, anti-gas clothing and fire-fighting equipment.

In June this year there will be a conference of British and Empire growers of hard, soft and citrus fruits for British markets. The last conference in 1937 established an Empire Fruit Council, to carry out and expand the work of the Empire Apple and Pear Council, created in 1934. As the result of six years' work in this direction, Canada, Australia and New Zealand have imposed regulations to ensure that only the finest quality apples are exported. These Dominions have been co-operating in an endeavour to confine their marketing seasons within dates which would not cause overlapping with the British season.

Recent tests carried out at the Melbourne University indicate the superiority of at least one local product over important rivals. The hefty wood-cutters of the Australian timber lands are always ready to argue as to which makes the better axe handle, American hickory or an Australian wood. Most will argue in favour of the imported article, backing up the argument by the illustrations of experience. On the other hand, many axe men have secured surprising results with Australian spotted gum handles. Scientific tests made at the University of Melbourne last year prove that, theoretically at least, the Australian axe handle is superior. The units gained in the various tests were:
- Australian spotted gum, 96 points; American hickory, 89; second-grade spotted gum, 82; blue gum, 81.

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Message from Mr. E. S. Watt (Chairman of the Empire Trading and Shopping Council of W.A.)

The R.S.L. is a huge national organisation which has carried forward its efforts on behalf of the Empire and Australia into the post-war years. Recently the people in their thousands wholeheartedly supported us in our Anzac commemoration services. We all sang "Lest we Forget" with fervour, but the purpose of Anzac Day is as nothing unless it spurs us on to useful endeavour. The dying soldier-poet said:

"To you from failing hands we throw the torch,
Be yours to hold it high."
The R.S.L. in its efforts to grasp the torch and hold it high stands foursquare behind the Empire Trading and Shopping Council because its splendid objective is their objective.

We can purchase practically all our requirements from Empire sources. We should do this, for we still find markets for the bulk of our exports in the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire. During the year ended June 30, 1938, this State’s imports from the United Kingdom were valued at £3,017,706, from the sister Dominion of New Zealand £28,609 and from other parts of the British Empire £975,237. Imports from other States of the Commonwealth were valued at £12,319,788. Imports from foreign countries amounted to £2,999,673. Exports to the United Kingdom amounted to £13,583,031; to other States of the Commonwealth £1,682,359, excluding £1,346,195 for gold, to New Zealand, £27,331, and to other British possessions, £793,395. During the year our total exports to all countries were valued at £23,100,377, including ship’s stores amounting to £600,191. It will be seen, then, that in every case, with the exception of New Zealand and the other Australian States, the trade balance is largely in our favour.

On behalf of my council I desire to express appreciation of the efforts of the sub-branches of the R.S.L. and their women’s auxiliaries and other assisting organisations for their unstinted patriotic work in the cause of Empire, and in particular I express gratitude to our indefatigable hon. organiser, Mr. Hastings C. Reid. We hope that our message of Empire trade will sink into the hearts and minds of our people this year and thus add a few more bricks to the edifice of Empire.

Speaking at the opening of the British Industries Fair this year, the President of the British Board of Trade (Mr. Oliver Stanley) referred to the unfair subsidised foreign competition which is being met in overseas markets. "Signs are not lacking that there are already too many one-way streets in our international commercial traffic," he declared.

"It is the belief of His Majesty’s Government, expressed on innumerable occasions, that prosperity—firmly-founded prosperity—can return to the world only through the increase of international trade, and that before trade can flow more freely and abundantly it will be necessary to reduce the barriers that impede it. We have pursued our trade agreement policy for five years, and we are not dissatisfied with the results." Mr. Stanley intimated that Britain’s policy would not always remain the same, no matter how export conditions in export markets might change. "We cannot stand idly by and see our markets lost," he stated. "If it is said in other countries that they must export or die, how fatally true is it of us that not just our riches, not just our power, but our existence depends on our international trade." Britain does not want to monopolise any market, he added, but she must have her fair share of the export trade of the world.

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- Second in No. 72.
- First and Fourth in No. 74.
- Second in No. 75.
- First in No. 76.

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CHAPTER XXV
THE BEERSHEBA-JERUSALEM OPERATIONS

The Battle of Beersheba

In setting out this narrative of the doings of the 10th Light Horse Regiment in the Great War, the temptation to offer criticism and personal opinions as to the conception and conduct of operations on the part of the higher formation has, on many occasions, been well-nigh irresistible.

These opinions, based for the most part, on individual observation and conjecture only, might well be exposed to the shafts of ridicule from those who were much more highly placed and, consequently, in a position of vantage to become au fait with an Army, a Corps or even a Divisional Scheme.

But it can be no breach of privilege, nevertheless, to record obvious, cold facts, patent to all of average Australian intelligence, which, at the outset of these operations, stood out clear of all other considerations. In the first place, the Army which General Allenby hurled against the Turkish left flank at Beersheba, which swung around and crumpled up the enemy centre at Abu Hareira and Tel es Sheria, which finally smashed Gaza itself to tatters and pushed the Turko-German forces back until the whole of southern Palestine—from Jaffa on the sea to Jerusalem itself—had passed into our keeping, that Army had undergone a vast change since it recoiled, dazed and bewildered, from the Gaza defenders in April.

It was now an Army trained to the minute: efficient, eager, wherein each arm knew its own specific task, and was prepared to tackle that task with confidence. It was an Army whose air service was, at last, more than holding its own. The Commander-in-Chief was a man who was ready to use his cavalry as cavalry, his infantry as infantry and his artillery as artillery, and who neither over-estimated our own strength nor under-estimated the tenacity of the enemy.

Secondly, the scheme itself was such a one as appealed to the fighting troops by reason of its boldness and the breadth of vision it displayed.

The Turkish defences had been developed with amazing energy and care until the whole line, from the sea at Gaza to the Judean foothills beyond Beersheba, bristled with a continuous network of trenches and redoubts.

Wherever the enemy expected the blow would fall it is certain that he did not anticipate that the foothills of Judea could be penetrated by our cavalry in an attempt to crush his left flank. General Allenby, however, thought otherwise, and it was with supreme confidence that he placed the whole of his cavalry, commanded by Lieut.-General Chauvel, round by way of these self-same foothills to strike the first blow at the Beersheba flank and rear. How the Desert Mounted Corps, now consisting of three cavalry divisions—the Anzac Mounted Division, the Australian Mounted Division and the Yeomanry Mounted Division—carried out its allotted task has long since passed into history as one of the most striking achievements of the Egypt Expeditionary Force, so that repetition in a regimental narrative would be superfluous. It is with the part played by the 10th Regiment that we have to do.

On October 28, 1917, at 4.30 in the afternoon, the 10th Regiment moved out from bivouac at Shellal, joined the remainder of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade—now under the command of Brigadier-General L. C. Wilson—and marched in column to the Corps rendezvous near Bir-el-Esani. The huge body of horsemen concentrated here during the night and bivouacked until the following morning.

Orders for the battle were not yet to hand, but each unit had formulated a shrewd idea as to how the first blow was to be struck, and on all sides was evidenced the utmost confidence in our success. At ten minutes past five on the following evening (October 29) the 3rd Brigade moved on in column south-east to Khalasa, a distance of about nine miles. Khalasa was reached at 9.30 p.m., and here the horses were watered from wells which had been previously blown up by the Turks, but were repaired by a party of our Engineers in conjunction with the Imperial Camel Brigade.

Having watered, the Regiment moved away from the wells and bivouacked for the night at a spot about one and a half miles south. On the following day (October 30) the orders for battle arrived. The Army was to attack the Beersheba defences on October 31. Desert Mounted Corps, with the Anzac Mounted Division leading and the Australian Mounted Division in support, would proceed via Asluj along the road running north-easterly to the Wadi Imshash, thence six and a half miles along the Wadi Imshash to crossroads and along the road running north-easterly to Iswaivin. From this point the defences east and northeast of Beersheba, including Tel el Saba, would be attacked and captured. The troops of 20th Corps, meanwhile, were to attack the enemy works on the Ras Ghannam-Ras Hableim-Hill 1070 line with a view to an advance on Beersheba from the south.

During our halt at Khalasa, several air fights occurred, but on each occasion the enemy machines were shot down by our own territory. Thus the enemy were kept in ignorance of our projected move.

The 10th Regiment rode out from...
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(Are you in need of heartsease or love balm? If so, tell Auntie Mac all about it. She knows all the answers and this page is at your service.—Ed.)

"Good day, Lads and Lassies."
"Good day, Auntie Mac."

Well, as I have promised once or twice previously—oh, by the way, I want you to get an earful of this:—

Dear Auntie Mac:
I am luvin' forward 2 ya bit about "Care of the Knees," as I am goin' ta auv a smaakk at the "Knees Up, Mother Brown, Competition" at the Katanning Joojebbe Sellabraces and Weekly Darnice this month. Emmynin' about knees you

Khalasa at 5 p.m. as advanced guard to the Australian Mounted Division, and followed in the wake of the Anzacs who had already moved ahead.

Asluj was reached at 8 p.m. Here, as at Khalasa, a water supply had been developed by the restoration of partially destroyed wells, on which task the 2nd Light Horse Brigade had been employed for the past few days, protected by covering troops. Only a limited supply, however, had been made available, and this was reserved exclusively for draught animals—the riding animals remaining unwatered. A halt was made for about an hour and the march was resumed. The route lay north-east along the bank of the Wadi Sheregi, a troop of "B" Squadron, under Lieut. Palmer, guiding the column throughout the night.

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Neither, Anxious (Albany); find the nearest river and fall in that, and leave a note on the bank saying that you don't want to be rescued. Next, please?

My husband stays at the Anzac Club till the last minute every night, and then is too tired to get up in the morning to milk the cows, and I have to do it. Is that fair?—Ophelia (Osborne Park.)

A very moo-t point, Ophelia (Osborne Park), a very moo-t point.

Our darling baby-boysee-Dickie can wangle his little earsies and sing "Lil ole Lady" at the same time. Do you think we should ask Bill Talbot to put him on at a community concert one Monday night?—Burra Sahib (Ballidu.)

Definitely NO!

I am having a few friends round for an informal evening. Can you advise me as to the best way to get the party going?—Norman (Nedlands.)

Open wide the front door and shout, "Get to hell out of here, you bunch of yellow rats!" That should get any party going.

HEARTSEASE

"Barney," wants to know if it was Auntie Mac he saw sitting with Florence Nightingale in a car on the Esplanade at the Anzac service and singing like a lark. Yes, "Barney," 'twas I, singing like a nightingale! Many thanks to Mary Meares, M.B.E., and driver, Bill Stockdale.

Next month: Auntie Mac's Face Fodder.
Scabbards Off!

(by Pip Tok)

Early in the month a Daily News heading announced "Boys steal to get to Australia," History has an uncanny knack of repeating itself.

Three times within one fortnight a local newspaper referred to Latvia and Estonia as Balkan instead of Baltic States. Hitler is evidently not the only person guilty of mucking about with the map of Europe.

When he spoke at Blackburn last February, Mr. Chamberlain, who is fond of quoting Shakespeare, declared— "Come the three corners of the world in arms And we shall shock them" Not with another Munich, one hopes.

A well known and popular A.I.F. colonel is still physically robust and mentally vigorous. One day a Digger pointed him out to Mrs. Digger, saying: "There's Colonel Blank. You wouldn't think it to look at him, but he's a sexagenarian." And the wee wife replied: "A sexagenarian—and I always thought he was such a good living man."

During the House of Commons debate on the British Government's conscription Bill, Mr. Wedgwood Benn revived two uprisings that seem hard to kill. One was about the Digger's discipline, or alleged lack of it, and the other the oft-refuted statement that a majority of the A.I.F. voted against conscription. Wedgwood Benn should have known better. He was a captain in the war and a D.S.O. His first furphy was described the next day as ridiculous by Major-General Sir William Glasgow, who advanced the argument that compulsory training was the basis of the fine standard of discipline achieved by the A.I.F. and without which the A.I.F. could not have earned the fighting record the Digger established on Gallipoli and maintained in France and Palestine. A few years ago, Colonel Collett cited official figures in the Senate which proved once and for all that in both referendums the majority of the A.I.F. voted for conscription.

Sir Earle Page's attack on the new Prime Minister in the Federal Parliament was the first sign of the overwrought nerves that have compelled him to take a holiday. Although the Press played up that portion of his speech that dealt with the absence of Mr. Menzies from the firing line, there was nothing in his speech that conflicted with the League's preference policy. Unfortunately, what Sir Earle Page said about Mr. Menzies was just as true of members in all three parties. Hence the uproar it caused.

During a recent debate in the House of Representatives, Labour members were very concerned lest the old crucifixion, known as F.P. Number One, should be inflicted on British troops who may be serving in Australia during an emergency. In view of the fact that an Army Act of a few years ago abolished F.P. No. 1, this solicitude seems rather belated, but coming as it did from avowed isolationists it is certainly illuminating. It implies that, although they object to sending men overseas to fight in the Empire's wars, they take it as a matter of course that Britain would send troops to Australia if the Commonwealth were invaded. It seems a very one-eyed outlook, particularly from people who voiced no objection when Australians quite illegally went abroad to fight for the Spanish Republicans.

An English exchange states that the Austrian novelist Vicki Baum has visited England, and that he received inspiration in a Number 9 'bus to write a book about it. That mystic number is certainly moving.

By the way, do you remember Bill Eddington's yarn about the Linseed Lancer who had to give a patient a No. 9? He could not find the proper box, so he compromised by giving the sick man a five and a four.

The windy Italian Press were the first to sneer at Britain's decision to adopt conscription. One paper described the British Army as amateur soldiers. Of course, Tommy Atkins could never hope to compete with the heroic professionals who ran away from Caporetto.

An English illustrated weekly published a photograph of the child King of Irak in full uniform, sam-brown belt and all. As nothing is shown beneath the knees, there is nothing to indicate the arm of the service His Young Majesty has chosen, but his tender years suggest that it would be the infantry.

The Listening Post, 15th May, 1939

FIDAC CONDEMNS USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

At an extraordinary meeting of the Bureau of the FIDAC held in Paris on March 29, 1939, delegates of Belgium, the United States, France, Great Britain, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"To their bitter disappointment and profound disillusionment, the FIDAC is convinced by recent events that the German Government is determined to pursue the path of force and to ignore engagements however solemnly undertaken; animated by sentiments of esteem for the German ex-service men it cannot, however, but condemn the use of force as a substitute for right; the FIDAC accordingly appeals to all allied ex-service men to support the full all measures which their governments shall take to resist any further subjugation of independent states and any further territorial conquest by force."

British Legion Suspends Participation in CIP

Sir Francis Fetherston-Godley, chairman of the British Legion, on March 25, 1939, addressed the following letter to His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, president of the CIP (Permanent International Committee of Ex-Service Men) with copies to all of the members of the executive committee of that organisation:

"Your Royal Highness:

"The events of the last few weeks have aroused the most profound resentment in every section of the community in Great Britain and not least among ex-service men.

"The British Legion has nothing but respect and friendship for German ex-service men, but cannot condone the use of force as opposed to reason.

"The Comite Internationale Permanent was constituted to work for the peaceful settlement of international difficulties and it would appear that further meetings of that body are futile so long as these courses are pursued.

"I therefore beg to inform you that the British Legion will not be represented at meetings of the CIP for an indefinite period."
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SERVICE PENSION DEDUCTIONS

The following letter has been received from the Minister for Repatriation:

I refer to your letter of November 28, 1938, conveying copy of resolution No. 10 adopted at the 23rd annual congress of your League. When a service pensioner is maintained in an institution at the public expense, the Government would not be justified in continuing service pension at the rate at which it was paid when, not being in an institution, he had to maintain himself. Whilst the pensioner is in hospital, the service pensions of other members of the family continue at the normal rate.

This question has been fully considered by the Government on several occasions, but it was decided that no alteration should be made to the existing policy. I am, therefore, unable to see my way clear to recommend an amendment of the Act as suggested.

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS

There was a good attendance at the Anzac Day Commemoration. The prayers were offered by the Rev. A. C. Crow, and the Rev. H. Worth. Colonel Lamb delivered the address. In addition to ex-service men, the proceedings included the recently-formed troop of the 10th Light Horse, under the command of Lieutenant C. Cameron. The sub-branch has recently sponsored the formation of a troop of Boy Scouts. Two series of dances, one at Mundaring and the other at Parkerville, are being conducted in aid of the amelioration fund. A waltzing competition is being run in connection with the Parkerville series. The dates for the Mundaring dances are May 20, June 24, July 22, August 19 and September 16. The Parkerville dances will be held on June 2, July 8, August 5 and September 2.

ESPERANCE

Membership has increased by over 100 per cent. during the past twelve months, and there is still the prospect of further increase. At the annual meeting, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: president, Dr. J. R. St. Clair; vice-president, Dr. J. C. Jones; secretary, Miss E. P. Smith; treasurer, Mr. A. W. Sheahan. A card party in honour of the 6th birthday of the sub-branch was held on April 11. The proceeds were donated to the wireless fund of the local hospital. As several members have been patients in this institution during the past twelve months, it was thought that a wireless receiving set would cheer their convalescence. It is proposed to hold monthly dances to raise funds for building a sub-branch hall. This year's Anzac commemoration was the best yet held in the district. The troops paraded for the first time in five years and the attendance of 98 included scouts and schoolchildren. The customary calls were sounded by Mr. E. James, of the Electric Light Station. Missioner W. H. Price conducted the service. A number of wreaths were laid, the most beautiful of which was the R.S.L. wreath made by Mrs. Chadwick. The case of this wreath was made of Moreton Bay fig leaves on a frame, with red, white and blue flowers. Around the wreath were sixteen fig leaves, painted with silver frost, on each of which the names of sixteen units of the A.I.F. were picked out in Indian ink. The units were those in which past and present members of the sub-branch served.

BASSENDAN

At the monthly meeting on April 13, the president welcomed as visitors the president and secretary of the Bayswater sub-branch. In response to an invitation from the BasSendean Druids' Lodge, members attended an enjoyable social on April 17. The dawn ceremony on Anzac Day was well attended. The guard of honour for the occasion was supplied by the combined land and sea scouts of the 77th BasSendean Troop, under the command of Scoutmaster Stewart. The afternoon ceremony commenced at 3 p.m., with the president of the BasSendean Road Board in the chair. The president of the sub-branch (Mr. A. W. Hart) gave the address. The reading was taken by the Rev. Ross (Presbyterian) and the remainder of the service by the Rev. Kirby (Church of England). The combined land and sea scouts again provided the guard of honour. There was another large attendance at the social evening on April 27, when several visitors from the Bayswater sub-branch were welcomed. The winning ticket in the raffle for the electric train was No. 787, Doris, BasSendean.

THE SISTERS

The Returned Army Nurses were represented at the dawn service, Anzac Day, by Sister Jessie Clifton, the president, who laid the wreath. Several other members attended. At the service on the Esplanade about 38 members were present and they much appreciated the seats provided for them opposite the dais. Afterwards about 28 sat down to lunch in their clubrooms. Miss Mary Nicolay being an honoured guest. The usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday, May 4, but only nine members were present, the night being very stormy. The meeting was opened by Miss I. Borwick who welcomed as visitors the president of the Bayswater sub-branch and the president of the Esperance sub-branch (Mrs. J. R. St. Clair). Miss I. Borwick wrote from Esperance and expressed her hope of returning to Esperance again at the end of May.

MANJIMUP

Anzac Day was duly observed in Manjimup with a dawn service and the customary parade and service in the afternoon. For the latter service about 60 ex-service men formed up, with President Jack McKenzie in charge, and marched behind the R.S.L. Band from the post office to the Memorial Gates. Padre W. Bushell was prevented by illness from attending, so the Rev. S. Slater conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. J. George and Captain Lawrence, of the Salvation Army. The church service was in charge of Mr. C. I. Doust. Immediately after the service the sub-branch's annual meeting was held in the Town Hall. President Mac presented a highly encouraging report and was re-elected as president for the past year's progress. In the election of office the troops evidently
judged by results and reckoned it would be a pity to spoil a good team. President Jack MacKenzie, Secretary Bert Beer, Treasurer Jack Smith and Vice-Presidents Lou Goodman and Hubert Jay were all re-elected without opposition. One small difference was to elect an extra vice-president in the person of Jack Kerr, of Palgarup, as make-weight. The accent is on the weight, as Jack is about 6 feet 5 inches and approximately 16 stone. As Laurie Sims did not wish to continue in harness as pensions officer, Ike Doust was elected and should prove a first-class man for that important job. The following were elected as committee: A. R. Walker, Sid Maldon, George Kerr, Bill Collett, Ted Archer, Albert Hastings, Joe Thornton, Wally Arnott and George Doust. Mingled modesty and caution forbid me to state who was pointed.

Yealering

At the reunion on April 1 the President (Mr. J. H. B. Lawton) welcomed visitors from all points of the compass, the total attendance being 141. It has been estimated that the average distance travelled by those present was fifty miles. An extensive programme was prepared. Digger Bill Talbot, aided and abetted by F. Barry, were in charge of the piano. The undermentioned gentlemen were the guests of the sub-branch: Mr. Alf Yeates, Senator Collett, D.S.O., and Colonel Olden, D.S.O. (representing the State Executive), Mr. J. M. W. Anderson (representing Nedlands and State executive), Captain Longmore (Non-Com), C. Ferguson (assistant State secretary), H. S. Seward, M.L.A., Hon. H. V. Piesse, M.L.C., R. Ford (“West Australian”), S. Hall (“Narrogin Observer”), C. D. Simpson (Wickepin Road Board), J. Adams (Corrigin Road Board). Corrigin sub-branch was represented by H. Brankstone and a band of 23 enthusiasts. F. Archer, of Pingelly sub-branch, brought with him a good team including the inimitable “Boys from Bulyea.” C. W. Parker and his supporters ably represented Kulin. Wickepin sub-branch send its quota under the leadership of A. Haack, while the Kondinin contingent was headed by J. Watson. Ardath-Babakin, although 70 miles distant, not to be outdone claimed representation by R. McClean and three other members. Our sister sub-branch, Nedlands, honoured us with the presence of their president (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) and W. Langley and T. Talbot. Wally Langley came all the way actually by train. The attendance at the Anzac Day service was the best that we have ever had, 176 people were present and an impressive address was given by our president (Mr. J. H. B. Lawton), who was assisted by the Rev. Duggins. As usual, a wreath was placed at the foot of the flag pole by two school children. Our thanks go to all those who helped particularly Mrs. Honeyman who played the violin.

Albany

The monthly meeting was held on April 4, when arrangements for Anzac Day were finalised. Messrs. Gale and Jack Hatton forwarded thanks for cases of fruit sent to the Old Men’s Home. The nomination of Mr. H. Glazebrook as an endowment member of the Soldiers’ Institute was agreed to without discussion. The secretary reported on the successful social evening at which the sub-branch entertained business men of the town. As a direct result of this function, the editor of “The Albany Advertiser” decided to devote a whole page of the issue preceding Anzac Day to the sub-branch. The secretary said that messages had been sent far and wide asking for Anzac Day messages from old members who are now in other parts of the State. Blocks for the special issue were
kindly lent by "The Western Mail." It was decided to send letters of thanks to Mr. H. Kanzler for his offer of the Empire Theatre on Anzac Day, the mayor and councillors of Albany for their co-operation in the Anzac Day arrangements, Mr. S. Harper for the provision of sticks for the roses in the Memorial Park. The proposals for the formation of the reserves are now under consideration.

**VICTORIA PARK**

About 50 of the troops marched behind the Citizens' Band to the Memorial Gardens on Anzac Day. The Rev. Sanders conducted the service, assisted by other members of the local clergy. The address was given by the President (Mr. L. D. H. M. Jackson). The sub-branch will celebrate the fourth anniversary of the opening of the Memorial Hall. All ex-service men and their wives are invited, whether they are members of the sub-branch or not. Members and intending members are advised that the meeting will be held on the third Saturday of each month. The new secretary is Mr. C. Straw, of No. 1 Manchester Street. On May 3, a band of stalwarts braved the elements and went to Osborne Park for the first of the A.R.M.S. games. When Park meets Park there is always the assurance of keen contest and gaiety, and the evening of May 3 was no exception to this rule. Victoria Park won by 6 to 4.

**FREMANTLE**

Over a thousand people attended the dawn ceremony on Anzac Day, but there was a much greater crowd of nearly 8,000 at the monument on the hill, during the main commemorations. The procession was marched by Mr. Theo. Brennan. Approximately 200 ex-service men marched. Others on parade were R.A.N.R., 173; R.A.A., 40; Heavy Artillery Brigade, 47 and nurses, 32. Bands were supplied by the R.A.N.R. and the Salvation Army. Among the official guests were Commanding Officer C. C. Baldwin, (representing the Governor-General), His Excellency the LieutenantGovernor, Sir James Mitchell, Senator E. B. Johnston (representing the Federal Parliament), the District Commandant, Brigadier McFarlane and the Hon. W. H. Kitson, M.L.C. (representing the State Parliament). A feature of the march was the appearance of 19 members of the m.v. "Westralia" sub-branch, the only seagoing sub-branch of the Legion. The "Westralia" arrived in Fremantle only that morning. The service was conducted by Canon Collie and the address was given by Mr. M. H. Farquharson. The President (Mr. H. E. Hobbs) thanked the Freemantle City Council and the public for the great care and attention they had given the Memorial Reserve during the past three years. The warrant of the memorial (Councillor E. M. Davies) and the Mayor of Fremantle (Mr. F. E. Gibson) also spoke.

**CARLISLE**

There were 25 members at the April meeting, which was presided over by Mr. H. Crofts, who extended a welcome to all new members. Members were pleased to see the Anzac service well attended again this year and extend their thanks to the Salvation Army and all those who gave their services. Members are requested not to forget our stall just before the jumble sale run by the women's auxiliary on May 20, and to ask to send along or bring anything saleable from a shirt button to a motor car and make this effort a successful one in memory of those who are remembering us as the months approach. The women's auxiliary has arranged a Poster Ball for May 26. Good prizes are offered for individuals and sets. The outing to Kalamunda was a great success, 47 members making the trip. At the next meeting on June 1 announcements will be called for the numerous offices becoming vacant.

**SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT**

On March 11 the sub-branch held a smoke social to celebrate its first birthday. It was attended by the State President (Mr. A. Yeates), the State secretary (Mr. Benson) and members of various sub-branches. A double-decker cake, made by Mrs. Levy, was much enjoyed by all. A social and dance was held on April 1. The proceeds of £5/5/- being sent to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. On Anzac night a service was held in the Swan View Hall, this being the first service held out here. The attendance was far above the expectations of the sub-branch given the adverse weather for future attempts. Revs. Quintan, Morry, Jones and Major Meredith addressed the gathering. The Post and Reveille were sounded by Bugler Westlake, of Guildford.

**GLOUCESTER PARK**

One of the most enthusiastic meetings of this sub-branch was held at Anzac House on May 1, the occasion being the election of captains for the teams in the A.R.M.S. games. Mr. Harold H. Hamerton (selected sports director and his officers are Mr. R. M. Donaldson (bridge), Mr. Cliff Lambe (shooting), Mr. W. S. Smith (quoiets), Mr. S. Brayshaw (table tennis) and Mr. Alan McDonald (draughts). On May 4, the various teams played the members of the Mt. Lawley-Inglewood sub-branch in their first match of the competition, and were successful in winning by eight points to two. In the shooting, F. Brown scored the possible, whilst Wilkins, Lambe and Angel dropped a point each. Maddaford dropped two points. The tennis team were very consistent, each man playing right up to form, and they won by twelve to nil. The quoits team proved a solid combination and won four to nil. Ivan Crowe was highest scorer with a 77 break. In the draughts, Towton won two and drew one, Wilkins won his third game, as did Alan McDonald, but Bill Smith could only manage three draws. In the bridge games, big losses were expected of the team, but they were not disappointed. Jim Donaldson and Norman Field were the only winning pair.

**MUNDIJONG-JARRAHDALE**

The ball conducted at Mundijong on April 15 was a great success. The hall was well decorated and as usual the Mundijong ladies committee made a good job of the supper. The Anzac service was held on Anzac Day at Jarradale War Memorial Hall, which was well attended. Many wreaths were laid. The Anzac service held in the Jarradale Hall in the evening was also well attended. The sub-branch president (Mr. T. Tait) conducted the service, Mr. T. Edmondson, of Nedlands, delivered the address. Prayers were offered by Mr. Stare and Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Mr. H. H. W. McDonald. Mr. J. Kieran was at the piano. The sub-branch is indeed grateful to these people for their valuable services. The Anzac Ball, conducted by the sub-branch on April 29 in the Jarradale Hall, was well patronised. The decorations, which included all the battalions' colour patches around the hall, were very attractive. The Jarradale ladies committee made a good job of the supper in spite of the fact that the secretary kept them rather short of meat and cakes. But trust the ladies to manage, and everything went off O.K.

**WEST LEEDEVILLE-WEMBLEY**

On April 17 the monthly meeting was held with the usual good attendance of members. Harold Ingle presiding. At the opening of the meeting all present paid respects to the memory of Jack Pope, who passed away in January. The meeting was held on April 15 after a short illness. "Digger" Messrs. Trood and Melhine were reported as having been on the sick list and we are glad to advise that both are on the way to recovery. One new member was introduced. In addition to the regular Friday night bridge evening, a 'party bridge' evening was held at the West Lee Deville Town Hall on Thursday May 25. Proceeds will go to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. Roll up and make the evening a bumper. Section captains for the A.R.M.S. competitions have been elected and the forming of teams is in hand. Come along any Monday evening, you fellows, and demonstrate how well you shoot, play quoiets, table tennis etc. You may be the one they need.

**SUBIACO**

The April general meeting was attended by Vice-President J. Burgesses, who made a strong cross-board move into the larger room of the meeting place. Later, W. C. P. Musgrove presided and stirring debates ensued. The picnic, as usual, was held weather made to measure. The boys won the cricket match in spite of strong opposition from the scorers, who were so intent on announcing the score that he forgot to count the number of players in the sub-branch team.

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highlight of the day was the 157-a-side soccer match played by Subiaco, North Perth and the entire male population of Goodee. At the May general meeting, with President Erm, Considine once more riding the whirlwind and directing the storm, there was a very creditable muster of members in spite of the heavy rain. Members present were: C. H. Dobson, A. E. Ash, A. H. Smith, M. J. G. Morgan, H. D. Nolan and 5-gal. keg donated by Mr. A. L. Shepherd of the Victoria Hotel.

Previous to this meeting we held our first A.R.M.S. game v. Nedlands. Our shooting team was in very good form and, after keeping well clear of the electric lights in the room, was unlucky to lose by a mere 10 points. In the draughts game, Dobson had the book written by M. J. Gilson and, in spite of the secretary's developing a test match complex we managed to annex one point. Bridge evenings are going exceptionally well. With smart score cards donated by Mr. Wearne, pads by Mr. Kelly and the management and enthusiasm of Cyril Musgrove who has practically doubled our takings. Coming evenings are May 20, June 3 and 17.

MOSMAN PARK

The April monthly meeting was held on Anzac night and was no exception to our previous meetings in the matter of attendance. Further new members were enrolled and we are now heading towards our next objective of 100 members. The local ceremony was very successful and so far as this sub-branch was concerned the attendance was very good. The address was given by Mr. Sten, of the State executive, who in no uncertain manner stressed the importance of our national day. Our first fixture in the A.R.M.S. competition was with Bayswater. After a very interesting series of games we succeeded in netting full points. The score was no indication of the games, new records were closely contested. Billy Gibbons, Messrs. McIlwrath and Frank McCormack helped us to victory with a possible ace off the gun. The quota also proved interesting, No. 1 in each team scoring a hundred dead and the other hands finishing at two to one left the decision to the last play. Mr. Cornish and are to be congratulated on the new order wherein individual scores decide the issue instead of the aggregate as formerly. Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday, May 30, and members are requested to keep in mind the jubilee sale for which articles are still required.

BRUNSWICK JUNCTION

The monthly meeting on April 7 was well attended. New members are continuing to join up and a good muster is expected after the annual meeting. There are now fifty members. The monthly dances are having pleasing results.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT

Members from Midland Junction were present at the auxiliary birthday party. The cake was cut by the oldest member, Mrs. Baty, who is aged 80 years, and still active and popular. A member, Mrs. Bickle, has been very ill. We wish her a speedy recovery. The Anzac service was held at night. As it was the first celebration by this organisation, the attendance was gratifying. After the ceremony supper was served by the auxiliary.

CARLISLE

Mrs. Gislenen presided over a good attendance at the monthly meeting. Arrangements were made for a jubilee sale and sponget competition on May 20 and the annual meeting was held on May 26. A card evening was held recently at the home of Mrs. Turnbull. The Anzac commemoration was well attended. A beautiful wreath was placed on behalf of the auxiliary by Mrs. Gislenen. The auxiliary's seventh birthday was celebrated on April 27. The guests were the president (Messrs. McKinlay), the State secretary (Mrs. Hopkins) and the assistant State secretary (Miss Hawton) were welcomed by Mrs. Gislenen and, Mrs. Crow. The catering arrangements were made by Mrs. Prendergast. A cake made by a member, Mrs. Binks, held pride of place and the table was dressed with a very creditable display. A basket of flowers was contributed by Messrs. Kelior, Suckling, Beck and McDonald. The winners of competitions were: Dancing and song competition, Cottosloe; lucky plate, Mrs. Henderson; spot dance, Cottosloe and Carlisle; lucky number, Mrs. Boland. The election of officers will take place at the annual meeting on June 12.

SOUTH PERTH

Arrangements are now in hand for the jubilee sale on May 27. Patients from the Lennos and Heathcote hospitals were entertained with a river trip on Sunday, May 7, after which high tea was served in the Swan Street Hall. The teams continue to do well in the McKinlay Shield competitions, having had two victories and one drawn match. The children's party at the May meeting was a most enjoyable event. The sub-branch was entertained by the auxiliary on March 30. Mrs. Horrie Day, on behalf of the auxiliary, presented the sub-branch with a replica of the State War Memorial. The hospital committee reports that good work is being done, Ward XI and Heathcote being visited regularly. The concert party is hard at work on a programme, which will be presented at Anzac House in June. The monthly bridge evenings are being well attended, but larger entries would be welcomed. The next bridge evening will be held on June 1.

VICTORIA PARK

The auxiliary participated in the Anzac Day commemoration. The president (Mrs. Tolmie) placed a wreath, made as in previous years by Mrs. Harry Taylor, on the memorial. On April 19, a bus-load of members spent a happy day at Rockingham. Messrs. Matthews and Coleman represented the auxiliary at Carlisle's seventh birthday party on April 27. Messrs. Hatherington and Mr. Hetherington were guests of the auxiliary, and people were entertained by the State executive's Empire Ball. The auxiliary provided the band for the annual jubilee sale which will commence in the Memorial Hall at 2.30 p.m. on May 13. On Sunday, May 31, the auxiliary will entertain the boys from Edward Millen Home. The auxiliary will be the guests of the sub-branch on Monday, May 22. Members are reminded that the next United Auxiliary Social will be held in Anzac House on the night of Friday, June 2. Messrs. Haigh and Boland are again the visitors at the Edward Millen Home this month.

SUBIACO

Mrs. Shand presided over a well-attended meeting last month. The monthly visit was paid to the Old Men's Home and again Busselton auxiliary sent a large box of home-made biscuits for the residents of the ex-service men's ward. Busselton's kindness in this respect has been greatly appreciated. A delightful programme was presented by Mrs. E. Congdon. Items were rendered by Messrs. O. Dawkins, N. Kelly, O. Neill, M. Mahon, Miss Hulton and Mr. G. Tatham.

M.T. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

The two April meetings were well attended, over 40 members being present at each. Mrs. Kay was in the chair. The hospital visitors for the month were Messrs. Bevan and Field, Old Men's Home, and Fields, Hurle, Lee, Cropper and Wooling, Repat. ward. The sick visitors, Messrs. James and Morton, report that three members—Messrs. Flatt, Hay and McComb—are all very sick people. We wish them all a speedy recovery. On April 24 members visited the Leederville and Mt. Hawthorn State schools, where wreaths were made by them for the children's service, every child in each school having brought flowers for the occasion.
Wreaths were also made for the sub-branch and auxiliary for the following day. We thank the teachers and children for kind co-operation in this direction. At the end of the children's service, a pilgrimage was made to Karrakatta Cemetery, where flowers were placed on the graves of about 200 our Diggers. We are hopeful that next year with the assistance of every member of this auxiliary we shall be able to pay a similar tribute to every soldier who lies at rest in this cemetery. On Anzac Day members marched with the sub-branch and S.S.L. from the Memorial Hall to the Ritz Theatre, where a service was held. In the McKinlay Shield games, Mt. Hawthorn defeated Darling Range (10 to nil) and Maylands (8 to 2) and drew with Cottesloe.

**COTTESLOE**

There was an average attendance at the monthly meeting over which Mrs. Scott presided on May 4. Arrangements for the Children's Fancy Dress Ball, to be held in St. Philip's Hall, Cottesloe, on May 26, were discussed. The auxiliary birthday party will be held in the Hostel Manly on May 30. Gifts of pillow covers and a card table were presented to ex-service men who are patients in the M.C.L. Home, and a letter of thanks has been received from the matron. The auxiliary has been successful in the games competitions so far. Out of three matches played, two were won by Cottesloe and the other drawn.

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