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“THE FACTORY IN THE GARDEN”
THE SPIRIT OF EMPIRE

A few weeks ago the Dominions Secretary (Mr. Anthony Eden) trenchantly contrasted the two prevailing imperialisms of our day—the imperialism which actuates the totalitarian Powers, and that which has found its best and most permanent expression in the British family of nations. The contrast was summed up with equal force in a recent leader in "The Times," which said: "The Nazi idea of rule is a domination which allows no spark of independent feeling . . . It is the aim of British rule of alien races to train leaders; it is the Nazi aim to destroy them."

When the wild-eyed worshipper of Moscow tells us that we are engaged in an imperialistic war, he speaks more truthfully than he intends. We are engaged in a war of Empire, a war to preserve our own Empire and the ideals for which it stands against the rival imperialism which our enemies have reared on the pediment of fashod and oppression, and which will crush every remnant of liberty if we do not overthrow it once and for all. In recent years it has been the fashion to decry imperialism, as if it were something inherently wicked, and to play the enemy’s game by misrepresenting our own Empire as something analogous to the empires of ancient history, which lived by the sword and died by the sword.

Shortly after the Great War a very distinguished British Army officer said to an Australian friend: "What a splendid name you have for your country." He referred to the use of the grand old English word "Commonwealth" in preference to "Dominion" or "Colony." The idea he expressed then has found wider and more popular acceptance since 1919 for, in official and political circles it is more usual to speak of the British Commonwealth of Nations, using the word which signifies something which exists for the good of all in preference to the word "Empire," which signifies "sovereignty." Nevertheless, both Press and public will continue for the sake of brevity, to call our family of self-governing nations "the British Empire" for long enough to come.

In no respect has British statesmanship profited more from the lessons of the past than in its colonial policy. Actually the British Commonwealth of Nation is the Third British Empire, for our race in the long process of its development has, to use a rifleman's term, crossed off two "sighters." The first was the short-lived agglomeration of feudal fiefs that had its being when the Dukes of Normandy became Kings of England. The second was the Empire which virtually ended with the war that won the Americans their independence and taught British Ministers such a sharp and salutary lesson. That the lesson was well learnt may be gathered from the fact that only a hundred years ago the British Colonial Office was calmly contemplating the eventual secession of the Australian colonies and shaping its policy so that the final parting should be a friendly one when it did come. Perhaps, too, the British officials of those days recognised that the British colonies had more in common with the Greek colonies, which were founded as the result of migrations of free people than with the Roman colonies which were nothing more than soldier settlements in the midst of a conquered territory. The Greeks, however enlightened as they were in other respects, never achieved political unity. Their colonies became small independent States as soon as they were founded. The British method, applied by a people who had long had democratic institutions, combined something of the form of the Roman Empire with the ideals of Greece. Other empires, past and present, have simply revived the Roman lust for conquest and domination over weaker races.

It is well to remember this when looking for the problems presented by racial and non-assimilable minorities.

Racially we are compounded of similar elements of kindred peoples who have so intermarried that it is almost impossible to differentiate between the original Teutonic and Celtic Stocks. Even in the Dominions that conquest rather than settlement has helped to shape there is no such thing as a subject white race; there it little apparent physical difference between a South African Dutchman and a South African Briton, or between a British Canadian and a French Can-
WHY AUSTRALIA RETAINS CAVALRY DIVISIONS

BY GENERAL SIR HARRY CHAUVEL.

It is regrettable that currency is being given to-day to anonymous criticism of the continued use of cavalry divisions in the defence of Australia. There is a familiar and fallacious ring about this criticism.

We heard it even before the start of the last war. The cavalry were done for, we were told; it was a waste of time and money to employ them. The facts of history and a knowledge of current military affairs provide conclusive rebuttal. Let us examine them in that order.

More than 1,000,000 horses were employed by the British War Office in the last war, about 103,000 of them coming from Australia alone.

Cavalry played a very important part in the last war in France, first in the early stages before the belligerents settled down to trench warfare, and again in the later stages in the pursuit of the enemy when the trench line was broken.

They played the major part in the elimination of German's principal ally during the Palestine campaign. Indeed, the Battle of Megiddo, which was the decisive battle of that campaign, could not have been conceived if Lord Allenby had not had masses of cavalry at his disposal. Cavalry played an invaluable role also in the Mesopotamia campaign.

Any consideration of the need of the present war must have cognisance of the manner in which the enemy disposes of his forces. Germany is still maintaining a number of cavalry regiments. In the light of subsequent events it seems more than a coincidence that when the British Army decided to mechanise most of its cavalry and sell the horses, Germany bought practically the lot. Good English horses are mobilised against the Allies in some of the German cavalry regiments to-day.

The Allied strategic force which is assembled in the Middle East at present contains considerable numbers of cavalry, including British regiments and French Chasseurs d'Afrique and Spahis—successors to the regiments which, with the light horse and other cavalry, made the Desert Mounted Corps in Palestine.

In India, though some of the cavalry regiments have been mechanised, most of them are at the moment doing an intensive course of cavalry training. There is more than twice the cavalry personnel in training there than we have in training at present in Victoria.

Now, turn to the immediate problem of the defence of Australia and the use or light horse divisions for the purpose. Nothing has happened to alter my long-considered judgment that light horse is the most valuable arm of the land defences of Australia.

They are most mobile of the fighting forces, and must still be employed in the sort of country which would not be suitable for mechanised units. That incidentally, is the sort of country we are quite likely to have to fight in, if we have to fight at all. In certain circumstances mechanised units would add considerably to the firepower of cavalry divisions, but the main body must still be deployed on horses.

In any event, it would be a physical impossibility at this stage of the war to replace them all with mechanised units, and there is also the question of the supply of motor fuel, which will become increasingly difficult as the war goes on.

I cannot think it likely that any army invading Australia could bring sufficient tanks and armoured cars here to compete with the mobility of our mounted divisions. There is no possible parallel between the invasion of Poland by German tanks and armoured cars against Polish cavalry, and the usefulness of our cavalry in the defence of an island continent such as Australia. Any invasion of this country must come from over the sea.

LEAVE: GARRISON BATTALIONS

We publish a copy of a letter received from the Minister for the Army in reply to representations made at the request of the Queensland Branch:

With reference to your letter of February 20, regarding rail warrants for members of garrison battalions, I am now able to inform you that 18 days' recreation leave per annum, exclusive of Sundays and public holidays may be granted to members of garrison battalions after completing 12 months' service. Six days' leave may be granted at the end of six months' service.

After due consideration, it is regretted that the department is unable to accept liability for rail travel by members of garrison battalions whilst on leave.
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(10th Garrison Battalion)

Numerous letters in the Press recently regarding the use of 1914-1918 veterans in various capacities overseas has aroused hopes that members of the garrison battalion might find a further outlet for their energies in the new A.I.F. The raising of the age limit for the Railway and Forestry Units has found a surprisingly large number of ex-railwaymen in the battalion, and many applications for service overseas have been forthcoming. Several service men have been called up for medical examination and they are quite confident they will get away. Good luck to them.

Many were the remarks passed on Anzac Day in the city streets by members of the public praising the marching discipline and deportment of the company of the battalion which took part in the parade. Those who remembered the initial march of the battalion through Perth in November last, when it created such a good impression, were astonished at the straightened backs, jaunty steps, brighter eyes and appearance generally of the men. Their months of training, regular hours and good food (for which thanks to the Q.M.'s cooks) have added at least ten years to their lives. As one citizen was overheard to remark: "Why, these old boys look young enough and fit enough to take on anything." So they are.

A special guard of four under L/Cpl H. Bennett recently returned from the Eastern States. Their behaviour on duty and leave has brought forth a letter from the G.S.O., stating they are a credit to the battalion. The whole battalion shares in their pride.

Pay-Sergeant N. Hubble has left the battalion to assume duty as a civilian clerk at Western Command H.Q. He will be missed, as his unfailing good humour and courtesy which was never affected by poor health assured him the friendship of all ranks. He is succeeded by Sergeant Fry, of the old 11th Battalion, to whom a welcome is extended.

Major Roy Harbourn, M.C., who was recently promoted to the rank of "C" Company, has returned with his company from a tour of duty at Rottnest Island, where between training and tactical schemes they found time to effect many improvements around the new hutted camp. Captain Max Gore, M.C., and "A" Company effected the relief, commencing their third term on the island.

The C.O., adjutant and quartermaster, together with several assistants, during the past month, in addition to their other duties, have been guiding the destinies of the A.I.F. camp at Melville. They speak in glowing terms of the W.A. lads, their physique, behaviour, training and deportment generally. The young A.I.F. expressed keen gratification of their treatment and help by the old A.I.F. members.

Many further changes have taken place in the ranks of "The Evergreens" during the week ended May 5, 1940.

The fame of the battalion will now extend to the far north as Lieut. F. Stahl, D.C.M., Sergeant J. Huckin, L/Sergeant W. L. Puzev and 14 other ranks have been transferred to the R.A.A. Barracks, Fremantle, preparatory to sailing for Darwin to commence garrison duties with No. 7 Military District.

Private H. O. Ferguson, at his own request and expense, has been transferred to 11th Garrison Battalion, Sydney. He left by train on May 4. As Private Ferguson's wife and family are in New South Wales, Western and Eastern Commands facilitated his transfer.

As a result of the many discharges and transfers, regimental orders during the week contained many promotions.

Staff-Sergeant W. G. Brown, who represented the battalion at Base Records, has been transferred to that branch with the rank of W.O.II, and Sergeant E. C. Parker has taken his place. No doubt
the “diplomacy” and smile of “Parkie” will be welcomed by Major Burrows.

Corporal C. L. Buckenara, M.M., from “A” Company, has been promoted Sergeant-Clerk in H.Q. orderly room.

Sergeant R. V. McCracken, M.M., from Transport Section, has been promoted to CQ.M.S., H.Q., and Corporal F. H. Gorrie takes Mac’s place at the head of the transport. Private W. E. S. Nichol becomes Corporal vice Corporal Gorrie.

“B” Company has a new sergeant in H. Whitford and L/Corporal W. G. Thompson, M.M., steps up into the place vacated by Sergeant Whitford, whilst Private Fallows become a lance-jack.

“A” Company now answers to the unmistakable voice of Sergeant J. Tudor when the bugle blows “Fall in,” Sergeant Tudor acting as C.S.M.

L/Sergeant A. E. Jolliffe has been promoted sergeant and Corporal G. E. (Raddy) Culverwell become a lance-sergeant.

None in the battalion has ever yet found fault with the cooks or cookhouse, who are under the direction of Sergeant W. Walker. However, as an opportunity offered for the battalion to be represented at the cooking school being conducted at Northam, Private S. G. Lintott and R. J. Judd were detailed to learn some new ideas to pass on to their fellow cooks.

Great interest is being taken by all ranks in the preparation of the grounds for a new camp for the battalion, which it is expected will be occupied by the end of June. The gunners express their pleasure at the past five months’ occupancy of Fort Swanbourne by the garrison battalion, because of the many improvements effected and lawns planted. Now, the battalion hopes, the benefit of lawns and other improvements, which they might make in the future, will be theirs to admire and sustain in their own home. “At least until we embark for a job overseas,” say the optimists.

One of the mysteries of a bewildering age is why the new Hitlerite organisation in the United States, equipped fully with bombs, high explosive, lethal language and so on should take the name of The Christian Front. No one seems to have called Hitler a Christian before, and one can hardly think that the Fuhrer would like it.
THE LISTENING POST, 15th May, 1940

The Kojonups could not throw the ball nowheres, and as a result all the Katannings hit the ball somewhere all the times. Lee Hall (52), Jack Fraser (32), Bill Lewis (15), Reg. Harwood (13) and Cyril Garstone (14) were sent back to sit with the customers before they broke their clubs. When Bill Bailey smote the ball somewhere a Kojonup man came from nowhere and caught the ball in the air, the Katannings all went back to the customers and the same man with the pencil said that they had made 181 runs.

Although there is a great shortage of food in Australia, the Katannings ladies prepared some tea and cakes which they offered to the Kojonups before they were chased home. These cakes were known locally as "Storm-backaches" and are made from clover seed and the yoke of a sheep's wool; but owing to a shortage of natives and ammunition in Kojonups, the Kojonups ate the cakes with relish and expressed their gratitude to the ladies concerned.

Just after the Kojonups left for home a loud report was heard, and it is believed that they used their last cartridge. In our next broadcast we will give the result of the shot. If Ted Baker is still in Kojonups we will decorate him with an Iron Cross, as we firmly believe that any captain of a team composed of Joe Norrishes, Ron Moses, Jack Finlays and Jack Hains deserves not one but two Iron Crosses. As a gesture of goodwill the Fuhrer has expressed a wish to donate one machine gun and 10,000 rounds of live ammunition to the Kojonups Ragged Shirts to use on the man who used the last cartridge on Sunday.

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REPATRIATION EXPENDITURE

In answer to a question in the House of Representatives last month the Minister for Repatriation supplied some interesting figures regarding expenditure on repatriation. Since the last war to December 31, 1939, the expenditure was £186,352,922. This included war pensions for ex-soldiers and others (£160,182,977), medical treatment (£4,759,032), the maintenance of repatriation hospitals, including salaries, provisions and drugs, &c., used in conducting repatriation institutions (£4,613,453), vocational training (£4,873,481), employment (£2,401,737), service pensions (£1,214,599), medical treatment (including hospital maintenance, including salaries, provisions and drugs, &c., used in conducting repatriation institutions, vocational training, employment, service pensions and others) (£160,182,977), medical treatment (£4,759,032), the maintenance of repatriation hospitals, including salaries, provisions and drugs, &c., used in conducting repatriation institutions (£4,613,453), vocational training (£4,873,481), employment (£2,401,737), service pensions (£1,214,599), education (£2,064,864) and general benefits (£26,242,817). To the total of £186,352,922 must be added the amount of £27,524,828 expended on the war gratuity and £29,755,314 on war service homes. Australia's repatriation expenditure over a period of 25 years has therefore been £243,633,064.

The total number of pensions (i.e., Australian war pensioners only) was 243,324 on December 31, 1939. The number of service pensioners on the same date was 13,596. Cases under treatment (i.e., Australian soldier in-patients) numbered 1,256. During the period under review 21,971 cases were dealt with under the Education Scheme. This number relates to numbers approved up to June 30, 1939.

During the Great War 329,833 men and women embarked from Australia for active service overseas. The repatriation expenditure, therefore, works out at £738/13/2 a head. This is not a penny too much, but it illustrates the cost of modern war in this one direction.

THE RIBBENTROP BLUNDER
The Art of Catching a Tartar

One of the gravest, and most astonishing, political mysteries of all time is, why did von Ribbentrop assure his Fuhrer that the British of to-day would not and could not fight?

It can only be imagined that the basis of his reasoning was that the British had a courage of a sort, but not high enough to overcome their fear of Goering's air fleet; that many were the dupes of clever

German propaganda that others preferred comfort and ease to any moral cause on earth, and that they were riven through and through by political differences and social antagonisms.

Ribbentrop was warned about this line of thought, but he persisted in judging by superficial appearances. He could not be told that fundamentally the British people were true to historic type, and that if roused to the business by intolerable provocation they would fight more fearlessly than they had ever fought.

Now, too late, the Nazis know it is impossible to frighten the British people.

This error of von Ribbentrop's may be commended to the notice of those who serve the enemy purpose, although unwittingly, by declaring over and over that "Australians do not seem to be interested in the war"; that "Australia's war effort will never be as great as in 1914-1918," and so on.

These Australian vons Ribbentrops should remember that a similar statement was made in 1914 by a gaunt and aged man who now watches the world through a window in Doorn—and wonders how he could have been so deluded.

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Our Mt. Hawthorn correspondent reports the death of Mr. Mark Raymond, an old and esteemed member of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch, who passed away after a long illness on May 5. We join with the sub-branch in expressing our sympathy with his widow and family.

The Mt. Hawthorn sick states shows that Bill Skates is still gamely struggling along the hard road to better health. Tom May is another patient sufferer and Bill Rocke is smiling through at Edward Mil len. We wish these three good Diggers a speedy and permanent recovery.

We regret to report an accident to Mrs. Rowles, wife of a past president of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch. Mrs. Rowles was injured on service. At the recent social tendered by the sub-branch to the poppy-sellers, she fell and broke a bone in the wrist. We all wish this popular lady a speedy recovery.

Another who marched on Anzac Day in Perth was Alex. Craigie, of the 44th. He returned recently from a long visit to the Old Country. While in London Alex. and his good wife met their old friend, Andy Davidson, D.C.M., who used to run a tailoring business in Perth. It was Andy Davidson who, some years ago, cleared up a misapprehension concerning the Man with the Donkey, and who was largely instrumental in having an authentic photograph of that Gallipoli hero in League headquarters. Alex. Craigie told us one good tale of his experiences in London, which we have permission to retail. During a London fog he barged into an old lady. He ended his apology by saying: "You must excuse me, I'm blind." The lady indignantly retorted: "You ought to be ashamed of yourself, being blind so early in the morning."

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Bill James, president of North Perth sub-branch and a good member of the State Executive, on the recent death of his mother, who had been a great League worker. Bill was suffering from the prevailing cold recently, but we are pleased to state that he is better again.

Gus Rigg, of the North Perth sub-branch, was in St. Omer Hospital, but progressing favourably when we last heard of him. Gus has undergone an operation which, we hope, will result in a full recovery of good health. Gus, by the way, is a full brother to North Perth's Bert, whose many friends are pleased to see looking so much better these days.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of John William Gray, a city accountant and an active member of the Nedlands sub-branch. The late Mr. Gray was born in the Orkney Islands 52 years ago and served in the war with the 27th Battalion. The president, secretary and members of the Nedlands sub-branch attended the funeral. We join with Nedlands in tendering sympathy to Mrs. Gray and family.

Some men do it chopping wood. That good old soldier W. Archibald, of the North Perth sub-branch, appeared in public recently with a large piece of sticking plaster covering a nasty gash on the forehead. It was the old, old story, but dinkum, nevertheless, of the axe-head becoming entangled with the clothes line. Archie, as the boys call him, was very shaken by his experience, but, in his usual jovial manner, he declared: "It must have been a damn blunt axe or I'm a bit thick in the skull."

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The news of Sergeant Campbell’s recovery from his recent serious illness was received with enthusiasm at a recent meeting of the committee of the Claremont sub-branch. Sergeant Campbell is in charge of the Claremont police station.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Sebo, the well-known Claremont florist, a gallant Digger who passed away after a brief illness. Members of the Claremont sub-branch attended the funeral in the Karrakatta Cemetery. The Last Post was sounded by Private Watson, of the 10th Garrison Battalion.

Bassendean Diggers will be pleased to learn that the condition of their old comrade, John Reily, is improving. Although he is unable to take an active part in sub-branch affairs, he can enjoy a good game of bridge. John is also a good neediedworker and the sub-branch always benefits by his loyal support.

Bert Dalziell has been in hospital recovering from a broken jaw, the result of a motor accident. According to the latest bulletin he is progressing favourably. Another Osborne Park Digger, Alf Dans, suffered minor injuries—a crushed leg and an eyelid that needed three stitches. He considers he was lucky that his eyesight was saved. We join with their Osborne Park cobbers in wishing them a speedy recovery.

BRIGADIER
A. R. BAXTER COX

On the night of May 1 a radio message from the Eastern States announced that Brigadier A. R. Baxter Cox, Commanding Officer of the 13th Infantry Brigade (Militia) had been appointed to command the 2/16th Battalion, 20th Infantry Brigade, 7th Division, in the Australian Imperial Force. Although he will revert to the rank of Lieut-Colonel in his new appointment, the selection to command the battalion, that will continue the glorious traditions established by the original 16th Battalion, is an honour that most of us would covet. Colonel Baxter Cox is a veteran of the Great War, but he is a young commanding officer and we feel that a step down in rank will soon become a step up when action is joined. Born in 1898, Alfred Richard Baxter Cox enlisted as a private in the first A.I.F., and left Australia with the original Mining Corps, which was afterwards reorganised into the Australian Tunneling Companies. He soon gained his sergeant’s stripes and then transferred to the infantry. After graduating from an O.T.C. at Oxford he was gazetted lieutenant in the 4th Battalion and remained with that unit until the war ended.

In 1922 Colonel Baxter Cox resumed service with the Royal Australian Engineers (Militia). He commanded the 13th Field Company from 1922 to 1927. During 1931 he was attached to the 10th Light Horse Regiment and a year later he took over the command of what was then the 11th/16th Battalion (City of Perth Regiment). He was promoted to the rank of lieut-colonel and remained in command of the battalion for four years.

Colonel Baxter Cox visited Europe and America in 1935-36. While he was in England he was attached to the Royal Sussex Regiment for annual battalion and brigade tactical exercises. He also attended the annual divisional exercises and special Tank Brigade exercises. In May last year he was appointed to the command of the 13th Infantry Brigade (Militia). This year he was appointed A.D.C. to the Governor-General.

Always a keen soldier, Colonel Baxter Cox has found time to devote much attention to League affairs. Before his trip to Europe five years ago, he was a member of the State Executive. He is an architect by profession. As such he has been associated with the construction of a number of Perth’s large and important buildings, not the least of which was Anzac House. He was the winner of the competition for the best design for Anzac House.

The Nazi film on the Polish campaign now being shown throughout Germany includes a shot of Hitler sitting alone with his thoughts. The caption runs: “This is the man who, all by himself, bears the whole burden of responsibility.”
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Scabbards Off!

(BY PIF-TOK)

Some surprise has been caused by the admission of the Minister for Supply and Development (Sir Frederick Stewart) that Australia was importing khaki cloth from Japan for soldiers' uniforms. It was explained that there was a shortage of cotton cloth in Australia, and that the imports would counterbalance the effect of the new import restrictions upon Japanese trade with Australia, to say nothing of the assistance it will give Japan to buy Australian wool. In any case Japan is still theoretically a friendly Power. Some time ago those earnest souls who imagined they could stop wars by raising a hue and cry after armament-makers alleged that the Turks used guns of British manufacture against us on Gallipoli. Assuming these statements were true, they prove nothing. It must be remembered that Turkey was a friend and a potential ally when she bought those guns, and that was only diplomatic bungling on the part of the Entente Powers that threw the Turks into the arms of Germany in 1914. Reverting for the moment to cloth for soldiers' uniforms, perhaps the most remarkable purchases in history occurred during the Napoleonic wars. Even when Napoleon was trying to cripple British commerce by means of a European land blockade, Yorkshire mills were providing the cloth for French uniforms.

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The advent of May was signalled by the publication in The West Australian of a letter, signed by the Archbishop of Perth and several eminent nobodies, protesting against the action of the Commonwealth Government in banning certain Communist publications. The other signatories were Professor Murdoch, whose Saturday morning articles seem part of a plan to secure easy terms for Germany when the war is over; A. C. Box, another member of the teaching staff of the University of Western Australia, who once said publicly that soldiers were similar to scavengers; Canon John Bell, of Claremont, whose sense of proportion was so overlaid by his sense of showmanship that he offered prayers for Hitler, and whose communistic sermons are no longer broadcast; Mr. W. Somerville, who recently wrote a letter to the Editor of The West Australian on the lines of a Sydney conference's "Hand Off Russia" resolution; Dr. J. Jacobs, a salaried official of the Repatriation Commission and a lady named Vallance, who represent little-known organisations that seem to be tinged with red. It has been made sufficiently clear that the banned publications, besides being insults to human intelligence, are a source of annoyance. In addition, they have deliberately tried to impede recruiting in Australia and, in some instances, they have openly incited people to armed rebellion. It is hard to understand the attitude of people who would condone such things. I would not presume to teach the Editor of The West Australian his job, but I could not help noticing that the much-singed letter was published in the eighth column of the leader page. Surely a more fitting place would have been the fifth column.

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"Western Writing," the slim roneographed magazine of the local society of authors and artists, had a brief and inglorious existence. There is much talent and some genius in the organisation that produced it, but, unfortunately, the publication was murdered by misdirection. It stepped off on the wrong foot by publishing some rather insulting doggerel about Armistice Day, but what finally administered the death blow was the fact that the magazine was Red but not read.

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One wonders what point there is, if any, to those articles by Professor Murdoch, in which he commences by disclaiming all knowledge of the subject and then using a column or two to prove that the disclaimer is valid. On a recent Saturday morning he was at great pains in exhorting his public not to gloat over Germans killed while committing unprovoked aggression against Norway. Nobody had gloated, and no one had shown any tendency to gloat, but why this waste of sympathy on murderers and gangsters who got no more than their deserts? Professor Murdoch commenced his article by suggesting that readers might call him pacifist or pro-German or both. There is one possibility, however, that he omitted from his forecast, that is the probability that readers would merely regard the article as a piece of Shavian show-off and dismiss it as such.

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In these days, when everyone is wanting to "talk over the air," certain persons have waxed tearful over an allegation that Canon John Bell's sermons are no longer broadcast through the alleged imposition of a ban by the censor. What actually happened was that, after one particularly outrageous outburst in which it was implied that loyalty to the British Empire was inconsistent with Christianity, the preacher was told that future script must be submitted to the censor. In this respect, he has merely been asked...
to conform to a regulation which applies generally and does not constitute a ban on any individual—and we see no valid reason why this regulation should not be administered even more strictly.

Those estimable people who are always urging our Government to declare its war aims seem more concerned about the fate of Germany when the war is over than they are about the safety of our own country. One cannot help suspecting that they are already getting in a bit of propaganda to neutralise the effects of victory by securing for Germany concessions to which that country never has nor ever will be entitled.

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A.R.M.S. COMPETITIONS
Results of First Round

ZONE 1
Perth beat Yokine 8-2
Mt. Hawthorn beat Maylands 6-4
W. Leederville beat Osborne P. 6-4
Subiaco beat West Perth 6-4
South Perth: bye.

ZONE 2
Mt. Lawley beat Victoria Park 9-1
North Perth beat Cottesloe 8-2
Nedlands beat Claremont 8-2
Gloucester Park and Mosman Park have not yet played.

SHOOTING RESULTS
Mt. Hawthorn, 147; Subiaco, 142;
Nedlands, 141; Perth, 139; West Leederville, 138; Cottesloe, 137; Mt. Lawley, 136; Victoria Park, 136; Yokine, 136; Osborne Park, 135; North Perth, 134; West Perth, 133; Maylands, 131;
South Perth, bye.
Gloucester Park and Mosman Park have not yet played and Cottesloe forfeited to Nedlands.

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It is reported from London that there has been much resistance in various German districts to the compulsory transfers of workers from one district to another. A favourite way of evading the order to move has been the production of a doctor’s certificate. The Nazi authorities have now forbidden doctors in private practice to give an opinion about the fitness of a man or woman to work.

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This volume, which has just been published as part of the official history of Australia in the Great War, deals chiefly with the operations on the Western Front. The first volume dealt with the formation of the A.A.M.C. on a war basis and the operations on Gallipoli and in Palestine and New Guinea. A third volume is yet to be published.

Colonel Butler, a dynamic personality, has injected his personality, his untiring energy and his passion for the niceties of detail in to this admirable history. A native of Kilcoy, Queensland, he commenced his education at Ipswich. He practised at Kilcoy, Gladstone and Brisbane.

Enlisting in August, 1914, he was appointed R.M.O. to the 9th Battalion. He was among the first to land at Anzac Cove on April 25, 1915, and on that day worked tirelessly to relieve suffering.

He was awarded the D.S.O. for his work on Gallipoli, and was the only R.M.O. to be so honoured.

After service in France, during which he made a particular study of the speedy evacuation of wounded from the battle line, Colonel Butler did special investigation work for the A.A.M.C., and was in charge of an Australian general hospital. After demobilisation he returned to private practice in Brisbane.

In 1923 he yielded to the request of the then Minister of Defence, the late Sir Neville Howse, V.C., that he wrote the history of the A.A.M.C. in the war.

Colonel Butler has worked painstakingly ever since, and has produced a history that is a splendid story of the A.A.M.C. on active service, and, in addition, an invaluable text book on the use of the medical services in wartime.

His history shows how this was done under the stress of the great campaign of the Western Front from early 1916 until the end of the war.

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Empire Shopping Week Section

THE ECONOMIC WAR

BY H.C.R.

"There is only one way by which we can possibly feed our people, supply the voracious appetite of the war machine for raw materials, and at the same time outbid Germany for foodstuffs and materials she needs, that is at all hazards and at all costs to sustain and if possible increase our export trade while diminishing our domestic consumption. We cannot pay for victory in this war out of capital. We have got to earn and save the means of victory while we are fighting. On the earning side exports, and again exports, are as essential to our end as shells, and tanks, aeroplanes and destroyers."—The London Times.

It must be evident to all that at no time has so much importance been attached to the economic aspect of international struggles as is the case in this war. The object in view is to force the enemy into an untenable position through lack of resources with which to carry on in materials, the conflict. The object in view is to force the Allies with two lines of attack, as it were, the actual fighting side where gun meets gun and machine meets machine, and the side of attrition where there is set up a gradual shortening of material supplies with consequent effect upon the efficiency of the enemy fighting forces.

In the successful prosecution of the economic war, however, many issues are involved. It is clear that, to cope with them all Great Britain has had to set up an entirely new organisation, one whose energies are devoted on the one hand to ensuring that all essential services and food supplies are kept up to the requisite standard and that the output from industry is sufficient to satisfy the requirements of purchasing countries; and on the other to backing up the sterling efforts of all the fighting units of the Empire to bring the war to a speedy and satisfactory termination. In both of these avenues amazing and far-reaching results have already been achieved, but much water must yet run under the bridge.

To assist Great Britain in safeguarding her own economic position, while at the same time attacking that of Germany, it is essential that she should develop to the utmost her export market, thus not only keeping in motion the wheels of industry but restoring to the country as large a proportion as possible of the capital that is being absorbed in war activities. This, in effect, means that the time has now arrived when there must be put to the test the real and personal loyalty towards the Empire of every man and woman living within it.

An overwhelming majority of the people of Australia could not, if they wished, enlist for service abroad, but practically everyone of those remaining behind is in a position to play an important part in a direction that will tend to speed up the results of the economic war and hasten the day when Australia's soldiers will be restored to their homes.

In a word, it is a universal call to economic if not to fighting arms for everyone who has the interests of the Empire—apart from his own—at heart. Will any one who has within him a spark of love for or pride in his country turn a deaf ear to that call, more particularly when to give heed to it places him in no physical danger and entails upon him no sacrifice either of comfort or convenience? Think of the sacrifices many of our soldiers make when they enlist for service; careers cut short for an indeterminate period, ambitions set aside, wives and sweethearts left behind; and contrast these things with the lot of the vast majority of citizens, far removed from the thunder of guns and the tumult of battle, safely ensconced in their own homes and for the most part living a normal life of ease and comfort.

All of us subscribe as freely as we can to the Red Cross Society, the Trench Comforts Fund and other war patriotic services, because we know that these organisations are worthy of support and that ultimately our soldiers will benefit by what we have been able to do for them. Neither do we wait to be asked for donations when street collections for these objects are being made, but offer them freely and would almost feel ashamed if, after a certain hour of the day we did not wear a token as proof of our national philanthropy. The principle with regard to United Kingdom and other Empire products is the same. We are invited to buy them in preference to similar goods from other countries because by so doing we are going to strengthen the resources of the Empire and enable it to prosecute the war in all its branches with greater vigour than ever.

In times such as these we should not have to regard as a duty the performance of some act that is to our own advantage. Every pound that we spend on the products of the United Kingdom, for instance, represents so much additional capital with which to finance this gigantic war, and if we looked at this question in its true perspective we would go out of our way to seek avenues in which we could satisfy all our overseas, commercial and industrial needs from United Kingdom sources. When it is remembered that the United Kingdom has for scores of years been supplying the markets of the world with practically every requisite, it will be seen that there can be nothing that is required for any purpose that is not obtainable from that origin.

At this stage it might be of interest to refer to the action of one country that certainly has a big trade with Great Britain but is itself not a part of the
The Listening Post, 15th May, 1940

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. During Empire Shopping Week British shopkeepers provide miles of shop window displays of the 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. West 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.

British Empire. Quite recently the Argentine Government refused exchange for the purchase from other nations of any goods that could be bought from Great Britain. No doubt that Government has good justification for its act on purely economic grounds, but it also speaks eloquently for an attitude that ought to be evident in its most complete form in every portion of the British Empire.

This is no time in which to mince matters. The fate of the British Empire and of the democracies throughout the world is at stake. They are in danger of being overrun by a regime, the horrors associated with which need not here be gone into. Not one of us, probably, entertains any doubt about the ultimate issue because our faith in the strength of the Empire and in the justice of our cause is such that we could hold no other belief. But the very fact that we believe everything will come right in the long run may have set up a feeling of complacency that may of itself, if not nipped in the bud, have a very direct bearing upon the trend of events, and, if it does not actually affect the final issue, must at least lead to a longer and even more bitter struggle. Every citizen of this country must therefore awaken to a full sense of his responsibilities and be prepared to face cold, hard facts. We simply must buy all our overseas requirements from Great Britain.

Though far removed from the scene of hostilities we are fighting for our lives. Let us, therefore, roll up our shirt sleeves and bend our backs to the job. The cause is as much an individual as an Empire one, and is not one to be shirked. Proud as we are of what Great Britain is doing, let us give her cause to be equally proud of us.

EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK

The Objects of the Movement

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MESSAGE FROM THE HON. A. R. G. HAWKE
(Minister for Industrial Development)

Empire Shopping Week takes place this year at a time when the very existence of British nations is gravely threatened. The preservation of those nations against the forces of German aggression is the paramount duty of British people throughout the world at this time.

We in Western Australia are far removed from the scenes of conflict. It is, nevertheless, our duty to do everything which lies within our power to have the struggle successfully determined.

Our distance from the scene of conflict reduces our ability to play a vital part in determining the conflict and safeguards our people from its worst enemies. Nevertheless, every person in Western Australia can do something to assist those who are bearing the heat and burden of the actual fighting on our behalf.

Most of the returned soldiers now in Western Australia cannot be accepted for service overseas in the present war. They, together with all other people in the State, among other duties, could, and should, concentrate upon the task of increasing the economic and industrial strength of Western Australia. Concentration upon that task is more necessary now that it was even before the war. As we increase the industrial strength of our own State so will we succeed in being less dependent upon other parts of the British Empire which are not able to supply us with goods to the extent they were formerly able to do.

The appeal of Empire Shopping Week this year is made in graver circumstances than ever before, but the appeal is more real and more urgent than ever before and should receive an immediate continuous and State-wide response from the people. The buying of local goods this week and every week will mean much more than passing money over the shop counters in exchange for those goods.

It will mean greater activity in our factories and workshops, greater employment opportunities for our young people and greater economic strength for the State. The buying of local goods is a practical expression of our loyalty and an indication of our intention to make Western Australia a far stronger section of the British Empire than it has ever been before.

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LOCAL TRADING STATISTICS

The West Australian commodity trade returns for the nine months ended March 31 last reveal that exports overseas and interstate, inclusive of ship's stores, for the period under review, amounted to £8,707,076. Imports direct from overseas totalled £4,067,335 which, with exchange added, amounted to £8,054,194 in Australian currency. Those from the other States of the Commonwealth were valued at £10,272,691, making the total imports £15,356,885.

Main increases in imports were: Butter, £27,808; fish preserved in tins, £25,656; milk and cream, dried, £31,158; biscuits, £11,336; cocoa beans and shells (raw), £8,498; grains and pulse—unprepared, £11,704; jams and jellies, £11,413; sugar—raw, £23,090; tea in packets, £8,379; tea in bulk, £103,808; spirits (beverages), £26,332; wine, £9,452; tobacco—manufactured, £99,251; cigarettes, £85,257; live animals—cattle, £16,847; vegetable substances and fibres, £10,648; wearing apparel other than boots, shoes, hats and caps, £68,658; textiles, £87,038; bags and sacks, £58,357; manufactured fibres other than bags and sacks, £23,305; oils in bulk—lubricating, £65,604; oils in bulk—residual, £68,480; oils in bulk—petrol, £77,216; paints and varnishes, £18,810; coal, £21,111; tyres and tubes, £43,128; stationery, £24,855; cyanides of potassium and sodium, £10,936; perfumery and toilet preparations, £11,267; soap and soap substitutes, £13,811.

Chief decreases were: Malt, £17,966; ale and beer, £16,331; live animals—sheep, £19,321; boots and shoes, £16,848; hats and caps, £9,202; oils in bulk—keerosene, £10,582; asphalt, bitumen and natural pitch, £13,299; agricultural machinery, £16,914; machinery (not agricultural), £27,572; iron and steel bar rod, etc., £40,666; iron and steel, plate and sheet—galvanised, £11,733; iron and steel, plate and sheet—other, £9,953; wire—fencing, £24,274; motor cars, £74,008; motor parts, other vehicles and parts, £55,592; paper, £18,004; rock phosphates, £37,638; other fertilisers, £11,658; sulphur, £8,948; arms, ammunition and explosives, £51,139.

Principal increases in exports were: Pork, £50,613; dried fruits—currants, £11,134; flour, £67,430; hides and skins, £9,660; woollen piece goods, £8,005; leather, £25,818; glassware, cements, etc., £16,859; oils—essential, £19,202.

Main decreases were: Beef, £36,287; lamb and mutton, £32,834; fresh fruit—apples, £45,390; fresh fruit—other, £21,560; wheat, £87,269; potatoes, £36,538; pearl shell, £27,771; wool—greasy, £236,501; wool—scoured, £8,774; timber, £96,539.

HISTORY OF EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK IN W.A.

The Empire Shopping Week was inaugurated in this State in 1928 by the ricewives' Association of Western Australia. It was considered that for at least one out of the 52 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 big 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. Its importance has been vastly augmented by the fact that the Empire is now at war and the need for a community of thought and a community of effort is more urgent than ever. The week's campaign should be regarded as a step in the direction of making every week an Empire Shopping Week.

In 1929, as the result of a meeting convened by Mr. Hastings C. Reid, the Empire Trading and Shopping Council of Western Australia was formed. 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 forwarded from four thousand artistic and educative posters annually for local distribution. Valuable propaganda work has been carried on in country centres by the sub-branches of the R.S.S.I.L.A. and their auxiliaries and the women's section of the P.P.A. and the Country Women's Association.

Seven years ago the control of the movement was taken over by the League, with Mr. Reid as honorary organiser, and with the co-operation of other loyal helpers who have assisted on the committee for many years. The campaign has been slowly but surely achieving its objective.
Loyalty Among Ourselves

MESSAGE FROM MR. H. L. BRISBANE
(President West Australian Chamber of Manufacturers, Inc.)

The purpose of Empire Shopping Week is, of course, to create an essentially Empire spirit in the fostering of trade and commerce between the dominions and territories comprising the British Commonwealth of Nations. It is, therefore, particularly appropriate that this worthy movement should enjoy the undivided support of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers’ League, an organisation that can truly be said to represent Empire feeling and sentiment, by virtue of the fact that its membership includes men from all parts of the Empire who have fought to maintain those cherished principles and ideals for which the Empire stands.

In view of the growth throughout the world of the policy of national sufficiency, with its restrictions upon international trade, there must be no neglect of opportunities to expand Empire trade. Empire interests must be protected, and encouragement of reciprocal Empire trade is one of the first duties of all Empire Governments. This can best be achieved by the co-operation of all dominions with Britain on the basis of a healthy understanding of the needs and possibilities of the various units of the Empire.

Since it is now generally conceded that economic considerations play as important a part as strategic ones in the successful prosecution of war, it is imperative that the Empire be in an impregnable supply position as well as an impregnable position to safeguard those supplies.

Fortunately, it is possible within the vast possessions of the Empire to produce and manufacture every requirement of the British people, and it is hardly necessary to emphasise that every advance in industry will create work for many adult workers who to-day are unable to obtain permanent employment, as

it will also provide avenues of employment for more of our young people.

If we wish Western Australia to have an industrial system capable of maintaining a maximum population we must aim at building up a large and increasing number of manufacturing industries. This can only be accomplished with the wholehearted co-operation of every section of the community, and implies, of course, the vital need of commercial loyalty among ourselves, and a cultivation of the habit of buying Western Australian, Australian and Empire products in that order of preference.

In the midst of preparations for war—the mobilisation and training of fighting men, the manufacture of munitions and the intensive production of food—Australia, like the Mother Country, is looking ahead. She is already laying the foundations of that Greater Australia which will burgeon when these days of war are history.

Russia, says Molotov, will remain neutral in the European war. Yes, but against whom will she be neutral?

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SELFRIDGE'S FOR SERVICE
EMPIRE PREFERENCE

One of the planks of the League’s constitution platform is support for the British Empire and for Australia as an integral part of that Empire. A practical turn has been given to that support by the League’s annual campaign on behalf of Empire and local trading. It was Napoleon who called the British a nation of shopkeepers. That was meant as a smear, but Napoleon showed a true appreciation of the situation when he set out to injure England by destroying her overseas trade. He failed because Britain had first destroyed his navy. The fact remains that trade has had much to do with the expansion and growth of the Empire to which we are proud to belong and upon the maintenance of that trade depends the Empire’s continued existence. It has been fashionable in recent years to condemn what is called economic nationalism and the struggle for economic self-sufficiency. By that, people mean the frame of mind expressed by Field-Marshal Goring when he urged the German people to put guns before butter. Nevertheless, every country must be economically self-contained to some extent if it is going to continue its existence as an independent State.

This year, the Empire Shopping Week campaign is taking place in an atmosphere of war. It would be a poor look-out for the Empire, and for Australia, too, if both Empire and Commonwealth had not achieved no small measure of economic self-sufficiency. There is no economic nationalism in our trying to establish secondary industries, whether for defence or for ordinary economic reasons. Even when we give preference to our buying to goods produced in our own and in other Empire countries there is still room for reciprocal trade relations with other countries. Empire preference is merely a commonsense measure, which is very different from imperial isolation.

This concentration on supporting first the products of our own State links the Empire and local trading movement with another and very important League activity—that of the employment of our young people. It is only by supporting local industry that we can provide avenues of employment for our boys and girls. It is only by creating diversity of employment and widening the field of choice of occupation that we can hope to offset the disasters that happen periodically to our agricultural and pastoral industries. The necessity for being able to obtain 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 has been regarded by both State and Federal Governments as a problem of two-fold urgency. While the Federal Government has approached the problem from the angle of defence and national security, the State Government has looked on the matter from that of employment. It has wisely recognised that measures for the relief of unemployment can at best be only temporary expedients, and that the real solution of the problem lies in the creation of new industries, or the expansion of existing ones, to an extent that will provide permanent employment. Of course, all of us may not agree with everything the Governments are doing, but the fact remains that the policies adopted by the States and the Commonwealth aim at making Australia self-supporting, not only for the duration of the war, but for all the years that are to come.

Trade returns published elsewhere in this issue show that the unfavourable balance against Western Australia in respect of the other States is still far too large. This means we are still buying many commodities from elsewhere that could be produced in our own State. By doing so we are restricting the potential employment of our sons and daughters. The League, with its State-wide organisation, and the virile and active management of its metropolitan and country sub-branches and co-operation of their auxiliaries, can do much to correct this unhappy position.

The British way in wartime is business as usual. In living up to that slogan let us see that business is better than usual by placing West Australian business first.

HOW THE EMPIRE’S RESOURCES WERE MOBILISED

Ministerial statements have informed the world that the British nation, through its agent, the Ministry of Supply, is a trader handling raw materials of the annual value of £170,000,000, and is also the owner of all the supplies in Great Britain of aluminium, copper, wool, flax, molasses and fertilisers. In the words of Colonel J. J. Llewellyn, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry, more than planning had to be done in the months before the outbreak of war. There was the possibility of heavy air raids, attacks by submarines, serious losses through the action of mines—they had to build up sufficient stocks of essential materials as quickly as possible. To this end they enlisted the help of the trades concerned; the Government also bought on its own account, quietly and without disturbing the market; and to such good effect that before the war was declared they were well supplied with aluminium, zinc, antimony, phosphate rock, mercury and ferro-alloys.

Observing that the Empire is almost self-supporting in the materials they need, Colonel Llewellyn showed how vastly its production of important commodities has increased since 1914. The following comparison of tonnage produced speaks for itself:

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The bulk purchases have largely been made with Empire producers and the Empire Governments concerned—in many cases tentative contracts were arranged before the war, and no time was lost in implementing them immediately war broke out. Consequently, after less than five months of war it is possible to give the following favourable report on the materials concerned:

Wool.—The whole of the Australian and New Zealand clips have been bought for the period of the war and one year after, at 30 per cent. above the pre-war price. All the wool in the hands of home merchants and farmers has been bought, and a large quantity of South African wool as well.

Flax.—Bought up wherever possible. Production being increased in Britain and Northern Ireland.

Hemp.—Ample supplies being bought. Price kept steady for three months.

Copper and Zinc.—The whole exportable surplus of Canada, Australia, Rhodesia and Burma has been bought.

Lead.—All Britain’s needs are coming from Canada, Australia and Burma.

Aluminium.—Whole output of Britain and whole exportable surplus of Canada has been purchased, in addition to large quantities from the U.S.A.

Wolfscram.—The exportable surplus of Australia, New Zealand and Burma has been acquired.
A HEALTHIER LOCAL PATRIOTISM

MESSAGE FROM MR. E. S. WATT
(Chairman of the Empire Trading and Shopping Council of W.A.).

During recent years it has become fashionable in certain quarters to condemn economic nationalism and to speak of economic self-sufficiency as though that condition were something inherently evil and an inevitable cause of wars. One thinks it is a symptom rather than a cause because the Empire has long been economically self-sufficient, if regarded as an economic unit. At the present juncture, we would be in a parlous condition indeed if the Empire were not able to draw upon her own resources and upon those of the Dominions for everything she needs, and it is this very ability to do so which is going to prove an invaluable factor in the winning of the war. It is the object of the Empire Shopping Week to maintain this state of affairs, but that does not preclude the Empire or the Dominions from making trade agreements with other countries. Charity begins at home, it does not prevent friendly relations with neighbours who desire to be friendly.

In the present year, preference to Empire goods is assured by the conditions under which we are living and struggling to live. There is no need for me to enlarge on the agreements under which Britain has bought a whole year's wool clip and vast quantities of wheat and other Australian primary products. The concentration this year is rather on support for local products rather than on an objective that is practically secured. Our own Commonwealth Government has, as a war measure, imposed very drastic restrictions on imports from non-sterling countries. It is for us to give substantial support to the commodities that are produced in our own country. Statistics published in another column show that there is still a large and unfavourable

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(Mr. Hastings C. Reid)

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MR. HASTINGS C. REID
(Hon. Organiser Empire Shopping Week Council)

Empire on the side of winning the economic war. You all know the extent to which Great Britain, with the assistance of her Dominions, has organised her services with the object of (in a military sense) starving Germany into submission. The task will be a long and an arduous one, a task that seems likely to call for every resource the Empire at large has at its command, task that is mountain high in magnitude and of almost incalculable immensity. You know, and I know, however, that if every member of the community will play his or her part, if every Government, every civic body, every merchant house, organisation and association will but follow out the principle "Buy all your overseas requirements from Great Britain," the Motherland will be so enheartened, so greatly strengthened in monetary and all other resources that the issue will be resolved and peace restored again to the world. Speaking in a purely parochial sense I appeal to you once more, my warm friends, to give the lead to the community of this State, as you have so unselfishly and with such outstanding effect done before, and demonstrate that, though in one sense you have been forced to lay down the arms you once so effectively bore, you possess others that are equally telling against our common enemy. Let us, therefore, one and all labour to make this forthcoming Empire Shopping Week one that will impress itself deeply upon the minds of all and give the Motherland still greater cause to be proud of this, one of her most loyal dependencies.

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Great Britain is strenuously fostering her export trade — and capturing the enemy's. Australia is starting new industries, and taking care that the workers those industries will employ will be decently and comfortably housed.

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The League has arranged for each member of the A.I.F. proceeding overseas to be issued with a wallet. The wallet is sufficiently large to hold the Army issue pay-book and will fit conveniently into the breast pocket of the A.I.F. tunic.

The G.O.C. A.I.F., Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Blamey, has promised the League that the official distribution to members will be arranged overseas and steps are being taken to provide for a similar distribution to members of the naval and air forces on active service.

At a Federal Executive meeting of the League in February last it was resolved that representations be made to the Prime Minister asking him to arrange for the Army and Repatriation Departments to confer with the object of every reasonable precaution being taken to record all sickness, wounds, etc., on the medical history sheets of the A.I.F. abroad. A recent communication from the Prime Minister advises that the League's representations have been brought to the notice of the Navy, Army, Air and Repatriation Departments, who are all in complete agreement with the object of the resolution.

Action has already been taken to ensure that the necessary medical records of service personnel are maintained.

Speaking during the debate on the Address-in-Reply in the Senate last month, Colonel Collett said: "On Thursday next we shall be observing Anzac Day. In my State that is usually commemorated by a deep regard for those men who, in the past, fought for us and whose patriotism knew no bounds. It is, too, a day during which prayers are offered for the peace and safety of the nation and for the Divine guidance of its governments. To-day, I believe, as I am sure we all do, that these things should be more than ever borne in mind—that, ridding ourselves of subversive elements we should seek harmony and unanimity in the endeavours to attain our ends, so that the members of the
younger generation, serving with the Navy, the Army or Air Force, inheriting as they do the valour of their fathers as well as the traditions of the units whose colours they wear, may go forth on a great and grave mission strengthened with the knowledge that they leave behind them a people as strong, as united and as devoted as they themselves are."

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At the recent meeting of the presidents and secretaries of metropolitan sub-branches, the General Officer Commanding the Western Command (Major-General J. M. A. Durrant) made a very frank and enlightening statement regarding the employment of ex-service men in the defence forces. The G.O.C. stated that there had been nothing like the expansion of the military forces that would have occurred had a general mobilisation been ordered. Consequently, the opportunities for the absorption of ex-service men had been limited. Nevertheless, except in the permanent forces where age limitations and special qualifications were factors in the case, the majority of those employed since the outbreak of the war were ex-service men. The exceptions were practically all in such units as the Army Pay Corps, where special qualifications such as an accountancy diploma were essential, and which were not possessed by the average ex-service man.

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The attention of readers is drawn to the new policy that has been instituted in the League's weekly broadcasts from stations 6AM and 6PM at 9 p.m. on Tuesdays. Every care is being taken to avoid overlapping and the talks themselves are devoted to various aspects of the League's activities as well as to the notification of impending functions.

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A Digger at Laverton is anxious to get the words of the poem "The Wild Colonial Boy." We have tried the Perth bookshops without success. Perhaps one of our readers has a copy to send to us which we can forward.

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April 17, 1940
At the meeting of the State Executive on April 17 there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Aberle, Philip, Panton, Denton, W. J. James, Hunt, Anderson, Nicholas, Margolin, Potts, Keesing, Fairley, Lamb, Watt, Mitchell, Paton, Thorn, Williams, Zeffert and Warra. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. H. James, Collett, Cornell, Colebatch, Paterson, Curlewis, Mackenzie, Johnstone and Dinan.

Pensions and Employment.—The report of a meeting of the Pensions and Employment Committee's meeting on April 15 was received and adopted. A rise in the report was that members of the Pensions Committee should arrange to wait on the District Medical Officers and discuss with them the question of medical treatment for members of the Garrison Battalion.

Anzac Day.—A report was submitted advising details of the arrangements for Anzac Day, including the allotment of duties for hospital visiting and representation of the State Executive at the various services. Information was received that permission could not be granted for members of the A.I.F. and the R.A.A.F. to parade on Anzac Day because of the consequent interruption of their training. Colonel Collett had been communicating with on this subject. It was agreed to await the result of his representations to the Minister for the Army and then, if necessary, to take up the matter with the Military Board, stressing the advantages of allowing members of both forces to take part in the parade, particularly in regard to the stimulation of recruiting. The State President was asked to mention the matter to the Chief of the Air Staff (Sir Charles Burnett), who was then in Perth.

It was agreed that commissioners be engaged to police the cars for sick and incapacitated soldiers and prevent the public from obscuring the patients' view of the parade.

Sons of Soldiers.—The report of the S.S.L. Committee on its meeting on April 16 was received and adopted. It was agreed that Mr. Hedley Freedman and Mr. Ross Keasing be appointed members of the committee.

Empire Shopping Week.—It was reported that Empire Shopping Week would commence on May 20. The usual arrangements had been made and sub-branches had been invited to assist. Mr. Hastings C. Reid had offered to undertake the organisation again, and thanks were extended to him. It was agreed that the usual donation of £5 be made.

Salvage.—The Salvage Committee recommended that South Perth sub-branch commence the scheme for the salvaging of fats on the line suggested. By this means the scheme could be tested and any profits accruing would be donated to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. The report was adopted.

Reception.—The Citizens' Reception Council presented a report detailing the entertainment of troops by the Council. The report was received.

Relief.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees for the month of March was received. The report showed that 172 applications had been approved during the month, involving an expenditure of £112/9/1.

Visits.—Visits to sub-branches were reported as follows: Messrs. Aberle and Ferguson, Bullbrook; Colonel Olden and State Secretary, Yealering; Messrs. Williams, Potts and State Secretary, Belmont; President, Mr. Lawler, opening Artillery Barracks and parades A.I.F. and militia forces; Mr. Keesing, Quiarading: Mr. Panton, Kalgoorlie; Mr. Zeffert, Waroona; Colonel Margolin, National Fitness Council. Colonel Margolin also reported having met officials of other State branches during his recent visit to the Eastern States.

Broadcasts.—The following broadcast roster was arranged: Mr. Hunt, April 23; Mr. Nicholas, April 30; Mr. Aberle, May 7; Mr. Watt, May 14; Mr. Philip, May 21 and Mr. Zeffert, May 28.

25th March Gun Regiment.—Colonel Mitchell stated that Fremantle sub-branch had been responsible for the entertainment of his regiment whilst they were in camp. It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be forwarded.

Troops Proceeding Overseas.—It was agreed that the State President should prepare a suitable message to be presented to individual troops proceeding overseas, and included in the wallet which had been issued by the Federal Executive on behalf of the R.S.S.I.L.A.

Congratulation.—Colonel C. H. Lamb was congratulated on his appointment as camp commandant, Northam Camp.

Minister for Repatriation.—The secretary was instructed to convey congratulations from the State Executive to Colonel H. B. Collett on his appointment as Minister for Repatriation.

Height Standard.—It was resolved that the Federal Executive be asked to take the necessary steps to have the height standard abolished in its application as regards returned soldiers seeking enlistment in the Expeditionary Forces.

Election of Officers.—Appointment of officials as advised by the Wongan Hills sub-branch was approved.

Great War Veterans.—Advice was received regarding the appointment of Great War veterans for lines of communication duties.

Age Limit A.S.C. and Ordnance Corps.—The Albany sub-branch requested that this matter be further pressed. It was agreed that it be referred to Federal Executive.

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Age Limit. Second A.I.F.—Kojonup sub-branch requested that the extension of the age limit to enable returned soldiers to serve in the A.I.F. It was agreed to refer this to Federal office.

Trench Comforts and Overseas Pay.—A communication from Pittara sub-branch regarding trench comforts and overseas pay was received and the reply left to the State secretary.

Albany High School.—A further communication was received from the Albany sub-branch regarding the Albany High School. It was agreed that further representations be made to the Federal Department.

Sub-Branch Trust.—A legal opinion in regard to a trust undertaken by the Goomalling sub-branch was received. It was agreed that this be referred to the sub-branch.

Leave of Absence.—Mr. Panton was granted leave of absence for a period of seven weeks.

Colonel Lamb was granted leave of absence from all committee meetings until further notice.

May 1, 1940

At the meeting on May 1 there were present Messrs. H. James, W. J. James, Hunt, Anderson, Nichols, Margolin, Potts, Keesing, Watt, Mitchell, Paton, Cornell, Thorn, Williams and Zeffer. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yates, Olden, Aberle, Collett, Philp, Panton, Denton, Parley, Lamb, Colebatch, Paterson, Curlewis, Mackenzie, Johnston, Dinan and Warner. In the absence of the State President and two vice-presidents, Mr. W. J. Hunt acted as chairman.

Membership and Publicity.—The report of the Membership and Publicity Committee was received and adopted. It referred to a meeting of presidents and secretaries of sub-branches convened for May 8 and subjects for addresses, together with the names of speakers. It was resolved to print a membership circular as a supplement to "The Listening Post" and a further 2,000 copies for distribution amongst sub-branches at a cost of £16/10s/.

Welcome.—The chairman welcomed to the meeting Colonel Dibden (soldiers' representative on the Entitlement Tribunal) and Mr. J. Quintan (secretary to the Tribunal). Greetings were also extended to Mr. Probert (Esperance sub-branch), Major H. James (country vice-president) and Mr. R. Biggs, who had been away from official duties through ill-health.

Visits.—The following visits were reported: Mr. Paton, Mosman Park; Mr. Keesing, Harvey; Mr. Cornell, Albany; Norseman and Boulder; Mr. Thorn, Mandurah; Mr. Hunt, Marrarong-Boddington; Mr. Nichols, hospital visits.

Invitations.—The following arrangements were made in response to invitations to sub-branch and other functions: Mr. Williams will represent the State Executive at Mandurah on May 27; Mr. Paton at Williams on May 25; Mr. Williams, Mr. James and the State Secretary at Harvey on May 23. Albany's invitation for July 2 has been referred to the Management Committee, who will endeavour to make arrangements regarding the representation.

The State Secretary was instructed to wire the State President regarding the annual ball at Wyatkettle on May 27.

Federal Correspondence (a) Medical History Sheets.—The Federal office recommended that complete records be maintained of all illnesses contracted and injuries and wounds sustained by members of the Defence Forces. The Prime Minister has intimated that the form be submitted, from which the record had been brought to the notice of the Navy, Army and Air Departments and the Repatriation Commission. These authorities are in complete agreement with the League's recommendations.

(b) A.I.F. Wallets.—The Federal office forwarded a sample of the League's wallet which had been presented to every member of the new A.I.F. The General Officer Commanding (Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Blamey) has emphasised the need for the wallet to be distributed to all members of the Australian Army Corps overseas. Wallets will also be distributed among members of the Naval and Air Forces on active service.

(c) Alien Influx.—The Prime Minister acknowledged representations made by the West Australian branch in regard to the influx of aliens, and promised to make a full investigation of the position.

(d) Repatriation State Boards.—The Repatriation Commission requested that a panel of the new A.I.F. be selected for the repatriation of the last panel, which the Commission would select one to act on the State Repatriation Board for a period of two years, as from July 1. It was resolved that the panel submitted be repeated. The names of the last panel were Messrs. Watt, Ferguson and Anderson.

Anzac Day.—A report on the recent commemoration referred to the action of the Military Board in forbidding personnel of the R.A.A.F. and the new A.I.F. to parade; also referred to protests received about the interruption of the broadcast from the Esplanade service. The State Secretary reported that this matter had been taken up with the Broadcasting Commission and his action was endorsed.

It was also resolved that the Anzac Day Committee carry the protest to the central administration of the Broadcasting Commission.

It was reported that some of the secondary schools had continued the normal class work on Anzac Day and after discussion it was resolved, That this executive deprecates the action of the governing bodies of certain public schools in continuing the usual school curriculum on Anzac Day, and thereby depriving the scholars of personally participating in memorial services and of the full opportunity of estimating the significance of Australia's national day, and all that it commemorates and stands for. The executive is also of the opinion that the governing bodies of such schools should in future make provision for their cadet corps to take part in the Anzac Day parade and march.

Report of State Warden of War Memorial (Mr. W. H. Melvin).—The State warden requested that there were 86 floral tributes laid on the memorial on Anzac Day. He submitted a long list of organisations, schools, lodges, etc., who laid private wreaths. He also expressed appreciation of Commissioner and the Boys Scouts and assistant wardens.

It was resolved that Mr. Melvin be thanked for his report.

Reports of visits made on Anzac Day were as follows: I.O.G.T. and Midland Junction, Mr. Zeffert; Mr. Lawley, Mr. Hunt, Meredin and Kellerberrin, Mr. Dinan, Mr. Haworth, Mr. W. James; Fremantle, Mr. Paton; hospitals, Mr. Nicholas; Subiaco, Colonel Mitchell; Jewish Synagogue, Colonel Margolin; Nedlands, Mr. Potts; West Leederville, Mr. Wallis.

Colonel Mitchell referred to the number of memorial plaques in King's Park Drive being in a state of disrepair. It was decided to ask West Perth sub-branch to report.

At the conclusion of Anzac Day business the executive resolved to place on record its appreciation of the services of the State President for his able address, Colonel Margolin (Chief Marshal) and the State Secretary for effective organisation of Anzac Day.

No. 13 District Committee.—A resolution from this committee drew attention to a previous congress resolution in connection with universal training and conscription of wealth, etc.

It was decided that the reply be left to the State Secretary.

Another resolution from this committee urged that separation allowances in the Militia Forces be extended to privates, a concession which it is stated, was available now to all officers and N.C.O.'s. It was decided that further inquiries be made from the Army Department.

Cables.—The Eastern Extension Cable Co. submitted samples of cheap cable rates under which railways may wire members of the forces abroad.

Sub-Branches.—Kondinin sub-branch wrote urging the extension of repatriation benefits to all members of the new A.I.F. The State Secretary advise what had been done to date.

The Railway Workshops sub-branch requested that a circular be sent to all sub-branches in connection with the formation of a Pension Fund.

It was decided that the sub-branch be advised that the executive was not in favour of the proposed action.

Greetings.—The State Secretary read a wire despatched to the officer in charge of the State over troops and the reply received from the Commanding Officer that the message would be promulgated to all ranks.

Old Men's Home.—It was agreed that an amount of £2 be expended from the special fund for the purchase of necessary utensils for the executive men's ward at the Old Men's Home.
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BRITISH EX-SERVICE WOMEN'S ASSN.

The Association held a very enjoyable evening at the Railway Institute on Monday, May 6, when music and dancing were enjoyed. The artists for the evening were Mrs. E. Clear (songs), Miss P. Caporn (colocutionist), Mr. F. Moore (flutist) and the four Misses Moore, who obliged with a piano quartette. Dance music was provided by Mr. Prendergast and his orchestra. The next social and dance will be held on Monday, June 3 at the Railway Institute, Wellington Street, at 8 p.m. A nominal charge of 6d. is made and supper is provided.

MAYLANDS

The president (Mr. S. Horton) is to be commended on the able manner in which he managed the local Anzac Day commemoration. There was a large parade of ex-service men and the attendance at the town hall was one of the largest ever known in Maylands. Sixty members attended the April meeting and 50 visitors signed the book. Ted Cavannah and his orchestra provided the music for a sing-song. A weekly dance is held in Maylands Town Hall on Friday nights until further notice. The co-operation of the committee with the women's auxiliary is responsible for the success of these dances. Membership at the end of April was 91. Five new members were enrolled during April. Any unattached eligible residing in the district is asked to see the secretary, Mr. L. T. King, of 10 Carrington Street, Mt. Lawley.

VICTORIA PARK

Endeavours are now being made to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the opening of the hall on May 30. The send-off to local members of the A.I.F. was a very successful function. All assisting artists are thanked, especially the Mackay Brothers, Paul Myers, Harold Hoppenrton and the orchestra. The first encounter in the A.I.F. Hall games took place against a strong Mt. Lawley combination on May 1. Although beaten by 9 to 1, Victoria Park enjoyed the occasion. One of the sub-branch players travelled 20 miles to do his bit for the sub-branch.

YOKINE

The sub-branch has conducted several card parties in aid of the hall building fund. These have been well attended. Arrangements for the building of the hall are well in hand, and it is hoped it will be completed in the near future. Teams are practising with great enthusiasm for the A.R.M.S. competitions.

MUNDIJONG-JARRAHDALE

The monthly meeting was held on April 11 in the Jarrahdale Hall, with the president (Mr. T. Tait) in the chair. Local members of the A.I.F. were tendered a farewell. The dawn service at the local memorial on Anzac Day was well attended. The main service was held at Mundijong in the evening. Mr. T. Tait president. Mr. T. Edmondson delivered the address and Mr. C. Headland sounded the Last Post and Reveille. Mrs. J. Keirath was pianist. A successful Anzac Ball was held in the Jarrahdale Hall on Saturday, April 27. Many thanks are due to the ladies committee for the excellent supper provided. Bill Angove provided a most popular and efficient M.C. We are informed that he kept the ball rolling, but hope that this had nothing to do with the new sport of rolling out the barrel. The sub-branch is seeking new members and would like those who have joined to make a point of attending meetings.

SUBIACO

The necessary alterations to the architectural landscape surrounding the hall in Townshend Road being well on the way to completion, the committee is thoughtfully stroking its collection of chins and visualising lawns and shrubbery. This year the local Anzac Day service was confined to a laying of wreaths, an innovation which appears to meet with general approval. Not that the boys are weary of remembrance, but with the growth of the Esplanade service so close to the suburb it was felt that a full-dress service was apt to appear as an anti-climax. Subiaco's first A.R.M.S. game was a most enjoyable contest against West Perth, which Subiaco won 7 to 4. The general meeting on May 2 was regarded with a succession of reports on successful functions held during April, which may be detailed more fully some time when the Editor has a couple of pages of “The Listening Post to spare. Bridge evenings are improving, though not as much as was hoped, but June 1 and 15 (remember the dates) will no doubt show record attendances.

MANJIMUP

Since New Year's Day death has claimed no less than six of Manjimup's returned soldier residents. The melancholy list includes sub-branch members T. D. Henderson, Ned Hughes and R. L. Rayner, and the latest and greatest loss to the sub-branch, Bob Newton, past president, former secretary and sterling worker for more than 12 years. In addition we have suffered other casualties in the transfer of ex-Secretary Bert Keirath, a member of the Australian training school and the departure of past president Jack Mackenzie, who now sports two pigs and a uniform as one of Provost Marshal Bill Harvey's off-siders. Anzac Day was duly observed with a parade of about 70 returned men and a service at the local War Memorial Gates, which about 100 other residents attended.

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**MENZIES**

There was a large attendance at the Anzac service held in the hall on April 25. The president (Dick Pugh) opened the service in a short address, in which he explained the significance of Anzac Day. It was ably supported by the chairman of the road board (Mr. Quinlan). The Rev. Wright who had all the way from Leonora conducted the service.

Jim Watt also gave an address. At a motion was carried that all funds collected by the sub-branch be sent to the State Executive for distribution to any war fund or funds they deem most in need, and that the executive circularise all sub-branches suggesting that they do likewise. It was considered that as the executive is in touch with all patriotic organisations they are most competent to distribute any funds collected. Most of our members paid a fixed sum each pay day. The sub-branch is holding a dance in aid of sub-branch funds on Saturday, May 25.

**CARLISLE**

There were 27 members present at our last general meeting, presided over by Mr. Les. Gilsenan. The farewell ball to the local lad in the A.I.F. was a great success. The Lord Mayor, assisted by our worthy president, presented a pocket watch to the A.I.F. lad. Our Anzac service was well attended by the citizens of Carlisle. We extend our sincere thanks to the ministers of Church of England, Presbyterian and Salvation Army for their co-operation and assistance.

**PERTH**

The smoke social held on April 23 was an unequalled success. Approximately 80 members were present and all expressed appreciation of our effort, the excellence of which was largely due to the efforts of Mr. Tubman, our assistant secretary. It was most gratifying to see several old members renewing their friendships and subscriptions. Our first A.R.M.S. game was against Yokine and resulted in a win for Perth by 8 to 2. Although the games were greatly in our favour the atmosphere was full of good fellowship and excellent sportsmanship. Yokine must be congratulated for the gracious and sporty manner in which they thanked us for our hospitality. Joe Pope who has served us well as secretary of the Sons of Soldiers is shortly going in to the air force camp and we were delighted to see a number of members and visitors were present to see him off. Mr. Jim Hylton, our assistant secretary. It was most gratifying to see several old members renewing their friendships and subscriptions. Our first A.R.M.S. game was against Yokine and resulted in a win for Perth by 8 to 2. Although the games were greatly in our favour the atmosphere was full of good fellowship and excellent sportsmanship. Yokine must be congratulated for the gracious and sporty manner in which they thanked us for our hospitality. Joe Pope who has served us well as secretary of the Sons of Soldiers is shortly going in to the air force camp and we were delighted to see a number of members and visitors were present to see him off.

**COTTESLOE**

Our monthly meeting took place at the Jarrad Street Hall before a large attendance of members. During the evening a surprise visit was paid to us by our patron, Lieut.-Colonel Hobbs, who had just arrived from the Eastern States on a few days’ leave before embarking overseas with the A.I.F. The sub-branch took the opportunity of presenting the Colonel with a riding whip suitably inscribed and to wish him all the best of luck. We met North Perth in our first A.R.M.S. competition game and were defeated by 8 points to 2 points. Several new members were enrolled during the month, bringing our membership up to 160.

**KALGOORLIE**

The monthly meeting was held on April 9 when over 70 members and visitors were present. As this was the last time the president would be with us for some months, on account of his leaving for camp with the local militia unit, opportunity was taken to wish him au revoir. Mr. Jim Hy1ton (vice-president) has been appointed to act as president for the duration of the camp. Mr. Alex. Panton, of the State Executive, gave an interesting address on various League matters. During the month members of the executive entertained Brigadier-General Martin at the Institute for a brief session. The General was visiting Kalgoorlie in his official capacity regarding man-power. Our representatives were present at the civic reception tendered the General by the Mayor and councillors. Before the last batch of A.I.F. men returned to camp from final leave, the local governing bodies reception committee entertained them in the Council Chambers. Several mem-

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**SELF RIDGE’S FOR SERVICE**
The monthly dance was held in the Bullsbrook Hall on Saturday, May 4. The main feature of the night was an advertising head-dress parade. The judging was ably carried out by Mrs. and Mr. Thorne, M.L.A. Prizes were awarded to the following: Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pickett, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Burrows.

BASSE DaNE
On April 15 the sub-branch was invited to a sports night by the local Druids Lodge. On Sunday, April 21, an Anzac service was held in the local Church of England. Twenty odd members led by the president (Mr. Minchin) attended the service. It is the intention of the sub-branch to hold a quarterly church parade. The local d bowling service was attended by about 30 people. Wreaths were laid by the president. There was a grand service at 3.30 p.m. in the Town Hall. It was concluded at the memorial where wreaths were laid in the following order: R.S.L. sub-branch, R.S.L. women’s auxiliary, Red Cross (adult), Red Cross (juniors) and relatives and friends. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by the sub-branch’s bugler, Master Warren Summerton. The sub-branch wishes to thank everybody for participating or helping on this day.

CLAREMONT
Nine members attended the committee meeting on April 24, when much business concerning band work and appearance, hospital visits, A.R.M.S. competitions, etc., was transacted. It was decided to hold a bridge evening in May to raise funds for the Claremont branch of the Trench Comfort Fund. On May 2 the president (Mr. J. L. Storey) conducted the monthly meeting. Two new members (Messrs. Atkinson and Crow) were introduced. Claremont was defeated by Nedlands in the A.R.M.S. games, but the losers enjoyed the evening just as much as the victors. Mr. Arndt reported that the return meeting with the Claremont Bowling Club was another splendid evening.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDE RVILLE
April was a very busy month. The meetings were well attended and the debates have been very interesting. The bowls’ competition was concluded. Harry Blunt won the final from Erm. Moore and Jim Morton. The games were keenly contested. The darts tournament ended after a keen struggle in Bermondsey beating Ted Nathan in the final, and so successful were the games that other bowls and darts competitions are starting as soon as possible. The poppy sellers’ social was a success and games and dancing were indulged in for a beautiful lot of trophies for the winner. It was a novelty for the ladies to have the merry men of Herb. Stanton doing all the setting of the tables and doing the washing up. The annual Anzac service was held at the Ritz Theatre, preceded by laying of the wreaths on the memorial tablet at the hall. The service was well conducted by Adjutant Hocking and Captain Walters, of the Salvation Army, assisted by members of the band. The address was given by the president (Mr. George Williams) and Adjutant Hocking. The last-named held his audience by the eloquence of his address. We thank the Army for their assistance. The social committee is working hard for the annual smoke social on May 23. The bridge evenings are still held every Monday night, so roll along, members, and help the amelioration funds along.

HARRY
Over a 100 attended the annual reunion on April 27. The gathering included representatives from the No. 1 District Committee and Bunbury, Pinjarra, Mornington, Brunswick, Donnybrook, Coolup, Waroona, Varloop and Capel sub-branches. The State Executive was represented by Mr. Ross Keeging. There were also present Mr. Leslie Craig, M.L.C, and Mr. Ross McLarty, M.L.A. Mr. N. Buchanan proposed The Armed Forces of the Crown. The toast of Parliament was entrusted to Mr. T. W. D. Smith, who referred to the fact that both Houses of the State Parliament were represented by Messrs. Craig and McLarty, who both saw active service in the Great War. These two gentlemen responded. A tribute to the work of the State Executive was paid by Mr. O. Williams in toasting that body. In reply, Mr. Keeging said that the League was the finest example of democracy that could be found anywhere. Mr. Keeging mentioned the 10th Garrison Battalion, which comprised 500 Diggers who were carrying out a splendid work and who formed one of the smartest units on the big Anzac Day parade. The Rev. J. C. Lund proposed the toast of the No. 1 District Committee, which was responded to by Mr. A. Sagar, a past president of that body. Mr. Sagar’s response was supported by Messrs. Clifford (Donnybrook), Marsh (Pinjarra) and T. J. Handley (Waroona). The toast of the visitors was proposed by Mr. D. D. Johnstone and replied to by Mr. R. O’Sullivan. Mr. Keeging proposed the toast of the chairman. Between the toasts community singing was indulged in, conducted by Mr. Cyril Beadie, while Mr. O. Williams officiated at the piano.

FREMANTLE CITY AND DISTRICT
The sub-branch year has been a particularly strenuous one and the president (Genial Tom Hobbs), together with his committee, are to be congratulated on their united efforts to popularise the sub-branch in particular and the League in general. Some of the outstanding activities were the recent Musical Festival, which, while not showing a large margin of profit, was undoubtedly pleasing in its results. Mistakes were made through inexperience that will not occur next year, if circumstances allow us to repeat this event. Altogether the hard-worked committee are satisfied that their efforts were not in vain. The weekly dances now three months old for members of the defence forces continue to be a great success. They have been the subject of a very complimentary message

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from headquarters. A very pleasant interlude in this particular part of the sub-branch’s work was the dinner given by the boys to Lieut-Colonel Mitchell and the officers and warrant-officers of the 25th M.G. Regiment a night or two before they vacated Melville Camp. The Colonel, Major Potts and W.O. McGee toasted the League, which was responded to by Theo. Brennan. Lieut. Shenton (the wag of the party) proposed the ladies (who were responsible for the excellent spread). As there was no action present, Lieut. Shenton splendidly deputised for them with a response that emphasised the fact that he had studied the species very carefully. It was discovered later that Lieut. Shenton was not only a wag but a vocalist of some repute. He sang “Bachelor Gay.”

The popular sergeant-major (R. S. Middleton) then surveyed the short history of the 25th Light Horse in sparkling fashion. We have to thank the ladies of the auxiliary and the South Fremantle Ladies’ Comforts Committee for their great assistance.

MOSMAN PARK

At our meeting on April 30 Geo. Ashworth presided over a moderate attendance. Two new members were enrolled. Reports revealed a satisfactory state of affairs generally. Appreciation was received from the committee which controlled the local Red Cross effort for the part played by the sub-branch towards making the event the success it was. It was of great satisfaction to members who took part to learn that their efforts yielded the best returns of all the organisations that took part. Our sub-branch and the League generally suffered a great loss in the untimely and unexpected death of Frank Gibson a fortnight previously. Frank was a foundation member of the sub-branch and endeared himself to all with his cheerfulness and also the unostentatious manner in which he did the many jobs entrusted to him. He will always be remembered for the great effort he made in helping to establish the local Memorial Park and also for the share he took in the many improvements at our hall. It seemed fitting somehow that Frank’s last outing before going into hospital was his attendance at our March meeting.

Sympathy was expressed for his widow, daughter and son Fred (R.A.A.F.). Since our meeting a further loss was suffered by the sub-branch in the untimely and unexpected death of Jim McFarlane. Jim was only a recent addition to our strength with the summer concluding and the consequent slackness at his boatshed we expected to see “more of Jim.” Fate decided otherwise, however, and sympathy goes out to his widow, young daughter and son (R.A.N.). We have not yet broken the ice in connection with the A.R.M.S. competition, but the time these

line are published we should have experienced the worst that Nedlands can do to us. Our game with Gloucester Park has been mutually agreed upon for some time in August. Our next game at home is with 25th MeColtsloe, and will take place on June 13. In the meantime we shall be meeting Claremont at their hall, date to be arranged. Chris. James dropped a bombshell in the camp when he notified us that, owing to ill-health, he wishes to be relieved of his secretarial responsibilities at the conclusion of the financial year. Chris. has been in the job for so long that it will not seem the same place with his familiar figure at the right hand of the chairman. Chris. always did a good job and to forecast his successor would be a difficult job. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28, and members are requested to be along early to permit of some games practice before the meeting commences.

OSBORNE PARK

Popsy sellers and helpers enjoyed a day at Coogee Beach on April 21. The Ladies’ Comforts Committee held a concert on April 20. It was a successful evening, both socially and financially. The teamsters had their first competition game, in which they were beaten by West Leederville-Wembley. Nevertheless, it was a good night’s sport. Dances are in full swing, the most recent one being held on May 11. Anzac Day was successfully celebrated, thanks to the good work of Dave Millar and his helpers, including the Coastal Scottish Pipe Band, led by Big Bill Frew.

PITHARA

Anzac Day was celebrated by a commemorative service which commenced at 8 p.m. in the Pithara Hall. Over 100 attended the service which was conducted by the Rev. Hawkins (Church of England), the Rev T. Sullivan and the Rev. L. Sullivan (Congregational). On Wednesday, April 24, the sub-branch in conjunction with local teachers arranged for the pupils of the Pithara and East Pithara schools to take part in the schools’ Anzac broadcast. A wreath was laid and the flag unfurled. Many parents attended.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The senior vice-president (Mr. D. Paton) presided over the April meeting. Fifty members attended and several new members were enrolled. The secretary (Mr. Frederick) mentioned that 60 new members had been enrolled since the beginning of the year. He appealed for support for the bridge evenings, which are held weekly, and stated that the ladies of the auxiliary are having success with their weekly community concerts. The balance sheet revealed a healthy financial position. A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Hopkins, Clark and Frederick was appointed to make inquiries regarding the control of the Soldiers’ Institute. It was decided to hold the next meeting on Friday, May 24, when Mr. D. Paton will speak on the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund.

RETURNED ARMY NURSES

The monthly meeting was held on May 2, Miss J. Clifton (president), presiding. There were 20 members present. It was with regret that the resignation of Miss Perkins was accepted, but through stress of work she found it impossible to carry on. There was quite a large gathering of Sisters at the service on the Esplanade on Anzac Day, 30 being present. Of that number, 28 returned to the hall for luncheon. After the service Mrs. Chambers (of Melbourne) and Mrs. Gregory were our guests of honour. The sub-branch is still meeting weekly for Red Cross work under the able guidance of Miss Borwic, and recently sent another large parcel of surgical dressings, bandages, pneunmonia jackets, etc., to headquarters.

BOULDER

The past month has been a busy one catering for the members of the A.I.F. and with various other activities. A committee known as the Eastern Goldfields Citizens’ Reception Council has been formed for the purpose of catering for the troops as they pass through Kalgoorlie and to date every troop train has been provided with comforts. The members of the Boulder women’s auxiliary invited all the soldiers who were on six days’ leave to a social evening at the Rest Rooms, and a record crowd attended. Every soldier was the recipient of a souvenir from the W.A. Corps, which was greatly appreciated by the troops. The troops were also entertained at a reception by both the Mayors of Kalgoorlie and Boulder, and altogether the boys had a busy time during their brief stay. The farewell tendered the troops
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by the militia at the drill hall, Kalgoorlie, was a great success. We are pleased to hear that Mr. Dave Benson and Mr. Aberle enjoyed their brief visit to Kalgoorlie and Boulder. We were pleased to have them with us and have to thank Mr. Alf Lydon for the manner in which he looked after the visitors during their stay. Alf is a good sport and is very popular with all the boys. A competition for a handsome cup presented by Mr. Ted Lennell was competed for on Wednesday, April 10. After a very keen contest it was won by the president (Mr. E. Bosustow), who, by the way, also won the last cup donated by Mr. W. Menkens. These competitions are becoming popular and it is the intention of the sub-branch to hold more in future.

MUNTADGIN-TOTADGIN

Captain Hooper presided at the monthly meeting in the clubroom on April 13. The meeting night has been changed from the last Saturday to the second Saturday in each month. The sub-branch has lost the services of the secretary (Ross Keesing) who has received an appointment in Perth. Ross has been a tower of strength in the district and has always kept the League well to the front.

CALINGIRI

On a recent Saturday the sub-branch entertained Messrs. W. Franklin and B. Gouge, two local lads who are going abroad with the A.I.F. At the meeting on March 27 the president and secretary were congratulated on the success of the annual reunion. It was decided to compile a register of men enlisting from the district. The secretary was instructed to convey to Mrs. Harrington the sub-branch's regret at the illness of Mr. Harrington. Mr. F. Sheen was welcomed on his first appearance after his recent illness. Mr. Campbell was in charge of the Calingiri detachment at the Wongan Hills dawn service. The president (Mr. Hill) and Mr. Franklin represented the sub-branch at the schools' broadcast. The speakers at the Calingiri commemoration of Anzac Day were the president (Mr. Hill) and Messrs. Campbell and W. A. Fordham. Mr. McGill secured flags for the schools' broadcast and the main Anzac Day service. The president (Mr. H. Hill) took the chair at the annual reunion on March 16. Among the visitors were Messrs. J. Anderson and O. Williams, representing the State Executive, and Mr. N. Berry, M.L.A. Mr. Hill proposed the toast of the State Executive. In his reply, Mr. Anderson warned Diggers against throwing up their jobs and rushing down to join the Garrison Battalion, which could absorb only a limited number. "The Visiting Sub-Branches," proposed by Mr. J. McGill, drew responses from Messrs. Williams (Mt. Lawley and State Executive), Ken (Canning) and Cole (Wongan Hills). Mr. Truran proposed "The Visitors," and Messrs. Carmichael, Clifford, James and Neumann responded. Other toasts were "Parliament," proposed by Mr. D. K. Fordham and responded to by Mr. H. Berry, M.L.A.; "The Red Cross," proposed by Mr. N. Fordham and responded to by Mrs. Franklin (president of the Calingiri sub-branch); and "The Press," proposed by Mr. W. Shedden and responded to by Mr. P. Clifford. "The Ladies," proposed by Mrs. Boreham and responded to by Mrs. D. K. Fordham; "The Artists," proposed by Mr. Berry and responded to by Miss Hill and Mr. Frankish. The president and Calingiri sub-branch was proposed by Mr. Williams and responded to by Mr. Hill. "The President and Secretary's Good Ladies" was proposed by Mr. Berry and drank with musical honours. The secretary (Mr. J. King) received a special toast all to himself. The following artists helped to make the one of the best reunions yet held: Misses Hill and Davies (sketches), Messrs. McNeil, Boreham and Frankish (songs), Messrs. McNeil and Crawford (pipes), Mr. Chester (violin), Messrs. Neumann and Plant (accompanists) and Mrs. Neumann (overture). Messrs. R. B. McGill, J. Fordham and C. Jennings acted as stewards and Misses Lambert, King, Boreham, Wedgewood and Plant gave up their evening to wait on the guests. "The Soldier's Lullaby" was sung during the evening for the benefit of those members whom sickness has stricken down—Messrs. Lambert, Frankish, Sheen and Syred. To them all the Calingiri sub-branch send a warm cheer-io.

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A further instalment has been paid on the radio. Wool has been purchased for garments for the 10th Garrison. Two dozen butter coolers were sent to outposts of the garrison and two dozen yards of table baize were purchased for the canteen established at Anzac House for catering for troops.

Gnowangerup is thanked for the boxes of books, five cases have been placed aboard the troopship conveying the W.A. boys of the A.I.F., two cases on board H.M.A.S. Swan and several parcels from Gnowangerup, Bullsbrook and Midland Junction have been sent to local Y.M.C.A. huts.

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MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

The meetings have been well attended lately. An invitation from Swan View was accepted and a bus was required to convey the ladies to their destination, where they all spent a very enjoyable evening. April 27 was a social evening given by the men to the poppy sellers, and was a great success. Arrangements are being made for a jumble sale to be held in the R.S.L. Hall on May 30 for funds for the sports. The quarterly social at Anzac House will be held on June 5. Ladies of the auxiliary were busy making wreaths for Anzac Day, and after a short service at the R.S.L. Hall in the afternoon for the laying of wreaths the combined men and women and S.S.L. marched to the Ritz Theatre where a service was held and well attended. On the afternoon previous, flowers and wreaths were put on the soldiers' graves by lady members. Two new members were initiated and we wish all our sick members the best of health.

SUBLIACO

In spite of its unwearying kindness and care for old Diggers and their dependents extending over many years, Subiaco women's auxiliary still finds time to look after the 1940 edition. A series of dances were given to the men training at Claremont, the popularity of which was proved by the large attendances of these men after the first evening. The troops passing through on a certain Sunday were also entertained, about 40 to dinner, which number had swelled to over 70 by teatime. While every credit must be given to the social committee of the sub-branch and women's auxiliary, there is no doubt that the exceptional success of these functions was due chiefly to Mrs. Bill Thomas, whose energy and organizing ability have been a tower of strength not only to the auxiliary but to the sub-branch. The Sunday contingent showed appreciation by presenting Mrs. Thomas with an enormous bouquet of flowers. The sub-branch, being more careful of its bawbees, expressed its admiration none the less sincerely by letter.

VICTORIA PARK

During the past weeks the auxiliary has had an exceptionally busy time. Besides assisting at the Y.M.C.A. State appeal, members were on duty at Anzac House when the recent convey arrived and were amply re-
warded by expressions of gratitude in a letter sent to a member of the auxiliary signed by six of the men, in which they said: "We never enjoyed ourselves so much in so short a time, with sincere thanks." Forty-four members attended the general meeting in April, over which Mrs. Barnett presided. Two new members and two former members who have again linked up were welcomed. Mrs. Furse reported two bereavements and Mrs. Matthews one amelioration case. Mrs. Caldwell reported on her visit to the Edward Millen Home, when 27 patients were handed the usual monthly cheque. As the date of the next general meeting falls on May 24, which is the date of the auxiliary's annual Empire ball, the meeting will be postponed till the following Friday night, May 31. It will take the form of a gift evening, and the gifts are for the fancy work stall for the annual bazaar. The jumble sale which had to be postponed until May 1 proved quite profitable, as did the house party held at the home of Mrs. Barnett on May 3. To raise funds for the auxiliary's camp comforts fund for overseas men, the Victoria Park Horticultural Society, combined with the auxiliary, staged an autumn flower show. This proved a great success, despite the inclement weather. The proceedings were officially opened by the Lord Mayor (Dr. T. W. Meagher), who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Meagher). Afternoon tea was supplied by the auxiliary—Mesdames Haigh, Jennings, Back and Wall. The flowers were arranged by Mesdames Flower, H. Taylor and others, including Messrs. Taylor and Flower. Exhibits were provided by Mr. A. R. Thorogood, J. Blackbock (of Belmont) and F. Jackson (of Bassendean). Other displays were staged by Mrs. Flower, Mrs. Grossman, Mrs. H. Taylor, Miss Hurd and Messrs. R. Hewson and F. Barnett. The Victoria Park Citizens' Band, under the leadership of Mr. A. Stewart, played selections during the evening.

F.C.U.W.

About 400 members attended the monthly social. The speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Roberta Jull, who described her experiences during a recent trip to New Zealand. Mr. Webb reported on the work of the Free Milk Council. Mr. Harding, of the Naval Comforts Fund Depot, came to enlist the help of members. As the president (Mrs. Harold Dean) is on the Naval Council, Mr. Harding's appeal did not go unheeded. The Union has already been busy making gloves for minesweepers and a parcel of these was recently despatched to Mrs. Troy in London. Similar gloves are now being made for minesweepers in Australian seas.

The whole of the voluntary service detachment, under Sister Denson and Mrs. Thomas, have now passed their first-aid examinations. A home nursing class has now been started. A delightful programme was arranged for the social by the treasurer (Mrs. Lynch). The artists were Misses Flora Nowotney, May Hart and Mr. Lynch.

CARLISLE

Mrs. Gilsenan presided over a good meeting on April 8. On April 12 the auxiliary had the pleasure of joining with the sub-branch in giving local members of the A.I.F. a send-off. This took the form of a grand ball which was well attended by the people of Carlisle. Among those present were the

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Lord Mayor of Perth (Dr. Meagher) and Mrs. Meagher and Mr. Raphael, M.L.A., and Mrs. Raphael. Each departing soldier was presented with a memento from the sub-branch and the auxiliary. The auxiliary has pleasure in acknowledging a donation of £3 which was presented by a party of 20 Carlisle children for the camp comforts fund. The children raised this sum by their own efforts in entertaining at Mrs. Traine's residence in Planet Street.

SOUTH PERTH

A very pleasant evening was spent recently at the Old Women's Home when the auxiliary concert party paid a visit. Mrs. Hopperton (State Secretary) accompanied the party. Another visit will be made in the near future. The April meeting was well attended. Mrs. H. Day (President) was in the chair. Much business was discussed and arrangements were made for the entertain-ment of the boys from the various hospitals. It is proposed to hold a jumble sale on May 18. It was decided to call nominations for officers at the May meeting. Some excellent reports were received from the hospitals' visiting committees. The McKinlay Shield teams paid a visit to Maylands and were successful in securing another win, which is very pleasing to the sports director (Mrs. G. Bramed).

CLAREMONT

The ex-Diggers at the Old Men's Home were entertained on April 24 with afternoon tea. Each Digger was presented with a packet of biscuits. Bowls and games were enjoyed by all. The Diggers again mentioned the pleasing effect of the Christmas decora-
tions put up in the rooms by the women's auxiliary last year. The president (Mrs. P. Fuller), on behalf of the members, presented the matron of the Lucknow Military Hospital with three bridge tables suitably inscribed. The matron stated that the tables would be most acceptable. We have visited the hospital regularly and supplied sweets, cakes and smokes for the patients and have also sent home-made jams and pickles to the 10th Garrison Battalion in camp at Swanbourne. On May 23 the sub-branch, assisted by the members of the women's auxiliary, will hold a card evening in the Myola Hall, Claremont, in aid of the Victoria League (Claremont branch) Trench Comforts Funds.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT

The auxiliary's second birthday was celebrated by a party on April 11, which was attended by the State President (Mrs. McKinlay) and representative of many neighbouring auxiliaries. It was very gratifying to hear Mrs. McKinlay and other speakers praise the work of the auxiliary. The cake was cut by Mrs. Baty, who, though in her 90th year, is a very active worker and extremely popular. The pleasing little speech she made was well applauded. A presentation was made to the retiring secretary. The daughters of auxiliary members are to be congratulated on the excellent way they carried out their duties as waitresses.

MAYLANDS

A very pleasant evening was spent at Lemnos when the auxiliary entertained the patients at the monthly social and dance. The artists assisting between dances were Mrs. Millard (solos), Mrs. Lane (recitations), Mrs. Nursey and Miss Yates (duets), Mrs. B. Brown and Mr. Eades (guitar and banjo duets), Mrs. Hall (solos) and Mr. Jess Franklin (solos).

BOULDER

On Wednesday, April 3, the auxiliary entertained the local A.I.F. men on leave at a social and dance in the R.S.L. Hall. A record crowd attended. The hall was decorated with gum tips and the familiar chocolate and blue of the 11th Battalion. Mr. Bosustow (president of Boulder sub-branch) welcomed the boys who were then presented with a handkerchief and packet of cigarettes by Mrs. Bosustow (the auxiliary president). The boys then autographed the Australian flag given by the president. This will be kept as a souvenir. After supper dancing continued till nearly 12 o'clock. Mrs. Crompton and her R.S.L. orchestra did their usual good work. Mr. Reid was M.C. Artists who contributed to the programme were Medames Cox, Bennett, Jarvis, Tuobly and Miss Ruane, Mr. Ted McMahon and Kevin Crompton. Mrs. Cain, a member of North Perth auxiliary, has been visiting Boulder after an absence of many years. The weekly socials are becoming increasingly popular and the comforts fund is going well.

SUBIACO

Last month a visit was paid to the Diggers in the Old Men's Home, where comforts were distributed and a concert under the leadership of Mrs. J. Thomas was greatly enjoyed. A visit was paid to Lemnos the following week. The auxiliary thanks Bunbury and Waroona auxiliaries for gifts of home-made cakes and biscuits. During the month the auxiliary combined with the sub-branch in giving a party to about 72 members of the A.I.F. Among the willing helpers were the daughters of members of both organisations. Our own West Australian boys had already been given a very hearty send-off in the form of a social and dance. Knitters for the Camp Comforts Fund are exercising their needles very vigorously these days. The boys of the Old Brigade (the Evergreens) will benefit by their efforts. The enthusiastic sports teams are keeping up Subiaco's reputation in the midst of competition sports.

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<td>PERTH (Office hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Y.M.C.A., Murray Street, Pitara</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>E. S. Watt, c/o. Imperial Print, Hay St., Perth</td>
<td>R. Biggs, c/o. &quot;West Australian&quot;</td>
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<td>PINGELLY</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Roberts, Pitara</td>
<td>L. G. W. Browning, East Pithara</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>Yarning and Popayinning</td>
<td>1st Saturday in month, alt.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yarning</td>
<td>C. J. McGarrigal, Popayinning</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>E. C. Johnston, Quairading</td>
<td>R. W. Graham, Port Hedland</td>
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<td>QUAIRADING - DANGIN</td>
<td>Quairading Hall &amp; Dangin Hotel, alternatively</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Campbell, Ravensthorpe</td>
<td>L. D. R. Hadlow, Quairading</td>
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<td>RAVENSTHORPE</td>
<td>Warden's Court</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>W. E. Sanders, National Bank, Southern Cross</td>
<td>T. F. Smith, Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>SOUTHERN CROSS</td>
<td>R.A.O.B. Clubrooms</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 10 a.m.</td>
<td>L. E. Taplin, Port Hedland</td>
<td>J. M. Beckwith, Box 7, Southern Cross</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. C. Johnston, Quairading</td>
<td>J. Newman, &quot;Marreden,&quot; 17 Ord St, West Perth</td>
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<td>TAMBEIIUP</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Campbell, Ravensthorpe</td>
<td>C. R. Hearne, Station House, Tambellup</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
<td>E. J. Wroth, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAYNING - VELBENI</td>
<td>Traying, Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>Every 4th Sunday</td>
<td>P. Smeeton, Traying</td>
<td>J. W. Patterson, Trayning</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Wubin Hall</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Nicol, 35 Miller Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>J. Mathews, 21 Esperance Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WUBIN</td>
<td>Wubin Hall</td>
<td>Last Saturday, 8 p.m., bimonthly</td>
<td>A. B. Dinnie, Buntine</td>
<td>T. Bailey, Wubin</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE- WEMBLEY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. J. Ingle, 233 Cambridge Street, Wembley</td>
<td>H. J. Hains, 97 Blencowe Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Gommel Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. Kelly, Yealering</td>
<td>W. D. Yealering</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>Country Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
<td>Colin Thorn, York</td>
<td>Chas. B. Vincent, York</td>
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<td>YOUANNI</td>
<td>Youanni Hotel</td>
<td>1st Saturday, after 18th of month</td>
<td>D. C. Johnston, Youanni</td>
<td>G. M. Maley, c/o</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, bimonthly, April, June, Aug. etc.</td>
<td>S. W. Robinson, Wyalkatchem, Phone 33</td>
<td>Y.G.M. Ltd., Youanni</td>
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<td>WAROONA-HAMEL</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. J. Handley, Waroona</td>
<td>E. H. Rice, Wyalkatchem. Phone 31</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday</td>
<td>R. E. Tyler, Rivervale</td>
<td>S. R. Joy, Waroona</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Saturday in each month</td>
<td>A. Wright, Married Quarters, Wiluna</td>
<td>W. L. Boyd, c/o. Agricultural Bank, Perth</td>
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17 undoubtedly good reasons why all those eligible should belong to the R.S.S.I.L.A.

Founded in 1916

The R.S.S.I.L.A. is a Commonwealth-wide organisation, and through its affiliation with the British Empire service League has ramifications which girdle every British possession of the Empire. It is linked up with the Inter-Allied Federation of Ex-Service Men, whose membership is ten millions.

The R.S.S.I.L.A. has a membership of 85,000; is recognised by all Governments as the official mouthpiece of the war veteran and is the most potent agency in the land for inculcation of unselfish and worthwhile service.

PINPOINTS, FACTS AND FIGURES.—In relation to activities of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. for year ended 30th June, 1939: 173 sub-branches; Membership, December, 1939: 8,122 (temporarily below average); War Pensions Service: 1,174 claims and appeal successful; Distress Relief: 566 orders, representing £234 for Christmas cheer alone; 1,435 applications approved, representing £1,016 for ordinary relief; A.I.F. non-members assisted: 76.99 per cent.; Imperial non-members assisted: 86.98 per cent.; widows assisted: 10.42 per cent; Employment: 364 war veterans found positions.

Many thousands of pounds were also spent by the sub-branches.

HOSPITAL WELFARE.—Visits to all hospitals including Repatriation, Lemnos, Edward Millen and private where ex-service men are known to be; Wooroloo and Claremont Old Men's Home, Digger's ward. Smokes and comforts distributed to all ex-service men by Headquarters, sub-branches and women's auxiliaries. Visits by concert parties to all hospitals where possible.

WAR SERVICE HOMES.—Right restored for lodgment of applications for new loans; £25,022 spent locally by War Service Homes Commission.

SOLDIER SETTLERS.—Support of endeavours of writing-down of settlers' indebtedness to the Crown.

FOR A BETTER AUSTRALIA.—The R.S.S.I.L.A. conducts a vigorous programme in furtherance of the inter-
Non-Partisan, Non-Sectarian

The R.S.S.I.L.A. is non-partisan and non-sectarian. In disputes between labour and capital or rival political bodies this organisation is strictly neutral. Use of the name of this organisation, its emblem or identity in any form is authorised only in conjunction with principles or policies endorsed by the members through their delegates at annual congress.

The R.S.S.I.L.A. makes no distinction on the subject of religious creeds. It extends the hand of comradeship to all veterans who can meet its eligibility requirements and point to an honourable discharge from war service with the British or Allied armies.

Jobs for Veterans

The R.S.S.I.L.A. believes that every worthy veteran is entitled to the security of a steady job or to the grant of a service pension if he be “burnt-out” or otherwise not eligible for a war pension.

To ensure that the claims of war veterans for employment are forcefully pressed, the R.S.S.I.L.A. conducts its own employment bureau, through which 364 ex-service men have been absorbed this year alone, in employment, and their rights to preference safeguarded.

Hospital Welfare

The R.S.S.I.L.A. gives close attention to the welfare of ex-service men patients in repatriation wards and public hospitals, including mental institutions. Patients are interviewed by the R.S.S.I.L.A. women’s auxiliaries and their wants catered for. Entertainments are regularly provided under the auspices of the R.S.S.I.L.A. women’s auxiliaries, which also arrange regular issues of “smokes” and other comforts.

War Homes and Soldier Settlers

The R.S.S.I.L.A. has given indefatigable service in relieving the lot of war service home occupants and soldier settlers, realising that the commitments which they had entered into in a period of inflated prices need adjustment if they are ever to reach the stage of owning their own properties. Countless concessions have already been won.

Emergency Aid—But Never Charity

The R.S.S.I.L.A. is builded on the Spirit of Comradeship. Every sub-branch maintains a fund to be used exclusively for relief purposes in emergencies among veterans and their families in distress, and many thousands of pounds are spent yearly. No worthy veteran needs to seek public charity as long as the R.S.S.I.L.A. is in a position to help.

Emphasis of this policy is found in the fact that during the twelve months ended June 30, no less than 90 per cent. approximate of the total amount of immediate relief granted at W.A. Headquarters was obtained by non-members of the R.S.S.I.L.A. and widows.

The R.S.S.I.L.A. will always take care of its own without embarrassment or humiliation to those it assists. Ill-fortune strikes without warning, and the R.S.S.I.L.A. comradeship is sincere.

Western Australian Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund

Started in 1930 by the W.A. Branch R.S.S.I.L.A and can commence its operation after December 1, 1940. The fund is controlled by a Trust consisting of three members appointed by the Governor. They are the Registrar of Friendly Societies, the Under-Treasurer and a nominee of the State Executive of the R.S.S.I.L.A. The object of the fund is to provide, at the

War Pensions Bureau

The R.S.S.I.L.A. maintains its own pensions department, carried on by an officer who is specialised in all details requisite for success of a pension claim or appeal. Many hundreds of successes stand to the credit of this officer. Advice is given and claims presented without one penny cost to the applicant.

In W.A. alone, during the past year, through the agency of the R.S.S.I.L.A., there were 1,174 pension claims and appeals allowed, an illuminating figure considering the great difficulty of spanning the gap between war service and present disability.

Practical Patriotism

The R.S.S.I.L.A. is primarily dedicated to the principle that the best memorial to the dead is to help the living.

The care and welfare of disabled veterans, their dependents and the dependents of deceased veterans is one of the main trusts of the R.S.S.I.L.A. programme.

The R.S.S.I.L.A. has answered this stewardship by invoking legislation designed to provide adequate care and protection for disabled and needy veterans in the form of hospital and after-care compensation, pensions and civil employment preference.
discretion of the Trustees, benefits for aged and/or invalid sailors, soldiers and nurses eligible for membership of the League and for widows of sailors or soldiers who fought in the Great War 1914-1918, provided that beneficiaries are domiciled in the State of Western Australia.

This fund represents a wider conception of the veteran’s responsibility to and for his comrades than was ever recognised after previous wars.

**Poppy Day**

Fifty per cent. of the nett proceeds of Poppy Day obtained by sub-branches and the State Executive is devoted to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund, and the other 50 per cent. to sub-branch amelioration funds and to the Central Amelioration Fund.

Poppies disposed of on Poppy Day are manufactured by disabled ex-service men.

**Trading Department Serves Many**

The R.S.S.I.L.A. organisation includes its own Trading Department, where ex-service men at reasonable cost may purchase requirements in clothing, blankets and other needs.

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**Overseas Forces, Present War**

The League has extended honorary membership to all persons who enlist for overseas service in the present war. In addition, the League’s constitution in relation to theatres of war has now been amended in such a way as will render all such men being eligible for full membership benefits on their return to Australia. The League has already accepted many responsibilities on behalf of the men and women of the new A.I.F.

**Empire and Local Trading**

The R.S.S.I.L.A. organisation conducts Empire Shopping Week every year. During 1939 the distribution of 140,000 articles of propaganda by 300 sub-committees in the interest of State and Empire were distributed. “Empire Buyers are Empire Builders.”

**Sons of Soldiers’ League**

A rapidly-growing organisation of veterans’ sons who have been absorbing the principles and traditions of the “old army,” making firm friendships and giving patriotic service to the community.

**Soldiers’ Children’s Scholarship Fund**

Administered by veterans for the education of the boys and girls of veterans who have passed on, are disabled or otherwise unable to give to their children the benefits of a higher education to better fit them for the strenuous battle of life.

**The R.S.S.I.L.A. Needs You**

Because every member adds to its numerical strength as a national organisation which speaks for veterans before local, State and national public officials and law-making bodies.

Because in union there is strength, and the R.S.S.I.L.A. is a union of war veterans.

Because your membership enables the R.S.S.I.L.A. to preserve the benefits already created on your behalf by earnest and energetic action.

Because a united front among all veterans provides the R.S.S.I.L.A. with the necessary strength to fight for additional benefits as a guarantee of your future security.

Because your membership gives the R.S.S.I.L.A. a chance to reach a greater group of individual citizens with the facts and truths concerning veteran problems and the principles for which all veterans have made sacrifices to preserve.

**You Need the R.S.S.I.L.A.**

Because you want your rights and privileges as an individual veteran protected.

Because you want to make certain your dependents will enjoy the protection to which they are entitled.

Because you want the security of knowing that the R.S.S.I.L.A. is ready to help a comrade in distress.

Because you need the aid of a rehabilitation expert on matters pertaining to pensions, compensation or hospital treatment.

Because you want to make certain the doors of help will be always open to your widow and children if circumstances require.

Because there is no real substitute for R.S.S.I.L.A. comradeship.

**For Ordinary Men with Extraordinary Service**

Any person attested for active service who (1) has during period August 4, 1914, to November 11, 1918, inclusive, served in a theatre of war in the Great War of 1914-18 and has been employed and paid by any Naval or Military Force of any part of the ‘Dominions’; provided that any member of the Australian Military Forces or the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Forces to New Guinea shall be deemed to have been in a theatre of war if he embarked and left...
Australian waters, and if not included in above being a member of the Naval Forces, served on a ship of war or a mine-sweeper; (2) has served in a theatre of war during any war at any time and had been employed by any Naval and Military Force or any part of the King's Dominions; shall be eligible for membership as a member of this League.

In this clause “Australian Naval and Military Forces” includes forces raised by any colony which has become a State of the Commonwealth. Members of the Allied armies who have served in the Great War may be admitted as members after investigation. Honorary members selected prior to the 11th day of September, 1916, may in consideration of their services remain honorary members of the League. Nurses who have served abroad with the A.I.F., blind and totally disabled sailors and soldiers may be elected honorary life members. Save as aforesaid, there shall be no honorary members in the League. All members shall be of equal status in the League without regard to military rank or title.

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Christian Names..................................................

Address..................................................

Regt. No..........................................................

Rank..........................................................

Unit..........................................................

Have you previously been a member..................................................

If in possession of League Badge, state No..................................................

I CERTIFY that abovementioned applicant is entitled to membership of the R.S.S.I.L.A.

* Responsible Officer..................................... Membership Committee.

* Hon. Secretary..................................... Sub-Branch.

* Strike out Official not concerned.