The First Anniversary

"We have become the sole champions now in arms to defend the world cause. We shall do our best to be worthy of that high honour. We shall defend our island and, with the British Empire around us, we shall fight on unconditionally until the curse of Hitler is lifted from the brow of men."

Mr. Churchill, commenting on the surrender of France.

Anniversaries are always occasions for reviewing the past, stocktaking for the present, and, possibly, preparing for future events. As the first anniversary of the present war has been no exception. Political leaders and leader-writers of newspapers have commented on the recent events. The first anniversary of the present war has been no exception. Political leaders and leader-writers of newspapers have commented on the recent events.

The circle of moving adventures by flood and field, and in the air, during the past twelve months. They have balanced the ledger, somewhat defeated in some localities, and, making allowance for that very human tendency which it has become fashionable to call wishful thinking, they have given with a noticeable perception of the situation. It is realised on all sides, and by all classes of the community, that we have taken hard knocks, but there is pride in the fact that we have also given them. Perhaps no better summing up of the position has been made than that contained in the words of Mr. Churchill, which we have quoted at the beginning of this article. Mr. Churchill uttered them towards the close of 1940, when the defeat of France had made it obvious that Britain must do as Germany has brought Italy into the and even eliminated our scope of the British blockade effort, and hand, in sequences. Each is the story of latent national sequences. When the League of Nations has been brought into the light, there will be a general revulsion of feeling. There is nothing but what discipline embryo dictators and force them and their like to keep the world's peace.

Wet Cans

Morality may invoke against wet censets in many quarters, but we are unblinking in the fact, but all who have had practical experience of training and discipline in the armed forces will know that these and include chaplains and Y.M.C.A. workers, some officers, some civilians, who have been better disciplined and better in health when they do not do so, if they do, it may be, feel more greatly concerned with the issues of temperance and morality. Because, we are not in action with military censets in which the drinker is still under military discipline. But, I have said, and the man who submits for active service should be denied individual liberties which are still used and often abused by civilians.

Where a man is denied the right to drink, is there any real difference in his mind, he is drinking only too often under circumstances of which he is not aware, and, by the descent to the discards of himself and the service of his country, he is 1.

The last aspect of the case has been stressed recently by the British Government, which refers to wet censets in which soldiers from the neighbouring camp had been involved. The North British Council has been brought into existence of wet censets in the camp as a means of averting the similar case. As a result, a report was made at a recent meeting of the State Executive. One speaker, who is a former soldier, in coming and entertainment of soldiers passing through Perh, said that the trouble was that the men left the camp sober, went to hotels from which they carried away the wet censets, and misconduct followed. If they could get the drink in moderation and under restraint in the camp, they might go away with a clear conscience for the camp for it. The State Executive unanimously encouraged the formation of the council, and suggested a way to make strong representations to the Prime Minister, who is in the matter. The council has already been favourably considered. As the Federation of Women's Institutes, which has been put before the State Executive asked for a more definite answer. Meanwhile, it was decided that the council should have a letter was written from the General Secretary, acknowledging the council's work, and a Press cutting advocating wet censets in soldiers' camps. The General Secretary of the Federation, and the Press Executive, and a Press cutting advocating wet censets in soldiers' camps. The General Secretary of the Federation, and the Press Executive, and a Press cutting advocating wet censets in soldiers' camps.

In the meantime, it would appear that the whole matter is to be solved until further notice. The Federation, and the Federal Government know as well as the League the evils of wet censets, and they have taken a very strong stand on the matter, and an open go in the pubs outside. One wonders whether the courts are not always being treated over the continuance of the system.

Nazi's Demand Slave Labour

What happens to working men in German-occupied territory? In Poland, according to the President of the Polish National Council, they are not allowed to visit inns or pubs; they are not allowed to use public conveyances; they are not allowed to go out at night between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m., and they are not allowed to visit any German institutions of a cultural, ecclesiastical or social nature.

It is often said that the "Dassinger Verboten," must always be kept to Polak at a distance. The Polish President has enforced the "Val- kischer BUCHERBACH," that "any more personable declarations, his situation is the same, and remains a Pole and any attempt at familiarity is not only offensive, but cannot be reconciled with the dignity of a German."

Hitler Still Needs Gasoline

Hitler's war machine, during its campaign in the Atlantic, has been supplied with gasoline at a rate estimated at 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 barrels per year. Those who do not comply would be punished, the
CAMOUFLAGED TREASON

During the debate on the Address-in-Reply in the Legislative Assembly last month, two Labour members, Messrs. Ted Holman and Hegarty, and one Country Party member, Mr. Lin. Thorer, had much to say about the subversive activities of a quasi-religious sect which now calls itself "Jehovah's Witnesses." All three members bore testimony to the disruptive utterances of these people, to the fact that they are openly engaging in activities that are likely to hinder recruiting and other aspects of the national war effort, and to the sinister character of the "literature" they offer for sale. Mr. Holman, in particular, mentioned that at one place Jehovah's Witnesses were nearly run out of the town. It may be recalled that there have been various known disturbances in the past 20 years, but it is the same old crowd of adherents of the notorious Judge Rutherford, who got such short shrift when he visited Australia recently. A report, "The Razed," has described Rutherford as an ex-convict. During the war he was convicted of treason by a court in the United States and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. Apparently the sentence was suspended with the war ended. The last war had hardly ended when the Rutherford crowd began to flood Australia with printed matter which was nothing more or less than pro-German and anti-British propaganda camouflaged as a new religious creed. Eleven years ago, "The Listening Post" in an editorial, drew attention to the tactics of the

Rutherfordites who were then known as the International Bible Students' Association, who have been working for almost 20 years, later, the League took hostile notice of an important address delivered at a special official dinner ceremony on Anzac Day by the sale of their pamphlets, which, said the League, as the stuff complained of by members of the Lega

The religious camouflage is a cunning one, be

cause in order to appear innocent it appears to be this subversive organisation. The tactics, also, vary with map location. In the United States, Jehovah's Witnesses are too well known to the public to make much play. In other places, such as in some isolated sections of the world, they have been more successful. This is the case in the United States. Holdey's work is done from a different angle. He has been guided without the option of a defense for serious breaches of the defense regulations. In recent years, an editorial has been commented on claimed to be a loyal Australian who obeyed clearly a law of God, and one which preached such tenets is not a religious body, but a subversive organisation, and banned as such. The banishments of Jehovah's Witnesses were recently challenged in a tribunal in England. It is high time they were challenged here. If this, or any other body of persons, is to be allowed to found a freak religion on so few isolated Biblical texts and make this an alleged religion a means of propagating treason, then we might as well as wrap the National Service Regulations, become the unsavory example of these land crazy workers is bound to be followed by others.

R.S.L. DEFENCE CORPS

A report from the administrative staff of the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps was received by the State government on September 26. The report stated that the corps commander (Brig.-Gen. A. J. Besold-Brown) has estimated that 112 sub-branch units had been formed and personnel numbering 4,467 had been classified. Copies of the summary of enrollments had been sent to the Town Command and the Garrison Regimental Headquarters. It was recommended that a copy be sent to the Federal Office of the League. A large Peel-up, with elementary tactical application had been printed and circulated to units, and another was being prepared. The executive of the women's auxiliaries had agreed to embroider 140 arm bands with silk trims, in view of the red printed lettering running when the brassard was worn. These would be sent to the 2nd and 3rd Australian Imperial Forces. She would ask their respective auxiliaries to copy the sample. Captain John Chappell had been appointed by the commander to his personal staff. She had advertised that the commanding officer (Mr. R. A. Nicholas) was engaged in zoning the map to coincide with the military map. The Women's Command had submitted a list of area officers, and the appointment of some of these was pending. The two groups of officers would collaborate. The command had separated, through the work of the Commanding Officer of the 5th Garrison Regiment at Subiaco, about 600 tins of biscuits for the men of the 6th Garrison. The courses for Sunday mornings had been arranged for a class limited to 50 units. Units from Fremantle to Subiaco, including Nedlands, had been asked to appoint their representatives to commence on Sunday September 8.

In regard to the number of 6,417 volunteers classified in most States, the report stated that the commander estimated that, in addition, 1,000 ex-service men had been placed in areas totaling 715 in the militia and training camps and 100 in the police, and counting a total of over 1,000 men. As the League's membership was nearly 9,000, this was equivalent to two out of every three men in the League serving in some sphere. The remainder were largely covered by man-power and other restrictions.

ARMY INSTRUCTORS

The State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) has drawn attention to a situation that occurred in the "West Australian" at the beginning of the month, that "special training schools are no longer restricted to men in uniform." In the "statement," Mr. Benson said, "would probably create the impression that the recommendations for Army appointments made by the League were strictly confidential. League members had tried to find in the press and in the newspapers these news items, which gave people to believe that preference to members of the League was being given by the Military or the Defence Department. Both suppositions would be incorrect for the reason that the League, through their representatives, has given a list of applications for appointments made to the League, and passed on the papers to the authorities. Preference or regard has been paid to whether applicants were members of the organisation or not. This is in accordance with the statement regarding the preferential treatment which the League undertakes for the Commonwealth Government. Neither will the League give preference to members to unnecessary extensions of facilities to members, although naturally the plea, any of League officials, enhanced when they are able to do a good turn to any one person who has been a member of the organisation.

Hilder's Speech

Hilde's speech, which was published just as we went to press was, if anything, a confession of failure. It was not the speech of a leader but the stream of a besotted larkin.
Discipline of the A.I.F. and an Epic of Gallipoli

BY T. H. BOLTON, EX A.I.F.

Probably one of the most vexed and least understood questions concerning Australian expeditionary forces in the Great War was that of discipline. It was a question that was asked in 1914, and it has remained that of discipline.

There was asked what I thought of the discipline of the new A.I.F. I was obliged to acknowledge that I was a little at a loss in trying to answer, for I was the first A.I.F. that have been in circulation since the last war, and the factorial broadsheet of Digger incidents has provided me with no small wonder if those influences had no experience to their training. I recall, as a protest made by the Returned Sailors and Soldiers of the Great War, so many instances of too widespread public misconception of the degree of militarily efficiency and the strictness of Australian military force.

The fact is that the soldier himself, as distinct from the recruit, would not abate one jot of the measure of discipline in the corps to which he was destined to belong. He might, it is true, have a more than overstepped his limits, but he accepted such extreme penalties. He was not allowed to run away with himself with a philosophic stoicism born of the knowledge that such examples have been told in his adventures, which, more often than not, during the prosaic period of the army, he had been told at a distance after all, "it was worth it." Such transgressions as occurred when the history of the fact was that he had been made all have their counterpart in not dissimilar cases among the leaders of the British Army were the central figures.

Notwithstanding the conclusions that may be drawn from this, that or the other "incident," let us first be sure of what we mean by "discipline." The word has so many applications that it is another word that depends upon the sense in which it is used. Perhaps the best explanation of its importance to the military sense is to be found in Darwin's "Descent of Man," where he says: "The superiority which disciplined soldiers show over undisciplined masses is primarily the consequence of the confidence which each has in his commanders.

To some people, military discipline bears the aspect of a servile obedience excuated through fear of a relentless and savage punishment; on the contrary, the best soldierly conduct is produced in the spirit of emulation, with precept adding the building-up of moral forces within. Punishment of varying degree have still to be imposed, but in modern democratic nations the severities of former times are no longer countenanced.

The Australian's success in the last war were ascribed not, as so many people appear to believe, through a practical disregard of the limitations that a proper discipline would have imposed upon the excellence of the real discipline that they had.

Although, in preparation for events to come, a large recruiting drive during the former time was necessarily spent in field and technical training, it was the paradox. The more the associated concomitants in a special military unit, the living together in camp and troopship, day and night, which eight months, which produced that spirit of emulation, confidence and expert of corps of the Anzac. Pride in the precision of rifle drill and discipline rapidly developed are qualities that ultimately came to regard himself not as the civils that would come to the trained recruit was to aspire to. He received a difference between the bearing and actions of his trained comrades and those of the recent recruit. The larva and indifferent salutes, the way he wore his uniform and the hundred and one details that marked him new to the life of a soldier, made his下达 to the trained man. The manner of confidence enjoyed by the trained soldiers was extended to include the newcomer amongst companions, each man convinced that his comrade was not a trained soldier; there would be no individual hesitancy and that all would proceed at the word of command without fear.

The men of the first A.I.F. were highly regarded abroad for their military intelligence and the efficiency of their initiative. For this reason it is interesting to note the following observation by von der Goltz in his "Nelson in Arm's," intelligence he could not have been allowed to work in an army without role, render military difficulties, a, a subject that has been the frequent misfortune of improved arms, during the war, when the use of intelligence without discipline was too often done, and done without. On the contrary, recall the story of the transport drivers who were ordered to proceed up to the line with the load of ammunition by a very exposed route. Their natural intelligence told them that there was to be some work done with more certainty and, in comparative safety by taking another road. Discipline triumphed, however, and they took in time, because the artillery barrage that appeared provokingly quiet, opened in no time, and the transport drivers met the load of empty boxes while a train of wagons loaded with the "real stuff" had got through the safer road.

However valuable isolated small incidents may be to the trained observer, they do not provide an adequate discipline of its application to a large force in a manner calculated to enlighten the impresario public opinion. After all, the end of military discipline is not to shed upon it, but to prove the pudding is in the eating." Here is a chance to show how it was done in the Anzac trained in his best as seen by the English war correspondent, Ash- head Bartlett, in the great battle of the Somme:

After describing the terrific din of big guns, machine guns and rifle fire with shells whistling ever so near.

Canada's Contribution to the War Effort

The whole exportable resources of Canadian copper, zinc and aluminium have been bought by the British Ministry of Supply. The International Nickel Company of Canada has contracted with the Ministry to deliver, during the period from September 1, 1939, to September 1, 1940, approximately 80 per cent. of its output of electrolytic copper, of 540,000,000 lbs., to the Ministry for an increase in the production of the Aluminium Company of Canada sufficient to bring its total capacity almost to Germany's 130,000 to 140,000 tons a year.

Purchases are also being made of Canadian lead. The Agricultural Supplies Committee is mobilising the agricultural industry to increase the production of food supplies that many, be needed by the British and Allied peoples.

Arrangements are well advanced for Canada to load the tonnage of pounds of forces at the United Kingdom. By the last twelve months of the war, will be spending over $49,000,000 in Canada.

India's Fine Air Effort

In common with the Dominions, India is making a fine contribution to the Allied war effort at the air. The East India fund of Bengal has offered a flight of eight fighter aircraft costing $888,000; the Nisam of Hyderabad has made a further gift of £60,000 to maintain the two fighter squadrons he has already equipped. In addition to this, the Indian Air Force is to be increased four-fold. India is able to supply an ample supply of pilots and air-observers available.

Federal Elections

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A TRIBUTE TO SIR TALBOT HOBBS

On Saturday, August 31, the Lieut.-Governor (Sir James Mitchell) unveiled a memorial gate erected in honour of the late Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs at the entrance to the Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. Sir Talbot was one of the founders of the club, and it only Patton up to the time of his death. The commodore of the club (Mr. L. F. Glaskin) said that the gates, which had been donated to the club by the members, were designed by Sir Talbot in 1893.

"It doesn't always happen that all that is said about a man after his death is true," Sir James Mitchell said. "But it does happen in this case. Sir Talbot was a great Australian and a great Briton. He was a great churchman and a great sportsman. He was a man who served in every possible way. When we pass through these gates we shall be reminded of a man who always did his duty. Perhaps we shall also ask ourselves: 'Have I always tried to do my duty?'"

The General Officer Commanding the Western Command (Major-General H. M. A. Durrant) said that the A.I.F. had had good leaders, otherwise it could not have become so famous.

"Where did these leaders come from," continued Major-General Durrant. "Most of them were officers who were appointed to the A.I.F. from the Citizen Forces. That was in 1914, and the same practice applies to-day. The officers and many of the men in the A.I.F. were trained first in the Australian Military Forces. It takes a long time to make an officer, but these officers of the Citizen Forces, or Australian Military Forces, were not suddenly puched into these positions at the outbreak of war. They had devoted years and years to the Australian Army before they offered themselves for the ordeal they realised was coming.

They had devoted the whole of their service time for over 20 years, in many instances, to this great task.

"While other citizens played tennis and golf, or followed up racing, fishing, football and cricket, our Citizen officers went to parade, braves, camps, lectures, schools, tactical exercises, war games, etc. They studied military history, and read extensively to make themselves as widely informed as possible. They left no stone unturned in their studies of the arts of war and of leadership in war. Further, they did this in spite of public apathy, and, in too many instances, ridicule, being referred to contemptuously as 'Saturday afternoon solders.' They experienced a good deal of discouragement from lack of funds and equipment, changes in organisation, and lack of Government support. But nothing deterred them from their voluntary obligations. There was something of vanity in the determination steadfastly to pursue the path they had chosen so deliberately. It proved in 1914 to be a most fortunate thing for Australia and the Empire that they did so. It is proving just as fortunate now.

"In Western Australia General Sir Talbot Hobbs was an outstanding example among those far-sighted officers who led Australians in the last war. For over 25 years prior to 1914 General Hobbs took on his officers' service to his country. Not only did he prepare himself for his duties in war, but he trained those who served with and under him. He inspired officers, N.C.O.'s and men alike and that inspiration has extended to the second and even to the third generation. For years he held week-end bivouacs, once a month, on his own property on this very locality, where he exercised his officers and men, knowing that it was necessary, and because he could not get sufficient training funds from the Government, he paid for these camps with his own money.

"The full extent of General Hobbs' influence for good on the Australian Army can never be expressed by any known standards of measurement. Australians have in him many sons who could compare with him, and so I am proud to stand and speak here to-day on behalf of the Australian Army, to pay the very highest tribute to "The Little General" who was loved and respected by us all.

THE LISTENING POST

14th September, 1940

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MONS COMMEMORATION

More than a 100 ex-service men attended a Mons Commemoration in Perth on Sunday, August 24. The dinner was arranged by the Old Contemporaries' Association, whose president (Mr. Fred Mitchell) was in the chair. The guests of honour included the patron (Brigadier-General Bennell-Brown), the General Officer Commanding the Western Command (Major-General J. M. Dunnill) and the State President of the League (Mr. A. V. Yeates). During the course of the evening the references were made to the large proportion of Indian who were again in Alaska, as members of the 5th Australian Instructional Corps, the Garrison Battalions or other home service units. There were members of the association from Yangee Sound, Merredin, Mann
tinup, Boulder and Albany. A letter from the R.S.L. Victory Committee was read and was lultly cared. The Consul expressed thanks that the small phas of the Australian Army now in England would do its best for the Allied cause.

During the course of his remarks, Major-General Dunnill said that the action taken by the Royal Navy against the French warship Salut in Oras was similar to that taken in 1807 to prevent the Danish fleet at Copenhagen from being surrendered to Napoleon. The British Army, he continued, had won the battle of Copenhagen, and, had it chosen to, could have destroyed the fleet. What was needed was a sharp blow at a critical moment.

The music for the occasion was provided by the 10th Australian Division Band (Major- General Bennett-Brown), and the R.S.L., and the words contributed to the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps.
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The Evergreens
10th Garrison Battalion

During the month there have been considerable changes in the battalion. The original Commanding Officer, Lieut-Colonel W. R. Robinson, D.C.M., R.A.A.F., in accordance with his duties as a member of the 3rd Garrison Brigade and with his promotion to the rank of Major-General, M.C., has relinquished command of the 10th Garrison Battalion for duty brigade headquarters. Our congratulations go with him. We are pleased to announce that Lieut-Colonel D. B. Brown, R.A.A.F., a staff officer with a great deal of experience, has been given the command of this battalion, and we know that he will have with him a worthy staff of officers, Lieut.-Colonels S. W. N. Forde, D.C.M., and R. W. M. Constable, R.A.A.F., who have had previous experience in "A" matters. R.Q.M.S. Denson, who has been in charge of the "A" battery, will continue to handle the "A" battery.

With the formation of the 5th Garrison Battalion the 10th has lost a number of old stalwarts. Staff Sergeants Buchan and Scott now grace the staff of brigade headquarters and the senior Staff Sergeant Parker has emerged from the ranks of the Base Records Office to carry on the orderlyroom functions in the Infantry Depot. He does it without adding a side of things. Colonel Wilson is to be congratulated on the wonderful job that he is doing in training N.C.O.'s. Others who have been transferred and will try their fortunes with the new battalion are Lieut.-Colonels G. W. C. Barry, R.A.A.F., and F. G. (Buckie) Hornet, Sergeant (Quigga) Grif- fith, Lieutenants A. H. Burgess and J. M. Carter, and Lieutenants B. W. and R. C. Rolfe, who have transferred in a crop of new strips in the Commissioned Rank, are a list of recent promotions: To Sergeants: Corporal A. P. Smith, Corporal E. G. Smith, Corporal J. C. Nickolls, H. G. Carey, F. C. Downes, T. Rosenberg, Lieutenants B. W. and R. C. Rolfe, S. C. Pringle, J. Fuller, M. Harrison, J. J. Schupp, Appointments to Corporal: Lieutenants W. R. S. Kemp, H. A. Hanns, A. W. Howard, H. J. Francis, Corporal R. J. G. A. Wakefield, Corporal A. O. Clarke, J. Carswell, R. J. Holyoake, W. H. Warlow, H. Gilmour, F. R. Pease, J. S. Baird, Corporal A. C. Brown, Corporal W. S. Smith, who has been extended to all these buddy N.C.O.'s.

Commandants of the 10th, who have been an institution in the battalion, namely, Private J. A. (Jack) Hopper, who comes from the W.A. Police, has taken up his duties at once to his old comrades. Aix has taken up corporals duties at District Records Office, and to the same branch Private H. N. (Harry) Gilmore, who has been among the Wattle and Wisdom, and Private M. W. Wilson and Private C. M. Wilson and Private F. J. Hare have gone as corporals. Corporal Money will be a great acquisition to the fighting strength of the Di- strict Records, as he still retains a deal of prowess of fighting, and Lieutenants H. A. Joseph, J. T. Johnson, G. L. Crocker, W. A. Mooney, J. A. James, E. J. McNally, J. O. Clarke, G. R. Jackson, J. W. Holyoake, M. Gilmour, F. R. Pease, J. S. Baird, Corporal A. C. Brown, Corporal W. S. Smith, Corporal H. W. McLeod, W. M. (Willy) McQuillan and Corporal H. W. Doherty have been extended to all these buddy N.C.O.'s.

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Another popular figure now returned from hospi- tal leave is ever Captain Buchan, of the Y.M.C.A. The sight of him along the streets is an excellent sight, and entertainment of the 10th Garrison is be- ing widely anticipated by young ladies of Perth, who had a varied and distinguished career in the A.I.F., and who with the information that he was to be the 11th Garrison, was later adjutant of the 13th and finished up in command of the Light Trench Mortars. Occasion was taken recently in this week's Council to extend friendship to Captain Buchan and welcome Captain Francis.

Captain E. Robertson spent a short and very interesting time in London recently. He is now about his new duties as O.C. "O" Coy., so we may expect a long discussion on stop press. He has not disappointed.

The dental surgery recently established in the camp is full going and Captain Throssell and his assistants have their hands very full of upper and lower.

The battalion is now well settled down in the new section of the camp, and every improvement is being attended to. Particularly noticed is the good effort of Private G. Johnson, who can be found early and late with the hose or investing interest in his hand work in knocking the virgin soil into attrac- tive sections; lovely lawns are going to please.

It is most gratifying to see the battalion band now equally lined up with full set of new uniforms, which they are handling with masterly fashion. There have been some changes recently made on the bassoon, also the orchestra for charitable and social functions, and as with the "barrel" extended the troupes to Resville this morning. Every weapon is lined up in Band-Sergeant Denniss, and the fact that he has been picked out for waterしました, is a good sign to prove the appreciation of the public.

It appears that the usual report on Rotto- dule the faculties as regards leave matters, for re- cently a well-stocked land of burnt状 is the same as the 10th Garrison. The ANZAC scheme is in fact, the last of its kind, and every man has at least 4 days until 10 o'clock on the following morning. At 10.30 a.m., after the few hours sleep that the men of the 10th have had, will be opened an ever-symphonic N.C.O. to use his influence to see that it has been taken care of. This is the last of its kind, and every man was at least 4 days until 10 a.m. on the following morning.

The Dandy Fifth

The 13th day of August, 1940, will remain in the memory of many old soldiers as the day for that day Colonel H. Wilson, V.D., ably assisted by Lieut. L. G. R. Graves, who were appointed to form the 5th Garrison Battalion and by what was heard from that date to the 7th Septem- ber, 1940, the Battalion's formation was effectively trans- mitted, which only the old soldier can have for his record: a new form of record, which can be read from all grades of life, well known sportsmen, musicians, and athletes.

To see these men parade on after a fortnight's training, in camp under that name, the future of the Battalion is rather encouraging, but as it is not for the Battalion. The men, who have gone to the 5th Garrison with the following command.

"A" Company commander is Captain Carter, and his officers are Lieut. Mitchem, M.C. and Bar, Lieut. Hooper and Lieut. MacKean, who not only love their work, but are devoted to their command, but are planning tours of every de- grees of loyalty and enthusiasm, and the Dandy Fifth will appear in next month's edition.

ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS

Business as usual is the League's policy with re- gard to this year's annual congress, though through the incidence of the war the proceedings of the congress will be transacted will be rather unusual. In the inter- pretation of this attendance of a short congress will be followed this year. The Land Council meeting will be held at the Altana Hotel, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11. The general congress opens on the following day at 10 a.m.

There are 141 motions on the agenda paper, which is published in the League's journal, "The Bulletin." In these, the times are reflected to a marked degree. There will be discussions of the past, which will be through the intervention of the war. The motions submitted are simple that the sub- jects, in the light of the recent developments, to be included in the program. Dhyanis are, the idea of the motion. These urge the extension of the "Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act to men in the present war, who have been in active service, and to the new form of record, which can be read from all grades of life, well known sportsmen, musicians, and athletes.

Another request is the State Executive to take notice of the grievances of all sub-branch pre- sidents and secretaries for the purpose of interest and open discussions of matters of interest to ex-servicemen in the State. The Department in the war, and any other point of view that may be brought to the condition and composition of the membership of the State and their requests. One must also be included in the program. The State Executive's sub-committee which was re- established by the State Executive, is the one capable that work was performed.

In many instances, there are several items dealing with the one subject, which suggests that, even if the item is not possible in the program, it should be bracketed for purposes of discussion. This would be the provender into which the sub-committee will be again manifested itself. For the most part, the program, submitted to the Congress, looks pleasant and interest. There is a refreshing absence of the mad rush and bustle, so often attendant on political meetings, and little and used to take up so much valuable time. Some of the speeches to be con- cluded on their lively and entertaining qualities, and in the modera- tion of the discussion, the State Executive's sub-committee was re- created and a sub-committee, which was the capable way that task was performed.

In the hope that the State Executive, as well as another look for ward to meeting the delegates of twenty sub-committees, will be likely to be the capably and successful, and may they enjoy their time together.
Mr. Cecil L. McBryde, Inspector of Charities in Victoria, visited Perth during August, and spent a week in the city.

The League lost a good friend when the Hon. E. Franklin, O.M., who served in the war, died in the closing days of the month. For several years he had represented the Metropolitan Branch.

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Councillor G. Shadman, of Subiaco has joined up with the Royal Australian Air Force. Before to his enlistment, the Mayor of Subiaco (Mr. Wally Richardson) said that Mr. Shadman was the first of a number of members of the Subiaco Municipal Council. He is also the first member of the council to enlist for active service in the present war...

The State President (Mr. A. Yutes) has been appointed "Branch Patron" by the meeting of the Executive, which will be held in Melbourne on Thursday, September 12.

At the meeting of the State Executive on September 4, regrett was expressed at the resignation of Mr. H. J. Hooke, as Branch General, to join the Royal Australian Air Force. Before his resignation, Mr. Hunt has acted on the advice of his medical advisor. He offered to assist the League with any work whenever the opportunity offered. The executive carried a motion thanking Mr. Hunt for his long and valuable services...

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A cheery and lovable personality was removed from our midst by the passing of the Very Reverend Dean Brennan on the night of Tuesday, September 3. Born in County Sligo, Ireland, 65 years ago, he completed his studies at the famous Maynooth College. On March 18, 1909, he ordained and arrived in Perth in the November of that year. His first care was a goldfields parish. From 1911 to 1915 he was parish priest at Narrogin. In February, 1915, he joined the A.I.F as a chaplain and soldiered with the 7th Brigade, remaining with the forces until September, 1919. Until his final illness, Dean Brennan was parish priest of St. Brigids, West Perth. He was the friend of all Diggers, greatly loved and admired by all who had the privilege of knowing him, and these were by no means confined to men of his own faith. His passing has made a gap in the community and an ache in the hearts of many.

General de Gaulle, the leader of Free Frenchmen, is an agressiveness personality, 15 years of age, who had won the confidence of British Ministers even before Petain had completed his object surrender to Hitler. At the beginning of the present war, he was known only as the man who once believed that France could invade and defeat Germany with a mighty force of tanks, if General Gamelin would accept an offensive policy instead of a defensive one.

There are now five returned soldiers contesting the Senate in this State, Colonel Collett and Allan Macdonald are so well known in A.L.I. circles, the Colonel for his mastery leadership of the league in this State for so many years and Allan Macdonald for many years of note in the present leadership of the Senate. Mr. E. Harvey Rae, who founded the present membership, has made a successful reaper and was noted public leader. Mr. Alex Cunningham, the other candidate, is a member of the Mr. Lawley sub-branch. A team of ex-service men consisting of Messrs. A. H. Richards, Alex Cunningham and Steen Davis has also thrown their hats into the ring. Father Richards served with the 10th Light Horse, has been a successful farmer and has been given public leader. Alex Cunningham is one of six brothers who served with the A.I.F. He is said to have a large story that he won the position on the committee of the Anzac Club and is a member of the Australian Club. Disregard by all you who were the 1st Field Ambulance. He is the president of the R.C. Criceter Association and a member of the Grocers' Association of W.A. He served for three years as president of the Perth sub-branch.

LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

The membership list for the year has shown an encouraging increase from 5,063 in 1935, to 8,979, an increase of 1,916, and is due partly to the rekindled spirit due to the war and the foundation of the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps, but largely to the consistent plugging away of our splendid sub-branch officials. The objective set by the late Rabbi Freedman of 10,000 members is in sight.

The Listening Post

11th Battalion A.I.F.

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For Unity and a National Government

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Mr. Lee, who is contesting the Fremantle seat, largely owned and edited during 1919 and 1920 a weekly newspaper in Perth called "The Australian," which was the predecessor of the Listening Post, as the league's official organ in this State 1915 to 1919, is a man of recognized champion of the ex-service man when he needed a to create public opinion for his worthy objectives.

Later Roy went to the Eastern States, where he has occupied the position of secretary of the Associated Chambers of Commerce. He has travelled extensively and is a forceful speaker.

A.R.M.S. COMPETITIONS

The leaders of zone 1 were Gloucester Park, with 16 members running-up. Zone 1 won by Mr. Hawthorn with West Leederville a close second. The first semifinal was played on September 5, when West Leederville defeated Nedlands by 8 points to 2. West Leederville winning the table tennis, quotes, darts and bridge and Nedlands the shooting. The second semi-final was played on September 6 and was won by Gloucester Park, who defeated Mr. Hawthorn by 6 points to 4. Gloucester Park wins the table tennis, darts and bridge and Mr. Hawthorn winning the shooting and bridge. Mr. Hawthorn will play West Leederville in Anzac House on Wednesday, September 18, and the winner of that match will play Gloucester Park in the grand final on Wednesday October 2 (Congress night) in the upper room of Anzac House. The individual league championships will be organised at this, close of the shield games. The games will be shooting, quotes, table tennis, darts, bridge and draughts. The games will be open to all members of the league sub-branches.

PAYMENT OF PENSIONS BY CHEQUE

With reference to a resolution passed by the Federal Executive. That war pensions be paid by cheque if the war pensioner so desires.

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Old Diggers and their sons (whether they are doing their bit for the Empire as soldiers, sailors, air force boys, merchants or whatever) will know what war with Germany means!

They will know that every ounce of Australia's strength must be put into the struggle to bring back our empire!

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All sections of the British community are maintaining a vigilant watch for enemy parachute troops. Recently a man dressed as a chimney sweep and carrying the paraphernalia of the trade, passed a rural policeman who had pulled up to yam with a couple of road workers. The policeman noticed that the man's eyes were clean. He pounced upon him with the challenge, "You're no chimney sweep." The man admitted that he wasn't a sweep. He was the medical officer who had got himself into that rig to give the Boy Scouts of the parish an exercise in detecting parachutists. All the same, he had to go along to the police station and do a considerable amount of explaining before he regained his liberty.

At the beginning of June there were 22 cases from the new war in St. Dunstan's Hospital. Some will recover, some to a degree of useful sight; others, unhappily, will not. There are men from all three fighting services. Some of these sight has been irreparably lost, are learning Braille and typewriting, and beginning their preparation for life in the community. Among them is a French polka, who became detached from his own unit and joined forces with a British platoon, with whom he fought resolutely, until wounded by a sniper which injured one eye and inflicted facial damage.

It was Kipling's Melvyn who said that, on an active service a man was only as good as his feet. In the last war the Diggers were the envy of other forces, and a pair of issue boots was often an object of pride for comfort that was not on the ration scale. It is likely that the boots of the new A.I.F. will assume even greater importance. On the recent A.I.F. rousemarch from Ingleburn to Bathurst in New South Wales, five pairs of a new pattern boot were tested. It was stated that they showed greatly improved quality and were more comfortable than the pre-war pattern issue boots. Hard and metal toe plates are incorporated in the new design. They can be quickly and easily replaced when worn down. Full consideration will be given by the military authorities to any practical proposals for improvement in the type of military boot, but a final decision can be given only by Army Headquarters, after consultation with experts of the Department of Supply.

While Germans in the United States have been engaging in fifth column activities, Italy's entry into war on the German side has brought plenty of condemnation from Italian-Americans. "In the past there has been no more scathing criticism of Hitler than New York's vehement news, Rosolito Guardia, who advised Italians in New York City to preserve strict neutrality. "It is too late," he said. "In that city we have a population of over one million persons who are descendents of Italian immigrants, or are immigrants themselves. To those of American birth—being one of them myself—I know there is no need to make any appeal."

But, I want to make myself perfectly clear that we will break no demonstration, no propaganda that remotely touches on any dishonour to our country or our family."

He added that the "overwhelming majority of the American people" were "sympathetic with the struggle of the Allies for freedom". In Texas, the editor of a newspaper published in Italian declared what he considered the sentiments of "practically all Americans of Italian descent" in "supporting Mussolini's course in entering the war." He too rejoiced his readers to "remember that we are Americans as much as anyone else, even though our names are Italian and to a vowel." In Dallas, Texas, the editor of an Italian-language weekly said, "Italy's in the war. No Italian language in the newspapers."

The type of men who thinks that Australia would be just as well off under any other flag would do well to consider what has happened to the civilised citizens of occupied countries, and especially the inhabitants of that portion of the world under Russian domination. According to American correspondents, refugees from eastern Poland, the part snatched by Russia, are trickling through into Italian countries. According to these refugees there was a shortage of food of all kinds in Russian Poland. There were also requests to help support the Red Army of occupation, and there was martial law under which those in defiance with the Russian military authorities are dock without trial. Refugees re-
port that, at first, Russian rule was welcomed by the simple Polish peasants. The great estates were divided up among them. There was, of course, a certain amount of looting. But that happy state of affairs lasted only until the elections for the local Soviets. No sooner had those elections been concluded than the political commissars proceeded with their policy of collectivisation laid. They ordered the Polish peasants to give all they had taken in loot and lands to the local agitators. After the resources were pooled in this fashion the simple Polish farmers found, to their anger, that they were worse off under communism than they had been before.

Speaking at the opening of the Lady Gowrie Child Welfare Centre in Victoria Park, Lady Gowrie paid a tribute to the women of British stock who, she said, were the bravest that could be found anywhere. That view has found support in other countries. An American radio commentator said recently, "Despite the audible rumble of war, English women are carrying on with calm and humour. Women of the washerwomen's classes no longer ride in their trolleys, for they have taken to bicycles, and, the commentator says, for revealing once and for all the East of modern society, there's nothing quite like a bike. You may see these women bowling down London thoroughfares today on their old restored bicycles, more or less intact, with a definite gleam in their eyes. Many are in uniform, but they still remain essentially feminine when in uniform. 'Let us be men in courage and endurance,' they say. 'But let us preserve our femininity.'

In accordance with Rule 6 1 (b) of the Constitution, members are notified that the following nominations have been received for the effect of State President: Messrs F. J. Abell, J. M. W. Anderson, W. J. Hunt and A. Yeates.

Sub-branches are notified that the authorisation given by the War Funds Regulation Council to raise money for patriotic purposes does not include permission to conduct fêtes or art unions. These cannot be conducted without the approval of the Lotteries Commission, to whom application must be made.

Throughout the course of history it has happened apace and again that the new war in the grave of reputations made in its predecessors. In 1918, Pétain, the man who yielded to Hitler, was known as the "Man who saved Verdun." But even after Verdun Pétain's star had begun to wane. British military historians will remember him rather as the man who failed to send much-needed reinforcements to Gough and his sorely-harassed Fifth Army.

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According to “The Times,” the rationing of clothes in Germany has led to the creation of a new job: Every German citizen receives a clothing card which contains 100 coupons or “points.” This has to last him for 25 years. For every article of wearing apparel which he buys he has to surrender so many coupons. As the whole clothing trade is rationed for the next three years, the shopkeeper has to deliver a corresponding number of “points” to his customer. It is to the shopkeeper rather than to the retail seller, and the wholesaler to justify his orders at the factory in the same way. Since the exchange of little snippets of paper between one firm and another began a new era in home clothing production has been evolved. The shopkeeper handles the goods which he receives in exchange of “points.” This he receives in a “point-exchanging” center. This establishes a “point-cash” which enables him to pay over the required number of “points” to his wholesale dealer by cheque, just as if he were drawing on a banking account.

What Germans think of other peoples is easy to imagine, when you realize how the political education of the Germans is designed. Frightened for the British world is, to them, capable of existence only by that supreme impeccability, “Gott strafe England!” Poor von Bismarck, so decreed the French that she would have “liked to see them all dead, eaten by lice.” Father John would have liked to create between Germany and France “a zone inhabited by wild beasts. What can come from a national mind so embittered?”

While we are growing about petrol rationing in Australia, the motosocieties in the United Kingdom have much more to contend with than the restriction of fuel supplies. A young officer who has been in France since the outbreak of the war came home on leave and took his car out to spend his vacation. After spending a week in a try-out, he was asked to leave his car facing the wrong way, outside his house, before he started his journey. Later, he was pulled up for not having bumpers and wings painted with a matt white paint for not having a headlamp mask; for not having side-revers and rear-pans sufficiently dimmed; and for allowing more than one-eighth of an inch of light to escape from his direction indicator. Half-way to town the officer gave in. He drove to a garage and took a taxi for the rest of the journey.

Figures released by the Minister for the Army should squelch the whispering campaigns that militarism were not joining the A.I.F. in anything like the numbers we should expect. It is amusing as well as irritating to note that some of the most vociferous “southerners” in these days were able-bodied drinkers in the last war. In the line of artistes, those long-mouthed knowalls ignore the fact that so many of the artistes are under the prescribed age for the A.I.F., while many more are in reserved occupations. The Minister stated that so far 17,100 officers and 15,858 other ranks from the citizen forces in the A.I.F. Of these 120 officers and 843 other ranks enlisted in Western Australia.

The Royal Automobile Club in Britain has sponsored a scheme that might be imitated with advantage in Australia. Under the British scheme motorists will be required to carry a list of men and women of the forces carry a label on the windshield to indicate their classification. In fact it is stated that there is hardly a car owner in the rural areas of England who would not be willing to give a lift to a man or woman in uniform. The scheme is proving a real boon, especially where the men or women are mariners on anti-aircraft batteries, searchlight stations or balloon stations in localities removed from any convenient form of regular transport.

A useful movement has been instituted by the Australian Institute of Librarians which has drawn attention to the lack of arrangements to preserve valuable wartime information. The staff of the Institute of have pointed out that after the last war many valuable records, which might have preserved raw material for the historian, and which might have been extremely helpful just now, were destroyed by too much war panic. With a view to preventing the same thing occurring again, the Commonwealth Government has been asked to appoint a committee under the chairmanship of Dr. C. E. W. Bean, to make recommendations to prevent the destruction of records of this war.

The military authorities have invited applications from former non-commissioned officers who are willing to sign on for the duration of the war and do duty with the A.I.F. training battalions in Australia. A general knowledge of infantry training is necessary. Applicants should state briefly and clearly the name, previous rank, age and medical fitness. Age should be 40 years and under and medical fitness must be class 2.

If any sub-branches have a surplus of 1940 crows would they please return them to head-quarters? As the year is so far advanced, it is not desired that further expense be incurred in preserving such small packets of motor car repair.
CANTENE ORDERS
Liet-Col. W. S. Hocking, D.S.O., M.C., Director, Australians Defence Canteens Service, has requested officers to make an effort to sell as many copies of literature as possible, in bringing to the notice of the members the many advantages of canteen service.

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SOLDIERS' CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The annual meeting of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation De-partment.

The annual report and balance sheet for the year ending June 30, 1940 were adopted.

The report showed that during the year 271 applications for assistance were received on behalf of children of deceased and incapacitated exserv-i-dors.

During the year 31 scholarships were awarded the respective schools and colleges being as fol-lows—Perth Modern School, 6; Hale School, 1; Northam High School 5; Bunbury High School 2; Albany High School, 4; Geraldton High School, 1; Narrogin School of Agriculture, 2; W.A. Uni-versity, 2; Sturt's Business College, 4; Underwood Business College, 1; City Commercial College, 2; total, 31.

Schoolbooks—£116/15/1/ was expended in the provision of schoolbooks providing books for 226 children.

Pensions—The principal sources of revenue dur-ing the year were: Trusteeship Scholarship Fund, £120/10/0; Friendly Union of Soldiers' Pensions, £100; E. A. Watson, £25; Women's Auxiliary sub-scriptions, £10/15/.

The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Deputy President and Chairman of Committee, Professor A. B. Ross, D.Sc., Convenor, Mrs. E. A. Evans, Mrs. L. Claser, Mrs. Harold Donn, M.R.B., Mrs. M. B. McKinnon, E. Potts, Mr. J. A. Aberle and Mr. H. Kakus: Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. F. Fitzpat-rick.

Scholarships—The following applications for scholarships were received and recommended: Perth Modern School, 8; Albany High School, 6; Bun-bury High School, 1; Northam High School, 4; Geraldton High School, 2; Goldfields High School, 1; Narrogin School of Agriculture, 1.

PROOF OF BIRTH

The following letter was received from the Chief Secretary's Office by the State Secretary—

"Referring to your communication relative to proof of birth required by members of the fighting forces, I have to advise you that this matter is in present receiving consideration with a view to the adoption of uniform practice throughout the Commonwealth.

Meantime, machinery is in existence whereby the district finance officer of the Western Command may obtain the necessary verification from the Re-gistrar General's Department at a cost of the reduced fee of 9d.

If, however, a number of the personnel concern-ed are still obtaining the necessary extracts in the ordinary way and at the ordinary fee, but in these cases the document received is then avail-able to be furnished up by the nearest occupied. But briefly, it meant that proof may be obtained for 9d, but such proof is for the one purpose only, whereas the provision of an extract of birth certificate may be, and indeed normally is, used on many occasions throughout the life of the person concern-ed.

PERSONAL COMFORT DISCARDED IN BRITAIN

All sections of the British community are collabor-ating in a common cause. All consideration of personal comfort have been discarded in the matter of hours of labour and days of rest. In field and factory, workshop and mine, increase in continuous work is the order of the day.

War factories are surrendering, prices are to be fixed and there will be no war profits.

For the first time in the life of every citizen in the United Kingdom is assured that in furnishing a maximum effort he is in motion direct contribution to the wel-fare and safety of the community. He is literally defending his country. Thus the national motive has become the decisive element in assuring that the material effort will be continued with efficiency. The whole nation is united in spirit and in purpose and on this high plane of endeavour all petty con-siderations of gain or profit have no place.

The enemy have not left the world uncertain as to their war aims. It Hitler wins he plans to slice up England, Scotland and Wales into separate units. Else and Northern Ireland would be re-united. France would be carved up entirely, Muss-olli being given Savoy, Nice and enough of South ern France to make a commercial center with Spain. Germany would take over western France, leaving Paris as centre of a French Protectorate. In Ger many to-day, young people are being encouraged to fit themselves for colonial appointments in the vast overseas Empire that is to be Germany's when the war is over.

Recently a retired officer of the Royal Air Force wrote to "The Times" that he was consigned to a heap of burning rubbish consisting of a high order which was conferred upon him by the King of Italy during the war of 1914-18. I trust that all who have thus been dishonoured will do the same. One can quite understand the feelings of the officer, after the jactar action of the pretent Italian Government, even if there is not full agree ment with the course taken by him. It would seem that our first V.C., Albert Jacks, adopted a policy that was even worse. He would not have a foreign decoration at any price. To some of us, this seemed a form of swank at the time, but the devel-opments of the present war have proved it a high form of wisdom.

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SCABBARDS OFF
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During the past month a number of professional and clerical exhibitionists plunged themselves into a state of depression over the allegedly harsh treatment to which enemy aliens are supposed to be subjected in this country, changes which happen to Britons and other non-German enemies in enemy-occupied territories. The strangeness within our own gates seems to be so paradise. The interest exhibited on their behalf in Australia is quite commendable, but, it is a comment for comment, that these self-appointed critics of the Government have not been conspicuous in any movement on behalf of the Australian soldier in this war or the last. In fact, between the wars, some of them have been almost insulting in their statements about wars and the men who light them.

The intellectual freedom one hears so much of in these days would seem to be the right of all sorts of word-sisters to inflict upon a long-suffering public half-faced views that would fail to attract attention, if their expressions were not banned by the censor.

"Two Australian Prime Ministers of the last war have given timely rebukes to those well-meaning people who talk about establishing a "new order" in the world before we are within measurable distance of winning the war. Of course the war will change mental as well as physical states, even as last was done, but God forbid that the change should involve the universal adoption of half the ill-considered passages that are being advocated by persons whose very patriotism is not above suspicion. Mr. Hughes, who never minces words, was most outspoken on the subject towards the end of last month. He was tempted to the remark that we ought to restore the liberties that Germany has destroyed, and added that the League of Nations has been an attempt to establish a new order after the last war, but it collapsed, if it ever existed. Captain Cook, who was Prime Minister when war broke out in 1914, disapproved the talk of establishing a new order as "too much nonsense." The so-called new order, this veteran contended, very often means something very old, that has grown blunted, and has whiners on it. The old things of the world to-day are the wisest and best, he added. That, of course, is conforming to those of us who are growing old, but Sir Sydney explained himself by saying: "My own opinion is that some of the old-fashioned things of the world are their greatest standby and its greatest bulwark."

Writing from London to his paper, "The New York Times," James B. Reston, an American journalist, declared "Tradition dies hard here. There is too much liberty in the blood. Even now, for example, there same some 60,000 Germans and Austrians still live in the country; pacifists are crying with eloquence and impudence for peace at any price; there is a small but growing opposition in Parliament, and every policeman on every corner is a monument to the native justice and courtesy of the British people."

A civil servant, all people, was recently fined in an Adelaide police court for having, on January 4, "being a person liable for service in the defence forces, refused to take the oath which it was administered to him." He contended that he would be willing to enlist in the medical services, if it were not for the fact that the oath bound him to take an oath to the King's enemies. It is high time somebody protested against the cold assumption that the Army Medical Services should be polluted by the inclusion of namby-pamby persons who are too feeble to fight in defence of the country, or of the Government. Although the Army Medical Corps is a non-combatant corps in every true sense, there still remains a number of men discharged for gallantry under fire. It should never be forgotten that the only Victoria Cross won by New South Wales in the South African War was awarded to a medical officer, the late Sir Neville Henry, for attending to a wounded man under fire, and the first man to get to him. Sir John Cox was an officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps. The conscientious objectors should be assimilated in a special unit for performing the more objectionable types of fatigue duty in camps and hospitals. They should be given a distinct uniform and the regimental motto to which conscience doth make cowards of us all.

The conscientious objector who was convicted in the Adelaide police court pleaded that he had been under a mistake as to the law. He was fined £20 with £3 11s 6d costs, he may now indulge in tender reflections about the high cost of living.

Major-General Fuller has frequently referred to, South Africa as the "bag of the Gentleman's Wars." The Great War was the last of the Soldier's Wars, and the present struggle seems to be the Gentleman's Wars.

At the beginning of the month extravagences were published that Italy might cave in and make a separate peace if Britain put sufficient pressure upon

her. The reaction has been scouted by responsible British officials, from which we may extract the conclusion that the Italians were to escape the throttling they've been asking for ever since the war began.
Press reports from Tokyo indicate that the new Anglo-American agreement has made a profound impression on public opinion in Japan. The Tokyo correspondent of "The Times" suggests that the new development has restored a sense of perspective that had been lacking in recent months. Japanese confidence in the invincibility of Germany has been rudely shaken, also by Britain's successful resistance to German air raids, coupled with the success of Britain's raids on Germany. The latter have been prominently featured in the Japanese Press. In fact, Japan's misgivings regarding the validity of the German bombs began to manifest themselves long ago. As far back as May 21 an American radio commentator declared that Japan was beginning to wonder whether she had backed the wrong side.

An English contemporary reports that a girl born during an air raid on an English town is to be named "Brenthaven," in the minor honours list of the war in the nomenclature used on children born during the period. When Telcel-Refrer and the Sudan were still in the news, Gaunt and Gordon were popular names for baby boys. South Africa produced its crop of Bastens and Buffers. I know of at least one girl who was christened Pretonia. The names are quite good ones, but it must be annoyingly awkward for anyone sensitive short age to be given away by a given name. But what of the future? "Brenthaven" is the natural result of the age of gadgets, cars, and Bauman's forecasts to suggest that deep-dish bred Spitfire or Hurricane at the baptismal font, for it will be a sad, old world if they try to live up to their names.

According to the Spanish newspaper "Informaciones," Hitler's secret weapon (about which we do not bear so much these days) is a means of attacking the enemy by radio, with "certain effusions which, in combination with electro-magnetic powers, attune the nervous system in a relentless and savage manner. Total muscular relaxation and paralysis of the medullary and nervous system will result. The victim will be converted into a mere rag doll."

Germany is said to be using the velvet glove in Denmark. According to neutral correspondents, German soldiers of the army of occupation have been ordered to be nice to the Danish girls. Applications to marry them will be granted freely, says a German Army Order. The idea behind this is that, if after the war, a plebiscite is held to decide Denmark's future, the Nazis may be sure of a majority vote.

Musolin's literary larkin, Signor Garda, excelled himself the other day when he declared that the British and Australian troops broke the mailed fists of the Italians. That, he said, is why the British Army has always had to retreat. He might have gone further and referred to the athletic supremacy of the Italians. The British Army has never been able to turn a retreat into a marathon race, as has recounted at Caporetto, and, so far as the British Navy have only been runners-up in the boat races in the Mediterranean.

Recent references in the cable news to the Condemnation of the New Hebrides recall a good story of Mr. W. H. Hughes, who was Minister for External Affairs in the last Labour Cabinet formed in Australia. A rather superseded Under-Secretary brought Mr. Hughes a communication relating to the Condemnation. "Leave it there," he said. "And, if it's in French, "the Under-Secretary informed him, "the Prime Minister will put his signature on it". "Oh, no," Mr. Hughes replied. "I think I'll be able to manage." A day or so later the same official brought in a further communication on the same subject. "What is this time?" asked Billy. "French or English." "It's in English this time," said the official, who was no expert on languages on this occasion. "Well," Billy replied, "you'll be able to read it for yourself, won't you?"

Referring to the sorry part that Italy has played in the war, Walter Winchell, the well-known American writer and news commentator, says, "Italy, shaped like a boot, is behaving like a heel." "Heel," by the way, is the American slang for "acrobate." Perhaps the most poignant expression of the Chamberlain Government was that uttered by Sir Neville Henderson, who was British Ambassador in Berlin when the war broke out. He said, "Time would have been on our side if we had treated it as a sporting match and not as a steeping partnership." War's horrors manifest themselves in unexpected ways. According to an English sporting writer, Claret, we are not likely to see any first-class soccer until after the war.

James Agate, the eminent English book reviewer and humorist, says: "Italy is making more history than she can consume locally."

Every time Hitler reached out and grabbed an inoffensive neighbour whose colonial wealth fell into the hands of Britain. He marched into Holland and Belgium and the Allies assured the valuable Dutch and Belgian countries as rewards of material Japan would have liked to have grabbed the Netherlands East Indies, but the forbidding scowl of Uncle Sam proved an effective deterrent. For similar reasons India-China has not been occupied by the exponent of the forward policy in Asia. So far from falling into the laps of the dictators, the French overseas possessions, one by one, are declaring their intention of fighting the war against the Gangster Powers. Now that Italy has entered the fight, she will lose her colonial Empire. This will be added to the great reservoir of democracy.
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**BRITISH RULE IN INDIA**
**EGYPTIAN VIEWS**

The Nazis are fond of attacking England by using repression in her Indian colonies. In fact, England has provided India with its social legislation, from that in the most advanced countries, and they also have some splendid industrial equipment. In 1920, of the twelve persons chosen by the I.L.O. to represent the most important industrial countries in the world, one was Indian.

Since 1927, India has had 28 million workers, apart from peasant proprietors, 144,000 marine workers, 20,000 industrial workers and a railway system which is ten times the size of that in the U.S.A. Whilst it is becoming one of the chief industrial nations of the world, it is also developing legislation adapted to its economic condition and developed to ameliorate the conditions of the workers.

The Indian worker is no slave. He is the equal of the Englishman or the Frenchman in his rights and liberties. He has been considered. In 1926 there has been a 'Traders' Union' Act, based on that of England, which defines the obligations and rights protected for the enrolment of workers. — 'La Correspondance' of Cassino.

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The President, Mr. C. W. Godfrey, opened the meeting with a brief address, and the members were then shown around the various departments of the factory, where they were able to see the various processes used in the printing of newspapers, books, and other printed matter.

The President then addressed the members, and the following resolutions were passed:

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NEDLANDS

The sub-branch held their annual smoke social on Tuesday, August 11. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the large attendance. During the evening the officers presented for 1949-50 were installed: President, Mr. A. Yates, as follows: President, Mr. A. L. Dent, vice presidents, Messrs. C. P. Perry and T. Veluch; treasurers, Messrs. A. R. Wood, G. L. Chipoll and R. Perry; treasurer; R. Waller; auditors, Messrs. G. Sidney and J. C. Hutchison; committee, Messrs. H. Duns, E. Oldham, D. Vandelbergh, G. Moore, G. Randall, H. Wales, J. Ridley, W. A. Hamilton, K. Jones and N. V. Anvey; games director, Mr. R. Mouldford; membership secretary, Mr. E. L. Forth; Splinters editor, the president and W. Bawden; secretary, Mr. J. K. Jefferson. Many sub-branches had representatives present.

At the conclusion of the business we were entertained by items from the following: Messrs. P. Fawkes, Ted Scott, H. Thurlke, P. and L. Anwell, W. Bell, and H. Upland. Mr. R. Donaldson was accompanist. Many glowing tributes were paid to the retiring president, Mr. J. M. W. Anderson, who suitably responded. The community concerts being held by the sub-branch have proved very successful and the appeal by Soldiers' Dependants Committee is bearing fruit, as the profits from the concerts are being devoted to this appeal.

All sections are displaying the utmost keenness and enthusiasm in the endeavour to get fit and ready for service.

VICTORIA PARK

There was a good attendance at the August meeting. The half-yearly balance sheet was presented by Auditors, Messrs. Nicholas. A very efficient effort by the auditors. The defence corps is still going well. A trip to Guildford for weapon instruction was arranged and is to be repaid. Rifle drill and shooting practice are now in vogue with a range day at Buckingham to follow. Warrant Officer Davies gave us a practical Lewis gun demonstration on August 27. Congress delegates are Messrs. R. Newson and A. Nicholas, with Fred Matthews as proxy. Four committees have resigned, their places are to be filled by general meeting.

SUBIACO

On Thursday August 18, the sub-branch and auxiliary turned out in enormous force to say good-bye to our reductible president, Eras Congdon, who received leave of absence on an unknown destination for an unknown destination. A presentation was made and Sergeant Congdon stood up well to the speeches. Mrs. Congdon also received a present as a small mark of appreciation for the hard work she has done in her own right and which was long overdue. The executive committee meeting held on September 5 produced the following presentations: President, C. G. Margetts; vice president, W. A. Thomas and A. Buggins; hon. secretary, J. Newman; hon. treasurer, B. T. Williamson; sports director, W. R. Hughes; Armourer-Sergeant, and hon._career, Mr. J. T. James; committee, C. S. Southcott, W. A. Wilkinson, W. R. Hughes, E. C. Skinner and G. G. Franklin. The presentation was a most just missed the finals but we bask in the reflected glory of our auxiliary who were worthy runnners-up in the McKinley Shield competition.

WINSTON LEDGER-WILLIAM

Interest in this sub-branch's activities these times of course is mainly centred in the Volunteer Defence Corps. The unit meets every Sunday morning at 8 a.m. and Sunday evening at 9:30. Signalling squad is under the tuition of S. Greenwood, late of 10th Battalion, old A.I.F. All sections are displaying the utmost keenness and enthusiasm in the endeavour to get fit and ready for service.

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Women’s Auxiliaries

CARLISLE
The meeting on August 13 was preceded by a visit to Mrs. Nicol, and there was a very good attendance. There are gratifying results in the camp comforts appeal, both in financial help and voluntary knits, everyone doing their share. A gift table was a profitable offsite interest at the meeting. Mrs. Bucking ham doing good business. August 15 is a busy month with the exhibition abroad and congress and local functions. A children’s fancy dress ball is to be held on October 4 in Carlisle. It will proceed in aid of auxiliary amenity and patriotism fund. We trust we shall have good support. The second half of our meeting was given to a very interesting lecture, given by Mr. Scott (president of the sub-branch) on A.R.P. work and its value and necessity over in the country.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY
The monthly meeting was held on August 28. Twenty members were present and Mrs. Haines (president) welcomed back to the sub-branch Mrs. Lyne. Letters of thanks were received from the 10th Garrison Battalion, the Mission to Seamen and the Soldiers’ Children’s Scholarship Trust Fund for assistance given by our auxiliary. Mrs. Cousin’s resignation owing to ill-health was received with regret and all members wish her a speedy recovery and good health. The sports committee report they are at the bottom of the list in points, but at the top in happiness.

SWAN VIEW
Our branch has lost a valuable member of the auxiliary, Mrs. McLevy, who was a member of the R.S.L. They and their family were accorded several send-offs and received very nice presents, which testified to their popularity. They have gone to Melbourne to take up fresh interests and the best of all looks from members with them. Next Sunday we are entertaining some 60 men from the Old Men’s Home and we hope the “old boys” will enjoy their outing to the hills. They will have tea in high style before leaving for home. Several local lads have joined up and on two occasions half a dozen have been accorded them, each one being presented with a pocket wallet with engraved initials. Much work is being done by the Red Cross, mainly by the ladies of the auxiliary, as being a small community everybody belongs to everything. They are a willing energetic hand and are there for all necessary work.

VICTORIA PARK
Despite the indifferent weather there was a record attendance at the general meeting of the auxiliary held on August 13. Mrs. Barnett presided. Members’ Will and Helen reported on their visit to the Edward Milten Home, where there were 35 patients. The monthly cheque was dispensed on behalf of the auxiliary. Members were requested to get their doyleys ready for the exhibition stall, and Medsames’ Barnett and Matthews were chosen as delegates for conference, with Mrs. Tolmie as proxy. A social evening was arranged as the R.S.L. hall on Wednesday, September 4, with Medsames Barnett, Jackson and Lyne, as hostesses. Gales were enjoyed, and the dance afternoon tea was served. Home made jams were sold and the Lyne’s home made jams and Medsames Tolmie and Jackson were disposed of. The afternoon proved a financial and social success, the auxiliary’s patriotic fund benefiting. Staff workers are busy preparing for the annual baraz and sale of work—but besides the many other calls on their time.

MT. HAWTHORN
On September 1 our fortnightly meeting was held at Mrs. Crompton’s, and although present, there are still plenty of chairs for members present, while many others are unable to attend. The habit of attending meetings. There is always plenty of activity. A bumper attendance was expected, but as it was not held on Monday. September 24, and the Auxiliary had been informed of the meeting on the Monday evening, it was expected to be held on September 27, as we are having the “Pantry Staff,” we sincerely hope all members in town can attend. There will be a good deal of drinking below city prices, especially Mr. Leo’s bony hop. We invite on September 1, when members were on winning the McKinlay Shield once again, put a very good show. We are making preparations for the canvassing. They are in great demand, and will keep piling in. The Sons of Soldiers were won by the members of the auxiliary, which we are very proud.

SHENTON PARK
The auxiliary held the second of their fortnightly dances on September 19. To both dances there have been a bumper attendance and the auxiliary will benefit both socially and financially. Great music and a nice supper provided by ladies made the evening pass all too quickly. Mr. Strongman (jun.) acted as M.C. The men of the sub-branch were a great help in making the night such a great success. The next one will be held on Friday, September 29.

F U S. W.
Ante House ballroom seating accommodation was taxed to its secret capacity at the monthly social with Lady Gowen, our Commonwealth patroness spent nearly an hour with us before going to open the kindergarten centre. “Women in the British stock are the bravest in the world,” said Lady Gowen, “and no Australian woman will let her men down for want of courage.” This was the keynote of her talk. Before her departure, Lady Gowen met many members and chatted informally to them. She spoke of the new wave of Auxiliary members and her impressions of Mrs. Menkens and recitations by Miss Hay, while Miss W. Lewis was accompanist. Mr. G. de C. Orme, president of the union, appealed to members to assist with the forthcoming bazaar for patriotic funds in November and also to enter for the music of the knitting competition. The sewing circle which works for the Red Cross, Army, Navy, etc., met at the ante house every Friday from 10 a.m. and all received the editors, soldiers and air forces members for membership. The second V.S.D. class has just finished the first aid lectures, all members were successful in passing the exam. Home nursing classes are starting next week and any members who wish to learn this part of war work will be welcomed by the committee of this F.U.S.W. voluntary service detachment.

BOULDER
The auxiliary have had a busy time in the last few days packing Christmas parcels for the men overseas. All local men are to receive parcels with this auxiliary will receive one of these parcels, good wishes go to the men who will receive these by our busy workers and a candle order, were sent to nurse to order and another to one in a few months time. Our weekly dances have proved to popular that we have had to move to a larger hall. Mrs. O’Neil and her orchestra and dance bands are still do their bit in supplying the music. We now have 15 members. Thanks are due to Kalgoorlie auxiliary circle for donation of 41£.

SUBIACO
August has been a busy month for our auxiliary as, in addition to our usual activities, we are now busy making a financial appeal. The appeal will be held early in October in the R.S.L. Hall, also for our bag stall on the war exhibition, which takes place this month in Ante House. Old Men’s Home was visited on the first day in the month and we were greeted by our busy workers and a candle order, were sent to nurse to order and another to one in a few months time. Our weekly dances have proved to popular that we have had to move to a larger hall. Mrs. O’Neil and her orchestra and dance bands are still do their bit in supplying the music. We now have 15 members. Thanks are due to Kalgoorlie auxiliary circle for donation of 41£.

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State Executive

August 21, 1940

At the meeting of the State Executive on August 21 there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Philp, Dutton, W. J. James, Nicholson, Hunt, Malcolm, Pont, Kersing, Fairley, Watt, Patton, Cornwell, Zehr, Zell, Paterson, and others.


Conclusions.—After correspondence had been read with reference to the referendum on colour and Earthenware Pipes and Fittings was referred to the Federal Government and the relative values of Australia's leaders and other victims.

Appreciations.—Group-Captain Brownell conveyed his appreciation for the courtesies and hospitality extended to him during his command in Western Australia.

R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps.—The following resolutions made by the Management Committee were adopted:

The action taken by the Corps Commander and Administrative Committee in regard to syllabus of training, paraphe, arms bands and so on was endorsed.

Expenditure concerning the printing of pamphlets was approved. It was agreed that the Federal Office be notified of expenditure incurred in connection with the corps.

It was reported that 128 units of the corps had been classified to date. A request from the New South Wales Branch to the Federal Executive for arms, equipment and uniforms was supported.

The provision of colours on arm bands for quarter-master-sergeants, company sergeant-major and sergeants was referred to the Corps Commander.

The question of the difficulty of obtaining 21 ammunition for the corps is to be taken up with the proper authorities.

Post War Problems.—It was agreed that the following resolution be submitted to congress: "That a committee be appointed in each State to consider and recommend in regard to post-war problems.

R.S.L. Committees.—Approval was given for the expenditure of an amount up to £400/- for the provision of trophies and medals for the Coullet Collett Shield competition.

A.R.M.S. Competition.—A report in regard to the finals of the A.R.M.S. competition was received. It was resolved that the final competitions be held on Thursday, October 1st, the night after the congress.

Congress.—Mr. Cornwell reported on behalf of the Agenda Committee that only 146 items had been received, 21 of which were for the Land Conference. In view of the number of the items, it was agreed that the Land Conference should commence on Monday, October 1st, and that the General Congress should continue for two days.

Visits.—Visits to sub-branches, etc., were reported by the President (Nedlands), C.T.A. annual social, Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, Girrawheen, Collectors' Fairley (Busselton, Donnybrook and Merredin), Mr. M. J. Zeff, North Perth and Perth), Mr. W. G. C. Collier, Beverley (Mr. D. W. Paton (Mosman Park), Mr. R. A. Nicholson (hospital visiting).

Sub-Branches.—The appointments of officials as advised by the Willxins, Mosman Park, Mr. Barker and Canning Districts sub-branches were confirmed. Correspondence from the Albany sub-branch in regard to the appeal on behalf of soldiers' dependents was received. The reply was left to the State Secretary.

Wet Contests.—The Federal Executive replied that representations made by the W.A. Benches on the subject of wet contests in camps had been noted. It was agreed that, as this branch of the Legion has constantly pressed for wet contests since the outbreak of the war, and has received only eviction replies, we now ask for definite reasons for the non-compliance with this request.

A communication was received from the R.M. and I.M. Association supporting the Legion in its attitude on the question of wet contests. A communication on the matter was also received from the W.A. Temperance League. The reply of the State Secretary was endorsed.

Enemy Internees.—The McVilla sub-branch requested certain information in regard to internees. It was agreed that the position be ascertained.

Northern Sub-Branch.—The appointment of officials by the Northern sub-branch was received. Mr. Corriss had again been appointed secretary.

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was agreed that the executive's congratulations be extended to him and to the sub-branch for its progress during the last 12 months as indicated by the annual report.

Bushman's Coastal Patrol.—A communication from Headquarters, Western Command, in regard to this Inquirer was referred to the Committee for consideration.

Embassies, Garrison Battalions.—A communication from the Collie sub-branch in regard to assignments in the garrison battalion was received, and the reply was left to the secretaries.

Forestry Department and Military Intelligence.—A communication from the Press sub-branch regarding cooperation between the R.S.L.V.D.C. and the Forestry Department and Military Intelligence was received and referred to the appropriate authorities.

Anzac Service Ararat.—The Kelmscott-Roleystone sub-branch requested an opinion in regard to the Anzac service held by the R.A.L.V. at Ararat. The matter was referred to the secretary for a report.

March Through Perth.—Advice was received from Headquarters, Western Command, that certain units of the A.L.F. at present in camp would march through the city on Thursday, August 22. An invitation was extended to executives to be present in the exarch at the saluting-base at 11.00 a.m.

Mons Day.—Delegates were advised that arrangements were well in hand for Mons Day. Colonel Fairley was appointed to act as marshal for the occasion. It was agreed that a circular be prepared requesting units of the R.S.L.V.D.C. to parade.

September 4, 1940

At the meeting of the State executive on September 5, there were present: Yeates, Yeates, Olden, Abercromby, H. James, Philip, Pantoon W. J. James, Anderson, Nicholas, Margolios, Ports, Keeling, Fairley, Mitchell, Cornell, Thor, Zeffert, Johnstone, Kahan, and Zabian. Leave was granted to Messrs. Collett, Devon, Lash, Watt, Paton, Collett, Paterson, Colwill, Mackenzie, Munro and Watson.

Report—Management Committee, R.S.L.V.D.C.—It was stated that 132 units had been formed in the State, and personnel classified. Captain Chappell had been appointed to the corps commander's personal staff. It was stated that through the efforts of the commanding officer of the 16th Garrison Brigade, referee courses for Sunday parades had been arranged for all garrison units from Fremantle to Subiaco including Nedlands and Fremantle, including the prisoners of war.

Federal Executive Meeting.—Advice received that the next executive meeting would be held on September 15. The State president would be in Melbourne at that time on other business; it was agreed that he should represent this branch.

Invitations: York sub-branch, September 20; Colonel Lash to be attended at Southerns Grosby Justice sub-branch for the proposition, the purpose of entertaining troops, the position to be reviewed in two years.

Mons Day.—The secretary reported that the parade and service on Mons Day was well advertised. About 100 ex-A.I.F. men were present representing the Defence Corps arm bands.

Old Medals Branch.—Mr. Kahan reported that about 1,000 had been raised in less than three months and that the proceeds had been paid to the赜x service fund.

Visits.—Reports on visits were received as follows: E. M. Prochownik, association, State President; Mons Day Parade, State President; Herne Hill Military Ball, State President; Y.M.C.A. meetings, State President. Red Cross Society, State President; Paralympic Committee, State President; North-east Fremantle, Colonel Olden; W.A. Spastics Society, Honoring Council for Patriotic Funds, Colonel Olden.

September 10, Mr. R. A. Nicholas; September 11, Colonel Olden; September 15, Mr. M. Z. Fairley; October 1, Mr. D. Johnstone.

Discussion concerned the time of the session allowed us by 6.45 p.m. It was stated that a quarter of an hour was available from 6.11 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., which was ultimately agreed that we transfer to the time on Tuesday evening.

Anzac Club.—Communications from Mr. Howorth-North Lendalwood sub-branch concerning the closing of Anzac House was received and reply was left to the State secretary.

State War Memorial.—Mr. A. V. Hunt advised that he wished to resign his position as National and Public Service Commissioner of the State of Western Australia in a letter which meant that he would have to give up the assistantship of the State War Memorial as from the 1st August.

It was decided to write to Mr. Hunt and regret in that his health prevented him from carrying on the duties of assistant warden and to thank him for the very excellent service he had rendered during his time as assistant warden.

Darling Range Sub-branch.—Agreed to accept and to be held in trust on behalf of Darling Range sub-branch a donation of land and building from Mrs. Lowdon of Kalamsuna. The sub-branch to be responsible for rates, taxes and other charges.

Appointment Sub-branch Officials.—Appointment of officials as advised by the following sub-branches approved: Darling Range, Donnybrook, Fremantle.

Youth and Children's Scholarship Trust.—Report of the activities of the trust laid on the table for the information of the branch.

The re-appointment of Messrs. Potts, Kahan and Lowdon of the sub-branch in which it was stated that they had received a request to sponsor a section of a Battalion now in Palestine. They sought the direction of the branch in the matter.

It was agreed that the matter be left to the sub-branch to take further action.

Free Transport Troops.—The railway workshops were requested to advise the branch as to what they could do to induce the Government to provide free transport to and from the next executive meeting.

Evacuation Women and Children Emergency Hostels.—The Bunbury sub-branch was urged to take action at an early date to carry out the voluntary evacuation of women and children emergency hostels in the event of hostilities. It was agreed to reply advising that the matter was now in the hands of the Defence Minister.

Notice of Motion.—Colonel Margolios withdrew his previous notice and gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting.

"That it be an instruction to the committee to prepare amendments to the club rules for submission to the Licensing Court for approval providing for the reduction of the present maximum contribution to each member over a period of three years—three years as continua
tion of the R.A.A.F. or the R.A.N., (c) Evacuee men called up for full time duty in the Defence Forces."
LAND SETTLEMENT

GENERAL

1. PRESS.—Congress recommends that the provisions of the Discharged Soldiers Settlers Act, 1917, be extended to cover soldiers entitled for active service in the present war.

2. GALINGRIL.—Congress considers that insurance companies should be liable for losses occasioned by acts of God, which premiums are paid by the insured.

3. GALINGRIL.—Congress is of the opinion that the national welfare and security of Australia depends largely upon the planned development of our pastoral, agricultural and dairying industries. The West Australian Workers' Organisations, W.A., and the Victorian Chamber of Agriculture in their respective states have a similar view, and contend that the benefits accruing from the 50 per cent. reduction in petrol allowance should be extended to the primary producers, and that the nation as a whole should be further benefited by the increased efficiency resulting from the increased output of wool and jute.

4. KUNUNOPIN.—That during the currency of this war a moratorium be declared in respect of all overdue wages, interest and rentals due to farmers, and that such overdue wages, interest and rentals shall be written off, and that farmers may be required to pay them in instalments over a period not exceeding five years.

5. GUTHA.—That all men of military age who have served His Majesty's forces during the Great War 1914-1918 and who have in Australia ten years' farming experience shall be eligible for lands at 50 per cent. reduction in petrol allowance.

6. GUTHA.—That the living allowance of settlers under the Agricultural Bank Act be increased, and that urgent steps be taken to have the rates increased to not less than £1 per annum for single men with a corresponding increase in the children's allowance.

7. GUTHA.—That the Federal Government be asked to make a definite announcement as to the future status of the Agricultural Bank, considering that it is not a vital matter in regard to Australia's war effort, a censure of growers' capabilities be taken, and an end made of the drift of capital away from essential and necessary industries to new speculative enterprises.

AGRICULTURAL BANK

1. WYALKATCHIN.—That during adverse seasons, low prices or other circumstances the proceeds from the property of any farmer who has served His Majesty's forces during the war, and who is unable, from means of tillage, to purchase the means necessary for the support of himself and his family. Congress is of the opinion that the Government should be called upon to render assistance to such farmers by granting a loan at a low interest rate.

2. MANJIMUP.—That Congress ask the Premier and Minister for Lands to make application to the Loan Council for funds to meet commitments of the Rural Trustees, as salvation of many farmers is in an advanced stage of insolvency due to low prices in the 1920s, and that the Government be warned of the danger of any retrograde tendencies in this direction.

3. MEDINA.—Congress asks for a considerable increase in the number of buildings and plant required for the many new agricultural banks proposed to be established in the various States.

MARKETING AND TRANSPORT

1. KONDININ.—Congress protests against the rise of 30 per cent. in the price of the Splendorgel motor oil, which has affected the cost of transport and been in force since last September.

2. KIRUP.—That country private car owners should receive a larger petrol allowance than city and metropolitan car owners, on the grounds that city dwellers have petrol stations, while country dwellers do not.

3. KIRUP.—That Congress asks the Government to inquire into the necessity for varying the terms of interest payment.

4. MANJIMUP.—That Congress asks the Agricultural Bank to make public the number of foreign, holding farming properties in the South-West, also giving the amount advanced and whether interest is paid.

5. MANJIMUP.—That Congress appoint a committee of three to inquire into the question of interest payments on superphosphate.

GENERAL CONGRESS

23. COTTESLOE.—What schemes (if any) have been made in the event of the election during the absence of the members of the A.I.F. on service overseas? [By the President:}—That a return be made to the member and committee.

ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

24. MAYLANDS.—That members of the League be not required the recording of their land to ensue until the expiry of the period of farming on the property of a member receiving the crowns and only paying one halfyear's interest on the purchase price prior to the expiration of the term of such lease.

25. KONDININ.—That in the opinion of Congress the term of office of the President of the A.I.F. be increased to two years in succession.

26. MAYLANDS.—That farmers in commercial or non-commercial sheep flocks shall be entitled to an emphatic protest against the rise in prices of superphosphate.

DEFENCE

29. NORTH PERTH.—That the State executive be requested to convene a meeting of the Western Australian delegates, and presidents for the purpose of free and open discussion of all matters of interest to returned soldiers.

CONSTITUTION

30. MT. LAWLEY.—That the State executive be reduced to a man-management. Congress considers that in the power to elect the best men in the League for service on various sub-committees.

31. CANNON.—That the Federation be empowered to appoint any person not being only a paid officer as secretary, but employed also as a carrier, the carrier being paid an allowance of 50 per cent. of the secretary's salary when being elected annually. The Constitution to be amended as follows: Sub-section 6—That the carrier and his assistant or members of the sub-committee of such secretary be at the pleasure of the sub-committee, and that his services can be provided with at any time, subject to a month's notice being given on either side.

32. GLOUCESTER PARK.—That every sub-committee with a member, if not elected, shall not be entitled to a member for the purpose of forming a majority of the sub-committee.

33. GLOUCESTER PARK.—That the country districts be divided into areas where each sub-committee shall be entitled to a member and a carrier.

34. MIDLAND JUNCTION.—That clause "d" of rule 7 be deleted and that rule 7 be amended so as to become immediately after the first paragraph, on payment of his first subscription.

35. MIDLAND JUNCTION.—That no sub-committee shall hold no more than one member on the State Executive.

36. BOULDER.—That clause (c) on page 7 (membership) of the Constitution which reads thus: "members of the Allied armies who have served in the present war may be admitted as members after investigation" be struck out, providing there is no hardship to the returnees in this respect.

37. OSBORNE PARK.—Congress is of the opinion that all members of the R.S.L. joining His Majesty's forces for the duration of the war and twelve months after be kept financial members of the League.

38. OSBORNE PARK.—That men who have been members of the League prior to conscription shall be regarded as financial members of the League from the date of their resignation, and that the term of this capitation for only.

39. GLOUCESTER PARK.—That all members who reach the age of retirement at 60, and entitled to a service pension with ten (10) years' continuous service, shall be granted free membership of the League for the remainder of his life.

MEMBERSHIP

40. ABBOT.—In order to carry out the provisions of the R.A.A.F., Coast Defence Munition Works, and other war work, Congress considers that any service man so far as is practicable may faithfully may become eligible for honorary membership, and later, full membership, and that this action be taken by the League, and Australian and New Zealand war service men be deemed officially a theatre of war.

41. COottie.—That Congress asks the Government to enact the war pension of all Australian soldiers who served, whether at home or abroad, be eligible for membership of the League.

42. PERTH.—That membership of the central sub-committee be limited to three consecutive months and thereafter members be transferred to a corresponding sub-committee.

43. SPEARWOOD.—Congress pass a resolution to have new badges which would be equally distinguishable, whether financial or otherwise.

44. WAROONA.—Congress protests strongly against the unfair treatment of children of members of the second A.I.F., and war pension children, by the removal of credits on the treatment of infant children of enemy aliens receiving 5/- per week per child.

45. WAHL.—Congress requests that the Government make adequate representation to the necessary rights to soldiers and their dependents which were withdrawn on June 30, 1919.

46. AGALORIE.—That the Commonwealth Government be asked to make some provision for dependants of soldiers in regard to medical and surgical treatment, and the treatment of accused persons in cases of sickness include (except as hereinafter mentioned) all forms of sickness with accompanying death, accidents or assaults, including surgical operations, miscarriages occurring after the fifth month of pregnancy and certifies after the same period, but does not include verbal or alcohol intoxication. Congress considers the first five months of pregnancy, certifies during the same period or operations of election.

47. WAHL.—That all ex-service men classified as self-supporting and incapacitated under schedule two of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act who have been granted a pension for a period of less than three years, and they have not been pensioned either as a result of the Repatriation Commission or for any other cause, shall have an escape clause on the date of their pension.

DEFENCE

49. MANJIMUP.—That Congress urge the military authorities to speed up the issue of passes and advertisements for men on leave.

50. FREMANTLE CITY.—Congress considers that in the best interests of Australia's defence every capable person therein be allotted a task they are best fitted to perform, and that the Government be empowered by the government when registration cards are complete.

51. FREMANTLE CITY.—Congress against the decision of the Commonwealth Government to organise a mobile motor-cyclist corps throughout Australia as a control body.

52. PRESS.—Congress urges that all mechanical means of transport, including bicycles, be utilised in the defence scheme of Australia.

53. PRESS.—Congress requests that the Defence Department consider the use of the staff at the various local offices of the Department of Defence, for the purpose of carrying out various duties in connection with elections on any basis other than efficiency, and preventing duplication.

57. PRESS.—Congress is of the opinion that, in the vicinity of what Defence Department consider as the places to be held places for election for a number of seats, including posts for enemy troops, concrete strong-points or block-houses and other necessary works should be constructed by the Commonwealth Government in order to prevent the military occupation by defending troops when necessary, and that the work, HERALD.
That Congress approves the Defence Department's proposal to civilianise the work of the Australian Defence Force by placing the men now engaged in the work of the Army in the Civilian Defence Corps.

That the Civilian Defence Corps be established at once by the Department of Defence, with the object of taking over all the work which the Australian Army is now doing.

That the Civilian Defence Corps be an integral part of the Civilian Defence Corps of the Empire, and that it be placed under the control of the Department of Defence.

That the Civilian Defence Corps be a voluntary force, and that the men who join it shall be paid for their services.

That the Civilian Defence Corps be made up of all able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 60, who are not employed in any other capacity, and who are willing to serve in the Civilian Defence Corps.

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That the Commonwealth Government be asked to provide free medical attention to the dependants for the dependents of all troops serving overseas and in garrison battalions.

BULMER.-Congress considers that all services should receive a thorough compulsory medical examination upon return from the war.

GENERAL

PRESS.-Congress urges that all Government contracts, State and Federal and local Government, be strictly confined to British subjects, and that clearly stated when tenders are advertised.

PRESS.-That there should be no rigid supervision of food supplies for the fighting forces so as to avoid waste.

PRESS.-Congress is of the opinion that no civilian in Australia should be penalised for bonuses or awards whilst we are engaged in a life and death struggle in which service and sacrifice should be equal, and that decision be conveyed to the Governor-General.

NORTH PERTH.-That the necessity be stressed for a policy of decentralisation in the production of arms and munitions. Furthermore, Congress protests against Western Australia not receiving its fair share of the work which is being undertaken in connection with the production of arms, munitions and aircraft.

SOUTH PERTH.-That the League has used copies of The Listening Post collected through sub-branch secretaries, and forwarded in bulk to W.A. troops overseas.

PERTH.-Congress urges the Federal Government to under no circumstances allow fieldworks or other necessities to be exported to enemy-occupied countries from Australia.

YAROO.-Congress considers that no person should hold more than one Civil Government position or office.

YAROO.-Congress considers that all Government employees, civil servants, etc., should take an oath of allegiance.

YAROO.-Congress is of the opinion that war finance should be raised by capital levies instead of war loans, certificates, etc.

GUTHA.-That the Executive be requested to take any necessary action to ensure that establishment of a National Council in order that all sections of the community shall have representation in Australia’s war effort, and thereby bring about equality of sacrifice.

 elections of all employees in the public service to be held within 120 days, SUB F.A.-That the Commonwealth Government be asked to consider in petrol rationing to persons holding key positions in industry who are obliged to travel daily from their homes to work.

SPEARWOOD.—That Congress request the Federal Government to impose the death penalty on any person or persons convicted of assisting the enemy in Australia or in Occupied Territory under its control.

MELVILLE.—Congress considers that all A.R.P. wardens should be given statutory authority to enforce A.R.P. regulations.

OSBORN PARK.—That the punishment meted out to those charged under the National Security Act is not drastic enough.

WYALICUTCH.—Congress approves the formation of a Returned Soldiers and Soldiers’ Cooperative movement on strict co-operative lines to gradually become universal suppliers to R.B.L. members, and to supply everything from a needle to a motor car, also to deal in land; thus helping soldiers returning from this war and veterans of previous wars.

SPEARWOOD.—That Congress do all in its power with the Commonwealth Government to have the above Co-operative movement established in each State, and that Congress request the Federal Government to subsidise such Co-Operative movements.

WYALICUTCH.—That Congress is alarmed at the increase of Communist activities in Australia, and since Communist Russia has proved aggressive tactics there is no apparent difference in this than in Nazism and Fascism, and recommends the Commonwealth Government to take stronger measures in dealing with their doctrines which are so antagonistic to sane democracy.

EXECUTIVE.—That a committee be appointed in each State to consider and recommend in respect to post war problems.

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