The Groundwork of Peace

"Congress earnestly hopes that the implications of the present relations between the British Empire and the United States shall be fulfilled after the war in an Anglo-American union as explicit as the union offered by Britain to France before the capitulation of that country, and that this resolution be submitted to the B.B.S.L. and American Legion."—Motion submitted by the Press Sub-Branch and carried by the 1941 Congress.

The second war against German aggression has produced at least one phenomenon that is a reversal of a generally accepted practice. In former times, one frequently heard the phrase, "When at peace, prepare for war." At the present time the universal policy would seem to be "When at war, prepare for peace." This is exemplified at home and abroad by the interest being focused on post-war reconstruction, on planning world order and achieving a millennium in our own time in which poverty and unhappiness will be banished from the earth and future wars will be impossible. Some of the most clamant advocates of a new world order are the very people who must share with Hitler the blame for this war, for the simple reason that, in season and out of season, they propagated the belief that peace could be ensured by disarming the only nations that could be trusted with arms. Others are amiable and well-meaning theorists who have become refugees from reality in Utopias of their own creation. Others again are merely exponents of the new ideologies which, after all, are but the old idiocies writ large.

The hope for the future is that, beneath the froth and bubble of the publicists, earnest men in all democratic countries are working solidly for the future, in the hope—in the certainty even—that, like Canning, they will call a New World into being to redress the balance of the Old.

A lasting peace must rest on surer foundations that the shifting sands of shibboleth and formula. The surest foundation of all would be the brotherhood of man which saints and philosophers have been dreaming about for centuries. Perhaps, even in the midst of war, we are nearer to that ideal than many imagine. On the other hand, it will be hard for people in the occupied countries of Europe, who have witnessed mass arrests and mass murders camouflaged as executions, to have any brotherly feelings towards a German. It will be hard for people who have been tyrannised over and otherwise maltreated to accept the legend of a kindly respectable German people misled into war by their wicked rulers. There is the determination on all sides that such things must never happen again, and discussion concerning the groundwork for a solid world peace is now going forward in Washington. Experts, some of them exiles from Europe, who have been associated for years with the League of Nations, the World Court, or the International Labour Office, have been engaged in these discussions. These men, representing many different nationalities and different points of view, are determined to keep them from being lost after this war, as it was said after the last, that "the Allies won the war but lost the peace."

Dr. Carl Hambro, the former Prime Minister of Norway and President of the League of Nations, has issued the warning that such an organisation as the League should never again be considered the full answer to the problem of international reconstruction. A League framework, he says, could never be anything more than the starting point. Much of this is, of course, wisdom after the event, but wisdom it is nevertheless. Dr. Carl Hambro was one of the many disappointed men who saw the League of Nations shrivel into a League of Hallucinations. If the League is to be re-erected on the ruins of Europe there must be some very different plan of construction. Any new League must be strong and willing enough to enforce its own decisions.

The proposal of the Press sub-branch for an Anglo-American union "as explicit as the union offered by Britain to France before the capitulation of that country" suggests the framework of a new League that will be both powerful and enduring. An Anglo-American federation has long been the dream of statesmen on both sides of the Atlantic. At present we are nearer to it than at any other time in the history of both nations; but anything more than an alliance and collaboration in the interests of future peace is likely to be a plant of slow growth. While the consummation of a federation is devoutly to be wished and worth working for, we should not forget that France in her extremity rejected an offer of complete union with Britain, and the United States, in the moment of victory, is just as likely to reject a formal federation.

With that genius for political compromise, which is the common inheritance of both Briton and American, it seems hardly likely that present indications that anything less binding than an entente can be expected. Even so, what a formidable League of Nations could find its nucleus in such an entente!

Had Britain and the United States remained armed and allied after the last war, they would have been able to deal very summarily with any potential aggressor. The present war, for instance, could have been nipped in the bud by preventing Germany from rearming. Unfortunately, the United States is not a homogeneous nation. Many of the racial elements going through the melting-pot are rabidly anti-British, and it is from these elements that the Isolationists has always drawn its voting strength. The Anglo-American alliance in 1917 was little more than a marriage of convenience. President Wilson's idealism at Versailles did not endear him to the peoples who had suffered at the hands of the Hun, and Anglo-American friendship suffered a severe jolt when the United States Senate rejected the League of Nations. Further, the United States emerged from the last war as the great creditor nation and the vexed question of the war debts was the cause of much aggravation if not actual bitterness.
THE NEW STATE EXECUTIVE

One of the most interesting features of the Annual State Congress is always the election of the new Executive. This year there had been three nominations for the office of State President. They were the retiring president (Mr. Yeates), Colonel A. C. N. Olden and Mr. J. M. W. Anderson. By permission of congress, Colonel Olden withdrew his name from the ballot. Mr. Yeates was re-elected for a further term. Colonel Olden and Mr. J. M. W. Anderson were elected vice-presidents.

The R.S.L. Relief Fund trustees (Messrs. A. H. Panton, G. H. Fairley and J. S. Denton), the Director of the R.S.L. Trading Co., nominated each year by the League (Mr. A. H. Panton) and the auditor (Mr. J. J. Prendergast) were all re-elected unopposed. There were 35 nominations for the 18 seats on the executive committee. The following were elected: Messrs. J. Cornell, E. S. Watt, K. Kahan, W. James, M. E. Zeffert, E. Margolin, R. A. Nicholas, L. Thorn, O. J. Williams, T. C. Fairley, W. Logie, R. A. Wood, D. W. Panton, T. S. Edmondson, R. A. Keessing, H. E. Smith, F. L. Warner and V. Abbott.

Besides being a strong team, the new executive is a very representative body. It includes men of all ranks from that of Private up to Colonel. Both State and Federal Parliaments are represented. Senator Collett, the Immediate Past President, was until the defeat of the Padden Government, a member of the Cabinet, represented the Federal Parliament.

Mr. Cornell is a Member of the Legislative Council and the members of the Legislative Assembly sitting on the executive are the Minister for Mines and Health (Mr. A. H. Panton) and Messrs. Thorn, Warner and Val. Abbott. In this connection, it is interesting to note that all three political parties are represented on the executive. The occupations of other executive members are those of primary producers, business men, Government servants and miners.

The new executive, elected by the vote of congress, the appointment of country vice-presidents, in accordance with established procedure of nomination by the retiring State President, was confirmed. Mr. S. Stewart, of Gnowangerup, thus became Country Vice-President. The District Vice-Presidents are: Southern, Mr. J. J. Whitten (Torbay); central, Mr. T. Hylton (Kalgoorlie), and North-West, Mr. T. Simpson (Upper Chapman).

R.S.L. REPRESENTATIVE ABROAD

The League has always been fully aware of its obligations as an organisation of ex-service men and women. It has realised, and is still realising, that the march of time has extended those obligations to men of the present war, as well as to survivors of the old war. This is only a logical development, for the men returning from the present war will be the League in that not so distant future when we older ones pass on to retirement or the picquet lines beyond the skies. Bearing this in mind, the League, and those
entrusted with the direction of its affairs, have appreciated the value of personal contacts between members of our organization and the men now serving abroad. In this activity, League officials have been fortunate enough to secure the advice of men of the last war who are now returning from service in this conflict. One development that was considered necessary was the appointment of a representative of the League at embarkation ports abroad. A recommendation to this effect was made by the conference of State presidents and secretaries that was held in Melbourne last February. The matter was referred to Mr. Spender, who was then Minister for the Army, and later the War Cabinet approved the proposal. Applications for the position were invited and received from all States of the Commonwealth. The State Secretary of the West Australian Branch (Mr. D. M. Benson) has been advised by the Federal Office that Mr. F. J. Dowling has received the appointment. Mr. Dowling is at present State Secretary of the South Australian Branch. He has been a League official for many years in South Australia, and now he will go abroad to give advice on League matters to men about to return to Australia.

Y.M.C.A. APPEAL

£10,000 for Camp Welfare

Country Diggers, their relatives and friends, are reminded that the Y.M.C.A. will launch a campaign on October 24 to raise £10,000. The money is needed for the maintenance and extension of the Y.M.C.A.'s welfare work with the forces at home and overseas. A preliminary citizens' meeting was presided over recently by the Lord Mayor of Perth (Dr. T. W. Meagher). Our worthy Lord Mayor has associated himself most enthusiastically with the appeal. "Ask the men in the forces today what they think of the Y.M.C.A.," he said. "All are most appreciative of what is being done for them." He said the money is needed urgently, and he felt sure the public would respond. Dr. Meagher emphasised a point that is even yet not universally understood. The funds for the Y.M.C.A. was sometimes administered separately from the general funds of the Y.M.C.A. The social and recreational services provided for the forces cost about £200 a week. It is hoped that £10,000 will be raised, so that the work for next year can be planned in advance.

For the general information of the meeting, the Minister for Mines and Health (Mr. A. H. Panton) gave a brief outline of the work accomplished by the association since the beginning of the war. Mr. Panton, besides being a member of our own State Executive, is chairman of the Y.M.C.A. citizen's committee and a trustee of the appeal. He said that social and recreational service was now being provided by the Australian Y.M.C.A. at 46 points in the Middle East, 12 points in Malaya, six in camps outside Darwin, and at 44 camps, air stations and guard posts in Western Australia. Experience has shown that marques are too expensive and uneconomic. The policy now is to use huts. The equipment includes chairs and tables, pianos, games and sporting gear, electric irons, writing paper, reading matter and so on. Milials, as well as A.I.F. camps and air force stations are covered. Army life today is very strenuous and, after a hard day's work, the men need relaxation. If this is not provided in camps, they will naturally seek it outside. Mobile units follow the troops on active service and work in cooperation with the Australian Comforts Fund. "If the money is not secured," Mr. Panton concluded, "the fine work that is being done will have to be modified." He earnestly appealed to the public of this State to keep it going.

The chairman of the Y.M.C.A. military committee (Mr. N. Temperley) said that the expenditure by this agency since the war began amounted to £16,000. He mentioned that generous assistance had come from the Sportsman's Organising Council for Patriotic Funds, and other bodies and individuals. The actual outlay, however, was far more than the figures indicated. With the exception of the only station at Jerusalem, the entire welfare work of the Australian Y.M.C.A. among the forces was free. There is no camp trading whatever. At this preliminary meeting, Colonel O. V. Hooke represented the G.O.C. Western Command, while the League was represented by the State President (Mr. A. Yeates). Both commended the appeal.

During the discussion of organisation, the development of home help was stressed. Well-wishers were urged to conduct small functions in their own homes to swell the funds. It is thought that, even if individual functions of this kind raise only relatively small sums, the grand total might be something surprisingly worthwhile. The appeal will open with a street collection on October 24. There will be an old-time dance in the Government House ballroom on the same night. Other public functions will include a campfire evening, conducted by the Boy Scouts on the Perth Oval; another children's carnival at the Zoo and a fireworks display and gymkhana to be sponsored by the W.A. Sportsman's Council.

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National War Memorial

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The finalists this year were Gloucester Park, West Leederville, Mt. Hawthorn and Subiaco. Mt. Hawthorn defeated Subiaco after a very close game by 8 points to 4. Gloucester Park defeated West Leederville by 10 points to 2. The games were particularly close, but Gloucester Park won all games but the table tennis. West Leederville have a very strong table tennis team, it being many years since they have been defeated.

Mt. Hawthorn met West Leederville on October 17 to decide which team should meet Gloucester Park in the grand final to be played at Wallish’s Hall (Mt. Lawley R.S.I. rooms) on Wednesday, October 22. There was a large number of visitors and the evening was one of the most enjoyable and interesting held in the series. West Leederville won by 8 points to 4, winning the table tennis, draughts, quoits and bridge, and Mt. Hawthorn won the shooting and the darts.

Once again Gloucester Park and West Leederville will play for the shield for the third time in four years, and a great match is expected. West Leederville should win the table tennis and Gloucester Park the draughts. The other games may swing in either direction.

Individual Championships.
The individual championships will be held this year at Monsh House on Tuesday, November 4 and Tuesday, November 11, commencing at 7.45 p.m. The games to be played are quoits, shooting, table tennis, darts, bridge and draughts, and are open to any member of the League. Sub-branch sports directors and secretaries are urged to assist in obtaining nominations.

Members may also send their nominations direct to Mr. R. Waddington at Anzac House. The individual fee is 1/- per game and nominations are to be in by Saturday, November 1, but post nominations may be accepted if needed to make the draw easier. Supper will be available, and both players and onlookers can be certain of two interesting enjoyable evenings in good company.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF BLINDED SOLDIERS

BY A. CRAIGIE

We St. Dunstaners of the West have heard the arrangements which have been made for the reception, care and training of soldiers blinded in this war. Looking back on our own experiences we feel that this method is not in the best interests of the men. Their first contact with civilian life in their changed circumstances is of the utmost importance; to be fussed over by a reception committee seems to us all wrong. If they can spend a short time together in a training centre learning to be blind as we did at St. Dunstan’s, where we learned to help ourselves and each other, their outlook on life is going to be different. The first contact with life in the mass instead of as an individual. In the mass you laugh at each other’s mishaps and treat blindness as a joke.

We know that St. Dunstan’s at the present time is out of the question, but learned from St. Dunstan’s magazine that Mr. Chadwick Bates, who was Sir Arthur Pearson’s organising secretary at St. Dunstan’s, has been looking after the interests of St. Dunstaners in South Africa for some years, has organised a St. Dunstan’s training centre there, and we respectfully bring to your notice the suggestion that Australian blinded soldiers be sent to South Africa for their first training. Failing this, would it be possible for the repatriation to organise such a centre in Australia? There are several ex St. Dunstan’s Sisters in Australia who, we feel sure, would be willing to give their experience, and we are sure our friend and colleague, Captain Frank Marriott, would be willing to give any assistance or information.

We do not want our new blinded soldiers to start off their contact with the civilian blinded. We consider that the civilian blinded’s outlook in life is different altogether to what we want our men to have when they come back. We feel that it would be better for them to be in a separate training centre, where they are as one community and retain a comradeship which under other circumstances would not be theirs.

THE QUESTION OF PREFERENCE

There were five motions on this year’s congress agenda dealing with preference of employment to returned soldiers. The object of most of them was the elimination of the provision that all other things shall be equal. The motion submitted by the Yealering sub-branch was made the substantive motion. It urged that, “In view of the attitude adopted by a large section of the community towards enlistment for active service, preference for ex-service men be made a major plank in the platform of the League, and that the words, other things being equal,” be deleted from the present preference policy.”

Speakers pointed out that these words placed a returned man at a disadvantage. If he had served abroad for anything up to four years, he was likely to be under a handicap in comparison with the man who remained at home and had unbroken employ-

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ment during that time. Again, with advancing age, the efficiency of returned soldiers was declining through their war service. It was unfair, therefore, that their suitability for a job should be measured against that of younger men who had not gone through the rigours of war. The clause “other things being equal” enabled many people to escape their obligation to returned men, even when the latter had equal qualifications to those of competitors. The motion was carried.

THE MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION
This year’s congress, like its predecessors, provided several interesting and spirited debates. One of those took place on the opening day, on the question of amending the Constitution to widen the qualifications for membership, particularly to meet the case of men returning from the present war. At present, before a man is eligible for membership of the League, he must have gone overseas to a theatre of war. It was pointed out that conditions were very different in the present war from those existing in the war of 1914-18. It may so happen that men stationed in certain zones overseas may be ruled out of membership, as well as those of the militia, and others on home service in Australia, who are not permitted to leave their units.

The debate was initiated by a motion from the Fremantle sub-branch that congress appoint a sub-committee “to consider the possibility of recasting the Constitution, so as to include all those who have participated in the defence of the Empire in this war.” The motion was opposed by a number of speakers, who argued that the League had been built upon a membership of fighting men, and that the watering down of membership qualifications would endanger the structure of the League. Opponents of the motion pointed out that the men returning from the present war might have ideas on this subject just as definite as those of members of the original A.I.F., and nothing should be done until sufficient of them had returned to give a reliable opinion. Another suggestion was made that, as the matter is on the agenda for the Federal Congress, the West Australian delegates be given a free hand to make a decision. After much discussion, congress carried an amendment deferring the matter “until a reasonable number of the men serving overseas return.”

CONGRESS DEBATES CONSCRIPTION
Perhaps the most keenly debated motion before this year’s Congress was a motion urging the conscription of all resources for the defence of the nation. Five motions on this subject were submitted, but that sponsored by the North Perth sub-branch was made the substantive motion. It urged the conscription of all the wealth, material, machinery, and man-power necessary for the successful prosecution of the war, and asked the incoming State Executive to call a public meeting to impress on the Commonwealth Government the urgent necessity of adopting these measures.

The proposal for a public meeting was opposed by the State President, who considered such a meeting would do little towards attaining the objects sought. He also believed that a public meeting of this nature would be undesirable in the present unsettled political situation. Mr. Yeates pointed out that one great political party in Australia was totally opposed to the conscription of man-power for service overseas, while the other great party was just as much opposed to conscription of wealth. Universal training, he went on, was a measure of conscription of man-power, and the recent Budget was a step towards the conscription of wealth. It seemed that the Commonwealth Government was progressing gradually towards the objects set out in the motion.

Finally, the motion was amended and carried in the following form: “Considering the critical position of the British Empire, congress is of the opinion that an all-in effort is essential, and requests the State Executive to urge the Commonwealth Government to conscript wealth, man-power and production, and that all Federal members be urged to support such a measure.”

WHY IS A BOCHE?
General Wavell is an author as well as a soldier, and his life of his old chief, Lord Allenby, is one of the finest works of military biography published in recent years. Nothing, however, could have been more effective than his message of appeal to the French troops in Syria recalling the victory which French and British had won over these same Boches twenty years ago. Twice in General Wavell’s message he used the term Boche, and it is, of course, the right one for the context. It is one of the words of the last war that has been almost obliterated by time. We still speak of the Huns, and the Jerrys, and sometimes of the Fritz, but the word Boche is almost as completely forgotten as if it had been a word of the seventeen or eighteenth century. That is as far as British soldiers are concerned; but, to the French and Belgians who fought against them in the last war, the Germans will always be “the Boches.” It is a term which carries a hard, unyielding hatred, as well as contempt, whereas the Fritz of the British officer, or the Jerry of the other ranks had an almost friendly touch of derision about it.

There is nothing friendly about the word Boche. It rings with a cold, undying bitterness, and it was the right word to use to the French in Syria. Although the word is well known, one may hear endless arguments about its origin. A French officer was asked: “Why do you call the enemy ‘the Boches’?” to which the Frenchman replied: “Mon ami, what else could you call them?” The word seems to have come from the French slang term “Caboche,” which means the head, pate
HEROIC HITLER

Before the war, we used to hear much from Axis propagandists about the claim that Hitler and his satellite Mussolini were both corporals in the last war; and that Mussolini had been wounded in action and Hitler gained the Iron Cross, First Class, which is the highest battle honour a German soldier can earn. The facts of the war service of both dictators have been well established. Mussolini was only a few weeks with the colours. It is doubtful if he ever saw the front line, and his honourable wounds were received in a bombing school, well behind the line, and under circumstances which would have earned him a court-martial for a self-inflicted wound, had he been in the British Army. Hitler was not actually a corporal. He was a lance-corporal. The different propaganda books of Nazism have always maintained that Hitler spent four years of the war in the front line trenches, and that he won his decoration by capturing 12 French soldiers and a machine-gun single-handed. Now, if Hitler were such a good and efficient soldier, how was it he was not promoted to higher rank during his four years of front-line service?

By permission of the King of Bavaria, Hitler, who was an Austrian subject, was allowed to enlist in the 16th Munich Regiment, called the Lister Regiment after its commanding officer. When he went to the front, he was attached to the Regimental Staff, where he remained as a runner. It must be borne in mind that the German regiment is the equivalent of the British Brigade, so that Hitler's job, which he kept for the duration, was really that of a runner on Brigade Headquarters. As such he would rarely, if ever, get further forward than Brigade Headquarters. There can be only one answer to the question, Why was he not promoted to higher rank? Had he been a sergeant he would have had to go to the front line. The inference is that Hitler himself avoided promotion to keep his comparatively safe job. Had Hitler received the Iron Cross Second Class, nobody would have been surprised. That grade is about the equivalent of our Military Medal, and about the end of the war it was comparatively easy to get the Iron Cross Second Class if a soldier served at the front and was honest. The Iron Cross First Class, however, could be given only by the Kaiser, or the High Command of the Army, to whom the Kaiser delegated his prerogative during the war. Even officers received the First Class only for outstanding achievements and great personal bravery. If a corporal became the proud owner of it, he must have done something quite extraordinary and been a hero of the first rank.

The history of the Lister Regiment was published immediately after the war. It recorded all the outstanding deeds of privates and non-commissioned officers; but Hitler's name was not even mentioned in this impeding book. Careful investigation, during which all the comrades of Hitler were questioned, revealed the fact that Hitler received the highest German military decoration not during, but after the war. It was Field-Marshall von Ludendorff, whose connections with Hitler were well known, who gave him the Iron Cross First Class, some time after the war.
reference to "Urgers." Will somebody please take the matter up? (Note.—We do not mind rough Mondays.)

Cpl. Tomkin is seriously ill in 110 A.G.H. We wish him a speedy recovery and an early return to the healthy Rottnest climate. S/Sgt. Thompson is also on the sick list, suffering, it is said, from gout (he is a quartermaster!). The sudden death of Lieut-Colonel Kuring came as a great shock to all ranks, and we wish to offer our sympathy to Mrs. Kuring and the members of his family. An original 10th, Colonel Kuring was second in command when the battalion was formed, and was appointed to command in August, 1940. In the 1914-18 war, Colonel Kuring served with the 7th and 9th Battalions and was a Major at the Armistice. Our late C.O. always had the interest of his men very much at heart, and had earned the respect of all in his command.

With these notes we extend a sincere welcome and congratulations to Major R. Skinner, M.C., formerly Chief Instructor of the Western Command Training School, who has been appointed C.O. Major Skinner in his former capacity is known to hundreds of members of the A.I.F., who will appreciate our good luck.

5 Garrison Battalion

The battalion having received the good news that summer dress would be worn as from October 1, the S/Sgt. tailor worked top speed to have everything ready. It must have been rather annoying that after such an effort winter returned with a vengeance, thus holding up the expected change. It is not true, however, that a young lady who had hastened her steps to get a front view of a slim and nicely suited figure was heard to remark "Only an old tyre recovered."

Congratulations are offered to Jim Greggan on his promotion to Corporal. "Support" Coy. N.C.O.'s are wondering why a certain N.C.O. after accepting the responsibility of training a squad of ladies suddenly decided to go to sea.

The company having received information that it will once more be able to show the results of good training has settled down to intensive training and fatigue. The welfare officer opened his heart or the coffers of the fund, and each but now enjoys a dartboard.

It is understood that if a certain "A" Coy. Sergt. is not detailed for gangway duty in the near future, hospital ships will have to give our port a wide berth.

"A" Coy. has lost an asset to their concert personnel in the officer with the "bones," who has been transferred to "Y" Coy. Lieut. Morgan is holding down the job of O.C. in "A" Coy. with his usual vim and vigour, and his influence is to be both felt and seen in and around the camp. The boys all reckon he is tops and are looking forward to a long term under his command.

We notice "Picillo Pete" is back on the warpath after a spell with Doc. Anderson in the C.D.S. We are hoping to hear the sweet strains of his "Fute" floating through the air of Swanbourne again in the near future.

Paddy Day was nearly with us again for a spell, but unfortunately he hurt his back on the way in and is still on the mend at Ty for the genial Doc. However, he is doing nicely, so we expect to see him about when the fear of a turn on the bayonet course is past.

Well the warm weather appears to have arrived at last, and we are all looking forward to a spell of dry, at least as far as the weather is concerned.

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The "Q" staff have been very busy these last few days issuing summer suits, so we are all expecting to look our best, weather, of course, permitting, in our "Stop me and buy one" clothing.

Cpl. Manners, who went to the 19th last month, has soon proved his worth over there, and is now 19th. S/Sgt. stationed in H.C., Pte. Nickell, Alex. "A" Coy. wish you all the best.

To be congratulated also is Joe Edwards on his appointment as L/Cpl. Good luck, Joe, and all the best. We would very much like to know how Sgt. Fielder shapes as a ladies' man. Both the ladies and the handsome S/Sgt. have said nothing so far, and we are wondering.

Our welfare officer is at it again trying to make the boys show what they can do, and another six hours' instruction, an hour for lunch, another three to two weeks requires a blanket.

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Talking about whales. That not one man of the two parties at the canteen until the concert and amateur trials was staged until 2030 hours. No coffee then indicated time to retire, but not to sleep. Eight in each hut, with three blankets each did not permit of much sleep. There were too many tales to be told, and too many pranks to play. Anyhow, all blankets were rolled next morning in bundles of ten and within half an hour of Reveille. Then came football, breakfast, instruction, an hour for lunch, another three and a half hours' instruction, dismiss, and home to tea and bed. It has been reported that not one man of the two companies suffered from insomnia on the Sunday evening.

There is a continuous flow of members from companies to courses and schools in camp at Swanbourne or around the metropolitan area in for a fortnight and then back to their companies headquarters so they can update their gains and impart thei recent tips on this and that to their less fortunate brethren.

It is a strenuous time for them both physically and mentally. Full-time instruction for a fortnight or three weeks requires a maximum of concentration, apart from the physical effort, and when the maximum has to be crammed into the minimum it means real hard work if the full benefit is to be gained.

The machine gunners from each platoon spend a fortight at Swanbourne at the beginning of September.

One of the pleasant results of the invasion was a sergeants' mess full to capacity, possibly at times beyond it.

It is an inspiration to those who have to do their service in small groups, and in isolated places to find themselves among large numbers of persons engaged in military pursuits.

So quite apart from the military gain there was the development of the comradeship, the adventure in friendship.

There were trials and trials were all left by the 25 M.G. Regiment.

Recruiting is still one of the preoccupations of O.C.'s companies. Some companies have got within two or three weeks of their allotted strength, only to fall back or at least remain stationary through the drain of discharge and transfer of personnel. Men are constantly moving from one civil billet to another, and that means a distinct loss to the company that has spent time and energy in training, although possibly from the wider parochial standpoint this time has not been wasted.

There is also a steady flow of members into F.T.D. with garrison units, specialist units, A.I.F., R.A.A.F. and R.A.N. This is definitely useful work on the part of companies, but requires all to work together.

Much has been done to put the public in order to encourage potential recruits to pull their weight with the ever-greens in their own particular port, but there is still a shortage in that extra something over and above to allow of re-placement of legitimate wastage. In other words, there should be a steady flow into companies if the necessary strength is to be maintained, or at least the safety mark. There should be an ample supply of suitable material available in many places. The scope is wide enough these days. Married men of 21 to 35, fit 2A. Married and single men 40 to 55, fit 1 or 2A, and returned men 1st and 2nd A.I.F., and the conditions of service are not exacting.

Camps and bivouacs, etc., carrying pay, normally granted for a certain number of days and drills per annum.

5 Garrison (Militia) Notes

Approximately 95 per cent of the full strength of the 5 Garrison (Militia) experienced their first bivouac at the Western Command school at Guildford during the second week-end in September.

All paraded 14.15 hours on Saturday and half an hour sufficed to allot the 270 men to huts, issue blankets and change into working dugs. This enabled some solid work to be put in hand until 1700 hours and all were ready for tea half an hour later. The company was enabled to winnow its numbers, mounting with the Western Command Band in attendance. The guard consisted mainly of men drawn from the Nedlands platoon with Cpl. Catterall and L/Cpl. Allom as N.C.O.'s of the guard. After tea, headed by the band, a march to Guildford and back enabled all on their return to do a good job at the canteen until the concert and amateur trials was staged until 2030 hours. Hot coffee then indicated time to retire, but not to sleep. Eight in each hut, with three blankets each did not permit of much sleep. There were too many tales to be told, and too many pranks to play. Anyhow, all blankets were rolled next morning in bundles of ten and within half an hour of Reveille.

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The W.A. Branch has lost a good worker and excellent sub-branch secretary in the transfer of Mr. H. A. Irsasam, from Meckering to Victoria, where his many and long years of membership will be missed. We wish him well in his new position. Mr. Irsasam had a commission in the 11th Battalion in the Great War, and at the recent sub-branch function a presentation was made as a tribute to his work with the Meckering-Cunderdin sub-branch.

We record with regret the death of Sister L. T. Stuart, who served with the A.I.F. in the last war. After the war Miss Stuart was on the staff of the Royal Hobart Hospital, Brisbane (Queensland), for some years. She was then appointed to the staff of Rosemount Restitution Hospital, where she devoted her time and services to the invalided soldiers up to the time of her death.

Major R. Skinner, the new C.O. of the 10th Garrison Battalion, has long association with the forces in this State, both during and between the wars. He gained his Military Cross for gallantry in action at Mesopotamia in August, 1917. Since the outbreak of war he has been doing splendid work as Chief Instructor at the Western Command School for the training of officers and N.C.O.s.

Mr. H. J. Goode, B.A., who has been appointed Government Statistician and Registrar-General, Chief Secretary’s Department, is another ex-service man who has attained high rank in the Government Service.

Mr. W. A. Ross at Laverton early in the month. Bill Ross served abroad with the 3rd M.G.B. and was awarded the D.C.M. For years after the war he was secretary of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch and at the time of his passing was the oldest sub-branch in the State. We extend sympathy with Mrs. Ross, who was in Perth recovering from a serious illness.

Mr. R. O. Law was appointed by Congregation to lead the Uluru Marting of the W.A. of the State War Memorial. Mr. Law is a public-spirited citizen who does not advertise his generous actions, being the type that does good by stealth. He is a director of many big companies in W.A., including Hadfields, Swann & Balland Cement Ltd., and Perpetual Trustee Coy.

Congratulations to Major Harry Walker on his promotion to the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel. He was called up for service with the 32nd Battalion in the last war and, as Captain, he commanded the 8th Light Trench Mortar Battery. He was awarded the M.M. for his service in action on the Somme in August, 1918. Between the wars, he was for a time a member of the State Executive.

Another of the old 32nd is also due for a spot of congratulation. Sergeant Temperley (A.I.F.) was recently awarded the Military Medal for services in the Middle East. He is the son of Norman H. Temperley, the chairman of the military committee of the Y.M.C.A. of this State, and is director of Millara’s Timber and Trading Co. Ltd., and he attained the dizzy height of sergeant during the last war. However, after the Armistice he accepted a commission from General Sir Talbot Hobbs, who wanted him on his personal staff. More recently, and in addition to Y.M.C.A. work and a host of other duties, he has been an active and enthusiastic member of the Mosman Park Home Guard unit. He was leader of the unit for a time, but stress and worry compelled him to relinquish that post in favour of someone with more time at his disposal. He continues as a full private.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Engineer-Lieutenant Edward James Judge, who has been serving with the Royal Australian Naval Reserve at Fremantle. He was elected Mayor of Claremont in 1939, but resigned from that office 12 months later as he was required for service with the R.A.N.R. The late Engineer-Lieutenant Judge served with the Royal Navy in the last war and was stationed at the naval dockyards at Malta. In 1924, he joined the Mercantile Marine. When he settled in Western Australia he took up the position of refrigerating engineer at the State Abattoirs. Later he was a partner in the management of the Hotel Continental at Claremont.

Personalities

The O.I.C. District Records, Western Command, advises that a General Service medal was awarded to Mr. J. P. Owens, Tunbull A.I.F., has been found. Subject to the owner producing proof of identity it may be recovered from Western Command Headquarters.

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During Show Week one frequently overheard remarks like this: "One section, and not the other" was the accident and the badly-smashed leg that Jack Smith had sustained a few days before when he was jolted between two trams. For several days he was in a very critical condition, but the latest bulletins indicated that he would recover as far as his leg was concerned. It was to be expected. The hospital authorities say there is an excellent chance of saving his leg. Jack Smith served in the last war with the 16th. He is a man of robust physique and very genial personality. Besides being one of Perth’s most popular tram conductors, he has been a good son to a widowed mother. He had not long returned from long service leave when the accident occurred. We wish him all the best and a speedy recovery.

Jim Lang, of the North Perth sub-branch, is back again after service in his second war. Jim was one of the younger and luckier Diggers of 1914-18 who managed to get away again for another shot or two at the Hun. Recently he injured his back through a fall into an anti-tank trap, and this is the reason for his return to Australia on duty. By a strange coincidence, his son, young Jim Lang, went into an A.I.F. camp almost the very day Jim senior reached a port somewhere in Australia. Both Jims, by the way, are on the "Arctic Daily News" when they are not buzzing off to world wars. The elder Jim’s brother is a prisoner of war.

At the October meeting of the Mosman Park sub-branch, the social secretary, Bill Stothard, was presented with a fine wristlet watch. This was a small recognition of his many valuable services to the sub-branch over a fairly long period.

Congratulations are extended to the following members of the Nedlands sub-branch on their recent promotions in the forces: George Sharpe, on his promotion to the rank of Captain, G.A.A.R., from the rank of Lieutenant; and Cyril Chapple, on his promotion to the rank of W.O. 1.

Harry Axford, of the North Perth sub-branch, surprised old pals by passing the M.O. and wearing the King’s uniform again. We understand that Harry has gone into a technical unit for which his trade is a good qualification. When last heard of, he was at General Details Camp, Claremont, but he expects to move to some other station at any time—perhaps even overseas.

North Perth sub-branch has enrolled as a member for the first time of the present war. He is J. G. Sneddon, who held the rank of Warrant Officer in the 2/11th Battalion. He saw service in the Libyan campaign, passing through the Bardia and Tobruk battles, but was unfortunately in receiving fields when the Armistice was signed. During his period of training in Palestine he saw much of that country, and he will tell the North Perth sub-branch all about his experiences at a future meeting.

Cliff Lambe, the energetic secretary of the Gloucester Park sub-branch, has been seriously ill at St. John’s Hospital, but is pleased to announce a steady improvement in his condition. It is hoped that he will be well enough to witness the grand final of the A.R.M.S. competition between his sub-branch and West Leddington at Wallis’s Hall, Mr. Leyland, on Wednesday, October 22.
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Ex-service men are well represented among the squadron officers appointed to the Air Training Corps in this State. The O.C. of the Perth Squadron is F. G. Bradshaw, a big, dark, unassuming Digger who fought the good fight with the 32nd Battalion. During his service in France he reached the rank of Lance-Sergeant and was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in action. In 1921 to 1924, he was in charge of the Cadet detachment at Perth Modern School. Now he is senior lecturer in mathematics at the Teachers' College, Claremont. One of his hobbies was craftsmanship. He is an expert bookbinder and cabinet-maker. Some years ago, when he was contemplating marriage, he made a magnificent wardrobe for the bride-to-be.

The O.C. of the Fremantle Squadron, H. A. Holley, is another of the Digger schoolmasters who are so well known in League circles. He served for three years in the King's Own Norfolk Yeomanry and was a Driver in the 11th Battalion during the last war.

T. J. Rankine-Wilson, the O.C. of the Guildford Squadron, is a chartered accountant by profession. He served in the field artillery of the B.E.F. for three years in the last war, but in 1917 and 1918 he served in the Royal Air Force as an observer and pilot.

The Adjutant of the Fremantle Squadron is the evergreen W. A. (Bill) Wilkins, one of Perth's most popular business men. Bill and his fiddle were well known and in great demand as entertainers at public and private functions for a few years ago. He was formerly a member of the State Executive and was first president of the Anzac Club. Like his new O.C., he commenced his war service with the 11th Battalion, but was afterwards given a commission in the Australian Flying Corps. He was awarded the D.C.M. for gallantry under fire.

E. C. Rogers, an officer of the State Public Service, who has been appointed Adjutant of the Claremont Squadron, was a Lieutenant in the last war and gained the Military Cross for distinguished service at Passchendaele in 1917. In that action he was seriously wounded.

The Adjutant of the Guildford Squadron is E. C. Ramage, an officer of the Commonwealth Public Service. He served abroad with the A.I.F. from 1914 to 1917, when he was invalided back to Australia. He continued to serve with the Australian Instructional Corps from 1918 to 1924, and with the Training Battalion at Northam for six months in 1940.

The West Swan sub-branch has suffered a severe loss through the sudden death of W. P. (Bill) Tomlin, a foundation member who passed away on 9th September. Born in England, he served his time in the Royal Navy before coming to Western Australia. When the last war broke out, he enlisted and served overseas with the A.L.O.R.D. A few years ago he met with an accident which deprived him of his eyesight, but in spite of this disability he never missed a sub-branch meeting. The late Bill Tomlin was a man of cheerful disposition and loved by everyone who knew him. He was generous of heart and always ready to do a good turn. He leaves a widowed family, now married. We join with the West Swan sub-branch in offering deepest sympathy and condolence to these bereaved relatives.

Captain Sydney Douglas Eden, officer commanding A.A.M.C. (Calvary), died suddenly at Lucknow Hospital, after a long illness. Captain Eden served abroad with the dental corps during the last war. He was aged 61 and survived by one son, to whom we extend heartfelt condolence.

**SOME PERSONALITIES AT CONGRESS BY "SPOTLIGHT"**

President Alf Yeates, as usual, made a good job as Chairman and had good control. Jimmie Cornell, as chairman of the Agenda Committee, was the hardest worked delegate, and his long, useful service was acknowledged by being placed at the top of the poll in the election for the executive. Colonel Olen was one of half a dozen delegates in khaki. He is a useful and concise speaker, and deserved his re-election as senior vice-president.

Two of the most cheerful blokes at Congress were the blind Diggers, Bill James and Alex Craigie. The delegate who held the floor most was by far Bill Wilson, who is a sincere little chap who champions lost causes.

An interesting speaker with a pretty turn of wit was B. Elsgood, of Yealering. The evergreen Harry May, of Collie, proved again to be a very convincing advocate, even succeeding in getting a resolution passed, after it was explained that what was asked for was already law and administrative policy. Syd. Coles, of Albany, who wore khaki, was the champion of the Merchant Marines. A sincere speaker was Ernie Bogostow, of Boulder, and he was well supported by his colleague Ten Lennell, who has attended many Congresses. Clarrie Fairley was a shrewd debater with a clear voice that could be heard out in the street. Jack Hylton seldom spoke but we could have had more of his voice. Jim Anderson, as vice-president, was fluent and sensible. Morrie Zeffert and Ivor Bristwell were the "most finished" speakers. Harry Kahan was clever and scholarly. Fred Bateson was impressive. This old campaigner has a wealth of knowledge. Dave Paton, just back from the Middle East, was of great assistance. Bert Smith and Jack Troode, the West Leederville pair, proved to be efficient and sensible debaters. Frank Corness was the champion of the "burn-out" motion. A very useful delegate and fluent speaker was Harley Colebatch, of Northam. Sister Clifton looked happy to be with the boys. She got a great reception when she rose to speak. A trained speaker who should have a future in the League was Mr. M. G. Smith, Sectional Director Tom Edmondson so impressed that he was elected to the executive on his first try. Attending his first Congress was Harvey Rae, of Claremont. He is a public spirited chap with a wealth of sound common sense. Bert Rigg was another of the Diggers who made a good showing. He has a wealth of knowledge on all subjects and is a most useful worker.

J. McGinlay, of Wiluna, just back from the war, expressed his candid opinion (shared by the delegates) of those who go on strike in war time. Bert Rigg looked cheerful. Evidently he keeps so busy helping others that he forgets his own physical pain. Geo. Betty, the mainstay of Pemberton, and Hammy Grow den of Quairading were useful delegates. Bill Campbell, who was in khaki, efficiently represented Guildford. Bill previously came from Pingrup. Dave Johnstone, of Harvey, was listened to with attention. Dear-old Tom Silver, of Mt. Magnet, was given many hearty cheers.

The Adjutant of the Fremantle, Bert Rigg looked cheerful. Big Bill Armstrong of Cran brook, made short pointed speeches.

Many others spoke, and all were interesting personalities and able debaters. There were few takers for the League, but the foremost were those who caught the writer's eye.

**THE LATE DR. BLACKALL**

The League as an organisation, and ex-service men generally, have lost a good friend through the passing of Dr. W. E. Blackall, who served through the last war as a Major of the A.I.F., and who had recently been made Honorary M.O. of the Press unit of the Home Guard. Before the war of 1914-18, Dr. Blackall had already commenced his connection with the forces. As a medical practitioner, he could have maintained a constant connection with the A.I.F. He preferred to serve as a simple gunner in the 37th Australian Field Artillery, the unit which afterwards became the 8th A.F.A. During the Tammin Camp in 1911, a gunner badly injured his hand in a breechlock. The Regimental M.O. was not available at the time, so Gunner Blackall was called upon to fix up the injury. He did so, but complained that he could not get away from business, even in camp.

After the last war, Dr. Blackall did some very important and valuable work in England in connection with the outbreak of pneumonic influenza. Although he retired from practice a few years ago, he has been very busy with his work, especially with the Home Guard. One of his hobbies was botany, and he had almost completed a work on botany at the time of his death.

**STATE WAR MEMORIAL**

The State Warden's report for the year was submitted to this year's Annual State Congress by the retiring warden, Brigadier-General E. F. Martin. On the motion of the State President, Congress recorded its thanks to the State Warden and the Boy Scouts' Association, which had acted as sub-wardens, and to Mr. E. E. Thompson, the Supreme intendent of King's Park for services rendered during the year. The State President then reported that Messrs. E. S. Watt, C. Taylor and G. H. Philip were the retiring members of the State Committee who were re-appointed by Congress. On the motion of the State President, Mr. R. O. Law was appointed State Warden, and the Boy Scouts' Association were elected sub-wardens.

In German air-raid shelters people are asking themselves questions like this: "Where would we be today, if we had not lived in cities?" Or else they ask, "Is it worth while for us to continue our work?" To which the answer is: "In bed asleep."
The presentation of cups is always a pleasing feature of the Annual State Congress. This year the Newdegate Cup was awarded to Newlands, with West Leedsville runners-up. Mr. J. K. Jefferson, on behalf of the West Leedsville supporters, accepted the cup on behalf of the sub-branch. The Mary Cornell Trophy was awarded to the Shackleton-Walsham sub-branch of the State Executive. Mr. Cornell would hand over this trophy to the sub-branch. Congress carried a motion that the State Executive review the conditions of the granting of League trophies, with a view to taking into consideration the patriotic endeavours of sub-branches.

Private W. Rowland, of Osborne Park, who is now abroad on active service, has written a breezy letter to "The Listening Post," senior contributor, J. Pearson, of No. 1 Welfare Centre, Osborne Park. The beer question has eased a trifle since I wrote last. In fact it is so easy we get it every day, sometimes three times a day. The chief trouble is going to be rationed. We have to procure tickets from the Orderly-Room—one ticket for one bottle for one day. The non-boozers are in the boom, and their tickets come in very handy. The trouble is there are not too many non-drinkers in this army, but we don't do badly, all the same. I can always get to the bar in time, but the beer is not much in favour. The national game is still played, as of yore. You know the one I mean. 'Five hundred he heads them, and so on. Some of the sports play football, but this is rather a thirst producer, and is not much in favour. By the way, we had some Swain Bitter last week. It made me quite homesick, but I didn't get enough to develop any other form of sickness. The paper rationing is over the odds. It's a scramble to get hold of the local magazine. There are lots of cup from the club. It would look nice to write about, places I have seen and things done, but will have to wait for a more festive opportunity. Old Joe Stalin seems to be getting a bit of his own back. May he continue to do so and get a few miles into Germany."

A somewhat exciting interlude occurred at the unveiling of the Honour Board at Osborne Park on Sunday, September 13. As the flag fell, there was a mild explosion. A flash of lightning appeared over the emblem of distinction and there were murmured "Ohs" from the audience. It was caused by the taking of a flash-light photograph by a Press man who accidentally dropped some of the globes on the field. This was quickly swept away, but not before a stalwart Digger called out, "It's all right, girls. London can take it. So can we." The laughter that ensued was equalled only when Colonel Long described how the 2/11th captured 4,600 Italian prisoners of war. He was welcomed home. He should have explained that the enemy were in the habit of waiting in queues to be captured.

A new light has been turned on the notorious Alexander appointment in a letter we have just received from a pal now an active service in the Middle East. He writes: "What about the League calling a halt with regard to appointments to decent positions? It would be better to make them acting and give the 'blokes' over here a look in. They are equipped and ready. Why not give them a chance? We don't need an urgent appeal to appoint Alexander to his present position with a Major's rank? What about Captain Bunting, M.A., and others who left academic security for front-line risks? One of those I have in mind is a Sergeant now serving in the 5th Field in Switzerland who is a Master of Arts, Master of Science and holds the Diploma of Education. Those who are serving abroad should be given opportunity to make application for these positions."

While the Japanese see in every defensive movement by Britain or other democratic countries a threat of encirclement against themselves, they have effectively completed the encirclement of the international city of Shanghai. Surrounded by Japanese troops, Shanghai has long been deprived of its British garrison, and now it seems the Vichy-dominated French concession slipping with Vichy toward full axis dominance. This leaves only Uncle Sam's Marines as the last bulwark of democratic power in the stronghold where Occidentals once held their most secure position in the Orient.

The latest Japanese whine is a complaint against the American patrol in the North Atlantic. The Americans, however, have done more than patrolling northern trade routes. They have relieved Britain of the burden of garrisoning the independent island of Iceland. Before the Russian war reached its climax there were strong grounds for suspecting that Germany was about to attempt to overrun this strategic island. One of the vital defense points in America's outer defenses. If it were occupied by an enemy Power, the outer defenses of the Western Hemisphere would be seriously breached. The very size of the Expeditionary Force sent to occupy the island—four divisions—is evidence of the importance London attaches to the place. However, there appears little immediate danger of a German attack. It is at least 900 miles from their仅 one point in Iceland. Although that is within possible reach of German sea-borne or even parachute troops, any attempt at invasion would have to be far more formidable than the German High Command has yet risked overseas.

Those who have tried to discover a few grains of truth in the contradictory Nazi and Soviet war bulletins would do well to remember the Nazis concept of news. The capture of a certain point is announced, not because that point actually has been captured, but because—according to the German High Command—the point was due to be captured at that particular time. When the Germans claimed success against the Poles, Norwegians, Belgians, French or Greeks, that particular nation was actually been gained at the time it was announced. But enough afterwards, and the world was impressed by the reliability of the Nazi reports. But this was the basis. Victories in the earlier campaigns were so fast that this peculiarity, technical not discovered. It is only since the programme went wrong in Russia that the discrepancies were detected and exposed.

Two days after Germany went to war with Russia, Berlin reported a revolution in the Baltic States. According to the Nazis, tens of thousands were in rebellion. That, it now appears, was what Hitler expected, but after these reports had come from Berlin for about ten days without confirmation from the Baltic area, the German radio came out with the story warning the world that the British were to blame for this false report. Actually, so far from being helped by local revolts, the Germans had to fight hard for two weeks to conquer the Baltic States which they reported won by revolt within two days.

The official German News Agency is known by its initials, D.N.B.—and many a competent news editor dismisses D.N.B. news with the remark that the letters stand for "Do Not Believe."

From time to time the British Official Wireless sends out descriptions of Axis prisoners of war camps which reveal that our captured lads are receiving better treatment that can be expected under the circumstances, especially in the Italian prison camps. Mr. Tracy Strong, the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A.'s World Committee for War Prisoners' Aid, made a four months' tour of the camps in Britain, France, Germany and Switzerland. He reported that all the belligerent countries were fulfilling the terms of the Geneva Convention, which prescribed standards for the treatment of war prisoners. "It is surprising little note against these men after the capture," Mr. Strong said. Nationalists in those countries where the men are interned look on them as soldiers who have been doing a soldier's job. He described the morale of the prisoners as high, with the exception of the Belgians, who are bitterly disappointed because they were not allowed to return to their home after Belgium capitulated.

Soldiers in Blighty are reported to be buying up all the available supplies of colourless nail polish. When it is applied to buttons on their uniforms, it keeps them clean for a fortnight. What! No more spit and polish! The Service is going to the dogs!

Dog lovers in the Isle of Man are suggesting that the Isle become a sort of modern Noah's Ark until the war is ended. Valuable, well-bred dogs, it is stated, are being given away in England or destroyed because of conditions and situations arising from air raids. The Isle of Man dog lovers, who stand representatives of all breeds of dogs be shipped to the hospitable island for the duration.

This happened in the early days of the war. A Canadian soldier, leaving an underground bomb in a place where a German boy apparently forlorn, weary and depressed after a night's bombing. "Chins up, sonny," he said sympathetically. "Chins up nothing," the lad replied. "I'm all right. Only thing I'm missing is I'm being vacated today, and I won't learn to use songs in the country like we do in the shelters at night." And that's London under the blitz.

This is what a traffic John told us recently: "If we Cops had more patient pedestrians, the doctors would have fewer pedestrian patients."

General Wavell is a writer as well as a soldier. Here is his contribution to the discussion on the new world order: "Have you ever thought," he said, "what a world we could make if we put into practice the ideals of the energy, self-sacrifice and cooperation we use in the wastefulness of war?"
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THE FOREST OF COMPIEGNE
BY C. R. COLLINS

Even in days when France was less densely populated than it is today, a forest played a great part in the imagination of Frenchmen. The Forests of Fontainebleau and Vincennes were the preserves of champions of French kings and their court. Nearly 200 years ago, when Rousseau was putting out his plan for a new world order, he recommended a return to nature, and took as his slogan, “Let us return to nature.”

After the last war, the French dedicated a whole forest as a memorial to the writers of the Allied nations who were killed in action. The idea was very bold, a political project. Thinking of forests today, with the approach of Armistice Day, many Frenchmen no doubt will sadly recall the opening lines of a lyric by Theodore de Banville. The English equivalent of those lines—

“We go no more to the forest.
The laurels are all cut down.”

Those lines are peculiarly applicable at the present time to the Forest of Compiégne, which has been the scene of the neighbourhood of so many of France’s glories and so many of her sorrows.

Compiégne, the town after which the forest is named, is a town on the River Oise. It has a population of little more than 14,000, but its history might be envied by many larger places. It was in the Forest of Compiégne that the great peace of 1871 was signed on the terms of the Duke of Burgundy. In this forest, too, the ill-fated Louis XVI received his Austrian bride, the equally ill-fated Marie-Antoinette. Here, also, Napoleon took delivery of his second wife, another Austrian princess, Marie-Louise. It was the German headquarters during the war of 1870-71. The Germans captured Compiégne in 1914 and it was an objective in their last drive in 1918.

In a railway car in the forest, on November 11, 1918, a delegation of Germans signed the armistice terms dictated to them by Marshal Foch. In that same railway car, No. 2419D, on June 22, 1940, a delegation of Frenchmen signed the armistice terms dictated by Germany’s Colonel-General Wilhelm Keitel. The armistice terms of 1918 were severe, though not unduly so when the behaviour of the Boche and his methods of “frightfulness” are considered, but they were mildness in comparison with the horrors and humiliation of a defeat by Hitler’s armistice. That humiliation has been made all the more acute by the vandalisation perpetrated by the Hans in the Forest of Compiégne.

In the years between the two armistices, France made a national shrine of the spot where the Armistice of 1918 was signed. There was a large crowd, consisting of representatives of the International Red Cross, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, a German eagle, an eagle of Right; Liberators of Alsace-Lorraine. At the spot where the railway car had stood, a great granite block was placed. It bore the words: “Here, on the Eleventh of November, 1918, Succumbed the Criminal Pride of the German People, Which it Tried to Enslave.” For car 2419D, an American built a concrete hall. At one end of the clearing, and commanding its whole expanse, was erected a 17ft. marble statue of Marshal Foch.

Since June 22, last year, German workmen were busy in the clearing. Car 2419D was removed to St. Aignan, a Cistercian abbey, and a marble block produced in the concrete hall, the great granite block and a smaller one which marked the spot where the German plenipotentiaries alighted—all were blasted to bits with dynamite. Last January, a photograph of Adolf Hitler’s paper, Völkischer Beobachter, showed the clearing as it is now. Only bare patches in the shrivelled winter grass indicated where the hall, the car, the granite blocks and the monument had stood. Only one thing was left—the great granite block dedicated to Marshal Foch. Perhaps, because the Marshal was a soldier, the Boche meant to leave him there and let the forest grow up around him. The Hans, however, might learn from the forest. The laurels may be cut down, but they will grow again. In the forest, too, a new France will arise from the sackcloth and ashes of the old, and take part in the final victory that will hurl the Boche beyond the barrier of the Rhine.

OSBORNE PARK FUNCTION

New Roll of Honour
BY W.A.

There was a large gathering of A.I.F. men, civilians and a few members of the newly formed A.I.F. as well as a large gathering of wives, sisters and children of other members of Osborne Park members of the A.I.F. on active service at the unveiling of the monument at the Forest of Compiegne. Colonel Louch, after unveiling the monument, the President (Mr. A. J. Duns) said that this was not a day of sadness or mourning, but they were met together to honour members of the 1st and 2nd A.I.F. They were now bowing to the grave of the Col. Louch, or, if he might say, “old Tommy Louch,” as he was known to his old battalion, the 51st (Cameron Highlanders), and doubtless to the 2/11th Battalion. He thanked the Colonel for his presence, congregation and safe return; but “we all know where you’ll sooner be.” He also welcomed Colonel Margolin, one of the old A.I.F. The honour board was not an elaborate ornament; it bore a replica of the badge the enemy had thought to destroy and fear of which had driven them away. They of the old army were satisfied that fear and respect would be shown again. They did not glorify war but had the faith of their race and pride in the gallant deeds being done by his Majesty’s soldiers. In the air force there were already a number of names on the roll and some had made the grand sacrifice.

Colonel Louch, after unveiling the flag, detailed incidents of the campaign in Libya, Greece, Crete and Syria, specially mentioning the capture of Bardia, Tobruk, Derna, El Agheila, where the 2/11th was engaged. He mentioned that while the Australians got a weekly mail, English soldiers only got one every six months. The gesture that afternoon showed they were prepared as returned soldiers of the last war, to look after those who had taken their places in the new war. The honour board would remind the people of the district that when they heard the call they had residents willing to take their stand in the struggle for victory.

Two minutes’ silence was followed by “The Lament,” piped by Alec Groot of the Cameron Highlanders. Mrs. Dalziel rendered “Land of Hope and Glory.”

Colonel Margolin, representing the State Executive, congratulated the sub-committee on the ceremony held to-day in honour of the Boche soldier commemorating the present war. It was pleasing to see so many names from the district and he hoped to see many more.

The Minister for Public Works and member for the district (Mr. H. Millington) said that the ceremony was destined to be an impressive one. Everyone since the war began was sharing in the impetus to bear some of the burdens of war. One splendid organisation was the sporting club fraternity which had raised over £30,000, but this was a contest in which everyone should assist.

Osborne Park was a big centre and was noted for its efforts to be first in the field in social efforts, and he was proud to be associated with a sub-branch of the R.S.L. that had installed the first halls in the Park. It was inspiring to hear of the exploits of the boys from this wonderful country, and the present function showed the real affinity of the soldier of the last war with those present on active service. It was a grand effort to remember not only the men who were helping those who were doing wonderful work for a great country.

In proposing the customary vote of thanks, Sjt. J. Harris reported that the Osborne Park sub-branch of the ladies’ camp comfort fund had forwarded parcels to the value of £290, canteen workers wore £40 and donations to other branches totalling £70.

The guard of honour comprised old and new soldiers and members of the Red Cross and camp comfort fund.

SOLDIERS’ CHILDREN’S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The annual meeting of the Soldiers’ Children’s Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department. The annual report and balance sheet for the period ending June 30, 1941, were adopted. The report showed that during the year 264 applications for assistance were received on behalf of deceased and incapacitated ex-soldiers.

During the year 24 scholarships were awarded to students in the respective schools and colleges as follows: Perth Modern School, 6; Bunbury High School, 1; Northam High School, 7; Narrogin Agricultural School, 3; Geraldton High School, 2; Geraldton Technical School, 1; Busselton High School, 1; Stott’s Business College, 2; Gerroa College, 1; Total 24.

The sum of £88/11/8 was expended in the provision of schoolbooks providing books for 141 children.

The principal sources of revenue during the year were the following: Trust Fund, £112/10/-; Friendly Union of Soldiers’ Wives, £6/12/6; Women’s Auxiliary Sub-Branches, £24/19/6.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Deputy President and Chairman of Committee, Professor A. D. West; Honorary Treasurer, James L. Clarke, Harold D. Roberts, M.B.E., M.P., T. C. Wilson, Messrs. R. E. Potts, R. A. Wood; hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick.

Scholarships.—The following applications for scholarships were received and recommended: Perth Modern School, 53; Geraldton High School, 1; Geraldton Technical School, 1; Narrogin Agricultural School, 2; Northam High School, 7; Albany High School, 4; Narrogin Agricultural School, 6.
MAN'S LAND, great use was acknowledged at the Battle of the Marne. In October, two land, hit became of the Zeppelin's code as a means of propaganda. It was an even greater medium for propaganda in that Spanish Civil War, which was the curtain raiser for the present war.

In the last war, broadcasting had not yet become such a recognised part of our everyday life. Wireless telegraphy was an established fact, and it was used by both sides principally for sending out urgent messages, which for obvious reasons were in code. The German-owned radio stations, for instance, announced the outbreak of war in the simple message, "A Son is Born," and every victory and every defeat had its echo in the code rooms of the warring nations. On the night of September 2, 1914, General von Kluck's army was ordered by radio to drive the French south-east away from Paris. Von Kluck never got that message, but the French did. Their cryptographers easily worked out its meaning. General Joffre changed his plans, and the Allies swept the enemy into the Battle of the Marne. In October, 1917, two Zeppelins, returning from a raid on England, hit a storm over the Channel. One landed in France, and Colonel Richard Williams, of the United States Army Intelligence, made it his business to find out what had become of the Zeppelin's code books. The books had been torn up and scattered over the landscape. Twenty-two sacks of the scraps were carefully collected, but the job of piecing them together was too great. The searchers, however, did manage to piece together a code chart of all German waters for which the Allies had yeared for two years. What was even more important was the finding of a small book which contained a picture of all German naval craft with a list of the call letters and the changes in call letters for each. That is why November, 1917, became a particularly disastrous month for German submarines.

It was their skill in reading and sending Russian cipher that allowed the Germans to carry out what was perhaps the biggest joke of the war. The German cruisers, Breslau and Goeben, were based on Constantinople.

They were, of course, greatly outnumbered by the Russian Black Sea Fleet. They wanted to do something, which it would be suicide to attempt if the Russian fleet were anywhere near at hand. So the Germans waited till the Russians 'put to sea. Then one of the cruisers sneaked between the Russians and their land base, and sent a message in the Russian naval code. The message ordered the whole fleet to Trebizond, at the other end of the Black Sea. Days later, when the puzzled Russians returned, they found that the two German cruisers had made the most of their opportunity. Port facilities had been raided and coastal trade had been badly crippled.

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In the matter of sending their own secret messages, too, the Germans hit upon a novel scheme that was for a time highly successful. Each evening, after the great German station at Nauen had completed its regular transmission, a lot of what was called "lightning gibberish" flowed over the ether. It went too quickly to be understood let alone deciphered. The Allies recorded it, played it over, and still remained entirely in the dark as to its meaning. The discovery, like many another great discovery, was made purely by accident. It was put on the gramophone by a group of bored British naval officers in the ward-room of their small vessel in the Eastern Mediterranean. The chap who put the record on forgot to wind the gramophone, hence the Allied cryptographers and ciphered radio analysts were unable to appreciably progress in their deciphering work. The Germans' trick had simply been to record the message as one would a gramophone record, then to play it at five or six times the normal speed over the air. By failing to wind the gramophone British officers reduced that speed to normal and solved the problem that had been baffling Allied Intelligence officers for a considerable time.

The attitude of conquered Frenchmen in Syria is typified by that of one Frenchman. He was the man who formally handed over the Aleppo airport to the advancing British. That for him, was his second surrender, for he had also fought on the losing side in the World War. He admits he hates the Germans. This year, it was the R.A.F. that shot him down in Syria. But still, this French flier has determined to return to France, rather than remain in the Free French forces. He admits he hates the Nazis but is convinced by Vichy propaganda that the Free French are traitors to the French cause.

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The new Labour Government has promised to look into the question of unnecessary expenditure on the Home Front, and there are indications that the decision to cut the defence budget is in for a long-overdue pruning. One hopes that at the same time, the searchlight of inspection will be turned on the A.I.F. education service. Some of the activities proposed for the troops in Western Australia have already brought the attention of the A.I.F. education-Major Alexander is among the most consistently footling about. At all events they have aroused a bit of mirth among metropolitan schoolmasters. Some of the courses suggested are in raffa work and bookbinding. No doubt these things look imposing on paper and might be mistaken by an uninitiated public for some form of vocational training. Instead they are courses given to youngsters in primary schools, merely as manual and not military training. The appointment of someone with practical experience in education to the position now held by Major Alexander would have saved the service from much adversity, and at the same time saved time for training in things more worthwhile. Of course if the object is to entertain the troops, why not utilise Comedy-Colonel Jim Gerald and his merry men?

It has always been considered a cowardly proceeding to attack someone who cannot hit back, but there is something damnable despicable about the individual who shelters behind the privilege of Parliament, one of the inalienable rights of democracy, to defy the law that protects the right of physical or legal reprisal.

Recently one Armour, a New South Wales Senator, stood up in the Senate and asserted that a number of senior officers of a New South Wales battalion, with at least one V.C. to its credit, were cashiered for cowardice, during the war. The matter was taken up by Senator Sampson, of Tasmania, who was long associated with the Australian Military Forces in peace-time, and who had distinguished service with the 4th Battalion of the A.I.F. While in charge of the 4th Battalion, Sampson gave Armour the lie direct. He made a personal investigation of the records and failed to find anything that would, in the remotest degree, support Armour's statement. The latter, however, added insult to injury by repeating his allegations and increasing the number of the accused. Senator Sampson was not in this battalion, he whined, and he (Armour) was. Since the war many men of the battalion had told him that they knew these officers were cashiered. Judging by the brief report that appeared in the Press, Armour's evidence would seem to be "I know a bloke who told a bloke" variety, mere bag-blowing hearsay which is not evidence at all. It was suggested that the Minister for the Army investigate the matter and make a statement. There has, however, been a change of Government since then, but one hopes Mr. Forde will accept the proposal that was made to his predecessor. Names of officers were mentioned in Armour's charges, and it is due to these officers that the relief they have received should be vindicated. In the event of Armour's charges being proven false, as we believe an impartial would prove them, something might be done about inflicting fitting punishment on Armour. Perhaps, also the Minister will publish Amour's own war record.

We are not in favour of any Government, or any church, either, telling people what they may or may not read, but the fuss made over the Customs ban on James Joyce's "Ulysses" was too funny for words. The so-called ban is only a hindrance to the importation of further copies of the work through the Customs. There is no ban on its being sold by a retailer, should he have a copy and should the purchaser be able to spare the 32/6 which is usually asked for it. Further, there is a copy in the Senator's library. It has remained untouched on the shelf for months and months—and that in itself is evidence of the demand for it. However, light-seeking professors have hailed the book as a great work of literature, and others who style themselves students of literature have expressed a burning desire to read it. Much drivel has been talked about the rights of democracy, but when the froth of the argument is skimmed off, the fact remains that those who have been turning hand springs in public are really acting as if they have the right of the people to read pornographic publications for those who can pay 32/6 a copy, and who can speak the jargon of the artistic and the book reviewer. Critics who are at least as eminent in the world of letters as our local professors have condemned "Ulysses" as an extremely obscure and disgusting obscene book. Where the authorities have erred is in permitting a legal ban to give it such a gratuious advertisement; but the book'soke is the investigation of so many eminent nobodies who have never heard of "Ulysses" before, and wouldn't understand the damned thing if it were given to them as a Christmas box.

We are all for helping Russia in that country's hour of tribulation. However much we may dislike the form of Government a country adopts, that form of Government is a matter for its own concern, provided it does not, in a access of proselytising zeal, try to impose it on others. Anyone who kills a horse plus days is a person whom wild horses could not drag to a war who is most ready to tell Generals how wars should be conducted. Many of those who are least in their shrieks for aid to Russia, who have never done a thing to help the Australian war effort, or said a good word for the British Empire at home. Now that Australia has a Labour Government, the militant unions have in fact falling in behind the war effort. That is the best thing they can do to help Russia.

Sergeant Alfred Hulme, the New Zealand soldier who was awarded the V.C. for conspicuous gallantry in Crete, is at present in the Rototu Hospital undergoing treatment for a bullet wound. When told that he had been awarded the Victoria Cross, he was taken aback. Then he kissed the matron and the nurse in charge of the ward. Looking for a bar already.
Cardinal MacRory, of Eire, still thinks there's a chance of a just peace, and wonders why the statesmen on both sides do not try to negotiate peace now. Unfortunately there is just about as much chance of negotiating a peace or anything else with Hitler as there is of inducing a Sinn Feiner to join an Orange Lodge.

Mr. Ernest Bevan is to be commended for the firm stand he has taken in refusing to exempt from military service all members of the rich and influential Oxford Group. During the debate on the matter in the House of Lords it was stated on behalf of the Government that these 11 were accorded just the same treatment as members of 31 other religious and quasi-religious organisations. When the question was discussed in the House of Commons, A. P. Herbert, the noted writer who represents the University of Oxford in the Commons, impugned the loyalty of the leaders of the Group and declared that its founder (Dr. Buchmann) was a better friend to Hitler than to Britain. Certainly, the Oxford Group movement was one that Hitler flattered in other countries but refused to tolerate in his own. The flabby pacifism preached by individuals in the movement was a great help to Hitler in the years that preceded the war. In our own State the antics of one of the Group's prominent members were closely watched by the Army authorities after the war had broken out. At the same time, the movement as a purely religious activity is one that has attracted and given consolation to many very estimable people. They are the ones who, in the interests of the movement, should purge it of everything savouring of defeatism and subversion.

How's this for a coincidence. About a year after the war, while on a school of instruction at Southport, Queensland, I got into a four-handed card game. Two of the players were named George Williams. Both were Warrant Officers of the A.I.C., both had served in the South African War, and both were left-handed. The third player was also named George.

Recently we came across one of those strange printer's errors in an agricultural paper. It occurred in an article on the value of lime and contained this startling announcement: 'Lime is spread on acid farm land to sweeten the soul.' Now why couldn't some of our prattling pacifists have thought of this and prevented the war by spreading a lot of lime?

Overheard during Congress week:
"I'm from New South Wales originally—from Broken Hill."
"So am I. I come from Tom Blamey's home town, Wagga."
"Is that so? Ever been in Bugowa?"
"No, but me brother used to live next door to a bloke whose cousin married a girl from Bugowa."
"Blime, the world's a small place, ain't it? Let's have another."

According to the Toronto Globe and Mail, of all Germany's conquests that of Italy was the easiest, and Mussolini will go down to history as the fifth columnist supreme.

This is a hard war for the lads who have to read the radio news bulletins. After learning how to pronounce Polish names, the war shifted to the Eastern Mediterranean, and now to Russia. I tremble to think of what will happen to our ace newscasters if ever there's a war in Wales.

Mussolini's Loud Speaker

One does not hear so much these days of Signor Gayda, the literary larrikin who is generally regarded as the mouthpiece of Mussolini. Gayda is a large man, narrow-chested, short-sighted and thin-lipped. His appearance is that of a minor official rather than that of Fascism's leading propagandist, but as editor-in-chief of "Il Giornale d'Italia," and "Il Piccolo," another Roman daily, he represents the movement through twenty large provincial papers more than two million readers.

In other words, he has the largest audience in Italy, or, probably, any other country.

According to "Current History" he started his career long before the last war. As a foreign correspondent he covered the Russian Revolution and visited Scandinavia and England. He joined Mussolini (himself a professional journalist) in the early days of the Fascist movement and, in 1926, he was rewarded for his services to the cause with the editorship of "Il Giornale d'Italia." He is the author of several books on politics and, notwithstanding his expressed contempt for "bourgeois intellectuals," he is considered one of Fascism's great thinkers. As he is thoroughly steeped in Fascist dogmas his writings are said never to be censored. Mussolini, according to some authorities, confides in Gayda his latest thoughts on Italian policy, and Gayda writes his editorial around the Duke's hints. He follows up his writings with broadcasts twice a week.

Gayda is, among all Axis journalists, German or Italian, the most widely read abroad. His editorials have so often called the turn of Axis diplomacy that well-informed people in other countries give them the attention they might be expected to reserve for official statements. Gayda's employers are fully aware of the importance which world opinion attaches to his column.

Privately, he is a retiring little man who leads a most sedentary life. The real Gayda is in strong contrast with the bellicose Gayda of the editorial chair and the microphone.
A BENEVOLENT ENGLISH DICTATOR

BY ARTHUR LAMSLY

(Although democracy is at war with dictatorship today, there is one English dictator in the world. This is a Rajah Brooke of Sarawak, whose country will be right in the firing line if the war extends to the Pacific. In the summer of 1939, the Brooke family celebrated the centenary of their rule over Sarawak. The present Rajah is the third generation of this famous family which has reigned in Sarawak since James Brooke became Rajah a century ago. The following is condensed from an article by Mr. Lamsly, which appeared in "Our Empire" at the time of the centenary.—Ed., L.P.)

No page in the adventure of English Colonial history is more eloquent of justice and upright dealing with native races than that of the century-old "Private Empire" of Sarawak, fifty thousand square miles of tropical land in the north-west corner of East Indian Island of Borneo.

The Brooke family, who have been Rajahs of Sarawak for a hundred years this summer, are virtually dictators in their private-owned empire: ruling as absolute monarchs. Rajah Brooke is different from our modern dictators: he is obeyed not from fear, but because he is loved.

James Brooke, who became the first Rajah, was born in India in 1803, and as a youth was apprenticed to the East India Company. After six years of warlike adventure he returned to England broken in health, but after a few months in the Old Country sailed again for the East Indies in the yacht Royalist, in which he explored the Malay Islands, eventually landing in Sarawak, where he became friendly with the natives, who invited him to become their Chief after Muda Hassim, the native Rajah, had decided to abdicate in his favour.

James Brooke reigned for 27 years, and during this period laid the sure foundations, by clearing up the head-hunters and the pirates, of the present prosperous native State. Queen Victoria knighted him in 1848: he died a bachelor 20 years afterwards, and was succeeded by his nephew, Sir Charles Johnstone Brooke.

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The present Rajah, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, came to the Sarawak throne in 1917. He was educated at Cambridge and then returned to Borneo, where he served many years apprenticeship, learning the administration and further development of his future domain. Although up to date in his outlook on life, and valuing personal freedom of himself and his subjects more than merely becoming a private in the Royal Air Force sooner than accept a Commission—he exercises an autocratic discretion in his fatherly care of his subjects. He does not believe in "civilizing" his native population and firmly refuses tourists and holiday-makers access to his little empire, because he does not want them polluted by so-called civilized modern ways of life. His people are free and independent; he will not have them become slaves of the white man. He holds the destiny of his people in trust, believing, although he is their Rajah, his greatest work is to be their servant. He believes they are God's children, not inferior to the white man on account of their brown bodies, but merely different from himself.

Many years ago the Rajah of Sarawak signed a treaty with Mother England in return for her protection and the control of the little Empire's foreign relations. England, however, has no jurisdiction whatever over the internal affairs of the country, which are in the good hands of the benevolent dictator, Rajah Brooke.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

At the initial meeting of the State Executive held on October 15, the following standing sub-committees were appointed:

Management—President, past president (Colonel Collett), two vice-presidents with the chairman of the Finance, Trustees, House, Pensions and Land Committees.


Anzac House and Club.—Messrs. Thorn, Fairley, Williams, Smith and Keesing.


Land.—Messrs. Olden, Cornwell, Thorn, Warner, Logie (with Messrs. Johnstone, Hitch-om and Brown as country members) and country vice-president.

Empire and Local Trading.—Messrs. Watt, Nicholas, Zeffert and Edmondson.


Aged Fund.—Messrs. Watt, Collett, Keesing, Anderson and Zeffert.

Anzac Day.—Management Committee, with Messrs. Fairley, Williams and Kahan.

Hospital Visiting.—Messrs. Margolin, Anderson, Nicholas, Paton, Williams and Fairley.

Sons of Soldiers' League.—Messrs. Zeffert, Nicholas and Kahan.

Membership.—Messrs. Williams, Watt, James, Paton, Smith, Zeffert, Warner and Abbott.

Problems.—State President, two vice-presidents, Panton, Watt, Collett, R. A. Wood and Edmondson.

Building.—Messrs. Fairley and Abbott, State President, two vice-presidents and trustees and Mr. Zeffert.

Welcome.—Messrs. Kahan, Williams, Paton, Zeffert, Watt, Fairley and with two Fremantle members.

War Service Homes.—Messrs. Cornell, Watt, and Olden, with Mr. Philip as advisory member.

STATE EXECUTIVE ELECTORATES

Delegates to the State Executive have been allotted to watch the interests of sub-branches in State electorates as follows:

Olden, A. C. N.—Fremantle.
James, W. J.—Leederville, Mt. Hawthorn.
Keesing, R. A.—Canning, Rebourne, Pilbara, Kimberley, Gascoyne.
Williams, O. J.—Albany, Katanning.
Margolin, E.—Perth, W. Perth, Maylands.
Abbotts, V.—North Perth, East Perth.
Kahan, F.—N. Williams, Narrogin, Wagin.
Nicholas, R. A.—Swan, Northam, York.
Fairley, T. C.—Brownhill, Ivanhoe, Boulder, Kalgooerie.
Watt, E. S.—Mt. Magnet, Murchison.
Edmondson, T. S.—Subiaco, Nedlands, Claremont.
Paton, D. W.—South Fremantle, North-East Fremantle.
Cornell, J.—Kannans, Karrany, Yilgarn, Coolgardie.
Smith, H. E.—Geraldton, Toodyay, Geraldton.
Thorn, L.—Guildford, Midland, Middle Swan.
Zeffert, M. E.—Murray, Wellington, Forrest, Nelsen.
Logie, W. H.—Subiaco, Beverley.

OH, YEAH?

At dinner a French airman, serving with a squadron of the R.A.F. was placed opposite a pilot-officer whose knowledge of French wasn't exactly one of his strong points. At the two faced each other, the Frenchman bowed and said: "Bon appetit."

Taking this to be a self-introduction, the R.A.F. man replied: "Ramsbottom."

Afterwards his friends chivvied him about the incident.

"Our guest was wishing you "Good appetite," they explained. "You should have said the same in return."

The Englishman vowed not to repeat his mistake. The next evening, when the Frenchman appeared at table, he at once greeted him with the words: "Bon appetit."

To the delight of the mess, the Frenchman gave his usual courteous bow and gravely answered "Ramsbottom."
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Home Guards—Old and New

By "BURNIE" (16th Bn.)

It was recently stated by a well-known British commentator that, "thanks to the volunteer force—the Home Guard—we were saved from invasion by the German hordes after the epic of Dunkirk."

Even though the Home Guard, one of the greatest volunteer forces in England’s history, was poorly armed, chiefly with sporting rifles and shot-guns, they served a great purpose and like England’s first volunteers of nearly 90 years ago, they saved the country from direct attack in the country’s most critical hour.

For years a volunteer army had been "in the air" according to that interesting old volume, "Her Majesty’s Army," written in the latter part of last century.

A reading of the history of England within the last 100 years shows how serious was the danger of invasion; how the great army leaders felt about the danger, but they could not move the "Higher-ups."

As far back as 1847 the great Duke of Wellington, hero of Waterloo, wrote (and his words might have applied equally well in 1940):

"Excepting immediately under the guns of Dover Castle there is not a spot on the coast on which infantry might not be thrown at any time of the tide, with any wind, and in any weather."

The Duke "prayed" in words to which the person who wrote an indestructible force and parishes, that "the Almighty may preserve me from being a witness to the tragedy which I cannot persuade my contemporaries to take measures to avert."

Yet this earnest appeal was disregarded, thanks to the timorous agitation, kept alive by the so-called peace (appasement) party, led by its eloquent shepherds who canted Arcadian lays and hurled denunciations against all proposals for increased armament.

It was not until five years later that the country, in one sense, perhaps the most arcanum of them all, Devonshire, formed a regiment of rifle volunteers (1852), the Victorians, the direct representatives of the "Duke of Cumberland’s Sharpshooters" of the previous century sprang again into existence.

In 1859, to quote the words of Disraeli, "our pacific relations with France were not a question of days or weeks, but of hours."

Lord Derby’s Ministry issued the famous circular authorising the enrolment of volunteer corps.

Before many months a volunteer army of 150,000 had been created, one of the conditions of whose existence was that they should "provide their own arms and equipment and defray all expenses attending the corps, except in the event of its being assembled for actual service, a contingency which would arise in the event of "actual or apprehended invasion."

For a period there was unbend thai enthusiasm; then came ridicule.

"It was a jest at our expense, but a jest at no pains to conceal their contempt; facetiously persons found in it an inexhaustible fund for cheap wit."

In "Punch," "the volunteer was a stock jest, rivaling in laughter-making attributes of Mr. Briggs, the ladies’ crinolines or Maryland escapades in the kitchen."

No doubt the movement did have its comical side. Did not Walter Scott, himself an enthusiastic volunteer officer, write in "The Antiquary":

"I called to consult my lawyer, he was clothed in a dragoon’s dress, belted and casqué and about (to mount a charger, while his writing clerk (sharper-shooter) walked to and fro before his door."

"I went to scold my agent for having sent me to advise with a madman: he had struck into his head the plume which in more sober days he wielded between his fingers and called it an artillerist officer. My mercenary had his suspicion in his head also, as he measured his cloth by that implement instead of a legitimate yard. The bank’s clerk who was directed to sum my cash account, blundered it three times, being disordered by the recollection of his military "tellings off" at the Barrack Yard."

"I was ill, and sent for a surgeon. He came—but valour so had fixed his eye,

And such a falshion glittered on his thighs.

That, by the gods, with such a load of steel,

I thought he came to murder—not to heal."

"I had recourse to a physician, but he also was practising a more wholesome mode of slaughter than that which his profession had been supposed at all times to open to him."

That quotation might well have been written of the Home Guard of today.

In 1839, despite derision, England became a great parade ground—as in 1940. Every full-grown adult, rich or poor, married or single, was seized with the contagion and according to his means contributed his aid.

Local magnates, peers, and their heir-apparent, merchant princes, the great employers of labour, either raised corps or assisted with handsome subscriptions.

At the Inns of Court, at Lloyd’s, the Baltic Exchange, great shows how the well-known poet, the banker’s clerk (habited in his writing clerk (sharper-shooter), went to the coast on which infantry might not be thrown—whether of the Cavalry or the Volunteer corps, of the North Sea or the Baltic, the volunteer may be gauged from the fact that the y

The inseparable value of the volunteers may be gauged from the fact that they eventually numbered 2,176,834.

These figures exceeded those of the Regular Army by four-fifths; the militia by three-fourths and four times as strong as the Army Reserve and 18 times as strong as the Yeomanry, while its cost was one-twenty-second part of the whole appropriations for effective services.

Previous to 1881 there were something like 1,000 distinct corps of infantry, cavalry, artillery, and engineers.

Of infantry regiments there were 210 battalions contributed by 94 localities, three regiments of cavalry, 62 artillery corps, 20 corps of locomotive railway engineers, nine corps of submarine miners, engineer and railway transport corps.

Today’s Home Guard regiments have a total membership of nearly 2,000,000, and are (unlike their predecessors of 80 years ago) part and parcel of the army of defence and industry of Britain.

But how similar is the early history of both great volunteer armies.

The chronicler of "Her Majesty’s Army" said that the "volunteer forces were one of the most remarkable—perhaps the most remarkable—institution of this or any other nation of the time preceding age."

He might well have been writing 80 years later of the Home Guard of Britain.

The recent bombings of Nuremberg, the ancient industrial centre of Bavaria, must have disturbed more than German industry.

The tourist resorts of Bavaria and Austria have been crowded this European summer, especially as they have rarely been before. This is not in spite of the war, but because of it. Everyone who can leave the heavily-bombed industrial centres of the Rhine has gone south. In fact, many of the leading officials from Cologne, Hamburg, Bremen and elsewhere as well as the Foreign Office, have tried to arrange their holidays in the middle class.

The workers are not allowed a holiday, for fear they might escape, or refuse to return to the factories, where they are so badly needed.

Yet the volunteers survived ridicule and even the cold, the incredibly cold, situation of the Government.

It was even thought essential that the "volunteer character" of the army should be emphasised by the authorities. To most requests for equipment came a firm reply and consisted in "not a possible thing."

One of the most distinguished regiments of volunteers acting on the advice of a general officer of high standing wished to develop its transport service. It applied for the "loan" of some wagons, of which there were large quantities in Government stores. The application was refused because, in referring to the matter in the Commons later, the Minister said "there was no precedent for such a loan being made."

This seems to be almost parallel with the Home Guard of Australia today.

However, some grants were made by the Government to the volunteers when going into camp. This was 2/- for each man per camp and a travelling allowance of 2/6, and a similar sum if the volunteers were joined to a "marching column."
State Congress Resolutions

The following resolutions were carried by the General Congress:

Pensions and Recognition

Congress considers that pensions should be the same for all ranks of the fighting services and not on sliding scales, as generally and privates alike do all their work and suffer the same when incapacitated.

Congress instructs the incoming executive to request the Commonwealth Government to consider the deplorable circumstances of ex-service men on the inadequate service pension, which is less than the old-age and invalid pension, and that as burnt-out ex-service men and women requiring medical or hospital attention must pay for it, or enter public hospital wards with resultant pension reduction, apparently to pay or partly pay for hospital treatment, that service pensioners receive the same medical and hospital treatment as the Repatriation Department gives to A.I.F. pensioners.

That ex-service men called up from the country for various reasons by the Repatriation Department should not be asked or expected to travel by night, whenever it can be avoided. And, further, that where night travelling is unavoidable, sleeping berths should be provided in all cases irrespective of degree of disability.

That ex-service men suffering as a result of their war service should be compensated for any time lost from their employment by an amount not less than the basic wage ruling at the time. This also to apply to men called up for pension review.

That representation be made to the Commonwealth Government to have every member of the fighting services, at the time of his discharge, supplied with a complete copy of his medical history, covering the total period of his service. And, further, that if, in the opinion of the ex-service man concerned, such history is not complete, then steps to be taken immediately by the Commonwealth department concerned to rectify any such errors and omissions.

That permanent institutional accommodation should be provided as an annex to the new Repatriation Hospital for aged and sick soldiers, sailors, airmen, and women.

That the provisions of the Service Pension section of the Repatriation Act be amended to include ex-Imperial men with good war service.

Constitution

That this Congress declares for no alteration of the Constitution in regard to the eligibility of membership of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. until such time as there is a reasonable number returned from the present war.

That any delegate to Congress be allowed only one vote on behalf of other sub-branches.

Wherever any member of the State Executive is given leave of absence for service with the Commonwealth Navy, Army, Air Force, or air forces, his seat thereon shall be filled, during his absence, by the next in line for election from the voting at the Congress immediately preceding the granting of such leave of absence.

War Effort and Service

This Congress presses for the immediate recognition of the valuable services rendered to the country by the members of the Merchant Service, who have signed articles in Australian ports for overseas, by the issue to the wives and/or mothers of the Female Relatives Badge.

Congress urges that the Federal Government make separation allowances payable to dependent wives and/or mothers of men serving, when the necessary allotment of three shillings a day has been made by the man unconditionally, that is, without any saving as to the need of the person concerned, once it is known that the man did help to support his dependant.

Congress presses for the full recognition of the valuable service of the officers and men of the Merchant Navy by the granting of similar privileges to those given to the fighting services, such as comforts, postages and repatriation benefits; such recognition to include those who have left Australian waters for home service in a similar capacity.

That Congress presses for the issue of a free sleeper pass to convalescent returned men who are proceeding on sick leave or convalescent leave.

Congress protests against the practice of taxation being imposed on volunteer militiamen, while compulsory trainees are exempt from taxation.

Considering the critical position of the British Empire, Congress is of the opinion that an all-in effort is essential and requests that the Ex-Services Members of the Commonwealth Government to conscript wealth, manpower and production, and all Federal Members be urged to support such a measure.

That the Federal Executive approach the Postmaster-General with a view to removing the existing surcharge on Army canteen orders.

Congress urges the responsible authority to make every endeavour to safeguard the rights of legal dependants of men serving overseas in respect to their allotments.

Congress expresses its appreciation of the second A.I.P. for the way they have upheld the tradition of the old A.I.P. in discipline and valour. (This motion was carried with acclamation.)

That the collection of waste metals and other materials useful in war should not rest as hitherto with voluntary organisations, dependent upon the willingness of citizens to help, but should be the subject of a national census leading to compulsory collection of material important to the economy of a nation at war.

Defence

In order to carry out their training and for the purpose of attending parades, Congress press for a free issue of petrol to all Home Guard units.

That, in the interests of decentralisation and the better support of all local facilities in small towns, Congress press for the immediate fullest use being made of all resources, such as munities, engineering shops and small electrical engineers, saddlers, etc.

That, in the interests of Australian defence needs, Congress press for the compulsory parade for training purposes of every able-bodied man, for at least once a week.

That, in view of the destructive effects of the dive-bomber on land and sea, and the submarine on our vital shipping lanes, the Commonwealth Government be urged to set aside a very substantial sum, say, £10,000,000, as a reward for an effective means of crushing these enemy weapons, whether suggested by an Australian or otherwise.
Perth Legacy Club and the Sons of Soldiers’ League should be explored by the State Executive.

That R.S.L. Certificates of Service be revoked in site after the present stock is exhausted.

Preference and Employment.

That, in view of the attitude adopted by a large section of the community towards enlistment for active service, preference to essential services may be and the United States shall be fulfilled after the war in an Anglo-American union as explicit as the union offered by Britain to France before the capitulation of that country, and that this resolution be submitted to the B.E.S.L. and the American Legion.

That a victorious peace should not betray the British Empire into agreeing to any terms but complete disarmament of Germany for 50 years. This condition to be enforced by an army of occupation.

Notice of Motion.

That compulsory trainees be granted exemption on prospecting areas for the period of their compulsory training, without cost. That the service pensioner shall not be deprived of applying for or receiving the old age pension.

That all applications for exemption from Militia training under the Man-Power Act should be submitted for confirmation to the local recruiting committee before such exemption be granted.

Congress supports any action taken for the increase of pensions paid to widows and dependants of men who have been killed, or who have died on active service.

That where there are dependants of a member of the forces who dies overseas, his estate be credited with accrued leave at the rate of seven and a half days for every six months of service up to the date of his death.

That Federal Congress be asked fully to consider the question of preference to returned soldiers in all its aspects, and decide the League’s policy in regard thereto.

That the Commonwealth Government be urged to speed up the introduction of vocational training, in view of the number of men returning from overseas.

That provision be made under the Defence Act, in the same way as was done under the Repatriation Act (by regulation) to provide for compensation being paid where injury or death occurs to militiamen whilst they are travelling on leave to or from their place of employment.

That Federal Congress be asked to define the attitude of the League in respect to the admission to League membership of ex-service men discharged from the forces, “Services No Longer Required.”

That pension rates be increased to commensurate with the increased cost of living.

Congress recommends that a survey be made of all Repatriation hospitals or institutions where ex-service men are under treatment, with a view to ensuring that they are, or will be, capable of meeting future requirements.

That a recommendation be made to the Naval Board urging arrangements to be made so that discharge from the Royal Australian Navy be finalised at the District Naval Office in each State, without the necessity of referring such discharges to the Navy Office, Melbourne, and so obviate any undue delay.

That no conscientious objection should be allowed to remain in Government services in any capacity.

That, in the event of a man on active service being wounded or killed, either accidentally or in action, no differentiation should be made in the notification to next-of-kin, or in the publication in newspaper lists. All should be included in the same statement—wounded or killed on active service.

That all returned soldiers who are members of the Home Forces be granted deferred pay, the same as the A.I.F., and repatriation benefits.

The following motion was referred to the incoming executive: That soldiers’ wives with no children under 16 be granted domestic allowance of one shilling a day, the same as with children under 16.

Soldier Settlers’ Conference

The Land Section of the Annual State Congress was opened in Anzac House on September 25 by the State President (Mr. A. Yeates, Mr. J. Cornwall, acting chairman of the Land Committee, presided over the conference.

In all, 34 sub-branches were represented. Before the conference closed, it was addressed by the Minister for Lands and Agriculture. The Commissioner for War Service Homes (Mr. A. H. Richardson) also attended the conference.

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The following resolutions were passed:
1. In view of the tragic failure of land settlement after the 1914-18 war under State Government control, Congress requests the Federal Executive to urge the Commonwealth Government to appoint Land Committees in each State, with power to carry out all land repatriation measures that may be introduced after the present war, and that such committees shall be appointed on the same basis, and for a similar period as the Commonwealth Soldiers' Entitlement Tribunal.
2. Congress urges that when soldier settlement schemes are being prepared, no person, vendor, land agent or valuator be allowed to function upon any Soldier Settlement Committee whatever.
3. Congress is of the opinion that the price of wool should be increased in proportion to the rising costs of production.
4. That the incoming Land Committee give attention and consideration to: That, in the event of there being no alteration in the British contract price, all wool consumed in Australia be 33 per cent. above that contract price.
5. That the Commonwealth Government be asked to make up the difference between the present price of superphosphate and pre-war prices.
6. Congress requests the Government to bring down legislation fixing a maximum interest rate of four per cent. on farm and stock mortgages, and for the abolition of penal interest rates.

7. That the Agricultural Bank statements issued to clients should be the ordinary plain debit and credit system.
8. That the Commonwealth Government be asked to pay the full amount for wheat on delivery at bulk bins instead of by instalments, as at present.
9. Congress draws the attention of the Land Committee to the economic hardship of the primary producer and to how his position has been accentuated by the National Security Regulation imposed on him by a fixed price for his commodities, whilst allowing his productive necessities to be retailed at an ever-advancing cost; and it considers that the condition could be alleviated by a limited moratorium freezing pre-war debts of secured creditors, thereby allowing current revenue to be used for (a) the health of the farmer and his family, (b) the current season's requirements, (c) machinery replacements, (d) payment of interest; and requests the Land Committee to take every possible step to bring this about.
10. That Congress requests the State Government to give immediate effect to the Growers' Charge Act.
11. In view of increasing costs of production, also large profits being made by stock firms, Congress requests the Land Committee to make every effort to obtain reductions in commission and handling charges.
12. That the State Executive ask the Commonwealth Government to guarantee to those returned soldiers being placed on the land the cost of production according to the finding of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the wheat growing industry.
13. Congress supports any endeavour to have secured creditors treated in the same way as unsecured creditors under any Act.
14. That, in the opinion of Congress, any soldier settler who has paid back to the Commonwealth Government in interest the full amount of his repatriation loan a corresponding reduction should be made in his indebtedness.
15. That Congress protest to the Minister of Railways against the extra ninemper cent freight on bulk above bagged wheat.
16. That the Agriculture Bank be given statutory power to collect not more than 20 per cent, of drought relief monies this year and ten per cent, the following four years the balance to be wiped off.
17. That, owing to the shortage of labour, the Government in co-operation with the Department of the Army be urged to inaugurate a scheme to provide the farming industry with the necessary men for the coming harvest.
18. That, in the event of a farmer going to the war, all charges against him be waived until his return if the profits of such farm do not meet commitments during his absence.
19. That a flat rate for petrol be adopted all over the State, as the restrictions of the Liquid Fuel Control Board in preventing farmers from carting fuel direct from Perth is throwing an undue burden on farmers.
20. That, in the opinion of this Congress, the State Government be requested to exploit and develop all known deposits of phosphate rock and guano to supplement the State's requirements for superphosphate.
21. That the Bushfires Protection Act be amended to permit of burning in summer

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22. That, as preliminary forecasts estimate an Australian wheat harvest considerably in excess of the 140 million bushels guaranteed to be purchased by the Commonwealth Government, this Conference urges that no average of all producers be accepted for such purchases not exceeding 3,000 bushels be first purchased from all wheatgrowers producing up to that amount, and any surplus be divided between larger growers.

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In addition to the families desiring monetary help, 12 applications were received for legal advice covering such matters as mortgages, evictions, insurance, allotments, and so on. Thanks to the assistance being provided so generously by the West Australian Law Society, the majority of the cases have been adjusted.

During the month, a start was made to obtain information relating to soldiers' dependants who are in orphanages, and similar institutions. It is the intention of the committee to keep in touch with these children, and to see that they are adequately provided for while their fathers are overseas.

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of motion was given to alter the day of meetings, by pointing out that this was against the bye-laws of the sub-branch. Dances have been very profitable lately and the promoters are to be congratulated. We were sorry to learn that our hon. caretaker (Mr. H. F. James) is on the sick list, and wish him all comfort and a speedy recovery. The sub-branch household goods have recently been increased by the addition of a base to our miniature replica of the War Memorial and a really handsome case. Mr. E. Turpin, a member of the sub-branch, made and presented the case, while the memorial was the work and gift of Mr. Turpin, junior.

SHENTON PARK

The sub-branch has received into its ranks its first member from the second A.I.F., Sapper Donald Alfred West, late of the 6th Div. Engineers. He now seeks re-entry into civilian employment and probably will try his luck up at Darwin. Another new member is Robert Thomas Lechmere, late of the 32nd Batt., 1st A.I.F. Permission is being sought for the conducting of the Christmas Goose Club on the lines similar to those of last year. Useful gifts will be welcomed by the committee. Poppy Day arrangements are also under way, and it is hoped that results will be even better than last year’s. Home Guard members are engaged in intensive training under competent Army instructors. They are also having a series of useful lectures. Greater numbers are required and members are asked to prompt the young men and lads of the district to join and do their bit.

WOOROOLOO

A noticeable feature of the annual meeting on September 27 was the confidence placed in the retiring officials. They were all re-elected. The president (Mr. E. Weasley) will control the destinies of the sub-branch for the sixth year in succession, with Mr. G. Cornford as vice-president. Messrs. C. Blakey and A. Traylen were again appointed auditors. The balance sheet revealed a healthy financial position. Membership now stands at 28. Members were sorry to hear of an accident to a fellow member, Petty-Officer Vickery, who is serving in the R.A.N. We all wish him a speedy recovery. The year’s activities included an invitation to a social evening for men leaving the district on active service, the erecting of a large shed on the recreation ground, and the meeting of many calls on behalf of less fortunate comrades.

YOKINE

The annual “smoko” was well attended. In the absence of the president through illness, Mr. Guest Sanderson took the chair. The toast of the sub-branch was proposed by Mr. J. O’Malley, who spoke of the good work done for the district by the sub-branch. It was always, to the fore and set an example which might well be followed by other local organisations. The musical side of the programme was arranged by Mr. J. Holman and H. Torrennes’s orchestra. A Certificate of Service was presented to Mr. A. Fisher, the Wellington Cup to Mr. E. Franklin and the Franklin Trophy to Mr. W. Fitch. The catering was in the able hands of Mrs. F. Gudgeon and other sub-branch helpers. Mr. John Beale looked after the transport arrangements.

MARGARET RIVER

Mr. Urry was in the chair and there was a good attendance at the meeting on September 12. It was decided to hold the annual general meeting in aid of the A.I.F. Subscribers and Soldiers’ Fund on November 15. The rifle club asked permission to present their trophies at the function, and the request was granted. The aid of the surrounding sub-branches will be requested on this night. The aid of the Guild of Maltese Fund was discussed, and it was resolved to send a donation.

CARLISLE

The general meeting on October 2 attracted a good attendance. The president (Mr. H. R. Crofts) extended a welcome to Mr. Fuller, who was a light horseman in the last war. Welcome were also given to “Curly” Macrone and Cpl. Lawrence, who have both returned from the present war. Incidentally, “Curly” Macrone is an old and valued member of the sub-branch, and the first twice returned soldier of the Carlisle district. It was a source of pleasure to hear “Curly” give a very interesting account of his experiences overseas.

COTTESLOE

Executive member Olly Williams and General Secretary Dave were the guests of the Cottesloe sub-branch at its general meeting on Tuesday, October 14. The star item of the evening was the presentation of a certificate of service to the president (Wally Dunn), who has rendered such splendid service to the sub-branch. Both Mr. Williams and Mr. Benson gave interesting talks on the work the League is carrying out, and stressed the power that would accrue to it when members of the second A.I.F. returned. A pleasant evening was rounded off with the usual good cheer, and the sub-branch hopes its executive representatives will make further visits in the near future. Members are being kept on their toes by the energetic secretary, who relieved Mr. O. G. Cook after the latter had given 12 years of excellent service.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The sub-branch paid a visit to Armadale on August 13 under the command of Vic. Fowler. The party of 26 were met on arrival by the president (Spencer Gwynne) and the secretary (J. McLennan), and introduced to several members of their sub-branch. Darts, singing and a glass of good cheer, coupled with old and new acquaintances, helped to pass away a very enjoyable evening. The second semi-final of the A.R.M.S. competition with West Leederville was a night to be remembered. The quots event between Stan Watt and Bill Reed was the event of the night. Bill made a great last-minute run to
MOSMAN PARK

Attendance at the October meeting was an improvement on the previous three months. Although still not up to expectations, it was fair considering that as many members are in uniform and out of the district, and that munition work and shift work make it impossible for many others not to be present. The Home Guard unit is improving apace. Lack of equipment retards progress somewhat, but all realise that the first consideration in this respect must necessarily be given to the lads in the firing line. Some of the difficulties in this respect have been temporarily overcome by the initiative of Nat Giles and Bob Kerr, who between them turned out some very necessary dummy rifles and signalling equipment. Disappointment was expressed at the poor response for membership of the unit from members of the sub-branch. Both organisations would benefit from greater R.S.L. representation, and now that things are on a sound footing with the unit, a better response is forecast.

SWAN VIEW/GREENMOUNT

The monthly meeting was held on October 6. The president, George Elliot, the vice-president (Mr. Marsh) presided over a good attendance. Arrangements for the show to be held on Saturday, October 27, in the hall are well in hand. A sports committee consisting of Messrs. McGovern, Richardson and Pike are arranging sports for the afternoon. The show will be officially opened by Hon. C. G. Latham, M.L.A. The show ball will commence at 8 p.m. in the evening. (Prices: gents. £1 1s., ladies 1s. 6d.) There will be a good supper and a special four-piece orchestra. A committee consisting of Messrs. E. B. Hore, W. McGovern, M. Parker, are arranging the evening to be held on November 1, to entertain the women's auxiliary and other helpers who have worked so well during the season. Admission is by invitation only. A letter was received from a member overseas—Pte. Cheeseman—expressing thanks for canteen orders sent some time ago. We are glad to hear he received them. He is now in hospital and may be back amongst us again shortly. Another very appreciative letter was received from the secretary of the W.A. Spitfire Fund thanking us for the donation of over £72 raised at our village fair.

SOUTH PERTH

The auxiliary’s birthday party was held on September 5. Among those present were visitors from many other auxiliaries, who were delighted with the evening’s entertainment. During the supper, the State president (Mrs. J. McKinlay) presented Mrs. Board (trustee) with a Certificate of Service. The Wednesday of each week is a busy day. Members meet at the old Baby Clinic and knit for the garrison men. Thursday, September 23, was the auxiliary’s social night. The South Perth branch of the A.S.C. and the auxiliary held a combined function on this occasion. On October 1, the Old Men’s Home was visited. Comforts were distributed and, during the visit, the Master of the Home announced that in future the Institution would be known as “The Sunset Home.” This news was well received by the permanent residents. A carnival dance has been arranged for October 18.

F.U.S.W.

The last monthly social was exceptionally well attended. A musical programme was contributed to by Messrs. Eric Brickhill, Colin

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Arthur and James Russell. Mrs. T. C. Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to the artists, and her remarks were supported by Mrs. Moore. During the afternoon the president (Mrs. Dean) presented Colonel Robinson and Major O'Neill with a silver-mounted staff for the 5th Garrison Battalion Band. Members of the band were the guests of the afternoon and rendered many items. Colonel Robinson, on behalf of the band, presented Mrs. Dean with a spray of pansies. Mr. Nelson, of the Citizens' Recreation Committee, and the delegates to the Women's Auxiliary Conference were also guests of the union. The E.S.C. of the union reported that 33 members passed their St. John's first aid examination. Socials in aid of patriotic funds are held in Anzac House on the third Monday of each month.

Younger Set
The general meeting of the Younger Set was held on October 1. General business was discussed and musical items were enjoyed. We were on canteen duty at Monash House on September 7 and at Monash House and Government House on October 5. An executive meeting was held on October 8, at which was arranged the features of the Younger Set dance, which was held at Anzac House on October 10. The weekly Red Cross meetings are held on Friday nights at the 6AM studio and the attendance is gradually getting larger. The girls who have been attending first aid classes sat for their examinations, and all passed.

VICTORIA PARK
On September 29 the auxiliary celebrated its 13th birthday. Conference delegates and their husbands, the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Raphael and Mr. and Mrs. McMillan and husbands of members joined in the festivities. A wonderful and varied programme was arranged by the secretary (Mrs. Prue). The guests were welcomed by the president (Mrs. Barnett), who also made the birthday cake.

During the evening Mrs. Caldwell was presented with the League's Certificate of Service for outstanding hospital work for a period of ten years. The quoits and bridge teams tied for the cup donated by Dr. Meagher, so each captain will hold the cup for six months. Mrs. Haigh is captain of the quoits and Mrs. Jennings of the bridge team. A.R.P. certificates and badges were awarded to 28 members of the auxiliary who qualified in a course of study in aid raid precautions by Mr. Biss, the instructor. Mesdames Barnett, Martin and Brayshaw secured full marks. Twenty-eight members sat for the exam., and all passed. Mrs. Taylor and Scace secured prizes at the Exhibition. Mrs. Cassells made 22 entries in the War-time Exhibition at Anzac House and secured 14 prizes. Thanks are extended to Mesdames Smith, E. Lloyd, Porthouse, Belicke, Baillie and Miss Wilma McIntosh for their efforts in regard to the wool fund. Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Palmer reported on their visit to Edward Millen Home.

MIDLAND JUNCTION
During September members have made a special effort in sending parcels of clothing for air raid victims. Already five parcels of clothes and woollen goods have been sent. Purchases of wool have been made possible by the auxiliary's work. The weekly dances have been in charge of this work. A wonderful and varied and programme was arranged by the secretary (Mrs. Prue). The guests were welcomed by the president (Mrs. Barnett), who also made the birthday cake.

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BOULDER
This auxiliary is continuing the good work of sending parcels overseas. For the past month one day a week has been spent in packing Christmas parcels. The boys are very grateful for them and speak highly of the auxiliary's work. The weekly dances have fallen off lately, through the weather being either wet or dusty each Friday, but now that warmer weather is approaching we hope for better things. The auxiliary feels very proud of being so near to win the cup for the most efficient work of the year.

CARLISLE
The Carlisle Hall presented a gay appearance on September 26 when the ladies of the auxiliary held their annual children's plan and fancy dress ball. Two hundred or so young people attended, and the show was a huge success. The music was provided by Mrs. McNeely.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH, LEEDERVILLE
This has been a busy month one way and another. The auxiliary did its turn at the Barrack Street buffet all day, and were very happy to be of service to the boys of all forces. The annual exhibition produced many attractive stalls, though the exhibits were fewer than those of other years. Mt. Hawthorn did well with eight entries to gain eight prizes. When we met Neddlands in the final of the games for the McKinlay Shield, naturally we were a little disappointed at not taking home the shield. However, as the sports director (Mrs. Rowles) said, 'we will try harder still next year and may have a little more luck.' However, congratulations, Neddlands. On the night when the four semi-finalists met at the Mt. Hawthorn R.S.L. hall to entertain the country delegates, a very happy evening was spent. We were pleased to receive a miniature plaque to hang in the trophy case for being runners-up in the final. Mrs. Head read a very interesting account of the conference. An evening was held at Mrs. Williams' home and 2/1-2 handed in towards the Ugly competition. Over 40 parcels of knitted garments have been sent to the boys of the fighting forces. Mrs. Bevan has been in charge of this work.
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<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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Sub-Branch | Place of Meeting | Date of Meeting | President | Secretary
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HARVEY | R.S.L. Hall | 2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m. | Ray, J. C. Lund, Uduc Road, | J. B. V., Irene, c/o Uduc Road, Harvey |
KALGOORLIE | Soldiers’ Institute | Every 2nd Tuesday in month | J. R. Hylen, Great Boulder | D. F. Edwards, Kalgoorlie |
KIMBERLEY | Derby Clubrooms, Corr Street, | When called | Jack Sherritt, | H. Ulrich |
KATANING | Koorda | Committee 3rd Sunday, | | W. Bailey, Katanning |
KELLERBERRIN | Tomlin, meet quarterly | 3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m. | T. O. Chambers, Kellerberrin | G. Griffin, Kellerberrin |
KOOKA | Koorda | Quarterly (committee 1st Wednesday) | Chas. H. Smith, Koorda | E. W. Robinson, Koorda |
KUKerin | Kukerin Hotel | Last Saturday quarterly | D. Hamilton, Kukerin | R. V. C. Davidson, Kukerin |
KULIN | R.S.L. Institute | When called | R. Davies, Kulin | W. A. Turner |
LAKE GRACE | Road Board Hall | 2nd Sunday at 8 p.m. | F. P. Feltham, Lake Grace | E. H. Rice, Wyalkatchem |
LAKE KING | Lake King Hall | When called | H. D. Allen, Lake King | A. Howard |
MANJIMUP | R.S.L. Hall, Manjimup | 1st Thursday each month, | J. Smith, Manjimup | S. R. Tay, Waroona |
MAYLANDS | Supper-room, Town Hall, | Alternate Thursday, 7:30 | S. Horton, Alma Road, Mt. | L. T. King, 10 Carrington |
MOUNT PLEASANT | Maylands | p.m. (pension week) | Lawley | C. H. Jacobson, Menzies |
MULLEWA | South Yilgarn Hotel | 1st Sunday in month | Eric Henderson, Menzies | R. H. Wilks |
MULLEWA | R.S.L. Institute, Narrogin | 1st Monday in month | L. S. Weiler | J. W. Sampson, 44 Dudley |
MUNDARING & DISTRICTS | R.S.L. Branch Rooms, Railways & Wines | 1st Thursday in each month | J. C. Cole, 36 Harbour Street | J. H. Cameron, Southwell |
MULLEWA | Narrogin | J. C. Cole, 36 Harbour Street | | J. H. Cameron, Southwell |
MUREE | Narembeen | | | |
NAREMBEN | Newdegate, Building, Broadway, Narembeen | | | |
NEWDEGATE | Newdegate | Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday in each month | A. S. Graham, Narembeen | A. L. Reynolds, Northam |
NEWDEGATE | Railway Hotel, Newdegate | 3rd Wednesday in the month | T. S. Edmonds, 36 Archdeacon Street, Narembeen | S. H. Ryan, Newdegate |
NORTHAMPTON | R.S.L. Clubrooms, Gordon Street, Northam | 1st and 3rd Monday in the week | S. E. Davis, 77 Mabel St. | R. B. Tompkins, Northam |
NORTHAM | Northam | 2nd Tuesday | B. C. James, Fitzgerald St. | R. B. Tompkins, Northam |
NORTH PERTH | St. Hilda’s Hall, Gliebe Street | 1st and 3rd Monday in the month | E. O. Davies, 77 Mabel St. | R. B. Tompkins, Northam |
PERTH (Office hours: 9 a.m. | 21st Century, 21 King | 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month | | R. B. Tompkins, Northam |
PERTH | 5:30 p.m.) | 1st Sunday, 8 p.m. | | |
PINDLING | R.S.L. Hall | Last Saturday in each month | F. Archer, East Piningle | L. G. Cameron, East Piningle |
PRESS | At Luzon Church, Y.M.C.A., Murray Street, Perth | Last Saturday in each month | J. Chappell, Pastoral House, | L. G. Cameron, East Piningle |
PITIARA | Pitara Clubrooms | 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the month | R. E. L. Snow, Pastoral House, | L. G. Cameron, East Piningle |
QUARRING-DUNIN | Quaarring-Dunin | 1st Sunday in the month | E. T. Roberts, Pitara | L. G. Cameron, East Piningle |
REEDY | T. Fraser’s Buildings | 1st Sunday in the month | E. C. Johnson, Quairading | J. F. Evans, Compound, Quairading |
SOUTHERN CROSS | R.A.O.B. Clubrooms | 1st Sunday in the month | E. Low, Reed | J. F. Evans, Compound, Quairading |
SHENTON PARK | Progress Hall, Onslow Road | 1st Sunday in the month | I. M. Beckwith, Box 7, Glenferrie, | J. F. Evans, Compound, Quairading |
SHACKLETON-KWLYN | Kwolin Hotel | 1st Sunday in the month | R. O. Gun, 668 Nicholson Road, | J. F. Evans, Compound, Quairading |
SUBIACO | R.S.L. Hall, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco | 1st Monday in the month | H. S. Forre | E. F. Bishop, 55 Aberdare |
TAMBELLUP | R.S.L. Club | 1st Tuesday in the month | C. P. Musgrove, 155 Onslow Road, | E. F. Bishop, 55 Aberdare |
TRAYNING-YELBIRI | Trayning | Every 4th Sunday | F. Smeeton, Trayning | J. B. Samuel, 17 Ord Street, West Perth |
VICTORIA PARK | Memorial Hall, Salisbury St., | Every 4th Sunday | F. Smeeton, Trayning | J. B. Samuel, 17 Ord Street, West Perth |
WEST LEEDERVILLE-WMBLLY | Town Hall, Cambridge St., | Every 4th Sunday | F. Smeeton, Trayning | J. B. Samuel, 17 Ord Street, West Perth |
WURIN | Wubin Hill | Every 4th Sunday | F. Smeeton, Trayning | J. B. Samuel, 17 Ord Street, West Perth |
YELWILING | YeoLing, 77 Tattle Street, | Every 4th Sunday | F. Smeeton, Trayning | J. B. Samuel, 17 Ord Street, West Perth |
YOUANMI | YeoLing, | Every 4th Sunday | F. Smeeton, Trayning | J. B. Samuel, 17 Ord Street, West Perth |
WYALKATCHEM | Lesser Hall | 3rd Saturday, after 18th of | G. H. Riches, Tel. No. 41 | H. G. Esbrey, Wickepin |
WASAONA-HAMEL | Memorial Hall | 3rd Saturday, bi-monthly | C. C. Godden, Waringa | H. G. Esbrey, Wickepin |
WEST PERTH | Anzac House, Perth | 3rd Saturday, bi-monthly | N. B. Brisbane, c/o Registrar-General’s, | H. G. Esbrey, Wickepin |
WICKEPIN | Wickepin Hotel | 2nd Saturday in each month | J. H. C. Glascott, Wickepin | D. Fullarton, Staff Quarters, Wickepin |
WILUNA | Wickepin Hotel | 2nd Saturday in each month | Geo. McCrory, Red Hill | W. D. Wimsett, Wickepin |

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