THIS FATAL COMPLACENCY

One furphy of the last war which has been hard to kill, if it has been killed yet, is the oft-repeated statement that the majority of members of the A.I.F. voted against conscription. There were two conscription referendums on the conscription issue. In both instances the Diggers voted before the Commonwealth vote was recorded, and on both occasions the A.I.F. recorded "Yes" majorities. According to the official figures, the voting was—October, 1916: For, 73,399; against, 58,894; informal, 2,520. December, 1917: For, 103,789; against, 93,910; informal, 1,978.

The newspapers, during the early part of Armistice Week, made illuminating reading. They contained complaints about the poor response of the public to the War Loan; gleeful comment on the Federal Government's refusal to include provision for compulsory savings in the Budget; and a statement by General Blamey that the Diggers in the Middle East were at a loss to understand the lag in recruiting for the A.I.F. General Blamey has also been astounded at the complacency with which people in Australia view the war. "This is civilization's greatest period of menace," he said in Sydney the day before Armistice Day, "and I am staggered to find that the young men of Australia do not feel that their place is in the ranks." The Federal Government is certainly doing something this month to fill the ranks. It has started another nation-wide recruiting campaign and, no doubt, Hitler and his fellow-gangster in Rome will be suitably impressed.

The institution of a recruiting campaign at this stage of the war, and the vigorous efforts by means of war loan rallies, imply an expenditure of energy, time and cash that might all be saved for more formidable war work if the Government had the courage to conscript all the country's resources of wealth, material and manpower. It may be argued that conscription of men for service overseas is not consistent with the declared policy of the Labour Party, or of any other party for that matter, but, in this connection one may recall the words of Emerson who described consistency as "the hobgoblin of little minds." All the political parties have had their minds changed for them by the fell clutch of the circumstances of this war. For instance, when the war broke out, Labour spokesmen, throughout Australia, lost no opportunity of declaring their opposition to sending another A.I.F. overseas. That they did so was no reflection on their patriotism or their loyalty to the Empire. In their appreciation of the situation as it was then, they did not want to denude Australia of men, when danger from sources nearer home might have to be encountered. At the same time, Labour was opposed to the resumption of universal training for home defence, and the other parties were either reluctant or afraid to reintroduce compulsory training.

At a later stage, when Mr. Menzies reintroduced compulsory service for home defence, Labour acquiesced, and the decision of the Government of the day was universally applauded by men of all parties. What is more, Labour has long since withdrawn its opposition to sending men overseas, and has emphatically rejected proposals for the recall of the A.I.F. Even now, with Labour in office and the danger nearer home assuming more ominous proportions, the Labour Army Minister (Mr. Forde) has declared that the recall of the A.I.F. was unthinkable. If the enlightenment of experience in view of the changing international situation could modify the attitude of Labour towards compulsory training for home defence, and the despacht and maintenance of the A.I.F. overseas, surely it is not impossible to expect that greater strategic insight might impel Labour leaders to realise that the best way to oppose total war of the type our enemies wage is by a total all-in defence. It may be consistent to cling with a Mr. Micawber-like tenacity to the cumbersome and inadequate voluntary system, but to continue to do so in these critical times is merely to handicap the war effort.

Neither is it so very consistent to accept the principle of conscription for home defence and reject it for service abroad. One could understand the reluctance of a Government to conscript men to go abroad and fight in a war of aggression; but this is not a war of aggression, as far as we are concerned; it is a grim fight for self-preservation, and unless we put forth the greatest possible effort we are in danger of defeat and conquest by the most ruthless barbarians the world has seen since the days of the original Huns. We admit conscription for home defence: where does home defence begin and end? In these days of receding frontiers and converging horizons? Between the wars, British strategists agreed that England's eastern frontier was the Rhine. President Roosevelt has been able to lead his people from the wilderness of isolationism towards the promised land of peace and security, only through his insistence on the obvious fact that America is being defended as much in Tobruk and in the Atlantic as she would be if an enemy were hammering at the portals of New York! If Australia is to be defended in Malaya, or in the altitudes of the Caucasus, why make it obligatory for a man to serve in Cootamundra and leave it for him to decide if he will defend his country in Singapore or Batum?

The present slipshod methods of voluntary defence and voluntary subscriptions to war loans are long overdue for a drastic alteration. The Labour Government in New Zealand has adopted conscription for service overseas. The Government of Canada is about to do so. The Labour Party in Britain has accepted the principle of compulsory. Only Mr. Curtin stands for the voluntary system, despite its obvious inadequacy; but he now has the opportunity of making a change for the better. If he accepts...
the logic of circumstances and declares for all-in conscription of wealth, resources and manpower, he will go down to history as a courageous statesman who did not fail to use strong measures to meet a situation nearly desperate. As an alternative, he might take the weaker line followed by Mr. W. M. Hughes in the last war, and allow the people to decide whether they will take their medicine like little men, or remain a few years longer in the sickly fear of Nazism.

AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT PRAISES THE A.I.F.

During the last war, men of the United States Army, who were associated with the A.I.F. in action, developed a very high regard for their Australian comrades. Similar admiration has just been expressed by Mr. Joseph M. Levy, the chief correspondent in the Middle East for the New York Times. Mr. Levy has represented that paper in the Middle East for fourteen years, and he has ample opportunity of seeing our lads over there, and of assessing their value as fighting troops. Mr. Levy arrived in Sydney by air from San Francisco towards the middle of the month. He told an interviewer that, if Australia could put more men into the field in the Middle East, it would save the situation for the British Empire. "I sometimes wonder if you Australians know how good you are," he went on. "Your men are the most courageous fighters in the world. The Germans know it, and the Italians know it. If the Italians heard there were another four or five Australian Divisions in Libya, they would not dare to get within radius of 400 miles of them." Tuning to the general situation, Mr. Levy said that if Germany could gain control of the Middle East, this would consolidate her position in Europe. The only thing that will stop Germany will be men, planes and military equipment. "Hitler's main trouble at present is oil, particularly lubricating oil. This," said Mr. Levy, "is why he is driving towards the Caucasus so desperately. It is impossible for him to make lubricating oil synthetically in big enough quantities to supply his urgent needs. He has possession of the Rumanian oilfields, and they supply him with fuel oil, but they do not provide much in the way of lubricants. On the other hand, the Baku oilfields produce large quantities of lubricating oil. That is why Hitler is so keen to get possession of the Caucasus. It is our business, at all costs, to stop him."

RUSSIAN WINTER

When Napoleon commenced his disastrous invasion of Russia, Tzar Alexander remarked, "He has yet to meet my two best Generals, General January and General February." The quotation has been variously rendered for over a century, the latest rendering being that Germany's mightiest opponents on the Russian front today are General Snow and General Mud. But, however the phrasing may alter, the sense remains the same. The severity of the Russian winter has proved, and is still proving, an important part of Russia's defensive system. Every schoolboy knows, as Lord Macaulay used to say, that Napoleon's army found the Russian winter uncomfortable as fighting weather. Now, Hitler is fighting for winter quarters in the big cities before the winter sets in with a vengeance. The Germans are already making the weather an excuse for the slowing down of their offensive against Moscow, and there can be no doubt that Hitler's armies will suffer most severely if they have to endure the Russian winter in open country.

On the other hand, it would be most unwise to jump to the conclusion that the winter will stop the Nazis in their tracks as far as the fighting is concerned. The German High Command has stated very definitely that the army is prepared to fight on through a winter campaign. This is probably no idle boast, and there have been instances before of German thoroughness overcoming obstacles which seemed to be insurmountable. The Russo-Finnish war in the winter of 1939 proved that heavy fighting, with all the modern weapons, can be carried on in spite of the most frigid of weather conditions. It is well to remember that fighting in that war took place much farther north than the bulk of the present war against Russia. There is reason to believe that tanks and other ground equipment can operate in snow as well, or better, than in the present mud. As far as air fighting is concerned, winter will make a landing field of every lake. The German requisitioning of skis, furs, blankets and other winter equipment throughout the unfortunate countries under German occupation shows that provision is being made for the men.

It is obvious that German plans for this winter will work much better if they can win big cities as bases. That is why so much blood and material was spent in the taking of Kiev and Odessa, and why so much attention has been given to Leningrad and Moscow. These places, even if the Russians leave them in ruins, can still provide winter headquarters for large armies. What is more, these cities are on the Russian flanks, from which further enveloping attacks can be launched.

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The twenty-sixth annual Federal Congress of the League was opened in Brisbane on Friday, November 14, by the Governor of Queensland (Mr. Leslie Lachlan). In his opening speech, Sir Leslie Wilson said that the only way we could assure final victory was by a wholehearted effort, and by equality of sacrifice for all. A message was received from His Majesty the King stating, "I wish all success to the annual congress of the League." Greetings were also received from the Governor-General (Lord Gowrie) and Field-Marshal Lord Milne, the Grand President of the British Empire Service League. Congress was addressed by the Premier of Queensland (Mr. Forgan Smith) who made a vigorous plea for an intensified war effort.

Mr. Forgan Smith declared: "We are making conditions more profitable for eligible men to remain here than to enlist. There is more money in circulation in Australia today than ever before. The whole nation will soon have to be mobilised on a war footing. We must be highly organised, highly equipped and equally ruthless as the enemy, giving not only one blow, but two blows for one." Continues his address, Mr. Forgan Smith said: "There is apparent in many quarters a failure to realise the stake involved in the present struggle. To preserve our heritage, we must enter into it manfully. Everything in life must be paid for. Sometimes we pay in money; sometimes in hard toil; sometimes in blood and tears; but whatever the method of payment, the bill must be met, and it is our duty to contribute towards the payment." He mentioned a dangerous thing he had noticed emerging in recent months. This had filled him with misgiving and grave concern. There was more money in circulation in Australia than ever before. "Was it not a dangerous thing," he asked, "to get into the minds of any people that, during a period of war, there was greater business prosperity, there were higher dividends and profits, more employment, better wages, and less economic distress? Was not an inevitable reaction the belief that war solved economic problems, meant more business, more dividends, more pictures shows, and the continuation of normally good activities?"

The Congress unanimously passed a resolution that the Federal Government be urged to conscript all industries, manpower and wealth in the Commonwealth immediately, and convert them to the war effort. Included in the motions passed on the opening day was one sponsored by the West Australian branch. The motion declared that "in the interests of decentralisation and local facilities in small towns, the fullest use should be made of all resources, such as munitions, engineering shops, small electrical engineers, and saddlers, etc." A Queensland motion that no person should be allowed to join the Returned Soldiers' League Volunteer Defense Corps, who was ineligible for service overseas, was agreed to. Congress also passed a Queensland motion for the creation of one pool for all men desiring to serve their country. Another motion urged the Commonwealth Government to review the manpower system now operating.

The Federal Congress also affirmed that the alien menace was causing widespread unrest and a feeling of insecurity throughout Australia. A series of motions suggesting plans for dealing with the situation was carried. The following were suggested as appropriate measures—Deportation at the end of the war of all alien members of subversive organisations in their countries of origin and of all aliens that are interned; discontinuance of admittance to Australia of residents of enemy countries and refugees of countries occupied by enemy forces; immediate and compulsory internment of all alien members of enemy aliens; discontinuance of issue of neutralisation papers to enemy aliens for the period of the war and twelve months after; absolute retention of all present internees and interned enemy aliens; discontinuance of internment for the rehabilitation of Australia of residents of enemy countries and refugees of countries occupied by enemy forces; immediate and compulsory internment of all alien members of enemy aliens; discontinuance of issue of neutralisation papers to enemy aliens for the period of the war and twelve months after; absolute retention of all present internees and interned enemy aliens; discontinuance of internment for the present war and the future; encouragement of British trade smen for businesses producing war material; encouragement of British trade smen for the creation of one pool for all men desiring to serve their country. Another motion urged the Commonwealth Government to review the manpower system now operating.

The motion submitted by the West Australian branch, urging the amendment of the National Security Regulations to prevent people of alien origin from acquiring agricultural land under any scheme of purchase or lease, until adequate provision had been made for the rehabilitation of ex-service men and ex-service women, was carried. It was also agreed that the Federal Government be urged to legislate to provide preference in employment to ex-service men and ex-service women of the present war. It was also agreed to seek provision by the Government of homes for war widows at small rentals.

Questions of foreign policy, and Australia's relations with neighbouring and other countries were discussed by the Federal Congress on Monday, November 15. A motion from New South Wales, which urged immediately diplomatic and trade relations with the Netherlands East Indies and Soviet Russia, was agreed to without comment. Congress also expressed the hope that the implications of past relations between the British Empire and the United States would lead to an Anglo-American Union after the war. This resolution, which was submitted by Western Australia, will be sent forward to the other State Conferences for report and recommendation.

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the British Empire Service League and the American Legion. A motion from New South Wales, advocating the employment of prisoners of war, without additional pay, to improve Crown Lands, was carried unanimously. In terms of another motion, the Government will be requested to extend the benefits of the Service Pensions Act to all men enlisting for service in the present war, and that deferred pay be granted to ex-members of the Garrison Battalions. Congress also urged an increase in the strength of the Volunteer Defence Corps to 100,000, and condemned the practice of granting commissions to militia trainees and allowing them to fill commissioned vacancies in the A.I.F. over the heads of men who had served eighteen months or two years overseas.

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE

Members of the Volunteer Defence Corps, or the Home Guard as it is alternatively called, will be interested in the recent statement of the Army Minister (Mr. Forde). The Minister appealed to the 90,000 members of the Volunteer Defence Corps not to be discouraged by delays in the issue of uniforms, arms and equipment for training purposes. Mr. Forde explained that delays had occurred because of the priority given to the needs of the A.I.F. and the Australian Military Forces. He said that certain measures taken by the Government and the increased output of the armament factories would soon remedy delays. The Corps is now being issued with uniforms, and equipment is being issued where it is available. Mr. Forde went on to say that the Volunteer Defence Corps had a definite and important role to play in the national defence system. It is proposed to augment the voluntary work of members by the appointment of a number of full-time officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers. These will be attached to the Corps and will carry out duties similar to those of the permanent staff attached to the Militia in peace-time.

Mr. Forde then stated that, by close affiliation of the Volunteer Defence Corps with the units of the Australian Military Forces, and by the issue of rifles to the fullest extent available, considerable progress had been made in training. He pointed out that the units of the Corps could carry out a considerable amount of training without weapons. Such training included field-craft, and other minor tactical training. The execution of war roles by the V.D.C. will depend greatly upon Australia's ability to produce the necessary weapons after meeting the needs of the field forces, the forces overseas, and other commitments abroad. Mr. Forde concluded his statement by saying it was better to have a framework on which to build an organised volunteer force, than to improve an organisation during stress of active service.

A.R.M.S. COMPETITIONS

Once again the grand final was played between Gloucester Park and West Leederville and resulted in a win for Gloucester Park after a most interesting contest. This is the fourth year that the “trammies” have won the shield and they were highly complimented on their performance. Mr. Hawthorn once again won the Yellow Cab Cup for the highest average shooting for the series.

The games this year have been a great success and have done much to perpetuate the comradeship of the League.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The individual championships were conducted at Monash House on November 4th and November 11th. There were large entries, large audiences and many exciting interesting games. Charlie Luif, of Perth sub-branch, won the darts after an exciting final with Bill Reed, of Gloucester Park. Roy Potts and A. L. Dent, of Nedlands, won the bridge from a large field. Jim Caldwell, of Gloucester Park, won the shooting. Cuthbert Richardson, of Mt. Hawthorn, who played consistently well for the season, won the table tennis. In this event there was an entry from a lad this war in Vincent, of Mt. Lawley. He was just beaten after the most exciting game by Roy King, of South Perth. Roy Madderson, of Nedlands, won the quintet and a meritorious win was that by Bill McCulloch, of West Leederville, who defeated Stan Kirby in the final of the draughts.

There were over 100 entries and the general opinion was that these games were well worth while and play an important part in League activities.

COLLECTING NEWS

S. B. Powell writes from Claremont—Can you please tell me have we of the R.S.L. an active agency keeping in touch with ALL printed matter appearing in our daily papers? Something like the old Intelligence? If not, the Home Guard is incomplete.

Much of the daily news is good print, though quite a lot, to the layman, puzzling. Here’s an instance. On page 6 of “The West Australian,” 15/10/41, appears an article headed, “Free-German Movement.” Splitting the article in half is a tank with the caption, “Oil for Hitler’s Tanks.” Not much to get on my mind legs about, sex you, but this is what is getting my goat— to date I have neither heard nor seen a discussion of this subject. Every little helps, and delving into the foregoing may be profitable.

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Armistice Day, this year, was a day of contrasts as far as England and Australia were concerned. There was the same two-minutes' silence in remembrance for our sacred dead, and gratitude for their sacrifice. The annual sale of poppies was again concrete evidence of a nation's mindfulness of the needs of the living, who also sacrificed much for King and Empire in the long-protracted battle for civilisation against the hordes of barbarism. There was no contrast in the spirit with which Australians and people in the Old Country commemorated. Armistice Day: the contrast was rather in the method of observance. It was officially announced, at the beginning of the month, that the King had decided that the service at the Cenotaph on November 11 would not be held, and that other large services throughout the British Isles would also be in abeyance. The decision was made because of the possibility of the signals for the two-minutes' silence being mistaken for air raid warnings. It was proposed that November 9 should be observed throughout Britain as a day of remembrance and dedication, and that Poppy Day be observed on November 11. In Australia, we were more fortunate, and Armistice Day this year was set aside as the day of the unveiling of the National War Memorial in Canberra. Fortunately, indeed, we are that we can still honour our dead without endangering the safety of the living, and that we can do it in simple reverence without straining ear and nerve for the menacing drone of Boche bombers.

Until the Crimean campaign, a war memorial was a thing unknown in Western Europe, unless, of course, one can describe as war memorials the various triumphal arches erected by Roman Emperors, and by French Emperors in imitation of them or, perhaps, such structures in England as Blenheim Palace, which was the gift of a grateful country to a victorious commander. It may be observed in passing, however, that the Blenheim Palace tradition has survived to this day, because one or two of Britain's most popular war memorials take the form of a building. But, with such rare exceptions, the war memorials, as we, know them today, are put up by one group of people to another group. In their very genesis, they are reminders and typical of the growth of democracy. It is in this feature that their newness lies. The idea of commemorating with a work of monumental art the death in battle of hundreds of ordinary men, often united by no stronger bond than a common place of residence, would have been inconceivable before the birth of modern democracy. The eighteenth century was well advanced before poets and other writers could wax eloquent over the deeds of the man in the ranks. Addison could write about the deeds of the private soldier: "How can I see the gay, the brave, the young, Fall in the cloud of war, and lie unsung!" But even Addison was sufficiently tied to mediæval chivalry to sing in loftier strains of the deeds of the heroist, as he described as riding the whirlwind and directing the storm. Far simpler and more in keeping with the modern spirit of commemoration are the simple verses of another eighteenth century poet, William Collins, which commence—

"How sleep the brave, who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blest."

They are lines which, if set to appropriate music, could make an excellent hymn for such days as Anzac Day or Armistice Day, or which, by themselves, might appropriately be carved on any shrine of remembrance. The erection of monuments to war leaders continued and still continue, but these are, for the most part, statues and effigies pure and simple. The Nelson Column was one of the last monuments put up by those who were interested chiefly in the individual.

By common consent of the British people, the most important individual killed in the Great War was not a conspicuous leader; it was the average man, whose body is laid in the Unknown Warrior's grave in Westminster Abbey. The grave is in the centre of the nave, just inside the great west doors, between the second and third pair of columns. On a black marble slab is an inscription, inlaid in letters, of brass, stating that—

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The Unknown Warrior's grave commemorates the average of the men who died; the Cenotaph in Whitehall commemorates the whole of those men. If the Cenotaph had not been ugly or dull in its design, it would still hold the first place in the affections of the British people. It is a permanent copy of the monument salvated by detachments of the Allied troops at the peace celebrations in 1919. But it is impossible that it should be dull or ugly, for the simple reason that, if it had not been given the deepest satisfaction to all who saw it, this monument would never have been duplicated in stone. It was designed by the great British architect, Sir Edward Lutyens, who designed the Australian National Memorial at Villers Bretonneux, and many other noble memorials in various parts of the Empire. His Cenotaph came into being in the one manner above all others favourable to the production of first-rate architecture.

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In town again after a long spell in the canteen service at various camps is the genial Ted Davidson. Ted held a long-distance job as far as the United Service was concerned, having had unbroken service in that hostelry for about 19 years. He was doing a good job in the canteen service, but Mrs. Ted’s health reached a point that began to worry the family so Ted came home. He is now with “The Listen Post” old friend, Ted Church, at the Criterion, and Mrs. Davidson is, fortunately, very much better.

Harry Grouch, of the Old Sixteenth, has been in town again, greeting old battalion cobbers at the club. Early last month he heard the announcement over the air of the date of the 16th reunion, so he decided to come down for it.

Dr. Bunting, headmaster of the Hale School, who was a captain when he left with the A.I.F. for the Middle East, is to be congratulated on his promotion to the rank of Major. When last heard of, he was recuperating in Palestine after service with the Tobruk garrison.

Congratulations to Major H. M. Whittell, of Bridgetown, who has just been elected president of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists’ Union. The election took place at the annual meeting of the Union in Melbourne on October 21. Major Whittell has long taken a very active interest in League affairs, and has on occasions been a senior delegate to the annual State congress. In his leisure he has devoted much time to the fascinating study of birds, as distinguished from the “birds” of the A.I.F. For some years he has been a vice-president of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists’ Union. This is the second time the presidency has been held by a representative from Western Australia. The late Colonel E. A. Le Souef, Director of the Zoological Gardens, South Perth, was president from 1924 to 1927.

Ollie J. Williams, of the State Executive, and one of the delegates chosen to represent the W.A. Branch at the forthcoming Federal congress, was one of the victims of a recent motor accident. He got out of it with a broken collarbone, and the M.O. was able to patch him up in time for him to go East to the congress.

The W.A. Branch is losing a good stalwart and the State Executive a very useful member through the transfer of Ross Keeling to a staff job in the Eastern Command. Ross has been the means of inspiring several country sub-branches, notably Port Hedland and Muntadgin-Totadgin. He saw service in the last war with the 51st Battalion, and was still quite a youngster when he returned from active service. At the meeting of the State Executive on October 20, his resignation was accepted with deep regret, and a motion expressing appreciation of his many years of service was recorded.

Quite a number of the old Diggers who went away to the present stoush are back again. Reference was made in a previous issue to the return of Davie Paton, of the North-East Fremantle sub-branch, and to his re-election to the State Executive. Another League stalwart, who is home once more after active service abroad, is Jim Lang, former secretary of the North Perth sub-branch. His brother Jack is a prisoner of war. By one of those strange coincidences which make truth less credible than fiction, or even war news, young Jim, while recuperating from his military service, went into an A.I.F. camp almost to the day of Jim senior’s arrival at a port somewhere in Australia. Another good Digger, who has been home several weeks, is Jack Brown, formerly of the Nedlands sub-branch. Jack Brown fought the good fight with the 78th in the last war, and spent many weary months as a prisoner of war in Germany. He had had all that experience and returned to Australia before he was 21. He went away with an Army Medical Unit this time, and having returned from two wars, he feels quite a veteran. Jack tells us he intends to link up with the North Perth sub-branch. By the way, that is quite good work North Perth and other metropolitan sub-branches are doing and we suppose country sub-branches are doing as well, in writing a personal letter to each returned man of the district and congratulating him on his return. We can assure the sub-branches that those who receive these letters not only appreciate them—they treasure them. A twice-returned Digger, one McGhe, of Wiluna, was one of the outstanding personalities at this year’s State congress. Another who is back once more is Stan Gordon, of the old 32nd. And there are, no doubt, others, whom we shall be glad to mention if we can hear from them.

It is devoutly to be wished that the West Australian delegates to the Federal congress come back in better trim than when they went East. Colonel Olden was far from well. Ollie J. Williams, in addition to his permanent disability, was convalescing from the broken collarbone that was the result of his recent motoring accident. The assistant-State secretary, Carl Ferguson, who makes up the three of a kind that should beat any pair, was awkwardly overcoming a strained foot. Another who is back once more is Stan Gordon, of the old 32nd. And there are, no doubt, others, whom we shall be glad to mention if we can hear from them.

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secretary, Dave Benson, neither of whom is remarkable for slowness. The afternoon motion was discussed, a Sydney evening paper published a photograph of Fred and Dave, with the letterpress "Malnutrition. The West Australian delegates to the Federal congress today, including Minister for Agriculture, Mr. H. J. Mustel, have not gone into the question of the West Australian Railways. There was no further comment, but the photograph of two such well-built delegates was sufficient joke at their expense.

The Supreme Court of Queensland has allowed the presumptive death of Captain Arnold Wienshold, D.S.O., M.C. and Bar. This rings down the curtain on one of Australia's most colourful soldiers. Arnold Wienshold was the Darling Downs in Queensland, and though he was the owner of several pastoral properties, he spent much of his adventurous life in the wilds of Africa. His first war service was against the Boers, as a member of the 12th Queensland Bushmen, during the war of 1899-1902. In the year 1914-1918, he served under both in the taking of South-West Africa, and later in East Africa, where his decorations were gained. Eventually he returned to the Moreton district in the Federal Parliament, and was a member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly from 1909 to 1912, and again from 1930 to 1934. The late Captain Wienshold was killed on his way to Australia to look for Burns' scalp, the coloured heavyweight and the long, rawboned Queensland were shipmates. They had a spark which developed into a real, willing go. On another occasion, when Jack Johnson was up the river for the law, he came down to see Wienshold, and Wienshold was badly mauled by a lion. In 1936, he went to Abyssinia as special correspondent for the Brisbane Courier Mail. Returning to Australia, he again set out for Abyssinia in 1939. On his arrival there, he spent out on a mission. It is believed that he met his death on or about September 10, 1940, when he and a party of natives were ambushed.

Stan Diggins, a member of West Leederville-Wembley A.R.M.S. team, is at present in Ward XI with leg and foot disability. Stan has been having a rough spin. Before he went into Ward XI he spent several weeks in St. John's Hospital through a heart attack. As the old song goes, "He has a heart's good, but his feet won't let him go.

Bill Hawkes, from Busselton district, was in town recently. Bill was up the North West when the last stunt started, and after seeing one of his cobbers, who was a kangaroo shooter, turned down for the A.I.F. for sight, he decided to waste no more time there but went to the Old Country and enlisted in King Edward's Horse and collected a foot wound for his trouble.

Alex. Cunningham has also had a letter from Phil Carter, the secretary of the Anzac Club, who is now with the R.A.A.F. Volunteer Air Force in the Middle East. Phil has been in Egypt and seen Cairo once more. "There are fine or two marvellous places here," he writes. "No. 1, the Cairo Club. It reminds me of the old days at the old Anzac Club; it's so much like it so much so I have never seen such a wonderful place." Phil has been attending a school of instruction near Cairo, but he will not be happy until he gets on to his job. His thoughts often turn to the old cobbers of the Club. "I often wonder how the Club is progressing, and how many blacks I could give Ted (meaning that noted snooker player, Ted Cunningham). I suppose he has bought the table by now." Phil Carter sends his regards to all Club members and, as he has not time to write everyone, everyone must take the will for the deed.

Few men have had such a wide and varied experience in the war as Richard Dimbleby, the B.B.C.'s official observer in the Middle East. He has seen the war in North Africa, in the Eastern Mediterranean, Iraq and Iran, and in one of his talks he described how the diplomatic representatives of the belligerent Powers meet in Istanbul, the place we used to call Constantinople in old days. Just as skillful as all the agents of Istanbul rub the war to pretend indifference to each other, so on shore the diplomatic, professional and commercial representatives of the belligerent Powers, and most of the neutrals, live in rooms next to each other in public and curse each other in private. Here, too, are journalists of all nations; business men, genuine and German, and representatives of the Gestapo masquerading as something completely innocent, making so bold as to drive up to lunch at my hotel in a Berlin city police car. All these people sound like characters in a spy or secret service novel, and indeed there is something of the cloak and dagger about the whole thing. It is beginning to give evidence of the strictly neutral policy of the Turkish authorities that they are able to maintain law and order without incident.

The West Leederville-Wembley auxiliary has lost a valued member through the recent death of Mrs. M. McKie. The late Mrs. McKie was a foundation member of the auxiliary, and she missed very few of the meetings. She arranged by every energetic body. For years, Mrs. McKie was handicapped by physical disabilities, but on Friday nights for seven years, with very few exceptions, she was in the supper-room doing her little job of service for the bridge evenings. Auxiliary office-bearers and members could tell much about her many unobtrusive services and her many unostentatious gifts to the cause of the auxiliary.

The opportunity was taken at the Gunners' Welcome Home on Armistice night to show in what esteem the secretary of the Gunners' Welfare Fund (Miss Trixie Feinberg) is held by the old artillerymen when she was presented by the Commanding the Auxiliary Comrades' Association. President Bill Beadle made the presentation.

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERANS

The 40th annual service in memory of those who died in the South African War of 1899-1902 was held on Sunday, November 9, at the South African Memorial in King's Park. The service was conducted under the auspices of the South African and Imperial Service Association. Notwithstanding a very important business session on the Esplanade, there was a good attendance of the general public. Ten officers and 82 other ranks were present. The Rev. C. H. B. S. Eisel gave the address, and Canon Collick, a padre in the South African War, conducted the prayers and read the lesson. The band of the Coastal Scottish Pipers provided the music for the march past, and the Lieut.-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, took the salute. Among the guests were several members of the A.I.F. and the Army Training Depot, and citizens from the 11th, 16th, 28th and 44th Battalions took part in the march. During the service, hymns and readings were rendered by the R.S.L. Memorial Band and the Metropolitan Gleemen. Several wreaths were placed at the base of the Memorial. Immediately after the service, a tree planted in memory of Mr. W. G. Clarke, late president of the Kalgoorlie branch of the association, was unveiled by Canon Collie, who was supported by Brigadier-General A. J. BesseI-Browne. The late Mr. Clarke was one of eleven veterans who have died during the past twelve months. Among the distinguished visitors who attended the service were the G.O.C. Western Command (Major-General R. E. Jackson), the general president of the South African and Imperial Veterans' Association (Brigadier-General A. J. BesseI-Browne), the State President of the R.S.L. & A.I.A. (Mr. A. V. Deane) and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Dr. and Mrs. Meagher).

ERIC MCKENZIE

"The Listening Post" gets in early in extending heartfelt congratulations to Colonel Eric G. H. McKenzie, commanding the 13th Infantry Brigade, on his recent promotion to the rank of Brigadier-General. He has been a Lieutenan in the 44th Battalion A.I.F. in the war, and was awarded the Military Cross for his gallant conduct while commanding a company in the battle for the Hindenburg Line on September 29, 1918. His recommendation for the decoration came from the most reliable source, the men serving in action with him. It was put through by the sergeants of his own company. After the war, Eric McKenzie was one of the devoted band of Citizen Force officers who continued to give the benefit of their war experience to the Australian Military Forces. He soldiered on, and was Commanding Officer of the 44th Battalion A.I.F. Forces at the outbreak of the war. Between the wars he qualified for the award of the Efficiency Decoration (formerly the Victorian Decoration) which is given for twenty years' commissioned service in the Australian Military Forces. When the war commenced, he was promoted to the temporary rank of Colonel and was appointed to command the 13th Infantry Brigade, an appointment which he still holds.

8th BATTERY ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting and smoke of the 8th Battery Association, held at Keough's Hall on Friday, October 10, the following were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. G. B. Richardson; Secretary, Mr. A. W. Watmough; Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. A. G. Watkins; secretary, Jack Kenny. The committee was elected en bloc. The attendance numbered 45. The committee feel indebted to several old members who, although unable to attend, sent along substantial donations to keep the association financially sound. Among the contributors were, notably, Fred West (of Gnowangerup), Jack Lay (of Lake Grace), Alf Patterson (Yandil Station) and M. Hedges (Murchison). Among those present the following Jerilderie residents, Mr. E. Clough (from Narrogin), W. Hedges (from the Murchison), Bob Clifton (from Brunswick Junction). The evening was enjoyed by all and some very interesting reminiscences were indulged in, and midnight it was voted by all to have been a regular old 8th Battery reunion.
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VARIA

The Victorian State Branch has suggested that sub-branch Christmas parties this year should include the children of men of the three services who are overseas. The State Executive would appreciate the issue of invitations to such children in addition to the general invitation which is extended to the children of veterans of the former war.

The Military Board has drawn attention through the Federal Office to the fact that some sub-branches of forwarding correspondence direct to the various Command Headquarters. It is desired by the Army authorities that all such correspondence should first be submitted to the State Headquarters of the League. Corresponding action is being taken at Army Headquarters in referring State or sub-branch matters to Federal Headquarters.

The hon. secretary of the Soldiers' Dependents' Appeal (Mr. Mather), asks for the names and addresses of widows of men who have been killed in action. He states that there may be a possibility that the families of these men may receive some aid, and is only reluctant to apply for assistance. Sub-branches knowing widows of comrades killed in action are asked to notify Mr. Mather, whose business address is Hon. Secretary, Soldiers' Dependents' Appeal, C.T.A. Building, Perth.

Passers-by in a London circus were much amused a while back to hear a soldier on leave—and he might have been Old Bill—say that the only difference between this war and the former one was that "Chu Chin Chow" had moved from His Majesty's Theatre to the Olympic.

The policy which made possible some of the amazing German troop movements of the last war, when whole armies were shifted back and forth between the East and Western Fronts with great facility, Hitler, however, has concentrated on motor transport. This has freed his armies from the constraints of fixed railways. They could go where they wished and, if bombs fell, only a few stops would be missed. Farther than the usefulness of a whole line. The policy worked well in Poland, Scandinavia and Western Europe; but these were all lightning campaigns in which the advantage of the German armies was never halted more than a few days. In the protracted Russian campaign, however, the advantages of motor transport over rail transport are at least dubious. A strain has been put on the whole resources of the German military machine, and the long lines of communication make it necessary to use vast quantities of petrol and oil, of which Germany is running short. On the other hand, greater use of railways would have turned to his advantage the coal of which Hitler has a plentiful supply.

This happened to an elderly couple somewhere in England. One night the Nazi bombers came, and, when the couple emerged from their air raid shelter, they found their home blown to bits. The old man shook his head in despair. "My wife burst into tears. Finally, the husband said: "There's a community kitchen down the street where they've got a fire going all night, and a steam engine on the gas and end our worries," At that, the wife stopped crying. She brushed away her tears and gasped: "What'll it let Hitler win?"

In viewing the Russian picture, there are several points that detract from Hitler's land gains. One is the opinion that Hitler will reap no economic advantage from overrunning the Ukraine. American commentators on the Russian economic position explain that the cold-producing capacity of the Ukraine has been greatly exaggerated. These experts insist that what makes the Ukraine food-producing capacity is that the food-producing capacity of the rest of Russia is so poor. Actually, they declare, the Ukraine does have a surplus grain crop which is distributed to other parts of the Soviet Union. However, it is claimed, Hitler's troops have cut off the Ukraine from the rest of the Soviet Union, so that it makes the Ukraine's production seem so large. It should also be remembered that, in the latter part of the last war, Germany held most of the Ukraine, and was not able to avert a German invasion of Poland thereby. The damage done by the scorched earth policy, since the invasion of Russia, must also be cleaned up. Farm equipment must be brought in, peasants must be brought back to till the fields, and transportation must be provided. All this will be a long and arduous task which will take not years, but decades.

It is only natural that the people of conquered countries should do all in their power to make the German occupation uncomfortable. With a little more so-called leadership, the situation is the report of unrest among the Sudeten Germans of Czechoslovakia. These were the first of Hitler's oppressed German minorities who had to be reunited with their kin. Early German troops played a tragic role in the pre-Munich days. Now, as a reward for their rescue from the "oppression" of Czechoslovakia, their entire able-bodied man-power has been mobilised. The population of food-producing Germany, with better irony than good faith, that judging by the casualty lists, the Sudeten Germans are given the privilege of serving the Fuhrer by fighting in the most exposed positions.

During the past century, Britain fought two wars to prevent Afghanistan becoming a Russian sphere of influence. It is with great satisfaction, then, that the British authorities have seen the Government of Afghanistan tie a can to the tail of Nazi intrigurers, who were trying to throw the information of the way of Iraq and Iran. About the time the British began to move into Syria, a notorious German agent named Von Hentig, tried to enter Afghanistan, but was stopped by the Government. Another German agent, who tried to establish a pro-Nazi position in the Middle East has been so materially strengthened, the Government has taken a firmer stand against German infiltration. Even if the present situation should change, Afghanistan is so mountainous that it is difficult to do more than control the invasion of the outer world, discounting the real opinion of the Reich held by the rest of the world. What is more, German agents have also told something about the malpractices of the Afghan Government in all the regions of the Nazi regime. These outlaw radio stations are so well informed that the question is often asked whether the authors themselves do not write the questions of the Nazis. It is also that these men must be in key positions for day after day, leading Nazis are attacked. Thieving and corruption are exposed, and this corruption includes the gigantic profits being made by these Nazis who deal in foodstuffs.

The Fascist Mayor of a small Italian town, whose son had been reported killed in action, arranged for a memorial service. It was to be seen a funer and all the local authorities were invited to attend. Half an hour or so before leaving his house to go to the service, the Mayor listened in the usual time to the B.B.C. news broadcast—and he heard his son's name announced in the list of prisoners of war. He was overcome with grief, of course, but he could not cancel the service. To do so would expose him to the risk of being charged with listening to enemy wireless. He went to the church, as arranged, only to find, when he got there, that no one else had turned up.

As we go to press, we learn with great satisfaction that the sales of poppies on Armistice Day reached the all-time record of over 80,000. As our worthy State Secretary says: "This is a wonderful proof of the public's confidence in the League."

The sinking and capture of enemy shipping, as well as to the raids on industrial centres, railway junctions, powerhouses and so on, is assisting the British blockade by imposing an unbearable strain on Germany's land transport. Under the circumstances, the Nazi High Command is now regarding the German railways with a sorrowful eye. Throughout this war, the Germans have neglected their rail-carriers in favour of motor transport. Tessed overboard were the conceptions of the Kaiser and Bismarck, who had cross-classed Germany with railway lines and given careful attention to equipment. It was that policy which made possible some of the amazing German troop movements of the last war, when whole armies were shifted back and forth between the East and Western Fronts with great facility. Hitler, however, has concentrated on motor transport. This has freed his armies from the restrictions of fixed railway lines. They could go where they wished and, if bombs fell, only a few stops would be missed. Farther than the usefulness of a whole line. The policy worked well in Poland, Scandinavia and Western Europe; but these were all lightning campaigns in which the advantage of the German armies was never halted more than a few days. In the protracted Russian campaign, however, the advantages of motor transport over rail transport are at least dubious. A strain has been put on the whole resources of the German military machine, and the long lines of communication make it necessary to use vast quantities of petrol and oil, of which Germany is running short. On the other hand, greater use of railways would have turned to his advantage the coal of which Hitler has a plentiful supply.

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No fewer than three secret radio stations are now penetrating all over Germany. According to reports from neutral sources, these illegal stations are causing the Gestapo extraordinary trouble. They are keeping up an open public reliable news of the outer world, discounting the real opinion of the Reich held by the rest of the world. What is more, German agents have also told something about the malpractices of the Afghan Government in all the regions of the Nazi regime. These outlaw radio stations are so well informed that the question is often asked whether the authors themselves do not write the questions of the Nazis. It is also that these men must be in key positions for day after day, leading Nazis are attacked. Thieving and corruption are exposed, and this corruption includes the gigantic profits being made by these Nazis who deal in foodstuffs.
PREFERENCE TO RETURNED SOLDIERS

At a recent sitting of the Senate, Colonel Collett asked the Minister representing the Prime Minister, upon notice—

Will the Government endorse the previous Government's clear declaration of a policy of preference in employment to members of the Australian forces returning from active service abroad, and also implement it by taking immediate steps to (a) amend the Commonwealth Public Service Acts so as to consult the State Governments with a view to the introduction of a uniform and comprehensive system of preference applicable to both State services and private industry?

Senator Collings.—The Prime Minister has supplied the following answer—

As the honorable senator is aware, during the terms of office of the previous Government consultations took place with the State Governments on the question of a uniform policy of preference in employment to members of the Australian forces returning from active service abroad. My Government has the matter prominently under notice, and will shortly review the whole position in the light of the views and information submitted.

VOCA TIONAL TRAINING

In the Senate recently Colonel Collett asked the Minister representing the Minister for Labour and National Service, upon notice—

With regard to the acknowledged need for a system of vocational training for certain members of the forces who will return from active service abroad: (1) Has the Minister perused the reports on this subject prepared by direction of the previous Government; (2) if so, what steps does he propose to take to implement the recommendations contained in those reports?

Senator Ashley.—The Minister for Labour and National Service has supplied the following answers—

1. Yes.

2. This matter is at present receiving the attention of a sub-committee of Cabinet. In the meantime, arrangements have already been completed for an interim scheme of vocational training recommended in the reports referred to.

In these days of paper rationing it is hard to understand why the A.I.P. Education Service should be allowed to launch a propaganda and altogether unnecessary periodical upon an astounded public. The publication is stodgy and pretentious, and seems to fill no useful purpose beyond that of providing a little extra amelioration for certain commissioned professors. One sentence in an article by Lieut.-Colonel Margwick seems to me to float gaily above the high-water mark of intellectual dishonesty. It is that the whole purpose of the education scheme will be retained if the reader is over-awed when he sees the name of a professor at the head of an article. Very nice and condescending on the part of Lieut.-Colonel Margwick, but there is always the possibility that instead of being over-awed the prospective reader may be merely bored. Boredom seems to be the habitual reaction of those who are obliged to listen to the lectures of the commissioned professors.

Scabbards Off

By Pip-Tok

It is not surprising to read that the Germans have been held up at Maloyoslovetz and Volokolamsk. Those places held up even the B.B.C. news-readers for a day or two.

We were indulging in the old soldier's moan against Anno Domini, and one Job's comforter weighed in with the remark: "Well, as the old song said, what's the use of worrying? We're not old enough to worry, but most of us look too old." Then the chronic optimist offered this consolation: "Oh, I don't mind looking too old, but I'd hate to be too old to look."
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Comrade Sharkey has added his note to the wall for another European front. "If Britain opened a new front in France, the French people would rise and help overthrow the enemy," he declared, but he does not say how the French are to rise without arms or munitions of any kind. Presumably, we must deliver the goods, as we are doing in Russia; but, one thinks, those more competent than Comrade Sharkey to decide such issues will do so when time and circumstances are more appropriate. Even to aid a sorely-pressed ally we cannot afford to play Hitler's game by risking another Narvik or Crete. Comrade Sharkey is on firmer ground in his appeal for industrial harmony in Australia and co-operation in the war against Hitlerism. Apparently, Sharkey and Co. find things necessary now that Russia is in the war. It was just because industrial harmony was disturbed and attempts were being made to sabotage the war effort that the party of which Comrade Sharkey was chairman was repudiated by the dinkum Labour organisations of Australia, and eventually banned by the Commonwealth Government.

Mr. Churchill's recent speech, besides talking Japan what would happen if the war were extended to the Pacific, sounded the death-knell of Hitler's new peace offensive. That offensive was to have been launched about Christmas time. Now that it is obviously foredoomed to failure the Germans deny that it was ever contemplated. Unfortunately for the Nazis, they are people who simply cannot help telegraphing the hit. The denial of the peace offensive had already been given in the lie in an interview given by von Papen, the German Ambassador to Turkey, to a neutral journalist. Turkey was to be jockeyed into the position of acting as mediator between Germany and Russia, and then Britain was to be ordered to accept an armistice or take what was coming to her. There were also dark hints as to the fate of the remaining neutrals who refuse to accept Hitler's so-called new order in Europe. To those who are familiar with Nazi tactics, the plan is nothing more than the familiar wishful thinking bolstered up by misconceptions of the determination of Russia and Britain to crush Hitler. Underlying von Papen's interview and Berlin's denial of a contemplated peace offensive, are the substance of anxiety which are the symptoms of the headache Hitler must be suffering now. There can be no negotiation with the Axis Powers. The first of democracy's war aims, and this has been stressed by Britain and the United States again and again, is the destruction of Hitler and all he represents.

Queer aspects of loyalty manifest themselves when patriotism and unionism become mixed. Recently an opposition member complaining the workers in the munition factory may have been fined ten pounds by his union because he disobeyed a union command to cease work. Apparently the man realised that striking in a munitions works was just another way of helping Hitler. That, however, was not the view taken by a New South Wales Labour member, a gentleman with the grand old English name of Falstein. He weighed in with the shrill that the man was fined for "violating his contract that he and his so-called mates were scabbing on Australia.

Senator Armour who sniped at officers of the Australian Battalion from his privileged position in Parliament has now got his comeuppance. In a recent speech, he alleged that a number of these officers had been cashiered for cowardice during the last war. If the allegation were true it could easily be substantiated, because an officer can be cashiered only by sentence of a court martial, and all court-martial sentences are still on record. However, this was apparently one of the many things Senator Armour did not know. In fact he seems to know so little about his own battalion that an account of his own war service might make interesting reading.

Newspapers studiously ignored the rebuke administered by the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) to the newspaper magnate Sir Keith Murdoch. Mr. Curtin complained that Sir Keith had discussed movements of warships of the Royal Australian Navy when he was in England. "I recently," Sir Keith fell back on the old "I never said" defence, which is a queer defence for a newspaper man to set up. He cabled an explanation to Mr. Curtin that he had discussed the performances of the A.A.N. in the Mediterranean, and had said nothing about the movements of ships. Mr. Curtin's final statement on the matter suggested that he was not satisfied with this explanation. Sir Keith Murdoch is a nephew of that eminent arm-chair strategist, Professor Murdoch.

The J. C. Williamson people have forbidden Gilbert and Sullivan player, Ivan Menzies, from doing any more Oxford Group pulpituring during the period of his contract with the firm. Menzies is a popular actor, who had a reputation of front-line soldiering in the last war, and he is, no doubt, sincere in his religious convictions, but that does not authorise him to spurn his views on people who probably don't want to hear them anyway. He speaks of a pulpit, which is between him and the church authorities, and those who have no desire to listen can stay away. But it is a very different matter when a brand of religion, which people say is strongly tainted with defensism, is dinned into the ears of men of the services in their
camps. At one such camp, to which Menties had gone with a concert party, he came back in response to an encore and started to preach to the boys. The latter showed him what can be done with a surplus raspberry crop.

Commenting on Mr. Curtin's latest repudiation of conscription, the leader-writer of "The West Australian" says that failure to face the conscription issue has subjected Australia's war administration, and the war effort generally, to a sort of creeping paralysis. The writer then said: "The Returned Soldiers' League is performing a national service by endeavouring to give real leadership to all political parties, and to the community, on this vital question. It is a pity that Labour, through Mr. Curtin, has seen fit to reject the opportunity thus offered."

STATE WAR MEMORIAL

This year's ceremony of changing over the wardenship of the State War Memorial was delayed through the absence of the incoming warden, Mr. R. O. Law, from the State. It took place on November 19 at 11 a.m. The retiring warden (Brigadier-General E. F. Martin) placed a wreath on the Memorial, and this was followed by the Last Post, a two-minutes' silence and the Reveille. Then the keys of the gate and the crypt were handed over to Mr. Law, who accepted the trust and said that he trusted he would be able to fulfil the task in a manner befitting those honoured by the memorial. The new and retiring wardens were accompanied by the State President of the League (Mr. Yeates) and several members of the State Executive. The calls were sounded by Mr. C. Hewins. Members of the Boy Scouts' Association were re-installed as assistant wardens.

The Day We Celebrated

Once again a nation has stood for two minutes in silent reverence as it did homage to those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the former war against Germany, and to those gallant lads who have fallen in this war. It is now twenty-three years since the bugles sounded the "Cease Fire" on the Western Front. That November 11, 1918, came as the dawn of a new world. We had thought it would usher in an era of peace which would last out our time, and spare our sons from the long-drawn agony of years after which victory is only a shade less horrible than defeat. And now, twenty-three years afterwards, we are squaring our shoulders and gritting our teeth, while those sons and younger brothers of ours are doing battle against the same enemy, and the same forces of evil which that enemy has again unleashed upon a suffering world. In that two-minutes' silence, most of us, no doubt, recalled the old feelings of pride that our

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sacrifices and our strenuous efforts in the last war were crowned with victory. Most of all, it also felt grimly determined that this time the enemy must be beaten more decisively than ever. Armistice Day came this year, just when the Empire was electricity by the news of a brilliant naval success in the Mediterranean, right in the heart of Mussolini’s Sea which has proved the Davy Jones’s Locker of such a considerable portion of Italy’s navy and mercantile marine.

The Day of Remembrance dawned, when newspapers were carrying the words of stern warning Mr. Churchill has given Japan, and the British Prime Minister’s comforting assurance that, at last, we are as strong as the enemy in the air, if not actually stronger; and that, in the event of the war extending to the Pacific, as the papers persist in calling our Near North, Britain will have warships available for service in Asiatic waters. The Prime Minister’s speech at the Lord Mayor of London’s annual banquet was even more reassuring than his encouraging utterance of a few days earlier, when he said we had passed through the darkest and most dangerous period of the present conflict. Such remarks are refreshing, but all emotions of pride, gratitude to the fallen, anxiety for those who are now serving in the war zones, hope for the future, and confidence in the ultimate victory of our arms, must have been tempered with resentment and bitterness towards those who have allowed the evil spectre of war to bestride the earth again. It is not only Hitler and Mussolini—the Big Thug and the Little Thug, as the English papers are now beginning to call them—who are responsible for this war. That responsibility must also be shared by all sorts of well-meaning people in our own country, and in our own Empire, who fondly imagined that peace could be preserved by disarming the peace-loving countries to a point where their military impotence was an encouragement and an invitation to the aggressor. Those people, albeit with the best of intentions and sincerity of purpose, have seen and taught us that we were too hasty to restrain aggression, and almost too feeble to resist it. We must never be so deluded again. This time, our victory must be so complete that a sense of defeat can penetrate even a German skull, and no mistaken altruism must be allowed to permit the gangster nations to re-arm in preparation of taking advantage of some future weakness on our side.

As in past years, a feature of this year’s Armistice Day observance was the sale of imitation Flanders poppies. This is the only day of the year in which the League comes before the public to solicit financial aid for its amelioration funds; and the whole of the proceeds of the poppy sales is divided between the League’s Amelioration Fund and the Aged Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Fund. Until all the returns from sub-branches are in, it is not possible to say how many were sold this year, but you may rest assured that all previous records have been decisively beaten. The number of poppies ordered and manufactured for sale in this State was far in excess of last year’s, but even this excess was found insufficient. By the beginning of the week all available supplies had been ordered by sub-branches. Anticipating further demands, State Headquarters wired the Victorian branch urgently requesting any further supplies our Victorian comrades could spare. Then Victoria found it possible to despatch a moderate supply by air mail. The Victorian poppy reinforcements arrived in time for the street sales. And here is one little feature that may be of interest to souvenir collectors—there is a slight difference between the Victorian poppies and those made in Western Australia. The Victorian poppies are made of silk. As an example of what has been happening in regard to Poppies Day orders, word was received at Anta House on the morning of Saturday, November 8, that the Albany sub-branch’s workers had completely sold out all poppies and stickers the previous day.

The big features of the day in Perth were the march of the 5th Garrison Brigade, and the welcome and luncheon arranged by the State Executive to returned men from the present war, who are undergoing hospital treatment, and Diggers of the last war, who are patients in the Repatriation Ward of the Perth General Hospital. The march of the Garrison Brigade was a sight well worth seeing, as the men who took part were veterans of the last war. Included in the ranks were men of the A.I.F. and men of many famous British Regiments. Some had taken part in the Retreat from Mons, and the epic battles for the Channel ports in the closing months of 1914. Others had shared the glory of the Landing on Gallipoli, the carnage of Lone Pine, Posters, Paschendale, and the final victories of 1918. Some of those who marched were British Tommies who were actually in the firing line this day twenty-three years ago, when the Great Armistice was signed. It was worth something to see those veterans shed the burden of the years and step out to it with all the pride and vigour of youth. No wonder they say “Old soldiers never die.” Indeed, that march makes one suspect that they never grow old. After the march, the veterans went to the grounds of the Christian Brothers’ College, where lunch was provided by the Citizens’ Reception Council.

The luncheon at Anta House was really a get-together function for the men of both wars, the Diggers old and new. This was the first mingling of these men at any official function arranged by the State Executive, and the function was an unqualified success. Let us hope that it will be the forerunner of many similar ones. The catering arrangements were in the capable hands of the women’s auxiliaries, and these good ladies acted as hostesses for the occasion.

One well-known feature was missing from this year’s Armistice Day observance. The handing-over ceremony of the State War Memorial did not take place. This was because of the absence from the State of the incoming Warden (Mr. R. O. Law). The ceremony will take place on November 19 at 11 a.m.

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FREMENTLE
When Britain went to war with Germany in 1914, the First Lord of the Admiralty was a man whose great practical experience of war had been gained as a soldier. That man, Mr. Winston Churchill, is steering the ship of Empire into the port of victory today. By one of those coincidences which make real life so much more interesting than fiction, the man who is Secretary for the United States Navy, a post equivalent to that held by Mr. Churchill at the Admiralty, is also one who received his early training as a soldier. Those who like to find point of resemblance between eminent men will not be disappointed when they compare Colonel Frank Knox with the British Prime Minister. One of Mr. Churchill's early campaigns was in Cuba, where he went as a war correspondent. Colonel Knox, as a boy fresh from college, came under fire for the first time in Cuba, a few years later. It may be mentioned in passing that Colonel Knox's colleague, Mr. Cordell Hull, also saw active service in Uncle Sam's war against Spain in 1898. Cordell Hull was a Captain in a Tennessee regiment of volunteers, but he put to Cuba too late to see any of the fighting. Knox, on the other hand, charged up San Juan Hill, outside Santiago, with Roosevelt's Roughriders. His friends say he has been charging up hills ever since. Like Mr. Churchill, he is a man of dynamic energy, a hard worker and a vigorous speaker and writer, who can sum up a situation in a striking phrase. Like Mr. Churchill, he foresaw what would happen if Germany were allowed to go on her way, and was full alive to the folly of appeasement. In person, Colonel Knox is five feet nine in height, well-built, brimming with energy, and with a marked fondness for brown serge suits to go well with his reddish hair. From the time he took over his present portfolio, he has bent every energy towards getting the United States Navy fit for active service. He believes in the old adage, if you want a job done well, you must do it yourself. In addition, he has a great deal of statistics. He is a man who likes to talk about his work, and he can do so in a manner entirely removed from that most boring of all pastimes, "talking bull." Early this year, he said to someone: "I think we are getting into the swing now. Why, look down in East Hartford. Those Pratt and Whitney engines, you know. They turned out one thousand hours in 1939; one million horsepower in 1940; and this year it will be two million. Think of the plants to be built, the men to be trained. That's what's being done." That is a characteristic Knox voice. Direct and forceful, somewhat staccato in parts, and differing widely from the well-rounded sentences and literary excellence of Mr. Churchill's speeches, but the driving force is there, just the same. Like Mr. Churchill, Colonel Knox is a part British, part American. His father is described as a Scot who came from New Brunswick and settled in Massachusetts. His mother was English. Frank Knox was born in Boston on January 1, 1874. Nearly through his mother's influence he received his religious training in the Congregational Church. While he was still a babe, his father's business was hard hit by one of the depressions which came along at short intervals in those days, so the family went further west and settled at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Even here, prosperity does not seem to have been on visiting terms with the Knox family. Frank had to work his way through college, which, for him, was a small Presbyterian seminary, and not one of the larger universities. During his college days he met his wife, Annie Reid, whom he married a few years later.

Then came the war with Spain. Knox enlisted in the regiment of cowboys and plaintiffs raised by Theodore Roosevelt, uncle of F. D. Roosevelt. This was the regiment known to history as "Roosevelt's Roughriders." Unfortunately for their dash of dashing cavalry charges, they had, like our own Light Horse on Gallipoli, to do their fighting on foot when they got to Cuba, and the other troops nicknamed them "Roosevelt's Weary Walkers." It was at this period that Knox, like many another, found that the pen can be mightier than the sword. His letters to his people were so interesting that they were passed on to the local papers in Grand Rapids. Immediately they were published they attracted more than local attention. As a result, young Knox had no repatriation problem to confront when he was mustered out, or demobilised as we should say. A reporter's job was there waiting for him, and it was not long before he found his way into an editorial chair.

When the United States entered the war against Germany in 1917, a man of forty-three holding a highly-salaried position, joined up as a private. He was sent to an officer's school, and soon gained the rank of Captain. He might have gone still higher without leaving the service, but his age, his extensive experience and previous war service, made him eminently suitable for one of the many training and administrative appointments which need filling when so many thousands of raw recruits have to be turned into soldiers, and officers. Knox was offered an appointment at Washington which carried the rank of Colonel; but he was no Alexander, reaching out for new conquests in the safety zone of the Home Front. He rejoined the Army to fight, and fight he did. He went to France as a Major in command of the American equivalent of a Divisional Ammunition Column, and came back a Colonel. The next thing he did, he turned out one hundred thousand men, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General. His more important task was indistinguishable from that of his illustrious predecessor, Mr. Hull, who was Secretary of State under Roosevelt. As a matter of fact, he was Hull's political successor, coming on as Hull went off to橱柜 after the war, doing his best to promote the defeat of the Dictators. He turned out more industrial developmenst than Roosevelt. Roosevelt was a man of action, with a charge ofism and energy, and a ready smile. Knox was a man with a great deal more patience, and a good deal more thought. Knox could not worry people as Roosevelt did; he made them think, and to that end his newspaper columns were full of ideas and plans for the reconstruction of the United States. He was a great believer in the idea that, as in war, so in peace: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." His newspaper columns were full of gloomy and pessimistic thoughts, and he never missed a chance to wax eloquent on the subject of the "downfall of democracy." It was his practice to foretell the end of democracy, and to prophesy that it would be brought about by a combination of the forces of Bolshevism and militarism. He was a great believer in the idea that, as in war, so in peace: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." His newspaper columns were full of gloomy and pessimistic thoughts, and he never missed a chance to wax eloquent on the subject of the "downfall of democracy." His association with the United States Administration is only a recent one. He was one of the two or three Republicans who President Roosevelt induced to join the Government, and Knox was approached twice before he finally consented. Since then, he has been the President's right-hand man. His outspokenness would have overstepped the bounds of discretion in the days of the appeasement policy. Now he is a man to whom the world listens, and whose words the Axis fears.

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The heavy blows which the Navy has dealt Italy in the Mediterranean, to say nothing of air raids on Naples, Brindisi, and industrial and military targets in Sicily, have increased the strain on the Axis friendship. At its very strongest the Axis was but a paper confederation resulting from circumstances rather than a compound brought about by the fusion of kindred races, actuated by a community of ideals. Italy's marriage of convenience with Germany cannot be expected to withstand the buffets of adversity and lack of timing.

Recent reports from neutral countries disclose a growing unrest in Italy itself. This is not the divine discontent which spurs a nation to achievement, but the festering dishonor of a Judas-nation that has been cheated of its thirty pieces of silver. Even a noble race finds it hard to forgive a government that has brought disaster upon it, and exposed it to the ridicule of the nations it has been taught to despise. A few years ago, Italian mobs were shrieking hysterically at Corbia, Tunis and Jbouli. We gave them Bardia, Benghaz and Tobruk, and drove them out of East Africa. Italian spokesmen had boasted so arrogantly during the years that immediately preceded the war, that it would have been a sin against the Muse of History if they had been allowed to escape the thrashing they so richly deserved. Such historic justice, however, is not likely to make the Italian people very pleased with their rulers, nor will it make relations with Germany any more cordial. Only recently, a report from Russian sources said the had been an attempt to assassinate Mussolini. The Rome radio denied this, but, like the Scotsman, we have our doubts.

One of the most amazing stories of the air raids was published at the end of September. South African pilots, flying low to bomb Sicily, passed over a fleet of Italian fishing vessels. The fishermen, they declared, waved their hands and caps in greeting. But, moreover, peasants working in Sicilian fields did the same. American papers, about the same time, told the story of an Italian air squadron which made a mass forced landing inside the British lines during a reconnaissence. In this action, the Axis lost fourteen tanks. These were supplied by Germans, and had to be knocked out by actual fighting. Also lost were twenty-two planes, and sixteen of these came down and surrendered. The Italian pilots said they had run out of petrol. For the shortage they blamed the German ground staff, who had only half-filled their tanks.

The Axis has not been strengthened by a deal that was concluded between Italy and the Argentine about the end of September. This was an agreement which allowed the Argentine to purchase nearly one hundred thousand tons of Italian refugee shipping. It is believed that the German Government exerted strong but unsuccessful pressure on the Italian Government to prevent the war-time transfer of the 16 ships which are now flying the Argentine flag. While this incident irritated the German Government, it also aroused bad feelings between the large Italian and German communities in South America. The Germans were suspicious of the shipping transaction from its early stages. This was because the Argentines frequently consulted the British authorities. Throughout the negotiations the British consistently asserted their rights as belligerents. This means that any refugee ship transferred to another flag in war-time remains liable to seizure as a prize of war. To the Nazis, the Italian procedure compared very unfavourably with their own. Every German ship, forced into wartime shelter, has been kept there until it proved expedient to make a dash for home. The Nazis, knowing the value of ocean-going tonnage to the Allies, always order their ships to be scuttled rather than allow them to be captured.

As far as Italy itself has come recent news which clearly indicates a serious split in the ranks of the Fascist Party. It is common knowledge that Mussolini's prestige is lower at the present moment than ever it was before. On a number of previous occasions, the Duce lost his popularity, but he has always managed to win back a portion by his people's esteem. The question is, "Can he do it again?" A serious split in the Fascist Party would make this feat more difficult, and the disruption in the Fascist ranks is obviously traceable to the Italian poor showing in the war. Roberto Farinacci, the secretary of the Party, has scathingly criticised what he calls the bankruptcy of the corporative, or Fascist, system; and of the serious mistakes committed by the Fascist leaders. Criticisms of this sort, couched in even milder language, are most unusual in a dictator country. No high-ranking Nazi, for instance, would dare to make such remarks about National Socialism. It may be assumed, then, that Farinacci wrote his broadside because he knew they would not risk calling him to order while the public is so restive.

Meanwhile, there seems little doubt that the Germans are continually infiltrating more and more into all branches of Italian public life. It is reported that the German ambassador in Rome attends the Fascist Cabinet meetings, and that he has the ear of every leading Fascist, both in and out of the Cabinet. There is even evidence that German censors control Italian correspondence. Letters to Italian prisoners in British internment camps bear an unmistakable German stamp. And this causes burning indignation among the Italian prisoners. Neutral correspondents report a grim joke which is popular in Italian cities during black-outs. An unknown humorist will go up to a cab-driver and ask, "Are you free?" and the reply will be, "No. I'm not free. I'm an Italian." All this, notwithstanding, there does not appear to be any immediate prospect that Italy, any more than Finland, Hungary and Rumania, will be able, without Allied help, to break away from Berlin's grip. German troops occupy practically the whole of Sicily, and all the Argentinian shipping remains liable to seizure as a prize of war. Hitler is taking no chances of his Axis partner throwing in the tow.
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Two minutes' silence. The mighty pulse of the nation ceases a while to beat. What shall we do in these two minutes? Pray? Pray for what manner of thing? We prayed that war might be averted and our generation spared the same voluntary sacrifice—unselfish—freely offered—whilst their brothers rested in peace on our Australian shores.

Pray? Yes. "Great God of Pity, look down upon the peopled bed of Thy seas, where men lie at rest with the battered ships they sailed so proudly; give patience—if they are still capable of enduring further—to the gallant men of Tobruk who wait for relief, knowing their brothers walk our streets in comfort and ease."

Send, O Lord, the searching sun to wither the earth and blister our backs; send to blow by day and night; flavour our food with its savour that we may enjoy the riches of their fare.

Take away, O God of Music, the sound of wind, of quiet rain, of sigh and children's laughter, and the peal of gun that never ceases; take the whispers of the bullet, the whistling of the shell, the deafening reverberations of cannon to electrify us into fear and despair.

"Turn the air into a rushing flight of wings to deliver death and destruction upon us, liberating human bodies from their cages to fly to earth; let us see our sons shot like pigeons fluttering over a cote; let our nerves be raked by day and night without rest so that we cannot become imbecile, blind, deaf and senseless."

"These things we ask, so that we might have equality in its truest sense, when all mankind will realise the futility of war and the breaking-up of civilisation."

"Before we do in this city victory march from the earth; before our hearts become dried up and compassion and pity are frozen within us; before we can callously look upon starvation, cold, fever, blindness, and madness, and remain in this land at ease and in comfort, send us these cruelities that we may be moved to pity and seek a way of peace."

"Give strength to our leaders who are as caterpillars crawling to us with weak appeal, give them the vision to take from us and demand that every man, woman and child share equally the horrors of war, so that we shall eliminate its horrors and save what is left of civilisation. Take from us our wealth, our pride and national spirit, take away the processions, the processions, the processions, when the odds are called and the post is passed while men wait in vain.

"Be with the men who lie in their stained snow beds, these people who were creating a civilisation out of centuries of oppression when men were as cattle."

The Reveille! Soon the city will spring to life in its mad rush of pleasure; the snow of Russo will be a passing thought; the snow of Russia will be as a written story in some strange book, not a living reality whose actors are our sons and brothers.

"O Great God of all Creation, bring understanding and imagination to us that we seek peace quickly. Surely our enemies have paid in blood for all they have lost enough to chasten us and bring us together in a common bond of brotherhood so that we can realise that the earth is not a possession of one nation. Give us peace, so that those who are wounded and torn will see the reward of their sacrifice; the quiet men of the sea beds will know that their comrades of the next generation will reward the quiet of their ceaseless watch."

"O, Great God, listen to the poets of the battlefield whose pens burn with inspiration to impart some knowledge of their nearness to eternity and stir us to work for equality, justice and mercy."

Written in Tobruk, in a concrete hospital forty feet underground—hot, airless and dark, by F. Buddée.

"SUPPLICATION"

O God of Gods,
I cannot die
While beauties still before me lie,
While yet uncleaned in fertile mind
The gems of thought can still I find.
I cannot rest,
Neath desert dust
While in life's promise I trust,
While heart and brain still have their fire
And Youth's aglow with Youth's desire.

WELCOME HOME SOCIAL

Returned Artillerymen

The Stirling Social Rooms were crowded to its capacity on Tuesday, November 11, when the Gunners' Welfare Fund, in conjunction with the Artillery Comrades Association, held a social evening in order to welcome home several members of the 8th Field Regiment who have recently returned from overseas.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were present, and the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Perth, welcomed the boys home. He was led by General Bessell Browne, who, on behalf of the Artillery Comrades Association, spoke of the pride that was felt by all ex-artillerymen at the manner in which the battery had acquitted itself in the actions it had been engaged in. The battery had fired the first shot in the Greek campaign upon the Yugoslav border and had fired the last shot of the campaign from the beach before embarking for Crete.

Warrant-Officer Thomas responded on behalf of his comrades. In thanking the Lord Mayor and General Bessell Browne for their words of welcome and good wishes for the future, he paid a simple but splendid tribute to the battery commander (Major Ian Bessell Browne). When addressing Mrs. Ian Bessell Browne, he said, she should be the proudest woman in Western Australia, for her husband was regarded by many who served under him as a man and a half.

Everyone present voted the evening most enjoyable, the lads being besieged by parents and friends and had to answer a veritable barrage of questions.
as a uniformed theatrical agency; and that the learned professors imagine they are there, not to educate the troops, but to amuse them. Surely that duty could safely be left to the Jim Gerald Unit. The depths of absurdity were plumbed recently with the suggestion that the Prime Minister, Sir John Curtin, has appointed the Staff Captain for Hobbies. One supposes that the answer to objections to this absurdity will be that men are to be trained to use their leisure; but we imagine that the first duty of the Army is to train men for the front line, and the auxiliary services which help them to hold the front line. A soldier’s leisure, what little he has of it, belongs to himself, and to use an old “A.I.F. saying,” he has to be married and has to provide safe Home Front jobs for commissioned civilians.

Quite apart from our objection to field rank being petted at all sorts of absurd civilians doing none-too-substantial jobs, we have yet to be convinced that an Army education scheme serves any useful purpose at this stage of the game. Provision is being made for vocational training, but that is neither the province of the Army, nor of those who give them the money. Some time ago, it was announced that the new Labour Government intended to do some much-needed financial pruning in connection with the Ministry for Belated Information. We recommend Mr. Curtin a son even more drastic pruning of the educational scheme, which is already regarded in this State as an expensive laughing stock.

THE NEW CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

From the way international events are shaping at present, many thoughtful people may find it significant that an ex-soldier should be appointed Canadian High Commissioner to Australia. The new High Commissioner, Major-General Victor W. Odulm, is an officer who had distinguished service in three wars, and he has hitherto commanded the 2nd Canadian Division in England.

According to Press reports, Canadian soldiers have a very high regard for Major-General Odulum, as a man who anticipated the present war for twenty years, and who schooled himself mentally and physically to play a part in it. Naturally, he is reluctant to leave his present appointment, and this reluctance is due very largely to the fact that he knows the Canadian Corps is now fully prepared to fulfil a magnificent task. “It almost breaks my heart to leave the 2nd Canadian Division,” he said, when he received the news of his appointment. “I am leaving a task for which I am definitely fitted, and taking up one for which I have not been tried. However, I accepted the appointment, because I have complete confidence in those who made the decision.”

The appointment came as a surprise to the Canadian Corps. Major-General Odulum, who is popular with all ranks, repeated his belief that the Germans would attempt to invade England, and expressed deep regret that he had not been considered for higher posts because “he,” he explained, “killing Germans, and killing them in volume is the thing we want to do.”

During the war of 1914-18, Major General Odulum proved himself a fearless fighter and an able leader. He gained a bar to his D.S.O., and was mentioned in despatches seven times. Like the Secretary of the United States Navy, Colonel Knox, who is also a veteran of two wars, Major-General Odulum is a newspaper man in civil life. He has edited several Canadian papers, and was, at one time, the publisher of the “Van couver Star.” He was associated with the Boy Scouts movement and was also Governor of the University of British Columbia. He has three sons, and they are all soldiers.

When the Canadian Corps Commander (Lieutenant-General Simonds) commented on Major-General Odulum’s appointment, he expressed the congratulations of all ranks, and said:—“We shall miss him very much indeed, and none more than his own beloved Division, in which he raised and has commanded with great distinction. General Odulum carries to his new appointment a wealth of military knowledge and experience which will continue to be of the greatest value to the Empire.”

The King’s Bad Bargain

When passing sentence on a young man in the Criminal Court this month, Mr. Justice Dwyer, himself an ex-service man, did something to debunk the prevalent but dangerous belief that a crook can make a good soldier. The man up for sentence was in A.I.F. uniform. He admitted that he and others had unlawfully used a motor car, without the consent of the owner. It is difficult to see how he got into the A.I.F. at all, because his police record was a long and fruitful one. Anyway, this is how Mr. Justice Dwyer weighed him off: “You are a deserter. Why the military authorities bothers with men of your type I don’t know. You are perfectly useless, and would only be a trouble to decent fellows in the Army. Why, it’s just a joke to think that you would ever get to the front line. Your type cost Australia millions during the last war, and will do so again. If I had my way, neither of you kind would not have any opportunity of going overseas.” And Mr. Justice Dwyer then pronounced the sentence that will keep this lad in Australia for at least two years. The type of man to whom His Honour’s remarks applied must, of course, be distinguished from the hard-case braggart of the last war, whose faults were generally those emanating from a misdirected sense of humour, and who was more often than not a bony fighter in the front line. That type is levels above the sort of fellow the Old Army used a call a “King’s bad bargain.” The latter was almost invariably a criminal or a potential criminal, and almost one hundred per cent. yellow.

STATE EXECUTIVE

October 29, 1941

At the meeting of the State Executive on October 29, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Anderson, Philip Denton, Watts, Khan, James, Zeffert, Williams, Fairley, Logie, Wood, Paton, Edmonson, Keesing and Smith. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Stewart, Collett, Panton, Cornell, Margolin, Nicholas, Thorn, Abbott, Whitem, Hylton, Simpson and Johnstone. Pensions, etc.—Colonel Fairley was appointed a member of the Pensions and Employment Committee.

Poppy Day — The Poppy Day Committee reported that 56,031 poppies had been ordered by 108 sub-branches at the date of the meeting. This was 15,000 in excess of the number ordered at the same time last year.

State War Memorial — A report of the State War Memorial Committee held on October 27 was submitted by the State President. He said that the handing-over ceremony this year would not take place on November 11, because the incoming warden (Mr. R. C. Lucas) would be out of the State on that day. The ceremony has been fixed for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19.

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BULBS Width and DISTRICTS

The sub-branch holds the first and third

Saturday night's dances, which are a huge

were adv e nce and well patronised. The sub-branch

is lucky in having a good working commit-

tee, and with the women's auxiliary help,

are doing excellent work for patriotic

poses. An old Digger, Murphy, from Bulls-

brook, has gone overseas in the second A.I.F.

On September 11, at the Sub-branch, George Hart, from Chittinger, has been in

hospital, but is now out and doing well.

ARMADALE

At the monthly meeting on October 8, the

main business was to decide whether or

not the sub-branch should proceed with the

building of new club and recreation rooms

at an estimated cost of £1,008. The road

board, who hold the equity of the site, and

who were to finance the scheme, rejected a

proposal that the money required should come

from loan funds. Members were unanimous in

their decision to proceed with the scheme,

and it was decided to ask the road board to

hold a referendum in three wards to fur-

ther the raising of the necessary funds. Plans

were advanced for the grand gymkhana to

be held on the Byford Show Grounds on No-

vember 22, when open and local trotting

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will be conducted. The proceeds will be

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PINGELLY

In the last report of the Pingelly sub-branch, Mr. Sargent was still referred to as secretary. The secretary now is Mr. C. Ford, on October 7, in the R.S.I. Hall, Pingelly, sub-branch members entertained the ladies of the auxiliary to show their appreciation of the splendid work being done by the auxiliary. The evening was spent in dancing and games. The president (F. Archer) was full of beans, as usual, and kept things going merrily. During the evening, the president of the auxiliary (Mrs. Archer) made a presentation to Mrs. Campbell, who is leaving the district.

CALINGIRI

Mr. D. K. Fordham was in the chair at the meeting on September 24. It was decided to hold a church parade on November 7. The sub-branch attends its majority this year, and holds the record of never having to go into recess. The present secretary (Mr. J. McGill) reports that Bolgart Diggers are now nearly 100 per cent members of the sub-branch. Percy Donegan who is in hospital has been communicated with and wished a speedy recovery. Mrs. A. G. Bathgate, of Fremantle, has been extended sympathy in her recent bereavement. Letters continue to come in from members of the fighting forces who have been given send-offs by this sub-branch. The letters are answered by members in rotation. The quarterly meeting was held at Bolgart on Wednesday, October 22. There was a good attendance. The report of accounts was received from our delegate, Mr. H. T. Berry, M.L.A., who advised that most of the items submitted were passed. After much discussion, it was decided to write to the Minister of the Army and Senator Marwick asking why it was that cards received from a prisoner of war was not recognised by the Army. A letter was received from Private S. King, of 2/8th Batt., saying he was expecting to rejoin his unit again after being away for some time. The annual meeting is to be held on December 17 at Calingiri.

WEST SWAN

At the October meeting, the secretary (Frank Adams), who represented the sub-branch at congress, tendered a very fine report. Members are pleased to have their friend, Charlie Roney, back with them from hospital. The Home Guard unit is still going strong. Members are keen and a high standard is being maintained. "The leader (Alf Guy) is pleased with the way members acted as pall-bearers for a late member, W. F. (Bill) Tomlin. The sub-branch is aiming at record sales on Poppy Day.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The monthly meeting was held on October 27. Mr. Tomlin was in the chair. Congratulations were accorded to Mr. Dave Paton on his being re-elected to the executive. Mr. W. M. Reid) to accept a "Digger's Hat" as a mark of appreciation for the splendid work he is doing for the sub-branch. Towards the finish, several of the young comrades hopped in and helped to round off what was truly a wonderful night. The sub-branch is doing all in its power to meet these young A.I.F. men by visiting the different military hos-

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**SUBLACO**

A successful series of dances terminated with a combined sub-branch and junior auxiliary function, and the thanks of the sub-branch are due to all who assisted, particularly the vice-president (Messrs W. A. Thomas and A. A. Buggins). Their energy and initiative were largely responsible for the satisfactory results, but this does not exclude the members of the auxiliary who worked hard to help us, nor even the 2 I.O. of "O" Coy, who folded tickets in a noble manner. A number of members attended an Armistice Day service at the Sublaco Presbyterian Church. The president (Mr. B. T. William-son) showed his versatility by reading the lesson and doing it very well. The general meeting on November 6 was attended by our representative on the State Executive, Mr. Edmondson, and we were sorry to learn that he would be unable to attend our annual smoke social, which will be held on Thursday, November 27. The Home Guard unit, a delightful blending of tender youth and crabbled age, is doing remarkably well. Even the bridge evenings, a delicate growth, show signs of life and the light of hope is dawning on the bagpiper features of the M.C.

**BOULDER**

A fair number of members attended the October general meeting to hear the delegates’ report from congress. The president (Mr. E. Bosustow) and the treasurer (Mr. E. Lennell) were congratulated on their able report. The members of the women's auxiliary have been very busy of late preparing Christmas parcels for the troops abroad, and many letters of appreciation have been received from the boys. The weekly euchre tournaments are well attended and sincere thanks are due to Mr. Stan Maynard and his good wife for their able assistance. Sincere thanks are also tendered to Mr. J. R. Hytton, general manger of the Great Boulder G.M. Co., who has found employment for many unemployed Diggers during the year. The sub-branch has just had the pleasure of enrolling the first member of the second A.I.F. in the person of Jim Reid, who has secured a position with Cox Bros., of Perth. Congratulations, Jim, the best of luck for the future. We are sorry to report that executive member Jack Donovan is confined to his bed. We all wish him a speedy recovery. The Rest Rooms at the hospital, and cramp, and sincere thanks are due to "Plum" Davies and Syd. Penn for the work they are putting in that respect of the painting, and also to Mr. Thiele, of the Lake View and Star G.M. Co., for the kind donation of the paint and brushes.

**GLOUCESTER PARK**

The sub-branch has again won the A.R.M. Shield for the third year in succession. The grand final was played at Mt. Lawley, where another pleasant evening was enjoyed by both the opposing teams and many friends. The individual championships this year played at Monash House could have had much more support from the sub-branch.

**CLARaber**

At the monthly meeting on November 6, the chair was occupied by the president (Mr. W. Ford). There was a good attendance of members. Arrangements for Poppy Day were finalised. During the evening the members were addressed by Mr. H. Kahan on behalf of the State Executive. His address dealt with the manner in which members could meet men returning from overseas and get them interested in the work of the League by showing them the advantages they would gain from being members. The evening concluded with games and refreshments.

**MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEBBERVILLE**

At the initial meeting, members were treated to a very interesting lecture by the Rev. Mr. Smythe on "Woodbine Willie," an Imperial Army Padre, the Rev. G. Studdert-Kennedy, M.C., who won his decoration for gallantry under fire, and his nickname from the fact that he always had a few fags to hand out to the boys in the front line. The lecture was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it, and those who heard it were extremely lucky. The lads of the sub-branch reckon they have a great asset in Padre Smythe, and they are looking forward to more talks straight from the padre's mouth. The sub-branch is going to be a busy show from now onward, and members are asked to bear this in mind. Several coming events are casting shadows forward. An important one is the quarterly ladies' night on December 9, when a good orchestra will supply the music for the dancing. The function will be conducted by the sub-branch's own Big Bill Kay. The last meeting of the year will be held on December 18. That also will be a good night, with a good musical programme. It is hoped that this meeting will be attended by members of the younger A.I.F. It is proposed to hold the children's Christmas party on December 23, but more will be heard of that later. Heartly congratulations to Herb Stanton on winning the shooting trophy for the most bulls, and to W. Kenn, for winning the shooting trophy for the final shoot. Both deserved their honours for their consistency as well as their skill. The sympathies of members are extended to "White" Sinclair on his recent bereavement, and to Ted Nathan, who is back on deck again after a recent bout of sickness, and on the accident to his son. Alan Diggins, Tom May and Bill Skate are still on the sick list. We wish them all a speedy return to better health.
A good attendance was recorded at the November meeting. The chief business was in connection with the Poppy Day appeal, and the Goose Club. There is every prospect of both efforts being very successful.

Fred Tricker is leaving nothing to chance, and has the Poppy Day arrangements well in hand. Considerable discussion arose on a motion to be sent to State Executive on the question of the indictment of the war criminals. Extracts from the Press which record various comments and references to this matter in the House of Commons were quoted. It was resolved that the State Executive be requested to circularise all State sub-branches asking them to forward their opinions on this great question. Membership at present is: Financial 40, unfinancial 20. We regret to report that one of our members, Jim Lightfoot, is laid up as a result of a fall from a scaffolding, but fortunately it appears that injuries are not serious and that he should be about again in a few weeks. Two representatives from the sub-branch attended a meeting called by the Mayor of Subiaco (Mr. W. Richardson) on November 6. It is intended that a committee be formed to organise street by street collections for funds on behalf of the War Savings Certificates. With the reader who can help, or knows of any gentleman or lady with a few hours to spare, communicate at once with the Mayor or Mr. Middleton (the organiser). This matter is urgent and great results are being obtained in other districts.

OSBORNE PARK

Three meetings of the sub-branch were held during October, and well attended under the president (Mr. Dani). The popular girl competition held in connection with the local Agricultural Society's Patriotic Carnival on November 19 is being heavily supported, the candidature of the branch (Miss Florry Quelch) leading, with Miss Kath. Kennedy (Red Cross) second, Miss Pat Hamer (Yokine sub-branch) third and Miss Mary Rodin (Yugoslav Club) fourth. The voting to date is exceedingly close. The carnival takes place the day after the annual agricultural show and is in aid of Red Cross local branch and the local ladies’ camp comfort funds. Many new names have been added to the honour board since the unveiling. The forthcoming dances organised by the social committee met with much success financially. The ladies of the comforts fund auxiliary are dissatisfied at the treatment meted out to them by the governing body in Perth. It is stated that Osborne Park is being charged $74 with the cost of sending parcels direct to the local boys at the front and this action will probably result in the disbandment of the committee, as it has been learned other committees are allowed to dispatch comforts to the front.

WEST Leederville-Wembley

There was the usual large gathering of members at the monthly meeting held on Monday, November 10, when President Mr. Haus, Harris, opened the meeting. Two delegates to Congress, H. E. Smith and V. E. Troode, submitted their report, which met with general approval. It is pleasing to record that the prospects at present are such that we will break all records for the sale of puppies in the West Leederville-Wembley area. Members are reminded that the annual smoko will take place in the West Leederville Town Hall, Cambridge-street, on Monday, 15th December, at 8 p.m. Should this meet the eye of any digger who would like to pay us a visit, he will be very welcome on receipt of 2/- per head. In the A.R.M.S. competition we once again reached the final round, only to be defeated by Gloucester Park, to whom we extend our sincere congratulations. This is not the first occasion on which Gloucester Park has just beaten us in the final conflict, and we know that they are anxious that we get even with them, maybe next year. A word on the back is due to our Sports Director, Bill Kerton, who is not only a keen and efficient director, but takes a prominent part in the games himself, and if enthusiasm counts for anything, we have already won the competition this year. Members are again reminded that bridge evenings are held every Friday evening in the Lesser Hall, Leederville, at 8 o’clock, and they are particularly invited to support this movement as it is to augment the funds of the sub-branch. The Home Guard is meeting regularly every Sunday at 10 a.m. Another reminder is indicated in these columns to those of our members who have not completed payment of their subscriptions for the current year. If this meets the eye of any defaulter, will he do the necessary and interview the secretary as soon as possible. At the next regular monthly meeting of this sub-branch, which will be held on Monday, December 8, nominations will be received for office-bearers for the year 1942, so a full muster of members is asked for on that date. We are very anxious to enrol on the active list of helpers those good chaps who may desire to act on committees, etc., but who for various reasons just do not come under the notice of members, and so do not go to election.

MOSMAN PARK

Our October meeting was notable for the improved attendance. Among those who were welcomed and whom we had not seen for some time were Joe Bryant, Geo. Brown (now on his feet again), Jimmy Woods, Wil Bartlett and Jack Tonk. We all hope for a continuance of their interest in sub-branch affairs. Davy Paton was in attendance and pleased members with a short talk on the highlights of Tobruk during his sojourn at that centre. All were interested in what Davy had to tell us and we hope that on some future date he will tell us some more. A good deal of discussion centred...
around the disappointing result from the picture "We of the A.I.F." Our Amelioration Fund was entitled to a better cut than we received if the efforts put forward by our secretary, Dick Thomas, were any criterion. Unfortunately, however, the lion's share of the resultant dividend went to a quarter which was responsible for a comparatively small effort towards making the event the success it was. Members were strong in their criticism and we shall be guarded in future when asked to co-ordinate with anyone else in matters of this nature. Further consideration will be given to proposed extensions to the hall at our next meeting. Dick Whitaker drew up a plan of our approximate requirements, and after this has suffered the inevitable amendments that will follow its perusal by all members, the committee will be faced with the problem of locating the most satisfactory way of raising the necessary finance. A resolution was passed to the effect that representation be made to the Executive to make more printed matter available to troops returning from overseas, relative to the benefits and advantages of their becoming members of the R.S.L.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT

The show conducted by our branch in the hall on October 25 proved very successful, over £100 being taken for the day and after expenses are deducted a balance of approximately £43 remains. The show was officially opened by the Hon. O. C. Latham, M.L.A. He was supported by Mr. Hegney, M.L.A., Mr. Thorne, M.L.A., Mr. Logie, representing the State Executive, and Mr. H. O. Robinson, the Mundaring Road Board. Exhibits in flowers were outstanding but several other sections were not up to last year's standard. The show held during the evening attracted a record crowd, approximately 270 being present. On Saturday, November 1, the branch members entertained the Women's Auxiliary and a number of others who had helped during the past year, to a social and dance in the hall. The president (Mr. A. G. Watt) welcomed the guests and asked them to accept the evening as a small token of appreciation for the generous manner in which they had worked during the past 12 months. The president presented a framed Certificate of Service to Mr. R. Mar, foundation secretary, holding the position for over three years, and doing a very sound job. A good deal of fun was caused during the supper interval by the "ladies" of the branch handing round the supper. Six attractive young things displayed flocks ranging from 1914 to 1940 models. The monthly meeting was held on Monday, November 3, Mr. A. G. Watt presiding. We are pleased to learn that Mr. Walker has recovered and hopes to resume work shortly after a serious illness. A welcome was extended to Mr. T. C. Tomkins, who has just moved into the district from Mullewa. Our next dance will be the last of the season—November 24 at 8 p.m. in the SwanView Hall. Bus ex Midland Junction 8 p.m. Christie's orchestra. The proceeds from this dance are being donated to the Returned Nurses' Hostel Fund.

MERRIDIN

The usual monthly meeting was held on Monday evening, 4th inst., when the president (Mr. L. S. Walder) presided over a good attendance. Among subjects under discussion, the present system of operating canteen orders was criticised, it being pointed out in correspondence from a mother who has two sons in the Middle East that the purchasing power of a 5/- order is reduced at its destination by the 25% exchange, therefore the recipient actually receives goods to the value of 3/9. The sub-branch is taking this matter up with the proper authorities with the hope that some better system may be arranged. Members were unanimous that the Poppy Day which will be held on Saturday next will result in all previous records in sales being eclipsed, thereby strengthening the hands of the Amelioration Trustees in relieving distress amongst returned men and their dependants. The chief aim of the League is the same now as it always has been, to attend to the welfare of the returned man. The work that has been harnessed by members of the local sub-branch at the Merredin cemetery is worthy of the highest commendation. All soldiers graves have a reinforced concrete kerbing and a neat cross with appropriate lettering. All work is done voluntarily and special thanks are due to the Merredin Road Board for placing the truck and necessary tools and equipment at the disposal of the sub-branch, also to two citizens, namely, Messrs. J. Gerard and W. Jahn, who so ably assisted with the last five graves which were done recently. As the next meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, it being the last meeting for this financial year, a good roll up of members is requested.

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them in tending a luncheon to about 120 re

turned Diggers, of whom approximately 80
have been returned from the present war, also
a number of nurses going overseas.

The Women's Executive are spending very busy
days now with so many activities being car-
ried on. Recently they visited North Perth
on the occasion of their birthday. They also
attended a garden fete at Subiaco. When
street collections are organised by the Sports-
men's Council, members of the executive al-
tways attend to the luncheon provided in the
Town Hall.

SUBIACO

At the monthly meeting on October 15,
the secretary (Mrs. Flower) tendered her
resignation, as she is leaving the State. Miss
E. M. Gunning will succeed her. A combined
social was held on September 26 for sub-
branch and auxiliary members. Members of
the junior auxiliary attended. A cabinet for
the memorial donated by Mr. Turpin was pre-
sented to the sub-branch. The social coin-
cided with the arrival of troops, and quite
a number of these men were entertained.

Mrs. McMahon kindly provided the dance
music. The ex-service men at Sunset and
Lemnos have been visited. Mrs. McMahon
was again responsible for a very enjoyable
programme. On October 5, ex-service men
from Sunset were entertained to pictures and
high tea. Later in the evening there was
an appropriate programme and dance. The
sports committee reported getting as far as
the semi-finals and losing to Nedlands. The
combined sports finalists gave a demonstra-
tion to conference delegates from country aux-
iliaries. On October 23 a sports social was
held. A presentation of the Proser Cup
was made by the president (Mrs. Turpin) to
Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Stockmin presented a
cup to Mrs. Congdon, and Mrs. Hopperton
presented Mrs. Buggins with a cake dish. A
lovely black handbag was presented by the
sports team to Mrs. Burgess. The artists dur-
ing the evening were Mesdames Bennett-
Wilkinson and Kelly, Miss Alisa O'Neill and
Mrs. McMahon.

VICTORIA PARK

Mrs. Barnett presided over the October
meeting. Members paid a silent tribute to
the memory of Mrs. Young, a member who
passed away recently after a short illness. A
social was given on Monday, October 10,
to welcome home men who have returned
from the present war. The auxiliary was
allotted the two bridges as their stand on
Poppy Day. On October 31, members as-
sisted in the street collection for the Hostel
Appeal. Raffle books have been issued for
the Christmas goose club. The drawing will
take place at a social evening in the R.S.L.
Hall on Friday, December 12. Mrs. Weir, a
member who is visiting Northam, was given
greetings to convey to the Northam auxiliary.

Mr. Weir is running a river trip from the
Barrack Street jetty on the last Sunday in
November in aid of a fund to provide par-
cels for prisoners of war. The return fare
will be two shillings. A collection has been
made for the Dolly cheer Fund. Members
are reminded that the United Auxiliary Social
will be held in Anzac House on November
24.

Donations to the wool fund have been
received from Mesdames Scrase, Haggart, W.
Colley and Taylor. Letters of appreciation
from the boys abroad are still being received.

SWAN VIEW

There was a good attendance at the Oc-
tober meeting, at which a two-minutes' silence
was observed in memory of a late member,
Mrs. Batey, senior, who passed away on Sep-
tember 20 at the age of 90 years. The horti-
cultural show and ball was held on October
25. Members decided unanimously that a
cantin order for five shillings be sent to each
local man in the fighting forces, instead of
a parcel for Christmas. A letter of apprecia-
tion from the returned men at Sunset was
read by the secretary (Mrs. Jones), thanking
the auxiliary for the entertainment given
them on September 14. A social and dance
in aid of a home for men returning from the
present war was held by the auxiliary on No-

vember 17. The last of this year's monthly
dances will be held on November 22.

BOULDER

The auxiliary continues its splendid work
of sending parcels to the troops overseas. The
letters received are ample thanks for this
work. All members extend their congratulations
to Mrs. McKinlay and Mrs. Hopperton on
their re-election. Plans are well in hand
for the Eastern Market to be held on Novem-
ber 22. The proceeds, as usual, are for the
comforts fund.

F.U.S.W. YOUNGER SET

The general meeting was held on November
5 at Anzac House. The president (Miss
Percy) had much pleasure in handing over
the sum of £40 to the Lord Mayor towards
the building of the hostel for the forces. Gen-
cral business was discussed and arrangements
made for the final dance at Anzac House on
November 28.

MT. HAWTHORN

The auxiliary has been very happy to en-
roll a number of new members lately. The
children's ball was a great success. Everyone
worked hard for the Ugly Competition, and
the substantial sum of £26 was raised. A
bus was chartered and took ladies to the
Sunset Home again. Bowls were played and
a very good tea was provided by members.
Repatriate visitors still carry on the good work.

A donation was sent to the Y.M.C.A., who
are doing such good work for the forces. Our
ladies helped with collections for the Soldiery's
Hostel. Heavy boxes resulted from the good
work. Mesdames Rowles and Williams en-
joyed the social given by Subiaco for the
sports directors of all auxiliaries. The presi-
dent and secretary enjoyed the birthday party
given by North Perth.
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