THE FRONTIERS OF RACE

"The frontiers of Australia are not delineated by the three-mile limit. They are everywhere the British race resides... We are going to be a united Empire prepared to sacrifice everything to fight to the last ounce of our resources in order that the Union Jack shall remain a symbol of freedom and a warning to those who desire to take our moral and social standards from us."—Mr. Fadden in Sydney on March 10.

In his address to the British Empire Union in Sydney this month, the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Fadden) has sounded a note that will resound through the length and breadth of the English-speaking world. There is something in his concept of a united Empire that is reminiscent of the pre-Federation slogan, "One people, one flag and one destiny." It also bears a vague resemblance to the Nazi catch-cry of "One people, one Reich, and one Fuehrer." But there is a vast difference between the inner meaning of the two concepts. The Nazi shriek was the yell of the pack for more lands to dominate and more minorities to plunder and persecute. Mr. Fadden's reference to the frontiers of race implies no lust for territorial expansion. It indicates rather an expansiveness of the spirit of co-operation that is as wide as the bounds of the universe. It implies a recognition of obligation to people of our own race and blood, whether they live in London, in the frozen north of Canada or in the record heat of Marble Bar.

We feel sure that Mr. Fadden said nothing more and nothing less than is thought and felt by the whole Australian people. He expressed an attitude that is vainly imagined that Australia could reap a tremendous advance from the isolationist lethargy of a few years ago, which main neutral in the event of the Empire becoming involved in war. Before an Australian political leader could express such universally-applauded sentiments there had to be a very vigorous spring-cleaning in our own political home. It is only by co-operation that wars are won and victory restores a peace that is something more than a mere truce between wars; and co-operation like charity has its beginning at home. In our own land that spirit of co-operation has not been a national war effort of size and extent, and capacity for further growth, that no one would have dreamt possible, even twelve months ago. In spite of prattling professors and other tedious persons who plague us to define our war aims and our peace aims, no nation ever went into war with a fuller realisation of what we are fighting for, and with a clearer vision of the goal to be obtained, than did the British peoples in September, 1939. No people were ever more grimly aware of the need for fortitude to endure and suffer, and the courage to give blow for blow until the final victory is won, in spite of the terrible handicap which the years of purblind pacifism had imposed on us. Even now, we have the insight to know, and our leaders have the courage to tell us that, perhaps, the worst has yet to be faced, but the spirit of the race is undaunted and, again to quote Mr. Fadden, Australia is prepared for any eventuality.

That preparedness has not been achieved in a few days, or even a few weeks. Once again the Empire has been forced to re-learn in an ordeal of blood and fire the age-old lesson that unpreparedness invites attack. Once again, recognition of common danger and a community of suffering has welded an agglomeration of individuals into a racial organism competent and equipped to do battle against the foreign bodies that threaten the organism's very existence. Older wars were waged between the professional armies of contending countries. The last war saw the armed nation superseded by the nation in arms. This time, the tendency has taken a step further, for this war is the first of the civilians' wars, and the men who man the home front of industry and production have an important and a dangerous role to play, even as those who man the battle lines of land, sea and air. We are called upon to make a co-operative effort that has never been the task of a nation before.

At the risk of being accused of complacency, we state our belief that a great degree of co-operation has been achieved, and that it will grow greater to infinity. Only a few months ago, people were inclined to blame Mr. Curtin for preferring an Advisory War Council of all parties to a Ministry of all the parties. Only a few days ago, Mr. Fadden paid a public and unsolicited tribute to the manner in which the Federal Opposition is co-operating with the Government in all matters related to the war effort. The Acting Prime Minister said that the Opposition could do no more, even if it had taken part in a National Ministry. During the recent weeks of anxiety, the Advisory War Council has certainly justified its existence. It was taken into the Government's confidence, and the Council in its turn took the workers of Australia into its confidence in a manner unparalleled in the history of any democracy. One immediate result was the decision of New South Wales coalfield workers, who have always been amongst the most militant of unionists, to maintain the fullest possible amount of production of coal for the duration of the war. That in itself is very convincing evidence in support of Mr. Curtin's recent statement that there is but one thought in Australia, and that thought is to win the war. It is true, as Mr.
R.S.L. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Widening the Scope

An important development in the history of the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps took place at the beginning of the month, when a conference of Corps Commanders was held simultaneously with a conference of State presidents and State secretaries. There had been nothing like this before in the history of the Corps, or of the organisation which founded it. The object, of course, was the interchange of ideas and the comparison of experience from which recommendations might be made for improving the status of the corps, for widening its scope, and fixing it once and for all as an integral part of the Australian Military Forces. One very important point was thrashed out. That was a point which concerned many country sub-branches whose units were drawn from sparsely populated areas, the question of training men other than ex-service men. A few weeks ago, the leader writer of a local newspaper accused the League of adopting what he was pleased to call "an old school tie attitude" in respect of membership of the Corps. What he meant was that men who had not seen service in the last war were not eligible for membership. To attribute this to an "old-school-tie" attitude on the part of the League was both unjust and absurd. It has been stated again and again, in the Press and over the air, that the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps, though founded as the result of the League's initiative, was founded under regulations that were made, not by the League, but by Army Headquarters. It was those regulations, and not the

League, which restricted membership to ex-service men. Nevertheless, it is an open secret that many country sub-branches did admit men to training who were not ex-service men. That was done quite unofficially and, it may be said, unconstitutionally; but now this practice which was winked at in the past has been given Ministerial approval for the future. That was one of the main features of a statement issued by the Minister for the Army (Mr. Spender) immediately after the Corps Commanders' conference. Mr. Spender's statement announced details of the functions of the Returned Soldiers' League Volunteer Defence Corps. Basically, he said, the corps would be a voluntarily unpaid part-time force of men who, at the same time, would be engaged in their normal civil occupation. Where ex-service men were not numerically sufficient to make up the requirements for an area, personnel will be, in general, drawn from Crown and other employees, who are normally and permanently located in the district. Mr. Spender explained that expansion could be considered according to circumstances, with a view to the inclusion of other men whose occupations would permit them to undergo the necessary training. Personnel of the corps will be drawn from men aged between 20 and 65 years. They must be natural-born British subjects and of reasonable physical fitness. They will be required to engage to serve for the period of the war, but enrolment in the corps will not exempt personnel from liability for any service required by the Defence Act. The Minister for the Army stated that there would be no ranks within the Volunteer Defence Corps. Appointments suitably graded for the commanders of the various formations organised with the corps will be authorised. The corps will function under the operational and general

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administrative control of Army Commands. The provisional establishment is 50,000, incorporating persons with special qualifications who were not necessarily ex-service men, but excluding the personnel of garrison battalions. Lieut.-Colonel G. F. Murphy, Controller-General of Prisons in New South Wales, is to command the corps, and staff officers are being appointed at every Command Headquarters to attend particularly to the requirements and responsibilities of the corps. In doing so, these staff officers will work in close co-operation with the League. Personnel will be organised in zones and will act within their own local areas.

The duties of the corps, as announced by Mr. Spender, will be of such operations as the static defence of localities, the conveying of timely warning to superior military organisations of movements on the part of an enemy, and guerrilla warfare activities. A committee is to be constituted by Army Headquarters to investigate details of organisation, training and administration not yet agreed upon. Commands have, however, been given already a general outline of the principles which have been adopted.

DIRECT GIVING
A Bunbury Proposal

Last year, the League supported a proposal for co-ordinating all the various bodies that are raising money from the public for the welfare of the fighting services and their dependants. It was not suggested that any of these bodies were not functioning efficiently, or that their identities as organisations should be lost by being merged in a central organisation. The general idea underlying the proposal was that each welfare organisation should be represented on a central executive which would raise funds and distribute all money raised on a pro rata basis. The proposers of this scheme thought that something like this was needed to prevent much unnecessary overlapping, and to distribute the duty of giving more evenly among all sections of the community. By this means, it was hoped that the giving would not be confined to the same people week after week. However, as the result of a public meeting convened by the Lord Mayor of Perth, the proposal was rejected in spite of the strong support it had received from our own and other organisations.

Memories of that fateful discussion have been revived by a proposal advanced by the Mayor of Bunbury, Mr. J. T. Blair, a veteran of the last war, who is prominent in the public service of the State, and who has taken a keen and active interest in public affairs, ever since his return from active service abroad. Mr. Blair has sent a letter to every resident asking for a contribution in a plan for direct giving to welfare funds. "I have suggested that every citizen taxes himself a penny in the pound of his income," Mr. Blair explains. The idea behind his proposal is that the present system of social functions should be abolished. If the proposal finds general acceptance, it is hoped that it will be unnecessary to hold dances, raffles and other non-essential things for war funds. "It is too easy to tell whether the scheme will be successful or not," Mr. Blair says, "but I have had a little encouragement. A doctor has sent me £20 as a first donation, and I suppose the present response suggests that the scheme will realise about £10 a week." Mr. Blair admits that what he called "the gambling spirit of the
Australian" will have to be considered. "It seems," he said "that most of our people want something for their money. If they think they've got a chance of enjoying themselves, or getting something out of their expenditure, then they don't mind, but direct giving seems to be something of an effort."

We should not like to suggest that this is a purely Australian characteristic, but it must be admitted that there is much truth in what Mr. Blair has said.

There is much overlapping, and perhaps much unnecessary overhead expenses connected with many of the functions to which Mr. Blair has referred. On the other hand, we should not look coldly on contributions raised by various entertainments. One does not advocate the spurious gaiety of the people who danced round the rim of an active volcano, but there is something to be said in favour of keeping the people cheerful in such distressing times as the present. Until something like a centralisation of effort is achieved, we see no reason why there should not be direct giving, in the form of a voluntary income tax, like that initiated by the Mayor of Bunbury, and indirect giving through social functions as well.

Mr. Blair, however, deserves the hearty congratulations of everybody interested in the welfare of the troops, for his foresight in initiating a scheme which might well be copied in other places. He states that he will persevere with his effort. Further, he believes that he may succeed and be able to claim that Bunbury is the first town in Australia to support war funds by direct giving. He is not content with the mere sending of a personal letter to the citizens of his district. He intends to follow up his circular by personal interviews. The funds thus obtained will be apportioned amongst the various war funds, and each citizen of Bunbury will have the satisfaction of knowing that he has contributed directly. We understand that Mr. Blair concluded his appeal with a suggestion that is quite in keeping with the traditional Digger humour. He has no objection, he says, to people taxing themselves to the extent of twopenny in the pound in order to dumbfound their neighbours into believing that their income is twice what it really is.

THE DIGGER AND HIS DISCIPLINE

Mr. Menzies Explodes a Fallacy

The Australian people as a whole, and Australian soldiers in particular, must feel grateful to the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) for a very timely statement he made a few weeks ago. Mr. Menzies declared and his declaration was broadcast throughout the world, that the time had come to give the lie to the very dishonest legend that the Australian troops were without discipline. We all know how furphies sprang up and flourished, during the last war, and how hard they were to kill. The furphy about the Digger and his discipline was the hardest of all to kill, and for that, we ourselves are very largely to blame. We all like to be considered hard cases, or what our American friends would call "tough guys," and, no doubt, many of us were and still are; but that is a very different thing from being what our American friends would call a rough-neck, or what we ourselves would call larrkins in uniform. The Diggers of the last war, and the Diggers of the present, were and are, very far from being the latter, but we seem to take a fiendish delight in telling tales that might induce others to believe that we merited this unenviable description. It is not claimed that the Digger was, or is, a model of propriety. As Kipling once said of the British Tommy, "Single men in barracks ain't plaster paris saints." It is by the average that one must judge an army—not by the exceptions—and the average Digger was and is a very gallant gentleman. Those who repeat the dishonest legends about his discipline are not only libelling men who did much and are still doing much for Australia and the Empire, they are indirectly helping the enemy by undermining the country's faith in its defenders. When what Mr. Menzies so aptly described as a dishonest legend is examined under the cold searchlight of reason, it will immediately wither. The test of an army's discipline is its behaviour in the presence of the enemy. An undisciplined army, for instance, could not have effected the landing on Gallipoli, or brought off what was one of the most successful episodes of the war. An undisciplined army is just another name for an armed rabble, and the whole history of war has yet to show any armed rabble standing up to the tremendous battering the A.I.F. got at Pozieres and Longueval, or winning such epoch-marking victories as Messines, Villers-Bretonneux and Mont St Quentin. No undisciplined troops could have done what the Australian mounted troops did in Palestine. It is in disaster rather than in victory that the morale of an army, which is the offspring of discipline, is most severely tested. The Fifth Division had heavy casualties at Fleurbaix, and so had the Fourth Division at Bullecourt, but there was no falling off in the morale of either division. In fact, each division was only too eager for a return match with the enemy. Similarly to turn to more recent events, undisciplined troops could not have done what Australian...
soldiers have done at Bardia, Tobruk and Bengazi. But there is another test of discipline that is, perhaps, not so spectacular, though it is every bit as valid; that is the behaviour of soldiers when they return to civil life after being demobilised. Our State President, Mr. Yeates, who knows more than a little about the past history of the British Army, used to relate a passage from Macaulay's History of England. It referred to Cromwell's Ironsides, and the fear of the nation that, after they were disbanded, they might become a source of widespread disorder. The result was just the contrary. In every town and village of England, in a few years' time, the best-behaved and most respected men in the place, and incidentally, those holding the best jobs, were old soldiers. Change the names and the dates and the same would be said of the A.I.F., who resembled Cromwell's Ironsides more closely than any other force the Empire has ever put into the field. Go through Australia to-day, and you will find returned soldiers in the highest places, filling the key positions, taking a lead in politics, in business, in the social world, yes, and in the religious life of the community as well. Surely that is not a bad achievement for an undisciplined army, but then again, it is a record that no soundly managed, well-disciplined outfit could not achieve. We may be very proud of the fact that we have done all this, despite what detractors and furphy foundries might say to the contrary. But we may also be proud of the fact that we are active members of an organisation that has won the respect of the nation, because its members have everywhere manifested the very qualities that are summed up under the general term discipline. And the attraction of our work will help the men returning from the present war to achieve similar, if not even better results.

VISIT OF MINISTER FOR REPATRIATION

Last month, the State Executive had the privilege of tendering a welcome to the Postmaster-General and Minister for Repatriation, and Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator McLeay), and the Director of Postal Services (Mr. D. McCredie). Naturally, it was in his capacity as Minister for Repatriation that Senator McLeay responded to a real Diggers' welcome. In himself, the Minister holds three very important offices, but with all of them, he has a personality overflowing with good fellowship, and those who had never met him before were soon on the friendliest of terms. He explained at the outset that he had tried to get away to the last war, but was rejected for medical reasons. However, two of his brothers served in the A.I.F., and this enabled him to approach repatriation and allied problems with sympathy, and the inner knowledge which is the basis of sympathy and understanding.

The State President (Mr. Alf Yeates) welcomed the distinguished visitors on behalf of the League as related to the Minister, that he had been invited along to meet the local executive, and not to be asked for things. The State President hinted, however, that there would probably come a time when the League would have to take a lead on behalf of the men returning from the present war. He then referred to the happy relationship which had always existed between the League and Repatriation officials in this State. In his response, Senator McLeay said that looking round the table he was reminded of a meeting of the Federal Senate, but then, he was expecting interjections from everywhere. It was a good break, he continued, to get among such company where one could not forget, for the time being, the worries that beset one. He raised laughter when he explained that sometimes he would leap out of bed to answer the telephone only to hear someone complain: "Why did you cut off Jehovah's Witnesses?" Senator McLeay complimented Mr. Yeates on his eight years of office as State President, "I look at you," he said, "and think of your eight years of service. And I think that must be a good job for me. In two years, there have been five Postmaster-Generals. There is no security of tenure at all."

Senator McLeay assured the State Executive that everything possible would be done for the returning soldiers. The lads of to-day are carrying on the traditions of the old A.I.F. and we are all proud of the splendid job they are doing. Repatriation, he went on, has already had our attention, and we are clearing the ground. It is very hard to deal with the unpredictable, but we are doing everything possible. Senator McLeay said that, in this connection, the Government was already indebted to the Assistant-Minister for Repatriation (Senator Collett). This tribute to our past State President, who did so much to put the League on the map in Western Australia, was especially gratifying to those present, and will, one feels sure, be greatly appreciated by all members of our organisation. Senator Collett's reports, the Minister said, had been compiled in a masterly manner. They were the product of twenty years' intimate experience of the Digger and his post-war problems. Senator Collett had already done much towards the framing of future policy.

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SOLDIERS’ DEPENDANTS’ APPEAL FUND

Before the end of last month, the chairman of the Soldiers’ Dependants’ Appeal Fund (Mr. A. O. Neville) issued a full report showing what has been done since the fund was commenced on July 25, last year. There have been 669 applications for assistance. Of these 474 have been approved and 133 have been rejected as negligible, or not warranting assistance. About 60 applications were still under consideration when the report was adopted by the executive at its meeting on February 25. The report stated that the number of individuals aided by the fund was 1,665, of whom 447 were wives and mothers, and 1,208 were children under 16 years of age. In no case had cash payment been made. All relief administered has been by means of orders issued direct on the various firms concerned. The assistance rendered has included provision of clothing, beds, linen, groceries and provisions, hospital, medical and dental treatment, optical attention, medicines, patent foods and funeral expenses.

Approximately a thousand garments, about 350 yards of material, 53 layettes, nearly 600 pairs of boots and shoes, 50 beds and cots, 65 mattresses, and 135 blankets and nearly 400 sheets, as well as pillow cases, towels and sanitary articles have been provided. School books are being provided in increasing numbers. Some furniture has been supplied and miscellaneous improvements have been effected. These included the provision of stoves, settlers’ furniture and other necessary house fittings. Rail fares and freights have been paid to assist country cases to come to the metropolitan area. The average expenditure for each case has been £4/11/6, but there have been cases demanding special consideration, which have involved expenditure much above the average. The increases recently granted to the dependants of soldiers by the Defence Department have materially improved their position, and this has been followed by a temporary reduction in the number of applications. It seems reasonable to assume, the report states, that the funds in hand, plus the present rate of collection and income from various well-wishers, will be sufficient to meet all likely calls in respect of the assistance of dependants of the fighting forces for the present; but the inclusion of widows as dependants, which was recently decided upon, will entail further demands.

“UP THE IRISH”

By Al Pat
(Irish Airman Poet of the Royal Canadian Air Force).

“Up and at ’em Irish,” you never fell down before,
You’ve covered your race with glory, way back in the days of yore.
You’ve always taken the lead, boys, you never were found at the rear,
The last time we fought the Germans, you gave them many a scare.
We haven’t forgotten the Dublins, the I.F.’s, the Ulsters before,
The brave Enniskillins and Connaughts, the Leinster and Munsters more.
Are we going to be branded as cowards, and tarnish the name that we love?
Arrah stand up and shake off the fetters, quit nursin’ that bit of a Dove.
Patrick and Michael, fall in here, I’m callin’ your names, do you hear?
Don’t listen to false friends around you, hark ye, that old Irish cheer.
“Up and at ‘em Irish,” forward me boys on the run,
There’ll sure be Hell a-poppin’, when the Irish take after the Hun.
An important announcement was made recently by the Minister in Charge of War Service Homes, Senator H. B. Collett. He stated that the Federal Cabinet had agreed to his recommendation to extend the facilities of the War Service Homes Act to persons who were enlisted or employed during the war which commenced in September, 1939, in the naval, military or air forces of the Commonwealth, on active service outside Australia, or on a ship of war, and also to persons who were resident in Australia before active service with forces of the King’s Dominions other than the Commonwealth. “Existing legislation,” Senator Collett said, “provides for the granting of assistance, by way of loans, to acquire homes, only to certain specified persons, and their dependants, who were enlisted or appointed for, or employed on active service outside Australia, or on a ship of war, including certain persons who served with the forces of the King’s Dominions other than the Commonwealth, during the continuance of the war which commenced on August 4, 1914.

“Section 4 of the Act defines persons who are eligible and, in addition to the service qualifications specified, conditions precedent to the granting of assistance, include that each applicant must satisfy the Commissioner that he is married, about to marry, or has dependants for whom it is necessary for him to maintain a home. The applicant must also satisfy the Commissioner that he is in a position reasonably to carry out the terms and conditions of the contract required to be entered into, respecting repayment of the loan applied for. Persons enlisted or appointed for home service such as militia, permanent or other home service units are not eligible.

“The scheme covered by the existing Act has proved to be a very practical measure of repatriation. While the present-day needs in housing accommodation may not be as acute as was the position obtaining throughout the Commonwealth in December, 1918, when the original War Service Homes Act was passed, it is certain that a number of the forces returning from active service abroad will be desirous of marrying and establishing themselves in homes of their own.”

A Bill is being prepared for submission to Parliament and Senator Collett hopes to be in a position to introduce this in the Senate, shortly after the Federal Parliament reassembles.

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A.R.M.S. COMPETITION

Although many players of previous years are on military duty which will prevent them from playing this year, it appears as if nominations from sub-branches will be good.

The controlling committee is anxious not to have any forfeitures this year, as they seriously affect the results, so that sub-branches are urged to be reasonably confident of seeing the series through before nominating.

Entries close on March 22, and the meeting of delegates will be held at Anzac House Board Room on Thursday, April 3, at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. W. R. Maddaford, Games Director
Nedlands sub-branch, writes:

Now that the A.R.M.S. fixtures are about due to be drawn up, might I put forward the views of our sub-branch regarding the quota section of this competition.

To our way of thinking, the idea of running the quaits as four individual matches instead of contesting the event as a team has practically robbed the game of its interest.

As one of our quait team who has played for the last five or six years, I remember the time when quaits was the star turn of the evening, but of recent years, when the event has been played under individual match conditions, it has deteriorated practically to a hole-in-the-corner affair. Speaking on behalf of both the players and the spectators, I might suggest that the old order be reverted to, and the game be played as a team and not as individuals.

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The February meeting of the Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department on February 21, 1941.

The secretary reported that donations towards the funds of the Trust had been received from the following:

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In view of the many calls for funds just now the committee greatly appreciate this welcome financial help.

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Advice was received that the following scholarships had been awarded:

- Perth Modern School: 6
- District High Schools: 13
- Narrogin School of Agriculture: 1
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TENTH LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION

Members are advised that the postponed general meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Anzac House, on Wednesday, April 9. Arrangements will be made regarding Anzac Day and any other business.

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Personalities

The many friends of Colonel W. B. Robinson will be pleased to learn that he has been notified of his appointment to the command of the 7th Garrison Brigade and promotion to the rank of Colonel. During the last war, "Robbie," as he is affectionately known to all the troops, went away as a private and gained the D.C.M. Shortly after the outbreak of the present war, he held the rank of Major and was recalled to raise the 10th Garrison Battalion for full-time garrison duty in Australia. Additional garrison units have since been raised and administered as a brigade by Colonel Robinson.

The West Leederville-Wembley new junior vice-President, W. J. Ivan Crowe, is certainly a live wire. He was for some years in the Gloucester Park sub-branch. He has been an active member of the local Volunteer Defence Unit, and what he does not know about the Lewis machine gun after his recent refresher course at Swanbourne, is not worth knowing. It was also noted that whilst at Swanbourne he certainly knew the rounds, as well as the ammunition.

Diggers are doing a big job throughout the State serving on local governing bodies. This is very creditable as all this work is absolutely honorary. A good Digger in Mr. A. B. (Bert) Facey, is contesting the Osborne ward of the Perth Road Board at the elections on April 19 next and we wish him success. Bert, who served with the 11th Batt., has been made a member of the League since our war, is vice-President of the Yokine sub-branch and is prominent in local and patriotic organisations. His son, Barney, is in Sth Machine Gun Batt., A.I.F.

Sister E. A. Watts, who was a member of the Nurses' sub-branch passed on to higher service on March 1, after having given a lifetime of service in the cause of suffering humanity. Sister Watts was a South African War veteran, having served for nearly three years in camp hospitals at Bloemfontein and Pretoria. She served during the whole of the 1914-18 war in Egypt, France and England. She was a very cheerful personality. Her life was an example to others and her sympathy is extended to her brother and sister in South Australia.

Mr. W. Dawes, hon. secretary Yealering sub-branch, is anxious to hear from any member of the 48th Batt., who was present with Percy Ingram at the Caxcobeys, Hill 63, Ploegsteert, in June, 1917, just after the Messines stunt. Mr. Dawes wants supporting evidence for a pension claim.

The new Master-General of the Ordnance, Major-General E. J. Milford, D.S.O., who has been promoted to the rank of Major-General, is the first graduate of the Royal Military College, Dunrobin, to reach that rank, and the first to become a member of the Military Board. As a young officer, newly-graduated, he served in the last war, and was serving overseas in this war as a Divisional Artillery Commander, when he was recalled to assume his post at Army Headquarters.

Lieut.-Colonel George F. Murphy, who has been placed in charge of the administration of the R.S.I. Volunteer Defence Corps, started his soldiering in the old voluntering days before universal training was introduced. He left Australia as a Major with the 18th Battalion in 1917 and saw service in Gallipoli and France, ending the war in command of the 18th, with the rank of Lieut-Colonel, the C.M.G. and the D.S.O. In private life, he was a teacher in the service of the New South Wales Education Department. After the last war, he was appointed Sheriff of the County of Cumberland, of which Sydney is the largest part. More recently, he was appointed Controller of Firms in New South Wales. During his scholastic period, Lieut-Colonel Murphy graduated as a Bachelor of Arts of the University of Sydney. Two local men who graduated in the same year were Professor R. Cameron of the University of Western Australia and Captain "Dick" Collins, of West Perth.

Lieut.-Colonel Gordon Bennett, who for some years was District Finance Officer of the Militia Reserves in this State has been transferred to Army Headquarters. His new appointment is that of Chief Accountant at Army Headquarters Finance Office. Lieut-Colonel Bennett served with the 11th Battalion in the last war.

A good old Digger and veteran member of the Legislative Assembly, A. Wilson, M.L.A., for Collie, has just won the Labour selection ballot by a short head. Although he has represented Collie for over 30 years, the old warrior had strong opposition this time, but he led the field in the first count, and was one ahead of his principal opponent at the final. It was a close shave, but there was no request for a recount. Collie's member is a worthy battler for the miners, and for all the time he has been in Australia he retains his good Lowland Scots accent. In his younger days he knew J. Keir Hardie, a pioneer of the Labour movement in the Old Country and one of the first Labour men to be elected to the House of Commons. Incidentally, he has two other claims to distinction. He is the father-in-law of Harry May and the author of a slim volume of verse.

Denis Yates Wheatley, who has published two spy stories on the present war, is a veteran of the last war. He was educated on H.M.S. Worcester and in Germany. Before the outbreak of the last war he entered his father's wine business in Mayfair. In September, 1914, he was commissioner in the City of London Brigade of the R.E.A. In 1917, he got himself transferred to the 36th (Ulster Division) and went through the worst of the fighting at Passchendaele, Cambrai and St. Quentin, only to be invalided out of the Army in 1919. Wheatley became sole owner of the family business when his father died in 1926. He bought and dispersed many famous cellars, including that of the Empress Eugenie, and the Royal Saxon cellars. Becoming a director of many companies he sold his business to a combine in 1931. In the following year he commenced writing thriller novels which decided literary merit is wedded in breath-taking interest. If you want a literary treat, read his trilogy of the present war, "Scarlet Impostors," "Packed Passports" and "The Black Baroness." Denis Wheatley's writings have been filmed and published in 19 languages. In his spare time he collects modern first editions and travels.
VARIA

At the conclusion of his recent visit to Perth, the Postmaster-General and Minister for Repatriation, Senator G. McLeay, said that the outstanding impression of the State was the spirit of co-operation among all sections of the community in a truly national effort. "I wish to pay a special tribute," the Minister said, "to the men and women who are doing so much for the welfare of our boys leaving Australia for service overseas. Your hospitality is undoubtedly appreciated by the troops, and I feel sure that what you are doing will often be recalled by them with gratitude when they are serving abroad."

The League has been informed by the Department of the Army that the following general age standards have been determined to first appointment to a commissioned rank in the A.I.F.: Lieutenant, 30 years; captain, 35 years; major, 40 years. The Department points out that this is not a hard and fast rule. Where younger officers are not available, men who are older are being appointed to the A.I.F. When officers with special qualifications are required, it has been the department's practice to appoint officers well over those ages, if those within the stated limits are not available.

Recently the League made a request to the Federal Government that the deferred pay of all ranks of the Australian fighting forces should bear interest in accordance with the rates paid by the Commonwealth Savings Bank. In reply, the Prime Minister's Department has pointed out that the regulations governing deferred pay to the forces, including the A.I.F., provide for interest to be credited annually on accumulated deferred pay. The interest rate at present is 3½ per cent. This is appreciably greater than that allowed on deposits by the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

Miss Mary Meares is once more arranging transport for sick, wounded, maimed and limbless soldiers and those unable to march on Anzac Day, and would be very grateful of the assistance of motor cars from the hours of 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on that date. Any persons desirous of making their cars and themselves available on that day are asked to communicate with Miss Mary Meares, M.B.E., 3 Ventnor Avenue, West Perth (B1140), on or before the end of March, or the first week in April. It would be appreciated if offers for this work were sent in writing for future reference.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Spender) has made it clear that socks will continue to be a necessary item for wear by Australian troops abroad, and the Ordnance Services expect no difficulty in securing sufficient socks to meet requirements. The Minister made this announcement in referring to the decision of the military authorities to cease issuing long stockings for wear with shorts. "During the hot weather in the Middle East," Mr. Spender said, "the troops wear khaki drill shorts. With these shorts, they originally wore long stockings, but the present intention is to issue socks, hose tops (footless stockings) and short puttees. The combination of hose tops and short puttees prevents sand and pebbles from entering the boot, and the hose top with the normal sock is more economical than long stockings. The Ordnance Services adequately provide for all troops items of clothing, including hosiery, but some additional comforts, including in their season, items of knitted goods, are of great value, from both practical and sentimental viewpoints."

According to a statement issued by the Minister for the Army (Mr. Spender) on February 15, plans have been completed for the technical training of further large batches of tradesmen for the Army within the next six months. The men, who will be carefully selected, are attending courses in technical schools in the various States. The new trainees are required for the Armoured Division, now being formed. This formation has greatly increased the already heavy demand for tradesmen exerted by the Army, for which more than 2,000 tradesmen have already been trained, or are completing training under the Commonwealth Government's scheme for the technical training of men for the fighting services and munitions making. The men to be trained in the next six months for the armoured division will include motor and wireless mechanics, fitters in several categories, turners, electricians and carpenters. Motor drivers and maintenance courses will be continued as before at Army schools.

Much depends on the point of view. We had been talking of the dashing successes of the new A.I.F. against the Italians in North Africa, and the prospect of a grimmer struggle when they meet Fritz. My young friend, now in training with the new A.I.F. at Northam, found cause to complain. "Our blokes over there now," he said, "are getting some practice on the Wops. We'll walk right into the rough stuff."

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When soldiers were enlisted for war service, it was customary for them to use names other than their own. This is the origin of the phrase "nom de guerre," as meaning a name assumed for any purpose.

Glass is now being used for making church bells in Italy, the metal bells being needed for munitions.

According to a writer in an English weekly, there is an intelligent lady living in Glasgow who has never heard of Hitler! One day a visitor happened to mention Hitler during an afternoon tea-time conversation. "Who is Hitler?" the old lady asked quite seriously. It then leaked out that she had been out of her house only once since the war started. She did not read the papers, and she never listened to the radio.

As the Diggers marched through a Wiltshire village to the camp, they were watched by an aunt and two winsome nieces. Suddenly a very handsome hefty sergeant caught the eye of the young ladies. "He’ll click all right," murmured the older sister. Aunty, for once, wasn’t so deaf. "What is that you say?" she demanded sternly. But the girls were too much for her. "Heels click all right," they explained sweetly.

Norwegians rescued as the result of the recent brilliant raid on the Lofoten Islands have many stories to tell of their countrymen’s sufferings under Nazi rule, but the passive resistance of the people is something the Boches and their Quisling heelers will never crush. Whole school classes of Norwegian children who will not submit to the Quisling system have been punished by suspending all children from attending, or by forcing them to remain in the same class for another year. Many local school management have been dissolved altogether.

According to a news item in an English paper, the French "Haw Haw," Paul Perdonnet, who is also known as "The Traitor of Stuttgart," has been reinstated as a French citizen by the Vichy Government. As an English commentator remarked, "The times do move. Nobody gave Judas Iscariot a certificate of character."

The elder Von Molka, who was Germany’s greatest general since Frederick the Great, once said that Britain could be invaded. "I could do it," he declared. "My only difficulty would be to get the men back again." The latter problem, however, need not worry Hitler. If he ever gets into Britain, he need not be concerned about getting back. He’ll be buried there.

One important aspect of post-war reconstruction is now receiving serious attention in the Old Country. The president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Mr. Stanley Hall, has set up an architectural science group, to study the ways in which the results of scientific work can be best applied to the planning and designing of buildings. There are now four R.I.B.A. committees at work, one of "economics," examining proposals for the better coordination of architecture and other interests; another on education; a third on sociology; and a fourth on planning and design. This last committee is concentrating

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on the planning of buildings rather than areas. Lord Balfour of Burleigh is mainly responsible for another body, the 1940 Council to Promote the Planning of Social Environment, while the Town-Planning Institute is considering problems related to present and post-war needs. Lord Horder is chairman of an association for planning and regional reconstruction, which is at present concerned with a social and economic survey of South Wales.

Senator McLay, who holds the portfolios of Postmaster-General and Minister for Repatriation, who was tendered a welcome by the State Executive last month, paid a warm tribute to the work done by his excellent work as Assistant Minister for Repatriation. He admitted that the Colonel actually controlled the department, a fact which many of us knew. We also knew that from experience and capacity, the Colonel was the ideal man for the job. What we don't know is why the portfolio is held by one man whilst another does the job.

The Neue Zürcher Zeitung of Zurich, Switzerland, says: "Whatever the German High Command says or does, the fact is that every day the British air offensive against Germany is increasing." The R.A.F. seems to grow every week. The terror over London is an admission that the attacks of the Luftwaffe on the aerodromes and aeroplane factories of Britain have not brought about satisfactory results. The necessity for the wholesale attacks on London is the first admission of failure. The plans for the attack on Britain have obviously necessitated a complete revision of the plans of the German High Command. The British have a "master plan" which took six months to build up in winter flights of reconnoissance, and will take another 18 months to carry into practice.

There is no attempt in London to hide the many scars inflicted by the Blitzkrieg, but the population remains amazingly calm and goes about its business as well as possible. It is just because of this that the authorities can freely allow foreign correspondents to move about their business and to see everything for themselves, even in the most vulnerable areas of the capital. On the other hand, foreign radio correspondents in Germany may know that the railway system has broken down. They have seen exhausted passengers sleeping in overcrowded stations while waiting for trains that come either half a day late, or not at all. They may know that German families are eating dog-meat, of which many instances are confirmed, and that hospitals have run out of ether. And they know equally well that there is no love lost between Goering and Goebbels. They may know movements that are kept secret, even from Hitler, but they know better than to try and get them through the censorship.

The Cairo newspaper, Al Misri, says that failure before London drives the Nazi hordes eastward. In this march, the Italians have become slaves of the Germans, while the Russians have kept silent in the hope that the Blitzkrieg will somehow avoid them. But all the time, the great Fuehrer also knows that he is batting against time. He wanted a short, localised war; but he is now aware that he will have a world war. The voluntary entry of the British Dominions on the side of the Mother Country has long ago settled this problem. In this world war, everybody who is not on the German side by force or by circumstances is naturally on the side of Great Britain and her Allies.

Cod liver oil, the stuff mother used to make us take when we were young, has been found to make a good dressing for wounds.

The Germans, in extending their aggression to the Balkans, have apparently disregarded the advice given by the leading newspaper of the puppet State of Hungary. Says "Fester Lloyd," of Budapest: "It may be worthwhile to consider whether or not the belligerent countries to follow a further expansion of the war into a world war. There are still certain chances, even if very weak ones, to come to some peaceful compromise, but if new forces are driven into the struggle, these weak chances will disappear altogether. Civilised nations must not allow this to happen. It is admitted that the sea power of Great Britain and her Empire can prolong the war successfully. Once this fact is recognised by all belligerents the possibility of some compromise is in sight." Of course the Hungarian advice may be a feint for a new peace offensive, but it is too late. All the civilised nations are in opposition to the Nazis and the same satellites, and peace by compromise was out of the question months and months ago.

**ACREAGE BOUNTY AND DROUGHT RELIEF**

The Land Committee recently made inquiries from the Agricultural Bank as to the position of the Commonwealth acreage bounty and drought relief funds, and the following information was received:

**Commonwealth Acreage Bounty**

An amount of £1,000,000 was made available by the Commonwealth Government for distribution to farmers, in the various States, who suffered by reason of drought conditions prevailing during 1940/41.

The State of Western Australia was granted the sum of £200,000, half of which has already been made available, and the settlers, at this moment, are completing forms of application upon which payment will be made. Subject to the settlers' applications being in order, provision is made for payment from this fund in the following manner—

- No crop and under 1 bushel 6/-2/ per acre
- 1 bushel and under 2 bushels 5/-2/ per acre
- 2 bushels and under 3 bushels 4/-2/ per acre
- 3 bushels and under 4 bushels 3/-2/ per acre
- 4 bushels and under 5 bushels 2/-2/ per acre
- 5 bushels and under 6 bushels 1/-2/ per acre
- 6 bushels and under 8 bushels 8d. per acre

**Commonwealth Drought Relief Funds**

The State obtained the sum of £70,000 from the Commonwealth Government under a loan arrangement for the assistance of wheat and sheep farmers, who have suffered by reason of drought conditions prevailing during 1940/41 season.

The distribution of the money has been placed in the hands of the Commissioners of the Agricultural Bank, and applications from all farmers have been invited for advances from the fund.

The advances made available to the settlers will be under the provisions of the I.A.B. Act, and will be made in accordance with regulations which will be framed in accordance with the procedure set out in the Act.

In the case of associated bank clients, the Commissioners require that the associated banks consent to advances being made under the provisions of the I.A.B. Act, or, alternatively, that they guarantee that the sums so advanced to clients will be repaid by them.
The French Government played on his Mussolini, who will of soldiers on the A.I.F. It has been we had to endure a certain amount of that sort of explained that bitterly opposed Italian intervention in the war. At that time, it banter that vivin~ the Army, his own farewell speech, Colonel Campbell said, "I always like to have Australians on a school of instruction, because they always set such a high standard for the rest."

Most Australians will agree with the timeliness of the Federal Government's decision to take diplomatic action for the suppression of slanders on the A.I.F. It has been complained that the worst of these malicious slanders have been broadcast in those northern countries we persist in calling the Far East. The whole business is yet another use of this new war weapon called propaganda, of which the enemy makes such excessive use. Unfortunately, there have been instances of people who should have known better reviving the threadbare wheele that Australian soldiers had no discipline—as if any undisciplined Army could establish the fighting traditions that were founded by the A.I.F. We had endure a certain amount of that sort of thing in the last war, though admittedly a great deal of it was merely the service hanter that is exchanged between all branches of the service, in peace and war. For instance, this is a story of an old gentleman in a London club, who read the report of the A.I.F. landing on Gallipoli. "Splendid," he exclaimed, as he waved the newspaper. "Imagine those men crossing that open beach and landing on to those bare heights under such a withering fire. By Jove, sir, civilised troops would never have stuck such a thing." Then there was the other story of the war on the Piccadilly Front whose description of the Australians was something like this: "Stout fellows in the line, no doubt, but socially impossible." That story, by the way, was a great favourite with the Diggers in the last year of the war, which makes it think that the saying, like the Piccadilly warrior responsible for it, were both mythical. Moreover, as I have often said and written, the old Diggers must share the blame for much that was said about them. Like the Scotsmen and the Jews, they took an impish pleasure in inventing stories against themselves. On the other hand, those who were in a position to know the Australian soldier at his best and at his worst, were eloquent in their praise of the Diggers' fighting qualities and of his general conduct. In his book on Gallipoli, the Poet Laureate, John Masefield, compares the Australians physically with the gods of Ancient Greece. The veteran war correspondent, Sir Philip Gibbs, in his book, "Peter Jackson, Cigar Merchant," says that the only thing their British instructors could not teach the Australians was how to say "Oh, really!" The writers of war history, official and unofficial, both in our own and in enemy countries, paid high tributes to the Digger, as a soldier and a man. Strangely enough, some of the most eloquent testimonies on behalf of the Diggers were written by the German official historian. Two of the best tributes I ever heard paid to the old A.I.F. were uttered by Colonel Ronald Campbell, the famous bayonet fighting expert of the British Army. I once heard him say in a British officers' mess, "Next to my own Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, I'd sooner command an Australian Battalion than any troops I know." After the war ended, I was one of ten Australian permanent instructors who stayed behind to do the long gruelling course at Aldershot. At that time, Colonel Campbell was Director of Army Gymnasia. When we were marked for home, he had the Australians paraded in front of the whole school, for all hands to say goodbye to us and wish us a safe journey home. In his own farewell speech, Colonel Campbell declared, "I always like to have Australians on a school of instruction, because they always set such a high standard for the rest."

In a recent Saturday morning article in "The West Australian," Professor Murdoch again signalised his incompetence by write on military subjects. He commenced to write about strategy and drooled on into a discussion of tactics in blissful unawareness that he had changed the subject. It has often been remarked that we are very lucky that our enemies can't fight nearly as well as they can skite. One has only to give a German rope enough and he will hang himself, because the Hun, to mix the metaphor, simply can't help blowing his bags out. The internee, who escaped from Broadmeadows this month, while waiting for the hearing of his appeal against detention, was apprehended again. While he was sitting in a barber's chair he air drill was called, and made him sit outside the barber shop. The barber laid an information, and the police did the rest. In a recent speech on the war, Mussolini complained that the Italian forces in Libya were just about ready to invade Egypt, but the British struck first. Apparently we cheated.
“BIRDIE” SERVICES AGAIN

Local papers have published a message from Field Marshal Lord Birdwood, which was sent in reply to the following greetings from the Premier (Mr. J. C. Willcock) and Mrs. Willcock. “We sent no cards this year,” Lord Birdwood wrote, “as a ‘Happy Christmas’ is impossible while so many bestial Germans and treacherous Italians are still above ground. I feel I would willingly give all I have to be twenty years younger and once more in the field with my best of old comrades, but none of us can put back the clock. It does my heart good to hear of the grand work being done by comrades—old and young—in Libya, driving as they are the thin edge of the huge wedge we yet have to drive into the side of Germany before we can achieve the victory which I am sure is before us.”

When he was last in Australia, Lord Birdwood was Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge. On vacating that position, he was appointed Governor of Deal Castle. Concerning recent damage done to the castle by enemy aircraft, he writes: “I am sorry to say that a low-diving German bomber got a direct hit on our ancient castle, which was built in 1535. It had ‘new’ wings in 1570, and the whole of this, with several lovely rooms and our furniture, were reduced to matchwood. When others have lost all, we feel that we cannot complain. I have the great satisfaction that I am Colonel of the local Anti-Aircraft Regiment, and we have brought down 106 German planes, so I feel that we have the bulge on them. Before the war, and during it, I have constantly been round to see the amateurs of yesterday—they were mostly Kentish farm hands—develop into the veterans of today.” Lord Birdwood concluded by asking the Premier and Mrs. Willcock to convey greetings to all the “real old friends in Western Australia.”

In ninety-nine cases out of every hundred such fires are due to preventable causes; it therefore behoves us, all organisations and individuals alike to sit up and take stock of ourselves in this respect.

For too many people in this State we refer to forests and park lands as belonging to either the Forests Department or the boards who control park lands, instead of viewing them as belonging to you and I and the people of the State generally.

Surely this is something to be regretted. Such an outlook can only be altered by a vigorous publicity campaign through various organisations and through them contact the individuals.

I would recommend that the State Executive give its wholehearted support to the suggestion of the Busselton sub-branch that the executive give all support possible to the Rural Fires Prevention Advisory Committee and call upon sub-branches to do likewise.

There are twelve bush fire brigades in the Busselton district.

If, after deliberation, the executive agrees to support Busselton’s motion, I would suggest that a letter to this effect be sent to the Rural Fires Prevention Advisory Committee to this effect and that sub-branches be notified accordingly and asked to support in their various districts the efforts now being put forward by road boards and municipal councils in their endeavours to deal with this menace.

I would suggest that if a sub-branch is in a district where nothing is being done that it be asked to give a lead in this connection. The Returned Soldiers’ League is an organisation with a national outlook. Bush fire control is a national problem—let us give a lead—others may follow.

STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE’S MOUTH

The following interesting letter was sent to a friend by Major Jack Rogers, M.C., Major Rogers, who was an executive officer of the Vacuum Oil Company is well known in this State. He is a past president of the Perth Legacy Club. He is one of General Blamey’s staff officers in Libya.

This is being written at the advanced H.Q. of one of our divisions during what I hope is the closing stage of the battle for Bardia and what will probably turn out to be one of the most successful of all battles in which Australians have ever been engaged the first battle of the 2nd A.F.

“I came up here six or eight days ago and will always remember the sight along the coast road from Mersa Matruh to Sidi Barrani to Bug Bug and Solum, along which an Anglo-Indian Division and the Royal Tanks had routed the enemy’s three divisions. ‘Routed’ is almost inadequate—over a thousand big motor lorries, hundreds of field and medium guns, thousands of machine guns and tens of thousands of rifles—tanks, equipment, clothing, blankets and food, were scattered in wild profusion everywhere—and practically every bit of it usable. A few miles further south through the fortified posts of Nibiewa and Tummar similar conditions existed. In all, during four days of fighting, at least 40,000 prisoners were taken, the Italians were driven out of Egypt and the total Italian casualties were under 400! Unbelievable!

“Enter the Australians. We were given the investment and capture of Bardia. The Armoured Division in the meantime had
gone forward and were sitting on the Italian line of communications about 50 miles west towards Tobruck. Bardia looked a tough nut. It had been very strongly fortified by the Italians as a frontier post before they attacked Egypt.

"Around an area about 11 miles long and five miles wide, with one side on the coast, they had erected a concrete and wire fortification comparable with the Hindenburg Line. The main difference was that it was manned by Italians and not Germans.

"In the end it was decided that it should be a 'telescopic' garrison with guns, tanks and infantry—more or less after the 1918 style with the Armoured Division cutting off their retreat to the north and north-west.

"(I might say that I am here more or less as an observer and helping a little here and there.)"

"As you will know, the attack was launched before day-break yesterday morning (3rd January) and it has been an amazing success. The navy and air force assisted.

"The Italian infantry put up a very poor show, partly due to the nature of our preparations, the resolute manner in which the attack was launched, the surprise, the tanks and partly to the fact that they have NO GUTS. Their gunners were different, sticking to their guns until they were shot up at close range.

"A huge tank ditch had to be crossed, mine fields to be negotiated, strong barbed wire to be cut and a continuous line of strongly defended posts to be taken. The ditch, the wire and two posts were taken with probably less than 20 casualties. Once the break was made, infantry and tanks soon commenced to dig out the Wops. Hundreds of them must have had their white helmets ripped off.

"By mid-day we had 7,000 prisoners and by evening at least 10,000. This morning the tally was 12,000 and just as I write at 16.00 hrs. there must be at least 16,000 and probably more.

"The Air Force have just dropped a message to say that our troops are just entering Bardia and that lots of prisoners, guns, tanks and trucks are in our hands. There is still some resistance in the south, but it looks that by to-morrow morning the whole place will be in our hands and more than one complete Italian Corps wiped off Hitler's assets."

"I have replied—"

"I am aware of the honour and I have to-day repeated to my troops your message—simple and unequivocal. In Bardia we are and here we stay."

"BERGONZOLI."

Probable to-morrow they can go back to Bardia and eat some of their own food. Then we can definitely sweep them by sea.

"The 2nd A.I.F. has certainly made a glorious start.

"Long since you will have heard the end of the Bardia story—30,000 prisoners and masses of valuable material.

"Two incidents are worth telling.

"On the evening of the second day one of our Brigadiers received a message from an Italian Divisional Commander to say that he and 7,000 men were prepared to surrender. Being already embarrassed with some thousands of prisoners our Brigadier sent a message back that it would be more convenient if they would wait until the morning—which they did and arrived carrying everything up to the kitchen piano. Then the bit of all is given in the attached, particularly as both German and Italian broad-casts, after Bardia had fallen, said that after all Bardia was only a little coastal village and not of much consequence.

"Translation of message to General Bergonzoli from Signor Mussolini, through Marshal Graziani, dated 22nd December, 1940. (Taken from the private file of General Bergonzoli during capture of Bardia.)

"'I have given you a difficult task, but one suited to your courage and experience as an old and intrepid soldier, the task of defending the fortress of Bardia to the last. I am certain that 'Electric Beard' and his brave soldiers will stand, at whatever cost, faithful to the last.'"

"Mussolini."

THE LISTENING POST

No doubt our readers are pleased to find that we have returned to our usual and more conventional form. Owing to paper rationing restrictions which makes it necessary to reduce the quantity of paper (by weight) we are printing on a lighter paper (which is manufactured in Tasmania) dispensing with the cover, using a smaller type and reducing our reading matter.

ANZAC SERVICE SHEETS

Sub-branch officials are reminded that Anzac service sheets, similar in form to that supplied for the State service on the Esplanade, but with their local particulars included, can be purchased at a moderate price from Imperial Printing Company, Limited, 397 Hay Street, Perth.

The Japanese Minister to Australia (Mr. Kawai) says that Australia has no reason to fear Japan. No one knows that better than ourselves. We do not fear Japan nor any one else, but that is no reason why we should not be prepared for any emergency, and it is certainly no reason why we should remain silent when the Tokio radio broad-casts cheeky and malicious slanders on the A.I.F.
State Executive

February 19, 1941.

At the meeting of the State Executive on February 19, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Aberle, Collett, Philip, Panton, Denton, Hunt, Margolin, L. R. Keene, Colebatch, War, Zeffert, Newton, Keessing, Wood, Menkens, Giblett and Smith. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Dodd, Anderson, Williams, Nicholas, Colebatch, Warner, Rice, Boustow, Johnstone and Dinan. Mr. H. T. Smith was welcomed as a new member.

Congratulations. Acknowledgements of congratulations extended were received from Messrs. H. Hayles, J. W. Young and C. Taylor. The Federal President extended congratulations to Mr. W. L. Menkens on his recent election to the Perth City Council.

Conference. Approval was given for the State Secretary to attend the State secretaries' conference in Melbourne on February 26. This conference was convened by the Federal President and all expenses were borne by the Federal Office.

Anzac Club. A report of the meeting of the Anzac Club committee on February 18 was received and adopted. A new rule relating to honorary membership of the club had been accepted by the Licensing Court. As a result, the following amendment was agreed to: "The discretion of the committee, the facilities of Anzac Club be made available to all men serving in all arms of the forces, excluding militia trainees."

R.S.L. Welcome Committee. Reports of meetings held by this committee were submitted, and their action in preparing and printing a card containing words of welcome which would be distributed to troops on their arrival was approved.

Visits. Reports on visits were received from the following: Mr. Zeffert (No. 1 District Committee and Waroono): Mr. Giblett (Dalwallinu, Three Springs and Carnamah); Colonel Olden (W.A. Sportmen's Council); Mr. Watt (Bunbury sub-branch): Colonel Margolin (Red Cross meetings and National Fitness Council).

House Committee. Mr. H. Smith was appointed a member of the House Committee.

Sub-Branches. The appointment of officials, as advised by the Mr. Lawley-Inglewood and Cowaramup sub-branches, was confirmed.

Tram Privileges. The Press sub-branch requested that a member of the executive interview the Minister for Tramways to urge once more the extension of the penny section along Barrack Street to Francis Street. It was agreed that the State Secretary interview the Minister concerned in compliance with the sub-branch's request.

Bush Fire Control. The report of Mr. Giblett (Country Vice-President) submitted some comments and suggestions in regard to bush fire control. It was agreed that these be given publicity, and that they be circulated to sub-branches of the State Executive.

Prisoners of War. Collie sub-branch again urged the executive to submit a proposal to the Government that a percentage of Italians prisoners of war be brought to Western Australia for the purpose of clearing suitable virgin country. The Albany sub-branch supported Collie in its motion. The State Secretary was instructed to advise both sub-branches that the matter should be submitted as a motion to Congress.

Post War Problems. A communication from the Merredin sub-branch was referred to the Problems Committee.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund. A communication from the Fremantle sub-branch concerning this fund was received and a reply left in the secretary's hands.

To H Services Club. The To H Soldiers' Club and Fund advised that they had opened a services club in Stirling Street for all members of His Majesty's Fighting Forces. In addition to the usual facilities the Club provided sleeping accommodation. It had been found necessary to make extensions to the buildings in view of the demands made upon it, and they sought financial assistance to this end. It was agreed to extend congratulations to To H Club on opening this Club, but to regret that owing to the demands on League funds for similar work we were unable to make any donation.

War Savings Certificates. The Swan View War Savings Group turned over certificates for £1, with the request that they be held for the benefit of mine and limbless sailors, soldiers or airmen of the present war. It was agreed to advise the sub-branch that the League would not be able to fund this request and to suggest that they allow the certificates to be devoted to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund.

National Security Exhibition. The Medvick sub-branch suggested that efforts should be made to provide a National Security Exhibition in Perth on the same lines as that now being conducted in Sydney. It was agreed that the necessary approach be made to the authorities.

"Australia" Badge. The Railway Workshops sub-branch suggested that ex-service men of the 1914-1918 war, who had enlisted for Home Service be permitted to wear the "Australia" Badge, and that a request be made for the same. It was agreed to explain to the sub-branch that only those who were proceeding overseas were permitted to wear this badge and that the wearing of ribbons identified service men.

Leave of Absence. The President and Mr. Aberle were granted leave of absence from the next meeting.

March 5, 1941.

At the meeting on March 5, there were present: Messrs Olden, Dodd, Philip, Denton, Hunt, Anderson, Margolin, Kahan, Jaques, Western, Williams, Thorn, Zeffert, Newton, Johnstone and Dinan. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Collett, Panton, Watt, Keessing, Colebatch, Warner, Wood, Menkens, Rice, Boustow, and Johnstone. Mr. H. T. Smith occupied the chair.

R.S.L. Broadcasts. The following roster was arranged for R.S.L. broadcasts: March 12 (Mr. Watt), March 13 (Mr. Kahan), March 25 (Mr. Zeffert), April 2 (Mr. Philip).

Conference. The following were referred as a report that the Committee reported that no comment was made during the conference.

Relief Fund. The report of the Relief Fund trustees for the month of February showed that 80 cases had been assisted, at a total cost of £77/9/9. A recommendation that a separate account be kept of all monies received from the Federal Executive was agreed to.

Federal Conference. An interim report was submitted by the State Secretary in connection with the meeting of the State Presidents and Secretaries and Corps Commanders, held in Melbourne.

Visits. The report of the following was received: Colonel Margolin and Mr. Menkens (Maylands), Mr. Johnstone (Brunswick Junction), Mr. Dodd (Esperance), Mr. Nicholas (visits to Perth Hospital).

Resignation. Mr. F. J. Aberle tendered his resignation as vice-president and a member of the State Executive. The resignation was accepted with regret, and a motion was carried expressing the executive's sincere appreciation of the excellent services rendered by Mr. Aberle to the organisation over a long period of years. It was agreed that the next meeting of the State Executive be constituted a special meeting, in order to fill the vacancy of vice-president.

Sub-Branches. The appointment of officials, as advised by the following sub-branches was confirmed: Claremont, Merredin, and Helena.

Universal Training. Yealering sub-branch criticised the method of calling up trainees for the militia. It was agreed to advise the sub-branch to submit the matter to the next State Congress.

Travelling Concessions: Members Forces. A report was received from the Perth sub-branch, urging that but companies extend travelling concessions to men in uniform. The reply was left to the State Secretary.

Entertainment of Troops. A communication from the Citizens Reception Council, requesting the use of Anzac House ballroom on Sundays for the entertainment of troops was received, and referred to the House Committee.

Exhibition Articles National Security Regulations. A reply was received from the Commissioner of Police stating that the only subservient literature in possession of the police is of a Communist nature, and no good purpose would be served by a public display of it.

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Colonel O. V. Hoad, Colonels-in-Charge, Administration Western Command, writes,—

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Sub-Branch Activities

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The president (Mrs. J. Clifton) was in the chair at a well-attended meeting held on March 6. Two minutes' silence was held in memory of our late member, Sister E. A. Watts, who passed away on March 1. Our Red Cross evenings continue to be well attended, but there are many more Knitted articles still being made for the Merchant services. The next meeting will be held on April 3 at 8 p.m.

MOSMAN PARK

The attendance at our February meeting was a big improvement on that of the previous month, but the prospect of getting together more frequently during the winter months and with the A.R.M.S. games in the offing, larger attendances are expected. Our hall piano has now reached the stage when it is unsuitable for the present purpose. In consequence of this the meeting decided to adopt the hall committee's recommendation to purchase a suitable instrument that was offering locally. The discarded piano will be offered for sale by tender. New members are still coming in, and among the latest are Syd. Ashworth and Keith Woods, both of R.A.N. and still O.A.S. Some of our A.R.M.S. prospects did a prelim. after the meeting and some good performances were recorded, notably Frank Harrison at quoits and Bill Stothard and Bill Love at table tennis. We hope to see Ted McAvitt stage an elimination shoot next meeting night in order to determine just who are our best six with the gun. War service has made a mess of our bridge team that did so well last season, but Tony Hammond should have no difficulty in selecting six from the available candidates.

SHENTON PARK

This young sub-branch is gradually building its financial and membership strength, now being on the 56 mark. Our women's auxiliary are again conducting their popular Saturday night dances for 1941, and all local ex-service men and members of the forces are given a cordial invitation to spend an evening on the excellent floor of the Scout Hall, Shenton Park. At the last monthly meeting the sub-branch received the tenth installment of the half proceeds from these dance socials, and the grateful thanks to the ladies has been tendered by all members of the sub-branch. Next monthly general meeting falls on 13th March and on each second Thursday in the month, V.D.C. activities now combine with the Claremont unit, under the leadership of Mr. Renner and Mr. Ogg. Several parades have been held and tactical exercises engaged in by the combined bodies, and the cooperation has resulted in the carrying out of some very

any members who would like to play cards, throw darts or tell funny stories in preference to dancing can be accommodated. The charge is the same. Bridge continues each Saturday evening at 8 p.m.

NEEDLANDS

Although a hot night in February, our monthly meeting was well attended and the usual business carried out. Many members were on parade with "Y" Company, but some managed to come along after their duties. A letter of thanks was received from the Lord Mayor, expressing appreciation of the generous action of the soldiers' children of the district, in donating the sum of £8/8/- towards the relief of air raid victims of London. Another letter was received from one of our members, who is now a Corporal with a Field Ambulance with the A.I.F., expressing his desire to maintain membership, whilst on active service again. All joined in wishing him success in his second term of service. Jim Anderson, during general business, suggested that we form a sub-committee to look after the interests of the dependants of members of the forces serving overseas and it is hoped that this committee, with the help of the women's auxiliary will be functioning in the near future. Another of Jim's suggestions received enthusiastic support, that was that we should start a class for the teaching of Morse code signalling. The response to our announcement that we would hold such classes was most gratifying, and we are now holding a class on Monday and Thursday of each week. Sick visiting has continued to be well attended, and the recovery, and hope to with the department.

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MANJIMUP
Our annual reunion happened on February 22. Enlistments, petrol rationing, infirmity and sundry other causes limited the attendance below the average for the past few years, but the tally of about 45 was not too bad in the circumstances. President Laurie Sims kept us in fair order. The State Executive was represented by Country Vice-President, Jim Giblett, scion of one of the district's pioneer families and a very good specimen, too. It was nice to have Reg. Walker recovered sufficiently to take his old place at the piano, while Alf Fry's excellent cornet playing added to the harmony. Among the guests were Archie Fontanini (good friend of the sub-branch) and Mr. H. J. and a valued supporter. Responding to the toast of 'The London Office,' Pte. Jack Butcher, of the new A.I.F., son of a Digger, condensed a heap of oratory into the following: "I thank you for the toast, and I hope to God we do as well as you blokes did." There you have appreciation, modesty, sincerity, determination and flattery all in one whiz-bang. Shakespeare himself could hardly have said so much in so little. Jim Giblett warmly commended our death levy scheme, by which on the death of a returned man (irrespective of R.S.L. membership), the widow receives £5, pronto and without question. Jim backed his appreciation with a gift of £1 to the fund. The work of our women's auxiliary throughout the past year and in connection with the reunion brought forth high praise on all hands.

PEMBERTON
At the monthly meeting several matters of interest were brought up. Mr. E. Smith was in the chair as the President, G. B. Todd, was away on business. Letters of thanks for canners were read, and a discussion took place re Fire Control in connection with the Forestry Department. It was decided to protest against the activity of the Transport Board stopping buses coming to the country with troops on week-end leave. A couple of suggestions were made. That the leave accumulate so that it could fit in with the regular train service, or that a special diesel coach be run at each leave time. Another protest was made against Federal Ministers travelling in company by air. It was pointed out that this tended to subvert activities, as even if the Minister concerned only used a rubber stamp, the war effort would be held up while a successor was appointed to wield the instrument. They should be setting an example or put out of the job and someone else put in who could be relied upon. If the position is as tense as it is said to be, all the more reason for proper conduct by the tall poppies.

BUNBURY
Renovations to the walls of the vestibule and the secretary's office have considerably improved the internal appearance of the sub-branch headquarters. Similar attention is contemplated for the assembly room, while improvements to the dividing fence line are to be carried out during the course of the next few weeks. Monday evening dances are conducted by the few indefatigable members of the committee, Tuesday evening garrison socials, Wednesday evening bridge games, organised by the women's auxiliary, continue regularly every week, while other evenings and afternoons are usually fully booked up by other social bodies. F. S. Senior from Merredin, A. C. Daw from Katanning, E. A. Charbon from Swanbourne are reported as having duly made contact with the sub-branch since their arrival, and have been extended a hearty welcome by the President (Bob Gibson). Always an active committee member right up to the day of his enlistment with the A.I.F., A. Hodgson, now an acting-sergeant in the engineers, took the opportunity while on leave to be present at the February meeting. His description of modern A.I.F. camp life and training provided an interesting item for the evening. There is still liberal margin for improvement in the attendance at the monthly meetings. There should be no excuse good enough to warrant neglect of such duties to which the wearing of the badge pledges us. A closer relationship between the garrison and the sub-branch activities is desirable for the mutual benefit of both bodies. Owing to the third bivouac being scheduled for the 15th and 16th, the general meeting for the March month will be held on Saturday evening, March 20. At the time of writing this, we are looking forward to a pleasant evening at the Woman's Auxiliary annual party evening at which it is being held on Saturday, the 8th inst. Overcome by the strain of camp life and strenuous bivouac training, Jim Welsh has been forced to have period in the sick bay. We wish him speedy recovery. Our baby South African campaigners, Tom Shaw, E. S. Robertson, Percy

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The last two monthly meetings were well attended, over 30 members attending. Mr. Crofts in the chair extended a hearty welcome to all, particularly two new members—Messrs. Garbett and Scott, and two old friends returned—Wally Wren and Digger Maye. Wally has been far from well, and members were pleased to see him. The picnic was held at South Beach on February 16. It was a great day and enjoyed by all. It was pleasing to see so many members, wives and their kiddies in attendance, and the secretary wishes to thank all who assisted. The membership of the sub-branch is 55, which is not too bad considering so many of the boys are in different home service units and have lost touch with the sub-branch. They should not drop their membership. The Voluntary Defence Corp is still going strong and increasing its membership. Much interest is being shown, and there is keen competition for section leaders. Members of the sub-branch are invited to come along on Wednesday nights and see the old boys at drill. Next meeting of the sub-branch will be held on Thursday, April 3.

ARMADA

The monthly meeting was held on February 12, the president, Mr. Spencer Gwynne, presiding over a fair attendance, which included two new members. The principal motions passed included that the R.S.L. Executive be urged to accept the policy that all members of the Second A.I.F. be invited to join the present Returned Soldiers’ League. That all garrison units’ members be granted the facilities then available regarding the operation of the superannuation fund. The meeting also supported the district fire policy, which aims at the control of bush and forest fires, and it was decided to invite an officer from the Forestry Department to give an address and demonstrate the use of equipment at the meeting on March 12. The finances of the sub-branch are in a sound position, and membership is at a record height. Donations to special appeals for financial aid were passed. On February 2 the Armadale unit of the V.D.C. commenced training after the Christmas recess, but like all the other units their number has been sadly depleted owing to members joining the V.V. Company and other branches of the service. On March 3, the Victoria Park "Y"
section paid a visit to Armadale, and in conjunction with the local men carried out an instructive display of field manoeuvres in the morning and afternoon.

**MERREDIN**

At the annual meeting on January 15 the following officers were appointed: President, Mr. L. S. Walden; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. J. B. Rowe, J. Arundel and R. Hillard; country vice-presidents, Mr. R. Wahlstan (Walgoalan), Mr. W. Roscoe (Nukarni); secretary, Mr. Reg. Wilkes; treasurer, Mr. W. Calhoun; publicity officer, Mr. C. Campbell; committee, Messrs. Campbell, Kelly, Robertson, Whitehouse, Brown, Dixon, Hager and Forsyth.

**BASSENDAN**

The annual meeting was held on February 13. The following officers were elected:— President, Mr. H. K. Minchin; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. W. Carter and A. Wishart; honorary secretary, Mr. H. Bry; treasurer, Mr. D. Bridgen; social secretary, Mr. W. Matthews; assistant to social secretary, Mr. A. Payne; employment officer, Mr. W. Matthews; publicity officer, Mr. R. G. Corry; auditors, Messrs. Hart and Wishart. Enlistments in No. 6 Platoon of the 9th Garrison Battalion have depleted the ranks of the V.D. Corps. So as to keep the interest going, efforts are being made to make the parades of both bodies coincident. Regret was expressed that Mr. Jobbling, a vice-president of the sub-branch, was leaving the district. The first member of the Second A.I.F. to join the sub-branch is Mr. A. W. Vicay. He was at the meeting.

There was only a small attendance at the monthly sports night on February 27. Unfortunately the meeting nights clash with parade nights of our platoon in the 9th Garrison (militia). Efforts are being made, to revive interest in the V.D.C. and all members are asked to attend the parades regularly. The social secretary made arrangements for a concert party to entertain the 2/4th machine gun battalion, who camped at the oval on the march to Perth. Our deepest sympathy is extended to our member Mr. D. S. F. Bandy and his wife in their recent sad bereavement.

**WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY**

The monthly meeting was held on Monday, March 10, with the usual large and enthusiastic attendance. The new President, Mr. Harry Holland, presided. Activities in the Volunteer Defence Corps have been renewed, and the unit meets every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall, Cambridge Street, West Leederville. New members are always welcome. A successful picnic and sports meeting was held recently at Peppermint Grove. The winner of the local sub-branch championship was Mr. Stephens, who won by inches. Arrangements are now being made for the usual observance of Anzac Day, and it has been decided that the local sub-branch will conduct its own service in the afternoon, as usual. The speaker is to be arranged for in due course. Members are particularly invited to support the local sub-branch bridge evenings, which are held every Friday. The attendance of members has not been up to standard, and a special appeal is made for better support. No doubt arrangements will shortly be made whereby other games will be the order of the evening as well as bridge. This, it is felt, will attract additional members and their families to come along. Mr. E. S. Watt and Mr. H. E. Smith, two of our members who are on the State Executive, gave members valuable information concerning the activities of the League. The Sick Committee has little to do at present, but it is felt that there may be some of our friends temporarily laid up whom the committee could visit if members would only submit names and addresses. Will all those in the district who read these notes make a point of letting the committee have particulars from time to time. The financial position of this sub-branch continues to be very satisfactory, and this is attributed to the very sound management over many years. During the evening a tribute was paid to Bill Lehman, apropos of his long membership and service to the sub-branch. Bill joined up about 1920, and it is a rare thing to see him absent from a meeting. He is one of the old silent workers, and has held a seat on the sub-branch committee for many years.

**CANNING DISTRICTS**

Since our last notes appeared, the Canning and Gosnells sub-branches have held a combined shoot at Gosnells, much interest being evinced in the score (and non-scores). The rides were good, but some of the marksmanship was not so good. Shooting practice is what we need, and apart from the bux at Gosnells, prospective sites are in mind at Cannington, so that visits between the two sub-branches may be exchanged. Perhaps we might do better on our own ground. Members have been measured for their uniforms and anticipate turning out properly dressed one of these day. The keenness of the sub-branch is still there, and now that the ranks are to be open to non-return men between the ages of 20 and 65, the nominal roll should be increased. There should also be some scope to impart instruction to those who have not had the preliminary parade ground work, which should tend to retain the interest in the sub-branch activities. Opportunity was taken, on a very hot Sunday morning, to listen to a lecture delivered by one of our members on protection against gas (both civil and military). This is a subject embracing a very large field, and whilst we all knew something about gas in 1914-18, bringing our knowledge up to date will necessitate a series of lectures to cover all phases, and arrangements to this end are in hand.
BOULDER

On Sunday, March 2, a competition was held for a silver cup donated by Ted Lennell, and after keen competition the cup was won by Wally Evans. A cash prize of 10/- donated by Ted Parnell for the highest score in darts was won by Tom Provan. After the competition, Vice-President J. Ellerby, on behalf of the members of the sub-branch, presented Mr. E. C. Bosustow (president) with a gold wristlet watch suitably inscribed as a token of the esteem in which he is held and for services rendered to this sub-branch. The occasion was also taken for the presentation of the Certificate of Service to Mr. Jack Edwards who, for a considerable time past, has rendered signal service to the sub-branch. The health of both comrades was drunk with musical honours, and all voted the function a most enjoyable one. Our women’s auxiliary are doing a great job in providing parcels of comforts as well as canteen orders for the troops abroad. A well-attended meeting for the purpose of forming a Voluntary Defence Corps was held on Sunday morning, March 9, and a further meeting to finalise same will be held at an early date.

OSBORNE PARK

There were very good attendances at the meetings on January 22 and February 5. At the meeting on February 19 business was put over in fast time, to enable members to entertain a party of soldiers from the Claremont camp and what a good time was spent, having the usual A.R.M.S. practice with the present-day Diggers. The games were played in a very sporting spirit, and a close contest ended in the sub-branch’s favour. Refreshments and dancing followed. Thanks are due to the lady supporters for supplying the supper and music. On Sunday, February 16, the annual picnic was held at Goosey Beach. A most beautiful day was enjoyed by all. Several members have joined up and are in camp, the latest to enlist being Secretary Payne. We wish them the best of luck wherever they may be. The next meetings will be held on March 19 and April 2 and 16.

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MIDLAND JUNCTION

The first meeting for the new year was held on Saturday, February 6, 1941, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected. The new president was our old friend Jimmy Cole, who has also found time to become a civic father on the local council this year. Retiring President (Arthur Purton)—better known as “Pansy”—kicked himself that he was going to have to come in, but we find him very present and also on the social committee. Secretary Jack Sampson, who has just had a spell in No. XI Ward, has returned to the fold looking much brighter. The members thought it fit to make him a small presentation—a gift of a small token which we are sure he will enjoy. The Auxiliary still continues and is also on the social committee and sick committee. Of course the old faithful of all, is Tom Gill, who has been a member since the sub-branch was formed. He is on the finance committee. If ever there is a shilling due by the sub-branch Tom always comes up smiling, and is always willing to give a helping hand. Then we have Len Wilkinson, better known as Wilkie, as employment officer. All they have to do is to let him know, and he won’t let his friends down if he cannot find the Digger a few days’ work. All voted that it had been a wonderful meeting. Diggers in Midland Junction standing out are cordially invited to join and help support the sub-branch, and make it one of the strongest in the metropolitan area. We know it can be done.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEBEDERVILLE

The annual picnic and sports were held on Sunday, March 2. Buses conveyed the happy crowd to Mosmans for the day. Jim Morton, the new secretary with the new President (Garnie Blabb) had their committee working like a clock. Stocky, as head steward, had his assistants trained to do their duty, which made for the smooth working of all. It was a treat to see how Bill Andrews had all the children lined up to do the usual streamers and lollies, with the result that all the children were happy and contented. As usual the ladies of the auxiliary were up to their 100 per cent. ability, and the thanks of the branch is due to the Mrs’s—Mrs. Galloway for organising the ladies during the day. The results of sports were as follows: The challenge race between the two Bill’s, O’Neill and Andrews resulted in a dead heat. Ted Nathan got the children’s events off before lunch without any trouble. The adults’ races were won by: Women’s Auxiliary Handicap—Mrs. Peterson first, and Mrs. Lee second. The Married Ladies, was won by Mrs. Wallace first, Mrs. Winning second. Single Ladies—Mrs. Campbell first, Mrs. Lawford second. Visitors’ Handicap.—Mr. Wallace first, Chandler second. S.S.L. Handicap (under 14).—Black first, Maxwell second. S.S.L. Handicap (over 14).—Morita first, Travers second. The Sub-Branch Handicap.—Ernie Moore first, Len Vivian second. Sub-Branch Championship.—Geo. Black first, E. Moore second. Old Buffers’ Handicap.—Galloway first, Sonny Lee second. Benghaz Race for Service Men.—Bernie Garcia first. We must thank Billy Rowles for the way he started the races and all the handicaps, as all were close finishes. Also we thank all the donors for trophies and other prizes. We hope to enter a team for the shield games again this year. The Auxiliary still continues their Monday night dances in aid of amelioration funds.
CALINGIRI

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the auxiliary, held on February 26. Mr. J. McGill carried out the duties of secretary. Mr. Beard was welcomed as a visitor. Also present were Mrs. F. Plant, on leave from Bunbury and her son Harry, who was home on leave before going to the East for further air force training. Interesting letters were read from Roy Carret, now in Africa, and Harry Waters (Bunbury). There was much discussion concerning soldier settlers. It was decided to co-operate with the local road board in relation to bushfire control. In view of local conditions, it was decided to hold a military ball instead of the next annual reunion. The exact date will be fixed later. The sub-branch has given many send-offs to members who are going overseas. In these efforts, the ladies have given valuable assistance. The local recruiting committee met, under the leadership of Mr. Truman on February 27.

Women's Auxiliaries

VICTORIA PARK

The auxiliary held its second general meeting for the year on February 28, and there was a record attendance. Mrs. Barnett presided, and welcomed several old and new members. Birthday greetings were sent to our oldest member, Mrs. Dalby, who recently celebrated her 89th birthday. Two bereavements were reported by Mrs. Prue, and one amelioration case by Mrs. P. Mathews. Mesdames Haigh and Wall reported on their visit to the Edward Millen Home, and the first annual report and balance sheet of the auxiliary's comforts fund, which was organised to provide comforts for men and boys enlistling from the district in either of the forces was given. The report showed that 729 parcels had been issued, including socks, helmets, mufflers, mittens, khaki handkerchiefs, and soap, etc., the money for which had been raised by members' efforts. Approximately 80 letters have been received from members of the Army, Navy and Air Force enlisting from this district in appreciation of our work. Mrs. Barnett was chairman, Mrs. Tolmie deputy chairman, Mrs. Taylor storekeeper and Mrs. Coleman secretary-treasurer, all of whom were re-elected to carry on (unopposed) for a second term of office in this connection. Our secretary (Mrs. Prue) presented a very satisfactory account of the picnic expenditure, and is to be commended on her work in securing donations in cash and kind, which added greatly to the success of the trip. The profits will be equally shared with the sub-branch, who combined with us in the outing. The next general meeting will be held on March 28 at 7.30 p.m., at the R.S.L. Hall, Salford Street, when new and old members will be welcomed. A rally will take place on April 1, which is a Tuesday, at 8 p.m. Other auxiliaries invited.

SUBIACO

On January 23 our auxiliary paid a visit to the Old Women's Home at Fremantle. The inmates welcomed us gladly and thoroughly enjoyed the concert arranged by Mrs. Stuie and Mrs. McMahon. A useful bag containing gifts, sweets, etc., was presented to each of the women and a dainty afternoon tea served them by the auxiliary. A most enjoyable time was spent in our hall on the night of January 30, the occasion being a high tea and social evening given to the auxiliary by the sub-branch. The ladies voted it a wonderful gesture. The junior auxiliary are working well, and have already handed in money for covering for the tables when we entertain troops. Their "Night in Switzerland" was a great success, and the Swiss atmosphere made the dancers feel cool and happy. The Bunbury auxiliary are to be congratulated on the wonderful high tea they provided for the Diggers at the Old Men's Home in January. The catering for the tea was done by Mrs. Prendergast and Mrs. Turpin. The junior auxiliary, as the Bunbury ladies were unable to present. Our usual monthly visit was made to Old Men's Home in February, and the usual boxes distributed. Lemnos was the scene of our activities the following week. Musical items and dancing passed the time happily. A grand carnival was held in R.S.L. Hall, Subiaco, on February 5, and another on February 25. These were organised by Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. McMahon. Both were a great success. Dances are now held every Friday night. The Camp Comforts Committee are as keen and busy as ever, and are untiring in the efforts to raise funds for their good work. The sports teams are all back on the job, and preparing for the coming season.

BOULDER

During January 113 parcels and canteen orders were dispatched to local men overseas, a further 85 parcels are to be packed during February. Many letters and cards have been received from boys who have received parcels from Boulder auxiliary. Mrs. James, aged 74, is still knitting for us, and she is certainly doing her bit. Our Friday night dances are still well patronised, despite the warm weather. The auxiliary co-operated with the sub-branch in a carnival on New Year's Eve, the proceeds being divided be-

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between the branch distress fund and auxiliary comforts fund. Membership now totals 76, despite the fact that quite a few members whose husbands have joined up, having left the district.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT

The auxiliary did not go into recess, as usual, this year, but carried on with evenings and work as there is so much work needed these days that no one can afford to be idle. A parcel of biscuits, cake and cheese was packed up and sent to the old Diggers in the Old Men’s Home. Our dancing season opens this month and we will be busy in that direction again as it is expected to be as popular as ever. A picnic outing is to take place shortly for R.S.L. and auxiliary members. Next Friday is the R.S.L. annual smoke social and we are quite sure auxiliary will be having their annual birthday party. Most members are doing their share of war work in many different ways and everybody is busy. We are short handed for workers too, as a number of R.S.L. members have joined up, either for service overseas or at home, but those left are only too willing to carry on.

MT. HAWTHORN

About 12 members were present at our last meeting. A very happy day was spent when the combined auxiliaries journeyed to Rockingham on the Emerald. We were very pleased to receive the new officers of the sub-branch, Mr. J. Morton (secretary) and Mr. G. Blabb (president), at our meeting and will do our utmost to co-operate with the sub-branch. Mrs. Rowles was again selected as sports director for the McKinley Shield. The Monday dance is still doing well. Everyone is welcomed and it is only £6 admission. The usual donation was sent to the Soldiers’ Children’s Scholarship Fund, same being a very worthy cause. Appreciative letters come in at each meeting from soldiers to whom we send parcels of knitting. A pleasing letter was also received from the Home of Peace for our effort on their behalf. Ladies visited the Repat. Ward and the Old Men’s Home as usual. Mrs. Morton and Mrs. James made pickles, scones and jam, besides taking many other good things to make a very enjoyable tea for the men. The Citizen’s Reception Committee had a very good response to their street appeal and sent a letter of thanks to our members who helped with the collections.

SOUTH PERTH

The first meeting of the year was held at the Masonic Hall on February 21. All committees are carrying on their work well. The hospital committee entertained the boys at the Repatriation Ward, distributing cigarettes, books, etc., among the patients there. The Heathcote committee visits the hospital every fortnight. Bridge evenings are in full swing again. It is the desire of the auxiliary to make the evenings a community affair, and ask all members to bring along friends—both ladies and gentlemen. The concert party is at present on the move, practice being held at Mrs. Bramald’s home. The auxiliary is determined to make a desperate effort to gain the McKinley Shield this year and the sports director is leaving nothing to chance to attain this end. Through no fault of the auxiliary, some members were not able to be made to include the patients of the Edward Millen Home, in the outing with the Old Men’s Home. To replace the outing, a Christmas gift was sent, and acknowledged very nicely by the patients. Christmas greetings were received from Heathcote Hospital and the Old Men’s Home, which were appreciated by all. The President (Mrs. Beere) is now working on a plan to entertain the patients at Leeming and Heathcote on May 4. Members are working hard knitting to ensure that the 10th Garrison Battalion is supplied with socks, scarves, etc., before winter is on us. All members are anxious to do something for the war effort.

“APPROPRIATION”

A very enjoyable day was spent on Sunday, February 23, by the Diggers of the Old Men’s Home, who were taken to Mandurah by motor bus. This outing was made possible by the women’s auxiliary of the Mandurah sub-branch in collaboration with the North-East Fremantle auxiliary.

After a very pleasant journey the “boys” arrived at Mandurah in time for a very enjoyable repast. After dinner, during the relaxing period, when cigarettes were lit and the men seemed filled with both good cheer and contentment, various speakers from the two auxiliaries welcomed the guests. In response Frank Corness, in a very able speech on behalf of the “boys,” from the home thanked all concerned for the very great treat extended to them.

The interval between dinner and tea was quite a “go-as-you-please” affair and was spent by the visitors in various ways. One very enterprising Digger borrowed a fishing line and proved himself quite a worthy follower of Isaac Walton. Some took a walk over the bridge to the Peninsula Hotel and had a convivial spot whilst others just strolled about admiring the scenery or reclined at their ease in idle contentment.

A very good tea was provided by the ladies at 4.30 p.m. After this a presentation was made to Mrs. Morrell, President of the Mandurah Women’s Auxiliary, who is shortly leaving the district. This lady has done wonderful work for the Mandurah district auxiliary since its inception and will be greatly missed by her fellow-workers.

At 6.15 p.m. the home journey began and the very contented and happy Diggers were sent on their journey by many cheers and to the tune of the popular refrain “Old Soldiers Never Die.”

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<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>Mr. A. L. Dent, 69 Stanley St., Nedlands, Phone WM1764</td>
<td>J. K. Jeffreys, 8 Thomas Street, Nedlands. Phone WM1917</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe Street (off View St.)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
<td>J. H. Kane, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTH - EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>4th Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Sgt. F. Ward, Police Stn., North Fremantle</td>
<td>S. Rugby, 42 Holland St., Fremantle (East)</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, N'hampt.</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>C. H. McEwen, Northampton</td>
<td>A. Barlow, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>R.S.L. Clubrooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. B. James, Fitzgerald Street Hotel, Northam</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewis, 154 Fitzgerald St., Northam. Phone 174</td>
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<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe Street (off View St.)</td>
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<td>W. L. Menkens, 30 Redfern St., North Per</td>
<td>T. J. Brown, 40 Leake St., North Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>Monash House, 23 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday</td>
<td>F. Archer, East Pingeley</td>
<td>W. Holder, “Monash House,” 23 King Street, Perth</td>
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<td>PINGELLY</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
<td>J. Chappell, Pastoral Hse., Perth</td>
<td>M. Sargent, Pingeley</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Y.M.C.A. Murray Street</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Roberts, Pithara</td>
<td>A. F. Biggs, c/o “West Australian”</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
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<td>3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>L. E. Taaplin, Pt. Hedland</td>
<td>L. G. Browning, East Pithara</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>E. C. Johnston, Quairading</td>
<td>R. W. Graham, Port Hedland</td>
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<td>QUAIRADING - DANGIN</td>
<td>Quairading Hall &amp; Dangin Hotel, alternatively T. Fraser’s Buildings</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. Lawe, Reedy</td>
<td>H. L. Stronach, Bank N.S.W., Dangin</td>
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<td>REEDY</td>
<td>Progress Hall, Onslow Rd.</td>
<td>2nd Sunday each month at 10 a.m.</td>
<td>W. E. Sanders, National Bank, Southern Cross</td>
<td>J. F. Evans, Compound, Reedy</td>
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<td>SOUTHERN CROSS</td>
<td>R.A.O.B. Clubrooms</td>
<td>1st Saturday in each 3rd month from June, 1940, at 8.15 p.m.</td>
<td>H. S. Poole</td>
<td>J. M. Beckwith, Box 7 Southern Cross</td>
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<td>SHENTON PARK</td>
<td>Kwoylin Hotel</td>
<td>Last Saturday, 8 p.m., bi-monthly</td>
<td>C. P. Musgrove, 175 Onslow Rd., Shen. Pk.</td>
<td>P. L. Flicker, 2 Hopetoon Ter., Shenton Park</td>
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<td>SHACKLETON-KWOLYIN</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. Steel, Tambellup</td>
<td>T. J. Jamieson, Shackleton</td>
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<td>Traying</td>
<td>Every 4th Sunday</td>
<td>F. Smeeton, Traying</td>
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<td>TRAYNING - YELBNI</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>F. Mathews, Manchester Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>T. J. Jamieson, Shackleton</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Holland, 77 Tare St., Leederville</td>
<td>W. J. Lewis, 14 Rosslyn St., W. Leederville. B1402</td>
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<td>WUBIN</td>
<td>Wubin Hall</td>
<td>Last Saturday, 8 p.m., bi-monthly</td>
<td>A. B. Dinnie, Buntine</td>
<td>T. Bailey, Wubin</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Comm'l Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>A. Kelly, Yealering</td>
<td>W. Daws, Yealering</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>Youanmi Hotel</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
<td>Colin Thorn, York</td>
<td>Chas. B. Vincent, York</td>
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<td>YOUANMI</td>
<td>Youanmi Hotel</td>
<td>1st Saturday, after 18th of month</td>
<td>D. C. Johnston, Youanmi</td>
<td>G. M. Maley, c/o Y.G.M. Ltd., Youanmi</td>
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<td>WYALKACHEM</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, bimonthly, April, June, August</td>
<td>G. H. Riches, Tel. No. 41</td>
<td>E. H. Rice, Wyalkachem. Phone 31</td>
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<td>WAROONA-HAMEL</td>
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<td>T. J. Handley, Waroona</td>
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<td>Anzac House</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday</td>
<td>N. Beckley, Customs Hse., Perth</td>
<td>H. H. Bagnall, c/o Metropolitan Water Supply, Perth</td>
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<td>Wickepin Hotel</td>
<td>2nd Saturday, each month</td>
<td>C. G. Russell, Wickepin</td>
<td>H. H. Esbary, Wickepin</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
<td>Williams Hotel</td>
<td>2nd Saturday in each month</td>
<td>Geo. McFayden, Red Hill</td>
<td>D. Fullarton, Staff Quarter,, Wiluna</td>
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<td>Williams Hotel</td>
<td>Last Saturday</td>
<td>F. C. Craig, Williams</td>
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