Gentlemen: The Toast is Anzac!

During the years between the two wars, Anzac Day has become something more than a national holiday held in reverent commemoration of an epic feat of arms. It has become the annual reminder of all that is best in Australian life, a commemoration of the past, which is at the same time a clarion call for endeavour in the future.

We celebrate the anniversary of the epic landing on Gallipoli in an atmosphere of uncertainty this year, but that uncertainty is not synonymous with doubt. We are by no means uncertain of the dangers that face us, nor of the hard struggle that confronts our fighting men in overcoming them. The atmosphere of uncertainty is merely the fog of war which veils the immediate future from our eyes. At the back of that is the knowledge that Australia's valiant young manhood is again under fire. With that knowledge comes the serene confidence that victory must and will crown our arms. Any other ending to this war would mean the end of all that is worth while living.

The story of Gallipoli is in one sense an epitome of the story of Australia. It is a tale of man's achievement in spite of difficulties that seemed insurmountable. It was the spirit of the pioneer who braved the unknown bush, who plodded with swag and billy over leagues of uncharted waste-lands, who triumphed over flood and bush-fire until he turned an unknown island continent into a land fit for heroes to live in. That was the spirit that impelled young soldiers, most of whom were under fire for the first time, to charge across a fire-swept beach, scale heights in the teeth of a capable and well-armed enemy, and hang on to an almost untenable position for months in defiance of wounds, sickness, and the hardships that are the inevitable accompaniment of trench warfare. It is to that spirit we do homage as a nation on this day of days. In doing so, we honour not only the men who fell at Anzac, but all who paid the supreme sacrifice in all other theatres of the war. These men, by their self-sacrifice, courage and devotion to duty, saved Australia once, and men like them, men of the same flesh and blood, are saving Australia again today.

A few years ago, it was fashionable for all sorts of futile people to talk about the futility of war and to decry the soldiers who won for them the liberty to say stupid things. Such people were ever ready to rush into the limelight on historic anniversaries like Anzac Day and Armistice Day and tell us that the annual commemoration was merely fostering the military spirit. How a simple act of national reverence could be interpreted as sabre-rattling was something known only to the vague interpreters themselves. Even League spokesmen occasionally trimmed their sails to the hot atmosphere of the moment, but there was no hare-brained adventure set in motion by an enthusiastic amateur. It was dictated by the needs of the moment, but there was also present a long-range view of a strategic problem. It was an attempt to create a diversion that might end the stalemate that had set in on the Western Front; an effort to do the very thing Hitler is trying to do now from the opposite side. Further, there was the urgent necessity of bringing aid in the shape of munitions and equipment to our Russian ally who, even at the beginning of 1915, was on the verge of collapse.

To decry war is one thing; to attempt to outlaw war may be a laudable effort; but to decry the men who fought in the last war and to belittle their achievements is a bull of a different brand and ear-marks. In recent years, by a process of the constant dripping that will wear away the hardest of stones, it has become the generally accepted view that Gallipoli was a magnificent but tragic blunder, and that the valour and sacrifice of our men were in vain. Those who harp on that string commit the very common error of looking at a campaign merely as an isolated event, and estimating its value without reference to the general situation. The Gallipoli campaign was no hare-brained adventure set in motion by an enthusiastic amateur. It was dictated by the needs of the moment, but there was also present a long-range view of a strategic problem. It was an attempt to create a diversion that might end the stalemate that had set in on the Western Front; an effort to do the very thing Hitler is trying to do now from the opposite side.

Fortunately, too, the military spirit which became dormant in the years of oppression flamed into life again with the realisation that the Empire was being menaced once more. It was not the military spirit, which after all is only another name for patriotism, that was responsible for this war. The greatest contributing cause to the unreasonable arrogance of our present foe was the well-meaning pacifism which compelled our country to become almost impotent in the military sense, while Germany was re-arming for another war. That attitude, which persisted over a period of more than ten years, must be blamed for the circumstances that have plunged a nation's manhood into the maelstrom of battle once more.

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What might be the campaigns or always of those who adventures unforeseen information. There is always the risk of the business of risks, like betting on been sudden and ignominous. War is a Minor the Turkish Army for many months. Had year. It immobilised the flower of the Turkish Army for many months. Had those Turkish troops been left free to operate against the Russians in Asia Minor the fall of our Ally would have been sudden and ignominous. War is a business of risks, like betting on information. There is always the risk of the unforeseen circumstance, and all circumstances cannot be foreseen when great adventures are moving by flood and field. If the desired end is not achieved, or even as desirable as at first seemed, that is rarely the fault of the men who fight the campaigns, or always of those who lead them. Bearing that in mind, we should estimate battles and campaigns not in cross section but in perspective. What might be said of Gallipoli, might—and indeed, it has been said—of the whole war, namely that it was a tremendous expenditure of blood for a very small result. The answer to that was given by our own William Morris Hughes at a recent gathering in Sydney. Referring to the threadbare fustian of the futility of war and the vanity of sacrifice, Mr. Hughes declared in his usual vigorous style that the men who fell in the last war did achieve much. By their sacrifice they gave the world at least twenty years of peace.

THE NEW FRONT

All Diggers, we feel sure, will be thrilled by the news that Australians, and their old comrades in glory, the New Zealanders, are to take a share in keeping brutal and ruthless invaders out of Greece and Yugoslavia. Our political leaders, Mr. Menzies in London, and members of the Cabinet, as well as the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Curtin, in Australia, have spoken of the honour which has been conferred on the young A.I.F. in being allowed to fight beside the troops of gallant little nations who have accepted the risks and horrors of war, rather than bend the knee to an oppressor. That oppressor is the same enemy we met and overthrew in the last war. The men who fought in that conflict found the enemy a tough and well-prepared opponent, but they had confidence in themselves, an inner knowledge of the justice of their cause, and the resolution to win, whatever the odds arrayed in battle against them. In this war, history has repeated itself in at least one particular. In the last war, the A.I.F. had what the boxing people call a try-out against the Turks before they fought the main event with the German.

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R.S.L. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Following the conferences of State Presidents and Secretaries, and State Commanders of the Volunteer Defence Corps, which were held recently in Melbourne, two conferences have been held in the Western Command. The object was to secure a basis for the instalment of the Volunteer Defence Corps in Western Australia. The General Officer Commanding the Western Command (Major-General J. M. A. Durrant) has now outlined the general policy to be employed locally in the formation of the Volunteer Defence Corps, which will be under the command of Brigadier-General A. J. Bessell-Browne. The G.O.C. has also announced the appointment of Captain L. G. R. Challen, M.C., as Staff Officer of the Volunteer Defence Corps at Western Command Headquarters. Captain Challen fought the good fight in the last war as a subaltern in the 48th Battalion, the sister Battalion of the 16th, which was formed after the evacuation of Gallipoli, and was commanded in France and Flanders by Colonel, afterwards Brigadier-General, R. Leane, who is now Commissioner of Police in South Australia. Captain Challen is well known in Perth, both as a member of the Mount Lawley sub-branch, and of the 48th Battalion Association, which he has frequently led in the march on Anzac Day. More recently he has been Adjutant of the 5th Garrison Battalion. It will be recalled that the Volunteer Defence Corps, which was formed and controlled by the League, is no longer an independent body. It is now officially recognised as a part of the Army. In an earlier announcement, Major-General Durrant said that practically every sub-branch had a unit of volunteers, and the Army was looking to the League to provide most of the personnel for the Corps. In his more recent statement, Major-General Durrant said that the two recent conferences in this State were attended by Brigadier-General Bessell-Browne and the General Staff Officer, Western Command Headquarters (Lieut.-Colonel C. W. Huxtable). From the decision reached at these conferences, a detailed plan has been prepared which covers the organisation of the Volunteer Defence Corps units in the Western Command. That plan has now gone to Army Headquarters, Melbourne, for final approval. In this State, the Corps units will come under the Western Command for operational and administrative purposes. Captain Challen has now taken up duty at Swan Barracks, where he will carry out the duties of liaison between Command Headquarters and the Corps. Generally, the organisation of the Volunteer Defence Corps will follow the scheme outlined on March 7, by the Minister for the Army (Mr. Spender). Membership will be open mainly to returned soldiers. In addition to these, and provided the establishment warrants it, men aged between 20 and 60 years, who are reasonably fit and engaged in civil occupations, and personnel drawn from local authorities and Commonwealth and State Departments, who are normally and permanently employed in local areas, will be allowed to join the Corps. Service with the Volunteer Defence Corps will be for the duration of the war. Except for any camps

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of continuous training, service will be unpaid. Details regarding enrolment in the Corps, uniforms and equipment have yet to be completed. An earlier statement suggested that the uniform will consist of two garments, a jacket and trousers of the A.I.F. pattern, though probably the colour will be of a greener shade. The broad policy for the employment of the Corps has also been outlined by the Minister, but its actual role in the defence scheme may have to be varied according to local conditions.

PREMONITION

by ROBERT S. LASKER

[Lieutenant Lasker, an Australian soldier, was reported missing on May 20, 1918, and later as "Killed in Action on or about that date."]

"If I should fall, do not grieve for me. I shall be one with the sun and the wind and the flowers."

—Leslie Coulson.

If I should fall, my presence may be sought
In all the teeming beauty of the earth.
With every lovely thing that God has wrought
I shall be one, and find in it new birth.
Therefore, within the shadow of the wind
Upon green meadows, or in April grass
And flowers, who wills, my presence still might find
Which shall inhabit these until Time pass.
Seek in the gold and purple of the west.
Seek in the sunshine of a summer’s day.
Seek in the ocean’s silence and unrest
If you would find me; and, while seeking, say:
“He loved all these—he loved all lovely things;
And from them now his living spirit sings.”

EXTENSION OF WAR SERVICE HOMES PRIVILEGES

For some time past, the West Australian organisation of the Soldiers’ Dependents’ Appeal, on which the League is well represented, has interested itself in the preparation of a scheme to provide homes for members of the fighting forces and the dependents, and the widows of men killed in action. It is reported that the scheme is now well under way. The organisation has emphasised that, any new legislation connected with War Service Homes, provision should be made so that the widows and families of soldiers killed in action can secure a war service home at a moderate cost. The organisation has also stressed the need for protecting dependants who had already bought homes privately, by helping them to meet their obligations and protecting widows’ equities in these properties. Resolutions embodying these proposals were sent to the responsible Federal Minister with the request that the Commonwealth Government enact legislation immediately to implement the proposals. In reply to the request, the Minister in Charge of War Service Homes, Senator Collett, stated that amending legislation had already been prepared. Senator Collett gave particulars which show that the scheme proposed is a very liberal one. Broadly speaking, the persons concerned will be eligible for War Service Homes on conditions similar to those which came into operation after the last war. The maximum period for repayment is 50 years, as against 37 under the former scheme. On a loan of £400, the monthly instalment is £1/10/10 or 7/2 a week. For £600, the instalment is £2/6/3 a month, or 10/8 a week. On £700, it is £2/14/- a month or 12/6 a week. Here again, the instalment rates are appreciably lower than those of the older scheme.

LATER:

A measure to extend the benefits of the War Service Homes Act to those who have served in the present war was introduced into the Senate by Senator Collett, during the recent session of the Federal Parliament. The measure was warmly welcomed by Senators on both sides of the House. Senator Allan MacDonald, of Western Australia, an ex-service man himself, took occasion to urge that the Government should begin the construction of War Service Homes at once, instead of waiting until the men began to return in numbers. He thought it would be a simpler matter to arrange that wives and families of soldiers could enter into occupation of the homes while the soldier was still abroad. This would help to avoid any ultimate rush with all the inflated costs and other disadvantages associated with it. Another West Australian Senator, Senator Fraser, himself an occupant of a War Service Home, generally supported Senator MacDonald. Incidentally, he inquired if members of the mercantile marine would come within the scope of the Bill. The Minister replied: “Yes, subject to certain qualifications.” The measure had an equally warm welcome in the House of Representatives, but there was a desire that the position of the sailor should be made clearer.

51st BATTALION ASSOCIATION

A general meeting will be held at Anzac House on Friday, May 2, at 8 p.m., when the attendance of all members of the bld 51st who are available is requested. Members are advised that appeals for assistance should not be recognised without first being authorised by the executive of the association. It is hoped to have a large attendance at the Anzac Day march and service in Perth.

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EXECUTIVE CHANGES

A couple of important changes in the personnel of the State Executive were made recently. The resignation of Mr. F. J. Aberle from the office of junior Vice-President necessitated the convening of a special meeting of the State Executive to fill the vacancy. The meeting was held on March 19, just before the fortnightly meeting of the State Executive. Mr. W. J. Hunt was elected to the vacancy without opposition. Mr. Hunt is one of the senior statesmen of the State Executive. He is well and favourably known to most country Diggers for his work as chairman of the League's Land Committee. During the last war, he saw active service with the 44th Battalion. Since the outbreak of the present war, he has done valuable work as liaison officer between the League and Western Command Headquarters. Mr. Hunt's elevation to the office of junior Vice-President caused a vacancy in the Executive Committee. This was filled by the co-option of Colonel C. H. Lamb, a former member of the executive, who was next for duty as the result of the voting at last year's annual State Congress. Colonel Lamb commanded the 44th Militia Battalion after the last war, and was subsequently in command of the 13th Infantry Brigade. He was also a member of the Military Committee of the YM.C.A., which was formed and had commenced to function twelve months before the present war broke out. At present, Colonel Lamb is doing full-time military duty with the forces.

A.R.M.S. COMPETITIONS

There are fewer entries this year, only ten sub-branches participating, consisting of Mt. Lawley, Osborne Park, South Perth, Maylands, Mosman Park, West Leederville, Wembley, Mt. Hawthorn, Subiaco, Nedlands and Gloucester Park. This is considered satisfactory in view of all the upsets as a result of the war.

At the meeting of delegates, held at Anzac House on April 3, the following were elected the Controlling Committee: Messrs. E. S. Watt (chairman), T. Campbell, W. Kirton, R. Maddeford, A. G. McKenna and C. H. Halse.

It was decided to play in one zone only this year and to include draughts, but to reduce the players to three per team. Darts will be played in singles, 501 up, with the team reduced to five players. In the event of a forfeit the points allotted will be seven to three, instead of ten to none as previously allotted. It was also agreed to amend the rule in regard to the eligibility to play in semi-finals and finals to read: "Any member who has played in two games in the current competition or has been a member of the sub-branch for at least three months." It is expected that a complete schedule of matches, dates and places will be published. Perth sub-branch did not enter, but their action in sending a donation of 10/6 was commended, as was that of Mr. R. W. King, of South Perth, in donating 10/6 towards last year's individual championships. The meeting was a very happy one and all present anticipated a successful competition.

EX-SERVICE MEN AND THE RETIRING AGE

The question of the appointment of ex-servicemen to commissioned rank on the active list of the Australian Military Forces was discussed at the meeting of the State Executive on April 2. Ever since the present war broke out, many ex-service men have desired to get into uniform again and give Australia the benefit of the experience they gained during the last war. Unfortunately, just before the war broke out, new regulations were gazetted, which drastically altered the retiring age for commissioned ranks. This affected, not only men who had soldiery in the Australian Military Forces since the last war, but also those who had been out of touch with the service since they shed the King's khaki in 1919. Some time ago, the League requested a relaxation in the age limit in regard to appointment of officers in the Australian Military Forces. Such a relaxation might have brought many experienced men back into the service and released others, now holding home service appointments, for service in the fighting line.

The official attitude was stated in a letter from the Adjutant-General. This letter was discussed by the State Executive at its meeting on April 2.

"It is the policy," wrote the Adjutant-General, "not to employ officers who have reached, or are approaching the age for retirement of their rank, except in appointment with the Garrison Battalions and as area officers. The conditions of modern war...

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10 Garrison Battalion

The month of March has been full of activity for the 10th Garrison Battalion at Rottnest. Once again we came up to strength after providing 5 Garrison Battalion and "Y" Coy, with a considerable number of their effective strength, and, of course, we provided the 9th Garrison Brigade with a ready-made band.

Colonel W. B. Robinson, D.C.M., E.D., Brigade Commander 5th Garrison Brigade, was over here on a quick trip recently, and he saw a great deal in a very short space of time. When a commander has responsibilities from Geraldton to Albany he certainly has to keep moving to keep in touch with the requirements and activities of his many commands. Colonel Robinson may be called the founder of garrison battalions in Western Australia, and he must feel proud to think that the units in his brigade command the respect of the highest military authorities. The promotion recently bestowed on Colonel Robinson is the fitting reward for the foresight, energy and executive ability which he has shown in the recruiting and training of ex-service men for garrison duties.

Major H. A. Kuring, who has commanded the battalion since the formation of the 5th Garrison Brigade, has been promoted to lieutenant-colonel, and we offer our most sincere congratulations.

The 10th also wish to congratulate Captain A. L. Smith on his promotion to major. Lieut. Jack Denton burned a lot of midnight oil and kept things running smoothly on the "Q" side, ably assisted by R.Q.M.S. Gorin, to whom we offer congratulations not only on his promotion but also on the arrival of a little Evergreen bud, as an addition to his domestic ration strength.

Major W. R. Harburn, M.C., has clicked for an A.I.F. job, and his heart is happy. Good luck, Major. You have the best wishes of all members of the 10th. We are glad to hear that Doc. Morris is out of hospital. We have a picture show every Wednesday night, and the house is always packed. Our thanks for this cheap entertainment go to Major Robertson, who is most energetic, particularly in any matter for our comfort.

"A" COMPANY

The company is becoming inured to the hard training and is in cheerful spirits. From a health point of view all ranks are in good fettle, and the morning sick parade is almost invariably very small. Recreation is not forgotten, and competitions in various indoor and outdoor games are being organised by the sports committee, which is a very live body. In this branch, "A" Company is very ably represented by Lieut. F. G. Gibbs, assisted by Privates Deverell, Sutcliffe and Carlton. On March 13, "A" Company played headquarter cricket. The latter, sad to relate, suffered a heavy defeat, "A" Company's score being astronomical.

During the month "A" Company suffered a heavy loss, when its popular O.C. (Major W. R. Harburn, M.C.) was seconded.

The regret of the company at the loss of Major Harburn was tempered by the fact that the ever-popular Lieut. W. F. O'Meara, D.C.M., became Acting O.C. However, misfortunes never come singly, and after a brief but happy spell in command, "Bluey" has been detached for duty back home. The
reins of company commander are now in the efficient hands of Lieut. Gibbs, and the hundred and one details of company work are proceeding without a hitch.

Lieut. J. N. McCaffrey has gone back to "school" and will, "no doubt, return full of new knowledge and ideas.

That old die-hard, C.S.M. (Bill) Milroy, returned to the Island from annual recreation leave. His return is hailed with delight by the orderly room staff, as it is estimated that Bill takes about 50 per cent. of the work on his own shoulders.

Sergt. Charlie Nicholls returned from detached duty with "W.A." worked in bright yellow on his colour patches. In case he got lost, the A.P.M. would know which State he came from at any rate.

Bugler Stevens obtained leave of absence to get married. Is this what is known as "compassionate leave?"

"SUPPORT" COMPANY

"Support" Coy. is a hive of industry these days. From early morn till late afternoon the lads are doing plenty of hard training and do they enjoy it? They are under the able guidance of the O.C. (Captain Gell), his officers and his new C.S.M. (H. Whitford), to whom we extend our congratulations on his promotion. The boys will take a lot of beating at their gun drill and any company of gunners will need to be at their best to hold their own with our lads.

Quite a few promotions have recently been announced, and our congratulations are extended to Ted Calder, Jack Knight, Roy Taylor, Allen Greaves, Norrm. Tonkin, Bob Linsey, Bill Joss and Matt. Matheson, who have been promoted corporals. "Matty" approached R.M.S. Geo. Gorin for a new tunic as his tunic won't fit now. J. Jeffreys, Joe Greaves, H. Hillier and J. Ridsdale now wear a stripe, and we hope to see the other stripe up soon.

Despite the strenuous training, the company found time to play both "A" Coy. and H.Q. Coy. at cricket. Both games were lost, but the company was not disgraced. The defeats can be attributed to the fact that "Support" really pays no heed to anything but soldiering, but hope to reverse the results next time they meet.

The company Q.M.S. ("Davie" Baxter) seems to be losing a lot of weight lately. Can't sleep at nights, worrying about the guns and the messroom. Dave Thomas assistant to "Davie," is also losing weight rushing about—looking for his pipe or the key to the storeroom. Usually finds them both in his pocket.

We must not forget to mention our liaison runner, Jack Bradfield, who had the misfortune to break a couple of ribs when his horse fell with him. We would like to know the N.C.O. who halted his squad with a new word of command "Whoa!"

We are very pleased to hear that our pal S. Gaston, D.C.M., is well on the road to good health again.

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We much regret the departure of our Adjutant, Captain "Les" Challen, M.C., he having been seconded for duty to Western Command and Head quarters as Staff Officer V.D.C. We wish him all the best in his new post.

Liet.-General V. H. Sturdee inspected the battalion on April 4, and afterwards complimented us on the ground turn out and the bearing of the troops on parade.

The battalion is holding a 'dine in aid of welfare funds, commencing on Tuesday, April 15, and every Tuesday thereafter until further notice in the Myola Hall, Claremont. Good music is assured, under the direction of Band Sergt. Bob Murray. So come along and bring your friends.

19 (Reserve) Garrison Batt. This month has seen a reaching forward, a preparation for the future, a steady progression rather than spectacular or exciting affairs. Much has been achieved.

A broadened outlook and a heightened interest in military affairs will surely be one result of their stay in Swanbourne, and not alone they, individually, but "D" Coy. as a body should benefit to a marked extent.

Geraldton in the first few days of the month by the death of Sergt. Instructors L/Sergt. W. Murray, after a short time spent in Geraldton Hospital. Although Sergt. Murray had been with "D" for only a short time as Sergt. Instructor, he endeared himself to many in very early days and after a time with 5 Garrison Battalion, returned to Geraldton to help train the company. Acting Staff Sergt. A. H. Goddard, of 5 Garrison Battalion, has been sent up to Geraldton to fill the vacancy temporarily.

This has been a very much in the news this month, the last company to be recruited—"D", Geraldton—has had much leeway to make up. Lieut. A. C. Bogle has been appointed Officer Commanding and took over from Captain W. R. Brede on March 14. Captain Brede is Area Officer and has been administering command of the company pending a regular appointment. Sergt. Bogle was one of the early recruits of "D" Coy. and at the time he was seconded held the rank of sergeant.

A very successful huiwac was held at Geraldton in mid March.

Promotions are the order of the day at Geraldton, and the first batch of eleven have successfully passed through the testing time. The reports from "A" Coy., (Bunbury), "B" Coy. (Busselton) and "C" Coy. (Albany) continue to show the presence of keenness and a desire of all ranks to do their bit, even though full time cannot be spent at oldiering. They are learning those new and absorbing things to make themselves ready for an emergency, and giving up much of their space time to achieve preparedness.

Major Lefroy, M.C. (Commanding Officer) and Lieut. Davis (Adjutant) visited Geraldton and in conjunction inspected the company and discussed its affairs and training. Later they inspected Albany and Mount Barker. "C" Coy., on parade, Headquarters and stores and discussed training and other matters of interest and importance.

The Brigade Staff (Colonel W. B. Robinson, D.C.M., E.D.) saw "D" Coy. at work at Geraldton and together with the Brigade Major (Major Walker, M.C.) spent some time at Bunbury at the end of the month, whence they inspected "A" Coy. on parade.

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

AN EPIC OF THE AIR


Profusely illustrated with photographs of airmen whose names have become the household words of the war, "Flying Squadrons," by Noel Monks, is truly what its sub-title, the epic story of two Hurricane squadrons in France. The frontispiece is a photograph of the intrepid New Zealand airman, Flying Officer E. J. ("Cobber") Kain, D.F.C., who was accidentally killed on active service, France, June 7, 1940, at the age of 22. In an In Memoriam published behind the title page, the author states: "His courage, his fighting heart, and his life were at Britain's service. His friendship was mine."

But "Cobber" Kain is not only the youthful hero of the two R.A.F. fighter squadrons that were attached to the advanced air striking force in France from September, 1939, until the eve of France's capitulation in June, 1940. The two squadrons about whom this book is written were stationed only a few minutes' flight behind the Maginot Line. It fell to the lot of the pilots who made up the squadrons' personnel to test out our Hurricanes against everything the Germans had. As the author says, "they fought and fought and fought." A number of boys pilots against the aerial might of Germany. It was a Squadron Medical Officer, "Doc" Outhin, who first pointed out "Cobber" Kain to the author. "See that big chap," he said. "Keep your eyes on him if you want a story. He's a wizard. If he lives, he's going to be a greater ace than Bishop, Rickenbacker, or anyone. They are all good boys in this squadron, but that chap is a born leader, a natural flier." Again, Noel Monks, who, by the way, has written all of Kain's story, observes: "No one ever heard "Cobber" Kain brag. No one ever knew him to go about with his chin stuck out looking for trouble. Out of the cockpit of his fighting machine, he was mild-mannered and gentle.

The tragic accident that occurred, the very day he was to leave for England to take up instructional duties. It was the tragic story of the war.

Noel Monks has given pen portraits of most of these young knights of the air. He has presented us with an attractive picture of their comradeship, their chivalry, and the unaffected modesty with which they regarded their amazing adventures as the ordinary routine of the day's work. The book is one of those enthralling publications in which both author and publisher have done their work remarkably well. It is a book which one is reluctant to lay down, even when friend is asking querulously why the devil you don't put the light out and come to bed? That, we think is the highest praise one can give a book that is well worthy of the highest. One feels proud that it has been written by an Australian and published by an Australian firm. We consider that it should prove a valuable addition to sub-branch libraries.

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Mr. H. K. Minchin, who was recently appointed leader of the Bassendean sub-branch unit of the V.D.C., is another Digger schoolmaster who is doing excellent work for the League. Mr. Minchin, head teacher of the Caversham State School, whose war service was with the 8th Battalion, in which he held office for some time.

Sep. Horton, who has been re-elected president of the Maylands sub-branch for the third term in succession, is one of the busiest men in the League. With the secretary (Les. King) in camp with the Militia and the treasurer (Dave Tobin) away up north on military contracts, Sep. is finding plenty to do. He recently had to relinquish the leadership of the V.D.C. unit. Ron. Fleming is proving a worthy successor.

Recently holidaying at North Beach were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Baker. Ted was the first editor of the Maylands sub-branch organ, "All Quiet," and his first act was a very big step towards a self-improvement. We are delighted to hear of him forming a debating society before very long. Between times, he takes a very keen interest in the defence organisation of the F.M.G.'s Department, and looks the part of a sergeant-major on parade.

At the annual dinner of the Kukerin sub-branch, members made a presentation to the secretary (Mr. R. Davidson) as a tribute to his loyal and gallant work which is still carrying on in spite of indifferent health. Reg. Davidson, still thinking of others, has asked us to thank his comrades for the unexpected present, which came as a surprise to him on the night of the dinner.

Percy J. Barlett, of Nedlands, has recently supplied a shining example of what a Digger can do when he puts his mind to it. After a career in which he fought wider fields than those within the boundaries of the State Public Service, so he bogged in, burned the midnight oil, and qualified as an accountant. Not satisfied with the school profession, he entered the redoubtable Percy hoed in and graduated in Arts and Law at the University of Western Australia. He has now been admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor. Such a record of work, concentration and achievement would have stood highly to the credit of a young chap fresh from school, but when it had been made by a man "unsettled" by his war service, and a married man with home responsibilities, all the better for it. Commands spontaneous admiration. Nor has the hard work always been directed towards personal ends. Percy Barlett also has a distinguished record of public service. In former years he was secretary of the Subiaco sub-branch. More recently, he has been a very active member of Nedlands, added to which he is a member of the Senate of the University. His war service was with the 32nd Battalion.

At the monthly sports meeting of the Bassendean sub-branch on March 27, the president (Mr. R. Marich) made the presentation of a fountain pen to the past president (Mr. Jobling). Mr. Minchin thanked him for the work he had done for the sub-branch.

Presentations were also made to the secretary (Mr. H. Fry) and the social secretary (Mr. Bill Mathews) as all the recipients made appropriate responses.

Mr. W. Ford, the popular president of the Claremont sub-branch, met with an accident recently, falling bone in bone on his feet. As a result he has been incapacitated for several weeks. Fortunately, Bill is making good progress towards recovery and is able to get about with the aid of a stick.

E. M. Woodland, formerly senior vice-president of the Claremont sub-branch, has had to relinquish that office as he is now serving with the Hygienic Unit at Northam. At the April meeting of the sub-branch, Mr. George Marland was unanimously elected to the vacant position. Good service has been rendered by the 44th, and now holds a responsible position in the Repatriation Department.

Members of the Nedlands auxiliary will soon learn that Medames Lander and Tereilack are at present very ill. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Fred Aberle, who recently resigned the office of vice-president of the W.A. Branch of the Australian Legion, has been appointed secretary of the Commercial Travellers' Association and Club and we extend our congratulations.

The League in this State owes a lot to Fred. The work done by him over the years he had been on the State Executive has been considerable and of lasting value. Although not occupying any official position in the League, we know his thoughts will continue to centre around the cause that has been so dear to him. Fred's thoughtfulness in the League will continue whenever opportunity offers.

The Official Historian, Victoria Barracks, Sydney, New South Wales, is anxious to get in touch with the following former members of the 28th Battalion (A.I.F.): Lieut. George Leslie Ing, Sergeant James Andrew Connelly, D.C.M., M.M., and Private William David Ridley, M.M. Will the Diggers concerned, or anyone knowing their present addresses, kindly advise the Official Historian.

The news of the overturning of the appeasement Government in Yugoslavia reminded Australians that two of Yugoslavia's Communist sympathisers are good Diggers and served with the A.I.F. in the last war. They are Mr. J. M. Rodd, the Yugoslav Consul in Sydney, and that colourful personality, Mr. Nicholas March, the Yugoslav Consul in Western Australia. Mr. Rodd announced that Yugoslavia had entered into a pact with the Axis gangsters, Mr. Rodd announced his intention of resigning, but he was saved from doing so by the revolt against Papa in Yugoslavia. One own Nick March adopted a wait-and-see policy. He said he would not resign for the present, contending that the pact was reported to have guaranteed Yugoslavia's independence and integrity and that there was no need for him to resign while Spain still remained diplomatic and friendly relations with his own country. That, however, did not satisfy some of his countrymen, who demanded his resignation to the next Government, insisting on Mr. Marich's dismissal. The latter retorted that his critics represented only a noisy minority of the Yugoslav community in this State. He alleged that those who spoke out were Communists and that there was no need for him to resign while Spain still remained diplomatic and friendly relations with his own country.

A popular visitor at the Anzac Club during recent weeks has been a big, genial Englishman, Mr. C. Boyd-Moss. Like many Englishmen he puts his name in the middle to distinguish his own line from other branches of the family. Mr. Boyd-Moss is a tea-planter who decided to spend some of his long service leave in Perth, and we sincerely hope he enjoyed his holiday as much as we enjoyed his company. He served with the B.E.F. in the last war.

A recent addition to the State Executive is Mr. H. Smith, who had already done much yeoman service to the League, naturally enough in land matters and membership. He succeeded Colonel Jack Mitchell on the executive when the Colonel was obliged by illness to pull out. Until recently, Mr. Smith was employed on the Farmers' Debts Adjustment, but he has since been seconded to the Agricultural Bank for work connected with the scheme for the stabilization of wheat industry. With his knowledge of land and departmental procedure, he promises to be a valuable acquisition to the State Executive.

Congratulations to Mr. Fred Ash who has been appointed general secretary of the W.A. Branch of the Red Cross Society. Fred served in the 1914-18 war with the 15th Div. Royal Field Artillery. Since arriving in Australia he has been a good member of the League, having served successively as president of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch and is at present a member of the North Perth sub-branch. He is a qualified accountant and has had much organising experience.
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FROM AN ANZAC

(This article has been contributed by Mr. H. Battye, of Wakefield, Yorkshire, who served on Gallipoli as a Lance-Corporal in the Royal Army Service Corps. Mr. Battye gets a "Listening Post" regularly from a niece who lives in Western Australia; and he never forgets his Australian cobbers. We always hear from him in time for our Anzac issue.—Ed. L.P.)

As one who had the honour of serving with those gallant forces at Anzac and Cape Helles, I wish to testify to the splendid work done by those who have come to the aid of the Old Country once again.

The ex-service men of this land of ours have rallied to the flag of freedom; men, who are now too old for the regular Army, are, like your humble servant, full-time A.R.P. wardens now. Thousands are in the Home Guard and in A.S.C. I am a full-time A.R.P. warden; joined up in May, 1938, and will be 72 next July.

I am proud to say that my comrades are nearly all ex-service men, men who have gone through hell in the South African War and the Great War; now they are facing the greatest peril and cruelty that ever human beings had to bear.

The aged, the children, the sick, the cripples, and those in hospitals are slain in cold blood; thousands have to spend night after night in the bowels of the earth, and we have lost their lives in the terrible "black-out."

At this very moment we are aware of the fact that millions of woflike men across the English Channel, are ready and waiting for the day suitable for them to attack us; burn up, poison up; men, women and children alike! Our Prime Minister has said there will be blood, sweat and tears; but it is essential that the claims of officers on war service should be set out in a previous report. Since that report was issued, the Commonwealth Public Service Act has been amended for the purpose of giving full effect to the decision that officers on war service, as far as possible, should be considered for promotion to posts to which they may be assigned for temporary service or under exemption on June 30, 1940.

The conditions to leave of absence to officers on war service were set out in a previous report. Since that report was issued, the Commonwealth Public Service Act has been amended for the purpose of giving full effect to the decision that officers on war service should be considered for promotion to posts to which they may be assigned for temporary service or under exemption on June 30, 1940. The law, as recently amended, gives the Board power to regard an appeal against promotion as having been made by any officer serving with the forces, thus ensuring that his claims receive full consideration in relation to the filling of all positions to which he might aspire.

Consideration of the claims of absent officers against notified provisional promotions involves a great deal of work, but it is essential that the claims of officers on war service should be safeguarded. To date, appeals regarded as having been submitted by absent officers have been determined in their favour in a number of cases, and the officers promoted accordingly. The number of permanent officers of the Commonwealth Public Service who have enlisted and been accepted for overseas service in the Naval Forces, the Australian Imperial Force or the Royal Australian Air Force, was 1,052 at the time the report was published.—COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE Preference and Leave of Absence

Ah! memories still linger, and often as I lie awake one night, I picture that beach at Anzac, those cliffs, sand and clay, those nules, those black-whiskered Bengal Lancers, those petrol tins of water guarded by a man with a bayonet near the beach.

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Our Nedlands correspondent informs us that a former member of the Nedlands sub-branch, Mr. John Sandes, who has been a victim of the blitzkrieg. With his wife and two children he went to England some years ago and resided at Wallasey in Cheshire. In a recent raid on the Mersey, an incendiary bomb fell in his house. In the resulting fire everything in the house was lost, and Mr. Bunny received serious burns. Much sympathy is felt for our old friends in their plight. Mrs. Bunny, by the way, is a volunteer ambulance driver.

It has been decided that the paybooks of the fighting forces are not to be used as records of the sickiness of members while on active service. Some time ago, the League recommended that the paybooks of members of the Royal Australian Navy, the A.I.F. and the Royal Australian Air Force should be used to ensure a complete record of all sickness or injury suffered on active service. This has been done occasionally, however, by the Federal Government. The Minister for Air notified the League recently that he had had the proposal examined by his Department and the Department of the Army. Both departments had decided that the paybooks should be used solely for recording pay and such other essential information as may be found necessary for pay purposes. The paybook accounting system now in use is simple and efficient. The League is concerned that the books should not be overburdened with particulars which have no bearing on pay. Moreover, medical records of the personnel of the fighting forces are already maintained. It is contended that the additional recording of particulars in the paybooks would result in a duplication, which the department considers is unnecessary.

At the beginning of the month, the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Fadden, gave an assurance to representatives of the Amputees and Limbless Soldiers’ Association that the Commonwealth Government would give sympathetic consideration to a series of proposals to ensure economic security in civilian life for limbless soldiers of the past and present wars. The proposals include: That no limbless soldier of the last or present war be discharged from the Army until he has been found permanent civilian employment; that in the selection of civilian employment for limbless men, the Federal Government should ensure that employers are satisfactory, and the work suitable and permanent. Another proposal requests the appointment of a board to supervise the rehabilitation of limbless soldiers in civilian life, and that limbless soldiers, or their dependants, allowances from assignment. The regulations preclude assignment by way of pledge, for mortgaging. They also render void any such assignment made before the issue of the regulations.

Here is a letter from Brigadier Stan Savage, who is now on active service abroad with the R.A.U.F. It will explain how it was that the Boys of the 6th Brigade have been doing such splendid work in action. “The lads behaved wonderfully in the recent action,” Brigadier Savage writes, in giving his experiences in the victorious thrust through Libya, “and an incident or two may be of interest to you.” It was extremely difficult and left us to fight, supported practically by our own hefty weapons only. The brigade had a double-handled battle, separated by two thousand yards, and there were 48 hours full of anxiety, hope, blackness and cheer, each alternating in turn. The lads took on batteries of field medium guns, stopped tanks with rifle and machine gun fire, and captured no fewer than 15,000 prisoners. The young leaders, both officers and N.C.O.’s, were magnificent, and the lads worked with almost parade-precision in their movements. They ensured shell fire in spots as heavy as anything I remember. The lads were shot at by guns over open sights and the machine gunners fired at them with all their fury. The lads showed uncanny skill in the use of ground and formations, and their reliance on their pals giving the necessary covering fire was complete. This was the chief factor, together with their dash, that won through. They were magnificent, and rise to equal heights with the best in our day. I am a very proud man, especially as I always had faith in them, which was well founded. All the old A.I.F. they, too, can be proud of, because their experience has been passed on to be of real value to the present A.I.F. It is remarkable to note the number of lads whose Dads were Diggers. Strange, but the word ‘Aussie’ has not yet come in to use.

The staff of many businesses have been depleted greatly as the result of enlistments, but few have been affected more than the Imperial Printing Co., Ltd. Nine members of the staff enlisted, three in the A.I.F., three in the Air Force and three for staff duties with Western Command. In addition two ladies, who have been in the Australian Navy, and the senior male staff are members of the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps. Not a bad record.

Jim Lang, formerly secretary of the North Perth sub-branch, who is now away having a well-deserved holiday, sends a description of the Australian Soldiers’ Club, which he visited when on leave in Jerusalem. The club, which is located in a leading hotel, was organised by the Australian Comforts Fund, and opened by Jim. Jim has to say about it: “Nicely clean sheets and blankets, and well-cooked meals served to you by waiters are the order of the day, as well as hot and cold showers and taps and every toilet accessory. One can get his boots cleaned, a shave and a wash on the premises. Australian beer can be purchased there for 5/- (about 1/4d.), and other drinks are cheap. Australian money can be changed there also, with no charge to you. But that the club can be purchased at the lowest possible cost. There is a post office there, for I had a parcel inspected and posted. The staff is the personification of politeness.” The Comforts Fund also provides cheap transport for troops on leave. Jim Lang did a tour through the Holy Land, and the whole show, including films, board and lodging for two nights cost only about 2/6 of our money.

The month has brought the momentous news that British troops, including Australians and New Zealanders, are fighting beside the Greeks and Yugoslavs against the German and their allies in the last war. Our soldiers will not be the first Australians to fight in the Balkans. During the last war at least one Australian held a front-line commission in what was then the Serbian Army. This man was Lieut.-Colonel John Sandes. He did not serve as a nurse or a war worker, but as a fighting soldier, and by all accounts he proved a very gallant soldier, too. He was wounded in action and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the field. Miss Sandes made a lecturing tour in her native Australia after the war. In private life she was the sister of the late Mr. John Sandes, who in the hey-day of his reputation was one of the leading journalists in the Eastern States.

According to a recent report the old question of saluting has cropped up again. It is reported that Army officers have made a recommendation on the matter to the Military Board. If that recommendation is adopted, it will give official sanction to an alleged failing which was mentioned in a song that was such a favourite in the last war. You remember the lines, "We cannot shoot, we don’t salute," and so on. The Army officers have now recommended that the saluting of officers by men when they are off duty should be abolished. That recommendation has not been made for the purpose of conniving at slackness or taking the line of least resistance. It is designed for the convenience of the officers themselves. Those who held commissions in the last war will remember what a nuisance it was to walk down the streets of a garrison town returning all the salutes that were tossed. An officer’s arm was going all the time. Officers did not get a spell, however, when walking in company. Under King’s Regulations, when a group of officers is saluted, the senior returns the salute. Towards the end of the last war, officers themselves evoked a modification which distributed the burden of the task. The salute was returned by the officer on the flank nearest the man who gave it, irrespective of his own rank or seniority. And now, after all these years, it is stated that officers should consider that strict observance of Army Orders in the matter of saluting becomes an obvious embarrassment to soldiers on leave, especially in crowded streets, when officers are obliged to answer the salute of every brother officer or man in the ranks.

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At the annual meeting the following office bearers were elected: President, Harold Hopperton; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Shadgett and J. Fulton; country vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Y. Butler and R. H. Reeves; secretary, A. Cook. It was resolved that satisfactory arrangements were in course of being made for the continuance of monthly meetings. A motion was carried by Messrs. J. Harvey and W. Bower, acknowledging the assistance rendered by Mrs. H. Hopperton throughout the year, was carried with acclamation. A donation of two guineas was made to the Air Raid Relief Fund. The annual reunion in October was a great success. Members hope for a good parade on Anzac Day.
51st BATTALION (A.I.F.) ASSOCIATION

All Ex-Members of the 51st Battalion (A.I.F.) are reminded that appeals for assistance should not be recognised unless specially authorised by the Executive of the Association.

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CONTROL OF ALIENS

Some time ago, the League proposed that aliens now interned in Australia should be employed on productive work. That proposal has been considered by the Prime Minister's Department, but the question has been overshadowed by international conventions. The Prime Minister's Department has advised the League that Great Britain and Germany have declared their intention to observe the principle that internes cannot be compelled to do work other than in connection with the administration and maintenance of their camps. Internes in Australia have now been allotted permanent camps, and full consideration is being given to the practicability of providing them with suitable work, and of determining conditions under which such work can be performed voluntarily in accordance with the international agreement. The League advanced another suggestion that the publication of newspapers, magazines, notices in languages of enemy alien languages should be prohibited. The Prime Minister's Department has advised the League that the control of publications of this nature is governed by the Press censorship order, and by existing regulations affecting the publication of newspapers in foreign languages. Consent under the latter regulations has to be obtained before publication is permitted. Under the former regulations, matters have to be submitted to the censor before publication. The only newspapers, enemy alien language which have been permitted to continue are those to which sanction could be safely granted, having regard to the previous conduct. The Prime Minister's Department considers that the broad viewpoint of the war should be presented to enemy nationals now living in Australia. If such persons are unable to read English, they naturally can be influenced only through a newspaper published in their own language.
FORCING THE STRAITS
THE NAVY AT THE DARDANELLES

In the official history of the Gallipoli campaign, Brigadier-General Aspinall-Oglander writes: "To force the passage of the Dardanelles, and to retain command of its narrow waterway, had been for a hundred years regarded as the most difficult, yet most interesting operations of war." The Straits had resounded to the clash of arms during the Trojan War and the days of the Greek and Persian Wars. After the Turk had established Constantinople, they provided a covered waterway, whence Moslem corsairs could issue to prey upon Christian shipping, but their configuration was, and is still, an almost insuperable natural defence against attack from without. It was not until the 17th century that Christian resistance confined the Turkish seamen to their own waters. In 1654 Knut Siversten, a Norwegian sailor of fortune in the service of the Venetian Republic, with a single vessel attacked and seriously damaged a Turkish fleet in the Dardanelles and compelled the surrender of the Turkish garrison of Tenedos. In 1807, there occurred an incident which had its influence on the conduct of operations over a hundred years later, lesson which has been learned from it was, unfortunately, forgotten.

This was the first comparatively modern attempt to force a passage through the Straits by purely naval action. After Trafalgar, Napoleon, having lost his own fleet, was trying to form alliances with Powers that still had warships, so that he might use them against Britain. At the same time, he was very much aware of the strategic importance of the Dardanelles, especially because he was at war with Russia. "If Russia should hold the Dardanelles," he wrote, "she would be at the gates of Toulon. He therefore sent a fleet under General Constantine, at aid of the Sultan and the Tsar, and through French intrigues the British Ambassador was compelled to leave Constantinople. Partly to aid Russia, and mainly to ensure that the Turkish fleet did not fall into the hands of the French, British warships were sent to threaten the Turkish capital and take over the Turkish fleet. In this instance it is interesting to note that the distinguished soldier Sir John Moore, who was then commanding a British force in Sicily, strongly advised against the project, because it did not include land forces to secure the passage of the Straits, though ample troops for that purpose were available in Sicily and Egypt.

Notwithstanding Moore's protest, Vice-Admiral Sir John Duckworth, with seven ships of the line, passed through the Dardanelles under the heavy fire of shore batteries. He destroyed an opposing Turkish squadron and arrived within eight miles of Constantinople on March 18. Duckworth's tiny fleet was barely clear of the Straits when a Russian squadron came in sight. The Russian Admiral suggested a return match with the Turk, but Sir John Duckworth replied with characteristic hauteur:

"If a British squadron has failed, no other is likely to succeed." That failure, however, was a great blow to British prestige. Immediately upon receipt of the news, Tsar Alexander 1 of Russia concluded the Treaty of Tilsit with Napoleon, making a peace which was practically an alliance.

The Naval Bombardments

The Treaty of Paris, which ended the Crimean War, prohibited foreign warships from entering the Dardanelles while Turkey was at peace. Russia abrogated this principle of the treaty during the Franco-German War of 1870-71, but the principle was reaffirmed by the Congress of Berlin in 1878. During the war between Italy and Turkey in 1912, Italian warships bombarded the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles, on April 18, without any decisive result, other than closing the passage to all Turkish and neutral shipping. After protests from neutral Powers, the Straits were reopened to navigation on May 12, 1912. After Turkey's entry into the war in 1914, a British blockading squadron tested the existing information about the armament of the defending forts by carrying out a short bombardment on November 3, 1914. Then occurred the deadlock on the Western Front and the controversy between the Eastern and the Western Schools of strategy. Political considerations swayed the balance in favour of the Eastern School and, as in 1807, operations at the Dardanelles were embarked upon for the assistance of Russia and at that country's request. Sir John Moore's advice about the cooperation of land forces was revived and, for a time, ignored. Admiral Carden's warships made their first attack on February 19, 1915. Though the first day's bombardment, carried out with only half the available ships, was inconclusive, the outer forts were silenced on February 27. Then, on February 26, the Navy undertook the second phase of the operations, "the leisurely and piecemeal reduction of the intermediate forts." Even under the most favourable conditions, the direction of the currents would have hampered the action of the warships, but they were further impeded by concealed batteries, mobile artillery, mines and storms. Attempts at minesweeping by trawlers manned by fishermen were frustrated, though landing parties of marines did succeed in demolishing guns and abandoned field batteries. Unfortunately the storms won for the Turks the time to strengthen their shore defences and to bring up more mobile artillery and machine guns. Thus, the parties that landed on either side of the entrance on March 1 were repulsed. By this time, Admiral Carden, who had hoped to be in the Sea of Marmora by March 20, was firmly convinced that without troops to secure the fleet's line of communication, the effort to force the Straits could not succeed. In accordance with instructions from home, he arranged for the final effort on March 18, but on March 16 he was invalided. His successor was Vice-Admiral de Robeck. The attack on March 18 was made in conjunction with French naval units. It progressed favorably for a time, but the mine-sweepers had failed to locate one row of mines, after which Turkish gunners had already been hulled by gunfire. Another French ship, the Bouvet and H.M.S. Irresistible, were damaged by mines. H.M.S. Ocean, going to the assistance of Irresistible, struck another mine. The result of the at
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THE FRENCH AT THE DARDANELLES

Few of the histories of the Gallipoli campaign have done justice to the part played by our French Allies in that historic episode, but while the landings at Anzac and Cape Helles were taking place, the French did a perfectly good job on the Asiatic shore. The neglect of the French share in the expedition was probably the fault of General Joffre. It had been originally intended that the expedition to the Dardanelles was to be a joint operation of Britain and France, yet practically the whole of the force employed were troops of the British Empire. Only a small contingent came from France, as General Joffre refused to spare any troops from the Western Front. The French troops consisted of a body of troops drawn from the French Colonial Army and the famous Foreign Legion. These were sent to Egypt to assist in occupying the Gallipoli peninsula, if the naval effort to reduce the Straits were successful. The French force was under the command of General Albert Gerard Leo d'Amade.

The French commander was an elderly general who was born in the Army, at Tourouze, on December 24, 1876. He was educated at La Fleche, and at the Lycee of Lorient, the port of Morbihan to which the Royal Air Force has been paying hostile attention of late. He entered the French Army as a lieutenant of Algerian infantry at Constantine on October 1, 1896. D'Amade was a military attache at Pekin from 1887 to 1891, and was military attache with British Headquarters in South Africa. He was promoted colonel in 1903, and was military attache with the French Legation in Constantinople for the next three years. He attained the rank of general in 1907 and commanded the French forces in the operations in Morocco, 1907-9.

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Sengalese troops into small boats, early on Sunday morning, April 25, when the landing conflicts were raging on the other side of the Strait. The boats were towed by trawlers and torpedo craft to the mouth of the river at half past nine in the morning, under a fire of shells and bullets from the ruined citadel of Kum Kale. Some distant German batteries at In Tepe were also trained on the French marines and coloured troops. But after fierce hand to hand fighting, the French gained sufficient mastery of the position to avert the danger that Turkish artillery, operating from this point, would seriously hamper the British landing. The following day, the French were able to re-embark and join the British Force on Beach S.

The Norwegians have no respect for the German masters. One of their unkindest cuts is the shortening of the name of Josef Terboven, whom the Nazi gangsters made Reich Commissioner of Norway. The Norwegians call him "Boven" which is the Norse word for "Thief."

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State Executive

A special meeting of the State Executive was held on March 19, for the purpose of selecting a Junior Vice-President to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Mr. F. J. Aberle. There were present: Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Hunt, Anderson, Margolls, Kahan, James, Williams, Thorn, Watt, Zeffert, Newton, Keesing, Warner, Wood, Menkens, Smith. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Dodd, Collett, Philip, Panton, Denton, Cornell, Nicholas, Colebatch, Rice, Bosustow, Giblett and Johnstone. Mr. W. J. Hunt was elected unopposed.

At the meeting on March 19, which immediately followed the special meeting, the State President welcomed Colonel C. H. Lamb, who had been called up to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. F. J. Aberle. The State President also welcomed Mr. H. R. Corfield, the secretary of the Muntagdin-Totadgin sub-branch.

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Volunteer Defence Corps.—An accusation had arisen in connection with forms of measurements for uniforms, and the number of garments to be issued to members of the Volunteer Defence Corps, it was ascertained from the Federal Office that the uniform would consist of two garments, the A.I.F. pattern tunic and trousers, named 'Cafe'.

Soldier's Child.—A soldier serving abroad requested the League to accept the custody of his child, aged nine, and place the boy at college. The necessary allotment had been made by the father to meet the expenses involved. It was decided that the League should accept this responsibility and the State Secretary was instructed to finalise the necessary arrangements with the relatives and the college.

Conference.—Following the receiving of reports of the recent conferences of State presidents and secretaries, and commanders of the Volunteer Defence Corps, a hearty vote of thanks was extended to the State President, Mr. Anderson, Secretary and Corps Commander for their services.

R.S.I. Welcome Committee.—Mr. Kahan submitted two reports, the first being a report of a meeting held on March 12, 1941, which was attended by two officers of the Western Command, when further decisions were arrived at as to the establishment of a welcome to returning troops and to maintain contact with them at depots and hospitals.

The second report referred to the recent visit of the Chairman (Mr. Kahan) and the State Secretary, to a Western Command, and the first troops had been offered a welcome on behalf of the League of Australia. Particulars had been taken of the men disembarking in Western Australia, which would subsequently be dispatched to district sub-branches concerned.

Following these two reports Mr. Kahan and the State Secretary were thanked for the action taken.

House Committee.—A report was presented by Mr. Hunt (Chairman), and referred to receipts and expenditure of the Club, the method of admitting honorary members, telephone facilities and extra amenities. Report adopted.

Lemnos Board of Visitors.—Colonel Margolin submitted a report in connection with the Lemnos board, and requested the members to visit the Lemnos Hospital.

Visits.—Reports on visits received were as follows:

Mssrs. Hunt and Thorn (West Swan):

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Mssrs. Thorn and Wood (Swan View-Greenmount):

Mr. Jeffreys (Claremont):

Colonel Margolin (Red Cross Society).

Anzac Day.—The report of the Anzac Day committee, and proceedings of the column held on March 17, at which the features of this year's organisation were reviewed and numerous suggestions following last year's observance were again considered.

It was resolved that the parade and combined service be held; that the march route should be determined by turning the column down William Street from St. George's Terrace and marching from there to the Esplanade; hospital cars to be assembled and despatched at least 15 minutes earlier; and to secure by force of law, Army personnel in keeping the crowd off the hospital cars at the Esplanade, and to assist in the erection of barriers.

It was also agreed that invitations be extended to the heads of all the services, for their co-operation and personal attendance at the Esplanade; that the S.S.I. march at the rear of the Legacy wards; and that an officer be nominated by the G.O.C. to assist on the committee, and that a report be adopted by the conclusion of the Esplanade service. The report was adopted.

At the conclusion of the report the president referred to a wire received from Colonel Collett intimating that it was likely that the Governor-General, Lord Gowrie, would be in Perth on Anzac Day and would attend the principal services.

Anzac Day.—Subiaco sub-branch suggested that the Government be approached for freetravelling facilities on Anzac Day.

It was decided that it be pointed out that this concession is one of the most successful over a long sequence of years.

Army Matters.—The Yealering sub-branch again wrote in connection with extension of the universal training scheme. It was decided that the matter be taken up by the liaison officer with the Western Command.

The Albany sub-branch suggested that eligible personnel be allowed to join Reserve Garrison Battalions. It was decided to submit the suggestion to the G.O.C., Western Command.

Albany sub-branch wrote in connection with the allowance to soldiers' dependants. It was decided to forward the proposal to the Federal Executive.

Department of Information.—Deputy Director of the Department of Information notified the discontinuance of the group committee system and it was resolved that the committee regrets the decision to disband this system and gives support to any action of the Western Command.

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South Perth sub-branch suggested an investigation as to how a non-returning soldier secured the allowance. The State Secretary will make necessary enquiries.

Melville Sub-branch.—This sub-branch again recommended that a National Security Exhibition be secured for Western Australia. It was decided that enquires be made from the Federal office as to the practicability of the suggestion.

Soldiers' Dependents' Appeal Committee.—This committee wrote in connection with War Service Homes legislation for widows and the desire to have the weekly payments being reduced to enable weekly payments to be made. It was decided that the matter be referred to the War Service Homes committee.

Perth Sub-branch.—Perth sub-branch asked for a list of members of the Central sub-branch. The matter was referred to the membership committee.

Personal.—A country member of the League wrote in connection with a difficulty he was having with the Army Department.

It was decided to apprise the Department on behalf of the member concerned.

Boulder Sub-branch.—Boulder sub-branch urged that steps be taken to secure increased munition orders and other war requirements in the State.

The matter was referred to the Empire and Local Trading committee with power to act.

Appointment of Sub-branch Officials.—The appointment of officials to the Swan View-Greenmount sub-branch was decided.

Condolence.—Members of the executive referred to the death of Mr. Harry Boan and his services to ex-service men and decided to express sympathy with relatives.

It was decided that a vote of sympathy with Mr. Panton and to wish him an early recovery from his recent illness.

April 2, 1941

At the meeting of the State Executive on April 2, there were present: Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Hunt, Anderson, Margolin, Kahan, James, Cornell, Nicholas, Williams, Thorn, Wood, Stupple, Walters, Wood, Giblett, Smith and Lamb. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Dodd, Collett, Philp, Fanton, Denton, Colebatch, Menkens, Rice, Bousquet, Johnstone and Dinan.

South Perth sub-branch.—Mr. A. W. Hyman was appointed as the League's representative on the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust, vice Mr. F. J. Aberle, resigned.

National Finance Council.—Mr. H. E. Smith was appointed League's representative on the National Finance Council, vice Mr. F. J. Aberle, resigned.

R.S.I. Broadcast.—The following broadcast roster was arranged: April 9 (Mr. Zeffert); April 16 (Mr. Philip); April 23 (Mr. Hunt); April 30 (Mr. Kahan); May 7 (Mr. Smith).

Battalion Comforts.—Advice was received that an anonymous donor had given a wireless set to the 10th Garrison Battalion. The gift was turned over to the Salmon Sub-branch.

New South Wales Branch.—Advice was received that Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Hyman had been appointed acting State President, N.S.W. Branch.

House Committee.—Arising out of the reports of the House Committee, it was resolved that endeavours be made to secure a suitable place for the entertainment of troops of the present war.

Anzac Day.—The Anzac Day committee reported the details arranged for this year's march. The G.O.C., Western Command, attended the meeting of the Anzac Day committee on March 26, and offered the full co-operation of all arms of the command. It was agreed that the Sons of Soldiers' League should march behind the Legacy Club at the head of the parade, and both should march off, well ahead of the column. The report was adopted.

Empire and Local Trading.—Following a recommendation of the Empire and Local Trading Committee, it was agreed that "This executive considers that a large-scale munition factory should be established in Western Australia with money provided by the Commonwealth and State Governments, and from individual financial resources; and that a deputation consisting of the State President, two vice-presidents and Mr. Watt, interview the State Minister for Industrial Development".
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with a view to implementing this resolution." There was a further recommendation that the immediate steps be taken definitely to ensure that the uniforms for the R.S.I. Volunteer Defence Corps in Western Australia be manufactured in this State from cloth produced in the Albany Woollen Mills.

The Empire and Local Trading Committee reported that the Minister for Industrial Development had approved the proposal of the Laverton and Outback sub-branch to conduct an Empire Shopping Week this year. The Minister had expressed the wish that the committee should again function on similar lines to those of previous years. It was felt that the sentimental side of the week should not be lost sight of and that much could be done for local industry. The executive decided that the Empire Shopping Week Council should be called together for this purpose.

A.R.M.S. Competitions.—It was reported that arrangements had now been made for conducting the A.R.M.S. competitions for 1941.

Visits.—Visits to sub-branches, etc., were reported by: The State President (Federal Executive); Mr. Zeffert (Gosnells); Mr. Gillette (Bridgetown, Boyup Brook, Albany and Denmark); Mr. Cornell (Southern Cross, and sub-branches in the Eastern Wheatbelt); Colonel Olden (Sportsmen’s Organising Council); Mr. Nicholas (Hospital visiting); Mr. Keasing (Narrogin).

Army Appointments.—A letter from the Adjutant-General in connection with the age limit for Army appointments was received. The following resolution was carried: That the reply received through the Federal Office from the Adjutant-General about the age limit for officers in the Army was considered to be unsatisfactory. The sub-committee urges that consideration be given towards a more liberal classification of Home Service duties to enable ex-service men, who have reached the retiring age, or are nearing it, to receive administrative appointments and to remain in their posts, and so render longer useful service in the duties for which they have been trained, thereby releasing for overseas service younger men who, at present, are filling many Home Service appointments of a purely administrative nature.

Sub-Branches.—The appointment of officials as advised by the Osborne Park sub-branch was approved.

Guardianship Soldier’s Child.—A report was received from the secretary that arrangements had now been finalised for the League to assume the guardianship of the son of a soldier serving overseas.

Laverton and Outback Centres.—A communication was received from the Kalgoorlie sub-branch that a representative of the State Executive should visit Laverton and outback centres with the object of endeavouring to reform sub-branches in these districts and to impart knowledge concerning the Volunteer Defence Corps.

The State Secretary had written pointing out that at the present time it was impracticable for anyone to make the trip. The action was endorsed.

Civil Honour Roll.—Katanning sub-branch asked what constituted eligibility for recognition on civic honour rolls. The reply was left to the secretary.

Memorial Card.—The Katanning sub-branch submitted a sample memorial card which it considered should be used by the executive and sub-branches. The letter was referred to the Management Committee.

Universal Training.—Yealering’s suggested extension of the provisions for universal training had been referred to the G.O.C., by the liaison-officer. It was one which was outside the jurisdiction of the G.O.C. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the authorities through Federal Executive. The Cross Red Society asked that special efforts be made during the month of May to raise funds for distribution amongst the fighting services overseas. It was agreed that the State Secretary include this matter in his next circular to sub-branches.

League Amelioration Funds.—A suggestion that a No. 2 Amelioration Fund be created to function especially for service men and their dependants of the present war was referred to the trustees.

Government Loans.—A communication from the Kondinin sub-branch concerning Government loans was left to the State Secretary to reply.

Brochure.—It was agreed to urge the Federal Executive to place with the W.A. Branch the production of the special brochure which would be distributed to men returning from overseas at Fremantle.

Sub-Branch Activities

ARMADALE

Mr. Spencer Gwynne presided over a fair attendance at the meeting on March 12. Mr. Gray was the successful mover of a resolution that intending recruits for the A.I.F. should be made aware that the League endeavoured to safeguard their interests both during and after the war. A feature of the monthly meetings is the social part which is presented after the conclusion of serious business. The sub-branch has a slyight of hand artist coming to the fore and there is much musical talent.

MELVILLE

As the result of the recent barbecue, a cheque for £49 was handed to the Spitfire Fund. The effort was conducted by the President (Mr. J. A. B. Philip) and a committee of five. Sub-branch membership is not large, being somewhere between 25 and 30, but all members cooperated fully, and the novelty appealed to the regular and the occasional visitor to the Melville Hotel. The spectacle of pigs and sheep being roasted whole was a decided attraction. The spacious grounds of the Aplecross Hotel, a loud speaker, a lift licence, a dance orchestra and a perfect evening, were quite sufficient to ensure the success of the undertaking. The sub-branch is making an effort to have the Sydney National Security Exhibition repeated in Perth. The V.D.C. now has average attendances of 30 at its parades. Special instruction in machine-gun and grenade work is given by voluntary instructors from the Melville Camp. It has been decided to send a special letter to every man who has enlisted from the district, assuring them of the sub-branch’s constant thought and care for their dependants.

NORTHEAST FREMANTLE

The sub-branch unit of the Volunteer Defence Corps carried out some interesting tactical exercises on Sunday, March 16. The work was done under the supervision of the leader and assistant leader (Messrs. Jack Herlihy and Les Charlton). The work permitted the functioning of all specialist sections of the unit as a co-ordinated whole. Further tactical exercises are projected.

KUKERIN

The following office-bearers were elected at the recent annual meeting: President, D. Hamilton; vice-president, E. Davies; secretary, R. V. C. Davidson. The work of the retiring vice-president, Mr. W. Broadwith, was the subject of favorable comment, and the meeting decided that an appropriate acknowledgement of this be made in the records. Mr. Broadwith and another member,

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Mr. Frank Bristol, are now serving with the 5th Garrison Battalion. The annual "Get Together" lived up to the usual standard. It was noticed that members were in better voice.

**BASSENEADAN**

A new member (Mr. B. Wells) was welcomed at the meeting on March 13. It was decided that presentations should be made to the past vice-president (Mr. Jobling), the secretary (Mr. H. Fry) and the social secretary (Mr. Bill Matthews). The V.D.C. is again functioning strongly. Members recently heard an address on ambulance work by Major Corr., and five members attended the annual reunion of the Swan View-Greenmount sub-branch, by Major H. K. Minchin has been appointed leader of the V.D.C. unit, in succession to Mr. H. Fry, who is now doing duty with the 5th Garrison Battalion.

**MAYLANDS**

At the annual meeting, Tom Wynne, who was a trustee for several years and an amelioration officer of the sub-branch, did not seek re-election. It is understood that his valuable services are to be continued for another year or two. Colonel Mepham and Bill Menkens represented the State Executive at the annual "smoke." The Colonel was in a reminiscent vein and described the work of the League over a period of years. Mr. Menkens, who was formerly a member of the sub-branch, was congratulated on his election to the City Council. The monthly dances, to be held on Friday nights, will commence this month. Preparations are now in hand for the A.R.M.S. competitions.

**SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT**

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting on February 5. Mr. Alec Watt was re-elected president, and Roy Marsh, vice-president. The new vice-president has been secretary for the past three years, and is mainly through his good work that the sub-branch is in such a flourishing position today. His place as secretary has been taken by Jock Williams. Bert Bickle was elected social secretary. The annual smoke social was held on Friday, March 7. The attendance was approximately 110, including many guests, from far distant as well as neighbouring sub-branches. Among the guests were Mr. L. Thorne, M.L.A. and Captain Wood (representing the State Executive), Mr. Heagney, M.L.A., Mr. Robinson (chairman, Mundaring Road Board) and Captain Daventport and four N.C.O.'s from the Ordnance Corps. The V.D.C. unit received much valuable instruction from this corps last year. Other guests were Lieutenant Halton (5th Garrison Battalion), Messrs. Samuels and Rourke (chairman and secretary of the Progress Association) and members of Namundah, Wooroloo, Caversham, Midland Junction, Guildford, Bassendean and Maylands sub-branches. The following artists helped with the entertainment of the assembly: Messrs. J. Sheppard, Evans, H. Parker, G. Kennedy and Scott. The sub-branch is also indebted to the ladies of the auxiliary for the excellent catering and decorations. Pride of place was given to the three-tier birthday cake, which commemorated the sub-branch's third anniversary. The V.D.C. unit is again in training every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the Swan View hall. Three members of the 5th Garrison Battalion are giving instruction under the supervision of Corporal Roy Marsh. The monthly dances commence again on April 26 in the Swan View Hall. A bus leaves Bensons Theatre, Midland Junction at 7.40 p.m. returning at 11.45 p.m. and 12.20 a.m. An evening service will be held in this hall at 8 p.m. on Anzac Day. Norman Batey is in hospital and members wish him a speedy return to health. It is pleasing to learn that Bob Parker, who recently lost a joint of his left thumb is well and back at work.

**BAYSWATER**

This sub-branch which reached low ebb a year or two ago is now on its feet, both numerically and financially. This is due to the untiring efforts of secretary Tom Gillingham, vice-president Charlie Hall and a small group of enthusiasts. There are now over 30 financial members and a large number are serving in the Garrison Battalion. The Anzac Day service will be held at the Bayswater Town Hall at 3 p.m. and the speaker will be Brigadier-General Martin. On Tuesday, May 6, there will be a sub-branch picture night at the Bayswater Picture in aid of sub-branch funds.

**PERTH SUB-BRANCH CABARET EVENING**

One of the most successful functions held at Monash House was the cabaret evening held on March 27. It was sponsored by the Volunteer Defence Corps. President W. G. Hood made an ideal host and was ably assisted by Tom Tandy, the leader of the V.D.C. The Lord Mayor (Dr. Meagher) presented first aid certificates to 15 members of the V.D.C. It is worthy of note that...

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out of the class of 16 "hoary headed veterans" 15 succeeded in receiving their certificates. General Bessell-Browne, the Corps Commander, made an interesting address on the V.D.C. and Dr. McGowan was heartily thanked for his address.

The artists were of a high standard and the supper provided was appetising and plentiful. The orchestra provided excellent dance music and the function finished at 11.30 p.m., with all feeling satisfied that the effort was well worth while.

PITHARA

At the annual meeting on March 16, it was reported that a successful year had ended with a credit balance of £39. Six members went into arrears and six transferred to the Demiwallinu sub-branch during the year, but despite this drain, membership remains at 50. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. E. T. Roberts; secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. G. W. Browning (this will be their sixth consecutive year together); vice-presidents Messrs. S. G. Maris and F. Moller; committee, Messrs. C. Hunt, J. Edwards, E. Butt and W. Wilson; auditor, Mr. J. B. Gatte. At the request of the leader of the Kalannie unit of the V.D.C., the leader of the Pithara unit (Mr. L. G. W. Browning), accompanied by Messrs. G. Maris, A. Locke, and G. Mann, paid a visit of inspection to the Kalannie unit. The visitors were impressed by the smartness and efficiency of the Kalannie unit. Arrangements are now being made for the two units to parade together at Pithara at a later date.

CAUNGIRI

Among those present at the meeting on March 26 was Mr. King of the Light Horse. In the correspondence was a letter from Private S. R. King, now on active service. The military ball will be held on the first Saturday in June. Arrangements for Anzac Day were discussed. The sub-branch will be represented at Wongan Hills, where Mr. B. Hill will place a wreath on the memorial. An Anzac service will be held in the local hall on Sunday, April 27, when Mr. J. D. Fordham will give an address. The annual balance sheet shows a creditable position. The road board is being asked to call a meeting of ratepayers before the elections. Mr. Christie, Toodyay, is to give a public lecture in Calingiri on the various gases used in modern warfare. This is at the request of the sub-branch. It was decided to hold the next regular meeting at Bolgart.

Boyanup Junction

It was mutually agreed that members of the Donnybrook and Boyanup Volunteer Defence Corps units and rifle clubs cooperate and meet at each centre alternately for training. In each case the plan of operations would be controlled by the home centre. On a recent Sunday a large and interested crowd of spectators witnessed a creditable performance of 60 men on the Boyanup recreation grounds. The president of the sub-branch (Mr. R. Tweedie) expressed his pleasure with the display generally and was pleased with the staying powers of the returned soldiers, who, even in the concluding route march, remained in the ranks, when it was permissible for them to drop out, and call it a day.

Gracie Park

March 9 saw Gloucester Park members, accompanied by their families and friends, assembling at the Perth station, where they journeyed by "troop train" to Coogee to attend the annual picnic. Under the president (H. Hopperton) and secretary (Cliff Lamb) a grand entertainment was carried out in ideal weather. The huge success was attributed to the hard work of the committee. The children were under the capable management of Uncle Tom and Uncle Robbie, who saw there were no idle moments, but fun from start to finish. On March 12, the final social of the sub-branch was held in the supper room at Anzac House, where the presentation of prizes won at the picnic took place. These socials will be held fortnightly from April 9, and a hearty welcome is extended to visitors.

SUBIACO

A community knitting of brows was held during the merry month of March on the subject of trestle tables, which this plutocratic sub-branch is out to purchase in a big way. We are sorry to note that George Giles is

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still on the sick list and trust he will soon be about again. One of our new members, Mr. Frank Balding, is the owner of a Mauser rifle captured by him from one of De Vet's troopers in the Boer War. This is on display in our museum, which has now recovered from the lamentable thieving which it suffered in our old rooms and looks well. We sincerely hope that our old friend Mr. Light foot, the originator and curator of this much-admired collection, has been in indifferent health for many months, will be able to visit us in the near future to again survey these trophies. The V.D.C. unit is very active and the High Command of our local Tripartite Pact, Subiaco, West Leederville and Mt. Hawthorn, are to be congratulated on the interesting and enjoyable tactical exercises and instruction which has been given. Our president (Mr. C. P. Musgrove) will marry during this month Mrs. Elsie Thompson, a member of our auxiliary, and the sub-branch tenders them its congratulations and best wishes.

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CARLISLE
There was a slight falling off in attendance at our last meeting presided over by Mr. H. Crofts. Apologies were received from Mr. De Volta and McLean Roberts who, we are sorry to report, are on the sick list. Final arrangements were made for our Anzac service, which will be held at Bickford Soldiers' Memorial Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Anzac night. Girl guides and scout cubs will be in attendance, also members of the Volunteer Defence Corps. Three interesting letters were read from lads of this district now with the A.I.F., which were much appreciated. The meeting closed at 9.30 and the stews got busy with brown nectar and biscuits and cheese, when and enjoyable hour was spent in songs and yarns. Next meeting is on May 1.

SHENTON PARK
The date of the regular monthly meeting was altered to the first Thursday in April, on account of the Easter holiday. The attendance was reduced to about half the usual number. Members observed a moment's silence in tribute to the passing of J. W. Priestman during the month of March. Although in poor health, he was usually on parade and showed keen interest in sub-branch activities. In a recent visit to the Leemos Hospital by our officers, it was learned that there were about 16 ex-imperial men who were having a rather thin time as regards smokes and funds were immediately set aside to provide for their comfort. The secretary (Mr. F. L. Fricker) got into touch with the Sportsmen's Council on the matter and the sum of £10 was generously donated for the sub-branch for this purpose. The social committee is co-operating with the woman's auxiliary with a view of making the fortnightly social and dance an even greater success than that of 1940. It has been decided to make June 12 the first annual gathering. Business will commence at 7.15 and it is hoped to get on with the fun at eight and all members are urged to set apart this date for a good night to celebrate the first birthday. The V.D.C. members are still co-operating with the Claremont corps, and Sunday, April 6, was an extremely interesting parade, when instruction was given on the Bren gun and also the anti-tank rifle. Will members please note that nominations for officers are to be handed to the president (R. W. Ogg) by 8 p.m. on the night of the annual meeting, June 12. All local ex-service men of Shenton Park are requested to fall in at Memorial Clock, Subiaco, by 3.45 p.m. on Anzac Day.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE
The activities of the sub-branch have been well sustained during the month, new members in Messrs. Stockers J. Scrymgour Cruise, B. C. Barry, Bert Garland, Rees and R. Murray, joining up. The annual Anzac Day Memorial Service will be held in the Ritz Picture Theatre, Oxford Street, and we wish to remind members to fall in on parade at the hall at 2.30 p.m., when the ceremony of laying the wreaths will be carried out, prior to marching to the theatre. We have all the arrangements well in hand for the ladies' social night on Tuesday, May 6, and games and entertainment will be provided, so the members should bring their wives along and make it a night of nights, as some good prizes will be won by showing their skill at the various games. The members once again assisted the woman's auxiliary in entertaining the patients from Leemos and Edward Millen Homes at the hall on April 6,
and a very enjoyable time was spent. We have to thank all those who lent their cars and those who contributed with musical items. We have another darts tournament under way and many good games are assured. There is sure to be some keen competition for the two trophies for the shooting, one being for the one who shoots the most number of bulls in the Riley games, and the other for all members up to the end of November, so all roll up and hand your names to our sports director, Tom Campbell. We want some new ideas for our meetings to make them more attractive, so what about it, members. The woman's auxiliary continue to conduct their Monday night dances for amelioration purposes.

WEST LEEDERVILLE - WEMBLEY

Mr. Harry Holland presided over the usual monthly meeting held on April 7. After the business of the evening opportunity was taken for members to commence their training for the Riley Shield competition. This sub-branch has been quite the No. 1 position for a number of years and are determined to again do well in 1941. There will be regular practice nights in the future, commencing on Monday 21st. The first match will be against Mosman Park at the West Leederville Town Hall on the 28th April at 8 p.m. Encouraging reports were received from Mr. Archie Herd, O.C. of the Voluntary Defence Corps, Mr. Steve Munday from the Aged Soldiers' Fund collection and also from the Anzac Day committee who have now completed arrangements for the usual observance in our district. Will members please note that returned soldiers, local militia, boy scouts and girl guides, etc., will fall in at the corner of Oxford and Newcastle Streets at 2.15 p.m. on the 28th and the parade will move off and march to the town hall, led by the local Salvation Army band. The usual service will be held at 3 p.m. and the address will be delivered by Mr. Alwyn Schroeder, S.M. Our old stalwart, Capt. Jose, will be in charge of the parade. On the Sunday preceding Anzac Day, the Salvation Army is having a special service in their church at 7.30 p.m. and members are cordially invited. We all thank the Army for their continued co-operation and assistance in the past. Their full band never fails to assist us considerably on Anzac Day. Another church service to which members are invited is that which will be held at the West Leederville Methodist Church at 11 a.m., also on April 20. Our Sick Committee are arranging a special visit to Lemnos on Anzac Day. Members pay their respects to the memory of W. Toolin, who died recently. He was a financial member for a very considerable time and quietly pulled his weight. Bridge evenings continue to be held every Friday in the local town hall and Mr. Bill McCullough, who is in charge of this movement, is anxious that these regular social functions should be made known throughout the district. Members and their friends are cordially invited to come along. Happy evenings are spent. Prizes and refreshments are supplied. The local Voluntary Defence Corps meets every Sunday morning regularly at 10 a.m. New members are always welcome.

NEDLANDS

At the meeting on March 11, the president (Mr. A. L. Dent) welcomed two new members, Messrs. Carlyon and Sinclair. Mr. Perry reported on the activities of the Choral Society, which is doing good work for charity under the baton of Fred Miller, with the capable assistance of Bob Donaldson as accompanist. Concerts are booked for the near future at Hamilton Hill and Applecross. On behalf of the Sick Visiting Committee, Mr. Moore reported that Arthur Cook was still in the Repat, Ward. As he is likely to be there for some time, visits from members would be appreciated. The games director, Mr. Meddeford, is now busy in connection with the A.R.M.S. games. At the observance of "Fallen Comrades" a poppy was placed on the memorial in memory of a late member, Mr. W. R. Hill. Colonel Denton reported on the activities of the V.D.C. and appealed for recruits. Mr. Anderson advised that the classes in Morse recently organised by the sub-branch were progressing satisfactorily. The average attendance is now about 70. Some difficulty has been experienced in procuring equipment, but Mr. Stillman is performing yeoman service in this direction. Mr. Pendlebury was deputed to secure the names of those interested in the proposed match between the sub-branch and the Subiaco Rifle Club.

CLAREMONT

The president (Mr. W. Ford) was in the chair at the monthly meeting on April 3. The resignation of the senior vice-president (Mr. E. M. Woodland) was accepted and Mr. George Marshall was elected in his place. Arrangements were finalised for the Anzac Day commemoration which will be held in the Claremont Park at 3 p.m. on Anzac Day. There will also be a memorial service in St. Aidan's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 27. Members will fall in at the church at 7.15 p.m. A return games evening with the A.O.F., Claremont, was arranged for May 1. Mr. George Marshall has been appointed games director. Through the efforts of Mr. G. Evans, the sub-branch has raised £12/10/6 for the Spitfire Fund. The sub-branch unit of the V.D.C., to which Shenton Park is attached, has been putting in some good work at tactical exercises. During the past month, the unit attended at the Central Fire Station for a lecture on fire control and incendiary bombs. A lecture on A.R.P. work was given by Mr. Milligan. The unit canteen, which is under the capable supervision of Bob Abercrombie, another man of the 44th, is proving a great success.

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assist on badge days—each auxiliary in turn
taking a stand. Since January, five street
appeals have been assisted. Our executive
Social Committee assists the
Sportsmen’s Council on their appeal days by dispensing
refreshments in the Town Hall, for the badge
sellers. Once a month the metropolitan
auxiliaries, in turn, assist the Y.M.C.A.
Govern ment House old-time dances by serving
supper.
We will hold our annual Empire dance in
Anzac House on Wednesday, May 21. This
serves the dual purpose of advertising local
and Empire goods and giving a substantial
donation to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund from the united auxiliaries.
The formation of war savings certificate
groups has appealed to auxiliaries as one of
the most patriotic services we can render to
our country. It is hoped that by conference
time, we will be able to report that each
auxiliary has its own war savings group.
To summarise our activities—for the old
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ments for local lads or for Anzac House
depot, or sending the money to buy wool,
and giving donations in money or in kind to
our canteen fund.
We hope our Empire dance will be very
successful this year. Mrs. Hopperton is
already organising for the waiting competition
and for prizes from local manufacturers.
WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY
On Sunday, March 23, men from the
Edward Millen and Lennons Hospitals and the
Home of Peace were entertained to a
motor outing at Point Walter, which was
followed by high tea. Messrs. E. W. Rand-
dall, W. Lidbury, W. Drabble, Trenoweth,
Sexton, Scott, Newton, Purslow and Ingle
lent their cars for the occasion. The
president (Mrs. Haines) made a speech of wel-
come to the guests, and included in the welcome Madame Bennett-Wilkinson, who has recently come to live in the district, and has done such great work among ex-service men. The president of the sub-branch (Mr. H. Holland) also said a few words of welcome.

Mrs. Hopperston (State Secretary) thanked the auxiliary, Mrs. Randall and all the drivers. Misses McKeever (Lemnons), Jack Dunn (Home of Peace) and Spencer (Edward Millet) responded for the guests. A musical programme and dances were contributed by Mesdames Sutherland, Groom and Cherry, Misses M. Conlan and K. Grossler, and Mr. St. Clair. Mrs. Prendergast was responsible for the catering. The monthly meeting was held on March 26. The sports committee reported having been beaten by Subiaco 9-2, but the evening was so enjoyable that members are looking forward to a return match.

BOULDER

There was a fair attendance at the meeting on March 26. The weekly dances continue to function successfully. The proceeds of the dance on February 28 went to the local Greek appeal, which benefited to the tune of £10. The dance on April 4 was for the benefit of the Boulder Police Boys' Club. Twenty-eight parcels were packed at the beginning of the month, and a five shillings canteen order was sent to each local man serving overseas. To date the auxiliary has packed nearly 300 parcels and canteen orders. Each parcel contains ten shillings' worth of goods. At the recent meeting five small girls—Eileen Lane, Jean Potts, Joyce Pember, Betty Pritchard and Dorothy Ford—brought along a donation of 10/-7/4, which they had raised themselves. All members are now making donations from household goods. When sufficient linen has been collected, a glory box will be raffled in aid of the canteen fund.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT

At the annual meeting on March 19, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the retiring president, Mrs. Williams, who had held office for three years. The following office-bearers were elected: President, Mrs. H. Murphy; secretary, Mrs. H. Jones; treasurer, Mrs. Richardson (returned unopposed). A social in celebration of the auxiliary’s birthday was held on April 17. The dancing season opened with a very successful evening on Saturday, March 22. Dances are held monthly, but they are proving so popular that a proposal to hold fortnightly dances is being considered.

NAREMBOON

A few months ago the auxiliary, in conjunction with the sub-branch, inaugurated a fund to supply canteen orders for all the Narembeen district men who are serving overseas. They donated £5 from their funds to the joint account. On March 1 a ball was held, which resulted in over £35 being raised. After all expenses were paid the auxiliary had the pleasure of handing over approximately £20 to the fund. On March 28 a very successful jumble sale was held which will contribute a further considerable sum to the fund. At intervals during the year it is intended to run jumble sales to enable the canteen order fund to function successfully.

SUBIACO

March was a busy month for the auxiliary. The weekly dances have been held each Friday night and a carnival was held on the 28th March. In future the dances will be held on alternate Wednesday nights, commencing from April 16. We held a most successful tuck shop in the markets during the month to raise funds for the entertainment of troops. The Subiaco school children were very eager buyers, and soon depleted our stock of pies, cakes, tarts, etc. The results were highly gratifying. The junior auxiliary held a river trip early in the month which was both enjoyable and successful. They are now busily organising an Easter carnival. We made our usual visit to the Old Men's Home and distributed boxes of good things. The concerts which were discontinued during the hot weather will recommence in April. We also visited Lemnos and a concert arranged by Mrs. Strue and Mrs. McMahon was greatly enjoyed by the

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men, as also was the dancing. Sausages, cakes and cigarettes were taken. The camp
comforts committee deserve great commendation for their wonderful work. Their
bridge afternoons continue to flourish, and the knitters are always busy. A large parcel
was sent to W.A. boys on the H.M.A.S. Sydney and another to A.I.F. overseas, be-
sides numerous small parcels to local boys of the three services. The sports teams
hard at work and have played their first match of the season, resulting in a win for us.

SOUTH PERTH
On March 20 the concert party entertained
the inmates of the Old Women's Home at
Fremantle. Mrs. Wilkinson saw to the pro-
gramme. Community singing and supper
ended an enjoyable evening. Players in the
shield games are in top form. Having played
two games for two wins, they look forward
to another win when they meet Mt. Haw-
thorn. Although our bridge night clashed
with the shield games at Fremantle, the even-
ing was a success. The next bridge night
will be on May 1. The committee would like
to send more congratulation given to the eure
party, which is held each fortnight. The
various committees are all kept active these
days. The Heathcote Committee made their
usual visit to the hospital. The lady patients
were not forgotten, and flowers were given
to them. Community singing and afternoon tea
completed the visit. Arrangements are com-
pleted for the patients from Leenos and
Heathcote Hospitals to be given an outing
and high tea on Sunday, May 4. The
auxiliary thanks Victoria Park Women's
Auxiliary for the wonderful night on April
1. Mrs. Pendergrast was the star turn with
her singing of the Bob Tailed Cat, and her
wonderful exhibition of national dancing.

VICTORIA PARK
The general meeting on March 28 was
well attended. Mrs. Barnett (President)
welcomed new and old members who had
enrolled. Mrs. Prue was again elected as
sports director for the McKinlay Shield com-
petitions. Mesdames Haigh and Wall re-
ported on their visit to the Edward Milien,
and Mrs. Prue two bereavements. The com-
mitee's action in donating 21/- to the
Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Fund was
endorsed; Mrs. Matthews, as treasurer, re-
quested members to bring the results of
their effort for the Easter gift, to the April
meeting in an envelope marked with the
amount raised. Recently the committee and
a few other members took a surprise party
to the home of Mrs. McIntosh, the occasion
being a send-off to two of our oldest and
most energetic members, i.e., Mrs. Stockton
(Mrs. Mac's mother), and her cobber, Mrs.
Phillips. These two ladies are spending a
well-earned holiday in the Eastern States.
A pair of silk hose was given to each with
the good wishes of all present. Afternoon
tea concluded a very pleasant afternoon.
On April 1 the auxiliary entertained sister
auxiliaries to an all fools' social evening. A
very amusing programme was arranged by
Mrs. Prue in her usual capable manner; and
all pronounced the evening an outstanding
success. A picnic to the Zoo was arranged
for April 23.

CARLISLE
Mrs. Gilsenan presided over a well-attended
meeting on March 10 in the absence of Mrs.
Turnbull, who was unfortunately too ill to
to attend. The hard work of the Camp
Comforts Committee has shown good results.
There has been a good response to the State
President's appeal for the formation of war
savings groups. The proceeds of the Easter
carnival, which was held on April 18, will
be donated to the amelioration fund, which
will also benefit from the proceeds of the
conference sale to be held in the local memorial
day early next month. The last part of the
meeting was devoted to the unveiling of a
memorial to the late president, Mrs. Nicol.

The memorial is a beautifully inscribed silver
vase. The ceremony was performed by the
State President (Mrs. J. McKinlay), who paid
a high tribute to the long and faithful service
of the late Mrs. Nicol.

F.U.S.W.
At the March meeting the guest of honour
was Miss Jessie Robertson ("Phoebe" of
6IX), who spoke on the importance of radio
in the world to-day. Mrs. A. V. Hugo ar-
ranged a musical programme to which she
and Mrs. D. Davies contributed pianoforte
duets, Miss Isabel Reith songs, Mr. George
Simmons violin solos, and Mrs. H. E. Braine
election numbers. During the afternoon
the president (Mrs. Harold Dean) appealed
for gifts of some portion of any colour to be
used by the weekly working party for knitting
knee rugs for soldiers at the Lady Mitch-
chell Convalescent Home. She said that the
wool could be left in her name at Anzac
House. Mrs. Dean also reported that a
lounge was ready for despatch to the home,
and that a letter had been received from the
Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Fund
acknowledging the receipt of £6/12/6, the
proceeds of a collection taken at the preced-
ing meeting. On April 21, a card evening
will be held in the upper room at Anzac
House in aid of the union's patriotic fund.

F.U.S.W. (Younger Set)
On Monday, April 7, the first meeting of the
younger set of the Friendly Union of
Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's wives, mothers
and daughters was held at Anzac House and
there were 53 present. The meeting mainly
consisted of the election of officers which
resulted as follows: Miss Joy Percy, presi-
dent; Jean Burke, hon. secretary; Biddy Baker,
treasurer. The next meeting will be held on
the 5th May at 8 p.m., at No. 1 Com-
mittee Room, Anzac House and an invita-
tion is extended to all patriotic workers,
V.S.D., and all prospective members.

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