Why Not a Strike Against Strikes?

If we are not a united people in the face of a danger that grows graver and nearer as we go to press, it has not been for want of outspoken appeals for unity by leaders of all sections of public opinion in Australia. That national unity, for which Mr. Menzies and others have appealed so often, and which is the only safe and sane attitude for any people to adopt in the face of a common danger, is not necessarily political unity. It is the united will to victory that is manifested in the national spirit such as one sees burning in bombarded Britain today. Mr. Menzies paid a great tribute to the common people of Britain when he said they were as little conscious of heroism as anybody could be. “You find among them no hint of puere dimession or personal argument,” he added.

The Prime Minister’s view is no long-range glance through rose-tinted glasses. He has seen the heroism of the plain, unvarnished British worker shining undiminished through the dirt and debris of the blitzkrieg. If the evidence of one man were not enough, there is the testimony supplied in letters from our own Diggers, who have been in England and seen for themselves. And there have been straightforward, manly descriptions of what is happening by a recent and esteemed visitor, Mr. W. Holmes, the veteran English union leader. Everyone who has ever spoken or written on the subject—political leaders, industrialists, union leaders, and a host of others—has told us that it is the engineers in overall, the brigades in bowyangs, which must be massed behind the armies in khaki if the world is to be saved for democracy, and for trade unionism which is such an essential feature of modern democracy. Germany and the Italian jackal have declared a total war on civilisation and international decency. They propose to substitute for it a so-called “new world order,” in which union funds will vanish into the pockets of the rulers, and unionists themselves into the concentration camps. That is no far-fetched surmise; it is a brief and precise statement of what has already happened under Nazi and Fascist rule in Germany and Italy. To such a total war we must, if we wish to have any hope of success, oppose a total defence, in which every man, woman and child will be doing his and her utmost to bring about the defeat of the enemy.

This is fully realised in Britain, and it is becoming realised in the United States. Over a month ago, an American correspondent stated, “Where strikes and strained factory relations were the avowed goal in the past, American Reds, for the moment at least, are urging full industrial cooperation. Conservative Labour leaders are grimly declaring that they expect these Reds to demand a 12-hour day, and half pay for defence work.” Whether the rank and file will follow the leaders, of course, remains to be seen, and it is open to argument whether strikers are always responsible for the conditions which bring about strikes, even in Australiaa, where the legal machinery of conciliation and arbitration has been developed to a degree undreamt of in the United States.

It does strike us very forcibly, however, that many of the strikes which have occurred in recent months, and particularly those which have interrupted the war effort since the Government provided what is intended to be a more elastic procedure for conciliation, have been vexatious and unnecessary. For instance, we have been told by all sorts of people that basic principles of liberty and democracy have been threatened because the Government, very sensibly and very properly, refused to release from internment two agitators who had been convicted of subversive and traitorous activities. Even the side issue that one of these enemies within our own gate had seen service abroad in the last war was dragged into the argument. Lord Macaulay once pointed out that if a tradesman were prosecuted for keeping his shop open on Sunday, it would be no defence to plead that he had fought in the Battle of Waterloo. Similarly with the interned man, who is said to have been an Anzac, the fact that he served his country in one war is no reason why he should be allowed to impede the national war effort in the next. A strike, or even a one-day stoppage of work, to force the release of such a man and his associate in treason, would be an unnecessary and vexatious strike in normal times. In times like the present it is a deliberate act of treachery which no amount of special pleading can excuse.

When the winnowing fan of reason is allowed to dissipate the smoke-screen of blather and sloppy sentimentality that has been exuded over the case of the hunger strikers, one may see the facts of the case. The men concerned were convicted of subversive activities, and got off with the absurdly light sentence of imprisonment for six months. They were then kept in internment, but went on a hunger strike hoping that maudlin sympathy would secure their release. The Government’s decision in the matter is quite legal, despite all the blather about Magna Carta to the contrary. In respect of being interned, the two culprits are in a position analogous to that of the chronic offender upon whom a judge in a criminal court imposes an indeterminate
The interment and the indeterminate sentence are not violations of the principle of liberty so much as precautions for the protection of the individual liberty of thousands of others who want to live properly and decently in the community, and pull their weight in the national war effort. The agitator would tell us such men are harshly dealt with. On the contrary, their treatment seems to be unduly light. In the countries we are fighting, and in some of the countries with whom we are allied, the offences for which they were convicted would have earned them the death penalty.

The hunger strike lunacy is an extreme case, no doubt, of what can be done to sabotage the war effort, but the Government seems to be doing little about it. One can hardly pick up a paper today without reading of disputes in other States about matters that one thinks might well be allowed to stand over until we have beaten Hitler and his fellow gangsters. On more than one occasion spokesmen of the Government have mentioned taking a firm hand with agitators, but one wonders what they are doing to remove the causes which agitators foment so sedulously to provoke disputes. It is not for us to ascribe a blame that is as likely to exist on one side as on another, but it is for the Government to get down to the root of things and end dangerous tendencies with which every Australian is becoming thoroughly fed up. One thinks, also, that the Australian workers, who are among the world's sanest and most efficient, could do much towards putting the chronic agitators where they belong. Such men are not competent to lead sane workers. Their objective is a traitorous one, and their achievement, as in the case of the Sydney strike, is to jockey the Australian worker into a position in which he might be scabbing on his fellow workers who are now fighting overseas.

**Preference Again Flouted**

As we go to Press, we learn with considerable disgust that Associate Professor F. Alexander, of the University of Western Australia, has been appointed to the educational rank of Major. Our disgust on this development and our opinion of the unsuitability of Professor Alexander for such an appointment, in comparison with others who were available, is shared by the general public. These views are not altogether based on Professor Alexander's past flirtations with pacifism. We realise that many a sincere pacifist can be a patriot as well, despite the fact that the pacifism of the past had done even more than Hitler to make the present war possible. We realise that, in the years of peace, a university lecturer can refuse a donation to a students' rifle club on the ground that such a donation might encourage war, and that the same lecturer might be rude to members of the militia, who, through force of circumstances, have attended his classes in uniform, and then experience an honest change of heart, when his country is at war, and jobs on the home front are available. Such changes of heart have taken place in all countries and in all wars. But what we are concerned about is the fact that the Commonwealth Government is pledged to a policy of preference to returned soldiers, and has allowed this pledge to be broken most flagrantly by Army Headquarters on more than one occasion.

Generally speaking, the preference policy has been honoured by the Government—in cases where basic wage jobs are to be handed out; but when higher appointments are to be made the policy is only too often flouted. In the case of the Alexander appointment, Army Headquarters is reported to have stated that a careful examination of the qualifications of applicants showed that Professor Alexander's claims were outstanding. It would be interesting to know just how careful that examination was, and what strings were pulled to shove into the background the claims of a number of returned soldiers, who, to our own knowledge, are more fitted for this appointment than Professor Alexander ever could be. We made a comparison of those claims in our last issue, and we say now that the statement Army Headquarters is reported to have made is an insult to human intelligence. We say, further, that if the length and breadth of this State were combed, it would be difficult to find anyone less fitted for the appointment in question than Professor Alexander. One sincerely hopes the League will not let the matter rest, though admittedly it is difficult to upset an appointment once it has been made. This appointment, however, is altogether too thick, even for a university-ridden community like our own.

**9th Battalion History**

The history of the 9th Battalion, A.I.F., which has been in course of preparation for some years past, has now been published under the name "From Anzac to the Hindenburg Line." Written by Norman K. Harvey, B.A., A.A.I.C., it is a volume of over 300 pages, with 51 illustrations, 29 maps and a very full index containing 1,358 headings. It is published by the 9th Battalion Association, 491 Adelaide St., Brisbane, Queensland, from whom it can be obtained, price ten shillings post free.

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HOME GUARD TRAINING MANUAL

The Preliminary Training Manual, issued by the authority of the Corps Commander of the Volunteer Defence Corps (Home Guard) in this State, has been published by the Imperial Printing Company, of Perth, and is now ready for issue to units. As the Corps Commander (Brigadier-General A. J. Besse-Brown) states: "The Defence Corps without delay, pending the setting up of the Volunteer Defence Corps without delay, pending the issue of an official handbook, which is now in course of preparation by Headquarters, Melbourne. The various subjects are dealt with in complete, though concise form, and they have been compiled from the very latest information available. Part I deals with drill and rifle exercises. Part II is devoted to the infantry and armoured training. Part III concerns training in fieldcraft. It is an interesting section which covers field signals, scouting and patrol work, crossing water obstacles, village and bush fighting, and protective and offensive engagements given as well as physical training. Parts IV and V are particularly interesting in view of more recent developments in warfare. The subject of Part IV is the new Artillery Distraction. Part V is a series of Tactical Notes describing the duties of a platoon in attack and defence, and on night patrols. The manual is well supplied with diagrams. It is not for general sale, but is made available to members of The Home Guard through their local units at a cost of one shilling for each copy.

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICALLY UNFIT

The League recently made inquiries regarding the future of members of the A.I.F. who are discharged as medically unfit. An assurance was given that no member of the Force would be discharged by the Minister for the Army (Mr. Spender). In a letter to the League, Mr. Spender stated that when any man was about to be discharged from the A.I.F. on account of a disability which brought him within the provisions of the A.I.F. Act of 1916, the Repatriation Commission was given a month's notice of the discharge taking effect. The man's pay and allowances were continued for a month. This would give the Commission time to determine his eligibility for a pension, and would avoid a break in the continuity of his service. Where a substantial degree of incapacity for civilian employment was indicated, and the man's condition was likely to improve, the continuance of medical treatment, the necessary attention was provided and a suitable weekly allowance, pending pension adjustment, was authorised. Instructions to that effect have been issued. The instructions are temporary, and will remain in force until permanent arrangements have been evolved by a committee of representatives of the three services, and of the Departments of Repatriation and Defence Coordination.

When discharged A.I.F. men are in all respects eligible for full time home service, it will be the practice to employ them on such duty, if they wish to be so employed. Arrangements have been made by the Repatriation Commission to assist A.I.F. personnel, who have been discharged medically unfit, to get suitable work. Until such employment is found, the Commission is empowered to provide sustenance for the solider and his dependants for up to three months under the following rates per fortnight—Soldier, 24/-; soldier and wife, 26/-; each child up to a maximum of three, 15/-.

AN ANZAC LEADS

The most prolific and probably the most widely quoted of the military correspondents in the United States is Major George Eliot, of the "New York Herald-Tribune." Major Eliot, says a writer in "Current History," is in deadly earnest. He writes every story as if the fate of the world depended on its accuracy. His reports are accurate and frank. Major Eliot was born in Brooklyn, New York, but he went to Australia as a baby. He was educated in this country with a course at the University of Melbourne—then off to war in 1914 as a Dinkum Digger. He was in Egypt, in Gallipoli, and in the Western Front. He went back to the United States in 1922, and became a Lieutenant of Engineers in the Missouri National Guard. The organisation, by the way, also produced the dunder-headed Charles Lindbergh.

Major Eliot has been consistently ahead of opinion in Washington in advocating the recent bases-for-destroyers exchange. He was equally ahead in recommending a conscription programme and the various embargoes against Japan. In fact, he is firmly opposed to appeasing Japan and says the United States must not be frightened by the Pacific bogey. He is a champion of air power and mobile tactics and is insistent in demanding higher standards of training for officers and other ranks of the army.

BENEFITS FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

An extensive scheme under which members of the second A.I.F. will receive many benefits was announced by the Minister for the Army (Mr. Spender) on July 26. Until suitable employment is found for him after his discharge, a married man who bears a satisfactory service record will receive £3 a week for himself and his wife, with an additional £1/6 for each child, with a maximum payment of £4/2/6 weekly. These amounts will be payable for a period not exceeding three months and will include any war pension payable. A single man will receive £2/2/6 weekly. Tools of trade necessary for a man to accept a job will be provided by the Repatriation Department, as a gift, up to the value of £10. In special cases a loan of an additional sum, not exceeding £40, will be granted to purchase necessary tools. A partially incapacitated man will receive a pension commensurate with the degree of his disability.

Should a soldier be totally incapacitated or killed as a result of war service, the Soldiers' Children's Education Scheme, administered by the Repatriation Department will assist his children to obtain primary, secondary, technical and professional education. Allowances in these instances will range from 10/- to 50/- a fortnight, when the child is living at home, but may be increased to as much as £5 a fortnight, where circumstances necessitate residence away from home. Children apprenticed to established trades and industries will also receive aid. Allowances in these cases will range from 14/- to 50/- a fortnight, according to whether or not the child lives away from home.

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The Army Education Scheme, announced recently by Mr. Spender, will play an important part in making provision for the post-war welfare of members of the A.I.F. Under this scheme, the soldiers will receive expert vocational training, so that after the war they will be fully qualified for immediate absorption into suitable employment. Records are now being kept of the educational and occupational histories of A.I.F. men. This information will assist in making the post-war plans for their benefit. Under the Army Education Scheme, all will be given an opportunity of selecting to be trained for whatever trade or profession they may choose, and training will be provided for men who are capable of profiting from it. They will be kept fully informed of the economic conditions obtaining in Australia. The men will continue their educational training under this scheme till they are discharged. The intention is that, on discharge, the men will be taken over by a competent Commonwealth training authority, who will complete their training and place them in employment. The plans provide for placing them in jobs they are competent to hold.

WAR SERVICE HOMES

The War Service Homes Act has now been in operation for many years. Under this beneficent law, over 27,000 homes have been provided for men of the services who went abroad during 1914-1918. However, the list of applications for assistance under this form of repatriation is not yet exhausted. Some of the applications are belated, while others have not been satisfied, because of the insufficiency of the grant annually set aside by Parliament for new constructions. Notwithstanding all this, the Commissioner for War Service Homes is able to report encouraging progress, and each year sees more and more ex-service men paying off the last instalments owing on the homes that will henceforth be their own.

During the financial year which has just closed, building operations have been retarded by movements in the populations of localities, restriction on finance, and a scarcity of labour and materials. However, slow headway has been made and although the waiting list is being added to by the names of ex-members of the new fighting forces, the Commissioner hopes to be in a position, in the year just beginning, to meet the wishes of potential clients. It may be noted that applications are dealt with in order of priority based upon the date of the submission of an application.

AUSTRALIAN FILMS

The great American film industry was built up during the last war, largely because other nations that had already established film industries were too busy fighting to go on producing. However, in the years that immediately preceded the present conflict, the American monopoly of film production was being seriously challenged in many countries, including Australia. There are no solid grounds for the belief that what the last war did for American films the present war might do for Australian pictures. Australia's achievements in the battle line and on the home front have aroused considerable interest abroad. The Australian newsreels are of a very high standard, both as regards the technical and the news value, and they are in great demand in other countries. A recent visitor from the Dutch East Indies said that the people there cannot get enough Australian films. Their entertainment value is high, and they provide excellent propaganda. Arrangements have now been made whereby newsreels portraying the Commonwealth's war effort at home and abroad will be exhibited in 200 Dutch East Indian theatres.

One sincerely hopes that our neighbours and Allies will have an opportunity to see that splendid film, "We of the A.I.F." which shows what Australia did in the last war and what our country is doing in the present. Mr. S. Stack, who is manager of the film for the Australian War Memorial Board of Management, said that the picture was woven from over 300,000 feet of cinematic film taken by British, French, German, Turkish and Australian photographers. The job of editing the picture was entrusted by the Commonwealth Government to Captain G. D. Mitchell, who served overseas with the 10th and 48th Battalions, and who has established an enviable reputation as a writer of Australian war books. As Mr. Stack says, "Mitch" has done something great for Australia because he has made it possible for the generation of today to see traditions in the making.

And what memories the picture revives—the departure from Australia, the training in the Egyptian desert, and the grim realities of war on the several fronts. Light Horsemen had the opportunity to see what their cobs of the infantry had to contend with in France. The men of the infantry divisions were shown something of the splendid work done by the mounted forces in Palestine and elsewhere. Most of us who saw the picture were intensely interested in the shots of little known episode of the Dunderforce, in which so many distinguished men of the A.I.F. played a very active part. The peace march of the British and Allied forces in 1918—and here, one may digress a little and mention that the picture gave all due credit to our Tommy kinsmen and our Allies—was an impressive sight; and the present King was shown at a dignified ceremony unveiling the Australian War Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux. Men of the present A.I.F. were seen in Malaya, Greece, Damascus, Egypt, England and Tobruk, holding the torch handed on by the A.I.F. of the last war.

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The picture is intensely Australian, but not flamboyantly so. To make no effort to convey the idea that the A.I.P. were alone in their glory. The gallant work of other British and Allied troops was portrayed as well. Some of us oldsters, whose minds run in that direction, were intensely interested in the contrast between the technique of the films twenty years ago and today. Nowhere is this contrast presented more sharply than in the marching scenes, and one does not need to be an expert to see for himself the tremendous strides made by cinema photography between the wars. From that point of view, and from another even more important, the film is of tremendous historical value. Many years ago, it was proposed in League circles that recordings of speeches by the A.I.P. battle leaders be made for posterity, before they all passed on to higher duty. It will not be necessary to do that for a while while films like “We of the A.I.P.” are being made. General Blamey, General McKaye and others, to say nothing of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Menzies, are all there. Their appearance and voices are preserved and recorded for all time. There has been no attempt to make synthetic sound effects, but the producers have provided a running commentary which is all the more pleasing because it is spoken in good Australian, and without any attempt to become frightfully B.B.C., or to lapse into American slapstick. The narrative goes on in an even and humorous vein, and, even if we have heard some of the stories before, they are still enjoyable as the background of the picture. Perhaps they, too, have been preserved for their historical value, since they amply illustrate the grim and sometimes mordant humour of the men of the first A.I.P.

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VOLUNTEERS AND SUPERANNUATION

Some time ago the League made representations to the State Government on behalf of personnel of the State Service who had volunteered and had been accepted by the Army authorities for duty in defence units, and who had been granted the necessary leave without, however, any protection in respect to superannuation payments.

The Premier (Mr. J. Willcock) has now advised the League that after further consideration by the Government it had been agreed to accept responsibility for superannuation payments in the cases of officers enlisted for some service where the military pay is less than the civil pay, and providing the officer concerned is drawing a total remuneration from the Army Department of not more than £312 per annum.

A League official stated recently that a number of officers of the State Service inspired by patriotic motives and who were affected by this decision would appreciate the favourable decision as the result of Cabinet’s further review.

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We still get all the heart thobs on our island home, each week-end, especially if the glass happens to fall and the wind commences to rise, one hears on all sides the old, old questions, "Will the boat run? What time-do you think she'll come?" These questions and many others are heard, but oh! the brilliancy of the smiles when their passes issued they fall in for the inspection before going home for the week-end.

5 Garrison Battalion

Who was the gallant soldier who, when asked why he was not going on leave, replied that the old blote up at the orderly room had "frozen his credit." And what did he mean?

The method of segregating the recruits for training under our clarion voiced Sergeant Hughes is showing wonderfully good results, but it was most unfortunate that two of the very best were transferred to "Y Company. Most unfortunate, inasmuch as the battalion did not have the unmixed pleasure of seeing these two show the result of the stupendous efforts of Sergeant Reed. He certainly put something into them. Sergeant Robb states that he put it in everything but the bayonet. The sergeant also expressed his love of symmetry by saying that next to seeing a recruit's arms swing, he would like best to see their bodies do likewise. Those of the new A.I.F. are politely requested not to address a wharf guard whose breast is plentifully decorated with ribbons gained in the late unpleasantness of 1914-18 as "Ooohs." The term used to be applicable to one very gallant division. Eight members of that division are still very jealous of the "virginal." "Y" on our shoulders that we think it time a little enlightenment was made. It does not mean "virtuous" or "virginal," and we are rather proud that the instigators of the "Y for Victory" campaign have at last noticed us.

We, however, are doubtful of how to take the sign of two fingers up, and trust that other garrison units will not adopt the sign when indicated the fifth, and forget to widen the extension of the digits.

19 (Reserve) Garrison Bn.

We are reminded many times of one of George Belcher's drawings towards the end of the last war. Two Cockney women were having a fierce argument which just fell short of blows, whilst a third, arms akimbo, detached expression on face, looked on and made no attempt to join in. Apparently not being able to reach a conclusion, one of the contestants appealed to the onlooker for an opinion. "Wot, me? I'm saying nuthin', I'm putrid." Interval for frantic mirth.

But the attempt to preserve "putridity" arises far other emotions these days. The "Wot, me?" attitude has been not uncommon and one has often heard, "It's not my funeral. I should worry." Rather reminiscent of "Am I my brother's keeper?" if one delves a bit deeper. Which brings us to our real starting point. Interdependence.

If there is one thing that war has taught it is the necessity for the closest co-operation between service and service, branch and branch, unit and unit. Even in the same unit each section has to combine, all details have to dovetail together if we are to get smooth running and achieve the desired end. Interdependence is the order of the day and although one has heard glib talk of "self-sufficiency," and what not, the practice of this doctrine has not brought contentment.

We in this unit are possibly rather interdependent on outside help than others, there is no big establishment upon which to draw for instructors, etc., when need arises. But that is not to say that we go unsatisfied. The spirit of helpfulness is alive today and much has been done to give a hand; to impart specialist training and so forth to those who are able and willing to accept.

During the month just past six officers and N.C.O.'s of Bunbury, Busselton and Albany Coys. have spent 14 days on an intensive refferesh course with 10 Garrison Battalion at Rottnest; taking in willingly and with interest what their instructors gave willingly and interestingly. The "students" spoke very appreciatively of the welcome they received and the excellent training provided; those who conducted the course were equally ready to play their part and so there was, perhaps, gain on both sides; and not entirely material.

Lieut. A. C. Bogle, of "D" Coy., Geraldton, has also been absent from his charge. For 14 days he was at Melville, attached to the 16th Garrison Battalion filling the unforgiving minute, and enjoying it and benefiting by it at the same time, which is really as much as we poor mortals can expect to encompass. Now he is back again at his company headquarters occupying himself with increasing strength of personnel and planning many and various things for the future training of the company.

Members of the Busselton, Albany and Geraldton Coys. spent a fortnight at Midland Junction learning how to keep rifles up to concert pitch. Back with their companies they are finding a little work here and there to fill in their spare time. A help surely towards that ideal of "self-sufficiency," but
always with that little footnote of "Interdependence."

But, so that equilibrium may be maintained to a certain extent, we have lent our R.Q.M.S. Colreavy to give a hand at a new camp opening at Melville, where he expects to be for a month or so. There will be much work to do in the initial stages, but the satisfaction of having created something should outweigh the arduous of toil.

Several members have "gone up" during the month. Lieut. A. Wilson, Officer Commanding "B" Coy., Busselton has been promoted captain, a tribute to his unremitting labour for his Coy. We congratulate him heartily on his promotion and wish him and the Coy. he commands every success in the future. Sgt. Jones, also of "B" Coy., and Sgts. real and Davey, of "C" Coy., Albany have been appointed lieutenants; to them also we say "go and do ye likewise. As ye have been faithful in the small things be ye also faithful in the big." Congratulations and every good wish for the future. And so we reach the conclusion that if we are dependant on others for certain things we are also responsible for giving, or helping in our own line. We cannot escape. If we are not willing, trained, ready, someone above or below us, dependant on our co-operation, is let down, and where a state of war exists, in the final resort maybe his life is imperilled, by reason of our failure.

**LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP AND GARRISON BATTALIONS**

There has been a slight falling off in membership of the W.A. Branch of the League this year and this has been traced to be almost entirely due to many members who have joined the Garrison Battalions and other units failing to renew their subscriptions. We feel sure that this is an oversight in the majority of cases and that upon reflection of the close bonds binding them to the League they will once again become financial. Many owe their inclusion in the forces, either directly or indirectly, to the intervention of the League, and we urge sub-branch officials to keep in touch with these soldiers, who in most cases only need a reminder.

One of the unkindest cuts served out to political busybodies was that administered to Ward, M.H.R., of Sydney, and other members of the Federal Parliament who made unsuccessful attempts to board the Russian ship which came into Sydney recently. They said they wish to keep in touch with these soldiers, however, weighed in with the blunt information that the Russian captain didn't want any visitors.

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Mrs. W. Ricketts, formerly secretary of the Collie auxiliary, is now living in Fremantle, while her husband is serving with one of the garrison battalions. Before Mrs. Ricketts left Collie, she was tendering a social evening at the auxiliary, at which time she was presented with a handbag by the auxiliary, and a cheque by the sub-branch, in recognition of her great services to both organisations.

Two Lieut.-Colonels, who had formerly served as junior Staff Corps officers on what used to be District Headquarters, Perth, were the principal guests at a little informal function in the board room at Anzac House on August 7. They were Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Williams and Lieut.-Colonel "Bill" Boyes. The latter holds the long distance record of the Staff Corps for service in this State. After he graduated from Duntroon he was stationed here for fourteen years, during which time he married a Perth girl. He was passing through on the lawful occasions of the service and blew into Anzac House to meet his old comrade "Sammy" Hall, when he was roped into the function. Lieut.-Colonel Hall is here to raise the Armoured Regiment, which will carry the shoulder patches of the famous 10th Light Horse in this war. He brought with him a sprinkling of his officers and senior other ranks. Executive member, Jim Anderson, said the few and well-chosen words of welcome on behalf of the members of the respective commands. The arrangements for the refreshments were in the capable hands of the Club secretary (Phil. Carter)—but not for very long.

We regret to record the death on August 2, of Mr. George F. Weston, a member of the Subiaco sub-branch. George served overseas with the 11th Battalion, was wounded in action and returned to Australia early in 1918. During the past few months he was in very indifferent health, being often in hospital, but he showed indomitable and philosophical spirit, which most Diggers seem to carry through life. His cheerful and friendly disposition endeared him to all who came in contact with him, and his memory will remain long among his friends and acquaintances in the League.

At its meeting on August 3 the Swan View-Greenmount sub-branch welcomed its first member from the present war. The new member is Mr. Bill McGovern, who was recently discharged from the A.I.P.F., after service overseas.

Osborne Park sub-branch notes this month have been sent in by our old friend and valued contributor, Mr. Wm. Anderson. Illness has prevented him from sending in "Hospitalities" which used to brighten our pages a few years ago. He has not been in Perth for nearly two years and complains that the least exertion plays up with the old bellows. He also complains that our pages are becoming too sedate and sober, but like a good constructive critic, he suggests a remedy and has promised to forward some contributions which we shall certainly be glad to have. We hope our good old friend will soon be in better health. Judging by his letter, the good Digger spirit is still unimpaired.

A war medal issued to No. 3422, Pte. E. E. Gibson, 10th Light Horse, has been found by Mrs. J. H. Williams, in Bera. The owner may recover it by applying to the secretary of the Gloucester Park sub-branch, Anzac House, Perth.

At the first August meeting of the State Executive congratulations were extended to Mr. Hastings Carew Reid on his appointment as Chief of the Hansard Staff of the West Australian Parliament. Mr. Reid was formerly on the staff of The Argus (Melbourne), after which he became deputy chief of staff of "The West Australian." He has been a member of the Hansard staff for over twenty-seven years. For many years, too, Mr. Reid has been honorary organiser and secretary of the annual Empire and Local Shopping Week Appeal, in which capacity he has always worked in close collaboration with the League. He has been the recipient of that rare honour, the League's Certificate of Honour.

Not often do we have the pleasure of welcoming to State Executive meetings Diggers from other States. This happened, however, at the first August meeting of the Executive, when the hand of fellowship was extended to Mr. R. W. Arrowsmith, vice-president of the Port Lincoln (S.A.) sub-branch. Mr. Arrowsmith is an official of the state Bank, which is the South Australian equivalent of the Agricultural Bank. He served in the war with the 48th Battalion, which, like the parent unit, the 16th, was made up of West Australians and South Australians. Mr. and Mrs. Arrowsmith have been spending a holiday in this State, on a visit to a son who lives in Perth.

One of the Tasmanian witnesses who gave evidence before the Federal Committee of Inquiry into broadcasting was the Rev. T. J. O'Donnell. One does not hear much of Father O'Donnell these days, but he was a very popular Padre in the last war, and he was the hero of a proper old flare-up in Dublin after the Armistice. The good Father is an Australian priest, but he reminds one of the rare old boys one reads all too rarely in the novels of Charles Lever. While in Dublin after the Armistice, he was detained on suspicion of being a Sinn Feiner. Horseferry Road took the matter up very vigorously and there was a wealth of testimony to prove that T. J. O'Donnell had spoken in opposition to that very redoubtable opponent, Archbishop Mannix, on the subject of conscription in Australia. Such a storm was aroused that those responsible for the detention were glad to apologize gracefully and let the matter drop. Father O'Donnell told the Federal Committee that the University professors and others who give commentaries over the air on international affairs were the worst in the world. He would hardly like to support him to that extent, but one does think that the Federal Committee might do something to loosen the stranglehold University professors have gained on broadcasting. They do so much of it that plain men are wondering when they will find time to do a little university work.

When Mr. R. G. Tucker, the officer in charge of war pensions in this State passed away after a short illness on August 12, re-
turned men in this particular State lost a sympathetic friend and the Repatriation Commission a very valuable officer. Mr. Tucker was born in Queensland about 47 years ago and served abroad with the 17th Light Horse when he left this State from Sydney ten years ago and in addition to his duties as O.I.C. Pensions he was appointed a member of the Repatriation State Board. Mr. Tucker was a corporal in the 5th Garrison Battalion and at the funeral the bugler who played "Trench Serenade" was permitted to follow the cortege and allowed to play "Trench Serenade" as Mr. Tucker was a member of the voluntary parade of members of the unit and followed by his comrades of the Repatriation Department. Mr. Tucker was a modest unassuming gentleman, and his passing has left a void held in the hearts of the many soldiers who did not have the privilege of knowing him. Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Tucker in her sorrow.

Syd Johnston, 10th Light Horse and a popular Perth Boniface, is bearing his blushing honours thick upon him at present, because, like another chap Shakespeare mentioned, he is one man who is playing many parts. Some weeks ago the genial Syd was elected president of the Returned Sailors Association. (They are the boys that see you give Mr. Fadden the extra penny on every pot.—Ed. L.P.) He has also succeeded Captain Gwynne in the presidential saddle of the Western Australian Returned Volunteer Corps. Captain Gwynne, by the way, is now on service with the 2/4th Machine Gun Regiment. The club wouldn't accept his resignation from the chair, and created the office for the first time of Deputy President, and Syd Johnston has been elected Deputy President of the club. Mr. Johnston has been the only Dorsetta man to reach the office of Deputy President, and we hope the war will be over before it becomes necessary to elect a successor. And now, as if Syd had not enough to do with his spare time given the order "Prepare to defend your country in the 10th Light Horse Association. He will be inducted into the chair on October 3 by the retiring president, Ted Arundel (South Africa, Edward VII's Contingent and that little unpleasantries we had with the Kaiser). Incidentally, Ted Arundel is the only saddlewarmer who has been president of the 10th Light Horse Association for two years in succession.

The indefatigable Jack Kenny, the popular secretary of the Artillery Comrades' Association, was in his element at the Gunners' Day ceremony at Guildford this month. With his receipt book in one hand and tickets for the annual smoke social in the other, not to mention a pocket full of cash and the evidence of a recent war, Jack cut quite a conspicuous figure on the parade. This paper is glad to hear that the genial and energetic Jack is on the active list again, and we hope we may be home and back by Christmas.

Miss Mademoiselle Bennett-Wilkinson is again able to continue her activities in the military hospitals after her recent indisposition. Madame will be 79 years of age this month, and it is the wish of her many Digger friends that she will be spared for many more years of useful service.

A figure well and popularly known in the business life of Perth was removed from our midst by the sudden death on August 9 of Mr. A. C. MacCallum, who was born in 1871. During the last war, the late Mr. MacCallum went to France at his own expense to organise the front line work of the Trench Comforts Fund. His splendid work for these men, who fought and died without any eye to future recognition, The Order of the British Empire, which was awarded him for his sterling services, was, therefore, a well-merited decoration. The late Mr. MacCallum carried on the good work on behalf of the troops after 1919 as a very active member of the Perth Legacy Club.

Our sympathies are extended to Miss I. M. Borwick, the foundation president of the Returned Light Horse Association, on the untimely death of her brother, A. C. Borwick, of the Australian Army Service Corps, who was accidentally killed in a traffic accident near Guildford on August 2nd. The deceased returned to medical grounds during the last war, but he volunteered again this time and was accepted for home service.

Gunner Ronald Joseph Baldwin, who has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Baldwin and of the late Mr. J. T. Baldwin. Mr. Baldwin is the youngest son of Mrs. W. Baldwin, of 166 Chelmsford Road, North Perth, and is 27 years of age. He left for service overseas in January last with the 2/28th Battalion. After he reached the front line he was posted to the 2/24th Anti-Tank Company. The decoration was earned on the outskirts of Tobruk on May 2nd. Without any thought of his own safety, Gunner Baldwin risked his life to protect a wounded comrade through heavy enemy fire to a field ambulance and was then returned to his gun, contributing to the destruction of two enemy tanks and immobilising a third.

Our contemporary, "The Green Envelope," draws attention to the personal services of the Murphy family. Ted Murphy is a popular member of the North Perth sub-branch, and the family is beginning to force the old man into place. But John Murphy is now an A.I.F. nurse at Lucknow Hospital. Another daughter, Lucy, can do her 21 words a minute as a wireless operator and is now waiting to be called up for the women's section of the R.A.A.F. Young Ted swings a kilt in the ranks of the Camer Highlanders, thus adding another good old Irish name to the long list that can be found in most Highland regiments.

Congratulations to Lieut.-Colonel J. L. McKinlay on his promotion and appointment as C.O. Signals, 1st Australian Corps. Before he went away, he had had a long association with the Militia Sigs. in this State, and he was for a time in command of what were then the 13th Mixed Brigade Sigs. More recently he was posted to the 44th (Militia) Battalion. But perhaps the greatest honour he can boast is that of being the husband of a distinguished and very popular lady, Mrs. J. McKinlay, who has, for several years, been State President of the Women's Auxiliaries.

Bill McCaffery's smiling face was missing from this year's Gunners' Day Parade. Bill, who was a popular member of the original 8th Battery, has been having a bad time of it lately, and has passed a spell of spells in the Repatriation Ward. His legion of friends trust that he will soon be restored to health. Another good gunner, Tommy Roe, is on the sick list. Any old pals would be well advised to get a message to him and send him his love and sympathy. There are three artillerymen in the Edward Millen Home who would also appreciate visits. They are A. Donohue (2nd D.A.C.); R. H. Leach (38th Battery) and J. Frost (112th Howitzer Battery).

Bert Rigg, of the North Perth sub-branch, has had an unexpected misfortune. He slipped recently and broke one of his wrists. Although permanently disabled as the result of aPLEA on a railway, his heart and his sympathy is undiminished in sickness or in suffering. The accident has only added a pinch to his weight in League affairs. He rarely misses a State Congress, and he is a very active member of the Army Medical Services Association. In his circle it has come to him that those who did so much towards installing hospital beds in soldiers' wards played a much more active role than Bert, and that he has been working hard in the interests of the new organisation formed by the Permanently Disabled Men. With all he has endured himself, Bert has not refused to let such a thing as a broken wrist interfere with his ideals of service, or his unfailing good nature.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Harry O'Driscoll, a former president of the Nedlands sub-branch, whose son was reported killed in action in a recent casualty list.

One of the State's best-known and most popular soldiers, Lieut.-Colonel George Rosewarne, M.C., died at his home in Mosman Park on August 14. Colonel Rosewarne came to Western Australia as a Staff Sergeant-Major on the Instructional Staff, and, for many years before the war, was attached to the 25th Light Horse Regiment. In 1913 he was transferred to the 10th Light Horse Regiment, in which the original number was 2. Later he was adjutant of the regiment, with which he served on Gallipoli and through the Palestine campaign. Returning with the Military Cross and the rank of Captain he resumed duty at Swan Barracks as Adjutant of the 10th Light Horse (Militia). He retired some years ago with the honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel. The late Colonel Rosewarne was a man of quiet but helpful personality, and of a kindly disposition that made him very popular in the service.

The Press sub-branch has gained its first new member from the present war. This is John Allen, who is being broadcast Commission's announcers, who went with reinforcements to the 2/16th last year. John was through the recent fighting in Greece. He had had a long association with the 2/16th last war, having been an N.C.O. in the artillery and later sergeant in the Camer Highlanders. After the outbreak of the present war he was promoted to commissioned rank for service with the REMOUNT Depot at Guildford, and then posted to the A.I.F.
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A GENERAL PASSES

Our Eastern States contemporary, "Reveille," reports the death of a very distinguished soldier, Major-General Sir Nevil Smyth, V.C., who answered the Last Call in Victoria on July 21 at the age of 74 years. We mourn the passing of one splendid friend who had endeared himself to Australian hearts with the same facility as he had taken to the Diggers in the last war. In fact, it was his close association with soldiers and the last war that decided him to make his home among them in Australia. He therefore settled on a grazing property at Balmoral, Victoria. The late General Smyth was a Londoner, and held a very prominent place among the British and Indian Army officers who helped to mould the A.I.F. His Army career was full of adventure and splendid service. As a young man, he acted as Governor of a vast territory in Africa, and he was one of that worthy body of British officers who were qualified airmen before the war broke out in 1914. His Victoria Cross was awarded for an outstanding act of gallantry at Omdurman in 1898. As an officer, Sir Nevil Smyth, as he was then, was in command of troops of the Egyptian Army in the Khartum district of the Sudan, but, at the call of General Birdwood, he proceeded to Gallipoli where, on May 30, first subordinated command of the 1 Australian Infantry Brigade. During the Battle of Lone Pine, he gave an example of coolness in battle which none of those who saw him calmly directing the men in the Pimple will ever forget. From December, 1916, until May, 1918, he was G.O.C. of the 2nd Australian Division. His later activities in the war were concerned with the command of the 58th British Division, and then with the 9th. Major-General Sir Charles Rosenthal, who served with him and who followed him in the command of the 2nd Division, says that because General Smyth was a man of few words, "he was known as the Sphinx, but to those who were privileged to get near the surface, was a most interesting personality and a staunch friend. Among the soldiers he was recognised as an officer of wise moderation and calm courage, a strict disciplinarian, and, as one of his senior officers said, "he was beloved of his officers, N.C.O.'s, and men for his ability, fairmindedness and sterling military qualities, and was our beau ideal of a British officer and a gentleman.""

OLD CONTEMPTIBLES' ASSOCIATION

The next meeting will be held at Anzac House on Wednesday, August 21. Members regretfully accepted the resignation of the President and is being replaced by Mr. E. Phillips. Arrangements are now well in hand for the reunion dinner. By permission of Major-General Sir Algernon C. G. Dennison, A.M., of the 1st Division, the band of the 1st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps, will provide the music. In addition to Sons of Old Contemptibles, each will be permitted to bring one friend, who must be an ex-service man, identifying his name, and particulars of his unit, the date of his enlistment, the name of his secretary and his ticket, of course, is paid for by the member. Members bringing more than one son will pay four shillings for each ticket. Tickets are 4/6d, and as there are a limited number, those intending to be present are asked to secure these tickets early.

SHOOTING

The scores with the rifle this year are low, being about six points average below what of previous years. This is certainly due to the greater inaccuracy of the higher velocity .22 long ammunition, which became necessary to use, and not to a falling off of skill. The following are the averages up to and including the 8th round and it looks as if Mr. Hawthorn is certain to win the Yellowstone Cup—Mr. Hawthorn, 141; Mr. Lawley, 140; West Leederville, 138.3; Gloucester Park, 137.6; Subiaco, 136.3; Nedlands, 136.1; Mosman Park, 132 at Maylands, 131.8; Osborne Park, 131; South Perth, 128.3.

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A letter has been received from Mr. W. E. Pickering, who is now Y.M.C.A. Commissioner with the troops in the Middle East. “Puck” was secretary of the Perth Y.M.C.A. before he went overseas, and he saw service in the last war. Writing from Damour in Syria, he gives a brief service record by the Y.M.C.A. to the A.I.F. in the recent Syrian campaign. “Outside Damour,” he writes, “was a road block beyond which no vehicle could go. Tom Brown (the Rev. Tom Brown, of Perth), got up his stand by it to serve all men going forward and returning. When I state that, in one day, he distributed 135 gallons of coffee, as well as biscuits—all to individuals, and all boiled on a primus—it will be seen that he not only served a lot of men, but had his work cut out. He also gave out paper and envelopes and reading matter to some, and provided the news and music by means of his wireless.”

Speaking of news, it is interesting to note that the Australian Broadcasting Commission, working in collaboration with the Department of Information, is doing a wonderfully good job in sending news and music to the troops and other fighting services abroad, not only in the Middle East and Malaya but for those undergoing training in Canada as well. The Commission’s news staff has ascertained the type of news the boys abroad want to hear. They are supplied with the political and international news that they can get quite readily from other sources. They want to hear the local news, what’s doing in the old home town, how Claremont got on against Old Easts last Saturday, and who won the fight on Friday night. Items that may seem trivial to ourselves become tremendously important to the lads who are away. They also want people to send them papers, especially the local rag, which usually features items that the metropolitan dailies have to ignore in these days of paper rationing. Diggers, remember how you felt yourself during the dull days on Gallipoli, and in the Somme, and reflect that our sons and young brothers are just as hungry for home news today.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Spender) announced that arrangements have been made for members of the A.I.F. in the Middle East and Malaya to make payments into the Commonwealth and State Savings Banks. Paymasters in the units abroad will advise District Finance Officers that so much is to be paid out of a man’s pay into a bank account, and the amount will automatically be credited to him.

It is comforting to know that a medical officer in Cairo has emphasised the improvement in the health of British troops in the Middle East, compared with the last war. He was quoted as saying, “With the proper supplies, we should be able to reduce the number of hospital cases, which, when all is boiled down, is the greater efficiency of the Army Medical Services, and the more searching medical tests that a man is subjected to before he is accepted for service in this war.” During the South African War, it was far easier to “pass the doctor,” and measurements of size and weight were supposed to be the ultimate tests of fitness, four times as many men died of enteric as were killed in battle. There was a big improvement in the last war, during which enteric was practically unknown, and the incidence of dysentery, except on Gallipoli, was reduced to vanishing point. In the present war, it is stated, that the latest medical knowledge and equipment have helped to stamp out dysentery, malaria and typhus. Thus far, there has been no typhus and no influenza. The officer referred to gives figures to support his statement. He states the South African War, when the figures were 83.5 deaths per thousand, compared with 1.89 in Egypt during the last war, and 0.07 for the whole of the Middle East during this war. Malaria has dropped from 3.5 in one thousand to 0.78.

Last month, the Collie sub-branch advocated the re-engagement of retired Government employees to release young men for enlistment. Collie’s proposal was forwarded by the State Executive to the Federal Executive, who dealt with it at the meeting on July 11. The Federal Executive decided to refer the matter to all States for consideration. If the proposal were adopted by the States, the Federal Executive will bring it before the notice of the Government.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Spender) has announced that complaints that duty had been charged on parcels sent to the A.I.F. in Tobruk were unfounded. The Egyptian Government has not charged duty on A.I.F. parcels since May, although before then duty had been charged on parcels containing tobacco or cigarettes.

Speaking of the Boys of the Old Brigade, who are still with us, a Sydney newspaper man, who was a Digger himself in the last war, has issued this warning. “When you’re dealing with men of the Garrison Battalions it’s wise to forget the word recruit. ‘I’m no recruit,’ one of them told him forcefully one day, when he asked him whether he should enlist. ‘It’s a recruiting office in August, you know. Now I know every paragraph in the Manual of Arms I know the King’s blooming regulations inside out and backwards. I know what diet you get in cingk. And I know sixteen weeks can be got without leave, without getting into cingk over me. Recruit? Then he made that extraordinary noise which, for some reason or other, we associate with nice ripe raspberries. The newspaper man asked him what he should call these old soldiers of the Garrison Battalions. ‘Retreads,’ he shouted. ‘That’s our bloomin’ retreads, and everyone guaranteed for twelve thousand miles. Boomerangs, who are known as the Metaphysicians, the Prodigal Fathers, are other names by which they are known in the army of today; but we like best our own West Australian name, The Evergreens. The name is a bigger compliment and it is more symbolic of the spirit of undying service that inspires the A.I.F., both the Old and the New.”

Sometimes an old soldier can manipulate Anno Domini and get back into a fighting unit. And it is often some unforeseen circumstances bowl him over. One man, now a corporal in a Garrison Battalion, blamed his downfall to the fact that his son couldn’t speak the truth. “I got through the Second A.I.F. easily,” he said, “and if I hadn’t been for my young son’s doing a bit of flying I’d have been there yet. I was being put through it one day, see, and then I sees me young son with the rest of the boys, learning to slope arms, and him only sixteen, mind you. So I says to him when I gets a chance, ‘You ought to be home with yer mother.’ And I’m arguing with him, when up comes the Company Commander and wants to know what all the chattering’s about. And of course, I stood down for enlisting without his parents’ consent. Then the O.C. says to me, ‘And what age might you be?’ ‘Thirty-five,’ I tells ’im. ‘Only thirty-five,’ he murmurs, and here’s another young man with his parents’ consent, and he’s given his age as twenty-seven. Is that right? And then, I’m blown if me other son don’t walk in, and I’m scuppered. They found out I ain’t thirty-five at all, but fifty-four. But if somen’one come and tell a wicked lie about his age, I’d never been caught. I don’t hold with young boys telling lies to get into the Army.”

According to the Army Medical experts, there are fewer sufferers from war neurosis in this war than in the last. War neurosis is the new medical term for what we used to call shell shock. The doctors think that probably the main reason is that the wounded don’t stay in the same concentrated shelling in trenches and garrisons that the men fighting in the last war had to face. Strangely enough, the doctors think one of the best places to treat shell shock is a quiet dug-out in the forward area. Most men treated there, they say, recover completely in forty-eight hours. Another point that the army doctors make is that the term ‘shell shock’ often scares the patient and lessens his chance of recovery.

Gunnery is reminded that the monthly meeting of the Artillery Old Comrades’ Association will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday, August 29, at Antic House. A full attendance is desired as the association is now tackling the task of doing something for the boys who are returning. Ex-Imperial gunners are eligible for membership of the association.

The Military Board has advised that, in order to simplify the handling of correspondence from branches and sub-branches of the League of Empire Freedom, correspondence is to be forwarded through State Headquarters of the League, and that correspondence intended for Army Headquarters is to be forwarded through the Federal Executive. In other cases, correspondence from branches and sub-branches should be received by commands or districts without having passed through the State headquarters. In other words, it is hoped that no correspondence from branches and sub-branches will be received by commands or districts without having passed through the State headquarters, steps should be taken for it to be returned to the branch or sub-branches, except in cases of inquiries of a routine nature, when replies will be sent to the State secretary for conveyance to the sub-branch concerned. Similarly, action will be taken at Army Headquarters to refer the Federal Executive any communication received direct from branches and sub-branches.

An influential Japanese newspaper has admitted that the military party in Japan had made an important statement regarding Germany’s war against Russia. Hitler succeeded in duping the Japanese Foreign Minister (Mr. Matsuoka) and that vociferous observer failed to discern any indication of the trouble brewing between Hitler and Russia. In fact, Matsuoka actually counted on improved relations between the Reich and the Soviet. Matsuoka’s second miscarra-
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THE MONTH OF MEMORIES

August is a month of memories for most of the A.I.P., and most of those memories are of sweeping victories. It contains the dates of many of the events of paramount importance in the last war, and at least one of the most important events is destined to be forgotten to the discredit of the present. It was on August 4 that the Empire entered the last war. On the anniversary of the German invasion of Belgium the Belgian Minister in London commended the German position to the German mentality. He mentioned the amazing capacity the Germans have for believing anything they wish to believe, while blinding themselves to the most obvious facts. The Kaiser threw down the gauntlet in 1914, because his advisers did not believe that Britain was in a position to fight. Similarly, in 1939, Hitler struck at Poland, because he and his fellow-German believers that, after Munich, the British Government would swallow another such aggression. In 1914, the Kaiser's Germany fondly believed that Britain was powerless to fight, because her declaration of war would immediately be followed by a civil war in Ireland, revolution in India, etc. So there was the assumption of the other Dominions. Superficial observation and wishful thinking tricked the Germans into believing just what they wanted to believe. These mental defects made the Kaiser's blunder. Just as we had the various lessons of the Diamond Jubilee and the South African War, when the colonies, as they were then, gave spontaneous and practical demonstrations of loyalty which astonished the world, so there was the assumption of the other Dominions. There was an equally spontaneous and even more effective rally of the Empire in August, 1914.

Canada, Australia and New Zealand began to raise armies to send to Europe. South Africa rallied her sons for fighting nearer home; and it must never be forgotten that two of South Africa's greatest battle leaders, Botha and Smuts, had fought against us to the bitter end in the South African War. In August, 1914, Indian princes mobilised the army of Indians, armed men, with themselves and their fortunes. Men in the heart of Africa and in the tiny Pacific islands, whose names were two or three hundred of Great Britain, were forced to comply with the request of our Dominions, or met more than a score or two of Britons, were found preparing themselves to fight for the flag and Empire they had learnt to love. One Basuto chief asked, "Why should I, the King's servant, stand idle when the King is fighting his enemies?" And that was the question put by the Empire as a whole.

The German character has not changed with a change of rulers. There was the same proud fatalism in September, 1939, as there was in August, 1914—and there were the same patriotic reactions, and the same suspension of internal bickering throughout the Empire as there were in 1914. In 1914 there was a marked breach of which the Belgian Minister was probably destined to remind us. It was the same ostrich-headed pacifism that allowed the enemy to get out of hand, and obliged us to enter a war in 1914 even more unprepared than we were in 1914.

At the outbreak of the last war Australia was in a peculiar position. A Ministry was in office, but there was no Parliament sitting. The only double dissolution in the history of the Federal Parliament had taken place, and thousands of young Australians had had the experience, also unique in our country's history, of recording their first votes in camp as soldiers on active service. That general election resulted in a change of Government, but it made no difference to the policy of the nation. Before the defeat of his Ministry, the new Prime Minister was Mr. Andrew Fisher, the first man to become a Labour Prime Minister as the result of a general election. He not only endorsed the actions of his predecessor, but he also put into practice the famous pledge he had given at the outbreak of the war, that Australia would support the Empire "to the last man and the last shilling."

Strange as it may seem, the first war measure taken in Australia showed that the Commonwealth had one great advantage over the sister Dominions. They started their preparations after the war began, while Australia had been preparing for war for nearly ten years. A realisation of our country's geographical position, and the alarming portents that had appeared in the Pacific, had led to the introduction of universal military training, and the establishment of the Royal Australian Navy. In June, 1914, Australia had 80,000 youths enrolled and were being trained as cadets. In addition, over 48,000 men were members of rifle clubs. In those days the Australian who had not both sent the rudiments of drill and training was the exception that proved the rule. It was the universal training scheme which provided the Commonwealth with the machinery that made rapid recruiting and intensive training possible. Further, at the outbreak of the war, the Royal Australian Navy consisted of one battle cruiser, five light cruisers, two gunboats, six destroyers and two submarines.

That was the position in August, 1914. The following August 4 saw the fall of Warsaw, and August, 1915, was the month of the trusted General Gallipoli in August, 1916, found the A.I.P. battling on the Western Front. In August, 1917, the Australian Divisions were in Flanders. But August 8, 1918, was the day of the big advance at Villers-Bretonneux. That was the day Lonsdorff called a black day for Germany. It was also a red letter day for Australia. For the first time in the long and ghastly history of the war, all five divisions of the Australian Corps were in action; the Canadian Corps on their own right and British formations on their left. The attack was supported by exceptionally powerful artillery, and tanks and aeroplanes on a scale not used hitherto. It was the inspiration of arms that has become a normal feature of war. But, on August 8, 1918, the Army saw new arms that had hitherto been little understood, and frequently misused, working in perfect co-ordination on the largest scale yet seen on the ground. The German 80-pounder gun was used to shell Amiens. There were also captured large quantities of machine-guns and trench mortars. And the troops on either flank made their hauls of booty. Among the spoils of war taken were large quantities of machine-guns and trench mortars. And the troops on either flank made their hauls of booty. Among the spoils of war taken by the Australians were large and varied assortment of many other kinds.

A Perth officer who turned up safe and sound after having been reported missing cable that it adds to his anxious father's anxiety in this manner: "Have been degreased and ex-credited."
of warlike stores. The huge dumps of engineering material captured that day were sufficient to serve the needs of the Australian Corps for the remaining three months of the war.

It is not in any spirit of vainglory that one recalls the sweeping victory of August 8, 1918, but as a reminder that what could be done in those days can be repeated in this war. In the last war we were fighting the same ruthless and unchivalrous enemy. We had endured heavy losses and suffered many disasters on our fronts and the heaviest of these had occurred only four months before that famous August 8. Our losses in men and material were far heavier than they have been in the present war, and there were at least three occasions in the last war—at the beginning, during the mutiny of the French forces in 1917, and during the big German push in 1918—when the enemy was nearer to winning the war than he has ever been, or is ever likely to be, in the present conflict. We beat him before, and we shall beat him again, for there is one other August anniversary that must never be forgotten. August 15, last year, was the day Hitler was to have entered London in triumph. He has not done so yet.

GUNNERS’ DAY

The annual ceremony known as Gunners’ Day was celebrated at Guildford on Sunday, August 10, by a parade from the railway station to St. Matthew’s Church, where a memorial service was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Davies. Another feature of the day was the impressive ceremony of laying wreaths on the memorial in Stirling Square. Under the command of Brigadier-General Besell-Browne, comrades of the Light Horsemen and Gunners who lost their lives in the last war marched through the town. Other units on parade were members of the 9th Anti-Tank Regiment and the Guildford unit of The Home Guard. The Lieut.-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, took the salute near the park entrance. The vice-regal party included Colonel C. H. E. Manning, Wing Commander J. R. Fleming, Mr. J. A. Dimmit, M.L.C., and Messrs. W. D. Johnson and L. Thorn, M.A. The music for the march was played by the R.S.L. Memorial Band. The parade was watched by a large crowd. Wreaths were laid on the memorial on behalf of the 10th Light Horse Association; the Artillery Old Comrades’ Association, which organised the function under its president, Mr. W. H. D. Beadle, the R.S.I.L.A.; the 9th Anti-Tank Regiment; and Legacy Club sons of fallen artillerymen. The strategy of the R.A.P. — “V for Victory! — The “V for Victory” campaign is not the first association in our rough rural island story of the letter “V” to patriots and endeavour. At the time of Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee, when London was being decorated for the Royal Progress, decorative decorators made capital out of the Cockney pronunciation of the popular catch phrase of the day, “We are a Happy Family!” They sold yards and yards of placarding on which were printed the words “V.R. a Happy Family. V.R., V.R., V.R.” Coming back to the present campaign, my charlady has assured me that it is being loyally supported by the troops. She explained, “I see such a lot of soldiers nowadays with “V” on their shoulders.”

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AMERICAN WRITERS LOOK AT THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN

American military and civilian writers have not hesitated to comment frankly on the war in Russia. Mr. J. Emily Williams, who is with the Christian Science Monitor's bureau in London, suggests that Hitler invaded Russia in the hope of dividing the democracies on a question of a crusade on Bolshevism. Actually, Mr. Williams points out, Germany is far from having the military power for the attack on Russia has united the British nation more closely than ever. One effect has been to silence the would-be appeasers with yet another example of broken pledges, and a second effect has been to rally the anti-Nazi cause many left-wingers who were inclined to hold aloof after the announce-ment of the Russo-German pact.

Major James Ross, the Christian Science Monitor's military correspondent, says that, unless the Nazis can crush the Russians within three weeks, they will be sorry they undertook the Russian campaign. He considers that it is not sufficient for Hitler's forces to occupy the rich Ukraine. They must destroy the Red Army once and for all—face to face and in the face of a permanent front on the east. Major Ross compares the invasion of Russia with a man poking his head into a bag of feathers. Penetration is relatively easy, but suffocation may well result. The situation, in fact, is already beginning to resemble the Japanese invasion of China. Approaching the great central expanse of Asia from opposite sides, both Germans and Japanese are finding tides of unfriendly peoples swirling in behind their advancing armies.

According to Major William Yale, an outstanding American writer on military affairs, Germany's war against Russia has revealed three extraordinary things. First, says Major Yale, the new war is an admission of the complete failure of Nazi diplomacy. Second, it shows the effectiveness of the British and American blockade. This has forced Hitler into the Ukraine for the supplies denied him elsewhere. Third, says Mr. Williams, the invasion of Russia, as declared by Major Yale, is the personal renunciation of leadership by Hitler, in favour of the military men. In the words of Hitler's own explanation, the Nazis accepted humiliation at the hands of Soviet leaders. "Why," Major Yale asks, "simply because the German military man did not dare to provoke a war against Russia, since that would mean the dreaded war on two fronts." Yet, the aston-ishing fact is that this actual invasion has actually occurred; and it occurred after Russia had secured new frontiers, strategically less vulnerable than those of 1939, and after the Soviet Union had had twenty-two months to prepare for war. Moreover, despite the threat embodied in the growing vigour of American aid to Britain, Germany has undertaken a battle that was considered too dangerous two years ago.

This is an amazing reversal, as Major Yale points out. He emphasizes, that, although Hitler has conquered the European continent, in doing so, he has really lost ground; for Britain has gained the vast and steady assistance of the United States. The situation in Russia has prevented the Germans from taking over the Ukraine against the Arabs if the British can crush the Russians within three months, they will be sorry they undertook the Russian campaign. This represents one of the most colossal diplomatic setbacks of all time for Germany.

Other American writers, and these represent a considerable body of public opinion in the United States, think that Hitler wants more from Russia than oil and grain. They believe Britain's air attacks on German industrial centres have wrougth such havoc that even the Nazis cannot find safer and less accessible sites for their factories. There is no doubt that Germany would like to have a country on its side comparable with the United States. Hitler is anxious for a place in which his war production, like Britain's, can continue, no matter how hard the British aircraft battery Germany proper, for he knows that, except in the unlikely event of Germany winning soon, Germany will be subjected to much heavier air bombardment. Now, the only country within Hitler's reach that might become Germany's safe industrial area, even to a minor extent, is Russia. If the Huns could place armament plants in Russia's Various ports, it would be hard for Britain's air offensive to destroy them. This, perhaps, is another reason why Hitler has made his bid for the control of Russia's resources.

A DREAM COME TRUE

"THE MODERN BEAUFORT." 

"The Beaufort, the most modern torpedo-carrying medium bomber in the world today, is destined to be Australia's first line of defence," said Sir Harold Clapp, the chairman of the Aircraft Production Commission, who made the trip wearing a wool-lined flying suit and boots to keep out the cold. After spending two days flying over the flight, Sir Harold Clapp said that bringing the Beaufort bomber into production in Australia had been an easy matter. It looked a simple machine, but it had as many headaches as parts, and it had 33,000 parts. Australian aircraft manufacturers had proved once again that put to any job with determination they could carry it through. He added that eleven more of these plants were being assembled, and nine of them were in the final assembly stage. One was ready to be tested as soon as Captain Young got back to Melbourne. Before the end of next year, this type of plane will be entirely produced with Australian raw material and equipment, with the exception of one component. The production of this type of bomber in Australia is a dream come true.

HITLER'S MAN GOERING

There have been many reports from neutral sources which suggest that the Nazi gangs- ters are not a happy family among themselves. The flight of Hess was evidence of disensions in Berlin and, now, the Moscow radio has broadcast stories, again from neutral sources, of a quarrel between Hitler and his man Goering. Before the war, Goering was looked upon as Hitler's right-hand man and logical successor, but Goering was said to have opposed Hitler's pact with Stalin, just as he is now said to have opposed the invasion of Russia. That, perhaps, was the reason Hitler named Hess as his successor at the outbreak of the war. Goering is the most popular of the Nazi hierarchy, or perhaps it is because he is more correct to say that he is the least hated. Sir Neville Henderson, the former British Ambassador to Berlin, found him more likable than any of Hitler's other satellites.
In those days Goering did his best to create the impression that he was against going to war with Britain. If he were sincere, it may be presumed that his opposition to war with Britain, like his opposition to the Russo-German Pact and his alleged opposition to the invasion of Russia, was based on the common sense dictates of expediency rather than upon any good will towards Russia or ourselves.

Goering, too, was liked by the German people. As one of the old corps of German officers, he is a link between the Army of the Kaiser and the modern German Army. He is virtually the creator of the German Air Force, which was to have been Britain's undoing. Goering was a lieutenant in an infantry regiment when the last war broke out. He subsequently became an ace, but his critics say he was only a synthetic ace. That is a reference to the way the Germans created aces.

When an Allied plane was brought down, and it was unclaimed by any German pilot, it was credited to the score of some pilot like Goering. The idea was to increase the number of aces rather than add to the score of a single pilot. There is a story that after the Armistice, Goering flew his squadron away and either crashed or hid the planes rather than let them fall into the hands of the victorious Allies. This was a form of cheating, a naturally dishonest man did it to himself and to a people smarting under such a complete defeat. And when Goering built up the German Air Force, he made no secret of the fact that it was aimed at Britain. There is a story, therefore, that his quarrel with Hitler, assuming the Moscow reports are correct, should endanger him to ourselves.

Some of the greatest villains of history have been fat, smiling villains, and many a ruthless scoundrel has hidden his villainy behind a mask of good-natured buffoonery. Goering's humour is characteristically German. The stories and jokes that appeal most to him, are coarse and vulgar. Incidentally, he is the only one of the Nazi leaders who encourages jokes and stories at his own expense. Perhaps this is because he is a good public relations man, and knows the publicity value of a joke. Most of the stories told of him hinge on his two outstanding characteristics, his fatness and his colossal vanity. Goering's fatness is supposed to be the result of some vague mysterious disability he acquired as the result of his war services. It would be interesting to know what it was, for one doubts if the medical history sheets consulted by the Repatriation Commission can show a type of injury that will increase weight rather than pull a man down. Goering has uniforms for all occasions, and medals by the ton. Some time ago it was said that he had succeeded in reducing his weight. "Yes," was the reply, "I have given up wearing his medals." Another story is told of the taxi-driver who almost perpetrated a head-on collision with Goering's car. He avoided punishment by pleading that his eyes were dazzled by the Field Marshal's medals. Other stories, however, do not represent him in such an amiable light. A few years ago, Goering married for the second time. His present wife was an actress. In their home is a bust of the first wife, who was the owner of a valuable diamond necklace. At ordinary times, the diamond necklace is hung round the neck of the owner's bust. When occasions of state, they are worn by the second Mrs. Goering.

An incident that occurred shortly before the outbreak of the last war dispels the idea that Goering is genuine in his pose of being able to take a joke against himself. At a North German watering-place, the civic authorities caused notices to be displayed warning the public of the threatening prosecution of anyone caught trying to photograph Field Marshal Goering and his wife in their bathing costumes. That was a few weeks before their child was born.

On the anniversary of the outbreak of the last war, it was officially announced that Major-General Sir Iven Mackay, was to be brought back to take up the appointment of General Officer Commanding-in-Chief in Australia, with command in the field of all military force throughout the Commonwealth. That's one job the University Professors didn't bag.

Whenever a Home Front appointment is made, which calls for a storm of protest from those qualified to judge of such matters, those responsible endeavour to smoother things up by talking about the wonderful attitude for the job of the person appointed. The consistent centre of the Commonwealth is an exception to this rule. In trying to excuse the projected Alexander appointment, Army Headquarters glibly stated that a careful examination of the credentials of the other candidates left no doubt that the qualifications of the person appointed were outstanding. Outstanding for what?—in the name of common sense. Certainly not for any post carrying a Major's rank in the Army and entitling the holder to a present arms from a sentry of the Garrison Brigade, with more ribbons than Professor Alexander has jobs. One wonders just how careful was the examination Army Headquarters gave to the credentials of other candidates. How many such, when and where was the position advertised? Fortunately the State Executive has unanimously renewed its protest and the matter is still in a state of suspension.

Professor Murdoch recently stated: "If this were our last message to students, I would say be Communists, be Fascists, be Shakers, be Holy Rollers, be any sect you like so long as you are seeking for the truth." One thinks it may have been more fitting in times like those to have advised them to be patriots; but perhaps at Crawley a student's patriotism is like a soldier's courage or a lady's virtue, something that is taken for granted.

Since the war's centre of gravity shifted to the east of Europe, our newspapers have been vying with Hitler in altering our earlier notions of geography. In far-off and happier times the south-east of Europe used to be called the Near East, Persia, Afghanistan and India the Middle East, and China the Far East. Nowadays, the Middle East has been pushed well into the Mediterranean, and the Near East has been crowded out altogether. In any case it is absurd for Australians to call these places any sort of East. Our worthy Lord Mayor, Dr. Meagher, hit the nail right on the head recently, when he advised us that there should be such places as Indo-China and Japan as "Our Very Near North."

A speaker at a recent meeting in Fremantle, Mrs. A. R. Robertson, said that the answer to the irresponsibility in the lack of planes and arms, a great quantity of which could have been provided with the £40,000,000 the people of the Commonwealth spent in one year on liquor. Methinks the lady did not protest enough, or at least
the did not tell the whole story. Our forces
commenced these campaigns without adequate
armament, not because people at home drank
liquor, but because of the twenty years which
separated the two wars. This paper has
recent recollections of temperance ladies who
objected to anti-gas drill as something calcu-
lated to stir up the war spirit.

Service without sacrifice seems to be the
idea of many people in this war, and the
prevailing notion among many members of
the public is, 'There's a war on. Let's all get
jobs.' The result of 1914-18 is not
repeated now. The dead and
awful examples of the most unmitigated
persons being pitched forth into the com-
missioned ranks of the Army, and with sub-
stantive commissions at that. One cannot
help thinking that this side of the show was
managed in a more temperate spirit. The
freedom between 1914 and 1918 many prominent
citizens went away on Red Cross or Comforts
Fund work at their own expense, and with-
out Army ranks; and that seems to be the
rule in these essential services. If there is
then, it seems absurd to give Army rank to
people engaged on non-combatant work like
the A.I.F. Education Service, or, if Army
rank must be given, to confer it upon per-
sons who have, through the war, not only
have had no personal experience of the
troops and their outlook between the wars.
It may be necessary to form an education
service on the home front at this stage, but
one cannot see how an organization not
formed in the last war until that
ghastly business was nearing the end. Those
put on educational works were all men who
had a good spell of front line service.
One such work is that of the
Wallace, of the University of Sydney. In
those days he held the chair of English Literature in
the University of Melbourne, but that did not
prevent him from enlisting as a gunner. And
he didn't get a commission, either, until the
Army found out who he was and grabbed
him for educational work. Another dis-
tinguished man to go away in the ranks
during the last war was Dr. Brissenden, K.C.
(since deceased) of the N.S.W. Bar. After
he emigrated he sat on the Supreme Court Bench of New South Wales.

Private Brissenden's reply was that he re-
gretted to decline the judgeship, as he was
about to be made a corporal.

Turkey's policy of "wait and see," which
would seem to be a mere polite waiting one's
turn to be gobbled by Hitler, has been the
subject of much adverse comment in the
United States. American newspapers say that
the best description of Turkey's policy
towards the Allies is "cash and carry," but
"cash and tarry." The implication is
that while Turkey has never failed to accept
loans and other advantages from the Allies,
she has given little beyond affirmations of
strict neutrality. The Committee of 1915
Turkey signed with Germany last June was
not misunderstood by British statesmen, but
it left a very nasty taste in American mouths,
the American view being that it bound
Turkey not to Harper's military plans.

According to people who have seen him
in his native environment, the Russian
is a simple-minded sort of chap, but one with
a sense of humour. One story which had
a wide currency in Russia, even before Hitler
so treacherously attacked that country has
to do with Hitler, Mussolini and Churchill,
who asked a fortune-teller who would win the war.
Two fish-bowls were produced, one filled with
water and fish; the other empty. The vis-
itors were told that the one who captured
the fish would be the winner of the war. In
the story, Hitler made several wild but futile
grabs. Mussolini danced about on the
sidelines, afraid of wetting his hands, yet
hoping that Hitler might toss the fish his
way. Churchill only said "I am quite sure the
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Some of us who are not so very old read
Jules Verne's marvellous forecasts of travel
by air and journeys under the sea; and the
even more fanciful forecasts of a winter of
penny thriller, named Frank Reade. The
marvels they foretold have become the
commonplaces of our middle-aged life, but the
penny thrillers themselves have been replaced
by the comic strip, and the comic strip has
carried on the good
work of describing marvels yet to be devised.
It recently fell to the lot of Air Commodore
George Ortolan, the air attaché at the British
Embassy in Washington, to give the
American pressmen about Britain's hitherto
closely-guarded secret of the radio-locator.
They were greatly interested; but the Air
Commodore's small son Allen was not
such a good listener. John had the child's
question, when his father showed him the
explanatory drawings. "He wasn't at all
impressed," said the Air Commodore. "He said
he had read a description of the same thing
in his comic strip two years before."

One of the most striking features of the
Far Eastern tension has been the almost te-
saucer of every Japanese spokesman
that the southward expansion policy is purely
peaceful and economic. And all the time
a suspicious war cloud appears to be formed
behind the Japanese that Japan's direct action
in Indo-China does not threaten Afghanistan
or Libya.

The hospitality being extended to Aus-
tralian soldiers in Malaya is in marked contrast
with the attitude of the Dutch people to their
unpaying guests, the superbly disciplined
Huns. Since the days of Alva and William
the Silent, the Dutch have developed a
marvellous technique of passive resistance to for-
ign invaders. There is a fine bit of finding
this out today. Conquering the Netherlands was
a fairly easy assignment for the Nazi Army,
and it is not much of a job, from the military
point of view, to keep the Dutch conquered.
However, Dutch retaliation has been
quite openly. It is chiefly a refusal on the part
of the Dutchmen to be friendly or con-
vinced with their oppressors. When Nazis
offer their seats to Dutch women, the seats are
refused. When spoken to in German the
Dutch pretend not to understand.

One of the unchanging characteristics of
the German is that he can never get the point
of view of the other fellow. When he sets
out to deceive, he deceives himself in advance
by making up his mind that the victim is a
subject for deception. There is a story in his
source one is not able to discover at the
moment, which illustrates this side of the
German nature. Not long ago before the
German invasion of Holland last year, the Ger-
nian stationed at The Hague presented
a set of 1,500 General Staff war maps
of Germany to the Dutch War Office. Since
the Dutch had no intention of invading Ger-
m any, the maps were of no special value
to the military authorities. They therefore
thanked the German military attaché for his
gift, and sent the maps to be filed among
the national archives at The Hague. Some
days later, the German attaché presented
himself again, and announced that the German
Chief of Staff was very much pleased to know
that the gift had been appreciated, and wished
to announce that he would be most grateful
if a similar set of official military maps
of Holland could be sent to Germany. The
Dutch military attaché at The Hague profus-
ely regrets that there were no sets of official
maps to spare, but explained that what
pleasure it would give to present the attaché
with a set of richly bound volumes of the
Grenadier Regiments of the Dutch Nether-
land. In this case, the disappointed attaché had to
retire. So the generosity was reciprocated and ex-
change, as they say, is no robbery. Unfortunately,
as all the world knows, the robbery-unde-
arms came later.

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WINSTON'S ESCAPE
A Boer War Episode
BY C. R. COLLINS

It is a coincidence, no less remarkable than the incident itself, that Mr. Churchill should have been spared an attentive audience on the escape of Rudolph Hess from Germany, less than a week before May 24, the day which, besides being Empire Day, is the South African and Imperial Veterans Day. In giving the news of Hess' escape, Mr. Churchill might have been reminded of his own escape from a prisoner of war compound in Pretoria in 1899.

Mr. Churchill went out to South Africa, as special correspondent for "The Morning Post", on the "Dunnotar Castle", which also carried Sir Redvers Buller and his staff. The future Prime Minister had spent some years as an officer of the Regular Army, and he had already seen war in Cuba, on the North-West Frontier of India, and in the Sudan. His military knowledge and his literary ability made him eminently fitted for the post he was to fill, but chance almost nullified his prospects at the outset. While Buller was preparing to relieve Ladysmith, Churchill attached himself to an armed train, that used to make reconnaissances between Estcourt and Chievely. On November 20, 1899, the train went as far as Chievely, but met with disaster on the return journey. When the train was at Estcourt, the Boers and several trucks were derailed in the fight that ensued. Reports from independent sources say that the young war correspondent behaved with great gallantry and, at the risk of his own life, made sure that the line was cleared. The Boer fire, however, was too hot and too accurate, and Churchill was one of those captured. Unfortunately for himself, Churchill's daring was played up by the Natal Press, which did not forget to mention that he was a son of Lord Randolph Churchill, and a direct descendant of the Great Duke of Marlborough. The papers not only magnified his importance as an individual; they made him the hero of the incident and did so much effect that the Boers refused to admit his claim to be released as a non-combatant. Perhaps, too, the Tommies captured with him told. He was soon asked if he were not the son of Lord Randolph Churchill. This was not denied, but when he said, "I am a war correspondent and you ought not to hold me prisoner," one of his captors laughed and retorted, "Oh, we do not capture lords' sons every day."

Treatment of Prisoners

It may be mentioned in passing that another British war correspondent missed the armoured train that morning, and so missed sharing Mr. Churchill's captivity in Pretoria. This was L. S. Amery, who is now Mr. Churchill's colleague in the British Cabinet. In his story of this experience, Mr. Churchill says, "The position of a prisoner of war is protected and well treated in Pretoria: this was highly of the way the Boers treated their captives. On the journey through Natal to their final internment in Pretoria, the British prisoners were the subject of much curiosity. English-speaking Boers delighted to enter into arguments with them as to the rights and wrongs of the war. These arguments were conducted impassionately. Often there was humorous repartee on both sides, but a scrupulous politeness was observed throughout and, naturally, they ended without either side being convinced. Only two of their captors, Mr. Churchill says, were guilty of uttering taunts. One was a Hollander serving with the Boers, and the other was an Irishman in the Boer Army. On each occasion, the taunter was sternly silenced by the real Boers.

On reaching Pretoria, the prisoners were interned in the States Model Schools, a large one-storied building standing in spacious grounds. At first there was some doubt as to Mr. Churchill's status. As he was not an officer, he was placed at first among the ranks, but he had hardly taken his place there when he was removed and put back among the officers. The Transvaal Government provided the officers with a daily ration of bully beef and rice, and, of course, they could purchase extras from a storekeeper named Boshold. When ready money ran out, this storekeeper obligingly accepted the officers' personal cheques. The other ranks, however, were in a different position. Their ration scale was smaller, and they had no money to supplement it with by making purchases outside.

To a man of Mr. Churchill's strenuous temperament, captivity soon became irksome. He had spent some years preparing himself for a military career, and he had made many plans of escape, but it was only after his repeated applications for release had been ignored that he decided to make the attempt. He says himself that it was the news of Lord Roberts' victory that gave him his first opportunity. His intention was to break out in December, which finally clinched matters. While waiting for an opportunity to break out, Churchill cashed a cheque for £20 at the store, and changed some of the notes he had always concealed about him into person to gold. Lastly, so that there might be no unnecessary unpleasantness following his escape, he wrote a letter to the Boer Secretary of State, protesting against his detention and announcing his intention of escaping at the first opportunity.

Trekking to Freedom

The States Model Schools stood in the midst of a quadrangle, surrounded on two sides by an iron grille, and on two by a corrugated iron fence about ten feet high. These were frail barriers, but they were strong and vigilantly patrolled by incorruptible sentries. Churchill noticed that the electric lights in the middle of the quadrangle brilliantly lighted the whole place, but cut off the stories beyond them from looking at the eastern wall. Churchill, after abandoning one or two attempts, managed to take advantage of the exact moment when the patrols were all looking in another direction. He scaled the wall and dropped into an adjacent garden. A Boer was convinced that he had failed, and discarding many plans of escape, he went to the attempt with him failed to reach the wall. While lurking in the garden, Churchill heard them within the quadrangle say, quite loud: "All up." He crawled back to the wall. Two Boers were on the wall, looking on from the other side, jabbering Latin words, laughing and talking all kinds of nonsense. Amid this jabber he heard his own name mentioned. He risked a cough. Then the man who was to have been his companion conveyed the information that he could not get out. Churchill told them he would go on alone.

So, with £75 in his pockets and 200 eggs instead of the 300 fowls stretched between Pretoria and Bloemfontein, he could not speak Dutch or Afrikaans, and he knew not how he was to get food or direction.

After walking half a mile, through a rock-strewn township, passing a fence that had run across the railroad and jumped the train. Even then he did not know the train's direction or destination. He spent a most uncomfortable night in a truck, covered with soft sacks and resting on coal dust. He abandoned the train before daybreak. Then followed days of hiding and nights of walking, during which he endured the pangs of hunger and thirst. Mr. Churchill attributes his luck to the fact that he went straight ahead and did not attempt to take any elaborate precautions.

In the meantime, he realised that a hue and cry would be raised when his escape was discovered. Actually, the Boers posted his description, and offered a reward for him dead or alive. In the notices, he was described as an "Englishman, 25 years old, about 5ft. 8in., indifferent build, walks with a forward stoop, pale appearance, red-brownish hair, hardly noticeable moustache, talks through his nose, and announce himself properly." Mr. Churchill finally managed to ensconce himself in a convenient train bound for Lourenco Marques. He got into a truck which was laden with great sacks and some soft merchandise. Here again he was taken to a hotel. When he was seized by a Koomati Poort, the last station in Transvaal territory, the searchers pulled aside the tarpaulin of his truck, but did not search deep enough. Churchill afterwards learned that the Pretoria mail, with which the Boers had been brought to Koomati Poort to identify him when captured, thereafter, as Mr. Churchill relates, everything smiled.

He found his way to the British Consul, a Mr. A. E. Beaven, who first got him a passport and then arranged an escape for a fireman off one of the ships in the harbour. He bought clothes and enjoyed the first square meal for days. That very night he was aboard the Induna, bound for Durban.

Here is an American view of Lord Beaverbrook, who has made such a name for himself as Britain's Minister for Aircraft Production, that he is known across the world as "The World's Quartermaster." He lives in a delightful, simple world of black and white, right and wrong. There is a story that one day he was talking farming with Mr. Lloyd George, when the latter astoundingly stated that he had 200,000 pigs. "And I have 73,000 chickens," Beaverbrook promptly replied. "You have not that many chickens," Lloyd George objected. "No," Beaverbrook admitted, "and you have not that many pigs. Beaverbrook has a perfect grooming and dressing room, and one of his staff is accustomed to hearing "On your toes, boy, on your toes." A typical Beaverbrook command goes rather like this: Now I'll tell you what I want you to do, and I want you to do it. And I want you to tell them from me... and so on. It has been said that Beaverbrook has sacked more employees than there is in the whole British Civil Service. This is because he is a born leader and to impress visitors with his efficiency. He keeps a squad of whooping boys, who are periodically summoned to his office, and there dressed down and fired after a stormy inter-
State Executive

JULY, 23, 1941.

At the meeting of the State Executive on July 23, 1941, the present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Collett, Panton, Anderson, Margolin, Kahan, James, Cornell, Nicholas, Williams, Thorn, Watt, Zeffer, Newton, Keesing, Warner, Wood, and Smith. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Dodd, Hunt, Colebatch, Mensken, Rice, Bosworth, Gilbert, Johnstone, Lamb, and Denton.

R.S.L. Broadcasts.—The following broadcast roster was arranged:—July 30, Mr. R. A. Wood; August 6, Mr. H. A. Kahan; August 13, Mr. J. M. W. Anderson; August 20, Mr. E. S. Watt; August 27, Mr. H. E. Smith.

Problems Committee.—The Problems Committee reported that a meeting had taken place on July 16, at which Mr. Norman Mighell, Col., A.D.M.S., Member of the Repatriation Commission, had been present. Several matters relating to the welfare of ex-service men were discussed. In referring to post-war rehabilitation, Mr. Mighell stated that the great bulk of the work which had hitherto been regarded as a function of the Repatriation Department would now be undertaken by the Department of Labour and National Service. Arising from the report, the executive endorsed a suggestion that the Repatriation Department in each State should be directly represented on all Military Discharging Boards by a medical officer, or that alternately in an advisory capacity by a departmental official. At the conclusion of the meeting the State Executive had tendered an official welcome to Mr. Mighell.

R.S.L. Welcome Committee.—The R.S.L. Welcome Committee's report of a meeting held on July 21, was received and adopted. This report dealt with the entertainment of Eastern States hospital patients who had been waiting in Western Australia for transport.

Visits.—Reports on visits were received from Colonel Olden and State Secretary (Canning Districts), the State President (Red Cross meetings), Mr. O. J. Williams (22nd Battalion Association), Mr. R. A. Wood (Scholarship Trust and Education Board), Mr. James (West Leederville), State Secretary (fixing commemorative tablet, Perth Hospital).

Federal Executive.—Mr. H. Kahan was welcomed and submitted his report on the meeting of the Federal Executive, which took place on July 11-12. Mr. Kahan sought permission to submit a fuller report on the management committee, which was granted. He was thanked for his representation of the State Branch.

Appointment Sub-Branch Officials.—The appointment of officials as advised by the following sub-branches was approved:—Norseman, Laverton, Kellerberrin, Shenton Park.

Delivery Mail, Fighting Forces Overseas.—A communication from the Kangaroo Sub-branch on this subject was received and the reply left in the hands of the State Secretary.

Field Marshal Smuts.—A communication from the Subiaco sub-branch regarding congratulations to Field Marshal Smuts was received. The reply was left to the State Secretary.

Eligibility League Membership.—Collie sub-branch referred to the eligibility for League membership of men who enlist for service overseas and are kept in Australia by the authorities, for service, say, at Darwin and other places. It was agreed to advise Collie to submit a resolution on the subject to Congress.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund.—Delegates were advised that the Women's Auxiliary had donated £31/1/6 to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund as the result of Empire Shopping Week dance. It was agreed that a suitable acknowledgment be made.

Patriotism in Schools.—A communication from the Education Department was received in regard to this matter. It was stated that the teaching of patriotism where possible would be stressed. It was agreed that the sub-branch concerned be advised.

 Destruction Enemy Submarines and Aircraft.—A communication from Harvey Sub-Branch in regard to this matter was received.

T.B. Institutions.—The Woorooloo Sub-Branch suggested that a survey be carried out of all T.B. institutions in this State to ensure that their capacity was sufficient to cope with all demands. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Commonwealth Health Authorities.

Unnaturalised Aliens Taking Up Land.—Manjimup Sub-Branch referred to cases of the sale of land to unnaturalised aliens. Instances were quoted where dummying had occurred. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Land Committee with a suggestion that a complaint be made to the Attorney General's Department through the Federal Executive, the dummying of leases to be stressed and an investigation to be asked for.

Writing Off Road Board Rates.—A communication from the Koongan Sub-Branch urging that road board rates due by men on active service be written off. It was agreed that in view of the enormous issues involved no general policy can be laid down, but that the authorities concerned should be requested to deal sympathetically with each individual case on its merits.

Hospital Patients.—A communication was received signed by five returned hospital patients. Complaints were made concerning treatment received. It was agreed that proper enquiries be made.

Minister for Repatriation and War Service Homes.—Colonel H. B. Collett took the opportunity of addressing delegates on matters in relation to repatriation and war service homes.

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At the meeting of the State Executive on August 6, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Philip, Hunt, Anderson, Margolin, Kahan, Cornell, Williams, Thorn, Watt, Zeffert, Newton, Keegan, Warner and Smith. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Dodd, Collie, Conlon, James, Nicholas, Colebatch, Wood, Menkens, Rice, Bosustow, Giblett, Johnston, Lamb and Denton.

Mons Sunday.—Colonel Margolin agreed to act as marshal for A.I.F. men on Mons Sunday.

Congratulation.—Congratulations were extended to Mr. Hastings C. Reid on his appointment as Chief of Hansard Staff.

Army Education Appointment.—Correspondence in connection with the proposed appointment of a non-soldier as Army Education Officer in Western Australia was submitted to the meeting. It was agreed “that this Executive reaffirms its previous resolution respecting the appointment of an Army Education Officer in Western Australia, and requests the courteous and scant considerations given to highly qualified returned soldiers who were available for the appointment. It was further agreed that Senator Collett be asked to arrange for the Executive to interview the Prime Minister on the matter during his forthcoming visit to Western Australia.

Re-employment, Retired Government Servants.—It was decided that the opinion of the West Perth, Railway Workshops and Gloucester Park sub-branches be sought on the matter of the re-employment of retired railway men and public servants, as a war-time measure.

Congress Agenda Committee.—It was decided that Colonel Olden, and Messrs. Cornell and Watt be appointed a Provisional Agenda Committee for this year’s Annual State Congress.

Club Secretary.—It was stated that Mr. Phil. Carter had been accepted for an administrative post with the Air Force, and that he would cease duty as secretary of the Anzac Club on August 23.

Relief Fund.—The report of the R.S.L. Relief Fund Trustees for the month of July revealed that 63 applications had been approved at a cost of £212/10/3.

Visits.—Mr. Nicholas reported on visits to Perth Hospital. Mr. Kahan reported having represented the State President at the annual meeting of the South Perth sub-branch.

League Representative, Overseas.—The Prime Minister’s Department advised that approval had been given for a representative of the League to go overseas in order to make contact with Australian Forces in embarkation camps before their return to Australia. The matter has already been mentioned in the Press, and a few applications have been received.

Sub-branches.—The appointment of officials, as advised by the Yokine, York, Northcliffe and Darling Range sub-branches, was confirmed.

Superannuation Contributions.—Advice was received that the State Government had approved of the payment of superannuation contributions of Government employees whose army pay was less than £312 per annum.

Land Owned by Enemy Aliens.—A communication from Northcliffe on this matter was received and the reply left to the State Secretary.

Army Leave.—Communications from sub-branches regarding army leave for men whose homes are adjacent to the Great Southern Railway were received. It was agreed that the official reply received from Headquarters on this matter be forwarded to those concerned.

“V” for Victory.—Albany sub-branch advised the action taken to decorate the local institute with a large “V”.

Hospital Patients.—The secretary advised that a complaint received from certain hospital patients regarding treatment had been investigated and similar experiences were not likely to recur.

Lemnos Hospital.—It was agreed that the authorities be approached to extend the accommodation of Lemnos Hospital.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund.—The Executive expressed the opinion that operations on this fund should be deferred for a further twelve months.

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CLAREMONT.
The meeting on August 7 was held in the football club rooms at the Claremont Oval. The president (Mr. W. Ford) presided over a good attendance. Through pressure of public duties, Mr. G. Marshall resigned as returning officer, and Mr. Southwell was elected in his place in Claremont football club rooms at the Claremont oval.

OSBORNE PARK.
The election of officers took place at the annual meeting on July 23. Mr. Fred Damon acted as returning officer, and the following were elected—President, A. Dans; vice-presidents, S. J. Anderson and G. Osborne; treasurer, F. Stephens; secretary, J. Garner; assistant secretary, D. Millar; committee, Messrs. Crisp, A. Sims, G. Spicer; publicity officer, R. Croucht; warden, J. Webb; sick visitor, R. Crouch; sports director, J. Nicol. Nine members are being kept financial during their military service. There are 57 financial members. When the reports were read, special thanks were extended to the ladies for their assistance in connection with social functions. Messrs. Fred Emery and W. Tolney, civil supporters of the sub-branch, were co-opted to the social committee. The balance from the last military ball was £28/2/2. The balance sheet showed a net credit balance of £46/18/3. The assets are valued at £703/13/3. The following veterans were welcomed to the social gathering that followed the meeting—Corporal Edman J. Snashall, 78th Somersetshire Light Infantry, aged 78; Lieut. Jack Crisp, 1st Field Group Royal Engineers, aged 74; Sergeant J. J. Nicoll, 5th Gordon Highlanders, aged 64; Ernest Spicer, 4th Essex, aged 61, and Fred Emery, aged 78.

WYALKATCHEM.
The president (Mr. G. H. Riches) presided over an attendance of 17 members at the meeting on July 19. One motion concerning preference to men who have enlisted for service overseas and been rejected has been sent to the annual State Congress. The secretary was instructed to keep on trying to get the use of a machine gun for The Home Guard, and failing that to try and get a German machine gun belt and some Mauser ammunition for use in the guns our Home Guard are handling so extremely well at the present time. The balance sheet of the Empire Ball showed a profit of £19/14/1, of which £14/14/1 goes to local amelioration funds. A fiver of it was voted to the women's auxiliary for the same purpose.

GLOUCESTER PARK.
The main activity of the sub-branch at present is the Grand Variety Concert, which will be held on September 3 at Anzac House. The proceeds will be devoted to parcels for the boys overseas. It is hoped that other sub-branches will send some of their members along to help make the effort a huge success. The A.R.M.S. games for the season have almost come to a conclusion. The sub-branch has amassed 68 points to 16, with only two matches to play. The sub-branch will present a grand charity concert to be given by the Orpheans Music Club at Anzac House on Wednesday, September 3. Proceeds will provide comforts for overseas members. Admission 2/- and 1/-. Until a person for the social gathering, that followed the meeting—Corporal Edman J. Snashall, 78th Somersetshire Light Infantry, aged 78; Lieut. Jack Crisp, 1st Field Group Royal Engineers, aged 74; Sergeant J. J. Nicoll, 5th Gordon Highlanders, aged 64; Ernest Spicer, 4th Essex, aged 61, and Fred Emery, aged 78.

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At the meeting on July 7 it was decided to hold this year's Horticultural Show on October 23. The schedule committee consisted of Messrs. A. Watt, R. Marsh, J. Williams, B. Bickle and H. Lidlaw. The ladies of the auxiliary have suggested running a Village Fair. This will be done on August 30, and the proceeds will be donated to the W.A. Spitfire Fund. Mr. Watt presided over a good attendance at the meeting on August 3. The president was delegated to represent the sub-branch at this year's State Congress. Members are asked to assemble as early as possible on the evening of Friday, August 29, to erect the stalls for the Village Fair on the following day. The fair will be officially opened by the Minister for Justice (Mr. E. Nulsen) at 3 p.m. Mr. George Dunstan has now taken over the duties of leader of The Home Guard unit in succession to Mr. E. B. Hore, who is unable to spare sufficient time for the work.

PINEGULLY.

A noticeable feature of the annual meeting last month was the confidence which was placed in retiring officials. They were all returned, and Fred Archer will control the destinies of the sub-branch for the fifth year in succession. Charlie Ford is again secretary, with Laurie Watson as his able assistant. Harry Hatcher, of "bugle" fame, knows his work, and Frank Smith will be an excellent chairman. Whenever Fred has a touch of the old war complaints. Despite the inroads enlistings and other aspects of war service have made on membership, the strength of the sub-branch is being kept up.

SUBIACO.

The A.R.M.S. team gathered, grim and resolute, on the evening of July 31, to cope with the South Perth team. However, our friends were busy on a Home Guard parade and could not come; and up to team members signed with relief and felt in their individual pockets for a shilling. The month has been one of strenuous endeavours, but, as is usual when things are going smoothly, there is little to report. Bridge evenings have shown a falling-off in recent weeks, which is hard to explain as the tables have been repaired, free lunch is provided, and the M.C. wore his best suit one evening. Next month (September 4 to be exact) will see the annual general meeting and election of officers. In this connection we bring to the notice of members the remark of a certain Athenian of ancient times who said something to the effect that every citizen of a democracy should, once in every few years, take a share in the government of that democracy. And no one can doubt that a sub-branch is a democracy, even if some of us drink schooners instead of pots.

DONGARRA.

The annual meeting was held at Mr. J. Sloper's shop at Port Denison on July 5. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. T. H. Clarkson; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. P. Clark, R. Melick and T. J. Brittain; secretary, Mr. S. C. Burgess. After the meeting Mr. Burgess addressed a public meeting in the Dongarra Town Hall, with the object of forming a unit of The Home Guard. There was a very good attendance, and one of the members was enrolled. Mr. T. H. Clarkson was chosen as leader of the unit.

MT. HAWTHORN-N. LEEDERVILLE.

Members were pleased to see their old friend McCabe back with them after his spell in hospital. All hope he will soon be his old self again. The sub-branch hopes to have a lecture by Mr. Glauert, of the Museum, on August 28. In that case the meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m. Another coming event is the game night between the auxiliary and the A.R.M.S. team of the sub-branch. August 21 is the date suggested. There was a great innovation at the last meeting, when a hot-dog supper was celebrated. George Black and Bill Andrews were kept busy dish ing them out to the hungry dart players. A bumping board has been set up with the darts outfit, and plenty of challenges have been issued. A start has been made with the darts trophy contests, which are open to every member. "Whale" Sinclair is directing the games. Herb Stanton is leading at present for the greatest number of balls in succession. His record is 14. It was pleasing to see Ritchie playing great games of table tennis. His game with Stan Watt was one of the best seen for a long time. Members are sorry to learn that Bill Skates, Tom May and Bill Bell are still on the sick list. The auxiliary dances on Monday nights are held for amelioration purposes, and full attendances will help in the good cause.

ARMADALE.

The monthly meeting was held in the club-rooms on July 9. It was decided to hold a gymnkhana on November 22—last year's event, held at Byford, proving highly successful in the raising of charitable funds. Owing to petrol rationing, the venue this year may be changed. It was decided, and this was left in the hands of the sports committee. A letter was adopted, asking a cordial invitation to all members of the new A.I.P., who had previously resided in the district, to join the sub-branch—or the nearest sub-branch to their place of abode—when they return from active service. It was indicated in the letter that they would be assured of a warm welcome from their older comrades. On July 20, Colonel Dunkley inspected the Armadale Home Guard and expressed his appreciation of the manner in which the unit (which has now a membership of about 60 men) is carrying out its training. The unit is incorporated with "D" Company and Mr. Spencer Gwynne, the president of the sub-branch, has been appointed officer commanding.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE.

The meeting on July 28 was presided over by the newly-elected president, Mr. E. J. Tomlin. The resignation of Mr. George Thompson, as secretary, was received with regret. Mr. A. E. Doust was appointed to

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fill the position. Several applications for assistance were brought before the meeting and dealt with in the true R.S.L. way. The sick visitor, Mr. Fredericks, reported on visiting members in hospital. The local unit of The Home Guard is still doing very good work under their leader (Mr. J. B. Herlihy), ably assisted by Mr. Charlton. New members will be welcomed any Sunday morning or Tuesday evening at the East Fremantle bowling rooms and was a great success. The committee's thanks are due to Mrs. Lane and her band of lady assistants, who worked very hard in preparing supper, card tables, etc., and making the evening a very enjoyable one. The committee's thanks are also extended to the bowling club, who so kindly lent their premises free of charge. It is hoped to run many more of those very enjoyable evenings.

Pemberton.

At the monthly meeting the minor ailments of men enlisting in the fighting forces again came up for discussion. It was decided to ask the State Executive to push the matter now, instead of waiting for Congress to discuss it. A motion passed by the sub-branch suggested that men with minor defects which stopped them from going into camp immediately should be treated by Army doctors free of charge in a hospital. The Honour Board in the Mill Hall is to be renovated by a member. It was decided to despatch a further lot of canteen orders to local lads overseas, and to prisoners of war, if possible.

Bunbury.

Mr. H. E. Gibson presided over a fair attendance at the annual general meeting on July 19. The following office bearers were elected—President, Mr. H. E. Gibson; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Davies-Moore and E. Piggott; Secretary, W. Freeman; treasurer, R. H. Morris; auditor, M. H. M. Anderson; general committee, R. Salter, L. Freeman, H. T. Shaw, F. Merrifield, J. Gibson, J. Welsh, H. L. Battams and W. Benson; amelioration committee, Messrs. B. Prederick, J. Welsh, H. L. Battams, E. Moyle and W. Benson.

Victoria Park.

The monthly meeting was well attended. The Home Guard unit is going strong. Aspirant N.C.O.'s are being tried out with great success. The sub-branch have made up a local picture show for the screening of "We of the A.I.F." at an early date. All local Diggers are reminded that the proceeds of this picture are in aid of sub-branch funds.

West Leederville-Wembley.

The local unit of The Home Guard meets each Sunday morning at the Town Hall, Cambridge-street, at 9.45 a.m., when drill and tactical exercises are carried out in different parts of the district. New members are always welcome. The present strength is 116. Satisfaction was expressed at the last monthly meeting on August 11, that the sub-branch was certain to be in the semi-finals for the A.R.M.S. competition. Gloucester Park recently beat us 8 to 4, but we were not disgraced. We then exacted our friendly revenge on Mt. Hawthorn, 8 to 4. Incidentally, we are rather proud of our table tennis team, which has never lost as a team since 1935. We are very proud of our members, Stan Watt, Bill Kirton, Harold Ingle, and Ernest Tonkinson. Stan Watt, by the way, has only been beaten in two sets in seven years. The President, Harry Holland, was unable to attend when the August meeting owing to "V" company duties, but Bill (Bridge) McCullough, the senior vice-president, ably filled the breach. Members are reminded of a special invitation to pay a visit to the Manchester Unity (East Perth) Lodge on September 4. All who have not yet notified the secretary of their intention of making the visit, please hand in names. The sub-branch is giving its support to a Red Cross fete which is being held in the local town hall on September 6. Congratulations were extended to Mr. H. E. Smith on his recent appointment as Director of the F.D.A.A. and a Trustee of the Rural Relief Fund. It is felt that the appointment is particularly well merited. On this occasion we had the pleasure of a visit from Lieut.-Colonel H. D. Moseley, who gave a lecture on the war effort. This was most interesting and instructive, and we are looking forward to his next visit from this good friend at a later date.

West Perth.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, July 29, at Anzac House. The President (Mr. N. Beckley) occupied the chair. The President's report for the year embraced all sections of activities and he thanked the committee for their co-operation during his term of office. Approximately half the plaques and decorations have been recently repainted and the remainder will be repainted after the replacement of trees, which is now proceeding. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows—President, Mr. N. B. Brice; vice-presidents, Messrs. L. W. A. Carter and H. E. Pearson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. L. Boyd; minute secretary, Mr. N. Beckley; auditors, Messrs. W. Greenwood and G. H. Cooper; committee, Messrs. R. E. Tyler, M. J. Offer, B. McGeer, T. J. Nichols and L. S. Robinson (Federal Dept.), Messrs. H. B. Harkness, T. Falch, A. V. R. Barrington, J. J. Walton, and A. C. Stephens (State Dept.). Monthly meetings will be held at Anzac House on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.45 p.m., commencing from August 19. All members are asked to attend when possible. The membership of the sub-branch is 127.

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MOSMAN PARK.
The monthly meeting was poorly attended with the result that very little alteration was made to the office bearing. The only change of any importance was that of merging the various committees into one. The policy of having several committees was found to result in a lot of overlapping as well as contributing to the unwieldiness of the administration. The secretary's report indicated that the finances were in a healthy condition, and that the membership now stood at over 120. In the A.R.M.S. competition, Nedlands pushed us back a further four points and with Gloucester Park and Mt. Hawthorn as our next and final opponents for the series, the outlook is not too promising. Nevertheless, we shall give of our best, and no matter how things end we are all satisfied that the effort had been worth while. During September the proposed game between teams selected from members of the Home Guard and members of the sub-branch will take place. In order to make meetings more attractive it is proposed to attempt to arrange a series of lectures to take place after the closure of business. This should fill a much needed want, and will, we hope, be the means of bringing more members along to meetings.

CANNING DISTRICTS
The annual smoke social was held in the Agricultural Hall on Saturday, July 19—a soaking wet night, so that some visitors whom we had hoped to see could not make it. The evening was a very successful one, and our thanks are due to the State Executive representatives, Col. Dunkley and others, who were listened to very attentively in their respective speeches. Mr. Benson briefly outlined the aims of the League as regards re-patriation of the second A.I.F., and gave a few hints as to our part in it. In this connection we want to contact as soon as possible every returned man of this district, so it behoves all our members to do their part to this end. Col. Dunkley, as O.C. of the Home Guard Battalion, which includes Canning, gave us a few well chosen remarks on the activities and future of the corps. The annual meeting and election of officers, with the president, Mr. Day, in the chair, did not bring any changes, which is not surprising, as those with the reins are doing a good job and have the confidence of members. A very good day was spent on the range recently. There were three types of rifles and ammunition, but all had a shoe on the three ranges. Young members showing up very well. There is also an ambulance section, which has its own stretcher and an instructor. There are still many returned men in the district outside the ranks. There is a very definite place for them all, also for any non-retumed men of the category eligible for the Home Guard.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

KONDRININ.
The auxiliary has fourteen members. Three members (Mesdames Bond, Knox and McDonald) have left the district, but they are replaced by three new members (Mesdames Aldridge, Hogben and Young). Throughout the year, various functions have been successfully organised to raise funds for patriotic and other causes. These have enabled the auxiliary to make periodical donations to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund and to various welfare organisations. In addition to these cash donations, donations of eggs, apples, books and clothing have been made. On June 20, the auxiliary co-operated with the Country Women's Association and the Red Cross in an effort for the Navy. A sum of £9 4/- was raised. Members are doing much knitting for the men of the services, and canteen orders have been sent overseas to soldiers from the district.

BOULDER

The election of officers took place at the general meeting on July 23, when the following were returned—President, Mrs. Bosworth; vice-presidents, Mesdames Milton and O'Grady; secretary, Mrs. Fisher; treasurer, Mrs. Boyes; trustees, Mesdames Truman, Caine and Leeder; auditors, Mesdames Shute and Davies. Most of the amounts raised by the auxiliary during the past year has been expended on parcels and canteen orders for the men overseas. A further sixty-one parcels were packed at the end of last month. The total is now 465. The weekly dances are well patronised. Mrs. Crompton and her orchestra, and Mrs. Boyes supply the music. The "Night in Honolulu," held in the Town Hall on July 4, was an outstanding success.

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COLLIE.

At the recent annual meeting, the following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mrs. H. Rundle; vice-presidents, Mesdames Painaby and Gillies; secretary, Mrs. T. Sarre; treasurer, Mrs. J. Crocker. The Empire Ball was a outstanding success, both financially and socially. Thirteen debutantes were presented to Colonel Olden, who made the trip from Perth for the occasion. Another successful function was the "Belle of the Ball Dance," last month. The Belle was Miss Eileen Wright. The balance sheet showed that finances are in a healthy condition. Many new members have been enrolled.

WAGIN.

The 12th annual meeting of the auxiliary was attended by the president of the sub-branch (Mr. J. A. Brown), who congratulated the auxiliary on a year of splendid progress and cooperation. The year closed with 17 financial members. The year's activities have included several farewell functions of men leaving the district for active service, and donations have been made to the buffets in the city. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. Wallard; vice-presidents, Mesdames Dunstan and Thompson; secretary, Mrs. R. Holland; treasurer, Mrs. Anderson; trustees, Mesdames Oliver, Godfrey and C. Holland; publicity officer, Mrs. Wellard. A committee was also formed to visit soldiers' relatives and to render assistance where necessary. It was decided to invest in the War Loan the nine pounds which is being held in trust by the auxiliary for the local R.S.L. building fund.

MT. HAWTHORN.

At the annual meeting a very interesting financial report was read by the treasurer, Mrs. Fields. Mrs. Bevan's annual report was very well received. When the report of the year's work was read by the secretary, Mrs. Richardson, it made one realise the good work done by the ladies. Beside hospital visiting, entertaining Diggers at high teas, and raising money in different ways. 62 caps, 128 pairs of socks, 66 scarves, 23 pairs of mittens and numerous other articles have been knitted and given to soldiers through the auxiliary. Mrs. James gave a welcome to all members. About 23 ladies went along and spent a very happy and profitable evening at her home. Mrs. Harry Richardson has raised the money and donated 30 skeins of wool to be knitted. At every meeting appreciative letters are received from soldiers who have received parcels. A tournament of darts and bowls between members has been very interesting and has succeeded in raising money for the sports fund. At the conclusion of the meeting, officers of the previous year were presented with tokens of appreciation and congratulated on their good work.

SUBIACO.

Sports practice is held each Monday night and with games played Subiaco have gained by one win and one forfeit from North Perth. Lemnos was visited as usual on the second Wednesday. The patients there would like to see some fresh faces and have some new dancing partners. They are good dancers and enjoy dancing much. Camp comforts bridge and knitting afternoons are well patronised each Tuesday afternoon. The monthly social was well attended, the auxiliary entertaining a number of the fighting forces. The concert party entertained at St. Patrick's Hall, Inglewood, to aid the Red Cross funds. "Readers residing in North Fremantle are invited to attend the concert in the town hall in aid of pensioners' funds on August 21. A concert will also be given in the Scouts' Hall, Sutherland-street, West Perth, for patriotic funds on August 23. Another concert will be given at Progress Hall, Jolimont, on August 30. At Jolimont an entirely new programme will be submitted.

VICTORIA PARK.

At the July meeting, Mesdames Palmer and McCarthy reported 34 patients in Edward Millen, and Mrs. Prue reported two bereavements. Mesdames Barnett and Matthews were elected delegates to this year's conference, with Mrs. Tolmie proxy. Members assisted in the street appeal for the Free Kindergarten on August 1, and in the evening they were at Anzac House helping to entertain troops. A Back to Childhood Social was held on August 7 in aid of patriotic funds. Two members from Maylands won the prizes for the best efforts as "The Terrible Kids," Victoria Park gaining third place with "The Pixie Baby." Members are reminded that the auxiliary will have a stall at the Anzac House Fair on September 12.

F.U.S.W.

The monthly meeting was held in Anzac House on August 7. The speaker for the afternoon was Mr. Crofts, whose subject was A.R.P. The president (Mrs. Dean) made an appeal for old felt hats to be made into slippers for children in the bombed areas of Britain. A musical programme was arranged by Mrs. E. Lynch. Songs were rendered by Mesdames Doris Nursey, McCrosden and Miss Ida Yates; while Miss May Hart, who is a great favourite with members, obiled with recitations.

MCKINLAY SHIELD GAMES

The semi-finals and finals of the games will be held at Anzac House on August 27, when Nedlands meets Subiaco, the second semi-final on Wednesday, September 3, when Victoria Park will meet Mt. Hawthorn. The final will be played on Wednesday, September 17.

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<td>DONNYBROOK</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>Last Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>M. G. Boker, Donnybrook</td>
<td>Rev. J. C. Land, Donnybrook</td>
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<td>DUMBLEYUNG</td>
<td>Dumbleyung Hall</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>C. M. Morgan, P.O. Box 29, Dumbleyung</td>
<td>C. W. Mather, Dumbleyung</td>
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<td>DWELLINGUP &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Dumbleyung Hotel, South Terrace</td>
<td>3rd Saturday in month</td>
<td>F. H. Hills, Holyoke</td>
<td>C. H. I. Whyte, Holyoke</td>
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<td>PREMANTLE &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, South Terrace</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. O'Bins, 57 Oakover Street, East Fremantle</td>
<td>A. G. Kirby, Soldiers' Institute, South Tce, Fremantle</td>
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<td>GASTEAD</td>
<td>Gosnayne Hotel</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Mondays</td>
<td>Dr. J. W. Pitcher, Carnarvon</td>
<td>C. R. Stevens, Carlingford</td>
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<td>GERALDON</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>W. C. Freedman</td>
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<td>GLOUCESTER PARK</td>
<td>Soldiers' Room</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. V. White, 1st Penman St., North Perth</td>
<td>W. J. Fehr, 678 Wellington Street, North Perth</td>
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<td>GNOWANGARUP</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>S. H. G. Dally, Gnowangarup</td>
<td>S. W. Stewart, Gnowangarup</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Rev. J. C. Lund, Uduc Road, Harvey</td>
<td>J. R. V. Irvine, c/o Uduc Road, Harvey</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. R. Hamilton, Great Boulder, Pineton</td>
<td>D. F. Edwards, Kalgoorlie</td>
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<td>Derby</td>
<td>2nd Sunday, at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. D. L. Swan, Kalgoorlie</td>
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<td>KATANNING</td>
<td>Clubrooms, Carow Street</td>
<td>1st Sunday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. Sherriff, J. Old, Katanning</td>
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<td>2nd Sunday, every month</td>
<td>N. R. D. Allen, Koorda</td>
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<td>B. C. Davidson, Kulin</td>
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