The League Looks Ahead

As might have been expected, the commencement of the third year of the war was made the occasion of a survey of the general position. In the surveys made by political leaders in Britain, Australia and the United States, there is a common confidence that Hitlerism will eventually be destroyed, a refusal to countenance any suggestion of a compromise peace, a recognition that the tempo of the national war effort must be greatly accelerated if the war is not to be unduly prolonged, and an agreement that plans for post-war reconstruction should be outlined now.

of the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps into the Home Guard. The story of the formation and growth of the Home Guard has been the tale of unremitting effort and perseverance in the face of official lukewarmness, and other disappointing circumstances. The Home Guard has won recognition as an integral part of the Army. It has a definite status, and its members are asked to be patient just a little while longer for their wishes to be fulfilled. After all, it is for Australia that men have joined the Home Guard. The League has been its sponsor, and it is recognised by the authorities as a League activity. For these two reasons we must make sure of its success.

In the second place, the League's activities have been concerned with the welfare of men of the services, both at home and abroad. Almost a year before the war started, the League was instrumental in assisting the Y.M.C.A. to appoint a military committee to control not only welfare work in camps and so on in Australia, but to do similar work for the forces overseas. The committee, as originally constituted, comprised prominent members of the League, including some past and present members of the State Executive. The League has also been four-square behind kindred activities like the Australian Comforts Fund, the Red Cross, the Soldiers' Dependents' Appeal and the Welcome Committees. Most of these activities have been organised on behalf of the men serving in the present war, but the interests of the original Diggers have not been overlooked. Among other things, the League has fought hard, and is still fighting hard, to secure preference in employment with the fighting services for ex-service men. Despite several glaring disappointments, our organisation can congratulate itself on having achieved a large measure of success in securing the observance of the preference principle. In the glaring instances in which the League has not succeeded, that has not been for any want of trying, and the fault must be laid at the door of others. The position regarding preference to ex-service men is being carefully watched, and no instance of its violation will be allowed to pass unchallenged or without vigorous protest.

The third sphere of the League's activities concerns the future. In these days, many estimable people are taking counsel for the future by trying to devise what is loosely called a new world order. It is gratifying to see so many groups in the community, political and non-political, giving thought to the future in such trying times as the present, and the League's activities imply agreement with the view that the time to plan for the future is the present. The League in this State has formed a committee to study the problems of the future, and the various proposals that have been advanced for their solution. However, since our activities are concerned mainly with the future of the men of the fighting forces, the League's planning has been more practical, or perhaps one should say, more concrete. The main problem that confronts both the League and the nation as a whole is that of re-
PREFERENCE FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS
Mr. Thorn Hits Out

Objections to the extraordinary step taken by the Army authorities in appointing Professor Alexander to the position of Educational Officer to the Forces in Western Australia, when so many ex-service men more fitted for this appointment were available, were made during the Debate on the Address in Reply to the Governor General by the member for Toodyay, Mr. L. Thorn. Mr. Thorn said: "Before leaving the question of the treatment of soldiers, I wish to refer to a broadcast made by our Prime Minister recently, in which he told the whole of Australia that the policy of the Federal Government was still that of preference to returned soldiers. I am very much afraid that he is not fully aware of the activities of some of his departments. One member of ex-service men of all wars; and its services and facilities are at the disposal of the young men returning from the present war. In that respect, they are more fortunate than we were.

Between the wars, the ex-service men of Australia have carried into civil life the ideals of service and sacrifice which imbued the A.I.F. in action. They have supplied leaders in the political, social and industrial life of Australia. After the present war, the League should be able to wield an even greater influence for the better of the public and private life of the nation. And the stronger we make our organisation, the greater will be the measure of success we achieve. It is not a case of "The more we are together," but "The more we pull together."

the Federal House informed me that there are jobs for returned soldiers, but the jobs for which they get preference are mostly of the pick-and-shovel variety. I propose to refer to an appointment made recently in this State, namely, that of Professor Alexander to the position of Educational Officer to the Forces in Western Australia. Most of us know Professor Alexander and are aware that his views are really those of a pacifist, but now he enjoys the rank of major as an educational officer in this State. He is also carrying on his work at the University. He has been given permission by the board to continue his job there, and is being paid for that, too. We are acquainted with some of the returned soldiers who are exceedingly eligible for that position, and their names were submitted to the Defence Department. The men to whom I refer are men of broad vision and wide experience. They were State school boys and subsequently joined the teaching staff of the Education Department, eventually rising from the bottom of the ladder to the top. They now rank among our inspectors of schools. They have travelled the State and know their fellow men. Their names were submitted to the Defence Department, but were absolutely ignored. Strings were pulled in Melbourne to enable Professor Alexander to be appointed to the position. That was most unfair, and was certainly not giving effect to the policy broadcast by the Prime Minister a few weeks ago. Men like those to whom I have referred are the type we want as educational officers, men with broad vision and plenty of experience. Professor Alexander is probably a professor in words only, but our State school inspectors are educationalists from every point of view. If all had been fair, one of those men would have received the appointment.

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THE LEAGUE YEAR BOOK

Volume VIII of the Official Year Book, 1941, has just been issued by the Returned Sailors, Soldiers' and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia. The book, which is a very comprehensive and informative volume, has been published by the New South Wales Branch and may be obtained for the modest expenditure of eighteen pence. It is essentially a war issue, containing much of what most of us knew already about the first A.I.F., and much more that we had not known before, or had perhaps forgotten. There is also much detailed information about present-day conditions and what is being done in Australia for the lads who are serving her so well in the present war.

As an instance of the way the old is linked with the new, the Foreword is written by Harry L. Watts, D.C.M., a Warrant-Officer of the 2/4th Battalion, A.I.F., and it was written in hospital in Egypt. The writer was a schoolboy on Salisbury Plains during the last war. He was so impressed by the Australian troops and their deeds that he came to Australia at the first opportunity. He has been very active in the interests of ex-service men and is already an honorary member of many sub-branches in New South Wales. His father and all his brothers have had service in this war or the last, and his sister is a war nurse. Warrant-Officer Watts was the first to enlist in the second A.I.F. He left Australia as a sergeant with the 2/4th Battalion and won the D.C.M. for gallantry in action. He fought in Libya, Greece and Crete. In Crete he was severely wounded and burned by an incendiary bomb. This is what he writes in his Foreword: "As one of the new generation of Diggers, it is a great honour to be asked to write the foreword of the Year Book. . . . The deeds and achievements of the old A.I.F. inspired me, as they have inspired and enthused, one might say, all those gallant chaps who comprise the second A.I.F. . . . The League Year Book has epitomised the story of those epochal years 1914-1918, and has been its bell-ringer throughout, which followed. It has served a great purpose in the past and will continue to do so in the future. It has kept alive—will keep alive—all worthwhile memories. It pointed the way to us who have not yet joined the army and others, to those who are there, and to those who are the sons of the old Flanders flags.

The wish expressed by the writer is one that is shared by every old Digger. Most of us, even now in this time of trial and tribulation, are looking forward to the day when we can introduce a son, a younger brother, or perhaps a nephew, as a new member to our own sub-branch, to become part of this great organisation of ours, and to carry on its work and traditions after we older ones have been detailed for higher service.

The latter part of this young Digger's foreword expresses a something with which we older ones will also heartily agree. "Gradually," he says, "the Old and the New will be welded into one great whole, and the Year Book, in the future, will be bigger and even richer in information. It will put on record what we chaps shall have accomplished in this war, and what we shall, shoulder to shoulder with those who put the first battle honours on the unit flags now in our proud charge, accomplish in the new, and we hope, everlasting peace."

The brief Editorial is also worth quoting from at length. Not only does it give a concise definition of the purpose of the League, but it states how that purpose is served by the annual publication of the Year Book. "Australian ex-service men of today," the editor writes, "are in every way the counterparts of Australian ex-service men of 1914-1918. They are true sons of Australia, and the fair name of their country, so gloriously emblazoned from horizon to horizon in World War No. 1, is still being upheld and fresh laurels added to it. Like all wars, the present great struggle will come to an end, but not before the Democracies have their say as to how it will end—in their favour. Towards that final say the man of the fighting services of Australia are playing leading roles. The Royal Australian Navy has shown the world might and right. The Royal Australian Army has demonstrated what we can do. The Australian Imperial Force No. 2 is living up to its parent arm. The Royal Air Force, while the Australian Army (Nurses are a faithful reflex of the Australian 'Florence Nightingales' of 1914-1918. When this War is over, those who served in it and who were united in the common aim will be united in all post-war matters as they affect them in regard to what they did on sea, on land, in the air, and the field and base hospitals. The ex-service men and women of World War No. 1 have remained united throughout Australia by medium of the Returned Sailors, Soldiers' and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia, which, despite the efforts of a disgruntled few whose attempts to sow discord proved futile, has been a useful asset to all who served. It has kept afloat the tradition of 1914-1918, and it will keep afloat the deeds of 1939 and the succeeding war years until what is inevitable occurs. Like a true ex-service man or ex-service woman has answered the 'Last Post.' This must be done. It will be done. The value of propaganda has been magnified many times since 1939, and these Year Books are published for the purpose of keeping evergreen the records of the fighting men of Australia for all time."

The 1941 Year Book should be the bible of every sub-branch secretary and publicity officer. It contains everything one wants to know about the League, and much that should be known about the fighting services as well. The book is clearly printed on good paper and well illustrated.
The Vicious Circle at Vichy

By C. R. Collins

Could anything be more abject than Marshall Petain’s recent appeal to his countrymen to follow him without reservation in crawling for the crumbs from Hitler’s table? Could anything be more pathetic than the attempts of the Vichy Government to shelter from the rising tide of French indignation under the taboos of their conquerors? Could anything be viler than the threat to try, and presumably to punish, men like Gamelin and Daladier, who did their best to stem the Nazi invasion? Could anything be more significant than the shelving of General Huntziger, the one clear-eyed patriot at Vichy, and the substitution of Darlan as Petain’s right-hand man? Vichy’s passionate loyalty to the whip-hand of Hitler and, conversely, the growth of a sensile rage against the ally who alone can lift the Nazi yoke from French necks, might be amusing if they were not so amazing. But the abject attitude of Vichy is understandable if not excusable. It was not unnatural that France, white-anted by treachery from within, and stricken from without, should have yielded to superior force; but the French people will never forgive Petain and Company. When Hitler is overthrown, the Old Men of Vichy will be given a dose of their own medicine. They will be tried for their share in the surrender to Germany, and for their subsequent collaboration with the forces of evil. Their fortunes, and probably their lives, will be the forfeits demanded by an outraged and persecuted people. To put it bluntly, the Vichy circle backed the wrong horse. They thought Britain could not possibly carry on the war after the collapse of France. The manner in which Britain upset their calculations was a blow to their vanity, and the fury of a woman scorned is mild amiability compared with the rage engendered by a blow to an old man’s vanity; and this rage is allied with the fear bred of the knowledge that only a Nazi victory can save the men of Vichy from the vengeance of their countrymen.

Much has been written of the aged Marshall who drools about the honour of the Army while dragging the honour of the nation in the mire. France still honours Petain for his services in the last war and credits him with being a sincere, misguided, patriot. Much has also been written about the uncouth traitor Laval. Most Frenchmen heaved a sigh of relief when Laval survived the attempt to kill him a few weeks ago. They hoped he would be spared from the bullet to face the guillotine. But little has been written about the triumvirate who have been the real rulers of unoccupied France, under the pennant of Petain and under the thumb of Hitler. They are, or perhaps it would be more correct now to say that they were, the soldier, General Charles Huntziger; the sailor, Admiral Jean Darlan; and the politician, Pierre-Etienne Plandin.

Until his eclipse by Darlan, Huntziger was the closest of the three to Petain. He is the son of an Alsatian, who preferred to remain a French citizen when Alsace and Lorraine were ceded to Germany in 1871. He is generally believed to be patriotic and anti-German, in person, he is in his 62nd year, with wispis fair hair, a blonde moustache, clear blue eyes, and a thin ascetic type of face. He has had a distinguished career in the Army, in peace and war, and it is only the misfortunes of war which have forced him into the mould of the politician. Huntziger graduated from St. Cyr, the Sandhurst or Dunroon of France. Later he passed out of L’Ecole Superieure de Guerre, the French equivalent of the Staff College. He saw much service in various parts of the French Empire and won the Croix de Guerre for gallantry on the Western Front in the last war. Towards the end of the war he helped to plan the campaign on the Salonika Front which eliminated Bulgaria from the war. After the Treaty of Versailles, Huntziger went back to colonial service, and he commanded the Second French Army during the Battle of France. When Petain decided to seek an armistice, he chose Huntziger to lead the French delegation that negotiated with the enemy at Compiègne. Then followed service with the Armistice Commission at Wiesbaden, after which Huntziger succeeded Weygand as Minister for War in the Vichy Cabinet. Now, he has been side-tracked to service in Africa, and foreign commentators say that Darlan has replaced him because Huntziger was the one man at Vichy who was opposed to turning French subjection into an alliance with Germany.

His successful rival, Admiral Jean Darlan, is one of that section of the French Navy who have never forgotten Britain for the Battle of Trafalgar. For generations one school of French naval thought has always resented the superiority of British sea power. It is said that, in Darlan’s case, the unfortunate affair at Oran last year has fired this smouldering resentment into an incandescent hate. Personally, he is extremely ambitious, and this provides yet another reason why he is more likely to approve of a straightforward alliance with Germany than either of his colleagues. Darlan was born in 1891 at Nercat in the Department of Lot-et-Garonne in Gascony. His family has a distinguished naval tradition, and his great-grandfather fought against Nelson at Trafalgar. This ancestry suggests that Darlan’s hostility to Britain is as much a matter of heredity as of any
thing else. Physically, he is a typical sailor, of medium height, tanned and hawk-eyed. His was the normal career of every senior officer of the French Navy. He is considered an able commander, and is well liked by his men. When an ordinary seaman was seriously injured during summer manoeuvres in the Atlantic, Darlan had him rushed back to Brest in the fastest destroyer of the squadron. When a young officer, his superiors consistently reported on his energy, sound judgment and aptitude for command. The tireless energy and the aptitude for command are still in evidence, but the soundness of judgment has been clouded by personal ambition and purblind anti-British prejudice.

A few years ago, Pierre-Etienne Flandin played a far more important role in French politics. He has been summed up as a typical bourgeois politician with strong Fascist leanings. A few years before the war Flandin was reported to have said that he would sooner see the Germans in Paris than a France ruled by the Popular Front. However, Flandin was regarded as pro-British. This was mainly because of his fondness for hunting, and for wearing tweeds, to say nothing of his excellent relations with bankers, industrialists and newspaper owners in Britain. In 1935, however, he opposed mobilisation to prevent Hitler from marching into the Rhineland, and ever since then he was a leading advocate of appeasement. Flandin is six feet seven inches tall. His great height has earned him a variety of nicknames, of which “The Giant of Avalon” and “The Sky-Scraper of the French Parliament” were the ones most frequently used. He carries himself well and has an athletic bearing. With his grey-blue eyes and long head towering over extremely broad shoulders, Flandin is an impressive figure. His clothes are made by English tailors, and he is said to be one of the few people who prefer English cooking to French. Flandin’s father was Resident-General of Tunisia. There must have been good pickings in that office, because he was able to leave a large fortune to his family. Pierre-Etienne was educated first in England then at the University of Paris. He entered the Chamber of Deputies at the early age of 25. Between the wars he held a variety of Cabinet positions. Then, in 1934, at the age of 45, Flandin became France’s youngest Prime Minister. The following five or six years were a period of dangerous political instability in France. Governments came and Governments went, and it was always France’s misfortune that every European crisis provoked by one or other of the dictators occurred at a time when France was without a Cabinet. It will be for the historian of the future to decide whether this was merely a series of regrettable coincidences or the result of some deep and insidious design. If I were a betting man, I would put the whole shirt factory on the latter. When Flandin’s Government collapsed, he obtained and held Cabinet offices under Laval and Sarrut.

Flandin visited Germany in 1937. That visit was one fraught with strange consequences. The Frenchman made friends with Goering and Ribbentrop. Between them, they convinced him that France’s correct policy should be an alliance with Germany. To give Flandin his due, there were many others, both in England and in France, who saw in a rapprochement between France and Germany the brightest hope for an enduring peace in Europe. When Flandin was deceived, or induced to deceive himself, he erred in very good company, but, like most proleslites he went to the other extreme. For him a rapprochement was not enough. He saw, or confessed to see, the necessity for a Franco-German alliance. Flandin was the man who, in May, 1940, just before the German offensive that struck France to the ground, declared that France should acknowledge Germany’s military and political domination and content herself with “an independent spiritual, cultural and racial existence.” And this was the man who became Foreign Secretary in the Vichy Government in December last, after the arch-traitor Pierre Laval had proved too nauseating a draught for even Petain to swallow.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

“Simplex,” Wyalketchen.—We do not think any useful purpose would be served by complying with your request, nor can we see much point in it, unless you wish us to infer that because we and Russia are fighting a common foe we should also embrace the Communist Party of Australia, which the Federal Government has rightly banned as an illegal organisation. The ban, by the way, was not on account of the party’s political views, but because of its traitorous efforts to sabotage the national war effort. Incidentally, we see nothing in recent international events to alter our opinions in regard to Communism. If we have not referred to the matter lately it is because we have had far more important things to think of.

“Blueday.” Borodeena.—This paper has no association with the regular news feature of similar name run by the B.B.C., but thanks for the compliment just the same. We used the name for this paper before there was a B.B.C. By the way, “Blue,” have you given an exact address? Is “Borodeena” a place or a habit?

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5 Garrison Battalion

"A" Coy. relieved an equal number of "Y" Coy. for a well-earned rest from V.P. guards. During their stay in Swanbourne effort is being made by the "Q" Branch to fit "Y" Coy. out with clothing and attend to their wants generally.

Little did we think when W.O. II Harrison was appointed to Lieut. that he would become a "Marshall" in the Japanese Army, at least that was the impression after the lecture he gave.

The present welfare officer is a real live wire, and leaves no stone unturned to obtain his objective.

When the company marches through Swanbourne it is surprising to see the number of people who line the streets, drawn by the strains of sweet music. It has been suggested that the officer with the "bones" would be a wonderful asset to the said band and would relieve the strain on "Piccolo Pete" while on the march.

We heard that a certain corporal of the 19th is having a notice painted "I buy, sell or exchange everything." He intends placing over his door.

Service has its reward, and we congratulating Sgt. McLean on his appointment to W.O. II also L/Cpl. Alf Savage to Sgt., Cpl. Bill Rowe to L/Sgt., Bob Winfield and Pte. Jack Markham to Cpl.; also Ptes. McLachlan, Cullum and Chifings on their appointments to L/Cpl.

Buck up, "A" Coy. Where are all the songsters and instrumentalists? Your acting company commander gave you the lead in a recent amateur trials by just shaking his "bones" (probably stage fright). Even if he did run fourth, was there any leave stopped because he didn't win as was suggested by the large crowd?

Welcome to Lieuts. Bickford and Harris, who have now joined us for a brief period. Let us hope they will benefit by the change.

Now that the bayonet course is finished, you may see "A" Coy. sharpening up their bayonets to "go over the top."

We were sorry to lose Paddy Day, but he could not bear the thought of sticking harmless dummies, so he transferred to more peaceful climate.

"Support" Coy.'s C.S.M. Streeter is again carrying out the duties of R.S.M., that worthy being on A.R.L., whilst Sgt. Maybourne is making the parade states balance and generally acting C.S.M.

The company welcomed the addition of some younger men who were not quite A.I.F. standard, and they were soon amalgamated with the "Evergreens."

Lieut. McCracken's "motor" men have gone all musical and supplied themselves with harmonicas and with the Scottish corporal and the pipes in the lead make the route marches much brighter and give the onlookers something to talk about. The company is well pleased with the Comfort's Fund buying and is well dug-in in the new messroom with its shining glassware and blue kitchen, if the S.M. would only bring that certain cup of tea to their nice new beds the cup would indeed be full.

Congratulations to Lieut. J. A. Robotham on his appointment. He is a welcome addition to our officers' strength. Welcome is also extended to Lieut. R. H. Harrison, on his posting to "Support," and congratulations on his appointment as Lieut.

10 Garrison Battalion

The month of August has been filled with intensive training, both in the field and in the lecture room.

The boys of the unit feel it incumbent upon them to fit themselves for every eventuality and every minute is occupied either in getting the body fit or in gaining knowledge which may one day be invaluable.

The biggest part of our time is taken up with building defences and learning how to use them.

The garrison is feeling the strain of endeavouring to keep up to full strength, our wastage in the way of discharges and transfers being very high. Now then, you returned boys, none of you are too old to fill a gap, and the boys of the "Evergreen" battalion will be only too pleased to welcome you into the fold.

Of course, as you know, there is a lighter side to the picture. The other day we held a full day's sports fixture, run under the teams' system. Every unit in the island participated and six teams lined up at the barrier.

For a change, Father Neptune was kind and smiled upon all the budding champions, and some that were well passed the full-bloom stage. A beautiful day for the boys to show their speed and skill, and the good times registered in most of the events showed the wholehearted manner that the boys put into their work.

Naturally our keenest interest was centred in our own team, which drew No. 1 position at the barrier, but were unable to keep up the pace. The "Evergreens" team, under the able captaincy of Lieut. F. G. Gibbs, put up a surprising good performance, especially in events which we anticipated defeat in. In the 75yd, sprint our team of eight all qualified, getting full points, and this against men many years our juniors.

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During the month we have had a party of officers and N.C.O.'s from the 19th (Reserve) Garrison over with our boys for a refresher. These men, drawn from Bunbury, Busselton, Geraldton, etc., stayed two weeks and according to their own words, "would have preferred to stay two months."

19 (Reserve) Garrison Btn.

All ranks join in congratulating the Commanding Officer (Lieut.-Colonel A. L. B. Lefroy, M.C.) on his promotion, and wish him the very best of good things for the future.

"A" Coy. at Bunbury have had to part with one of their officers, Lieut. A. Q. Sinclair, of C.S.M.L. Picton, who has been called up to F.T.D. to take an appointment in the Ordnance. To him also we extend our best wishes, and hope everything may go well with him. He will leave a gap at Bunbury, and there will be many regrets that he is not still identified with the company he did so much for. I imagine that he also will feel regretful at times, but his wider sphere of usefulness will do much to reconcile him to the break and possibly leave little time for thinking backwards.

Rottnest has again been the scene of action for certain personnel of 19 (Reserve) Garrison Battalion. Lieut. Breeden and Jones, of "D" Coy., Busselton, Lieut. Townsend, of "C" Coy., Mt. Barker, and Lieut. Mountain, of "D" Coy., Geraldton, and four other ranks have been there for 14 days taking in instructions by every possible means, including breaching and through the pales, and are now back with their companies with renewed enthusiasm, or perhaps we should say sustained. Anyhow, they appeared to enjoy what was given them and to think the fare nourishing.

Lieut.-Colonel A. L. B. Lefroy, M.C., and Captain S. S. Davis spent four days during the month with the companies at Albany, Bunbury and Busselton. It was a packed full trip visiting, inspecting, attending to details of this and that, and seeing just how things were shaping, including recruiting, of course, N.C.O.'s.

There is activity in the country districts amongst Home Guard units, and N.C.O.'s of the 19 (Reserve) Garrison Battalion have been employed giving a hand in this direction. They have apparently been doing a fair job of work and meeting with an enthusiastic response from the Home Guard.

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Dr. H. L. Fowler, head of the Department of Psychology in the University of Western Australia, was notified during the month to report for duty in the R.A.D.F. for the duration of the war. Dr. Fowler served in the last war with the 44th Battalion. After the war he had a distinguished academic career and was eventually appointed head of the newly-formed Department of Psychology in the local University. Recently Dr. Fowler, like his colleague, Professor Beasley, resumed his connection with the forces as a militia officer.

Dr. A. G. S. Wallace, now M.O. of the Metropolitan Battalion of the Home Guard, has commenced a series of Wednesday evening lectures on Army medical work. The Doctor has a genial personality and is already very popular with the troops.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, the new United Minister to Australia, has two claims to distinction. He wears a “ten-gallon” stetson hat and he rides a bike. In the latter respect, he has an example to many of our city “patriots” who preserve the buff of “essential service” when wrangling extra ration tickets which might with greater advantage be given to farmers and prospectors. Mr. Johnson was hardly settled in Canberra when he astonished the natives by ordering a bike and riding it back to the Hotel Canberra, where he is living until the furnishing of his official residence is complete. It was his first bike ride in seven years, but now he has ordered bicycles for the wife and family. It is like old times to see eminent men on bicycles, but possibly the new Chinese Minister, Dr. Hsu Mo, will go one better, than his American colleagues by riding a horse—that is if there are any saddle horses to be obtained round Canberra way.

The late Mr. R. G. Tucker, who was officer in charge of pensions in the Repatriation Department in 1914, has died in Adelaide, Mr. B. J. Cooper, Mr. Costello has been in the Perth office of the department for many years. He is an extremely courteous and efficient officer. The State Executive recently congratulated Mr. Costello on his promotion. With his obliging disposition and willingness to help on all occasions, Mr. Costello has been of great assistance to League Headquarters.

Once in a hundred years or so, some fortunate man succeeds in writing a book that sets the whole world talking. Possibly the most discussed book in all English-speaking countries in the years before 1914 was Sir Norman Angell’s “The Great Illusion,” in which the author set out to prove that war, besides being a crime against humanity, is an economic blunder from which both victor and vanquished emerge financial losers. Time has proved the truth of this main contention, and a few years ago “The Great Illusion” was re-written in the light of later knowledge. Having made such a thorough study of the politico-economic aspects of war, it was indeed fitting that Sir Norman Angell should have been asked by the editor of Current History to review Mr. Churchill’s new book, “Blood, Sweat and Tears.” Angell is no dry-hush economist. He can sound a very human note in his writing. No one could be more unlike the British Prime Minister, both temperamentally and physically, than Sir Norman Angell; but this is the way he sums up his great contemporary: “When the Chamberlain Government fell,” Angell writes, “and the Churchill Government took its place, the defeated knew that they need no concentration camp, no firing squad. Churchill organised no secret police to get after them; no purges to bump off the men who had hated and opposed him. Some he quietly and kindly kicked upstairs into the House of Lords, where he could not do much harm. Some he took into his Government, where he could keep an eye on their activities and give them at the right moment his fatherly advice. Compare this with the processes of Government at times of crisis in Berlin, or, alas, in Paris and in Vichy.”

At we go to press, there is talk of Mr. Duff Cooper, who is now in Singapore, coming to Australia to give us the once-over, after he has finished telling Japan we have stood all the humbug we intend to stand. Alfred Duff Cooper is one of the few speakers in the House of Commons that Winston Churchill has bothered to listen to. The reason is twofold: he talks sense and he has style. Physically fearless as a young man, he has preserved his natural fearlessness. Those who have seen him recently say he is “filling out,” but he still has the look of the young Guards officer. He has sharp features, a ruddy complexion, steely grey eyes and straight sandy-coloured hair. British M.P. has described him as being “Liberal in the sense that all educated Englishmen are liberal; conservative in the sense that he worships the stately continuity of British life and the British Empire. His father was Sir Alfred Cooper, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. His mother, Lady Agnes Duff, is a sister of the Duke of Fife. After leaving Oxford, Duff Cooper entered the Foreign Office, but when war broke out in 1914 he gained a commission in the Grenadier Guards. His service in France won him the D.S.O., and shortly after the war he achieved another distinction, that of marrying the most beautiful woman in England, Lady Diana Manners. Duff Cooper’s social associations have rather blinded the public to the man’s natural ability. He owes little to the old school tie or his aristocratic connections. In his restricted leisure he has found time to write two notable biographies—one of that tortuous French statesman, Talleyrand, the other of Earl Haig. These books have well established his reputation as a man of letters.

Among the old Diggers returned recently from active service overseas is Stan Gordon, the workshop foreman of the Imperial Printing Company. Stan served in the last war with the 32nd Battalion. He tells us that the old Diggers are doing a wonderfully good job with the new A.I.F., especially in the sphere where previous experience and administrative ability is required.

We learn with satisfaction that Councillor Menkens, a member of the State Executive, who had been in the Repatriation Ward since collapsing after a City Council meeting in June, is now sufficiently well to return to his home at Redfern Street, North Perth. Unfortunately he will require medical attention for some time yet.
For the third time in less than a century, British troops have been on active service in Iran, the country which we used to call Persia. The first time was during the interval between the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny. Those were days, when Britain's policy in Asia was the maintenance of Afghanistan as a buffer State between growing Indian Empire and Russian expansion eastward. The Persians had occupied the Afghan city of Herat in contravention of an existing treaty and, when British remonstrations were evaded, war was declared on November 17, 1878, and the first British force under General Outram, who had been a schoolmate of Rudyard Kipling. The campaign was brief but brilliant, and during its course three Victoria Crosses were gained. The first was won by Captain John Augustus Wood, the officer commanding the Grenadier Guards at the Ooramah delay of the Native Infantry, which is now the 120th Rajput Infantry. On December 9, 1878, his company formed the spearhead of the assaulting column at Bushire. During the attack on the town on February 8, 1879, Victoria Crosses were won by Lieut. and Adjutant Arthur Thomas Moore and Lieut. John Grant Malcolmson, of the 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry, which is now known as the 3rd Queen Victoria's Own Light Cavalry.

The Dunsterforce.

It was indeed fitting that the film "We of the A.F." should have been shown in Perth such a short while before the recent operations in Iran, because part of it reminded many of that little known but extremely romantic episode of the last war, the campaign of the Dunsterforce. The situation after the collapse of the Russian progress in the Orient was the occupation of the Ukraine and Black Sea littoral by the Germans and Turks gave rise to a very dangerous situation, which had to be grappled with at once. As a result of the collapse of the Russian Caucasus Army, both sides of the Caspian Sea and the way across it—from Baku to Central Asia—were open to the enemy. While the British Government had not recognised the new Bolshevik Government in Russia, it was done so by the German and Turkish Governments, and the way open to them was a matter of grave concern. The result was that small force of British officers established among the poorer citizens a firm friendship for the British Empire. And this was done in spite of the German propaganda which went to the length of declaring that the wheat supplied by the British was poisoned. In supplying the starving population with food, Dunsterforce even used the methods of bluff. Among other things sent to Persia were thousands of Englishmen, concerning a supposed project of importing large stores of wheat from Mesopotamia. This caused the local wheat-bearers to unload their stores and so brought down their prices.

The Dunsterforce officer and N.C.O. on the scene of operations, even before the men of the force commenced to arrive at Bagdad. He found the Russian forces rapidly disintegrating, and a revolution, engineered by German agents, had in fact been going on for some time. The British officers wished to pass to Baku. When he reached the port of Enzeli on the Caspian Sea, the place was in the hands of a Bolshevik committee, which, if not actually hostile, was suspicious, fearing that the British officers had come to lead a counter-revolution. There was even an attempt to arrest Dunsterforce and his staff, but they got away in time.

The Dunsterforce found two potent allies. One was a Russian, Colonel Bicharakov, a good soldier and a loyal leader, who promised to remain until the British troops took the place of his detachment, and his Cossacks, despite their anxiety to get back to their own country, used the methods of bluff. They had to herd them on to Baku. They had to have the Turks from entering the port and he succeeded in swinging the local government towards British intervention. Dunsterforce's other ally was the famine which had been ravaging Persia. The British Mission was well equipped with money. The smaller Persians found employment in improving the country's exportable roads, and money was made, and food was provided for them. The result was a small force of British officers established among the poorer citizens a firm friendship for the British Empire. And this was done in spite of the German propaganda which went to the length of declaring that the wheat supplied by the British was poisoned. In supplying the starving population with food, Dunsterforce even used the methods of bluff.

The Force in Action.

The next task was that of defeating the rebels who were barring the way to the Caspian. This was done without much trouble. Eventually one portion of the force reached Baku, and there and elsewhere, the work of raising and training local levies of Georgians, Assyrians and Armenians was commenced. Unfortunately, Baku could not be held. There was treachery within the town, and the local levies did not come up to expectations. The small British force had to retire in the face of increasingly superior numbers of Turks.

Another fine episode of the campaign was the story of the Sudanese officer who was wounded but managed to reach a hospital, where he was treated and subsequently recovered.

PHIL CARLTON FAREWELLED

Phil Carlton, the popular secretary of the Anzac Club, has been appointed to an administrative post in the Royal Australian Air Force with the rank of Flight-Lieutenant. Members of the club foregathered at a very pleasant function, which was all the more pleasing in the evening of Friday, August 22. A very appreciative gathering assembled in the board room, Mr. Conrad Jackson occupying the chair. Eulogistic speeches were made by Messrs. F. Aheere, A. Cunningham, A. Roydhouse, J. Cunningham, E. Court Hope and others, including the club stewards. Mr. Carlson was then presented with a gold-mounted and inscribed wallet of notes. Toasts were honoured and, with many good wishes, the gathering took on a humorous turn. Phil Carlton may undoubtedly assure himself that he has the goodwill of all the regular club members.

On Monday, August 17, he and Major W. J. Hunt, who is going away on convoy duty, were rendered a joint farewell by the State Executive. Each of the guests received a presentation as a token of the executive's esteem. Phil Carlton is the new secretary of the club. Measures have been taken to ensure that his position is safe, so that he can resume it when he returns to civil life.

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MEN BLINDED IN THE WAR
Statement by the Minister for Repatriation

"My aim is to make the lives of blinded service men as full as possible," said Senator the Hon. H. B. Collett, Minister for Repatriation, when discussing the personal problems arising out of the current campaign. He pointed out that during the Great War the splendid facilities housed and trained hundreds of blinded men. "It would be nothing less than inhumane to subject blinded men to the air raids of England," he said, "therefore St. Dunstan's cannot be utilised."

In addition, the shipping difficulties are very great, and also there is the natural desire of the blinded man to join his people in Australia, and their wish to have him with them. This, then, necessitates special provision being established in the Commonwealth.

It is proposed by Senator Collett to invite, on behalf of the Government, a well-known man in each State possessing a desire to render service to blinded men to accept appointment as the honorary president of a committee representative of appropriate sections of the community, with a threefold purpose—being happy and welfare.

When a member of the forces loses his sight and the relatives are advised of the casualty by the Navy, Army or Air Force, the hospitality sub-committee will take steps to ensure that they adopt a suitable attitude of mind and meet the sufferer in a proper way, he can be helped to maintain his morale, and they will stress that a good foundation laid towards this end will stand to him right through life. They will be told of the avenues open to a blinded man, the manner of developing his independence, how they should meet him, and how they can be factors in ensuring that his interests in the normal things of life are fostered and maintained.

The members of the sub-committee will assist in the patient being met on arrival at his home port. As early as possible after the loss of sight the first step in independence will be encouraged by the use of a Braille watch; he will be shown the use of Braille playing cards, special dominoes, draughts or other games. Perhaps, at this stage, the art of feeding himself will be mastered. These elementary lessons will be followed by learning the intricacies of Braille reading, and then typewriting will be taught so that, while a man cannot read his own letters, at least he can reply to them without assistance.

The Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel Starr, who is reputed to have said that there is plenty of beer and alcohol in Tobruk, God forgive him! H.Q., A.I.F.

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HYMN OF HATE

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I hate the sunken hulls of ships Glutting the harbour's lips;
I hate the glowing orb of moon Setting the scene for death's grim tune;
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Western Command Headquarters has announced that there are a few vacancies in the 5th District Provost Company for men of all ages. The examples to select from include:

- Those selected will be employed on full-time duty and will be given non-commissioned rank.
- Preference will be given to men who served in the war of 1914-18, or who have returned from the present war and are available for further service overseas.

Further details can be obtained from the officer commanding the 5th District Provost Company, 18 Stirling Street, Perth.

The 5th Garrison Brigade has vacancies for a number of men who are unfit or ineligible for the A.I.F. Western Command Headquarters has invited applications to fill 90 vacancies in the brigade which is charged with garrison duties in the defence of Western Australia. The successful applicants will be called up on full-time duty at A.I.F. rates of pay. Applications will be accepted from men in the following categories:

- Returned soldiers, fit, or over 21 years of age, and married between 21 and 40 years, fit, class 2a; married and single men aged 40 to 55 years, fit, class 1 and 2a; and returned soldiers of the 2nd A.I.F., fit, class 2a. Town and country applications should be made to the nearest military area office.

The Western Command states that the medical examination and enlistment of the successful applicants will be arranged promptly.

The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Collett) has announced that the Federal scheme for providing homes for returning soldiers is now complete. This is a matter in which both the League and Senator Collett, who was for so many years State President of the West Australian Branch, have been seriously considering for some considerable time. Indeed, returned men, from both war periods, are finding it difficult to find a Minister for Repatriation one who has such long and intimate association with ex-service men and their problems, both in peace and war. The Federal Government's plan has been formed in the light of past experience and present needs. Soldiers returning from this war will be allowed to choose their own building sites and style of homes. The whole scheme, Senator Collett said, is complete and will be put into operation as soon as money, labour, and materials are available. Senator Collett also said that 90 per cent. of the soldiers who had so far returned from this war were in employment. Some had gone back to their old jobs, and others had been placed in employment in the munitions industry, by the Repatriation Department. Some were being given free training which would fit them for work in the munitions industry.

The censorship authorities have again drawn attention to the indiscriminate censorship committee by individuals writing letters to the troops. It is stated that one letter in every ten posted by air mail to troops overseas contains information of help to the enemy. Relatives and friends of men in the fighting services are warned again to refrain from mentioning in their letters the movements of troops and transports. It was stated that an air mail letter reached its destination more quickly than a troopship. Information which enabled the approximate movements of troopships to be worked out is information that the enemy seeks.

At the meeting of the State Executive on September 3, delegates were informed that the Federal congress would be held in Brisbane on November 14. The State Executive has decided to nominate Sir Gilbert Dwyer for the office of Federal President. If Sir Gilbert is successful, he will take the 23rd year in the office. The State delegates to the conference will be appointed at the next meeting of the executive on September 17.

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Dave was duly enrolled in the A.I.F. and after the first payday he sent Mabel a bottle of lavender water, hoping she would like the present. Mabel acknowledged the gift. It was all right, she said, but to be strictly honest she preferred lemonade.

A South African weekly has weighed in with a Lord Beaverbrook story. One occasion he was present when the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Mr. Colin Davidson and Sir Terence Davidson, the Duke and Duchess, sat down together, and the conversation turned on to cuff links. The Duke of Windsor showed his. They were magnificent, and were a present from the Duchess. Sir Terence turned back his cuffs and displayed a panel of links that were simple and good. Mr. Davidson wore a pair engraved with his regimental crest, and showed these with pride.

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The R.S.L. recently made representation to the Army Department suggesting that the reasonable time limit of, say, three months be placed on the withholding of 25 per cent. of the deferred pay of a member of the A.I.F. pending receipt of his overseas papers. The League has now been informed by the Minister of the Army that careful consideration had been given to this request and, as a consequence, arrangements have now been made for the payment within three months of any balance of deferred pay withheld pending receipt of documents from abroad. It is expected that the procedure now adopted will enable members of the forces to receive payment in full at the time of discharge.

Under the heading 5 Garrison Battalion in our August issue, there was a reference to the amateur gardeners working hard on their flower beds. The amateur gardeners have informed us that they wish to know when some of the funds will be ready to cover the cost of the adventure.

As in the last war, the famous Bruges Procession of the Holy Blood was cancelled this year for the obvious reason that all religious services were prohibited in Belgium. The 'R.A.P.' on the walls of towns and villages, when the German military authorities threaten to force the inhabitants to wash off the offending inscriptions, is tactfully suggested that they may read "Reconnaissances aux Fullers" (gratitude to the Fullers), and the letters remain.

A London shopkeeper, whose windows had been broken during an aerial raid, immediately put up this sign: "Hitler can break our glass, but he can't break our furnishing value!" He can't break British habits, either. On the morning after one of the biggest raids on London, a Press man visited a square in which a bomb had fallen. In the square he saw women pegging the earth. "What are you doing?" he asked. One man straightened his back to reply: "It's thinned sparrow's. We're fixing thread so as they won't thieve the grass seed we've sown for spring.

According to a recent report of the Chief Medical Officer to the British Ministry of Health, only about five per cent. of all persons incapacitated by air raids suffer from shock or psychological disturbance, and of these, the majority were at work within a week or two. The percentage of shock cases, as the result of air raids, is progressively decreasing month by month.

The following is a letter from an unoccupied France to a friend in England: "Everyone here hopes that the English will win. I do not know whether the censor will pass this." The censor passed the letter and wrote on it in red ink, "Of course I will pass it. Everyone in this office hopes so too!"

From Norway comes the news that German officers billeted in Norwegian coastal towns are sometimes disagreeably surprised to find a two-days' copy of The London Times lying beside the breakfast sausage. It is the visiting card of the captain of the gunboat Sleipner, the "Flying Norwegian" of the west coast fords.

Under German occupation, each household in Czechoslovakia may have three hens tax free, but every extra hen must produce 60 eggs a year for the German tax collector. At Prague a hen was found hanging by the neck with a notice saying, "I'd rather die than lay for Hitler."

The historic Belgian city of Antwerp provided a surprising return to a recent German edict that all Jews in Antwerp should wear a yellow armband. Next day the whole population of Antwerp was wearing the armband, and the edict was cancelled.

Prussianism has spread to the air raid shelters in Germany, and is proving too much of a good thing even for that docile nation. A German newspaper complains, "To have to go into the cellar is not amusing in the face of an importing warden who keeps on repeating that there should be less talking, so as to preserve the oxygen, can create an impossibly irritating atmosphere in no time."
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A new type of military highway is under construction as part of the joint Canadian-American defence plan. It is an aerial route extending from Newfoundland clear across the Dominions of Canada to Alaska; and it is designed to form an outer ring of defence against the air invasion of North America. Actually, the new "highway" consists of a chain of radio beacons. These are placed at intervals of 200 miles, and sighters and bombers can follow the beacons quickly from coast to coast, as emergency may require. The beacons also serve as a patrol line from which all air raid warnings may be flashed to bases in the south. Although this radio-signal pathway is characteristic of the type along which commercial air-liners in Canada and the United States fly today, it has several unusual features. Not only is all-weather constancy of signal strength provided, but the beacons are due, in large part, to a new type of insulator which resembles a porcelain umbrellet stand with a brass lampshade over the top. The insulator is protected from weather by the brass lampshade, and from breakage by the use of a strong, specially made outer jacket.

Writing on reports that the Nazis who parachuted on to Crete were disguised in New Zealand uniforms, the London correspondent of the American Associated Press says that a Nazi has stated what would happen if the invasion of Britain were only a problem of uniform. He says, "The smoke screen is a constant of signal strength provided, but it is due, in large part, to a new type of insulator which resembles a porcelain umbrella stand with a brass lampshade over the top. The insulator is protected from weather by the brass lampshade, and from breakage by the use of a strong, specially made outer jacket.

Notwithstanding the German invasion, the Russian scientists carry on. The tomb of Tamerlane, the great Tartar conqueror of the 14th century is marked with a skeleton. The skeleton was found in a well-preserved condition and is now being examined. It lay in an ebony coffin inside a marble tomb. Heavy brocade with inscriptions in gold threads and a gold-embroidered coat and a grand son of Tamerlane have also been exhumed from the conqueror's tomb. Tamerlane, who waged war with a ferocity equalled only by Attila the Hun, and surpassed only by Hitler the modern Hun, died while marching to invade China from the west. He had previously conquered Syria, Persia, the Caucasus and Turkey, and had invaded India.

An American correspondent states that there is now less brutality inside Germany towards Germans, and even, in its physical manifestation, towards Jews. The Nazi regime, since the outbreak of the war, has less need to curb internal opposition, since it scarcely exists any more. This is not due to any change of heart, because extreme brutality is the characteristic of Germany and the conquered countries towards the conquered population. Not so very long ago, 3,000 Czech students in Prague were forced to stand at attention on a parade ground for 24 hours. When evicted, the students were shot. The war has not been beaten. It is estimated that 130 boys were literally beaten to death on that occasion. Twelve more were shot while trying to escape.

One of the privileges of being a citizen of the United States is that even the humblest has the right to write to his President. Of late, many have used this privilege. The writers include charwoman in Brooklyn, cowboys in Texas, janitors of slight income, elderly persons in the humblest of circumstances and youngsters of primary school age. All have written to the President and to the Treasury enclosing donations of small sums of money. These letters reveal a burning love of country and a devotion to democracy which springs from the hearts of the writers.

Important amendments to the reserved occupations list will be of interest to all country residents. If the amendments are ratified by the Minister for Labour, they will exempt from military service a large number of rural workers throughout Australia. The amendments are as follows:

Farmhands employed singly: age of exemption reduced from 21 to 21 years, leading hands: Age of exemption reduced to 25 and over. Farmhands permanently employed: Age of exemption 30 and over. The amendments were recommended to the Manpower Conference last May by the Minister for Labour (Mr. Holt). The Minister said that the board was engaged on a full review of the reserved occupation list. The amendments had been under consideration for some time and were a complete review, because of the shortage of rural workers. The amendments will apply to the next call-up for compulsory military service.

THE LATE MR. A. E. PADI

Ex-service men throughout the State will deeply regret the death of that well-known South Fremantle identity, Mr. Alfred Pady, J.P., who died on the night of September 6 from injuries incurred in a traffic collision. Mr. Pady was struck by a motor car when crossing Mandurah Road near its junction with Charles Street, South Fremantle. He was well known in the Fremantle Suburb, but on his arrival, was found to be dead. He was 70 years of age. The late Mr. Pady served in the last war with the 28th Battalion. Until his retirement a few years ago, he had been a member of every formation of the League in this State. Actually he was an executive delegate for more than 20 years, thus establishing a record which is unequalled throughout Australia. Although he decided not to seek re-election to the State Executive since the formation of the League in this State, Actually he was an executive delegate for more than 20 years, thus establishing a record which is unequalled throughout Australia. Although he decided not to seek re-election to the State Executive since the formation of the League in this State, he was a prominent official of the Fremantle Trades Hall, and took a leading part in Labour Party activities. In his younger days, he was also well known as a cricket umpire.

THIS YEAR'S STATE CONGRESS

The 29th Annual State Congress will open at Anzac House on Wednesday, October 1, at 10 a.m., following a visit by all delegates to the State War Memorial at 9.30 a.m. As in former years, the main conference will be preceded by a special meeting, which will open in Anzac House on Monday, September 29, at 2 p.m. On the Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, the Lieut.-Governor (Sir James Mitchell) will address the Congress. The delegates will be the guests of the Lord Mayor (Dr. T. W. Meagher) at a civic reception. The items on the agenda paper number 142, but of course, a number of notices of motion may be expected. There is to be dealt with by the Land Settlement section give evidence of an earnest desire to champion the cause of the men returning from the present war. As in many other instances, this desire is expressed in the light of past and often bitter experience. The constitution of the League contains a number of clauses which seek to widen the qualifications for membership. The question of proxy votes has again been raised. One motion submitted by Midland Junction urges that present members of the State Executive who are holding full-time military positions should be requested to relinquish same in favour of other members. As in former years, this annual congress of ex-service men will be asked to discuss a considerable number of items dealing with war effort and service and defence. A new section of the agenda is concerned with questions relating to internment and prisoners of war. This year, there are only five papers dealing with preference for men of ex-service. Under the heading "Anzac Day," one recognises a few of the hardy annals that are presented to every congress. The type of motions submitted again reflect the deep interest taken by the sub-branches, and the attitude that they and still more the State were of the nation as a whole. Country delegates are extended a cordial welcome to the city, and their metropolitan cobs will wish them a successful and enjoyable congress.

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The Perth Legacy Club

One of the most important organisations that grew out of the last war, next to the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia itself, is the Legacy Club, which has branches throughout all the States of Australia. The members of this organisation regard the welfare of the children of their deceased comrades as a legacy from those who have gone on to higher duty. The 13th annual report of the president of the Perth Legacy Club, which was presented at the annual meeting held on July 22, will give a very good idea of the enormous work covered by the Legacy Club in this and other States, and also of the very comprehensive nature of that work. The last twelve months have covered a period which has been strenuous for most legatees. The club has been greatly reduced in numerical strength by the number of members who have joined the fighting forces, and other services connected with the war effort.

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RUSSIAN RESISTANCE

Two things have become apparent within the past few weeks—Russia needs material help, and we have already commenced to give it to her. It was somewhat disquieting, however, to learn that in the course of his House of Commons speech at the beginning of the month, that material aid to Russia could be given only at the cost of sacrificing something of our own war effort. However, the Joint War in Britain and the United States, is that our war effort includes anything that will harm Hitler, and while Russian resistance is harming him, that resistance must be maintained. However we may agree or disagree with the policy of the Russian Government in Moscow, no one can but admire the dogged resistance plain Russian men and women are making to the Nazi onslaught.

Nearly four months have passed since Hitler's juggernauts clattered into action against Soviet Russia, but the Russian fighting forces, in spite of reverses that might have been foreseen, not only continue to resist but they are hitting back in counter-attacks that are already being described as an offensive. Amid all the fighting in the rear parts of the Soviet Union, the fighting on the Russian front, one thing at least is certain. Russia has diverted the Nazi avalanche from its western objective—its essential need, the obliteration of Britain. Recognizing what a killing machine of Hitler must applaud this achievement.

American military commentators, however, warn us not to draw too rosy a picture of the continuance of this dogged Russian resistance. They say that all is not well in the Soviet lines—or was not well a month ago, when their comments were published. The re-establishment of political Commissars in the Soviet armies is considered by military experts the workover as a fatal division of the German fighting force. Added to this, there is the fact that a hurried mobilisation of the Peoples' Army, an ill-trained, ill-equipped army behind the front, and to the west of the Urals, has been ordered. Stalin, who is certainly no soldier, is said to have assumed the supreme command in the field.

On the other hand, it must be admitted that, since those comments were made, the tide seems to have turned very decisively in Russia's favour. As the Supreme Command is more nominal than real. Stalin may be no soldier, but he is no fool, either, and he seems to have been letting the generals fight their own war without undue interference. Moreover, one hears far less of the political Commissars these days, while the ill-trained militia have certainly been harassing the German flanks and communications with their guerrilla tactics. This guerrilla warfare may yet prove to be the sensitive Achilles heel of the German fighting machine, just as a similar policy did with Napoleon's armies in Spain during the Peninsular War.

Despite their initial boastsings, the German spokesmen are now preparing their countrymen for the unpleasant fact of a winter campaign in Russia. It is true, however, comes the effects of the scorched earth guerrilla policy will be felt in its greatest intensity. The lengthening of the campaign and the lengthening of communications are making a heavier drain on German resources than any previous drive. At the most conservative estimate, their losses in men and material have already been appalling. The difficulties of supply multiply in astronomical proportions as a modern army, dependent upon petrol, oil, munitions and, above all, on food, moves through a hostile country.

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Some extraordinary follies are committed in the name of educational research. About seven years ago a local research organisation seriously proposed to institute an inquiry into the reasons that made soldiers enlist for active service. What the inquirers hoped to find out was never revealed, since the inquiry died of inanition. Now, we read of an American academic person coming all the way to Australia to find out what sort of people the descendants of convicts have become. He even wishes to get into touch with descendants of convicts. Naturally people will be only too pleased to let the family skeleton out of the cupboard in the interests of scientific inquisitiveness, but why should the good investigator come all the way to Australia to start his inquiry? The English Government started sending English convicts to Australia only when the overflow of the English gaol population could no longer be sent to America. Even then, the convict system lasted only a little more than 60 years in Australia, so that, on the law of averages, for every descendant of a convict in Australia there must be thousands of convict ancestry in England and the United States.

In a recent broadcast from a national station, Professor Alexander declared that American university teachers had nothing to learn from their Australian colleagues. Certainly not in the game of muscling into jobs for which others are better qualified. Many years ago, a deal old English gentleman named Liversidge was Professor of Chemistry in the University of Sydney. He used to tell his students that a German chemist could make anything on God's earth out of coal tar, except a gentleman. The Hun couldn't do that because there was no existing model in his country.

The British Prime Minister is a big man—big enough to depart from the current B.B.C. pronunciation of Nazis. Those who aim at academic accuracy call these sadistic brutes "Nahtzees." Mr. Churchill, like the sturdy Englishman he is, pronounces the name as "Nazi" and calls them "Nazis." The Digger is even more independent. He calls them by a name which starts with a much earlier letter of the alphabet.

The myth of the superlatively clever and highly educated German people has been exploded by the Nazis themselves. Earlier in the year, the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" asked "Is youth getting stupider?" and answered the question by the vague admission that examples seemed to confirm the assertion that the growing generation of Germans was less intelligent than its predecessors. Unwittingly, the Reich Minister for Education has supplied the clue. In a German home broadcast, he said, "Now, as in the future, in the selection of leaders for our teachers' training colleges, we consider the emotional and social attitude of the candidate will always be decisive, and not his scientific qualifications." The inference is that the Huns, in their eagerness to breed a generation of robots who will shunt and goose-step at their bidding, are exercising the mind and body of the schoolchild with hooting and drilling until he has little capacity left for book-learning, or even thinking.

“DAVIE” PATON RETURNS

The R.S.L. broadcast on the night of Wednesday, September 10, was given by "Davie" W. Paton, who has just returned from another slice of active service overseas. At the time of his enlistment, Mr. Paton was a member of the North-East Fremantle sub-branch and a delegate to the State Executive, on which he had sat for some years. For many years, too, he was a well known and popular figure at the annual State congress. Some of his remarks have become classics. One of these was his assurance to congregations that he did not rise to any great height in the Army. And speaking of height, when this war broke out, the Wee Davie battled hard to get a lower height standard for enlistment in the new A.I.F. When that objective was achieved, he showed he was no "sooler" by enlisting again himself. During his recent service abroad, he was in Tobruk, and he does not recommend the place as a popular holiday resort.

The concluding remarks of his broadcast on September 10 should be brought under the notice of anyone who may not yet be a member of the League. He said:

"The work of the R.S.L. is only just beginning. What has been achieved in the past is only the foundation on which we must build in order that the efforts of the future shall have a strong and sure footing. Much has been attempted; great have been the results; but greater things remain to be done before we can say we are satisfied that those who gave so much, so many their all, and that those whom they left behind are receiving all that a grateful nation can give in return. At the very least, we must see that they want not the necessities of life and can live in reasonable comfort. We must also see that those who are maimed and broken in health shall be cared for, not as though they were receiving charity, but as the honoured guests of those for whom they were prepared to make the sacrifice. These things can only be brought about by the united effort of all returned men, and by all lovers of right over might. To the returned men I say: If you have remained outside the League for any personal reasons, then it is your duty to come in and use your efforts to bring about what you believe would be a more satisfactory state of affairs. You acquire nothing by remaining outside, and you are not playing the game by those for whom you think greater things should be done. You say many things should have been done, and many things have been left undone. Well, come in. Give us the benefit of your ideas. Put your shoulder to the wheel, and by a great united effort let us hope that the goal we are all hoping to reach shall be accomplished."

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THE BRITISH ARMY
Its Origin and Evolution

BY CAPTAIN D. M. BERRY

The story of the British Army is the story of the British Empire. In the past trade had not followed the flag as often as British traders pushed out over the seas, got into trouble, the Army got them out of it (if still alive), stayed there and another patch on the map became coloured red. The Empire was built up in the last three hundred years by the enterprise of the old trading partners backed by the fortitude and endurance of the British "Redcoats" who established and maintained law and order, which is precisely what they are still doing today, though the coats of red have given way to khaki, which brings us to the point.

More than half the British Army is permanently overseas acting as an Imperial policeman and protector of all who keep the law, and gently but firmly correcting those who do not! In every native land beneath our flag, the King's rule runs ultimately through the presence of the British soldier. The responsibilities so imposed on us have increased ratio the years, in a manner in which one thing only has the British soldier obtained relief, and that is in the creation of the splendid forces composed of their own sons which the Dominions now maintain for the保卫 of the British Empire in the Old Country's "time of emergency and are, in fact, linked with Regular units of the British Army as associated regiments.

We sometimes meet people who ask, "What does our Army do for us?" The answer is easy. "Even if you have not knowledge of our Army, you have no use for it? Do you realise its trading possibilities in peace-time and its necessity as a source of food supplies in war? We cannot grow enough food in Britain to support ourselves hence our imports from the Empire and the Continent. The Continent would fail us in war-time; the Empire never, while the Navy lives!" This effectively disposes of further doubt and thought may be that "we don't want a large army, anyhow, like other countries," no one can deny that we need an army large enough to police the Empire with capability of rapid expansion to defend it.

So with the reflection that no Empire in the past which has failed to maintain its army has maintained its existence, let us briefly dig into the past for an idea of how our Army was constituted and trace its evolution since its beginnings to its composition at the present time.

Back in Saxon times, Alfred the Great possessed a militia system known as "fyrd" which gave place under the Norman William to "Knight-Service" whereby a Knight must attend his person on his Soverign in war, followed by his tenantry, or serf, who would be at his service in all wars. During the Middle Ages a service to our country was based on the feudal system whereby a man held land in return for his military services to his lord when called on, and this loyal vassal was expected to produce a private army for his King. This system was passed with the growth of primitive democracy and the first stages of Empire building which followed the coming of the Stuarts.

It was from these lessons learned in the battles between Cavaliers and Roundheads that the incepting Army was in part traced. Between the reign of Charles II, on his Restoration, goes the credit for the establishment of Regular forces, recruited from volunteers and maintained and paid by Parliament as soldiers of the nation on a permanent basis as distinct from mercenaries and the feudal levies of the King in previous ages, and their successors will be dealt with in subsequent articles, each one instinctive with the pride of tradition which is the basis of the "family" spirit of the regiment or corps of the Army today. But what have the intervening years brought in the progress of the British soldier from the days of pikemen and grenadiers until the present time? Briefly, they have seen the replacement of starvation and want by organised supply and medical services, the introduction of good quarters and better pay in peace time, and more generous payment, for the appalling living conditions of the past, coupled with living together in lieu of beggary wages, if not forthcoming, the promotion of officers and men, a greater amount of advancement in the place of brute fighting and tyranny borne in those rough times with apparently little resentment, the development of personal initiative and training as an army. It is clear we must have made great strides in the old days of massed squares and volleys gave way to individual action.

Through the campaigns of Marlborough in Flanders, Clive in India, Wolfe in North America, Wellington in the Peninsula, we move swiftly to the year of Waterloo. Here is an army of "Vanguard" of the grim old seasoned warriors who marched out of Brussels that night—"The band led the column playing the regimental marches, then came the Major in command, riding his own horse, his adjutant who marched in the Grenadiers, their captain at their head; in the centre were the colours, borne by the senior and junior ensigns; then George came marching at the head of his company. That passed on, and every sound of the music dies away." So much the better, Regiments have passed on who in the month of June, 1817, withstood the whole weight of an immense French Army under Napoleon, at the Crimea, the Russo-Persian and Mahratta Wars, we reach the War of 1857, the Crimea, the Crimea, the Crimean, and the Anglo-Egyptian campaigns, and so to the South African War of 1899-1902, still remembered by so many of us.

On again through the battles of the Sikh and Mahatta Wars, we reach the fateful Month of August, 1857, the Ashantee, and the Boers, and the campaigns, and so to the South African War of 1899-1902, still remembered by so many of us.

By now the whole conduct and appearance of war has changed, and the glittering bayonets of the scarlet ranks, or squares with Colours grouped round their Colonels, flanked by cavalry and supported by cannon, while the General and his Staff direct by gallopers. India and Africa are the pride of the British Empire, now is all mechanised, and the battalions or the majority of it can count on a motor-ride to their place of business when they will be requested to climb out and do the fighting job on foot, since reversion to type can still scarcely be avoided at this final stage.

The organisation of today's battalions is indicative of further advance in fire power and specialisation. The four rifle companies each consist of three platoons, each company having its own 2-inch mortar. There is also a medic support company of six platoons, as follows—One platoon all signalers, one anti-aircraft and anti-tank defence, one armed with 3-inch mortars, one with mechanical Bren gun-carriers, one of pioneers and gas-decontamination specialists, and one the administration, the transport, the battalions, transport personnel, and vehicles.

Though an infantry unit has been selected for description, the principles of mechanisation and specialisation are equally applicable to all branches of the Service.

Things may not be so picturesque today as in the past, but it is certain that the efficiency of the modern soldier for his job today is fully up to that of his forbears in the past. For this we have to thank the good old Army system which insists that every man shall know his job and do it in order that the regiment shall survive. It is not only the "right" and "left" of the regiment but the "right" and "left" of the army as a whole that shall fall in the battle.
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Mentioned in Enemy Despatches

During the last war, certain Australian soldiers came into contact with a Canadian infantry badge which was a representation of the devil, and, if you like, the serpent, to mean, "Named by the enemy in battle." The incident which gave rise to the crest and motto occurred during the last of Canadian private troops in the Louis Riel Rebellion of 1885, but there is another tradition that can be paid to any troops than such equipment from opponents. It is really an expression of that stern joy which warriors take in being worthy of their steel." Similar and more recent confirmations have recently been paid by the enemy to the men of the A.I.F., and those compliments speak well not only for the individuals who have received them, but for the system of training our men have undergone before going into battle. German prisoners of war who were captured in Libya and sent to this country for internment told their guards that Australians have proved better than Germans in desert warfare, they admitted that they had copied many of the tactics and equipment which, with Australian initiative, they attributed the superiority of the A.I.F. Such imitation is surely the sincerest form of flattery.

Even more flattering are the statements contained in the official German report on the recent operations in the Western Desert. It was written by a field officer of the German Afrika Corps on the subject of infantry warfare under desert conditions; and copies of the report came into British hands during the course of the fighting. The officer who wrote the report was one with great experience of the African campaign. An interesting feature of it is a comparison between Australian and German troops as desert fighters. This German senior officer had no doubt as to which was the better. He declared the Australians were superior in the following respects: In the use of small arms, especially as snipers; in making the best use of the country and the lay of the land; in the use of camouflage; inability to observe carefully and draw sound deductions from what was observed; and in the use of ruses of all kinds. He also said that "the Australian bully, to his high praise from him. Many of the N.C.O.s and other troops were always too cunning for the Germans, whom he describes as "most simply souls." The unconscious humour of describing the Nazi ruffian as "simply souls," and the more apparent when it is remembered that the German soldier 20 years ago the word "simple" was still used in the older parts of Australia in the Old English sense and applied to people whom the new-fangled psychology would call the persons of arrested mental growth. The epithet is a peculiarly apt one, when it is remembered that "simple" folks can be inordinately cruel. Memories of our own boyhood remind us that it was the "simple" lad who pulled wings off flies and tied tin cans to the tails of dogs. And it is these selfsame Nazis, who devised the horrors of the concentration camp and evoked the Gestapo. Of course that was not quite what the German officer meant. The idea he tried to convey was that the German mind is not so elastic nor receptive to new ideas as the Australian, and, in conveying that idea, he completely forgot the moral that adorns the tale. Minds trained in an atmosphere of democratic freedom, and unclouded by the fears that an organized tyrrany imposes on a people, have always, throughout the long and sanguinary course of history, reacted more readily to the changing circumstances of war than the mental processes of dumb-driven conscripts.

But to return to the German officer's report. His final grumble is at the feebleness of the German trench-diggers, which he considers to be 60 per cent. of the effect of an infantryman. He expects the Germans to have more opportunities for practising digging in the future, and cites as perfect models the trenches at Tobruk. The expectations mentioned are probably unfounded. The German textbooks on strategy that were studied before 1914 were unanimous in stressing the advantages of the war of movement, which has now developed into the Blitzkrieg. They showed that the German trenches were the result of dig-in is an army that is already beaten.

Now in all this matter of complaint from hostile sources, history has merely repeated itself. About twelve years ago, the Germans published that volume of the official history of the last war which covered the work of the Australian and New Zealand troops. That volume was full of complaints, similar to those paid by the German staff officer in the Western Desert. It was stated that the Anzacs brought with them to the Western Desert a certain number of tricks they had tried out successfully on Gallipoli. In the case of the German Official History, the German troops were always "jumpy" when they knew they had Anzacs in the line against them. A feature of the German Official History indicates that the British propaganda authorities exploited this nervousness, which the very name Anzac inspired in the troubled Teutonic breast, to great advantage in 1918. Much of the early success of the Americans in France was due to the fact that similarity of uniform caused the enemy to mistake them for Anzacs. That fact is also mentioned in the German Official History. The purveyors of British propaganda, therefore, discovered that the discreditable German troops in lines and throughout Germany, conveying the lie that a million Australians and New Zealanders had embarked for France. The German High Command knew well enough that the story was utterly impossible for the two Dominions to raise such an army of that size in addition to those they were maintaining in France and Palestine; but that fact was so obvious that the High Command could not prevent the German soldiers in the front line of its truth. The German officers were as ready to face huge reinforcements of Anzacs had a most demoralising effect on the German rank and file, just when the Allied forces were about to launch the counter-offensive that sent the Kaiser's routed legions scurrying back to the Rhine."

A.R.M.S. COMPETITION

Mt. Hawthorn beat Subiaco 8-4 after a very closely contested game.

Mt. Hawthorn won the rifle, quoits, table tennis and bridge.

Subiaco won the dare and draughts.
The Tamil labourer from South India provides a striking contrast to the Chinese coolies with whom he competes in the Malayan labour market. The Indian philosophically contemplates a wage and a reasonable number of hours of easy every day in the cheerful company of his neighbours, while the Chinese is quite willing to work from sunrise to sunset if he can earn a few extra cents.

Known among the planting community as "Ramassamy"—a common Tamil name—the Indian labourer is industrious and willing while his work is in progress, and his conversation shows no current interest in his employment, but once his morning’s labour is over he prefers to wander at large, and even a family small-holding bores him.

On the estates the coolies usually live in lines of barracks, but in recent years there has been a gratifying increase in the number of estates on which semi-detached houses or separate huts are provided. By night and day the windows of the Tamil hut are closed, for the average coolie has the Continental dislike for draughts.

Card games are becoming more popular with the Indian coolie. He has a favourite game known as "304," which derives its name from the total value of the pack, the Ace counting 11, the King 3, the Queen 2, the Knave 10, and the nine 20. A total of 76 for each suit, or 304 for all four suits. Each man makes an auction bid only once in each game. The highest bidder—maximum being 304—thros down one card and names it as trumps, and each person who fails to throw down a card is out. The auction bridge may be seen in play any evening on an up-country estate, and is a source of considerable amusement to tourists.

The Tamil drama is not as common nowadays as it used to be, but it still plays an important and welcome part in the rather dreary life of the labourer who, with earnings of little more than Straits $9 or £1 sterling per month, has very little to spare for luxuries.

The labourer also has variations of chess and draughts, and there is one game, known as the Tigers and the Dogs, which corresponds in a way with the English Fox and Geese game. The Dogs try to move his three pawns through the opposing lines of fifteen pawns. A game such as this played in an Indian settlement is usually the centre of a keen crowd of spectators, from which comes uninvited advice and criticism as readily as from onlookers at a bridge "four" in a London suburban house.

Festivals and marriages are, of course, the occasion of big celebrations among the coolies. The Thaipusam festival—the birthday of the Hindu God Subramania—is a day of worship and penance, while Deepavali, another great festival, marks the commemoration of liberation from the tyrannical rule of the demon-king Narasirasa by Lord Vishu, who killed the monster. The labourers are religious in the Hindu style, and very few estates are without their temples and shrines. On the big Hindu festivals the coolies display noisy good humour, religious enthusiasm, and wear new and gaily coloured clothes.

That in the opinion of this executive, the National Security Regulations should be amended to provide for aliens, naturalised or unnaturalised, from acquiring agricultural land under any scheme of purchase or lease. Such regulations to particularly cover unregistered transfers, contracts of sale and leases for terms exceeding twelve months.

Reformation of Sub-Branch.—Approval was granted for the reformation of the Westonia sub-branch, the Constitution having been complied with.

Media Attention, Army Rejects.—A communication was received from the Pemberton sub-branch urging that the authorities should undertake treatment of minor ailments suffered by the men who are temporarily rejected from the A.I.F.

Delegates were advised that the matter had already been taken up with the Army by Western Command, and it was agreed that we should support these efforts through Federal Executive.

Re-Allen. — A communication from the Fremantle sub-branch concerning aliens was left in the hands of the State Secretary for reply.

Survey of Australian Industries.—The Colli sub-branch urged: 'That a comprehensive survey of Australian industries, both primary and secondary, be immediately undertaken by the Commonwealth Government by the most efficient and competent means available for the purpose of ascertaining if any of the industries are capable of being expanded. Also the possibilities of opening up new industries to be investigated by the same authorities. Having so obtained this information, industries and concerns to be subsidised by the Commonwealth Government should be made to increase, in order to allow of this expansion of industry being made possible for the primary purpose of absorbing ex-service men into industry as they become demobilised from the present services. Further, that necessary machinery be used in the execution of the scheme be brought into existence forthwith: and further, it is suggested that the method of financing the scheme be on similar lines to that adopted for financing the present war.'

The executive agreed to endorse the ideas contained in the resolution, send a copy to the Minister for Employment for his comment and refer the resolution to the Problems Committee.

Education.—Army Education Scheme.—Mr. Tom Sten expressed appreciation for the action of the State Executive in endeavouring to secure the appointment of a returned soldier to this position, and that the Prime Minister be so informed.

Total Conscription.—The South Australian Branch advised by telegram that they had urged the Federal Government to immediately convene an extraordinary Federal congress in Melbourne for the sole purpose of stimulating the Commonwealth Government to introduce at once total conscription. The views of this State on the matter was sought.

It was agreed to reply that, on the question of conscription we were in agreement, but did not agree with the calling of a special congress owing to the nearness of Federal Conferences.

Preservation Rights, Public Servants.—The Civil Service Association advised that it was giving attention to the matter of taking action for the preservation of rights of public servants serving with the various fighting
forces, and the question of defining the conditions governing preference to returned soldiers. They sought particulars of the League's policy in regard to the matter of preference. The matter was referred to the Employment Committee.

R.S.L., V.D.C.—A communication from Fremantle sub-branch in regard to the age limit was received. It was understood that the position had been explained to them.

Uniforms and Equipment.—Katanning sub-branch asked that the State Executive submit to the Prime Minister a reminder regarding the equipping of the R.S.L., V.D.C.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Federal Executive.

Repairs, Army Vehicles.—A communication from the Albany sub-branch on this matter was left in the hands of the secretary for reply.

Executive Representative, Midland Junction.—The Midland Junction sub-branch sought an appointment of another executive member to represent the Midland district.

The matter was left in the hands of the State Secretary.

R.S.L. Memorial Band.—This band stated that amongst their engagements each year were a number of ceremonial parades and for these they have, in the past, had to borrow a drum-major's staff. These arrangements were unsatisfactory, and they approached the executive in the hope that a baton would be presented.

It was agreed to ascertain design and costs and refer back to the next meeting of the executive.

Sustenance: Returned Soldiers on Discharge.—The Merredin sub-branch protested on this matter, and it was agreed that the present position be explained, and if they had any special cases of hardship to forward details to the executive office.

Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust.—Mr. Kahan advised that he was unable to carry on as a representative of this Trust, and would be tendering his resignation to the Trust.

Congress Agenda.—Mr. Watt explained that some difficulty might arise owing to the shortage of paper in printing the agenda in "The Listening Post." It was therefore agreed that unless Mr. Watt could get the necessary authority to print the agenda as a supplement to "The Listening Post," it be not included this year.

War Veteran Homes.—Mr. Stephen H. Stack attended the meeting and addressed delegates in connection with the War Veteran's Homes in New South Wales. Mr. Stack was tendered a vote of thanks.

September 3, 1941

At the meeting of the State Executive on September 3 present Messrs. Yentes, Olden, Philip, Anderson, Margolin, Kahan, Cornell, Williams, Watt, Zeffert, Keeling and Warner. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Dodd, Collett, Panton, Hunt, James, Nicholas, Thorn, Newton, Colebatch, Wood, Menkens, Rice, Pitchford, Giblett, Johnstone, Smith, Lamb and Denton.

Welcome.—The State President extended a hearty welcome to a former member of the State Executive, Mr. D. W. Paton, who has returned from active service abroad.

Visits.—Colonel Margolin reported that he had attended the Old Contemporaries' reunion.

R.S.L. Broadcasts.—The following roster for R.S.L. broadcasts was approved: September 10, Mr. D. W. Paton; September 17, Mr. H. E. Smith; September 24. Mr. J. M. W. Anderson.
MARTINIQUE

While the United States is concerned with keeping open the sea routes of the North Atlantic, that country's vigilance is not relaxing in regard to the French West Indian island, Martinique. According to American pressmen, and other observers, Martinique is being made a Nazi foothold in the Western Hemisphere. The spineless Vichy Government has allowed Gestapo agents to install themselves in the island and begin a local reign of terror. Their activities have not failed to disturb the United States Government for American Naval and Military strategists have long regarded Martinique as the weakest spot in the Panama Canal defenses.

Reports reaching Washington say that Nazi interlopers have ordered the arrest of leaders among British sympathizers, who are numerous on the island's 250,000 inhabitants. Many were searched on the streets for weapons and cameras. Others simply disappeared. The auxiliary cruiser Barbac, lying in Port de France harbor, is said to be a floating prison. The crew of this warship has lately been reinforced by sailors hand-picked for their loyalty to Admiral Darlan. According to a despatch sent recently by Mr. Thomas M. Johnson, seven hundred of these new arrivals are distributed among the five Vichy warships at Port de France. These include the Bearn, which the carrier of nearly a 100 American planes and five hundred million dollars of French gold, which the Nazis are reported trying to get. All the ships are stocked with food, and keep steam up, evidently in readiness for Darlan's word to join the Hun in the war against a former ally.

Already, Admiral Robert, under orders from Vichy, has made Martinique the first European dictatorship in America by abolishing its democratic government and assuming full power. His government publishes official propaganda that is anti-democratic and pro-Axis. But, while this is going on, United States destroyers patrol the waters of Martinique. Uncle Sam simply will not risk having a fully hostile Power in Martinique. If war came, the first step would be a step ashore from the American destroyers.

The reason for the United States' attitude is not far to seek. Strategically, the outer defenses of the Panama Canal and of the Gulf Coast of the United States, Mexico and Central America are the West Indies. Their right and weakest flank is the Lesser Antilles, stretching from Porto Rico to South America. The central bastion of that flank is Martinique. There are already a small naval submarine base and a destroyer dry dock on the island. Naval opinion holds that possession of Martinique would be highly desirable for the adequate protection of the Panama Canal. Many inhabitants of the island and democratic Frenchmen have urged Uncle Sam to walk in and take this base before it is seized by a hostile Power. Such an action would protect their own as well as American interests. They think the French warships there would put up only a token resistance. That is they would show just enough fight to save face. Then, when Hitler and his Vichy satellites are overthrown, Martinique can be handed back to fumigated and reconstructed France.

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OSBORNE PARK

To the Osborne Park sub-branch goes the honour of installing the first honour roll of this war in Western Australia. The ceremony of unveiling this roll of honour was carried out in the Returned Soldiers' League Memorial Hall at Osborne Park by Colonel T. S. Louch on Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance of soldiers and civilians. Colonel Louch was received by a guard of honour consisting of members of the old Army and the new, as well as members of the Red Cross Society and Ladies' Camp Comforts Fund. The chairman of the sub-branch (Mr. A. Davis) explained that the honour board bore the replica of a badge the enemy had learned to fear in the last war. Men of the old Army are satisfied that fear and respect will be shown by the enemy again. Ex-service men do not glorify war, but we have the faith of our race and pride in the gallant deeds done by His Majesty's soldiers, sailors and airmen. Colonel Louch, after unveiling the honour board gave de...

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tails of the campaigns in Libya, Greece, Crete and Syria. He made special reference to the local regiment, the 2/11th. Courage, faith and patience, he said, were required by all, and the gesture that afternoon showed that the men who served in the last war were prepared to look after those who had taken their places in the present war. Mr. H. Millington, M.L.A., Minister for Works and member for the district, was also present at the ceremony. Mr. Millington said he was proud to host a sub-branch of the League that had installed the first honour roll of the present war.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT
Mr. A. Watts presided over a good attendance at the monthly meeting on Saturday, November 1. A welcome was extended to Mr. H. Seaton, who served in the last war with the R.N. The secretary was instructed to congratulate the ladies of the auxiliary on the success of the Village Fair, which was conducted in the Swan View Hall on August 30. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the social secretary (Bert Bickle) for his sterling work in connection with the fair. It was decided to tender a social evening to the auxiliary and other helpers on November 1. Arrangements are well in hand for the annual Horticultural Show on October 25. The last dance attracted a record crowd. The next will be held on September 27.

BOYANUP JUNCTION
During the past few weeks this centre, militarily, has been the scene of much activity. The 4th and 16th Battalions, the Field Ambulance and 10th Light Horse are well represented. An important function with many natural facilities, the militia, etc., are now likely at any time to descend upon us and bivouac for the night or remain a longer period. The local Home Guard is functioning splendidly. The president (Mr. R. Tweedie) is in control. On Sunday last the local Scouts were thrilled when invited to take part in a well-organised manoeuvre on the Preston River reserve. On this occasion the acting captain (Mr. Tweedie) addressed the gathering. He made known that their next meet would be in the Darling Ranges—two miles distant.

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MELVILLE
The sub-branch is in a strong financial position, with 25 active members. Members are co-operating with the swimming club in running a dance in the Applecross District Hall in aid of the Soldiers’ Dependents’ Appeal on September 25. The sub-branch has decided to allow the Home Guard the use of the hall for its meetings for an indefinite period. Members are keen on maintaining contact with men from the district who are overseas, and also on keeping in touch with their relatives here who may require assistance (not necessarily financial). A reunion, combined with a complimentary social to the local Home Guard, is set down as an October function.
NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE
The monthly meeting was held on August 25 with Mr. Tomlin in the chair. Mr. Dave Paton and Secretary Mr. Doust were nominated as delegates to the annual congress. Several new members were enrolled. Reference was made to men returning overseas and their reception. It was suggested that pamphlets should be distributed amongst returning troops for their guidance as to what arrangements had been made for their reception and entertainment on arrival at this port. Delegates were instructed to bring this matter up at congress. In view of the large increase in membership, a motion was discussed with reference to obtaining a permanent and more suitable place for our meetings. As the hour was growing late, it was decided to discuss this motion further at the next monthly meeting. Our old comrade and ex-president, Dave Paton, who has just returned from overseas was given a hearty welcome back to the fold. The local unit of the Home Guard is still forging ahead. Members of 4 and 5 platoons from Fremantle have been with us several Sundays, and they swell our ranks. Machine gun, ambulance and signalers are well equipped. Join up now and be in time for our big field day next month.

ARMADALE
The monthly meeting was held on August 13 in the clubrooms. Resentment was expressed by members at a decision of the State Executive that no member of the second A.I.F. can become a member of the R.S.I. until he has definitely returned from overseas. It was decided that the sub-branch sponsor the showings at Armadale Hall of the film picture "We of the A.I.F." in September. Purchase of a new darts board was sanctioned for use in the clubrooms. Gloucester Park members, led by the president (Vic. Fowler) and the irrepressible Bill Reed as major domo arrived in full force on a courtesy visit. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Old friendships were renewed, pledged and fastened, and new ones made. A return visit to the Gloucester Park stronghold was promised.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY
Another satisfactory report of the sub-branch activities was submitted to the monthly meeting on September 8. The sub-branch is now approaching the 150 mark in the strength of the local Home Guard. Members and intending members are reminded that this unit meets every Sunday morning at 9.45 a.m. at the Town Hall, Cambridge Street. The A.R.M.S. competition has now reached the semi-final stage. We are optimistic. We have been very near winning the shield for a number of years. We now enter the semi-finals. One of our stalwarts in the team, Stan Watt, is making a hurried business trip to the Eastern States. Members took the opportunity of farewelling him. There is not a more staunch and better worker for the cause of the returned soldiers than Stan, and don't we know it. We hope that he will not be marooned in the Eastern States, as he is required for the competitions. It was pointed out at this meeting that a number of members—and of course not just the officers—will have to make some sacrifices in the coming months, and for some unaccountable reason do not continue their financial membership with the sub-branch. This is regrettable. If this meets the eye of anyone in that position, might we remind them that they are earnestly invited to continue their financial membership in the League. One of our members, Mr. F. Swan, has just reported that he has had further news of his son who is on active service abroad to the effect that after he had been missing for some time he has now been officially posted as a prisoner of war. We admire the spirit of the father. There is no doubt that he, like all others somewhat similarly affected, can take it in his stride.

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including many of the younger generation anxious to do their bit and acquiring skill at arms. Will members please observe that the monthly meetings are now held on the first Monday of the month at Progress Hall. The books show 40 financial with 18 unfriendly. Will all members do their best to improve this position.

SUBIACO

The annual general meeting was, for some unknown reason, a most orderly affair, and the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. B. Williamson; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. A. Thomas and A. A. Biggin; hon. secretary, J. Newman; hon. treasurer, S. A. McNamara; committee, Messrs. Allinson, Coney, Satter, Skinner and Trevett; sportsmaster, Mr. S. Coney; hon. caretaker and armourer sergeant, Mr. H. F. James. The retiring president (Mr. C. P. Musgrove) gave a most complete and interesting survey of the year's work, showing that everything in the sub-branch garden was sprouting well, except that about one-third of the financial members were giving a rendition of that old favourite, "The Absent-Minded Beggar" (beggar is the word), and forgetting to hand over their subs. We were pleased to see Cpl. Klopper, who is now, we believe, Sgt. Klopper, and very impressive he looked in his war-paint. His work in the V.D.C. and Home Guard will be long remembered and our good wishes go with him. Dances held lately have been exceptionally successful. A special carnival will be held on September 27.

BOULDER

There was a good attendance of members at the annual meeting, and election of officers. The president, Ern Bosustow, was again elected unopposed for the ensuing year. Ern has done a good job in the past and is popular with all the boys. Keen interest is being displayed by the members of the newly-formed Home Guard under the able command of Mr. B. Richardson, and we are indeed fortunate in having the assistance of such a capable man. The Home Guard is now nearly 100 strong, and growing daily. Glasses of instruction are held two nights a week in the Rest Rooms, and a parade in the school grounds every Sunday morning. Keen competition is being shown by the various section leaders. A row of Golden Wattle trees has been planted along the front of the Institute to replace the N.S.W. Box, which did not prove a success. The weekly euchre tournaments, conducted by the sub-branch, are proving a success, and the members of the women's auxiliary are doing splendid work in providing parcels of comforts and canteen orders for the troops abroad. We were all deeply grieved to hear of the death of the late Mr. R. G. Tucker, O.I.C., Pensions, and our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Tucker. The Repat. has lost a most valued officer, who was esteemed by all who knew him.

CLAREMONT

The monthly meeting was held at the committee rooms at the oval on September 4. The president (Mr. W. Ford) was in the chair. There was a moderate attendance of members, the night being an inclement one. The business dealt with was routine, the election of delegates to attend congress, and the film of "We of the A.I.F." at Claremont on October 3. Ways and means were also discussed of bringing up the strength of the sub-branch, and it was impressed on members that it was their job to put forth every effort to bring in new members for the League. At the conclusion of business, games and refreshments were enjoyed.

RETURNED ARMY NURSES

The monthly meeting, held on September 4, was well attended, with Miss J. Clifton (president) in the chair. The past month has been a very busy one, and will, above all, be an outstanding one in the history of this sub-branch. We have now inaugurated a fund for the purpose of providing a hostel for returning army nurses, which will be known as the Returned War Nurses' Hostel Fund, and grateful thanks are due to Mr. S. S. Glyde (hon. secretary for the fund) who has given so much time and energy to the launching of the scheme. The sub-branch is still running fortnightly card evenings for patriotic purposes. The next one will be for the Red Cross. Tables may be booked by ringing Mrs. G. Brown, B7396.

44th Battalion Association

The annual reunion dinner of the above association will be held in the Stirling Social Rooms (on the corner of Milligan and Hay Streets) on Monday, October 6, at 7 p.m. All members of the old battalion are requested to attend.

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During the month about 25 members went down to the Old Men’s Home by bus. Mrs. Stockman took a large birthday cake with 91 candles. It was to celebrate Old John Martin’s birthday. Cakes, scones, meat pickles, etc., were taken by the ladies. During the afternoon bowls, darts, quoits and bridge were played with the men. It was a very happy afternoon and greatly appreciated by the men, especially the old man who had never had such a party before. Mrs. Bevan handed in £3 3/- for the Legacy Club, made through the bridge afternoons run with the help of Mrs. Lee and Richardson. Many appreciative letters were received from soldiers in acknowledgment of knitted parcels. Mrs. G. Blaugh ran a card night at her home and handed in a very substantial sum. Members are very pleased to be runners-up in the games, and will try very hard to win the shield. Ladies, as usual, visit the Repat ward and are always welcomed by the sick soldiers. Mrs. Smith held an evening which was very much enjoyed and raised 27/- towards the Ugly competition. Many useful articles have been received from members for the stall at the annual exhibition next Friday.

VICTORIA PARK
The auxiliary A.R.P. class has had its examination, and has gained an average of 93 per cent, passes. Mr. Biss, the instructor, was well pleased with the result. Mrs. McCarthy reported 34 cases at the Edward Miller Home, and Mrs. Prue two bereavements. Mrs. Benson and Laurrissen ran an evening in aid of wool fund. Mrs. Richardson donated a duck, and Mrs. Jennings’s Sunshine Bridge Club also donated £1 for the same purpose. A cash donation was also received from Mrs. Haggart and knitted articles were donated by Mesdames Scace, Phillips, Stockton and Colley. Mesdames Edwards and Grannery also gave cash donations recently to help on the good work. On September 29 some members will be attending conference during the day, and in the evening the auxiliary is entertaining the delegates and husbands, and our own husbands—the occasion being our 13th birthday. On September 12 a produce stall at the Wartime Fair and Exhibition will be held at Anzac House.

-SUBIACO-

There was a good attendance at the August meeting. Appreciative letters from the fighting forces are received very frequently from those who have received parcels, which makes one realise the splendid work being done by the Camp Comforts committee which meets each Tuesday afternoon for bridge and knitting. On August 10 the annual picture show and high tea was given to patients from Lemnos, Old Men’s Home, Eventide Home, Home of Peace, etc. It was largely attended. The evening was given over to dancing and music and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The patients at Lemnos received their monthly visit and were entertained to a concert and dancing. The returned men in the Old Men’s Home were also given a concert. Mrs. Joan Thomas was hostess. Subiaco were unfortunate to lose to Nedlands in the semi-finals for the McKinlay shield. An enjoyable evening was spent at the monthly social and dance. During the month a number of the fighting forces were entertained during their visit to the West. Madame Bennett-Wilkinson assisted with items. The concert party have had a busy month, having given concerts at North Fremantle, West Perth and Jolimont, in each place to a most appreciative audience. The patients at the Lady Mitchell Home were also entertained. Members are reminded that the auxiliary will have a stall at Anzac House on September 12.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT

The Village Fair held on August 30, in aid of the W.A. Spitfire Fund, was a great success, the sum of £72 being realised. Mr. Nulsom (Minister for Justice and Railways) opened the fair at 3 p.m. In a short speech he congratulated the ladies of the auxiliary for their very fine effort and wished them every success. Mr. Haegney, member for the district, Mr. Sampson, M.L.A., Mr. Thorn, M.L.A., were also present. One of the main attractions of the afternoon was the arrival of Miss Pat Hawkins, champion bike rider of W.A. The prize for the best decorated stall went to the Produce section—a wonderful replica of a British man-of-war, H.M.S. Victory. Dancing, a mock court and songs contributed by Mr. J. Evans helped to bring the evening to a successful close. Two parcels consisting of cooked meats, pickles, eggs and cake were despatched to the old soldiers at the Old Men’s Home during the latter part of July. It is hoped to be able to entertain them at high tea in the local hall very shortly.

WEST LEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

At a recent meeting approval was given for supplying two bins, in which tea and sugar may be stored at schools for canteen purposes. The auxiliary’s deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Watts, a foundation member, on the death of her husband. It was decided to hold a “V for Victory” ball in the Town Hall on November 5.
EMU BITTER
THE FOREMOST IN DEMAND IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN
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<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Last Friday each month</td>
<td>W. Beadle, 450 Newcastle Street, Perth</td>
<td>Jack Kenny, 138 Sixth Avenue, Inglewood</td>
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<td>Blind Soldiers' Association</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>D. M. Benson, Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion Street, Leederville</td>
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<td>11th Battalion Association</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month Quartely</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Avenue, Leederville</td>
<td>R. W. Blair, 79 William Street, Perth</td>
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<td>Gregson's, 32 King Street, Perth</td>
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<td>A. C. Jackson, o/o F. H. Faulding Ltd., Perth</td>
<td>E. S. Everett, Temple Court, Gosnells, Perth</td>
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<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Thursday, quarterly</td>
<td>Dr. C. H. Leedon, chairman: R. Retief</td>
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<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
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<td>Col. E. L. Marpola, 62 Tyrell Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>E. Moos, 72 Second Avenue, Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>28th Battalion Association</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Nearest Saturday, July 19</td>
<td>L. D. Lobaucher, 27 2nd Floor, Economic Chambers, Perth</td>
<td>W. G. Armstrong, 20 Ruislip Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>E. W. Arundel, Como</td>
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<td>10th Light Horse Association</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>February, May, August Monthly 1st Pension day of the month at 3 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Hopperston, 141 Adelaide Town Hall, Perth</td>
<td>R. G. Hummerston, 106 Salt Lake, Leederville</td>
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<td>15th and 52nd Battalion Association</td>
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<td>F. Peckham</td>
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<td>Bullbrook</td>
<td>Bullbrook Town Hall</td>
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<td>Parish Hall, Claremont</td>
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<td>HARVEY</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
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<td>Rev. J. C. Lund, Uduc Road, Harvey</td>
<td>J. R. W. Irish, c/o Uduc Road, Harvey</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute</td>
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<td>Man., Committee, 3rd Sunday, after V.D.C. parade</td>
<td>T. O. Chambers, Kellerberrin</td>
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<td>KUKERIN</td>
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<td>D. Hamilton, Kukerin</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
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<td>Smith, Manjimup</td>
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<td>Supper-room, Town Hall, Manjimup</td>
<td>2nd Sunday in month</td>
<td>S. L. Knight, Alma Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>L. T. King, 10 Carrington Street, Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>MELBOURNE</td>
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<td>L. S. Walker</td>
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<td>MIDDINGTON</td>
<td>Menzies Road Board Hall</td>
<td>1st Thursday in month</td>
<td>J. H. Cole, 36 Harper Street, Middington</td>
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<td>G. A. Ashworth, Bond Street, Mosman</td>
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<td>MT. MAGNET</td>
<td>Lesser Hall, Mt. Magnet</td>
<td>1st Friday, monthly</td>
<td>A. S. Dawson, Mt. Magnet</td>
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<td>MT. BARKER-NORTH</td>
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<td>F. T. Amos, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>MUNDARING &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
<td>W. Rd. Board, Benbaun</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. Stone, 8 Pumping Station, Bibra Lake</td>
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<td>W. Rd. Board, Benbaun</td>
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<td>MARVEL LOCH</td>
<td>South Yilgarn Hotel</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.</td>
<td>R. B. James, Fitzgerald St., Narrogin</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewly, 154 Fitzgerald Street, Narrogin</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, N’hampton</td>
<td>1st Monday in month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. L. Monks, 30 Redfern St., North Perth, B9B97</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
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<td>W. E. Sanders, National Bank, Southern Cross</td>
<td>M. T. Reid, &quot;Monash House&quot;, 23 King Street, Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>Menzies House, 23 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday</td>
<td>H. M. Keightley</td>
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| PRESS | At Lunchtime, Y.M.C.A., Murray St. | 1st Tuesday in month | J. C. Chappey & Sons, Entrance House, Perth | E. Graham, Port Hedland |
| PILBARA | Port Hedland | 1st and 3rd Sunday, 2–3 p.m. | E. T. Roberts, Pilbara | L. G. Brown, East Pilbara |
| PILBARA | Pilbara | 2nd Sunday in month at 10 a.m. | E. C. Johnson, Quairading | H. L. Stonich, Bank N.S.W., Quairading |
| QUAIRADING-DANGIN | Quairading Hall and Dangin Hotel, alternatively | 2nd Thursday in month | E. Lawrence, Quairading | J. F. Evans, Quairading |
| REDDY | T. Fraser’s Buildings | 1st and 3rd Thursday at 8 p.m. | E. W. E. Sanders, National Bank, Southern Cross | J. M. Beckwith, Box 9, Southern Cross |
| SOUTHERN CROSS | R.A.O.B. Clubrooms | 2nd Tuesday | B. G. Graham, 104 King Street, Quairading | F. L. McBride, Box 14, "Hopetoun Terrace, Shenton Park |
| SHENTON PARK | Progress Hall, Onslow Road | 1st and 3rd Saturday at 8 p.m. | H. S. Pole | J. T. Jamison, "Shenton Park" |
| SHACKLETON-KWOLYN | Kwoylin Hotel | Last Saturday in each month | C. F. Muir, 155 Onslow Road, Shenton Park | T. E. Shearer, "Shenton Park" |
| SUBIAGO | R.S.L. Hall, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco | 1st and 3rd Sunday, 3 p.m. | R. H. Pye, 86 Townshend Road, Subiaco | R. Steel, Subiaco |
| TAMBEILUP | R.S.L. House | 4th Sunday in month | P. Smeeton, Traralgon | J. W. Patterson, Traralgon |
| TRAYNING-YELBIRI | Traralgon | 3rd Sunday | V. Mathews, Manchester St., Victoria Park | J. D. Leake, Station Master, Victoria Park |
| VICTORIA PARK | Memorial Hall, Saltford Street | 2nd Monday, 7.45 p.m. | H. Holland, 77 Tate Street, Leederville | Geo. H. Newton, "14 Rutlip Street, West Leederville" |
| WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY | Town Hall, Cambridge St., Leederville | Last Saturday, 8 p.m. | A. B. Dimmell, Bunting | B. M. Reynolds, "Bunting", 37 Leonard St., Leederville |
| WUBIN | Wubin Hall | 1st and 3rd Thursday at 8 p.m. | Commercial Hotel, Yealering | J. D. Johnston, Youanmi |
| YEALERING | Youanmi Hotel | 1st Friday | W. G. Riches, "Tele. No. 41" | D. C. Johnston, Youanmi |
| YORK | Commercial Hotel, Yealering | 1st and 3rd Saturday, 8 a.m. | P. J. G. Croydon, Yealering | G. H. Riches, Tel. No. 41 |
| YOUNAMI | Youanmi Hotel | 2nd Friday, 8 p.m. | N. B. Brice, c/o Registrar-General’s Office, Perth | S. C. Croydon, Yealering |
| WYALKATCHEM | Lesser Hall | 2nd Saturday, 8 a.m. | Geo. McFadyen, Red Hill | J. W. G. Croydon, Yealering |
| WARGOONA-HAMEL | Memorial Hall | 2nd Saturday, 8 a.m. | W. A. Yeates, Yealering | J. W. G. Croydon, Yealering |
| WEST PERTH | Banjo House, Perth | 2nd Saturday, 8 a.m. | W. L. Boyd, c/o Agricultural Bank, Perth | J. W. G. Croydon, Yealering |
| WICKEPIN | Wickepin Hotel | 2nd Saturday, 8 a.m. | H. G. W. Yeates, Wickepin | H. G. W. Yeates, Wickepin |
| WILUNA | Wickepin Hotel | 2nd Saturday, 8 a.m. | Geo. Fullarton, Wickepin | H. G. W. Yeates, Wickepin |